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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, and Tom Burrall; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

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

- A letter from NYMIR
- A letter from Valatie Rescue Squad requesting additional money in the budget
- A letter from Scenic Hudson
- A letter from Columbia County Historical Society with a money request

Special Presentations

Supervisor Knott explained that while we do not have to bid out the liability insurance for the Town, a recent audit had suggested that it was a good idea. With our liability insurance coming due for renewal, he had asked for quotes from our current agent, Metz Wood Harder/NYMIR and from Fingar Insurance/Trident. He asked that each agent make a presentation to the Board and that the agent not presenting wait in the hall.

Greg Fingar from Fingar Insurance presented their proposal to the Board with line-by-line explanations of costs. He explained that this proposal includes earthquake and flood for property. Additional options would be data compromise and cyber-attacks.

Derrick LaTorre from Metz Wood Harder, with a representative from NYMIR, presented their proposal. Metz Wood Harder has been the Town's insurance agent for 25 years and the Town has been with NYMIR since 2011. NYMIR only insurance municipalities. For a cost savings, they recommended changing the deductible on the vehicles from \$250 to \$500.

Both proposals are available from the Town Clerk for review.

Following the presentations, a motion was made by Kelley Williams to stay with Metz Wood Harder and NYMIR. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Derrick LaTorre from the Valatie Rescue Squad spoke briefly on their requested 2% increase in funding. Supervisor Knott explained that their request had been discussed

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at the Board's Workshop Meeting and was being added into the 2019 Proposed Budget to be voted on in November.

Bill Schneider introduced Ichabod Crane School Board President Matthew Nelson and School Board Member John Antalek for the presentation on the proposed \$2.71M Capital Project. The provided reference materials to the Board and gave a visual presentation, additional copies of the reference materials are available in the Town Clerk's Office. There will be a public forum at the High School Auditorium on November 14th at 7pm and the Referendum Vote is scheduled for December 12, 2018.

Old Business

Resolution for the Highway Department to continue to provide snow and ice removal on County Route 26A – the Resolution was adopted unanimously at the Board Workshop meeting.

Resolution to join in to the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan – the Resolution was adopted unanimously at the Board Workshop meeting.

Ferry Road / Postal Service – Supervisor Knott reported that the area had been paved and we are waiting on DOT to do some shoulder work. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler said the project was on hold waiting for the tracks to be brought up to a better level.

Amtrak Fencing – Supervisor Knott reported the State announced the public information meeting had been pushed back to Spring 2019. He has sent a letter requesting a meeting be held in Stuyvesant.

Rail Trail – The final Environmental Impact Statement is complete and the documents are available.

Reports

Town Clerk – Town Clerk report is on file.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that no meeting had been held. She also reported that the Highway Department had begun working on a parking lot off of Summerset Road for the playground.

Railroad Station Committee – Cal Burch reported that there may be a movie scheduled. The holiday party is being planned for early December. Supervisor Knott reported that the painters had started work. Cal Burch also announced that Meals on Wheels is looking for a Thursday driver and anyone interested should contact Marilyn Burch.

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Emergency Management Council – Christian Sweningson was not in attendance. Lee Jamison read a written report from Mr. Sweningson on the September 24th meeting:

- Nothing new on the TCI letter;
- Didi Barrett discussed floods, sanitation dumping, and spreading septage;
- Climate Committee is installing charging stations in Kinderhook and Ghent;
- Harmful algae bloom on Kinderhook Lake on September 15th;
- Natural Resource Directory is available on the Columbia Co. Website;
- Jolene Race presented a report on solid waste and explained that recycling costs were doubling;
- Sustainable Energy Fair to be held October 20th 10-4 at Doane Stuart School.

Dog Control Officer – Report is on file.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported a temporary space has been set up while the old area is being painted and they are open for business. There will be a 414 Resolution on the ballot in November at the General Election to increase the Town's funding to the Library by \$6,921 for operating costs. Old Time movies are beginning and the newsletters have been mailed.

Office for the Aging – Richard Moran reported that there is no new information to report.

Highway Dept -- Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They have begun work on the parking lot at the playground in Stuyvesant Landing;
- They are paving and fixing road edges;
- They continue to clean out lower Lang Road ditch (6 times this year);
- They assisted crews in Kinderhook and Stockport;
- Will be starting snow fencing soon;
- No parking on Town roads between Nov. 1 through March 31;
- Trash Day will be Saturday, October 13th.

Assessor's Office – Howard Gleason reported that the reassessment project has begun and 375 parcels have been done with only 7 refusals to date. He also reported that NYS had changed the exemption process for Senior Exemptions; he encouraged people to mail their forms back as soon as possible and to not wait for the deadline.

Planning/Zoning Boards – Supervisor Knott reported that there are a few site plan reviews before the boards.

Historian – No report.

Cemetery – No report.

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ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – No report

Website – Bill Schneider encouraged the Board to review some municipality websites to get ideas for our renovation. He suggested New Lebanon. He asked that links be added on our current website to the County and to Ichabod Crane.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that recycling fees are being considered as well as changes to procedures.

New Business

2019 Tentative Budget – Supervisor Knott discussed the 2019 tentative budget and reviewed the changes. He reported an increase of 2%, the NYS allowable increase for 2019. He said there were no raises allotted to elected officials and that employees were being give 2% increases. Supervisor Knott reviewed the document line-by-line and explained that a new “I.T.” funding line had been added to make expenses more transparent.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 7pm.

Board Comments

Melissa Naegeli announced that Grace Balint (Stuyvesant Falls) will be at the Town Hall on Saturday morning, October 13th selling and autographing her new book.

Supervisor Knott reported that updates to the Personnel policy were done. NYS new harassment laws and training requirements have to be added, he will have them ready for the next meeting.

Cathy Knott reported that the Halloween Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th from 1-3pm and asked for volunteers to make goodies. She also reported that Robin Sweet from County 911 would be at the party to talk about what happens when you call 911.

A Resolution was presented to allow the Court to apply for a Justice Court Grant in the amount of \$1436 for scanning and shredding services. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Bill Schneider, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison reported that Kathy Schneider’s book "Birding the Hudson Valley" was available on Amazon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Vouchers presented at the October 2018 meeting for approval:

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LAND/ FALLS	HIGHWAY
392-18	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59
393-18	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	240.77		
394-18	National Grid (\$1157.87)	5182.4		564.26	
				593.61	
395-18	Constellation (\$223.54)	5182.4		107.51	
				116.03	
396-18	National Grid	5132.4	105.19		
397-18	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	22.47		
398-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
399-18	Constellation (\$101.17)	1620.4	1.70		
		5132.4	99.47		
400-18	Time Warner Cable (\$562.90)	1620.4	285.79		
		5132.4	277.11		
401-18	Business Automation Services (\$1377.00)	1620.4	1,134.00		
		1010.4	27.00		
		1220.4	27.00		
		1355.4	54.00		
		1410.4	27.00		
		3620.4	27.00		
		5010.4	27.00		
		7510.4	27.00		
		8020.4	27.00		
402-18	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10		
		1410.4	87.25		
403-18	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,125.00		
404-18	Columbia County Treasurer (M.I.S.)	1355.4	13.75		
		3620.4	13.75		
405-18	Town of Kinderhook	7310.4	3,500.00		
406-18	US Postal Service	1110.4	62.00		
	10/4/2018		8,039.11	1381.41	2,601.59
407-18	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	270.00		
408-18	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	10101	11.02		
409-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	63.38		
410-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Real Property)	1355.4	6,118.00		
411-18	SMG	1620.4	175.26		
412-18	Wex Bank	7110.4	202.01		

413-18	We Dig It, LLC	8810.4	1,000.00		
414-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.24		
415-18	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	197.90		
416-18	County Waste	5132.4	145.94		
417-18	Rainbow Distributing Co. Inc.	5132.4	19.49		
418-18	Valley Energy	5110.4			819.21
419-18	Chemung Supply Corp.	5110.4			1,575.00
420-18	John Deere Financial	5130.4			14.82
421-18	Capital Equipment Service	5130.4			308.61
422-18	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			33.60
423-18	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			132.36
424-18	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			86.28
	10/11/2018		8,272.24	0.00	2,969.88
	<i>October Totals</i>		16,311.35	1381.41	5,571.47