

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, and Tom Burrall; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Deputy Superintendent Joe Scrum; 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 Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to pay the vouchers as submitted was made by Tom Burrall. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Letter from VRS regarding policy changes. The letter will be on file.

Old Business

Sharptown Road Speed: Supervisor Knott reported that he had received the data report from the Sheriff's Department electronic speed monitor that had been on Sharptown Road following a concern from a resident. The full report is available but the synopsis was after a week there were 4,329 cars with 315 over the speed limit.

Insurance RFPs – Supervisor Knott reported that RFPs were received from 2 companies. Additional information was requested of both applicants, the Board will make decision soon.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Reports are on file. Melissa Naegeli reminded everyone that the Autumn Community Night & Cruise In will be October 8th at the Town Hall.

Recreation Committee: Kelley Williams reported that things were pretty quiet. The building at the playground in Stuyvesant Falls is being used and the Committee is looking for seating and/or table & benches. The pea stone has but put in place.

Environmental Management Council: In Christian Sweningson's absence, Lee Jamison gave his report with highlights:

- Climate Smart Communities Report – New Lebanon's heat pump campaign is going well.
- Bill Mancini reported the Village of Kinderhook, Village of Valatie and Town of Kinderhook are working together towards Bronze Certification. The Village of Kinderhook Mayor would like to put an EV charging station by Rothermel Park. A heat Pump presentation will be held in person at the Kinderhook Memorial Library on August 24th. The County Waste tour will be held on August 30th at a modern recycling center in Albany.
- Zero Waste Committee – Christian Sweningson reported that since the successful Climate Carnival event, Zero Waste has experienced an increase in membership. They are making plans for a presentation at a library to be announced.
- Kelsey West reported that the County has signed on to do the Climate Adaption and Resilience Plan (CARP). The Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) began the effort. It is a free opportunity with room for up to #16 municipalities to participate. An official announcement will be released soon and a webinar will be made available on the process September 8th.

Dog Control Officer: No report.

Kinderhook Memorial Library: Lee Jamison reported:

- A musical presentation was held at the Town Hall and it was very nice;
- Friends of the Library book sale will be the upcoming weekend with the preview Friday night.

Office for the Aging – Supervisor Knott reported that the Golden Picnic by the Office for the Aging thanking volunteers was held at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW and was well attended.

Highway Department: Highway Deputy Superintendent Joe Scrum reported:

- Working on the new road in to the Ken Hummel Park;
- Started burning the pile from last trash day;
- Cutting trees;
- The trails at the park are overgrown and people have been commenting to him about it.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported it's been fairly quiet. Exemption renewals will be mailed in November. She reminded everyone that they must reside here for at least 6 months to be eligible.

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

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

County Government

Supervisor Knott a contract with CEDC for housing coordination and ARPA funding has been signed.

Increasing fees for solid waste due to tipping fees and fuel costs.

County Route 18 project– 9H to 217 shoulder work has qualified for Federal Aid for \$5.5 Million.

New Business

Street Light Districts – Supervisor Knott presented a Resolution to the Board convert street lights to LED for a total cost of \$12,118.15. NYSERDA will pay \$6,895 and the balance can be paid with ARPA funds A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by David Quinn and was passed by unanimous vote. The Resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board has begun working on the Town Budget and it looks like we will not have to exceed the Tax Cap.

Supervisor Knott presented Budget Amendment #3 to move ARPA Funding around to funds to cover expenses previously approved. A motion to approve the Amendment was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott presented a Resolution to the Board allowing Town Clerk & Records Management Officer Melissa Naegeli to open a Safe Deposit Box at the Bank of Greene County for the purpose of storing extra copies of microfiche of files previously scanned off site. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Kelley Williams. The motion was seconded by David Quinn and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott presented a Resolution to the Board opposing the State proposed changes to decrease farm labor overtime threshold from 60 hours to 40 hours. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott asked Melissa Naegeli to send to the Governor and our two State Representatives.

Supervisor Knott presented a Resolution to the Board opposing Senate 5101/Assembly 4100 regulating legally authorized concealed carry gun permits and banning concealed carry in public as being an unconstitutional attack upon the rights of law-abiding citizens. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott asked Melissa Naegeli to send to the Governor and our two State Representatives.

Board Comments

Upcoming Events:

- 10/1 – Trash Day 8am – 3pm
- 10/8 – Community Night & Cruise in 3pm – 7pm
- 10/29 – Halloween Party – volunteers are needed to decorate on 10/28

Public Comments

Lee Jamison commented that the Railroad Station Committee had been left off the Agenda. There will be a Trash/Treasure tag sale on September 24th 12pm – 4pm at the Depot with a repair café. Table fee is a \$10 donation and to contact her for reservations or additional information.

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by David Quinn and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

	<i>September 2022</i>			LIGHTS	
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
22-327	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$1935.57)	9060.8	645.19		1,290.38
22-328	Gabbit, LLC	1620.4	1,212.98		
22-329	Charter Communications	1620.4	389.93		
22-330	Charter Communications	5132.4	293.30		
22-331	National Grid (\$1798.99)	5182.4		873.49	
				925.50	
22-332	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	245.82		
22-333	Patricia DeLong	8010.4	62.80		
22-334	Wex Bank	7110.4	259.54		
22-335	Repeat Business Systems (\$297.95)	1410.4	239.00		
		5132.4	5.45		
		1620.41	48.78		
22-336	Quadient Finance	1620.41	100.00		
22-337	National Grid	5132.4	276.22		
22-338	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
22-339	National Grid	1620.4	28.53		
22-340	Marlin Leasing Corporation (\$264.99)	1410.4	87.25		
		1620.41	177.74		
22-341	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	3,200.00		
22-342	Matthews Signs	1620.4	67.53		
22-343	SDS Fabrication	5130.4			1,155.09
22-344	Visa	5130.4			359.92
	1-Sep-22		7,362.76	1,798.99	2,805.39
22-345	Tal G, Rappleyea, Esq.	TA62	1,500.00		
22-346	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,062.50		
22-347	Staples, Inc. (\$163.11)	8010.4	40.96		
		8020.4	37.80		
		1410.4	84.35		

22-348	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	30.98		
22-349	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	16.18		
22-350	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.89		
22-351	Troy Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	7110.4	1,060.29		
22-352	County Waste	5132.4	200.02		
22-353	Roddy Niesen	7110.4	2,500.00		
		5110.4			3,000.00
22-354	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip Co, Inc.	5130.4			40.75
22-355	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			81.00
22-356	Ebay Husqvarna	5130.4			
22-357	Colarusso Blacktop	5112.2			675.07
22-358	A Colarusso Quarry Company	5110.4			1,269.05
22-359	Salem Farm Supply	5130.4			258.26
22-360	Capitol Supply Co., Inc.	5110.4			239.28
22-361	New Castle Asphalt	5112.4			1,329.41
22-362	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			1,369.85
22-363	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			89.54
22-364	CPL Architecture Engineering Planning	1440.4	220.00		
	8-Sep-22		4,253.47	-	8,352.21
	<i>September Totals</i>		11,616.23	1,798.99	11,157.60
	22-356 removed for error				