

Town Board Organizational Meeting
January 14, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their annual Organizational Meeting on January 14, 2021 at 7:00pm. The meeting was a remote/hybrid meeting. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Bill Schneider, and Tom Burrall; Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Brian Chittenden was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott reviewed the proposed Organizational Chart below:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 2021	
Official Depository: Greene County Bank	Official Newspaper: The Register Star
Official Meeting Night: 2 nd Thursday of each Month @ 7:00pm	Official Working Night: 1 st Thursday of each month
Official Mileage: \$.56 per mile	Deputy Supervisor: Kelley Williams
Attorney for the Town: Tal Rappleyea, Esq.	Building Inspector:
Zoning Enforcement Officer:	Town Engineer: CPL
Budget Officer: Supervisor Ron Knott	Deputy Highway Superintendent: Steve Montie
Deputy Town Clerk:	Registrar of Vital Statistics: Melissa Naegeli, Town Clerk
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics:	Records Management Officer: Melissa Naegeli, Town Clerk
Town Historian: Juanita Knott	Sole Assessor: Lynn Holtaling./ Clerk: Catherine Knott
Dog Control Officer: Maggie Banker	Deputy Historian: Cathy Knott
Columbia Co. Traffic Safety Board: Charles Stiffler	Columbia Co. Council of Aging Delegate: Marilyn Burch Rich Moran
Assessment Board of Review:	Chairman Planning Board: Gale Bury
Member – Planning Board: Howards Gibbons	Alternate Member Planning Board: Angela Prior
Chairman – Zoning Board of Appeals: Jeff Jensen	Member of Zoning Board: Steven Taylor
Deputy Chairman-Zoning Board of appeals: Margaret Pino	Deputy Chairman Planning Board: Harold Leiser
Alternate Member of Zoning Board: Steve Montie	Secretary to Planning & Zoning Boards: Tana Williams
Custodian of Town Office: Joe Scrum	Emergency Coordinator: Bill Vick
Town Accountant: Stickler,Torchia, Allen & Churhill CPA's Town Bookeeper: Doreen Danforth	Highway Superintendent: Allowed to purchase tools and equipment under \$3000 without prior Town Board approval
Highway Superintendent: Allowed to purchase sand and gravel at prevailing rates	Highway Superintendent: Allowed to rent County equipment at prevailing rate

Supervisor: Ability to invest idle funds in CDs and Money Market Accounts	Supervisor: Ability to invest funds in approved Money market and transfer funds from Money Market account to trust & agency or general checking as needed
Supervisor: Able to pay utility and health insurance bills without prior approval of Town Board	Official Polling Places: Town Hall
Salaries: Elected & appointed officials to be paid as indicated in the Budget. Salaries for hourly staff as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sr. MEO: \$21.27/hour 2) MEO-1: \$18.95/hour 3) MEO-2: \$20.73/hour 4) Part Time Labor: \$16.24 /hour 5) Part Time Driver; \$17.26 /hour 6) Labor : \$13.53/hour 7) Deputy Highway Super : additional .50/hour 8) Head Mechanic : additional .50/hour 	Gasoline, Fuel Oil& Propane- County Bids, or best value Planning and zoning board members' salaries; Chairs-----\$50.00 per meeting Members-----\$35.00 per meeting BAR members----- \$12.00 per hour After 4hrs \$8.00 per hour
	Compensatory Time for the Highway Department: Not more than 120 hours can be accumulated
Supervisor Appoint Town Board Committee Chairpersons: <i>Recreation Committee:</i> Kelley Williams <i>Public Safety,</i> Tom Burrall <i>Town Hall Committee:</i> Bill Schneider/Ron Knott <i>Cemetery Committee:</i> Cathy Knott/Tom Burrall <i>Railroad Restoration Committee:</i> Ronald Knott/Marilyn Burch <i>Trails liaison</i> Lee Jamison <i>Bridge Committee</i> Ron Knott/Bill Schneider <i>Highway Department</i> Brian Chittenden	Policy Adoptions: 1. Procurement Policy 2017 2. Rules of Procedure 2018 3. Standard Workday Resolution 2020 4. Personnel Policy 2018 5. Type Reserve – Highway 6. Fund Balance Policy 2020 7. Capital Reserve – Buildings

A motion was made by Kelley Williams to accept the Organizational Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott closed the Organizational Meeting at 7:20pm

Supervisor Knott called the Town Board meeting to order at 7:20pm immediately following the Organizational Meeting. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Friends of the Rail Trail outlining the work that has been done and plans for future work.

Old Business

The scheduled Court Audit by the County has been delayed due to illness and absences.

Reports

Highway Department: Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that:

- we are still waiting on the new truck body;
- there have been 6 storms to date they have had to go out for;
- the new mowers are in; and
- nothing on ChiPs yet.

All other reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office

New Business

A Resolution was presented and reviewed by Supervisor Knott regarding Real Property Tax Law, Senior Citizen and Disabled Exemptions. The Resolution is as follows:

**Town of Stuyvesant Resolution Regarding Real Property Tax Law,
Senior Citizen & Disabled Exemptions**

January 14th 2021

At the regular monthly meeting of the Stuyvesant Town Board, duly called and held on the 14th day of January, 2021, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Councilman Bill Schneider

Seconded by: Councilwoman Kelley Williams

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW EXEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (Part B, Subpart D) signed by Governor Cuomo on December 28, 2020, every governing body of an assessing unit and local assessor shall extend to the 2021 assessment roll, the renewal of the exemptions received on the 2020 assessment roll pursuant to sections 467 (senior citizen) and 459-c (limited income disability) of the real property tax law; and

WHEREAS, no renewal application shall be required of any eligible property owner who received either exemption on the 2020 assessment roll in order for such eligible property owner to continue receiving the exemption at the same amount received on the 2020 assessment roll unless the eligible property owner determines their income has changed in a manner that would grant them a greater exemption than was present on the 2020 assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, if the assessor has reason to believe that a potentially eligible property owner has since (after the 3/1/2020 taxable status date and prior to the 3/1/2021 taxable status date) changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, sold the property, or is now deceased, the assessor may require a renewal application in his/her sole discretion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant hereby authorizes the exemptions referenced above (senior citizen & limited income disability) for the 2021 assessment roll without submission of a renewal application unless otherwise required by the assessor.

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted “Aye” or “Nay” for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ron Knott	Yes	
Councilwoman Kelley Williams	Yes	
Councilman Tom Burrall	Yes	
Councilman Brian Chittenden		Absent
Councilman Bill Schneider	Yes	

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Stuyvesant.

Dated: January 14th 2021

Melissa Naegeli
Town Clerk
Town of Stuyvesant

County Government

Supervisor Knott attended a meeting on the COVID-19 Vaccine roll-out plans. He reported that there is good information on the Department of Health website. There is a concern about how to get the information out to seniors who may not access the internet. The link will be added to the Town website.

Board Comments

Councilwoman Kelley Williams explained that people have to sign up through the State for vaccines. She gave the phone number 833-697-4829 for people to contact.

Supervisor Knott explained that we will be interviewing for a new Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. He asked Tom Burrall to sit in on the interviews and Councilman Burrall agreed. Supervisor Knott publicly thanked Wayne Voss (Kinderhook) for his assistance in the Building Dept. while we are searching for a replacement.

Councilman Schneider asked if there was an update on the new truck. Chuck Stiffler reported that we are still waiting for the body.

Melissa Naegeli reported that a new pass-through slot had been installed under the foyer window to the Town Clerk's Office. This will enable transactions to take place with the public contact-free.

Supervisor Knott reported that the refrigerator in the Town Hall kitchen had died. The Appliance Guys in Valatie can deliver a new one and remove the old one for \$769. Supervisor Knott disclosed that he is related to the owners of the business. A motion as made by Bill Schneider to purchase the refrigerator from The Appliance Guys. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by a vote of 3 yeas and 1 abstain (Supervisor Knott). Supervisor Knott will contact The Appliance Guys to schedule the delivery.

A motion was made by Kelley Williams to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

The following abstract of vouchers was presented for approval at the January 2021 meeting:

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<i>Remainder of 2020</i>		LIGHTS		
	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
20-487	National Grid (\$1430.94)			695.90	
				735.04	
20-488	Constellation New Energy Inc (\$319.45)			153.65	
				165.80	
20-489	National Grid (<i>railroad station</i>)	1620.4	28.39		
20-490	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	265.60		
20-491	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
20-492	National Grid	5132.4	125.28		
20-493	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	118.00		
20-494	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs	1320.4	535.00		
20-495	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	8020.4	18.16		
20-496	Constellation New Energy Inc. (\$76.12)	1620.4	3.90		
		5132.4	77.22		
20-497	Ron Knott (reimbursement)	1620.4	29.91		
20-498	Richard Moran	6140.4	85.25		
20-499	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.58		
20-500	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	57.96		

20-501	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
20-502	Valley Energy	5132.4	316.97		
	Valley Energy	5110.1			939.50
20-503	Mario's Home Center Inc.	5130.4			46.19
20-504	Salem Farm Supply	5130.4			102.36
20-505	Tractor Supply Co.	5130.4			100.95
20-506	Moorandian HYD & Equipment Co.	5130.4			358.67
20-507	Cargill, Inc.	5142.4			1,855.22
20-508	Wex Bank (<i>new mailing address</i>)	5110.4			4.00
20-509	Allegiance Trucks	5130.4			222.45
20-510	Stockport Garage	5110.4			30.00
20-511	Visa	5130.4			135.00
20-512	Lowe's	5130.4			43.40
20-513	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			428.61
		2018	1775.85	1750.39	4,266.35
		2021			
21-01	Edmunds Gov Tech (<i>use BAS address</i>)	1620.41	1485.00		
21-02	Quadient Leasing	1620.41	203.79		
21-03	Time Warner Cable (\$671.52)	1620.4	384.93		
		5132.4	286.59		
21-04	Visa	1620.41			
21-05	APHNYS (<i>new mailing address</i>)	7510.4	25.00		
21-06	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	238.49		
21-07	Doyle Security	1620.4	296.04		
21-08	Association of Towns New York Planning Federation	1010.4	700.00		
21-09		8020.4	\$ 270.00		
21-10	Col Co Assoc of Town Superintendents	5010.4	300.00		
21-11	County Waste	5132.4	161.99		
		1/14/2021	4351.83	0	0
		<i>January Totals</i>	6127.68	1750.39	4,266.35