

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
August 4, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2022. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; and Attorney for the Town, Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Tom Burrell was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Paul Wied, a former Town Board Member and Town Justice.

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

***Correspondence***

There was no correspondence to report.

***Old Business***

*New Computers* – New computers are being delivered and installed on Tuesday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> for the Building Dept. and Assessor’s Office.

*Budget 2023* – Budget Worksheets are out to Department heads with a return date of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

*RFP for Insurance* – The RFPs have been sent out to area insurance agents with a return date of August 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Speed Sign Request* – There was a request for an electronic speed sign for Sharptown Road. Supervisor Knott asked the Town of Kinderhook to borrow theirs and it’s not working right now. We are waiting to hear back from the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office for a sign. The cost to purchase one for the town would be between \$8,000 - \$10,000.

## **Reports**

*Town Clerk/Tax Collector:* Reports are on file.

*Recreation Committee:* Kelley Williams reported that the gazebo purchased for the Stuyvesant Falls Playground is in place and the pea stone around the base is complete. Supervisor Knott added that benches or tables are needed for the gazebo. The Board is considering they either be built by volunteers or purchased.

23 children attended the Town of Kinderhook playground program.

*Environmental Management Council:* No report.

*Dog Control Officer:* No report

*Kinderhook Memorial Library:* Supervisor Knott reported that he had received census findings from Gary Spielman. He has the report if anyone would like to see it.

*Office for the Aging –* No report

*Highway Department:* Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported:

- Cleaned up playgrounds, the biggest mess was around the jungle gym at the Stuyvesant Falls Playground;
- Looking for someone to seal the tennis courts;
- Took 3 trees down at the Landing playground. Supervisor Knott added that 80% of one of the trees was hollow;
- Ordering new poles and nets for the tennis court;
- New backboards are needed in Stuyvesant Falls;
- The new tractor will be delivered on Monday or Tuesday.

*Assessor's Office:* Cathy Knott reported that things were quiet and reminded everyone about exemptions for Veterans and those over 65 years old.

*Planning / Zoning Boards:* Supervisor Knott reported Tim Hotaling, Chairman of the Planning Board, held a good meeting explaining the process of Planning Board review. Supervisor Knott also reported that the ZBA will hold determination hearings and a public hearing on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Historian:* Cathy Knott reported that there are discussions for the 2023 celebrations and there would be no Historic Stuyvesant Day celebration

this year. Information will be coming soon on the website and facebook about the Bicentennial plans for next year.

*Cemetery* – David Quinn is still working on the new deed. Melissa asked if there were spreadsheet programs available to track lot sales. David said yes there were.

*Building Department:* Report is on file.

*Broadband Committee:* No report, no meeting held.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott repeated that the CGCC budget is projected to be \$3.5M, a \$200,000 increase.

New generator and monitoring system for vaccine storage at the Health Dept., upgrades to HVAC and lighting to DMV, the Records and Clerk's Offices.

Supervisor Knott is getting prices for DSS to participate in the Smart Watt program.

### **New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that Tal Rapplyea had recused himself from working on the ELP Solar Project application before the Planning & Zoning Boards. David Quinn made a motion to appoint Craig Crist, Esq. as special counsel for the ELP Proposed project. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott will sign the contract.

Melissa Naegeli gave an update about the Autumn Community Night being planned for October.

### **Board Comments**

No comments

### **Public Comments**

Lee Jamison reported that there will be a Corn Fest held at the Train Station on August 21<sup>st</sup> 11am-3pm. She also reported that the brunches held during the summer had brought in just under \$500.

Lee Jamison asked about the dredging at Ferry Road. She said she had contacted the project person who said they are not using Ferry Road for staging

or dumping but couldn't answer any questions about a timeframe. Supervisor Knott said he believes they are working on the ripwrap around the base of the old lighthouse. PCBs do not accumulate on the top of the ripwrap.

Bob Ihlenberg thanked the Board for following up on the speed sign on Sharptown Road and asked why the police couldn't sit up there. Supervisor Knott said he could make the request.

Paul Cassidy thanked the Board for their attention to the 2 large proposed projects in Town and asked that the Zoning Law be reviewed for language regarding lodging projects.

Lee Jamison added that there should be a differentiation between short term housing and affordable housing. She said there was approval for an additional 75 homes on Summerset Road, some for over 55 some not.

Rachel Samuelson asked about kayak launching sites. Supervisor Knott reported that they could be launched at Ice House Road and in Stuyvesant Falls above the dam. Maggie Pino added that kayaks could be launched at the Stuyvesant Landing launch.

Cathy Knott asked for permission to host the Annual Children's Halloween Party on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 3pm. A motion to approved the request was made by Kelley Williams and was seconded by Brian Chittenden. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Maggie Pino commented that Tony Link is doing a very good job at the Firwood Cemetery.

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

The following is the abstract of Vouchers approved for August, 2022:

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
22-278	Backyard Sheds (P.O. #22-01)	7110.4	13,025.00		
22-279	Tal G. Rapplelea	TA62	687.50		
22-280	National Grid (\$1646.59)	5182.4		800.81	
				845.78	
22-281	Charter Communications	5132.4	293.49		
22-282	Charter Communications	1620.4	389.93		
22-283	National Grid	5132.4	220.96		
22-284	National Grid	1620.4	28.93		
22-285	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
22-286	Repeat Business Systems (\$59.91)	1410.4	16.35		
		5132.4	5.45		
		1620.41	38.11		
22-287	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	39.08		
22-288	Sicker, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPAs	1320.4	500.00		
22-289	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	39.00		
22-290	Town of Kinderhook	7310.4	3,450.00		
22-291	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	152.37		
22-292	Troy Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	7110.4	981.75		
22-293	Wex Bank	7110.4	191.40		
22-294	Mario's Home Center	7110.4	358.97		
22-295	County Waste	5132.4	200.02		
22-296	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.89		
22-297	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	49.96		
22-298	Marlin Leasing Corporation (\$264.99)	1410.4	87.25		
		1620.41	177.74		
22-299	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	307.75		
22-300	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$1935.57)	9060.8	645.19		1,290.38
22-301	Capital Equipment Service	5110.4			405.47
22-302	Max S. Wood Equipment, Inc.	5130.4			64.38
22-303	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			345.37
22-304	J.C. Smith, Inc.	5130.4			554.50
22-305	Tolls by Mail	5110.4			4.73
22-306	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			2,535.73
22-307	Core & Main LP	5130.4			47.74
22-308	Salem Farm Supply	5130.2			54,998.24
22-309	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			19.96
	4-Aug-22		21971.79	1646.59	60,266.50

22-310	Matthew Signs	1620.4	2,638.98		
22-311	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	2,484.10		
22-312	Visa	7110.4	123.96		
22-313	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	205.00		
22-314	NYSMA	1110.4	75.00		
22-315	The Saratoga Hilton	1110.4	889.26		
22-316	Staples, Inc. (\$562.80)	8010.4	226.55		
		8020.4	226.56		
		1410.4	2.36		
		1355.4	2.36		
		1110.4	104.97		
22-317	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq. (\$1406.25)	TA61	500.00		
		TA62	906.25		
22-318	Culligan	5132.4	30.09		
22-319	Lowe's	5132.4	179.55		
22-320	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4			95.60
22-321	Salem Farm Supply, Inc.	5130.4			134.40
22-322	Main Care Energy	5110.4			2,627.47
22-323	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip Co., Inc.	5130.4			48.75
22-324	ACP Power Equipment, Inc.	5130.4			7.47
22-325	CarQuest of Valatie, Inc.	5130.4			181.05
22-326	SL Empire Solar LLC	1620.4	229.62		
	15-Aug-22		8,824.61	-	3,094.74
	August Totals		30,796.40	1,646.59	63,361.24