

**Town of Stuyvesant
Town Board Meeting
April 9, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2020 at 7pm online in a Zoom format*. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, Tom Burrall, and Bill Schneider; Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea, Esq.; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler was not in attendance.

*Due to the Coronavirus and present Executive Order to avoid public meetings the Town Board decided to hold a virtual meeting on Zoom. The link was supplied to the public via the Town website and Facebook Page. There were eleven members of the public observing the meeting.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Bill Schneider to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- A letter from the Bank of Greene County awarding a \$750 grant that the Board had applied for to offset the cost of the smart tv being installed in the meeting room. Supervisor Knott reported that he and Joe Scrum (Highway Dept.) completed the wiring and the television will be installed by BAS when it's safe to do so.

Old Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the fishing dock on Ferry Road is almost done. He encouraged everyone to go look at it, at a safe distance. He added that the guard rails along the road haven't been installed so cars aren't allowed down there yet.

Supervisor Knott said that due to the format we are meeting in, reports are going to be held to the next meeting.

Supervisor Knott reported that a new copier is being leased for the Conference Room for use for everyone in the building.

Melissa Naegeli reported that a new postage meter has been ordered. The machine is being programmed with a code for each office to monitor the usage.

County Business

Supervisor Knott reported that he has been attending Coronavirus task force meetings and they are reviewing ways the virus is affecting those in the County. They are working within the guidelines of social distancing.

New Business

State Budget implications. For instance CHiPs Funding – it was budgeted to be about the same as last year, our town received \$92,000 but added that could change with the current situation. He and Chuck Stiffler have discussed only spending approximately 80% of that amount in anticipation of a 10-20% cut in the funding.

Attic Insulation – The bids were received for the spray foam insulation project for the attic in the Town Hall. The opening was held on April 3rd. The low bid was from Jeffrey & Heath Pinkowski. Supervisor Knott asked for the Board's permission to go ahead with the project while the Town Hall is closed to the public. Bill Schneider asked how soon it could be completed and Supervisor Knott said he would speak with them about scheduling. A motion was made by Bill Schneider to go ahead with the project. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

County Route 25A Closure – Supervisor Knott reported that a penstock leak caused part of Co. Route 25A to erode. Albany Engineering is working with National Grid, the County Highway Department, and Allied Healthcare to get the repairs completed. It is estimated to be 2-3 more weeks. Supervisor Knott asked Tom Burrall how the Stuyvesant Falls Fire Company was handling the closure. Tom reported that the Fire Company is using Lindenwald Avenue and the closure hasn't presented itself as a problem.

Fire along 9J & tracks – Supervisor Knott reported that earlier this week there had been several brush fires along the railroad tracks. He asked Tom Burrall for a report. Tom reported that there had been 9 fires reported along the tracks between the Hook Boat Club and to a spot in the Town of Stockport. There were 7 companies that responded. It appears that there was a problem with one of the trains and Amtrak had been contacted. Amtrak and their internal fire control staff are investigating.

Amtrak Fencing – Supervisor Knott reported that in conversations with Amtrak it was discussed that there isn't money to do the project this year.

Comments from Board

Bill Schneider asked if Trash Day is still being held on May 2nd. Supervisor Knott said he and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler had discussed this and agreed that it could still be held and appropriate distancing could be maintained with the purchase of gloves and masks for employees. Melissa added that she will get the punch cards ready. Supervisor Knott said the cards could be made available for pick up either at the Highway Garage or on May 2nd at the drop off site.

Bill asked Melissa about selling trash bags at trash day. She replied that she has been available for people to purchase bags and that it hasn't been an issue that she was aware of.

Bill asked if the trail clean-up project could be held on April 17th. Supervisor Knott replied that as long as social distancing rules were observed, the clean-up project could still be held.

Tom Burrall asked Supervisor Knott if he had any information on an email regarding reimbursement to emergency responders for money spent during the pandemic with a \$3300 minimum. Supervisor Knott replied that he believed it was being handled by Emergency Management. Tom suggested the two fire companies would pool their expenditures to qualify for the reimbursement. Supervisor Knott suggested Tom reach out to Emergency Management for clarification.

Public Comment

Thomas Belgio commented that he liked the format of the meeting and thanked the Town Board for making it possible to observe the meeting.

Bill Schneider said there is a Public Hearing scheduled for April 27th for the Planning Board and it was going to be held in the same Zoom format. He is working on scheduling the meeting and the information will be included in the public notice.

There was a question if the meeting was being recorded through Zoom. Bill Schneider replied that he thought he had chosen that option but being new to the process he couldn't be sure. Melissa Naegeli reported that she was taking minutes of the meeting.

Tal Rappleyea commented that the Public Hearing is for a simple site plan for the Planning Board.

Supervisor Knott said with a lot going on right now and a lot of information being put out on social media, he encouraged everyone to get their information from trusted sources that are listed on the County website.

Bill Schneider reported that although the rail trail isn't official open yet, it is getting a lot of use.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelley Williams. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

		<i>April 2020</i>		LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
20-114	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2671.04)	9060.8	721.90		1,949.14
20-115	National Grid (\$1279.81)	5182.4		623.22	
				656.59	
20-116	Constellation (\$179.92)	5182.4		86.56	
				93.96	
20-117	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPAs	1320.4	7,590.30		
20-118	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	253.60		
20-119	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
20-120	National Grid (<i>railroad station</i>)	1620.4	23.93		
20-121	National Grid	5132.4	85.76		
20-122	Constellation (\$61.96)	1620.4	1.06		
		5132.4	60.90		
20-123	Time Warner Cable (\$559.24)	1620.4	275.7		
		5132.4	283.54		
20-124	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10		
		5132.4	87.25		
20-125	Business Automation Services (\$2175.00)	8020.4	300.00		
		1220.4	390.00		
		1620.41	1,485.00		
20-126	Tal Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,656.25		
20-127	Columbia Greene Humane Society	3510.4	35.00		
20-128	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$80.11)	1010.4	57.57		
		8020.4	22.54		
20-129	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.94		
20-130	County Waste	5132.4	161.99		
20-131	Rainbow Distributing Co. Inc.	5132.4	16.98		
20-132	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	29.90		

20-133	Valley Energy	5132.4	425.09		
	Valley Energy	5110.4		641.88	
20-134	Mopar Vehicle Protection	5110.4		173.31	
20-135	Vulcan Signs	5110.4		438.00	
20-136	Mario's Home Center	5130.4		82.59	
20-137	Gig's Wrench	5130.4		77.60	
20-138	Share Corporation	5130.4		108.00	
20-139	Midwest Motor Supply	5130.4		817.31	
20-140	Morton Salt Inc	5142.4		4,815.71	
20-141	Ben Funk Inc.	5130.4		130.29	
20-142	Tractor Supply	5130.4		83.97	
20-143	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
20-144	Lowe's	5132.4	37.06		
		5110.4		161.56	
20-145	Wex Bank	5110.4		31.78	
20-146	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4		44.65	
		9-Apr-20	14,253.99	1460.33	9,555.79