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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 9, 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. Supervisor Knott introduced our new Resident Deputy from the Sheriff's Dept., Jason Garvey.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Burrall and approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

- A notice from the NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets that the Shelter had been inspected and passed.
- Information from National Grid regarding their tree planting program. The flyer will be available in the Town Hall.
- A notice from Constellation about new rates due to the new power lines project approved by the PSC.
- Information from the NYS Attorney General's Office regarding solar programs. The flyer is available in the Town Hall.
- A letter from Marcus Molinaro, Dutchess Co. Executive, regarding their "Thinking Differently" program, asking the Board to adopt a similar program. Supervisor Knott gave the information to the Board members for review and discussion at the next Workshop.
- A letter from NYS Greenway regarding available Trails grants.
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A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Old Business**

*Railroad Station* – Supervisor Knott reported that the composting toilet at the Station had been completed and is fully operational. The Committee is waiting on color recommendations and looking for a painter.

The copper drip edge on the building is complete and the new wood needs to be painted.

*Street Lights* – A link has been added to the Town website directing users to online reporting tool for street light outages.

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*Stuyvesant Falls Bridge* – the restoration committee has sent a list of questions to the County. The questions have been forwarded to the Engineers for response.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Bridge restoration project has been accepted into the Federal Aid Program. It may be several years but the project is on a list and plans can begin.

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk* – The Town Clerk and Tax Collector reports are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Melissa Naegeli reported that sponsor money and goods are starting to come in for the Ken Hummel 5K and Duathon; as well as registrations. Race to take place the morning of Historic Stuyvesant Day, August 13, 2016.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that there was not a meeting in July due to the Holiday weekend. She also reported that 15 children had registered with the Clerk for the Kinderhook Summer Program.

Supervisor Knott told everyone that Ida Leiser had told him that the Kinderhook Elks were interested in selling their picnic tables from their pavilion. He will contact the Elks to get prices for the tables to consider putting at the parks.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Marilyn Burch reported that “Everything Blueberry” event would be held Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. She added that more and more vendors are contacting her with interest for a Farmers’ Market.

The Corn Festival will be held on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm.

*Environmental Management Council* – Christian Sweningson was away at the time of the meeting – no report.

*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that a ground breaking had been held for the reading center addition. She also reported that enough signatures had been collected for the 414 Resolution to be on the November ballot for an increase in funding from the Town.

*Office for the Aging* – Richard Moran reported the applications for seniors for housing repairs were available in the Town Hall.

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Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that

- the paving projects on Gibbons Road and Lindenwald Avenue were complete, with some minor clean-up work continuing;
- The new truck has been ordered; and
- The paperwork for the speed limits on Church and Riverview Streets has been given to the Supervisor for Board approval.

Supervisor Knott discussed the resolutions before the Board that asks the County of Columbia and the NYS Dept. of Transportation to begin the study and process for the speed limit postings. The State will determine the appropriate speed limits. Lee Jamison asked if the public would have input and Mr. Stiffler explained that the State has the final say. He suggested we wait to see what they recommend before deciding anything. A motion to allow Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to sign the resolutions below was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams, and was approved by unanimous vote.

*Regional Traffic Engineer  
Region No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Department of Transportation*

*The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant, by resolution adopted July 14, 2016, and the County Superintendent of Highways of the County of Columbia, hereby request the Department of Transportation pursuant to Section 1622,1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Church Street, a Town Highway, between State Route 9J and County Route 26A.*

*Upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the Town of Stuyvesant will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation.*

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Assessor – Assessor’s Clerk Cathy Knott reported that the final assessment role was filed with the Town Clerk’s Office on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Planning & Zoning Boards -- Planning Board member Tom Shanahan reported that there would be a Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

There was no Zoning Board report.

Historian – Supervisor Knott reported that Town Historian Juanita Knott is working and preparing for Historic Stuyvesant Day, in conjunction with the Friends of Lindenwald and Kinderhook. He asked that information be put on the Town Website.

Cemetery – Councilman Ed Scott reported that a tree had fallen over in the Butler Cemetery over the weekend. He also reported that he had received an estimate of cost for the clean-up to be \$2700 from Roddy Niesen, who does other tree work for the Highway Department. Mr. Scott suggested that the wood be chipped and left for the public to take. A motion was made by Tom Burrall to allow Mr. Niesen to clean-up the tree at the Butler Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – The Board thanked the Highway Department for their work around the grounds.

**County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that it has been a busy month. Ken Flood retired from the position of Director of Economic Development & Planning but has agreed to come back part time for guidance on a grant. The County is looking for applicants for a full time position who have

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experience with GIS Printing. Supervisor Knott pointed out the new maps in the Town Hall that were created with the new County GIS Printer based on information gathered several years ago during a ground water study.

Supervisor Knott reported that the mortgage tax revenue will be more for January-June than it was for 2015. The estimated amount on the budget will be low.

*Pine Haven* – the transfer of ownership was completed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The new owners took over management duties a few months ago under the contract. After all of the credits, the County has cleared \$5.1M on the sale and additional money is expected.

*Commerce Park Sewer Project* – The County passed a resolution to apply for funding to connect the sewer to the Town of Greenport system, pending DEC approval. There is a possible 30% rate increase to the leases, but it must be approved by the State.

### **New Business**

Supervisor Knott presented a proposed agreement between the Town of Stuyvesant and Columbia County to have the HR Department provide mandatory training programs, i.e. Workplace Violence. Ed Scott made a motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the Contract. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

*2017 Budget* – Supervisor Knott said he would be sending the memo out to Department Heads asking they get started on their Budget Requests. He reminded everyone that this year's cap will be .6% or approximately \$2500. A full 2% increase would be approximately \$8000. Supervisor Knott suggested that an override of the budget cap may be needed this year but that it would affect residents getting a rebate check. The Board will discuss further at the next Workshop meeting.

Supervisor Knott reported that Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler had been contacted by a resident to close part of Gibbons Road for a private wedding. Supervisor Knott asked Tal Rappleyea to look over our Town Laws to see if we could grant such a request. Having no authority in our Law to do so, Mr. Rappleyea drafted a proposed "Block Party" law for private parties and closing public roadways for such. Mr. Rappleyea said the Board could handle the situation with either a Local Law or by Resolution.

There was a question as to why this would be different than closing the road for the 5K Race every year. Mr. Rappleyea explained this request was for a private event where the 5K race was an event held by the municipality.

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The Board members each received a copy of the proposed language and will review and discuss at the August Workshop.

Supervisor Knott also reported that he had contact Gary VanAllen (Metz Wood Harder) regarding shopping around for lower cost health insurance options.

**Board Comments**

No comments

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison report that 6 people had attended the clean-up project at the Asbornsen Trail.

Ms. Jamison asked for a report from the Town's Advocate to the County Broadband group. Supervisor Knott reported the he had not heard from Mr. Eckel.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had been contacted by Charter and was notified that the Franchise Agreement in place with Time Warner would be honored until the end of the Agreement in 2018.

Rich Moran asked for additional information on the National Grid plant-a-tree program that was mentioned during the Correspondence. Supervisor Knott said he would give Mr. Moran the information following the meeting.

Cathy Knott addressed the Board and audience regarding the mess that was left in the kitchen following Election Day. She asked that anyone who uses the facilities clean up after themselves.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC  
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented for payment July 2016

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
253A	CDPHP Universal Benefits	9060.8	432.84		
253B	CDPHP Universal Benefits	9060.8			2532.12
254	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	563.00		
255	Time Warner Cable (\$394.50)	1620.4	268.58		
		5132.4	125.92		
256	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	29.72		
257	Howard Gleason	1355.4	381.00		
258	Melissa A Naegeli	1410.4	60.00		
259	Mesick, Cohen, Wilson & Baker	1440.4	803.06		
260	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	75.00		
261	Schodack Septic Services	7110.4	216.00		
262	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	164.00		
263	National Grid	1620.4	21.14		
264	Michael J. Naegeli	1355.4	44.00		
265	Richard L. Moran	1355.4	44.00		
266	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	44.00		
267	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	44.00		
	<b>June 30 Totals</b>		<b>3316.26</b>		<b>2532.12</b>
	<i>Transfer Total:</i>	<i>5848.38</i>			
268	Melissa A Naegeli	1410.4	47.00		
269	Constellation (\$299.25)	5182.4		143.90	
				155.35	
270	National Grid (\$1082.84)	5182.4		527.99	
				554.85	
271	National Grid	5132.4	68.32		
272	Constellation	5132.4	52.08		
273	First Fuel & Propane	1620.4	350.50		
274	Business Automation Svcs (\$72.01)	1410.4	10.18		
		1355.4	10.18		
		8020.4	10.18		
		3620.4	10.18		
		1220.4	10.18		
		1620.4	21.13		
275	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	151.54		
276	SMG	1620.4	257.69		
277	Fleet Services	7110.4	203.29		
278	County Waste	8160.4	88.28		
279	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.16		
280	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		

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281A	Paraco Gas	5132.4	87.82		
281B	Paraco Gas	5110.4			633.15
282	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4			79.95
283	Valley Paving (\$133,315.00)	5110.4			45144.00
		5112.2			81201.00
		5112.4			7000.00
284	Northeast Automotive Parts	5130.4			35.96
285	J.D. Financial	5130.4			36.42
286	D & W Diesel	5130.4			128.78
287	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			71.70
288	Mario's Home Center, Inc.	5130.4			8.31
289	Rainbow Distributors	5130.4			26.98
290	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00		
291	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	241.03		
292	Warm River Studio	7510.4	193.18		
293	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff)	1110.4	162.16		
294	Staples, Inc.	1410.4	27.84		
295	Callanan Industries, Inc.	5110.4			951.41
296	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4			130.50
297	C. J. Miner, Inc.	5110.4			275.00
298	Share Corporation	5130.4			100.00
299	Lowe's	5130.4			60.39
300	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			115.43
	<b>July 11, 2016 Totals</b>		<b>2725.85</b>	<b>1382.09</b>	<b>135998.98</b>
	<i>Transfer Total:</i>	<i>140106.92</i>			
	July Totals (as of 7/11/16)		6042.11	1382.09	138531.10

Supplemental Abstract following July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
301	Paychex	1320.4	75.00		
302	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	480.00		
303	Gigi's Wrench	7110.4	198.55		
304	Wil-Roc Farms	5110.4			650.00
305	AirGas USA LLC	5130.4	20.20		
306	Crown Awards	7550.4	276.7		
307	Rick's Tire Service	5130.4			641.48
308	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	8020.4	32.72		
	Supplemental Totals		1083.17		1291.48



