

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler. Councilman Tom Burrell and Attorney for the Town, Tal Rappleyea, were not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Kelley Williams. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden 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.

Correspondence

Notice received from NYS Ag & Markets of a satisfactory DCO Report.

Old Business

Planning/Zoning Board – Patricia DeLong has been hired as the new Planning & Zoning Boards Secretary following the resignation of Tana Williams.

ARPA Funding: Supervisor Knott reported that the 2nd half of the ARPA funds has been released.

Fire District Map – Supervisor Knott reported that there had been a redraw of the fire districts map. Chuck Stiffler explained that when the Stuyvesant Fire District changed the protection district plan (about 10 years ago) with Schodack Landing, the maps should have been redrawn then. Since that time there has been issues with Fire District elections and it will be solved with the new map drawing. He further explained that both Stuyvesant and Stuyvesant Falls Fire Districts have okayed the map. Supervisor Knott thanked Don Meltz at the County GIS Office for his work on the map.

The following resolution was presented to the Board for a vote:

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD
July 14, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant previously dissolved three Fire Protection Districts and merged them into one single district entitled Stuyvesant Fire District # 1; and

WHEREAS, in order to finalize the merger, a map of the District is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby adopts the maps as prepared by Don Meltz, dated 3-23-2022 and presented to the Town Board as the official map of the Stuyvesant Fire District # 1.

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

Dated: July 14, 2022

RFP for Town Liability Insurance – Supervisor Knott explained that while it’s not required, the Board had previously put out an RFP for Liability Insurance 5 years ago. He is recommended that we put another RFP out to make sure we are getting the best value. A motion was made by Kelley Williams to prepare and ask for RFPs from insurance companies for the Town’s Liability Insurance. The motion was seconded by David Quinn and was approved by unanimous vote.

New Computers – Supervisor Knott reported that he had asked for a quote from Edmunds GovTech to replace the computers in the Assessor’s and Building Dept. Offices.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Reports are on file.

Recreation Committee: Kelley Williams reported that the Committee met and there was a question as to whether the Board’s decision to purchase a pre-fab

gazebo could be reversed so it could be built by volunteers. The Board said the order had been placed and cannot be cancelled. Supervisor Knott explained that 95% of the building is made with recycled product of wood/plastic.

Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported that he has the pea stone for the playground and it will be installed soon.

Environmental Management Council: In Christian Sweningson's absence Lee Jamison reviewed his report. The written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

There will be a Climate Carnival on July 16th at the County Fairgrounds in Chatham from 10am to 4pm.

Dog Control Officer: One dog had been surrendered.

Kinderhook Memorial Library: Lee Jamison reported that there would not be a 414 Resolution this year.

Office for the Aging – No report

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported:

- They had paved over 1 mile on Ridge Road where there was damage from the Transco project;
- They had helped in Ghent with roadside mowing;
- Found damage at the Sand Bar – 1 table was destroyed, 1 table was vandalized with graffiti, there were 8 large bags of trash left, and there was graffiti on the new fishing pier;
- Albany Engineering is working on an access road for a kayak launch above the dam.

Lee Jamison asked about a new road for Hummel Park on Sharptown Road. Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported that work had begun and the surveyor had staked out the project. It will be 30' – 35' off of the property line. They will be working at the playgrounds in the coming week then will be working on the road. Supervisor Knott added that this will also help with drainage.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that the final roll had been filed in the Town Clerk's Office on July 1st.

Planning / Zoning Boards: Supervisor Knott reported that the ZBA expected a busy meeting in July.

Historian: Cathy Knott reported that the 2023 Committee had met and are getting ideas together to celebrate the Bicentennial. Juanita is asking for more committee members and there will be 4 events spread over the year.

Cemetery – David Quinn reported that he is working on procedures for deed purchases and a new standardized deed.

Building Department: Report is on file.

Broadband Committee: No report. Lee Jamison reported that there hasn't been a meeting. There is a start up group in Hudson looking to expand in to the County called "Unity Now". One member of the group in Newton Hook is experimenting with Star Link. Supervisor Knott reported that there is nothing new at the County level.

County Government

Supervisor Knott repeated that the Climate Carnival will be held at the County Fairgrounds on July 16th from 10 to 4.

The Board had received emails regarding the new laws about Sexual Harassment Training.

The Board is exploring a local law regarding school bus cameras on the swing arm to catch illegally passing cars. There was a presentation from Dutchess County.

The Board passed a Resolution regarding mortgage tax distribution – Stuyvesant's share will be \$33,823.

The Sales Tax distribution is being recalculated, a lot of spending in NYC.

New Business

Supervisor Knott presented an amended Organizational Chart updating the mileage rate from .58/mile to .62/mile per IRS changes. A motion to adopt the updated Chart was made by David Quinn. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott reported that Mike Stasi had submitted a letter of interest in the vacant alternate position on the Planning Board. A motion to appoint Mr. Stasi was made by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Lee Jamison asked about the dredging proposed at the river. She said outside of the channel is a big lump of riprap in the middle of the river and that we should request a public hearing. Supervisor Knott said he had emailed and called the Army Corps of Engineers and DEC. DEC will review and get back to him with information. Supervisor Knott said we could ask for a public hearing. Charles Stiffler said the work is being done on the west side of the channel.

Railroad Station Committee – There will be a blueberry waffle brunch on July 24th from 10am – 2pm at the Depot.

Board Comments

No comments

Public Comments

Bob Ihlenberg (Sharptown Road) commented on the traffic speeding on Sharptown Road and asked if there was anything that could be done. Supervisor Knott said he will reach out to the Sheriff’s Dept. and the Troopers Barracks to ask for more patrols and will ask to borrow one of the electronic speed signs.

Lee Jamison (Riverview St.) asked if the ARPA money was going to some of the projects in Town. Supervisor Knott replied yes, to the driveway, the pavilion and that there were other proposed projects being considered. She asked if the money could purchase a digital traffic sign. Supervisor Knott said he looked at smaller solar signs on poles and will get prices on movable ones.

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 7:51pm.

The following is the abstract of Vouchers presented for payment at the July 14, 2022 meeting:

	<i>July 2022</i>			LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
22-236	CDPHP Universal Benefits	9060.8	645.19		1,290.38
22-237	National Grid (\$1486.61)	5182.4		712.56	
				756.05	
22-238	National Grid	1620.4	28.28		

22-239	National Grid	5132.4	182.22		
22-240	Marlin Leasing Corporation (\$230.43)	1410.4	75.87		
			154.56		
22-241	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	965.00		
22-242	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	100.00		
22-243	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	1620.41	203.79		
22-244	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
22-245	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	230.00		
22-246	Repeat Business Systems (\$73.43)	1410.4	12.79		
		5132.4	5.45		
		1620.41	50.38		
22-247	Redishred Acquisition, Inc. DBA ProShred	1410.4	30.00		
22-248	New York State Town Clerk's Assoc	1410.4	85.00		
22-249	County Waste	5132.4	190.50		
22-250	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.74		
22-251	Culligan	5132.4	30.09		
22-252	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	12.00		
22-253	A Colarusso Quarry Company	7110.4	3,687.03		
		5110.4			804.33
22-254	CCA of TS	5110.4			100.00
22-255	Speeds Garage	5110.4			850.00
22-256	Lowe's	5110.4			79.68
22-257	Bob Boll Excavating	5110.4			265.20
22-258	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			96.72
22-259	Max S. Wood Equipment, Inc.	5130.4			253.68
22-260	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equipment Co., Inc.	5130.4			87.35
22-261	Allegiance Trucks	5130.4			148.09
22-262	Salem Farm Supply	5130.4			208.37
	7-Jul-22		6,773.59	1,468.61	4,183.80
22-263	Columbia Greene Humane Society, Inc.	3510.4	\$ 70.00		
22-264	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$117.95)	1355.4	44.26		
		8010.4	36.82		
		8020.4	36.87		
22-265	Staples, Inc. (\$71.49)	1220.4	31.84		
		1410.4	39.65		
22-266	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	294.95		
22-267	Visa	5132.4	99.85		
22-268	SL Empire Solar I, LLC	1620.4	208.82		

22-269	Visa	5010.4	527.65		
22-270	Carlos Araoz	1110.4	60.00		
22-271	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff Dept)	1110.4	129.99		
22-272	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	TA61	506.33		
22-273	Roddy Niesen	5110.4			6,500.00
22-274	Valley Paving & Construction, Inc.	5112.2			182,264.10
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22-275	Valley Paving & Construction, Inc.	5112.2			56,320.00
22-276	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4			93.10
22-277	Main Care Energy	5110.4			1,120.35
	14-Jul-22		2,087.03	-	246,697.55
	July Totals		8,860.62	1,468.61	250,881.35
	* 2nd check issued due to clerical error				