

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

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, and Tom Burrall; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum; and Attorney-for-the-Town Tal Rappleyea.

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

Correspondence

- A letter from the NYS Department of Ag & Markets notifying us that we are in compliance;
- Letter from Assemblyman Scott Bendett introducing himself as our new Assemblyman;
- Letter from Transco with an update. They are pretty much finished here and are working south;
- A letter from the Friends of the Rail Trail with a report of activities and a request for funding;
- An email was received from Marilyn Burch resigning her position as Office for the Aging Delegate.

Budget Amendment

Supervisor Knott presented to the Board proposed Budget Amendment #1:

	Increase	Decrease
Revenue		
A3040		6,620.65
DA3040		25,439.90
Appropriations		
A1620.4	6,620.65	
DA5130.2	25,439.90	
Total	\$32,060.55	

Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to take a Roll Call Vote. The Amendment was adopted by unanimous vote.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Reports on file.

Recreation Committee: Kelley Williams reported that it’s been quiet.

David Quinn reported that he had been contacted by someone interested in building and donating bluebird houses for the Hummel Park. The gentleman’s name is Rudy Foutch. After Board discussion, Councilman Quinn will contact Mr. Foutch and ask him to proceed.

Environmental Management Council: The draft minutes of the January 2023 meeting are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Highlights were presented by Lee Jamison in Christian Sweningson’s absence:

- Chairman O’Hara stated that the County Solarized Program has run its course and summarized the Solar Program – 6 or 7 towns in the County participated;
- The Committee had an update on the Home Grown National Park Program. It is a grassroots movement to increase pollinator gardening around the country;
- Zero Waste Columbia – Austerlitz will hold a small scale repair café on March 4th at their Town Hall.

Dog Control Officer: No report

Kinderhook Memorial Library: Lee Jamison reported that 2 people will be nominated from Stuyvesant for the Board.

There will be a Health Clinic for migrants at the St. Joseph's Church on March 26th.

Friends of the Library will start accepting book donations on March 5th.

The are restarting the canopy streaming services and movies and audio programs will be available at no charge. Carol Leber reported there will be a 2nd free streaming service.

Climate Smart Committee: Kathryn Schneider reported that the Committee will begin meeting once a month. Two programs will be running – the Climate Smart Community and the Clean Energy Community (run by NYSEERDA). She reported they had met with the area liaison and are making progress on this new program. The Town is ahead by having the Solar Permit Application ready and Kevin Haberland, CEO, has already attended the training. The Committee is looking at documenting changes already made.

Supervisor Knott asked if the Board had to do a Resolution formally to do the Clean Energy Community Program. Mrs. Schneider replied that she would check into that.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum reported the Department is:

- Getting prices for the new truck;
- Repairing the wings on the trucks;
- Repairing the sign and kiosk at the Park

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

Supervisor Knott reported that at the end of December 2022 NYS passed a Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Exemption and to raise the salary cap for Aged Exemptions. The Town has to adopt the exemptions by Local Law. The County is looking at the local fiscal impacts.

Planning / Zoning Boards: Supervisor Knott reported that the Planning Board had a good meeting with the Engineers. The ZBA may take action this month. Supervisor Knott commended the Boards.

Historian: Cathy Knott reported that the Committee will meet on February 16th. The first event is scheduled in April and there will be additional events in July, September, and December

Cemetery: David Quinn reported that he is working with a family to have a new foundation and monument installed. A

Additional copies of the cemetery map have been made and Melissa Naegeli will take a set to the Safe Deposit Box at the Bank.

Building Department: Report is on file.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: Lee Jamison reported that brickwork is being done. Supervisor Knott added that the work is being paid for with money that has been raised through the various fundraising activities.

Zoning Revision Committee: Kelley Williams reported that the Committee began meeting again in January. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 6:30pm

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had reviewed a power point on future planning for EV chargers and will try to get a copy of the file for the Climate Smart Committee.

Engineering continues for the new 911 Center.

Energy Upgrades at DSS continue, they are working on Air Conditioning and new heat pumps.

Bridge Scoring for BridgeNY funding – Supervisor Knott is on a team of 6 people reviewing applications. \$3M will be staying in Columbia County.

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – engineering contract is waiting on NYS DOT approval.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with members of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and Business Forward regarding Town businesses.

Supervisor Knott presented a proposed Resolution to Adopt the New York State Unified Solar Permit. We have included it in our Zoning Law but it wasn't being used. We are now using it and it's on the website for people to download. Supervisor Knott asked Melissa Naegeli to take a Roll Call Vote. The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 yeas and 1 absent (Kelley Williams was absent at the time of the vote).

A draft RFP for HVAC System was presented to the Board. Supervisor Knott explained we want to upgrade to high efficiency heat pumps and that the gas would be used as a backup.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had received quotes from two companies to revamp the website. He and Melissa Naegeli met with Trevellyn.biz and it is their recommendation to hire this company at a cost of \$9500 for a new website. A motion to approve the hire was made by David Quinn. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote (Kelley Williams was absent during the vote). Supervisor Knott said if the public has any suggestions to please send them in. Kathryn Schneider asked if a Climate Smart Page could be added.

Board Comments

Supervisor Knott reported that the Accountant is working on the Annual Report.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison – Riversweep will be May 6th 11am – 2pm. She asked if trash day could be held on the same day again. Supervisor Knott will contact Jolene Race, Columbia County Solid Waste, to schedule Trash Day.

Ms. Jamison asked what the Ag & Markets Municipal Shelter report was (as referenced during the correspondence). Supervisor Knott replied that it is a regular inspection of the shelter services we contract with.

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

The abstract of Vouchers presented for payment at the February 9, 2023 meeting:

	February 2023			LIGHTS		
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY	ESCROW
23-27	CDPHP Universal Benefits	9060.8	697.37		1,394.74	
23-28	National Grid (\$3066.15)	5182.4		1,483.12		
				1,583.03		
23-29	Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC	TA61				877.50
23-30	Charter Communications	1620.4	389.93			
23-31	Charter Communications	5132.4	293.30			
23-32	National Grid	5132.4	263.39			
23-33	National Grid	1620.4	22.70			
23-34	National Grid	1620.4	31.20			
23-35	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	337.45			
23-36	Marlin Leasing Corporation	1620.41	154.56			
23-37	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	600.00			
23-38	RBT CPAs, LLP (\$1926.90)	1110.4	1,415.97			
		1320.4	510.93			
23-39	Honorable Holly Tanner	1355.4	60.00			
23-40	Johnson Newspaper Corporation	8010.4	85.00			
23-41	Gabbit, LLC (\$2682.89)	1620.41	1,673.06			
		5132.4	1,009.83			
23-42	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	109.41			
23-43	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.63			
23-44	Edmunds Gov Tech	1620.41	1,200.00			
23-45	Main Care Energy	5132.4	1,566.37			
	Main Care Energy	5130.41			3,296.66	
23-46	Lowe's	5130.4			620.69	
23-47	Visa	5130.4			582.98	
23-48	Cargill, Inc.	5142.4			2,265.32	
23-49	Morbark's	5130.4			50,879.80	
23-50	Allegiance at Upper Hudson Valley LLC	5130.4			355.91	
	2-Feb-23		10,483.10	3,066.15	59,396.10	877.50
23-51	Visa	7550.4	458.84			
23-52	E Biz Docs, Inc.	1110.4	720.00			
23-53	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq. (\$	1420.4	1,687.50			
		TA62				937.50
23-54	ProPrinters	8810.4	57.67			

23-55	Carlos Araoz	1110.4	70.00			
23-56	NYSAMCC, Inc., Membership Chr	1110.4	60.00			
23-57	Columbia County Treasurer	1110.4	184.29			
23-58	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	777.71			
23-59	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	1,533.00			
23-60	Marlin Leasing Corporation	1410.4	163.12			
23-61	Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC	TA61	2,587.50			
23-62	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4	85.00			
23-63	RBT CPAs, LLP	1320.4	1,240.00			
23-64	Staples, Inc. (\$470.88)	1110.4	322.07			
		1410.4	119.16			
		7510.4	25.78			
		1335.4	3.87			
23-65	County Waste	5132.4	220.02			
23-66	Nassau Country Value	5110.4			133.43	
23-67	Inner City Tire	5110.4			999.36	
23-68	Winter Equipment Company	5130.4			1,309.60	
23-69	CarQuest of Valatie, Inc.	5130.4			197.71	
	2/9/2023		10,315.53	-	2,640.10	937.50
	<i>February Totals</i>		20,798.63	3,066.15	62,036.20	1815.00