

November 8, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on November 8, 2018 for the purpose of taking public comment on the 2019 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Knott opened the Public Hearing at 7:00pm and ask the Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the notice as published in the official newspaper.

***PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Stuyvesant
Public Hearing
Preliminary 2019 Budget***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00pm for the purpose of taking comment from any interested resident with regard to the Preliminary 2019 Budget. Copies of the Preliminary Budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours and on the Town Website at stuyvesantny.us. Salaries included in the Preliminary Budget are: Supervisor \$7,535.00; Town Board Members (4) 11,980.00; Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$23,643.00; Highway Superintendent \$57,290.00; and Town Justices (2) \$17,146.00. The Hearing will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Knott reviewed the budget and explained that the State allowed for a full 2% increase this year under the cap and that the Preliminary Budget reflects that. The amount to be raised by taxes in 2018 was \$410,303; the amount proposed for the 2019 is \$419,474. With offsets from being under the cap in previous years, the amount could have been \$450,824 according to NYS.

He further explained that 2% raises were given to appointed employees and that the tax cap filing was completed.

The Library Resolution on the ballot at the General Election was approved and resulted in a 25% increase in funding from the Town of Stuyvesant.

With no questions or additional comments from the Board, Supervisor Knott asked if there were questions from the audience. Lee Jamison asked for clarification on the amount referenced under Sales Tax and if the amount in highway was in addition to the general fund amount. Supervisor Knott replied that it was and explained the increase from the County sales. For instance, if you purchase a car outside of the County, a portion of the sales tax still comes to the County and gets disbursed to the Towns.

With no addition questions or comments, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on October 11, 2018 at 7:00pm. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, Bill Schneider,; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Councilman Tom Burrall was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence

- Sales check from Columbia County;
- Letter of resignation from Judge William Vick, effective Nov. 30, 2018;
- Shelter Report from NYS Ag & Markets;
- Letter from Bob Patterson regarding accounting services. Supervisor Knott will meet with him for a price quote;
- Letter from Public Service Commission with energy saving tips

Old Business

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (AHET) – Public meetings are being scheduled for 2019.

Amtrak Fencing Project – Scenic Hudson is having a meeting in Germantown in December.

Ferry Road Crossing – NYS DOT, Stuyvesant Highway, and Amtrak are done with their work; the Post Office still has to go review the work.

Reports

Town Clerk – Town Clerk report is on file.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that all is quiet.

Railroad Station Committee – Cal Burch reported that painting is going on at the Station. There will be a Holiday Party on Dec. 1 2-4 with a Craft Fair.

Emergency Management Council – Christian Sweningson was not in attendance. Lee Jamison reported that the Council is considering collaborating with Conservation Advisory Council. There will be a monthly article in the Register Star. An article by Ed Simonsen was in the Paper on Nov. 1st.

Dog Control Officer – No report.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported the 414 Resolution was passed in November.

Office for the Aging – No representative was in attendance. Supervisor Knott reported that another bus had been donated and the County is looking for a driver.

Highway Dept -- Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- Snow fencing is almost complete;
- Trucks/plows are ready;
- New “Town of Stuyvesant” sign is up on Route 9J;
- Working on clearing trees and brush;
- Cleaning leaves out of the ditches.

Provided bids for a new plow:

Dejana	\$7500
TNT	\$8400
Zwack	\$9853

A motion was made by Bill Schneider to purchase the plow from Dejana, the low bidder. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Assessor’s Office – Cathy Knott reported that all of the exemptions have been mailed out and reminded everyone that the deadline for their return is March 1st. Mrs. Knott also reported that the data collection for residential properties is about 2/3 done; farms and commercial properties will begin when that is completed.

Planning/Zoning Boards – No report.

Historian – Cathy Knott reported that she and Juanita Knott had attended a meeting at Roe Jan Library with other Town Historians from the County and they all discussed what their offices did.

Cemetery – No report.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the generator had been installed and connected but that there was some additional work that had to be completed. Asked Melissa to contact Aaron’s Carpet Cleaning to arrange for the carpets to be cleaned.

Website – Bill Schneider reported that he has been getting some feedback from the community.

Special Presentation

Supervisor Knott presented Town Justice William T. Vick, Sr. a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the Town of Stuyvesant in the positions of Town Constable, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Town Justice.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board of Supervisors had voted to create a recycling fee to start on January 1st. There will be window sticker permits and the costs will be \$50/year for County residents, \$35/year for Senior County residents, and \$100/year for out of County residents. Stickers will be sold at Town Clerk's Offices and the Transfer Stations. It is expected that the revenue will cover the costs, excluding operating costs. Councilman Schneider proposed a resolution that 2 stickers per fee be provided. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

He met with Assemblyman Chris Tague regarding critical infrastructure and highway and the stabilization of CHiPs. There is an effort to make exempt the CHiPs matching funds from tax cap calculations.

New Business

Personnel Policy – the new updates are not completed.

Time Warner Franchise Agreement – Supervisor Knott presented to the Board a Resolution allowing him to sign the Contract. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Bill Schneider accepting the Contract as written. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Court Audit – the Court was audited by County Auditors for half the cost as previous audits.

2019 Preliminary Budget – A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to adopt the Preliminary 2019 Budget as final as presented to the Board. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will certify the Budget as adopted and file with the County.

Board Comments

No comments or questions from the Board.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked why Judge Vick had resigned. Supervisor Knott explained he resigned for personal reasons. Supervisor Knott will advertise the vacancy and set up interviews with Kelley Williams. There will be a special meeting on November 29th because the new judge will have to attend school on December 10th.

Lee Jamison said she was happy about the new sign on Route 9J and asked that the Hummel Park sign be replaced as well. The Board asked Chuck Stiffler to handle this. She added that there was never a land management plan in place for the Park and asked about hunting at the park. Supervisor Knott explained that rifle hunting had been stopped for several years now but that bow hunting was allowed. Ms. Jamison asked about plans for mowing; Councilman Schneider remarked that mowing shouldn't be done until June or July.

Lee Jamison asked if Assemblyman Tague could be invited to a Board meeting to meet constituents. Supervisor Knott said he would extend an invitation.

Bill Vick suggested the Board contact Dave Dellahunt to request a spot be reserved for a new judge. There was a discussion among the Board members regarding advertising and scheduling for interviews. It was decided that the position would be advertised immediately with a return date of Nov. 26th. Interviews would be scheduled for Nov 27 & 28.

The December workshop would be scheduled for Nov. 29th for the Board to review and appoint a candidate to the judge position. The December Town Board meeting will be moved to December 6th, and an end-of-year meeting will be held on Dec. 27th.

Cathy Knott thanked everyone who helped with the Halloween party and reported that there were 30-40 kids in attendance. Supervisor Knott thanked Cathy for her work on the party.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Vouchers presented at the November 2018 meeting for approval:

	November 2018			LIGHTS	
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
425-18	Stuyvesant Post Office	1355.4	150.00		
426-18	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$3277.33)	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59
427-18	Greene Co. Commercial Bank (\$64919.23)	A9710 7	18,065.79		
		A9710 6	46,853.44		
428-18	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	326.00		
429-18	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	19,355.68		
430-18	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10		
		1410.4	87.25		
431-18	Constellation (\$242.14)	5182.4		116.46	
				125.68	
432-18	National Grid (\$1211.38)	5182.4		605.69	
				605.69	
433-18	Constellation (\$50.15)	1620.4	1.37		
		5132.4	48.78		
434-18	National Grid	5132.4	62.46		
435-18	National Grid	1620.4	22.19		
436-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
437-18	Time Warner Cable (\$543.91)	1620.4	268.09		
		5132.4	275.82		
438-18	Staples, Inc. (\$99.09)	5010.4	72.72		
		1410.4	26.37		
439-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.52		
440-18	Columbia County Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	1,690.77		
441-18	Sausbier's Awning Shop	1620.4	68.50		
442-18	River Valley Radio	5130.4			620.70
443-18	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4			107.78
444-18	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4			1,600.01
445-18	Valley Paving	5110.4			3,000.00
446-18	McCagg Contracting	5110.4			1,100.00
	1-Nov-18		88,272.61	1453.52	9,030.08
447-18	Repeat Business Systems	1410.4	36.06		
448-18	Apex Software	1355.4	235.00		
449-18	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	695.00		

450-18	Paychex of NY LLC	1320.4	352.75		
451-18	SMG	1620.4	132.99		
452-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	165.00		
453-18	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs	1320.4	190.00		
454-18	E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	1620.4	119.23		
455-18	Cathy Knott	7550.4	175.00		
456-18	Tal G. Rapplyea, Esq.	1420.4	965.25		
457-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (DPW)	3310.4	1,074.59		
458-18	County Waste	5132.4	145.94		
459-18	Wex Bank	7110.4	264.72		
460-18	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	34.47		
461-18	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	71.38		
462-18	Culligan	5132.4	62.86		
463-18	Valley Energy	5132.4	197.71		
464-18	Valley Energy	5110.4			422.95
465-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (DPW)	5110.4			1,074.59
466-18	Max S. Wood Equipment	5130.4			343.62
467-18	D & W Diesel, Inc.	5130.4			402.36
468-18	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			34.50
469-18	Lowe's	5130.4			129.24
470-18	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4			13.99
471-18	Tractor Supply	5142.4			519.25
	8-Nov-18		4,917.95	0.00	2,940.50
	<i>November Totals</i>		93,190.56	1453.52	11,970.58