

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 13, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams and David Quinn; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Deputy Superintendent Joe Scrum; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Brian Chittenden was not in attendance. Councilman Tom Burrall came to the meeting late.

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 David Quinn 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***

There was no correspondence to report.

***Old Business***

*Insurance RFPs* – Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had decided to go with Fingar Insurance with a savings.

*Resignation of Charles Stiffler* – With the resignation of Charles Stiffler accepted by the Board, Supervisor Knott presented the following Resolution to appoint Joe Scrum as the interim Highway Superintendent:

**RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD  
October 13, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stuyvesant Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler retired from that position as of October 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deputy Superintendent Joseph Scrum has discharged the duties of Highway Superintendent since the date of such retirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolves to accept the retirement of Charles Stiffler as of October 1, 2022 with great regret and much gratitude for all of his years of excellent service; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby appoints Joseph Scrum as Town Highway Superintendent.

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

**Motion Carried 10-13-2022**  
**Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC**

*Special Attorney:* Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had to hire another special counsel for the ELP proposed project following the resignation of Mr. Crist. The Board has hired Chris Langois, of Girvin & Ferlazzo PC.

*Health Insurance* – Supervisor Knott reported that we have renewed with CDPHP after reviewing various options. There will be an 8.9% increase in the premiums.

*Telephone System* – Supervisor Knott explained that the Town had switched from Spectrum to Fluent Voice and had a new system installed. Fluent Voice has been bought out by Gabbit. He is working on getting the billing straightened out. He is also looking at upgrading the alarm system at the Town Hall.

## **Reports**

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

*Recreation Committee:* Kelley Williams reported that things were pretty quiet.

*Environmental Management Council:* No report

*Dog Control Officer:* All has been quiet.

*Office for the Aging* – No report.

*Highway Department:* Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum reported:

- They have finished the road at Hummel Park and are working on the shoulders;
- There were 3 dumpsters and 1 metal dumpster at Trash Day;
- Hired another employee, Ricky Smith;
- They will begin putting up snow fence next week and are getting the trucks ready for Winter.

*Assessor's Office:* Cathy Knott reported it's been fairly quiet. Exemption renewals will be mailed in November and will be due back by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Planning / Zoning Boards:* Supervisor Knott reported that both boards have been active.

*Historian:* Cathy Knott reported that there are tentative dates for the 2023 Bicentennial Celebrations in April, July, September, and December

*Cemetery* – David Quinn reported that he had a request for a memorial installation and they are working on the layout.

*Building Department:* No report

*Broadband Committee:* No report

*Railroad Station Committee:* No report.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that design work money has been approved by the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge and Request for Qualifications have been sent out, the Committee is reviewing the replies.

The County is working hard to stay at or below the 2% tax cap but it is challenging.

The Engineering Department has been busy at the Greenport Solid Waste station; they are bringing in a digester; and working on buildings and upgrading the roads.

The Columbia County DMV/Clerk's Office, Real Property & Treasurer's Office upgrade project is going on at a cost of \$2 Million.

## ***New Business***

*Building Custodian* – Supervisor Knott asked the Board appoint Michelle Doyle as the new Building Custodian. He explained that Joe Scrum had been doing the job but couldn't now because of his new position. Kelley Williams made a motion to appoint Michelle Doyle to Building Custodian. The motion was seconded by David Quinn and was approved by unanimous vote.

*Speed Sign* – Supervisor Knott reported that Stuyvesant Falls near the VFW has asked for a Sheriff's sign for speeding. Supervisor Knott said he would like to purchase a solar powered "Your Speed Is" sign that we can buy and the County would install. A motion to purchase was made by Kelley Williams. The motion as seconded by David Quinn and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott will put in the request to the County Highway Dept.

Supervisor review the highlights of the Town's Tentative Budget. A Public Hearing was set for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Copies of the Tentative Budget will be available in the Town Clerk's Office or on the website.

## ***Board Comments***

Melissa Naegeli gave a report about the Community Night that was held at the Town Hall on October 8<sup>th</sup>. While it was a smaller event than the Spring, there were some different vendors like the NYSP Helicopter landing in the playground. She thanked everyone who participated and who helped make the evening a success.

## ***Public Comments***

Mindy Stockman thanked the Highway Department for cleaning up the spilled nails on the road.

John Morgan asked if he could get a copy of the Building Department Report. Supervisor Knott said he could get a copy from Kevin Haberland.

Cathy Knott reminded everyone that the Halloween Party would be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and asked for volunteers. She added that the Town Hall would be decorated on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by David Quinn. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

The following is the abstract of Vouchers presented for payment at the September 8, 2022 meeting:

	<b>October 2022</b>			<b>LIGHTS</b>	
<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>LND/FALLS</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>
22-365	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$1935.57)	9060.8	1,290.38		645.19
22-366	National Grid (\$2041.49)	5182.4		990.32	
				1,051.17	
22-367	Charter Communications	5132.4	293.30		
22-368	Charter Communications	1620.4	389.93		
22-369	Gabbit, LLC	1620.41	399.90		
22-370	Marlin Leasing Corporation (\$242.18)	1410.4	116.81		
		1620.41	125.37		
22-371	Repeat Business Systems (818.35)	1410.4	264.33		
		5132.4	7.47		
		1620.41	546.55		
22-372	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	106.95		
22-373	National Grid	5132.4	272.33		
22-374	National Grid	1620.4	25.74		
22-375	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
22-376	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	1620.41	203.79		
22-377	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	140.54		
22-378	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	8010.4	82.04		
22-379	RBT CPAs, LLP	1320.4	1,365.00		
22-380	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	404.50		
22-381	Visa	1620.41	16.19		
22-382	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	240.00		
22-383	County Waste	5132.4	200.02		
22-384	Verison Wireless	5010.4	62.79		
22-385	Visa	5130.4			578.78
22-386	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			108.51
22-387	Monroe Tractor & Impl. Co.	5130.4			162.51
22-388	Main Care Energy	5110.4			2,547.72
22-389	Dolan's Welding & Repair	5130.4			80.00
22-390	Countryside Glass Company	5130.4			350.00
22-391	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4			95.60
22-392	Wex Bank	7110.4	484.51		

	6-Oct-22		7,061.14	2,041.49	4,568.31
22-393	Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC	1420.4	1,822.50		
22-394	Fingar Insurance	1910.4	21,522.88		
22-395	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	812.50		
		TA62	625.00		
22-396	SL Empire Solar I, LLC	1620.4	162.12		
22-397	Staples, Inc. (\$417.29)	1410.4	55.62		
		7510.4	257.68		
		3620.4	103.99		
22-398	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	215.00		
22-399	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	398.75		
22-400	Columbia County Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	1,595.57		
22-401	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	140.82		
22-402	A Colarusso Quarry Company	5110.4			1,099.35
22-403	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			343.82
	13-Oct-22		27,712.43	-	1,443.17
	October Totals		34,773.57	2,041.49	6,011.48