

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022, it was a hybrid-format meeting. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, and Tom Burrall; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; and Attorney-for-the-Town Tal Rappleyea attended remotely.

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to pay the vouchers as submitted was made by Kelley Williams. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- Supervisor Knott reported three letters were received from residents regarding the proposed solar law changes.
- The payment from Albany Engineering for the Hydro Electric Plant was received. The minimum payment according to our contract is \$10,000; the payment for 2021 was \$18,000.
- A check from OSC for our Shared Services program was received in the amount of \$175.00
- Financial request from the Columbia Friends of the Electric Rail Trail
- Notice of JCAP Grant Award for shredding and scanning.

Old Business

Supervisor Knott gave an update on the Solar Law revisions.

Representatives from East Light Partners (solar company) gave a presentation on how solar projects are developed and the rules they must follow. A question and answer period followed.

Supervisor Knott gave an update on the ARPA Funding Guidelines. He said the new guidelines are that the funds can basically be used for any project in the Town.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Reports on file.

Recreation Committee: Kelley Williams reported that there hadn't been any meetings. She added that the Board had discussions at their Workshop regarding upgrades that are necessary at the two playgrounds.

Environmental Management Council: The draft minutes of the November 2021 and January 2022 meetings are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. There was no meeting in December 2021. Highlights were:

- Draft Columbia County Municipal Solid Waste 10 Year Plan are available by contacting Chairman O'Hara (Jan. 2022);
- Astral Power & Nexamp were recommended to the Campaign by the Columbia County Climate Smart Communities Task Force (Jan. 2022);
- Climate Carnival event to be held on Sat., July 16, 2022 at the County Fairgrounds;
- The Village of Kinderhook became solarized with an enrollment of 30 at the yearend; an increase of an additional 25 brought their total to 55. Enrollments for Chatham were 60 and 28 for Austerlitz (Jan 2022);
- Chairman O'Hara wants Building Inspectors to be up to speed on the New York State Energy Code (Jan 2022);
- Columbia County Climate Smart Communities Task Force would like to offer towns with no solarize campaigns a mechanism to bootstrap onto the County contract (Nov 2021);
- Village of Kinderhook received a NYSERDA Grant of \$5000 to spend on energy efficient and/or greenhouse gas emission reduction programs (Nov 2021);
- Monitoring reports for ground water samples are becoming more acceptable (Nov 2021);
- Styrofoam ban will go into effect statewide on Jan. 1, 2022 (Nov 2021);
- The Philmont Climate Smart and Trustees adopted the Stretch Energy Conservation Code, they are one of the few in the Hudson Valley to do so (Nov 2021).

Dog Control Officer: No report

Kinderhook Memorial Library: AnnaLeigh will be leaving to take a position with the NYS Library System. Matt Pavlov has been named the new Library Director. He will be looking to fill the Teen Coordinator position.

Two people have retired from the Board. The openings will be filled with people from Kinderhook.

Highway Department: The following Resolution was presented to the Board to purchase a wood chipper in a shared services agreement with the Town of Stockport. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and the roll call vote was taken and recorded below:

*RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
Authorization for the Purchase of a Chipper*

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant maintains the roadside of Town roads including brush and tree removal and;

WHEREAS, it has been decided that it would benefit Town tax payers to have our Highway Department own a chipper to assist in tree and brush removal/disposal and has entered into a Share Services Agreement with the Town of Stockport to split the costs and use of said chipper; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of a 2022 MORBARK EDGER BEEVER; and

WHEREAS, proposed chipper can be pig47-backed off a bid from Saugerties Source Well #031721-MBI Member ID # 124500.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new 2022 MORBARK EEGER BEEVER chipper at a contract price of \$50,879.80 to be split with the Town of Stockport as per the agreement with our costs being \$25,439.90.

The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

<u><i>Town Board Members</i></u>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<u><i>Absent</i></u>
<i>Ronald Knott</i>	<i>x</i>	
<i>Brian Chittenden</i>	<i>x</i>	
<i>Kelley Williams</i>	<i>x</i>	
<i>Tom Burrall</i>	<i>x</i>	
<i>David Quinn</i>		<i>x</i>

Dated: February 10, 2022

Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported that he is exploring purchasing a new loader and is getting prices.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that Exemptions are due no later than March 1st.

Planning / Zoning Boards: No reports

Historian: Juanita Knott reported that she is exploring ideas for subjects during the 2023 Bicentennial Celebrations. Some ideas are:

- Elmira Orr – 1st female Town Clerk;
- English from Dutch;
- 1824 further despoiled Kinderhook by removing Stuyvesant
- Multiple celebrations/events throughout the year

A committee is being formed and will meet regularly to plan for 2023.

Building Department: Peter Bujanow reported that January was a quiet month and he is following up on projects, research for requests from Title agencies; and updating the IPS system.

Broadband Committee: Chairman Bill Schneider filed the report with the Town Clerk.

Climate Smart Community Committee: Chairman Bill Schneider filed the report with the Town Clerk.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that Covid test kits and masks were distributed to the Towns. Our supply was given to Valatie Rescue Squad for distribution to the public.

Outside agencies have been refunded who had funding cut: Some were Soil & Water \$74,000, County Libraries \$14,000, Historical Society \$6672.

Information on the Solid Waste Food Scrap program can be found at the County website as to where drop off bins are located. This is a pilot program.

DEC Paint Can Program – fees will be added to the cost for State fines

Climate Smart Carnival will be held on July 16th 10am-4pm at the County Fairgrounds in Chatham, being billed as a Family Fun Day.

The Solid Waste Master Plan has been drafted. There will be a public hearing in March.

New Business

Alternate members for the Planning and Zoning Boards are needed.

The Accountant is filing the Annual Report with NYS.

The proposed members of the Climate Smart Committee are:

Bill Schneider
Kathryn Schneider
Carol Leber
Hannah Sheppard

A motion to accept and appoint these members was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott gave a savings report from the 2020 Spray Foam Insulation project at the Town Hall:

Propane Usage/Purchases:

2019:	2219 Gals	\$2589
2021:	1079 Gals	\$1874

We saved 1140 gallons and \$1927 – our propane usage was cut in half.

Tal Rappleyea said the Stretch Code changes to building codes have more stringent rules.

Board Comments

Tom Burrall announced he will be taking over as the American Legion Commander. The County has a Veteran's Banner Program initiative. The cost is \$156/banner and they are hung from Memorial Day through Labor Day. An application to the owner of the poles would have to be done. The banners would be available to all Veterans who have been Honorably Discharged. Family members or the Veteran would apply to the County and would pay for the banner, if able. The Board agreed to offer the program in the Town.

Supervisor Knott asked Tom Burrall about the Purple Heart Community Plaque. Councilman Burrall said he would follow up.

Public Comments

Steven Taylor – Asked Tom Burrall if the banners would hang all year or just the limited time. Councilman Burrall explained that limiting the hang time to Memorial Day through Labor Day would preserve them for 3 or more years.

Bill Schneider – Asked if the regulations for the ARPA funding could be on the website along with the ideas that the Board has. He also asked if the Board would take suggestions. Supervisor Knott said he had planned to review the “wish list” but the meeting has been long.

Lee Jamison – the Depot Committee will have a meeting on February 19 at 9am at the Town Hall. She reported that she has been added to the Pathways Advisory Council. She also reported that Riversweep will be held on May 1st, Earth Day Trail Clean Up and clean up at Hummel Park will be April 23. Lee also said that she had sent a letter to the Board asking them to affirm and support the County Resolution against hate.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Abstract of vouchers is attached.

The abstract of Vouchers presented for payment at the February 10, 2022 meeting:

February 2022				LIGHTS	
CLAIM	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
22-14	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$2580.76)	9060.8	45.19		1,935.57
22-15	Columbia Co Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	1,922.06		
22-16	Repeat Business Systems (\$92.24)	1410.4	53.65		
		5132.4	5.45		
		1620.41	33.14		
22-17	Constellation New Energy, Inc. (\$112.11)	1620.4	17.15		
		5132.4	94.96		
22-18	National Grid	5132.4	134.85		
22-19	National Grid (\$2356.23)	5182.4		1,141.10	
				1,215.13	
22-20	National Grid	1620.4	23.04		
22-21	National Grid (railroad station)	1620.4	31.05		
22-22	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	450.00		
22-23	Marlin Leasing Corporation** (\$230.43)	1410.4	75.87		
		1620.4	154.56		
22-24	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	3,130.00		
22-25	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	554.01		
22-26	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	503.00		
22-27	NYSAMCC, Inc., Membership Chair	1110.4	50.00		
22-28	Hon. Delena Schaefer, Treasurer CCMA	1110.4	35.00		
22-29	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,250.00		
22-30	CCS of TS	5010.4	300.00		
22-31	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	200.95		
22-32	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.76		
22-33	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			541.44
22-34	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip. Co., Inc.	5130.4			52.98
22-35	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4			198.46
22-36	Allegiance Trucks	5130.4			33.10
22-37	Valley Energy	5130.4			357.54
22-38	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			23.18
22-39	Main Care Energy (\$2342.19)	5110.4			1,628.88
		5130.4			713.31
22-40	Inter City Tire	5110.4			447.50

22-41	Cargill, Inc.	5142.4			3,919.92
	<i>February 3, 2022</i>		\$ 9,726.69	\$ 2,356.23	\$ 9,851.88
22-42	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	437.50		
22-43	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	58.50		
22-44	Staples, Inc. (\$356.04)	1410.4	56.31		
		5010.4	6.50		
		1355.4	79.40		
		1220.4	6.57		
		7510.4	38.07		
		1620.4	169.19		
22-45	County Waste	5132.4	190.50		
22-46	Culligan	5132.4	30.09		
22-47	Time Warner Cable	5132.4	286.36		
22-48	Time Warner Cable	1620.4	384.93		
22-49	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	1,715.00		
22-50	Visa	5132.4	85.30		
22-51	Wex Bank	5110.4			4.00
22-52	Van Allens Automotive, Inc.	5130.4			30.00
22-53	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			184.57
22-54	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			512.97
22-55	Zwack, Inc.	5110.4			4,286.00
22-56	Tolls By Mail	5110.4			17.58
22-57	Visa	5130.4			511.80
22-58	CGHS, Inc.	3510.4	35.00		
	10-Feb-22		3,579.22	-	5,546.92
	<i>February Totals</i>		13,305.91	2,356.23	15,398.80