

**2021 Tentative Budget
Public Hearing
November 4, 2021**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their 2021 Tentative Budget Public Hearing on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, and Bill Schneider; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Councilman Tom Burrall was not in attendance.

The Hearing was a hybrid meeting with an online link, there were no attendees online.

Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the notice as it appeared in the newspaper:

*Public Notice
Town of Stuyvesant
Public Hearing
2022 Preliminary Budget*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00pm for the purpose of taking comment from any interested resident with regard to the Preliminary 2022 Budget. Copies of the Preliminary Budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours and on the Town Website at stuyvesantny.us. Salaries included in the Preliminary Budget are: Supervisor \$7,685.00; Town Board Members (4) 12,216; Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$24,115.00; Highway Superintendent \$59,604.00; and Town Justice \$8,919.00 The Hearing will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173. Interested parties may also attend virtually at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/996049845>.

*Melissa A Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Knott reported that there were no changes from the Tentative Budget that had been reviewed at the October Board meeting, there were 2% salary increases for general staff, 3% increases for highway department staff as well as the Board will pay the ¾% increase in their health insurance.

Councilman Bill Schneider requested funding for trail volunteers. Supervisor Knott said he would like there to be a formal agreement between the volunteer group and the Town to make sure the Town is out of liability issues and it states what the volunteers will do and the service they will provide. He added

that we had recently had a similar agreement completed with the VFW Post in Stuyvesant Falls.

Supervisor Knott reviewed the Rescue Squad funding, the Fire Company numbers have been added in, and the Library Resolution on the Nov. 2nd Ballot had passed.

With no questions or comments, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

Town Board Workshop November 4, 2021

The Town Board held their monthly workshop meeting on November 4, 2021. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Brian Chittenden, Bill Schneider, and Kelley Williams; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler. Councilman Tom Burrall was not in attendance.

A motion to adopt the 2022 Budget as presented at the Hearing was made by Councilman Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott will deliver the adopted and signed Budget to the County.

Supervisor Knott reported that he would be contacting the Sheriff's Department to report a car that has witnessed driving across the playground a few times.

Supervisor Knott reported that there were proposed changes in the ARPA funding being discussed, with new guidelines from the Senate. He reported that he had sent a letter to Congressman Delgado asking him to support the changes.

Supervisor Knott discussed moving \$100,000 unrestricted money to the Capital Buildings account and putting the HVAC project out to bid. He also reported that the lighting project at the Town Hall should be starting at the end of November or beginning of December.

Councilman Schneider made a motion to make a \$500 donation to the Friends of the Rail Trail volunteers, out of the 2022 Budget, who have been taking care of the trail through Stuyvesant. He explained that they have liability insurance

and hold fundraisers. After a discussion among the Board, the motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott reiterated that he would like there to be a formal agreement between the Town and the volunteer group.

Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler asked if the Board would consider raising the \$3000 spending limit without Board approval to \$5000 at the January Organizational Meeting. He explained that costs are increasing. Supervisor Knott said he will check with Tal Rappleyea to see if there are State limits.

Chuck Stiffler reported that the snow fences are going up and the plows are getting installed.

Councilman Bill Schneider said he will present a Resolution at the next meeting to make Stuyvesant a Climate Smart Community. He added that there are rules and ways to earn points, many we are already doing.

Supervisor Knott reported that a new State mandate requires that items to be voted on at meetings will have to be on the website 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Knott said with Veterans’ Day falling on the same day as our regular meeting night, he would like to cancel the November 7th Board meeting. He also asked that the Public Hearing for the Solar Project Moratorium extension be held at the December 9th Board meeting. A motion to cancel the November 7th Board Meeting and schedule the Public Hearing for December 9th was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

We will hold an End of Year meeting to clear up any outstanding business or bills on December 30th, Melissa will put the notice in the newspaper.

<i>November 2021</i>					LIGHTS		
<u>CLAIM</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>		<u>GENERAL</u>		<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
21-371	Greene County Commercial Bank (\$64919.23)	A97107		12,685.37			
		A97106		52,233.86			
21-372	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2454.84)	9060.8		613.71			1,841.13
21-373	National Grid (\$1747.66)	5182.4				873.83	
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21-374	Constellation New Energy, Inc. (\$51.15)	1620.4	0.95			
		5132.4	50.20			
21-375	Johnson Newspaper Corporation	1010.4	58.38			
21-376	Edmunds Gov Tech (\$1785.00)	1620.41	1,485.00			
		1410.4	300.00			
21-377	Staples, Inc. (\$102.03)	1410.4	29.85			
		1355.4	50.60			
		1110.4	9.34			
		5010.4	12.24			
21-378	SL Empire Solar I, LLC	1620.4	211.51			
21-379	Repeat Business Systems (\$79.25)	1410.4	36.22			
		5132.4	5.45			
		1620.41	37.58			
21-380	Marlin Business Bank (\$264.99)	1410.4	87.25			
		1620.4	177.74			
21-381	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	300.00			
21-382	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	185.00			
21-383	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	296.81			
21-384	National Grid	5132.4	86.17			
21-385	National Grid	1620.4	22.70			
21-386	National Grid	1620.4	24.02			
21-387	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	24.98			
21-388	County Waste	5132.4	170.09			
21-389	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.81			
21-390	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	56.45			
21-391	Mario's Home Center	5130.4				54.56
21-392	Valley Paving & Construction, Inc.	5112.4				19,991.60
21-393	J.C. Smith, Inc.	5110.4				571.14
21-394	Zwack, Inc. (\$5180.75)	5110.4				4,350.00
		5130.4				

						830.75
21-395	H.L. Gage Sales, Inc.	5130.4				2,969.09
21-396	Albany Steel, Inc.	5110.4				134.62
21-397	Kimball Midwest	5130.4				717.10
21-398	Inter City Tire	5110.4				2,908.92
21-399	Joe Scrum	DA9089 8				200.00
21-400	Troy Kay	DA9089 8				200.00
	11/4/2021			69,314.28	1,747.66	34,768.91
21-401	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs	1320.4		115.00		
21-402	Time Warner Cable	5132.4		286.36		
21-403	Time Warner Cable	1620.4		384.93		
21-404	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610		158.00		
21-405	Staples, Inc. (\$95.72)	1410.4		28.13		
		1620.4		1.58		
		1220.4		35.10		
		3620.4		30.91		
21-407	Culligan	5132.4		30.09		
21-408	Wex Bank	7110.1		237.25		
21-409	Carrie A. O'Hare	110.4		129.47		
21-410	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4		58.50		
21-411	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4		249.00		
21-412	Northeast Auto Parts, Inc.	5130.4				20.93
21-413	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4				66.40
21-414	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4				788.38
	11-13-20212			1,744.32	-	875.71
	<i>November Totals</i>			\$ 71,058.60	\$ 1,747.66	\$35,644.6 2