

October 8, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, October 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 Rapplelea.

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 Councilman Thomas Burrall and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden, seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

A letter of resignation was received from Margaret Pino, resigning from the duties of cleaning the Town Hall.

A letter of resignation was accepted from Tom Cappadona resigning from the Planning Board.

A letter of interest in a vacancy on the Planning Board was received from William Vick, Sr. A motion to appoint Mr. Vick to the vacant position on the Planning Board was made by Edward Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk:* Report on file.

*Recreation Committee:* Councilwoman Williams reported she and Cal Burch had met and reviewed a brochure for County trails. They are waiting for corrections to be made. The Committee is looking into the materials needed for an ice skating rink at the Landing Playground.

*Railroad Restoration Committee:* Supervisor Knott reported that the construction is going well. The mason is finished; the Highway Dept. did the drainage work and the composting toilet is expected on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Marilyn Burch reported that there would be a Pot Luck Dinner at the Station on Friday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Ms. Burch also announced that volunteers were needed for the Meals on Wheels program in Town between 11am-Noon, for as many or as few days as possible.

Supervisor Knott announced that we are also short a member on the Board of Assessment Review. It is a paid position that serves once a year.

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*Environmental Management Council:* Kathy Schneider was not in attendance. Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with the Council to discuss funding for GIS. He also reported that money had been included in the proposed 2016 County Budget for the project.

*Dog Control Officer* – No calls.

*Zoning Revision Committee* – Councilwoman Chairperson Kelley Williams reported that the Committee is waiting for feedback from Gerry Ennis (Code Enforcement) before scheduling a full meeting. Minor edits from Supervisor Knott and Tal Rappleyea have been included.

*Library:* Lee Jamison reported a successful Oktoberfest fundraiser was held in September. She also reported that the 2 most popular items in the silent auction were a Gift Certificate for Riverview Café and a Gift Certificate from Mexican Radio.

*Office for the Aging:* Ida Leiser reported that the new letter is out. She also reported that Mr. McDonald had been named the permanent Commissioner and they are working on transportation issues.

*Highway Department:* Chuck Stiffler reported they had sealed cracks at the basketball court; worked on Gibbons Road; installed a culvert pipe at the Sandbar and Railroad Station; and are installing snow fence. Mr. Stiffler announced that there will be ban from parking on Town Roads between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> make it easier for snow plowing. Melissa Naegeli will put an announcement on the website.

Mr. Stiffler also announced the hiring of Troy Kay.

*Assessor's Office:* Cathy Knott reported that all was quiet and that exemption renewals would be mailed in November to be returned by March 1, 2016.

*Planning & Zoning Boards:* Both Boards met briefly to meet new secretary.

*Historian:* No report

*Cemetery:* Councilman Edward Scott reported that he and Mario Nistico had repaired the fallen stones. Councilman Scott reminded every that Mr. Nistico did this work as a volunteer and thanked him for his time. Councilman Scott requested permission to purchase a case of the special glue used for the headstones at a cost of \$350/case.

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

*Town Hall* – Councilman Burrall replaced the 2 flags, flag poles, and eagles in the hall with help from the American Legion.

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**County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that they had received the findings from an Audit of the 2014 County Finances. The fund balances are growing and procedural changes are being made. The State has released the findings on Municipal Stress. The County has been deemed as “mildly stressed”, due mainly to the money that was loaned for Pine Haven.

The Town’s report showed a score of 6.7% for 2014 and a score of 3.3% for 2015.

**New Business**

A Resolution was proposed to enter into a 3 year snow & ice removal agreement with the County for the Town Highway Department to maintain County Route 26A in the winter. The motion was passed by unanimous vote from a roll call taken by Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

A Resolution from the Court to purchase a prisoner bench and to scan 3 boxes of files. The resolution allows for the Court to apply for and accept a JCap Fund grant of \$2426.00 (this is a 100% grant and no matching funds will be required). The motion was passed by unanimous vote from a roll call taken by Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

Supervisor Knott presented the tentative numbers and reviewed highlights of the 2016 Tentative Budget. The current budget numbers have an increase of \$504 with an allowable increase of up to \$2996. A Public Hearing for the Budget was scheduled for Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will put the public notice in the Register Star and on the website.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked for the status of the lights for the parking lot. Supervisor Knott replied that after much consideration, lights were chosen. When he went to order them they were out of stock. Supervisor Knott and Councilman Scott are looking at other options.

Cathy Knott reminded everyone that the Town Halloween Party would be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm and volunteers are welcome. She reported that Otto Miranda had painted the sandwich board in the front of the Town Hall to match the flyer that Mrs. Knott had prepared for the party.

Mike Naegeli announced that the County is actively seeking poll workers for Election Day. They need inspectors and Primaries. Training and pay are provided.

Ida Leiser reported that an Election Day luncheon for the public would be held at the Stuyvesant Firehouse.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

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

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 October 8, 2015 Town Board meeting**

<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>LIGHTS</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>	<b>RR CAP</b>
344	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8	383.27		1,092.33	
345	Constellation	5182.4	731.74			
346	National Grid	5182.4		1,420.94		
347	JC Millbank Construction Co., Inc.	1620.4				26,339.70
348	NYS OSC Justice Court Fund	1110.4	1,289.00			
349	SMG - Solar Management Group	1620.4	236.91			
350	Thomas Burrall	1620.4	365.60			
351	Margaret Pino	1620.4	59.05			
352	Time Warner Cable (\$969.02)	1620.4	540.38			
		5132.4	428.64			
353	Paraco Gas Corp. (\$956.10)	1620.4	227.32			
		5110.4			728.78	
354	Business Automation Services	1620.4	29.75			
355	CIA Security	1620.4	480.00			
356	Xerox Corporation	1620.4	78.00			
357	Paychex of New York, LLC	1620.4	376.43			
358	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	17.29			
359	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	19,028.48			
360	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	1,400.00			
361	Tal G. Rapplyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,531.25			
362	Mesick, Cohen, Wilson & Baker	1440.4	598.00			
363	Morris Associates	1440.4	63.85			
364	Columbia County Treasurer (DPW)	3310.4	41.10			
365	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.03			
366	Charles Stiffler	5010.4	5.88			
367	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	26.98			
368	Culligan Water Conditioning/Hudson	5132.4	28.93			
369	County Waste	5132.4	88.28			
370	Mario's Home Center (\$113.80)	5132.4	34.96			
		5130.4			78.84	
371	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4			20.80	
372	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4			20.04	
373	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			49.40	
374	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			570.29	
375	Callanan Industries, Inc.	5110.4			874.14	
376	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4			1,955.11	
377	Colarusso Blacktop	5110.4			255.34	
378	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4			357.75	
379	Parners In Safety, Inc.	5110.4			195.00	
380	Wex Bank	5110.4			159.61	
381	Chatham Auto Parts	5130.4			132.60	
			<b>\$28,160.12</b>	<b>\$1,420.94</b>	<b>\$6,490.03</b>	