

March 12, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Councilman Brian Chittenden and Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski were not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Councilman Tom Burrall, seconded by Councilman Ed Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Letter from Bernie Kowalski announcing his retirement/resignation from the position of Highway Superintendent effective May 31, 2015.

Old Business

Monolith Solar – Supervisor Knott reported that the real time gauge link had been put on the town website.

Secretary to the Planning & Zoning Boards – the search continues

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – The plans for renovations are 95% complete and are expected in Dean Knox' office within a week.

Special Guest

Representatives from National Grid, Kevin Cushing, Jim Bunion and Nicole Maron, were in attendance to present information and an update on the proposed project to improving the NY transmission problem. A binder of the powerpoint presentation is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office.

Reports

Town Clerk: Town Clerk & Tax Collector reports are on file.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Williams reported that everything is still pretty quiet and that plans are being made for clean-up and repair work at the playgrounds when the weather improves in the Spring.

Railroad Restoration Committee: Marilyn Burch reported that Lincoln Funeral Train events have begun. There will be a presentation on Sunday, March 15th at the Town Hall on 1860 underwear and women's clothing. April events will include the 17th Regimental Mountain Balladeers; a talk at Columbia-Greene Community College regarding Gettysburg and the numerous events on the weekend of April 25-27th. Information is available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town Website.

The Committee for the Lincoln Funeral Train is having a problem with funding. Mrs. Burch let everyone know that t-shirts were available for \$20 each.

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider reported that there had not been in a meeting in January. At the meeting in February, the Council heard a presentation on Radon. The Council urges everyone to get a test kit, available on the DEC website for \$11, and test their homes. Columbia County has higher than average numbers in basements.

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The EMC is sponsoring “Good Housekeeping” Awards. The deadline for nominations is March 18th.

Dog Control Officer: Report on file.

Zoning Revision Committee: Councilwoman Williams reported that the Committee met on March 11th and reviewed proposed changes. They are reviewing various proposals for less than 5 acre zoning. Supervisor Knott asked for that a Draft be presented to the Town Board.

Library: In Lee Jamison’s absence, Christian Sweningson reported that the Friends of the Library had free passes to various museums available.

The upcoming book sale is a successful fundraising event that has netted \$30,000 in the past 3 years of sales.

The Mystery Dinner is in April at the Stuyvesant Town Hall and Big Truck Day will be held in June at the Stuyvesant Town Hall.

Office for the Aging: Ida Leiser, Town Delegate, reported that first meeting of the year will be held on March 21st. She reported that there will be a Defensive Driving Seminar coming up, a flyer with details is in the lobby of the Town Hall.

Highway Department: In Bernie Kowalski’s absence, Supervisor Knott reported that due to the harsh winter, the overtime money that had been budgeted was almost used up. We are doing ok on salt and sand, thanks to Bernie being able to prepurchase last year. The body for the new truck is in.

Assessor’s Office: Cathy Knott reported that all the exemptions had been received. She reminded everyone that Grievance Day will be May 26th 4-8pm.

Planning Zoning Boards: ZBA will meet on March 24th and the matter before them will be from Mr. Divney, continued over from previous months. Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 23rd on a lot line adjustment for Bruno Israel.

Historian: Juanita Knott reminded everyone that we are 8 years from our 200 year anniversary and asked if the Board and budget for and start putting money aside for it now.

Women’s History Month will be commemorated by the Columbia County Historical Society with a presentation on Teresa Clow – the 1st in the State to be a trained dietician. The talk will be held on March 22nd at 2pm.

Cemetery: Councilman Edward Scott reported that all was quiet.

Building Inspector/CEO: Report is on file

Supervisor Knott read a proposed Town & County Intermunicipal Agreement for care of but not limited to general maintenance construction and repair of municipal roads, highways, bridges, and property. A motion to permit Supervisor Knott to sign the Agreement was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that a vote had been taken and the motion passed to transfer the ownership of Pine Haven Nursing to Premier Centers. This is the first step, the Board is awaiting approval from the Department of Health.

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Supervisor Knott announced that the Board of Supervisors have agreed to go after funding to bring Broadband Services to Columbia County. The County has to prepare a plan.

Supervisor Knott reported that the new GIS printer is in the County Planning Office.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that Mark Fitzgerald had announced his retirement, to be effective as soon as a transfer of duties can be completed. Supervisor Knott has meetings set up with different accountants next week. He also reported that he is investigated different payroll service providers.

NYS DEC Shoreline – last Fall DEC toured the area with Supervisor Knott and agreed that a plan has to be established to provide protection for the shoreline. A plan is being formulated at Ferry Road by Dan Miller.

NYS Property Tax Freeze – The State wants localities to comply by June 15th but has not provided any “rules” yet. The request is that municipalities find 1% savings for 2016, 2017 and 2018 by consolidation of services. Refunds will be sent to residents only for towns with compliance plans.

The April meeting will be rescheduled due to a conflict.

Supervisor Knott asked for a volunteer to set up and organize the Spring Clean Ups.

Board Comments

Councilman Ed Scott asked for a moment of silence in memory of Vince Sacco.

Public Comments

Christian Sweningson asked about replacing the lights in the parking lot.

Lee Jamison thanked the Board for repairing the door in the ladies’ bathroom.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Recorded this 12th day of March 2015

Approved this 14th day of April 2015

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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Abstract of Vouchers approved at the February 12, 2015 Town Board meeting

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
63	<i>ARE Productions</i>	7550.4	600.00	
64	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8		1,475.60
65	Columbia Co. Treasurer	9060.8	93.22	
66	SMG - Solar Management Group	1620.4	13.19	
67	National Grid (lighting districts)	5182.4	2,179.00	
68	National Grid (buildings)	1620.4	40.09	
69	National Grid (Highway Garage)	5132.4	\$345.70	
70	Kingston Oil Supply, Co.	1620.4	534.02	
71	Time Warner Cable (\$425.32)	1620.4	299.07	
		5132.4	126.25	
72	BAS (\$3029.75)	1355.4	1,000.00	
		8020.4	1,000.00	
		3620.3	1,000.00	
		1620.4	29.75	
73	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4	80.00	
74	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	271.80	
75	Catherine G. Knott	1355.4	39.09	
76	Staples Business Advantage (\$99.93)	1110.4	7.92	
		1355.4	27.10	
		1410.4	64.91	
77	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	90.00	
78	US Post Office (\$147.00)	1355.4	49.00	
		1410.4	98.00	
79	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	125.00	
80	Hyatt Regency Rochester	1410.4	665.00	
81	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	145.54	
82	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	750.00	
83	Columbia Greene Media Corp. (\$37.42)	8010.4	18.91	
		8020.4	18.51	
84	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.40	
85	Culligan	5132.4	27.82	
86	County Waste	5132.4	82.50	
87	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	11.49	
88	Sausbier's	5132.4	37.50	
89	Lapiner Bros., Inc. (\$95.00)	5132.4	50.00	
		5110.4		45.00
90	Mario's Home Center (\$188.47)	5132.4	25.55	

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		5130.4			162.92
91	Fleet Services	5110.4			276.65
92	D & W Diesel, Inc.	5110.4			768.36
93	Mooradian Hydraulics	5110.4			60.00
94	Lowe's	5130.4			42.64
95	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			94.78
96	Ben Funk	5130.4			700.96
97	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4			17.28
98	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4			42.63
100	Power Plan	5130.4			115.00
101	Kivort Steel	5130.4			400.60
102	Morton Salt	5132.3			5,537.98
				\$ 9,999.33	\$ 9,740.40