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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2018 for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement renewal between the Town of Stuyvesant and Spectrum Cable.

Supervisor Knott opened the Public Hearing at 6:35pm and asked the Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the Notice as published in the official newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
For the approval of a Cable Television Agreement between
Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC and the Town of Stuyvesant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing on June 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, New York regarding granting a cable television franchise agreement by and between the Town of Stuyvesant and Time Warner Cable Northeast, a/k/a Charter Communications.

A copy of the agreement is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Town Clerk's office, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, New York. At such public hearing, all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written and oral statements will be taken at that time. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: June 1, 2018

By Order of the Board Town of Stuyvesant
Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk

Supervisor Knott reviewed the history of the agreements and asked Kevin Egan, Spectrum Director of Government Affairs, to discuss the proposed Agreement.

Following the presentation by Spectrum Cable, there were questions from the Board:

TB: How many new homes are planned in the Town in the coming year?

SC: Does not have the information tonight, will share with the Supervisor.

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Supervisor Knott reported that he had seen wires being run around the Town.

TB: What will the download speeds be?

SC: When all digital network work is completed upload will be 35 and download will be 940mgb. Gig services launched in April.

TB: Will we be able to get faster speeds?

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SC: It's possible over time with technology; minimum speed right now is 100 mgb download speed.

Supervisor Knott reported that the State had mandated 35 homes/mile. Spectrum (a/k/a Time Warner) is actually using a base of 20 homes/mile in Stuyvesant.

TB: If a wire goes by someone's door what do they have to do to get service?

SC: Contact Spectrum, provide their address to determine serviceability". They will be considered easily accessibly if the wire is there. If there isn't a wire, residents can work with Spectrum to find out how to get it there.

Supervisor Knott asked if there were questions or comments from the public:

Is the Franchise money paid to the Town per customer?

Supervisor Knott explained that based on the revenue, 3% of the total income for cable television only is the current agreed franchise amount; the Public Service Commission allows up to 5%.

Can we estimate what the amount will be?

Supervisor Knott explained that Spectrum is approximately \$2500 per quarter and Fairpoint is approximately \$700-\$800. He also explained that Spectrum has a user fee on their bill that is a pass-thru cost.

Why has the charge increased?

SC: Costs of business go up.

Hasn't Columbia County taken Spectrum to court?

SC: Not that he was aware of. He added that they are currently upgrading very old services.

Does the Town Hall get free internet service?

SC: That is not part of the Franchise Agreement. The Agreement is only for Cable Television services.

What happens if the new agreement isn't adopted?

SC: The old agreement continues until such time that a new one is adopted.

Supervisor Knott added that the proposed Agreement is 20 houses/mile and for 10years.

Councilman Schneider remarked that internet services should be available to everyone and Spectrum/Time Warner should do all they can to help.

With no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Bill Schneider to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote. The Hearing closed at 7:16pm.

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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Bill Schneider, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Brian Chittenden was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:16pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Bill Schneider, and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Kelley Williams and approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- Letter from CDPHP regarding upcoming rate increases

Special Guest

Supervisor Knott introduced Gary Spielmann and AnnaLee Giraldo from the Kinderhook Memorial Library. Mr. Spielmann and Ms. Giraldo discussed the 534 programs offered by the Library. Mr. Spielmann explained that they were presenting to the Board to notify them that they will again be submitting a 414 Resolution seeking voter approval for an increase in funding. The increase in funding will predominantly be for operating costs due to the increased size of the building and additional staff. The increase will be an additional \$6721.

Old Business

Amtrak fencing project. Supervisor Knott reported that the Dept. of State is holding public meetings regarding the fencing and said that he will try to get one scheduled for Stuyvesant.

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail – Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with Andy Beers and they are working on mitigating impacts to Williams Farm and looking for a parking area in Stuyvesant Falls. Councilman Schneider asked about the old transformers near his house. Supervisor Knott said that Mr. Beers had told him that the next phase was for National Grid to move “old things”. Councilman Schneider replied that National Grid may not own the transformers. Supervisor Knott also reported that they are working on a way for volunteers to be able to provide the maintenance to the trail.

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Property Re-evaluation – Supervisor Knott reported that he and Howard Gleason, Assessor, are going to meet with the State. Data Collectors will be taking pictures, more information will be available in July.

Reports

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli gave reports on both Town Clerk and Tax Collection business; those reports are on file. She also reported that the 2018 Tax Warrant had been returned to the County Treasurer. Melissa Naegeli also announced the new Online Dog License Renewal option will be available by the end of the month.

Mrs. Naegeli presented to the Board details on the possibility of having online registration for the Ken Hummel Memorial Races this year. Albany Running Exchange will building the page and monitor the registrations at no additional cost to the Town. The Board agreed to have Melissa contact ARE to have the site available.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that the letters for the playground are out.

Railroad Station Committee – Lee Jamison reported that the Strawberry Festival would be held on June 15th 4pm – 7pm at the Station. The Rhubarb Festival had raised \$560 for Stuyvesant Pathways. Family Movie Night will be held on June 16th at 4pm and they will be showing “Strangers on a Train”.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported that there was not a quorum for an “official” meeting. He reported that Elizabeth Marks had been chosen to receive the Good Earthkeeping Award. He also reported that harmful algae bloom had been found at Robinson Pond in Copake. Mr. Sweningson added that there was a good article in National Geographic regarding plastic shopping bags.

Dog Control Officer – No report.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that Big Truck Day will be June 17 from 11am – 2pm at the Town Hall.

Office for the Aging – Richard Moran reported that Columbia Opportunities will make photocopies for Seniors at no charge.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They are mowing roadsides;
- The Church Street wall project is completed;
- He is setting up dates for paving at a cost of \$66,250. The roads being resurfaced and repaved are W. Ghent Rd., Church St., and Hollow Rd. hill);
- They attended safety training; and
- He went to Highway School.

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Assessor’s Office – Cathy Knott reported that Grievance Day had been held in May and that all Determination had been mailed.

Planning/Zoning Boards – No report

Historian – Supervisor Knott asked the Board that Cathy Knott be appointed Deputy Historian. Stuyvesant History Books had been reordered. Plans for Historic Stuyvesant Day are coming along. A motion was made by Bill Schneider to appoint Cathy Knott to the position of Deputy Historian. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Cemetery – Tom Burrall reported that all is quiet.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that Chuck Stiffler had been getting prices to repave the parking lot and had only received two replies. Supervisor Knott read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD
JUNE 14, 2018**

WHEREAS, the town has a parking lot at the town hall that needs to be maintained for many different uses and;

WHEREAS, the parking lot was constructed in 2002 and;

WHEREAS, the town board has been aware of deteriorating condition and;

WHEREAS, the town board last year got major cracks sealed in plans to repave in the near future and;

WHEREAS, the town board has solicited 3 competitive bids for repaving services, with one paving company refusing to bid due to prevailing wage requirements and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolves to approve the quote from L. Browe Asphalt Services for \$36,575.00 to repave the town hall parking lot.

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ronald Knott	X		
Brian Chittenden			X
Kelley Williams	X		
Tom Burrall	X		
William Schneider	X		

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Website – Bill Schneider reported that there is no new information.

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County Government

County Route 25 – Bridge to be closed for repairs.

Board of Supervisors – Sparklers are still illegal in Columbia County.

Fire Training Center – A \$1 Million Grant had been awarded from Senator Marchionne.

Recycling – The costs of recycling are high and are expected to double.

Commerce Park – The proposed plan to connect the sewer system to the Town of Greenport system has been approved by New York State.

Town Comparison Report – Available on the Comptroller’s site, the report is being tweaked but it compares expenses by Town.

New Business

Supervisor Knott presented a Budget Amendment to the Board:

Budget Amendment #1 6-14-18

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
DA3501 S/A CHiPs Revenue	\$12,274.15	
DA5112.2 Per Highway	\$12,274.15	

The Budget Amendment is being adjusted by \$12,274.15 to match the amount received in CHiPs funding. A motion to adopt the Amendment was made by Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Equalization Rate – Supervisor Knott reported that we had been notified by NYS Real Property that our equalization rate is at 90%.

Ferry Road Post Office Service – Supervisor Knott spoke with Congressman Faso’s Office regarding this issue; they are working on it.

Insurance – NYMIR appraised the buildings for replacement costs.

Fee Structure Proposal – Bill Schneider asked about the shingle costs. Supervisor Knott explained it was a typographical error. The proposed Fee Structure changes will have to be adopted by Local Law.

Speeding in Stuyvesant Falls – Supervisor Knott reminded the Board of a letter received about speeding on Route 25. Chuck Stiffler is trying to borrow the speed sign from the Town of Kinderhook.

Board Comments

No Board Comments

Public Comments

Lee Jamison expressed her disappointment in the “sparklers law” passed by the Board of Supervisors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelley Williams, seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Vouchers presented at the June 2018 meeting for approval:

		June 2018			
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LIGHTS</u> <u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
196-18	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$3277.33)	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59
197-18	NYS Office of State Comptroller (Justice Ct.)	A2610	909.00		
198-18	Staples, Inc. (\$126.06)	1410.4	9.97		
		5010.4	5.46		
		1110.4	35.98		
		1010.4	9.90		
		1620.4	14.92		
		8020.4	49.83		
199-18	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	284.87		
200-18	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	76.53		
201-18	Melissa A. Naegeli	1410.4	50.00		
202-18	Michael J. Naegeli	1355.4	44.00		
203-18	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	44.00		
204-18	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	44.00		
205-18	Richard Moran	1355.4	44.00		
206-18	Time Warner Cable (\$528.96)	1620.4	254.43		
		5132.4	274.53		
207-18	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	28.24		
208-18	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	341.23		
209-18	Business Automation Svcs. (\$105.81)	1620.4	33.81		
		1010.4	9.00		
		7510.4	9.00		
		1220.4	9.00		
		1410.4	9.00		
		1355.4	9.00		
		5010.4	9.00		
		3620.4	9.00		
		8020.4	9.00		
210-18	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	140.50		
211-18	SMG	1620.4	225.58		
212-18	Constellation (\$53.76)	1620.4	2.25		
		5132.4	51.51		
213-18	Constellation (\$159.48)	5182.4		76.71	
				82.77	
214-18	National Grid (\$1092.99)	5182.4		546.11	
				546.11	
215-18	National Grid	1620.4	23.08		
216-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
217-18	National Grid	5132.4	68.38		

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218-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Solid Waste)	3310.4	2,787.40		
219-18	Stuyvesant Post Office	1110.4	100.00		
220-18	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
221-18	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	59.45		
222-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.34		
223-18	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	27.86		
224-18	County Waste	5132.4	104.81		
225-18	Valley Energy	5110.4			2,409.68
226-18	Colarusso Blacktop	5110.4			107.80
227-18	Wex Bank	5110.4			251.21
228-18	Matter Contracting Co.	5112.4			5,880.00
229-18	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			173.50
230-18	Certified Laboratories	5130.4			535.67
231-18	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4			44.99
232-18	Keil Equipment Co., Inc.	5130.4			487.35
233-18	Gig's Wrench	5130.4			103.85
234-18	Nassau County Value (\$2450.78)	5130.2			2,339.99
		5130.4			110.79
235-18	Colarusso Quarry	5112.4			320.91
236-18	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	5110.4			315.24
237-18	CJ Miner Inc.	5110.4			225.00
238-18	J.C. Smith, Inc.	5110.4			537.00
239-18	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			52.30
		7-Jun-18	7,012.55	1251.70	16,496.87
240-18	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,287.50		
241-18	Charles Stiffler	5010.4	183.00		
242-18	`Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	51.92		
243-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Real Property Svcs)	1355.4	6,118.00		
244-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (MIS)	1410.4	110.00		
245-18	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	76.53		
246-18	Staples, Inc.	1410.4	27.57		
247-18	Sno Depot	5110.4			889.00
248-18	Mitchison & Sons, Inc.	5112.4			2,330.00
249-18	Matter Construction Co.	5112.4			60.00
250-18	Car Quest of Valatie, Inc.	5130.4			286.84
251-18	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4			27.65
252-18	Rich Mulica	5112.4			1,170.00
253-18	APHNYS	7510.4	25.00		
		14-Jun-18	7,879.52	0.00	4,763.49
		<i>June Transfers</i>	<i>14,892.07</i>	<i>1251.70</i>	<i>21,260.36</i>