

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

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 Tom Burrall, seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Councilman Edward Scott seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

### **Old Business**

*Hudson River Estuary Funding* – Approval for an Engineering study has been received regarding shoreline restoration at Ferry Road for erosion.

*Vacant Position for Secretary of Planning & Zoning Boards* – After an interview process, a motion to hire Doreen Danforth was made by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and was passed by unanimous vote.

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk:* Report on file.

*Recreation Committee:* Councilwoman Williams reported that the Summer Playground had 17 kids attend.

*Railroad Restoration Committee:* Supervisor Knott reported that the masons have been very busy and that the volunteers have completed work on the North windows. He also reported that he and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler had walked the grounds for drainage and siting of the new toilet.

Marilyn Burch reported that the Corn Festival held in August raised over \$400. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and the Committee hopes to meet at the Station.

*Zoning Revision Committee* – Councilwoman and Chairperson Kelley Williams reported that members of the Committee will meet with Tal Rappleyea regarding the recommended changes to the Law.

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*Environmental Management Council:* Kathy Schneider asked if the Board was prepared to act on her proposed resolution regarding climate change. Supervisor Knott read a statement that explained why the Board would not be acting on the resolution. He agreed that the Board would encourage residents to look into different types of renewable energy and to be good stewards of conservation.

*Library:* Lee Jamison reported the Friends of the Library meeting would be September 11<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm. There would be a Book Sale fundraiser on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm and Oktoberfest would be September 26<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm on the Library grounds. Tickets are \$30 and RSVPs are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Jamison also reported that Anna Lee had held a lot of summer programs.

*Office for the Aging:* Richard Moran, co-Delegate, reported that there would be a meeting at the end of September.

*Highway Department:* Chuck Stiffler reported that he had been notified that the cost of salt would be increasing by 10%. The crews had helped Chatham and Stockport with paving jobs in their respective Towns and that Stockport staff would be coming to help with some projects in Stuyvesant. The Department is also trimming trees. Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. Stiffler to check on the basketball court at the Landing playground to see if it needed to be sealed.

*Assessor's Office:* Cathy Knott reported that all was quiet. She said explained how the Vet Exemption may or may not apply to school taxes.

*Planning & Zoning Boards:* No meetings for either Board were held in August. Marilyn Burch requested the members be notified when a meeting is cancelled.

*Historian:* No report

*Cemetery:* Councilman Edward Scott reported that the mowing was slowing down. Lee Jamison reported that she saw a stone had been knocked over. Councilman Scott said he would work with Mario Nistico to repair and correct the stone.

*Building Inspector/CEO:* Report is on file.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott reported that lights for the parking lot had been chosen but have yet to be installed. He thanked the Highway Dept. for trimming the trees around the grounds. He is looking into whether or not new poles will have to purchase for the new lights.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that it is budget time and the Committees are making presentations. The Board is trying to keep savings but is looking at several bridges around the County that need repair.

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The County Planning Board has 9 Seats and the term is up for the Region 1 seat that covers Chatham, Kinderhook and Stuyvesant. A motion to reappoint Cheryl Gilbert was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

**New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that Department Heads had submitted their budget requests and talks for the 2016 Budget have begun. The Board is trying to make cuts to keep the budget below the 3/4% increase allowed under the tax cap. It will be difficult given the anticipated increase in costs for salt and insurance. Supervisor Knott said he would have preliminary numbers at the October Board meeting.

Councilman Scott asked for a copy of the Ken Hummel Park Easement to share with Marie in discussions regarding cutting the fields.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison said in this hot/dry year she was disappointed that the Board wouldn't pass the resolution for climate change.

Richard Moran asked if the stone from the access road that had been used for the natural gas line work would be donated to the Town. Superintendent Stiffler replied that he thought the stone was going to the property owner.

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 7:35pm.

Recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015

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Supervisor Knott

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Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

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*Abstract of Vouchers approved at the July 9, 2015 Town Board meeting*

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LIGHTS	HIGHWAY	RR CAP
311	CDPHP	9060.8	383.27		1,092.33	
312	National Grid	1620.4	47.14			
313	National Grid	5182.4		278.00		
314	Constellation (363.89)	5182.4		291.18		
		1620.4	4.28			
		5132.4	63.43			
315	SMG	1620.4	291.32			
316	Time Warner (\$554.60)	1620.4	257.15			
		5132.4	297.45			
317	Johnson Newspaper	1010.4	17.29			
318	Donald R. Magill	1110.4	38.50			
319	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff)	1110.4	339.75			
320	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	1,400.00			
321	Paychex	1320.4	447.38			
322	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	142.80			
323	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	68.46			
324	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,375.00			
325	Schodack Septic	7110.4	432.00			
326	Town of Kinderhook	7140.4	1,520.00			
327	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	83.93			
328	Culligan	5132.4	28.93			
329	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	26.98			
330	Fix Family Enterprises LTD	5132.4	310.00			
331	County Waste	5132.4	88.28			
332	CJ Miner	5132.4	450.00			
333	Wex Bank (Fleet Services)	5110.4			236.62	
334	Valley Paving	5110.4			2,000.00	
335	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4			127.97	
336	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			163.09	
337	John Deere Financial	5130.4			104.93	
338	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			2,183.90	
339	Sunnyside Garage LLC	5130.4			2,871.50	
340	Adirondack Tire Center	5130.4			240.00	
341	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			149.80	
342	Morton Salt	5142.4			1,757.39	
343	Justic Court Fund	1110.4	479.00			
			<b>\$ 8,592.34</b>	<b>\$ 569.18</b>	<b>\$ 10,927.53</b>	