

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 9, 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.

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

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

Correspondence

Notice received from CDPHP of a rate increase – will be between 3 – 10%

Letter from NYSEERDA regarding awards given to large solar projects. One was given to ELP, the company with an application pending before the Planning Board. The State will purchase the energy credits.

Old Business

Equalization Rate: Supervisor Knott reported that the Town had been notified that NYS had determined our equalization rate to be 79%. The Board discussed that this is due to sales prices being so far over assessed values.

Spring Trash Day – The day was a big success. The cost for the containers was \$3184 and we received \$1376 for the mental collected.

Stuyvesant/Stockport Seniors – The group reported that they continue to meet and are trying to schedule some trips.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Reports are on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that taxes will be returned to the County on June 14th. The collection period ended with a 91% rate.

Melissa Naegeli requested that the Town host another Community Night in the Fall, based on the success of the one in May. The Board discussed different options and it was agreed to hold another Community Night Vendor Fair & Cruise In on Saturday, October 8th 3-8pm. Melissa will begin contacting past vendors.

Recreation Committee: Kelley Williams reported that the Committee met on May 19th and have agreed to not move equipment at the Stuyvesant Falls playground. Some of the equipment will need to be rehabbed.

A 12' x 14' gazebo has been ordered for the Stuyvesant Falls playground. The Committee is exploring ideas for "tween" equipment. Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported that he has ordered the pea stone for under the equipment and is waiting for a call back regarding the tennis court at the Stuyvesant Landing playground.

Kelley Williams also reported that there are 28 children registered for the Kinderhook Town Playground program.

The next meeting will be June 16th at 6:30pm.

Environmental Management Council: There was no report. Christian Sweningson was reappointed by the County Board of Supervisors to the Council as the Stuyvesant representative.

Dog Control Officer: No report.

Kinderhook Memorial Library: Christian Sweningson reported on Lee Jamison's behalf that a plastic film (bags, bubble wrap, etc.) recycling program has begun. When they reach 500lbs they will purchase a bench for the grounds.

Office for the Aging – No report

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported:

- Paving on Hollow Road;
- 1st round of road side mowing done;
- Crew is helping with paving in other towns;

- During the week of June 20th they will mill out and pave on Ridge Road

Cathy Knott thanked the Highway Department for trimming around the Town Hall and cleaning up.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that Grievance Day was quiet. There was 1 stipulation made and 1 form submitted for review.

Planning / Zoning Boards: Supervisor Knott reported that due to the Primary Election, the Planning Board meeting will be moved. The Zoning Board meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday.

Historian: The 2023 Celebration Committee met and there will be 4 days of celebrations throughout 2023, they are looking at April, July, Sept/Oct, and December

Cemetery – David Quinn everything is quiet and thanked the Highway Department for the mowing.

Building Department: Report is on file.

Broadband Committee: No report

Railroad Station – There will be a celebration for Father's Day on June 12th from 10am – 2pm – Belgian waffles will be served.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the County Household Hazardous Waste Day had 900 cars. The Solid Waste Department will plan for 2 next year as well. He added that moving the event to the Fire Training area in Commerce Park helped a lot with the traffic.

Supervisor Knott reported that that the Board of Supervisors had approved the purchase of a digester for the County.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Summer Youth program is available for kids enrolled in college in the Fall. If anyone is interested, please contact him.

The Fire Training Center Dedication to P.J. Keeler was a good day.

Discussions about a 911 addition are being held. With a \$500,000 grant from Didi Barrett the Board voted to hire an Engineer.

The Board of Supervisors just reached a negotiations agreement with the largest union contract in the County.

The Board recognized and awarded a plaque to the ICC Boys' Basketball team for their being the State Champions.

The Board is reviewing the current transportation plan of county-run buses and the health care consortium services. Considering where transportation will be needed going forward.

New Business

Supervisor Knott said they will recall the Zoning Revision Committee to address language for Accessory Dwelling Units or “tiny houses”.

Supervisor Knott presented to the Board Budget Amendment #2:

	INCREASE	DECREASE
Revenue: Highway Fund DA5112.4 Per Highway Improvement	\$80,000.00	
Appropriations: Fund Balance -- Highway		\$80,000
TOTAL:		\$80,000

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

Board Comments

Upcoming Events:

- 6/15 @ 6:30pm -- ELP Solar Meeting – Company public information meeting

Public Comments

There was a question as to when the Planning Board meeting would be rescheduled to. Supervisor Knott explained that the Planning Board Chair Tim Hotaling was reaching out to the members to check availability. The information will be posted as soon as its finalized.

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 7:40pm.

The following is the abstract of Vouchers presented for payment at the June 9, 2022 meeting:

	<i>June 2022</i>			LIGHTS	
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
22-188	Matthew Signs	1620.4	2,347.38		
22-189	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$1935.57)	9060.8	645.19		1,290.38
22-190	Charter Communications	5132.4	586.60		
22-191	Charter Communications	1620.4	779.86		
22-192	SL Empire Solar I, LLC	1620.4	169.82		
22-193	National Grid	1620.4	2,715.06		
22-194	National Grid	5132.4	117.48		
22-195	National Grid	1620.4	26.38		
22-196	National Grid (\$1567.27)	5182.4		761.92	
				805.35	
22-197	Carlos Araoz	1110.4	90.00		
22-198	Derick LaTorre	1355.4	48.00		
22-199	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	48.00		
22-200	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	48.00		
22-201	Carrie A O'Hare	1110.4	70.00		
22-202	Repeat Business Systems (\$146.61)	1410.4	69.90		
		5132.4	5.45		
		1620.41	71.26		
22-203	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	606.00		
22-204	Columbia County Treasurer - Solid Waste	8160.4	3,184.68		
22-205	Smith Well Drilling, Inc.	5132.4	1,954.05		
22-206	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	49.96		
22-206	County Waste	5132.4	190.50		
22-207	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.74		
22-208	J.C. Smith, Inc.	7110.4	1,080.00		
22-209	Marlin Leasing Corp. (\$264.99)	1410.4	87.25		
		1620.4	177.74		
22-210	Main Care Energy	5132.4	636.33		
	Main Care Energy	5110.4			4,683.04
22-211	Saubier's Awning Shop	5110.4			82.50
22-212	ACP Power Equipment, Inc.	5130.4			99.35

22-213	Cargill, Inc.	5142.4			10,168.42
	<i>2-Jun-22</i>		15,867.63	1,567.27	16,323.69
22-214	SL Empire Solar I, LLC	1620.4	\$ 220.80		
22-215	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	278.11		
22-216	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	TA61	1,093.75		
22-217	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,875.00		
22-218	Edmunds GovTech (\$1794.00)	1410.4	309.00		
		1620.41	1,485.00		
22-219	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	67.97		
22-220	Visa (\$483.38)	5132.4	362.96		
		7510.4	120.40		
22-221	J.C. Smith, Inc.	7110.4	25.00		
22-222	Wex Bank	7110.4	150.54		
22-223	Culligan	5132.4	30.09		
22-224	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	61.38		
	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			38.58
22-225	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4			95.60
22-226	Max S. Wood Equipment, Inc.	5130.4			71.28
22-227	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip Co., Inc.	5130.4			80.00
22-228	Salem Farm Supply	5130.4			49.12
22-229	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	5130.4			50.48
22-230	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			211.37
22-231	Village Dodge	5130.4			557.23
22-232	ACP Power Equipment, Inc.	5130.4			135.33
22-233	Visa	5130.4			81.39
22-234	Mitchison & Sons, Inc.	5110.4			2,000.00
22-235	Colarusso Blacktop	DA5112.4			77,560.85
	<i>10-Jun-22</i>		6,080.00	-	80,931.23
	June Totals		21,947.63	1,567.27	97,254.92