

January 14, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Brian Chittenden and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelley Williams and approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

A letter of interest from Richard Moran regarding the vacant seat on the Board of Assessment Review.

### **Old Business**

*Stuyvesant Falls Bridge* – Renovation work is complete. County is waiting for the State determination.

*Zoning Revision Committee* – Joint Workshop meeting scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 7pm. Workshop will include Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Zoning Revision Committee, and Building Inspector.

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk* – The Town Clerk Report is on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that tax collection has begun and asked permission from the Board to sign a contract for services for the Town to accept Credit Card and other forms of electronic payments in the Office and online. A motion to approve the request was made by Kelley Williams, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported the Committee had met and a meeting will be scheduled with Marie Allen regarding the Ken Hummel Park. She also reported that a Community Movie Night is being planned for Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Stuyvesant Firehouse. The movie will be announced.

*Railroad Station Committee* – A pot luck dinner was held on January 8, 2016. There will be a meeting on January 16, 2016 at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had received notice that \$18,000 would be coming from the State for reimbursement of expenses.

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*Environmental Management Council* – No report

*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file

*Zoning Revision Committee* – Workshop meeting scheduled for 1/21/16.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that the Year End Report showed a 122 higher book exchange and 9900 more visits in 2015. The RFP for the electrical work was going out. The Library had applied for a \$60,000 grant to make a glassed in reading room. The \$2M addition is in the works and fundraising continues. The Valatie Library has moved in to their new location.

*Office for the Aging* – Ida Leiser reported that there had been no meeting.

*Highway Department* – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the following work is being done or has been completed:

- Brush work
- Clean up at the end of the road by Train Station
- Reflectors up at the end of Gibbons Road

*Assessor's Office* – Exemptions are due no later than March 1. Cathy Knott reported that she will begin calling people who have not returned them by February.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – No report

*Historian* – Supervisor Knott reported that a check in the amount of \$184.50 was received from the Columbia Co. Historical Society for work performed by Juanita Knott on an archiving project. The Historian's Office also received a \$250 donation from an anonymous resident. These funds were used toward a new computer system for the Historian's Office.

*Cemetery* – All is quiet

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report is on file.

*Town Hall* – A new custodian has been appointed. Joe Scrum (from the Highway Dept.) will be the custodian.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that he had been voted in as the Deputy Chairman for the County Board of Supervisors. He has also been appointed to the following Committees:

- Economic Development
- County Government
- Finance
- Public Works
- Airport

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**New Business**

Brian Chittenden made a motion to appoint Richard Moran to the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott will notify Mr. Moran of the appointment.

The Board is reviewing Town Fees from 2005 for possible updates.

Supervisor Knott discussed the breakdown of the tax bills and where the money goes from each tax bill.

**Board Comments**

None

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison thanked Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler and the Department for cleaning up the entryway to Ken Hummel Park.

Lee Jamison announced that Kathy Schneider was planning a Winter Owl Walk in February.

Steven Taylor asked about the lights at Ferry Road & 9J. Chuck Stiffler reported that the State is waiting for Amtrak to connect new line.

Steven Taylor asked about the Power Lines Project. Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with National Grid (map is in the Town Hall showing their plan). Part B of the process has begun and there are still 3 companies in the running. The Governor has approved a rate increase to pay for the project.

Cathy Knott reported that there will be AARP tax prep services at the Kinderhook Town Hall beginning on January 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be there Tuesdays 1-5 and Thursdays 9-1. Services provided for Senior Citizens.

Cathy Knott reported that the Assessor's Office had received questions regarding the State's tax freeze rebate checks. She reminded everyone that those checks come from the State Comptroller's Office and the Assessor's Office can only give the phone number to call.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelly Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Abstract of Vouchers presented at January 2016 meeting:

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TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS							
JANUARY 2016 (remaining 2015)							
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LIGHTS LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY	RR CAP	CK#
492	Col Co Treasurer -- Sheriff's Dept.	1110.4	135.90				
493	Paychex of NY LLC	1320.4	117.17				
494	Staples, Inc. (\$434.15)	1410.4	31.42				
		1355.4	296.16				
		5010.4	7.60				
		1220.4	125.97				
495	Stickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	1400.00				
496	Schodack Septic Services, Inc.	7110.4	216.00				
497	Xerox Corporation (\$221.03)	1410.4	143.03				
		1620.4	78.00				
498	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	26.63				
499	National Grid (\$1331.04)	5182.4		647.51			
		5182.4		683.53			
500	Constellation	5132.4	68.30				
501	Mario's Home Center (\$209.85)	5132.4	89.80				
		5130.4			120.05		
502	Pete's Auto Parts	5130.4			144.19		
503	Tractor Supply	5130.4			497.90		
504	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5110.4			659.99		
505	Monolith Solar	1620.4	101.23				
			2,837.21	1,331.04	1,422.13		
<b>2016 EXPENSES</b>							
4	United Healthcare	9090.8			5,163.00		12129
5	United Healthcare	9090.8			776.40		12130
6	United Healthcare	9090.8			776.40		12131
7	Gerald Ennis	3620.4	744.00				
8	Service Education, Inc.	1110.4	1,087.00				
9	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4	80.00				
10	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00				
11	New York Planning Federation	8020.4	250.00				
12	Association of Towns	1010.4	600.00				
13	Col Co Assessor's Association	1355.4	50.00				
14	DeFio Kean, PLLC	1420.4	323.00				
15	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	18.60				
16	Business Automation Svcs (\$2253.25)	1355.4	105.00				
		1620.4	1,343.25				
		1410.4	805.00				
17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	68.97				
18	Col Co Assoc Highway Superinten.	5010.4	200.00				
19	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	26.98				
20	Culligan	5132.4	28.93				
21	Paraco Gas (\$410.45)	5132.4	73.12				
		5110.4			337.33		
22	Arrowhead Equipment	5110.4			527.04		
23	Fleet Services	5110.4			184.38		
24	Northern Safety Co., Inc.	5130.4			942.24		
25	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			307.98		
26	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4			20.80		
27	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	59.40				EFT
28	Col Co Magistrates Association	1110.4	20.00				
29	Melissa A Naegeli	1410.4	54.99				
30	Business Automation Svcs (\$29.75)	1355.4	5.95				
		1410.4	5.95				
		1220.4	5.95				
		8020.4	5.95				
		3620.4	5.95				
			6,592.99	0.00	9,035.57		
<b>Abstract Total:</b>			<b>9,430.20</b>	<b>1,331.04</b>	<b>10,457.70</b>		