

**Town of Stuyvesant
Town Board Meeting
January 9, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, January 9, 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 Rappleyea, 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 Kelley Williams 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

There was no correspondence to report.

Old Business

Amtrak Fencing: Supervisor Knott reported that Scenic Hudson is collecting data to give to the State. A letter will be on our website with their website to complete the survey.

Ferry Road: Supervisor Knott reported that the project was going well. He received a call from DEC reporting that the dock has to be redesigned due to flooding concerns expressed by the Contractor.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Report on file

Recreation Committee: Kelley Williams reported that all is quiet. There was a discussion at the workshop regarding extending the fence and pea stone under the equipment at the Landing playground.

Railroad Restoration Committee: Lee Jamison reported that the next meeting would be Saturday, January 11th and they are looking for volunteers to help undecorated.

Environmental Management Council: Christian Sweningson reported:

- the final draft of the Council's recommendations regarding poly-styrene will be going to the Government Committee;
- he will be attending a series of workshops on Zero Waste Planning hosted by the Capital District League of Women Voters;
- Looking at options to reduce waste stream and will meet with Jolene Race;
- Natural Resources Inventory training to be held on March 16th and 30th
- Columbia County Health Dept. will host a meeting on tic born diseases

Dog Control Officer: Report on file

Library – No report

Office for Aging: No report

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported:

- They had been out for weather-related road work 8 times in January;
- Cleaning up dead trees and brush;
- The Ford 250 and Woods mower are being sold; and
- Looking at computer controls for salt usage

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that exemptions are coming in and reminded everyone that the deadline is March 1st.

Planning & Zoning Boards: December meetings were cancelled

Historian: No report

Cemetery: No report

ZEO/Building Inspector: Report on file

Town Hall: Bill Schneider reported that he has been speaking with BAS about prices and installation of smart-televvisions for the meeting room. Supervisor Ron reported that he had applied for a grant from Bank of Greene County to purchase a 70" television for the meeting hall. We will also have to purchase

cables and adapters. The television will be able to be used when presentations are being made at meetings and for other public uses.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board held their Organizational meeting and that he had been appointed the Deputy Chair and to the Public Works Committee.

Supervisor Knott also reported that the Fire Training facility is coming along and that the tower pad had been poured and the equipment is being delivered.

New Business

A future projects list was shared with the Board that had been compiled by discussions at the January workshop meeting. Bill Schneider suggested we get prices on the projects listed to be able to better prioritize the list.

Supervisor Knott briefly discussed the new tax bills and the rates following the 2019 reassessments. The Town tax rate went from \$2.15/thousand in 2019 to 1.88/thousand in 2020; the County rate went from 6.27/thousand in 2019 to 5.56/thousand in 2020. He further explained, using his own properties, that his house assessment went up but his bill went down and the school house bill went up. The Schodack School tax rate went down to approximately \$4/thousand.

Comments from Board

There were no additional comments or questions from the Board members.

Public Comment

Lee Jamison commented that the 2020 River Sweep will be on May 2nd and asked if trash day could be scheduled to coincide. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler said he would check with Solid Waste for a date. Ms. Jamison also reported that there would be trail maintenance on April 18th.

Supervisor Knott reported that the County Hazardous Waste day would be May 9th.

Melissa Naegeli announced that the new recycling permits were in and reminded everyone that they were only good for a calendar year and that 2019 stickers needed to be replaced. The prices remain \$50 for residents; \$35 for senior residents; and \$100 for out of state.

Bill Schneider asked if both the Spring and Fall Trash Days could be scheduled with Solid Waste now. Chuck will call and ask for the 1st Saturdays in May and October.

There was a discussion about being able to plow Ice House Road to the parking area. Supervisor Knott reported he received a temporary revocable permit from DEC to allow our Highway Department to plow, when they can. A motion was made by Kelley Williams directing Supervisor Knott to sign the agreement. Tal Rappleyea said he reviewed the permit and that it was standard and okay to sign. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

There was a question from Charlie Altomer asking if the Town had any authority over the proposed power line project that will come through Town. Tal Rappleyea briefly explained the Article VII application process. Supervisor Knott explained that we have no approval authority but they have to tell us and the public can comment. There will be a meeting at the Cornell Cooperative Extension on Feb. 4th at 7pm and the engineering and technical people will be there.

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 8:15pm.

Vouchers presented and approved at the January 9, 2020 meeting:

<u>CLAIM</u> #	<i>January 2020</i>		LIGHTS		
	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
	<i>Remainder of 2019</i>				
19-549	Solar Management Group	1620.4	223.11		
19-550	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	15.70		
19-551	Constellation (\$76.03)	1620.4	2.78		
		5132.4	73.25		
19-552	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	70.42		
19-553	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	63.45		
19-554	Valley Energy	5132.4	351.66		
19-555	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
19-556	Sausbiers Awning Shop	1620.4	30.00		
19-557	Shocker Electric LLC	5132.4	260.00		1,680.00
		5110.4			1680
19-558	Rick's Tire Service	5130.4			162.50
19-559	Tractor Supply	5130.4			52.98

19-560	Mario's Home Center	5130.4		83.87
19-561	Lowe's	5130.4		68.69
19-562	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		204.78
19-563	Stockport Garage	5110.4		15.00
19-564	Valley Energy	5110.4		1,747.79
19-565	CJ Miner Inc.	5110.4		85.00
19-566	Mopar Vehicle	5110.4		173.31
19-567	Morton Salt	5142.4		4,194.42
19-568	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip Co Inc.	5130.4		28.24
	2019 Close Out 1-9-20		1,119.30	10,148.34
20-01	Business Automation Services (\$4205.00)	1410.4	1,100.00	
		1620.41	3,755.00	
20-02	Doyle Security	1620.4	287.40	
20-03	New York Planning Federation	8020.4	270.00	
20-04	Association of Towns	1010.4	700.00	
20-05	Time Warner Cable (\$559.45)	1620.4	275.81	
		5132.4	283.64	
20-06	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	288.91	
20-07	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1410.4	37.74	
20-08	Couty Waste	5132.4	161.99	
20-09	Inter City Tire Loc 06	5130.4		466.25
	9-Jan-20		7,160.49	466.25