

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022. 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.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Lou Crocco, formerly a Town resident and Town Police Officer.

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Ton Burrall. The motion was seconded by David Quinn and was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Old Business

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – Supervisor Knott read a letter from Ray Jurkowski, Columbia County Commissioner of Public Works, in response to a letter from the Town. The County met with the State and discussed revising the schedule for the bridge to allow preliminary engineering to begin in 2022 instead of 2023. The preliminary design and short-term repair funding should come later this year. \$250,000 will be allocated in the 2023 budget. The County is working to get the weight reduction lifted through repairs by the end of 2023.

Special Recognition

Supervisor Knott presented to Marilyn Burch a Certificate of Recognition for her 23 years of service as the Meals on Wheels Coordinator for the Town.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Reports are on file. Tax Collection will stop at the end of the month and will be returned to the County. Community Night will be held on Saturday, May 14th.

Recreation Committee: Kelley Williams reported that the Committee met on April 21st and discussed upgrades to the playground in Stuyvesant Falls and repairs at the playground at the Landing. The next meeting will be held on May 19th at 6:30pm.

Supervisor Knott said he is getting prices for pavilions and thinks the pavilion should stay at the “top” or Route 25 side. Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler said he will contact the company about resurfacing the tennis court and replacing the poles and net.

Kelley Williams also reported that there are 27 kids signed up for the Town of Kinderhook playground program.

Environmental Management Council: Christian Sweningson gave an update and the full draft minutes are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Some highlights were:

- The City of Hudson has passed a resolution to endorse the City of Hudson as a solarized community;
- Many communities are starting solarize programs;
- Tick warning signs are available for parks and trails

Dog Control Officer: No report. Melissa Naegeli reported that there won’t be a rabies clinic in Town as the Vet who the CDO works with is going out for maternity leave. The County Dept. of Health has cut back to only 4 per year. Their next one is on June 22nd in Ghent.

Kinderhook Memorial Library: Lee Jamison reported that there isn’t anything new. The Friends will be the Town Community Night with a book sale and information. Lee’s position on the Board will be up due to term limits.

Office for the Aging – Marilyn Burch reported that there haven’t been any meetings. Supervisor Kott reported that the County is planning another picnic in September. Melissa Naegeli asked people to consider being drivers, even back-up drivers, for Meals on Wheels.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported:

- Trash Day had 6 dumpsters, 2 large metal dumpsters, 35 televisions, and 117 tires;
- Working on shoulders;
- Prices for paving supplies has gone up drastically;
- 2 new picnic tables have been purchased, they need to be sealed;
- Salt has been ordered for the winter;
- Working on purchasing a new tractor.

Supervisor Knott reported that while we did well with CHiPs funding, in order to get the projects done some money from the fund balance will have to be used.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that Grievance Day will be May 26th 4-pm. Call for a time or come in and talk to the Assessor prior to going to the Board of Assessment Review.

Planning / Zoning Boards: No reports. There will be a Planning Board meeting on May 23rd.

Historian: Cathy Knott reported that Juanita Knott will be at Community Night and will have pictures she needs help with IDs for. There will also be pins, hats, notecards, and t-shirts for sale.

Cemetery – David Quinn reported that he had met with Cathy Knott and Melissa Naegeli to discuss the lack of regulations for siting memorials and monuments at the Firwood Cemetery. Councilman Quinn presented Regulations for Monuments and Bases to the Board for approval. A motion to adopt the regulations was made by Ron Knott. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Building Department: Report is on file.

Broadband Committee: Chairman Bill Schneider reported that there was nothing new. Lee Jamison reported that there will be a webinar from the State for funding in the future.

Town Hall – Trees have been removed from the front of the building as they had become overgrown and were laying on the roof. The Garden Club presented recommendations to the Board for replacement. A motion was made by Kelley Williams to use Bridal Wreath to replace the trees in front of the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the County Household Hazardous Waste Day had become much larger than anticipated, taking in over 7000 gallons of latex paint alone. Many people had to be turned away. A 2nd day is scheduled for Sunday, June 5th 8am-1pm to be held at the Fire Training Center in Commerce Park.

The Solid Waste Department went to see the Greene County Digester system as they research purchasing one for the County. The machine in Greene County takes 1000lbs of food waste and converts it to 100lbs of soil in 24 hours.

New Business

Supervisor Knott asked Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea to explain the changes to the Open Meetings Law. Mr. Rappleyea explained that the Legislative Ruling on using Zoom sunsets on June 6th. After that if Board members want to attend remotely a notice must be published in the paper where they will be participating from and the public must be allowed to attend where they are. A Local Law would need to be enacted to allow Board Members to attend remotely but would only be able to do so if a quorum was in attendance. There are many other regulations that would have to be included. This regulations sunsets in July 2024.

Supervisor Knott presented to the Board Budget Amendment #1:

	INCREASE	DECREASE
Revenue: Highway Fund DA3501 S/A CHiPs	\$67,906.44	
Appropriations: DA5112.2 Highway Improvements	\$69,906.44	
TOTAL:	\$67,906.44	

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli took a Roll Call Vote and the Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott presented a Resolution to Submit Comments on New York State Climate Council’s Draft Scoping Plan for New York’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act “The “Climate Act”). A copy of the 5 page Resolution is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. A motion to Adopt the

Resolution was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by David Quinn and was approved by unanimous vote.

Melissa Naegeli reported that she had received estimates from two companies to replace the Town Hall sign in the front of the building. The estimates for a locking sign with a changeable message board.

The two quotes were from Matthew Signs for \$4405.32 installed and from NextGen Signs for a range of \$7500-9000. A motion to hire Matthew Signs was made by Ron Knott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Board Comments

Upcoming Events:

- 5/14 Community Nite & Cruise In
- 5/21 Fire Training Open House & Dedication to P.J. Keeler
- 6/5 County Household Hazardous Waste Day 8am – 1pm

Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler said they had received a lot of thank yous for trash day. Supervisor Knott said the Highway Dept. did a good job of keeping the traffic flowing all day. October 1st is the next Trash Day.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison reported that there was a lot less trash to clean up at RiverSweep this year. There were only 2 tires and 25 bags of trash. She feels the Town's Trash Day is making an impact. There were 25 volunteers and 5 were children. She said a crew came from Brooklyn and they had signed up on the RiverSweep website directly

With no further business, comments or questions, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

The following is the abstract of Vouchers presented for payment at the May12, 2022 meeting:

	May 2022			LIGHTS	
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
22-151	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	3,105.00		
		1410.4	650.00		
22-152	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$1935.57)	9060.8	645.19		1,290.38
22-153	National Grid (\$1755.94)	5182.4		853.99	
				901.95	
22-154	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
22-155	National Grid	5132.4	177.17		
22-156	National Grid	1620.4	25.51		
22-157	Charter Communications	1620.4	389.93		
22-158	Charter Communications	5132.4	293.11		
22-159	Marlin Leasing Corporation (\$264.99)	1410.4	87.25		
		1620.4	177.74		
22-160	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	100.00		
22-161	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	277.70		
22-162	Repeat Business Systems (\$266.17)	1410.4	24.90		
		5132.4	5.45		
		1620.41	235.82		
22-163	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	103.00		
22-164	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	58.50		
22-165	Kari Anne Powell (<i>reimbursement</i>)	1110.4	88.50		
22-166	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.74		
22-167	Matthew Tuczynski	7110.4	600.00		
22-168	County Waste	5132.4	190.50		
22-169	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	10.74		
22-170	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	49.96		
22-171	Paychex of NY, LLC	1320.4	291.81		
22-172	J.S. Smith, Inc.	5110.4			897.54
22-173	Abele Tractor & Equipment Co.	5110.4			2,385.00
22-174	Dolan Welding & Repair	5110.4			20.00
22-175	Core & Main LP	5110.4			667.20
22-176	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			66.30
22-177	Kimball Midwest	5130.4			209.73
22-178	Bob Boll Excavating	5110.4			265.72
	<i>5-May-22</i>		7,673.22	1,755.94	5,801.87
22-179	Visa	1220.4	\$ 16.19		
22-180	Staples, Inc. (\$235.66)	8020.4	37.44		

		8010.4	21.00		
		1220.4	89.16		
		1410.4	72.14		
		1355.4	15.92		
22-181	Culligan	5132.4	30.09		
22-182	Valley Energy	5130.4			252.25
22-183	Wex Bank	5110.4			232.26
22-184	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			78.90
22-185	Visa	5130.4			137.10
22-186	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			124.98
22-187	Lowe's	5110.4			132.80
	<i>12-May-22</i>		281.94	-	958.29
	<i>May Totals</i>		7,955.16	1,755.94	6,760.16