

**Town of Stuyvesant
Town Board Meeting
August 8, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Bill Schneider, and Brian Chittenden; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilwoman Kelley William was not in attendance.

Supervisor Ron Knott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Correspondence

Thank you letter from the recipients of the Ken Hummel Memorial Scholarships

The annual report from CLC regarding the Ken Hummel Park

Letter from NYS Tax & Finance stating we are at 100% evaluation rate.

Old Business

Amtrak Fencing – Supervisor Knott met with representatives from Amtrak and they are expressing more interest in working with the communities affected. A tentative public information meeting is scheduled for September 26th with the Department of State.

Rescue Squad – Supervisor Knott reported that he and Kinderhook Supervisor Pat Grattan met with the Valatie Rescue Squad regarding their request for a substantial increase. The increase would effect the County tax cap. The meeting included County Treasurer PJ Keeler and they are reviewing the idea of a County-wide EMS taxing authority. It would have to be approved by the State Legislature and would establish a Board (like a fire district) with it's own Budget process and tax cap.

NYES Update – Letter from NYS Energy Solution saying they would be sending letters to abutting property owners.

A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote.

Reports

Town Clerk – Report is on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that she will be moving the Town Clerk and Tax Collector accounts from Community Bank to Bank of Greene County, for reasons of better interest rates and free checking.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that the Committee discussed mowing at the Hummel Park and the fence at the Stuyvesant Falls playground.

Railroad Station Committee – Cal Burch reported the Corn Festival will be Friday, August 9th.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported that the Council at their last meeting discussed:

- The Dewey Loeffler Landfill update;
- Their newspaper article writing process; and
- A report from Bill Mancini regarding food waste composting and visited a demonstration of a town-run composting site.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported

- The Newsletter is coming out soon;
- The Summer Reading Program was successful; and
- They are looking to recruit a Children's Librarian

Supervisor Knott reported that they had received \$38,000 from a State Grant for interior renovations.

Office for the Aging -- No report

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They are hot patching;
- They are working on the 3rd roadside mowing
- They helped Kinderhook with blacktopping
- A tree fell behind the Town Hall
- Will have to put a bid ad in the newspaper for a truck purchase

- Waiting to stone top Schoolhouse Road, Rybka Road, and Allendale Road East

Assessor's Office – Cathy Knott reported that all is quiet.

Planning/Zoning Boards – Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had completed the interviews for the vacancies and had approved the following appointments:

Kathy Schneider – Planning Board
Tim Hotaling – Planning Board
Angela Preyor – Planning Board Alternate
Katie Williams – Zoning Board
Ed Scott – Zoning Board

Historian – Deputy Historian Cathy Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on Saturday, August 10th following the Ken Hummel Run. The picnic will begin at Noon at the Stuyvesant Landing playground with hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages provided by the Town, attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. There will be a lot of information on the local historic cemeteries. Melissa Naegeli was asked to change the Facebook event to read “Community Picnic”.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Cemetery Committee – Tom Burrall reported all is quiet.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the Town Hall generator is working well. New computers have been delivered for the Supervisor and Highway Department.

Website Committee – Bill Schneider reported that progress is being made.

County Business – Supervisor Knott announced that he is working with NYS on the contract for winter maintenance; the County will continue to handle roads from Route 203 to the East.

Work is being done on the upgrades to mechanicals in the Highway Garage and Municipal Building.

County Comptroller reviewed the airport financials and all looks good; sales tax revenue is up.

New Business

2019 Budget -- Supervisor Knott will give the letters to the Department Heads asking for their Budget Requests.

Banking Change – Supervisor Knott is meeting with representatives from Bank of Greene County to explore moving the Town accounts from Community Bank.

Court Clerk – Following the resignation of Court Clerk Barbara Fischer, Supervisor Knott reported that Michelle Turek had been approved and appointed at the Workshop meeting. The Resolution below was done at the Workshop so she could begin with the first Court night of August.

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD
August 1, 2019**

WHEREAS, the Town has received a letter of resignation from its current court clerk and;

WHEREAS, The Town is in need of a court clerk and the State now requires that this position has received training for said position, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is responsible for the appointment, the Board may only act only with the Justice’s consent (See Town Law 20) and;

WHEREAS, both Stuyvesant Justices have interviewed and selected a court clerk that is a town resident with clerk experience, and has recommended to the Board that this person is appointed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolves to appointment Michelle Turek to the position of Court Clerk.

<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		

Dated: August 1, 2019

Supervisor Knott reported that he and Kelley Williams had met and interviewed the candidates who had applied for the Assessor position. It was their recommendation that Lynn C. Hotaling be appointed to the position of Sole Assessor with a 6 year term.

**RESOLUTION
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At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant, Columbia County New York, duly called and held on August 8, 2019 A motion to adopt the following resolution was proposed by William

Schneider, seconded by Ron Knott and was approved by a vote of 4 yeas and 1 member absent.

WHEREAS, the term of our appointed Assessor will expire on September 30, 2019 and;

WHEREAS, The Town has asked for letters of interest from interested parties and interviewed; and

WHEREAS, it was discovered that the current Assessor was the only person to meet the NYS minimum qualifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolves to appointment Lynn Hotaling as the Town of Stuyvesant Sole Assessor for a new full term, which shall begin on October 1, 2019 and end on September 30, 2025.

<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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Board Comments

Councilman Bill Schneider reported that appointments were made at the Workshop because there was a concern of not having a quorum at the meetings of the Planning and Zoning Boards. He further reported that the new Court Clerk will have regular hours open to the public.

Bill Schneider also reported that the Assessor's Office has requested the purchase of scanner. Prices and models are being reviewed.

Melissa Naegeli thanked the Highway Department for the work around the building and the bicycle racks for the Ken Hummel Race.

Tom Burrall announced that President Trump had signed the "Legion Act" changing the dates for eligible membership to the Legion to be from June 1940 to Present with an honorable discharge.

Tom Burrall also announced that the Blue Waters Act allows for former Marines and Navy members to apply for Agent Orange benefits from Vietnam.

Tom Burrall further announced that the Chiefs of Stuyvesant and Stuyvesant Falls Fire Companies are working on Mutual Aid Plans and purchasing equipment together.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison reported that Larry Divney had donated \$4000 to the Train Station.

Lee Jamison announced the Kinderhook Rotary Club will host a Chicken BBQ for the Friends of the Electric Rail Trail fundraiser on August 24th 4-7pm at Rothermel Park, the cost is \$12/person.

Cathy Knott requested permission to host a Town Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th. She also requested \$250 for expenses for the Party. A motion was made by Tom Burrall to approve up to \$250 for the party. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

With no further questions or comments from the Board or public, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The vouchers presented for payment at the August, 2019 Town Board meeting:

19-291	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2614.12)	9060.8	706.52			1,907.60
19-292	Constellation (\$85.02)	5182.4		4.10		
				80.92		
19-293	National Grid	5132.4	114.96			
19-294	National Grid	1620.4	23.87			
19-295	National Grid	1620.4	22.70			
19-296	SMG	1620.4	201.44			
19-297	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10			
		1410.4	87.25			
19-298	Business Automation Services	1620.41	615.24			
19-299	Staples, Inc.	1410.4	117.37			
		1110.4	83.19			
		1620.4	37.53			
		7510.4	20.52			
19-300	Melissa A. Naegeli (Reimbursement)	7550.4	79.46			
19-301	Columbia Co. Assessor's Association	1355.4	50.00			
19-302	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPAs	1320.4	520.00			
19-303	Columbia Co. Treasurer	1110.4	63.57			
19-304	E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	1620.4	48.50			
19-305	E Biz Docs	1110.4	1,436.00			
19-306	Columbia Greene Town Clerks Association	1410.4	20.00			
19-307	Constellation (\$97.22)	1620.4	1.10			

		5132.4	96.12		
19-308	Crown Awards	7550.4	292.34		
19-309	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	70.31		
19-310	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	19.49		
19-311	JC Smith, Inc.	5130.4			230.00
19-312	Gig's Wrench	5130.4			36.00
19-313	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4			618.77
19-314	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			152.25
19-315	Bob Boll Excavating	5110.4			258.23
19-316	Valley Energy	5110.4			289.88
	1-Aug-19		4,858.58	85.02	3,492.73
19-317	National Grid	5182.4		539.41	
				566.00	
19-318	Time Warner Cable (\$551.74)	1620.4	270.18		
		5132.4	281.56		
19-319	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	270.25		
19-320	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	215.00		
19-321	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	334.34		
19-322	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.41	970.00		
19-323	Crown Awards	7550.4	35.88		
19-324	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,000.00		
19-325	Tech Partners	1110.4	65.00		
19-326	County Waste	5132.4	145.94		
19-327	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
19-328	Mario's Home Center, Inc.	5110.4			392.24
19-329	Callanan	5110.4			1,524.00
19-330	A Montano Co. Inc.	5110.4			900.00
19-331	Valley Energy	5110.4			466.50
19-332	Wex Bank	5110.4			220.29
19-333	Tractor Supply	5130.4			69.98
19-334	Salem Farm Supply	5130.4			473.39
19-335	Nassau Country Value	5130.4			118.26
19-336	ARE Productions	7550.4	1,000.00		
	8-Aug-19		3,795.09	1105.41	4,164.66
	August Totals		8,653.67	1190.43	7,657.39