

**Town of Stuyvesant
Town Board Meeting
February 13, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7pm at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, Tom Burrall, and Bill Schneider; Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplelea, Esq.; Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Correspondence

- Letter of Resignation was received from Doreen Dansforth. Supervisor Knott reported that the position had been advertised and we have been receiving resumes. Interviews will be scheduled with Supervisor Knott and Deputy Supervisor Kelley Williams.
- Report of 2019 Events attended and held by the Stuyvesant/Stockport Senior Citizens
- 2020 Census Boundary Validation Program was completed and returned.
- Letter from Columbia Land Conservancy reminding the Town that this was the year for the Ken Hummel Park flyover inspection
- Many letters received regarding the Immunization Law proposed by the County Board of Supervisors
- Letters of concern over the NYS Bail Reform Legislation
- Letter of Resignation received from Michelle Turek to be effective 2-21-2020. The Board will consider making the position paid on an hourly basis
- Email received from Any Beers regarding Overlook Park asking if they need to worry about planting grass and putting up “No Parking” signs. Supervisor Knott shared the email with Bill Schneider and after a

discussion with Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler it was decided that no signs were needed and the Boy Scouts would handle the seeding.

Bill Schneider asked what the CLC fly over was. Supervisor Knott explained that every other year the Columbia Land Conservancy does a fly over inspection of the park to see if there had been any changes.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Report on file

Recreation Committee: Chuck Stiffler reported that he had spoken with Tim Van Wagner about expanding the fence line at the Stuyvesant Landing playground. Tim will get a quote to him.

Railroad Restoration Committee: Lee Jamison reported there will be a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 15th.

Environmental Management Council: Christian Sweningson reported:

- There was a presentation by Steve Hadcock at Cornell regarding Agriculture in Columbia County;
- Styrofoam regulation suggestions have been sent to the Board. A letter from the Board suggested using the Chamber for information on costs to businesses
- Natural Resources Inventory training at Churchtown Firehouse on March 16th 6-9pm and at Tri-Village Firehouse on March 24th 6-9pm
- Climate Change Presentation at Trinity United Methodist Church on June 17th
- Good Earthkeeping Award nominations are due by April 27th.

Dog Control Officer: No report. Supervisor Knott reported that Wes Powell is very sick and we will be reaching out to the Kinderhook Dog Control Officer for coverage.

Library – Lee Jamison reported that with the unexpended fund balance and successful fundraising, the Board has decided that they will not have to do a 414 Budget request this year.

Office for Aging: No report

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported:

- They had done some plowing;

- Cutting brush and dead trees;
- Town Clean Up Days will be May 2nd and October 3rd
- Price Quotes for a new “big” truck:
 - 2021 Vehicle, 49 Series Body
 - \$112,874 (Zwack)
 - \$134,253 (Western Star)
 - \$150,070 (Ben Funk)
 - \$143,000 (Western Star – Tracy Equipment)

It will be at least 20 weeks before you can get the body.

Bill Schneider asked if we want to have the truck for next winter if we will have to act quickly and Chuck Stiffler said yes.

Supervisor Knott discussed fund balance and could pull approximately \$150,000 and could bond the balance. The loader was just paid off so that money is already budgeted and the purchase wouldn't affect the budget.

A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to adopt the following the resolution. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION

Town of Stuyvesant

Authorization for the Award of Truck and Body

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant maintains the roads with multiple trucks and;

WHEREAS, one of the Town's, a 1995 International, plow truck is aged and experiencing undue maintenance issues and;

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended replacement of the 1995 International Plow truck and;

WHEREAS, upon researching options and costs, it was determined that a Western Star equipped with an Everest body would serve the Town well and was on state contract bid and;

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent secured competing bids from a local dealer and verified the state bid quote to be the better option and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new 2021 Western Star 4700 SF 6x4 and Everest CDS14SS4654 body that is on Onondaga CTY bid ref #8996 at a price not to exceed \$247,127.00 and deems the Town's present 1995 International plow truck as surplus equipment.

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

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that exemptions are coming in and reminded everyone that the deadline is March 1st. Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that a Local Law had been passed in 2019 changing the date of Grievance Day to accommodate the Assessor having multiple towns. The new date for our Grievance Day will be the first Thursday following Grievance Day, or this year May 28th.

Planning & Zoning Boards: A public hearing is scheduled for the February Planning Board meeting

Historian: No report

Cemetery: No report

ZEO/Building Inspector: Report on file

Town Hall: Supervisor Knott reported that he has been working with BAS to update quickbooks.

Bill Schneider reported that he had not spoken with BAS yet about purchasing the large tv for the front of the room. He will contact them and ask them to order.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that he has been working on Phase II of the Smart Watt Program and is focusing on energy upgrades at 401 State Street.

Office for the Aging is looking at kitchen updates and the possibility of new facility.

Fire Training Center building progress is coming along and will give pictures to Melissa to have posted to the website.

New Election Commissioners have been appointed and the staff is moving back in to the renovated office space. The new Democratic Commissioner is Kenneth Dow and the new Republican Commissioner is Kelly Miller-Simmons.

A Public Hearing was held for a Local Law requiring camp counselors having to provide immunization proof. The law was pulled back and sent back to committee because of confusion over the wording in the State law.

New Business

A letter from Senator Jordan regarding renewing Extreme Winter Recovery Program. Ron signed a letter in support.

Bill Schneider suggested the change be made for the Court Clerk position to an hourly vs. salaried position prior to the vacancy being advertised. There was a discussion to make the position \$15-\$18/hour range. Bill Schneider made a motion to make the Court Clerk position an hour wage at \$18/hour starting with the new hire. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott will notify the judges for when they hold their interviews.

Doreen Dansforth told Supervisor Knott she will continue to do the bookkeeping function.

Comments from Board

Bill Schneider asked about the window blinds that had been purchased by the Court with an awarded Grant. It was reported that the blinds should be installed this month.

Public Comment

Lee Jamison asked if there was an updated on the Amtrak fencing program. Supervisor Knott said he had received an email that a meeting would happen eventually.

Barbara Fisher asked if the growth on the curve on County Route 26A near her house could be cut back. It is creating a safety issue when she pulls out of her driveway due to a limited sight distance. Chuck Stiffler said he would call the County.

With no further business, 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 8:00pm.

Vouchers presented and approved at the February 13, 2020 meeting:

<u>CLAI</u> <u>M</u>	<i>February 2020</i>		LIGHTS		
	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
20-10	Greene County Commercial Bank (36,213.14)	DA97206			35,333.34
		DA97207			879.80
20-11	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2671.04)	9060.8	721.90		1,949.14
20-12	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	443.00		
20-13	National Grid (\$1504.66)	5182.4		731.46	
				773.20	
20-14	Constellation (\$326.47)	5182.4		157.07	
				169.40	
20-15	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	288.91		
20-16	Marlin Business Bank (\$189.87)	1620.4	114.00		
		1410.4	75.87		
20-17	Columbia County Controller	1110.4	825.00		
20-18	Constellation (\$126.50)	1620.4	3.78		
		5132.4	122.72		
20-19	National Grid	1620.4	26.44		
20-20	National Grid	1620.4	23.04		
20-21	National Grid	5132.4	133.32		
20-22	Staples, Inc. (\$287.91)	1110.4	43.83		
		1220.4	73.99		
		1355.4	97.61		
		1410.4	72.48		
20-23	Columbia County Treasurer	5132.4	192.50		
20-24	NYSTCA	1410.4	185.00		
20-25	The Desmond Hotel	1410.4	717.00		
20-26	Columbia Co. Assessor's Association	1355.4	25.00		
20-27	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	520.50		
20-28	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	8010.4	2.66		
20-29	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	110.00		
20-30	Sickler, Tochia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	155.00		
20-31	Columbia County Treasurer	1110.4	144.66		
20-32	CCA of TS	5010.4	300.00		
20-33	Stuyvesant Post Office	1410.4	220.00		
20-34	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	68.45		
20-35	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.94		

20-36	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	15.00		
20-37	Valley Energy	5132.4	467.69		
20-38	County Waste	5132.4	161.99		
20-39	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	106.70		
20-40	Mario's Home Center, Inc. (\$799.06)	5110.4			760.40
		5130.4			38.66
20-41	Gig's Wrench	5130.4			49.80
20-42	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			335.25
20-43	Share Corp.	5130.4			160.00
20-44	Rick's Tire Service LLC	5130.4			162.50
20-45	Mopar Vehicle Protection	5110.4			173.31
20-46	Inter City Tire Loc 06	5130.4			756.52
20-47	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4			960.27
20-48	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4			17.57
20-49	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			37.60
	6-Feb-20		6,527.98	1831.13	41,614.16
20-50	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	453.00		
20-51	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	41.49		
20-52	Repeat Business Systems	1410.4	42.72		
20-53	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	356.14		
20-54	Staples, Inc. (\$75.56)	1110.4	2.91		
		1410.4	57.68		
		1620.4	12.87		
		5010.4	2.10		
20-55	Time Warner Cable (\$554.12)	1620.4	270.78		
		5132.4	283.64		
20-56	SMG Solar Management Group	1620.4	87.80		
	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's				
20-57	Dept)	1110.4	138.24		
20-58	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,437.50		
20-59	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
20-60	Valley Energy	5132.4	280.25		
	Valley Energy	5130.4			645.00
20-61	Built Blades LLC	5110.4			800.00
20-62	Lowe's	5110.4			79.60
20-63	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			37.60
20-64	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			4,726.20
20-65	Wex Bank	5110.4			62.09
20-66	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			470.00
20-67	Callanan Industries, Inc.	5110.4			1,595.30
	13-Feb-20		3,496.05	0.00	8,415.79
	<i>February Totals</i>		<i>10,024.03</i>	<i>1831.13</i>	<i>50,029.95</i>