

**Town of Stuyvesant
Town Board Meeting
September 10, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7pm . In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Brian Chittenden, Kelley Williams, and Bill Schneider; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler. Councilman Tom Burrall and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea were not in attendance.

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

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

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Letter from Ichabod Crane with picture of scholarship winners.

Letter from resident requesting a 30mph speed limit on Sunset Drive. We have to request the County and State for the speed limit. A motion was made by Bill Schneider to send a resolution to the County requesting a speed limit for Sunset Drive. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. Melissa Naegeli will prepare the resolution and send it to the County.

Old Business

Town Justice Position – At the Town Board Workshop held on September 3, 2020 the following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

Subject to a Permissive Referendum

To Reduce the Number of Town Justices in the Town of Stuyvesant Pursuant to Section 60-a of the NYS Town Law

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Town to reduce the number of Town Justices from two (2) to one (1), and

WHEREAS, the NYS Town Law Section 60-a (2) authorizes the reduction of the number of Town Justices upon a resolution subject to a permissive referendum that shall become effective at the end of the current term of the Town Justice seat to be terminated, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant has a Justice seat which is currently vacant and which is scheduled for election in November 2020 for a new term and thus the seat and current term shall terminate as of December 31, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant hereby resolves that the currently vacant Town of Stuyvesant Justice seat and one position of Town Justice, shall be and hereby is terminated effective December 31, 2020 and there shall be one (1) Town Justice position henceforth and it is further

RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution is made subject to a permissive referendum and shall become binding unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Stuyvesant within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution and in the form prescribed by law.

RESOLUTION MOTION MADE BY Councilman William Schneider,
SECONDED BY Councilman Brian Chittenden.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>OTHER ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Knott	X		
Councilperson Williams	X		
Councilperson Chittenden	X		
Councilperson Schneider	X		
Councilperson Burrall	X		

CARRIED.

DATED: September 3, 2020

If no one comes forward with a petition with the appropriate number of signatures this Resolution will become effective on October 3, 2020.

Assessment Program – Received a check from NYS for \$3100 for our participation in the Real Property Assessment Program.

Stuyvesant/Stockport Seniors – Supervisor Knott reported that he had spoken with the leader of the group and the \$3000 budgeted for them will be held because they couldn't go on any trips this year due to Covid. Bill Schneider asked if there was anything we could do for the members. Rich Moran asked about a food pantry in the Town Hall. Ron Knott suggested a donation to the food pantry in Valatie. Christian Sweningson added that there had been a big uptick in the County in the need for food. The Town Clerk's Office could work on a process for taking orders from people and either picking up the orders or providing rides for people.

Upgraded Broadband Service – Supervisor Knott asked Melissa Naegeli to advertise that we have upgraded WiFi at the Town Hall for people to access.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector -- Report is on file.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that all is quiet.

Railroad Station Committee – There haven't been any meetings. Supervisor Knott said he will suggest a remote meeting.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported

- that there was a report from the group Zero Waste Columbia regarding what they are about “reducing waste”.
- There will be a Zoom Presentation through the Claverack Library regarding Climate Smart Communities called “Waste Not Want Not”. It will be held on October 17th from 4:00 – 5:30pm. Supervisor Knott and Jolene Race (County Solid Waste) will be on the panel. Registration is through the Library.
- Climate Smart Community Group to work together and will ask the County to formally support CEDC.
- There is Council concern regarding a solar farm proposal in Copake. While we need alternative energy, fast tracking issues from the State, issues with local zoning ordinances. There are ways to install farm animals and plants can continue in the same space.
- Neighbor Notification Law has been suggested regarding pesticide spraying. This only applies to commercial sprayers, not agricultural.
- Citizens Climate Lobby reaching out to DOH regarding PFOA Legislation.
- The State revolving water grant has been cut by 16%.
- There has been a reported spike in drug overdoses.
- There was a report of one rabid ferret.

Dog Control Officer – No report. Melissa Naegeli will contact the new DCO and ask for monthly reports.

Kinderhook Memorial Library -- Lee Jamison reported that

- they have used the last of the \$3807 Cathy Marchionne Grant.
- There was a \$250 donation for copying services that had been provided.
- The Library will be reopening by appointment on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

- Friends of the Library book donations – a Warren Applegate found a 1st Edition of The Great Gatsby. It was sold at auction for \$2200 and ½ of the proceeds were donated to the Library.
- The Library has been approached by Boat Builders for grant opportunities. Resiliency Hub Grant is looking at 5 libraries to award.

Office for the Aging – Rich Moran reported that there haven't been any committee meetings. He also reported that Senior Luncheons will resume on Tuesday, September 15th at St. Joseph's Church.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- Riverview Street has been milled and paved. He added that Doyles repaired the parking area near the Post Office at the same time.
- The new truck is getting the body. The old truck will be sold at auction and money put aside for a new mower to be purchased next year.
- Fall Trash Day will be October 3rd. Tickets will be available starting on Tuesday, September 15th.

Assessor's Office – Cathy Knott, Assessor's Clerk, reported that it has been quiet. Renewals will be mailed in November.

Planning/Zoning Boards – Supervisor Knott reported that there are meetings coming up:

Zoning Board of Appeals – Events Barn
 Planning Board – Subdivision Application

Historian – Supervisor Knott reported that the County Historian had found old stories and are giving to the Register Star to rerun.

Cemetery – Chuck Stiffler reported that the mowing is going well and the cemetery receives a lot of compliments. There have been reports of a lot of dog waste.

Building Inspector/CEO – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the new television will be installed in the meeting room by BAS on Wednesday.

Website – There was a discussion about the “Links of Interest” section of the website.

County Business

Budget – Supervisor Knott reported that there are a lot of cuts. There is concern about money flow since the State hasn't send any State Aid since the beginning of COVID and we are waiting on approximately \$5 Million. They are anticipating a possible 20% cut from the State.

Fire Training Center – The project is almost complete and the meetings rooms are being used for training.

New Business

Insurance – There had been a discussion at the Workshop about getting bids again this year prior to renewing our insurance policies. Supervisor Knott reached out to Metz Wood and discussed that possibility. There will be a slight reduction in price and we will stay with Metz Wood and insure through NYMIR.

Town Budget – Supervisor Knott reported that a tentative budget had been agreed on at the Workshop that has a 0% increase right now. The budget will be further discussed at the October Board Meeting.

Health Insurance – Kelly Williams is still reviewing the information from various companies.

Comments from Board

Bill Schneider reported that Colarusso is working on the parking lot for the Electric Rail Trail and the Overlook Park.

Public Comment

Lee Jamison reported that Riversweep will be held on October 17th during low tide at 10:30am. They will work at the Landing, Swyer Preserve, the Sand Bar, and Newton Hook.

Lee Jamison reported that she had been notified by Faith Robertson that there will be a group of Vets kayaking from Albany to NYC for suicide prevention and awareness. She asked if anyone knew the date. No one had any additional information.

Lee Jamison asked Supervisor Knott if the County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murrell had given a report on reconfiguring police agencies. Supervisor Knott reported that there was no report and that a facilitator was being hired to handle the discussions.

Cathy Knott reported that she is still considering alternatives to the annual Halloween Party.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote

The abstract of vouchers presented for payment at the September 2020 meeting:

		<i>September 2020</i>		LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
20-310	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8	721.90		1,443.80
20-311	National Grid	5182.4		545.49	
				572.80	
20-312	National Grid	1620.4	24.16		
20-313	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
20-314	National Grid	5132.4	156.50		
20-315	Marlin Business Bank (\$264.99)	1620.4	177.74		
		1410.4	87.25		
20-316	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	255.25		
20-317	Constellation New Energy, Inc. (\$108.98)	1620.4	1.06		
		5132.4	107.92		
20-318	Columbia County Treasurer	1355.4	72.00		
20-319	Repeat Business Systems (\$67.23)	1620.4	39.98		
		5132.4	27.25		
	3-Sep-20		1,693.71	1118.29	1,443.80
20-320	Time Warner Cable (\$789.24)	1620.4	502.65		
		5132.4	286.59		
20-321	Staples, Inc. (\$414.69)	1220.4	381.93		
		1410.4	29.85		
		110.4	2.91		
20-322	Williamson Law Book Company	1410.4	57.00		
20-323	E Biz Does, Inc.	1110.4	720.00		
20-324	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	58.50		
20-325	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	37.47		
20-326	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	67.12		
20-327	Visa	1110.4	227.90		
20-328	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	13.20		
20-329	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	10.74		

20-330	County Waste	5132.4	161.99		
20-331	Wex Bank	7110.4	104.58		
20-332	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
20-333	Mopar Vehicle Protection	5110.4			173.31
20-334	Max S. Wood Equipment	5130.4			28.74
20-335	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			95.63
20-336	Kimball Midwest	5130.4			373.51
20-337	Valley Energy	5110.4			1,291.24
20-338	CJ Miner Inc.	5110.4			280.00
20-339	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			44.65
20-340	Share Corporation	5130.4			123.60
20-341	Core & Main LP	5110.4			206.00
20-342	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4			155.28
	10-Sep-20		2,691.36	0.00	2,771.96