

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

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7pm . In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, Tom Burrall, and Bill Schneider; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Old Business

USS Slater – Supervisor Knott discussed the USS Slater passing by Town and explained that pictures and drone footage were on the website.

Traffic Safety – Supervisor Knott discussed a recent vehicle accident at the intersection of County Route 26A and State Route 9J. He said there had been several accidents in this area over the years. He shared a 2011 study by NYS DOT that determined there were no issues. He explained to the Board that there continues to be sight issues and asked permission from the Board to draft a letter to the Traffic Safety Board requesting another study and offer recommendations for changes, our Town Representative Chuck Stiffler could deliver the letter. A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to prepare and deliver another letter to the Traffic Safety Board. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

Historic Stuyvesant Day – Supervisor Knott announced that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual picnic has been cancelled. Town Historian Juanita Knott and her Deputy Cathy Knott continue to work on their timeline pamphlet that will be available to the public in the Town Hall.

Dog Control Officer –The Board has decided to go ahead with the appointment of Maggie Banker from New Lebanon. Supervisor Knott will contact her on July 10, 2020.

Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector -- Report is on file.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that all is quiet. Supervisor Knott added that there have been a lot of people playing basketball at the courts at the Landing Playground.

Railroad Station Committee – No report.

Environmental Management Council – Lee Jamison gave a brief report from Christian Sweningson that the Council is reviewing reports from Towns that are Climate Smart Communities and are discussing a County approach and a Zero Waste initiative.

Dog Control Officer – No report

Kinderhook Memorial Library -- Lee Jamison reported that curbside service is now available. Online activities are available as well as kids' reading programs. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 13.

Office for the Aging – Rich Moran reported that there hasn't been a meeting since last Fall. Meals are available.

Assessor's Office – Cathy Knott, Assessor's Clerk, reported that things are mostly quiet. The Final Assessment Roll was posted and filed with the Clerk's Office on July 1st. She also reported that she has received her new computer.

Highway Department – Chuck Stiffler reported that the Department:

- Cleaning up storm damage;
- Stonetopping Tuesday on Eichybush and Gibbons Roads;
- Finished drainage work;
- Mowing & trimming;
- Put stones at Overlook Park;
- Requested a sign be put up at the Sandbar regarding trash – bring in/take out – they cleaned up 8 large bags of trash after the past weekend;
- The new truck is on schedule. Supervisor Knott added that he is looking into loan programs for the new truck.

The low bidder for the Fuel Oil Bid was Main Care Brothers, Valley Energy is .0025 cents over the low bid. After a discussion among the Board Members it was decided that they would remain with Valley Energy because of the best value. The following resolution was presented and voted on:

*RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
Authorization for the award of fuel oil*

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant generally accepts the price per gallon of fuel based on the County's bidding process

WHEREAS, this year the county fuel oil bid (Bid #20-006) went to Main Bros Oil.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk have recommended to the Town Board that we consider remaining with Valley Oil who currently has ben our supplier rather than using the County bid due to Best Value;

WHERAS, upon investigation it was discovered that Valley Oil bid was only .0025 cents per gallon more than the low bidder, being Main Oil Co

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, the town board of the town of Stuyvesant awards our fuel oil bid to Valley Energy for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30th, 2021

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ronald Knott	X		
Brian Chittenden	X		
Kelly Williams	X		
Tom Burrell	X		
William Schneider	X		

*Resolution passed.
Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

Planning/Zoning Boards – Supervisor Knott reported that it has been relatively quiet

Historian – No report

Cemetery – No report

Building Inspector/CEO – Report on file.

Town Hall – Bill Schneider reported that we are still waiting for the new television for the meeting room. Chuck Stiffler said when they are done with the stonetopping project they will come and clean the front of the building.

Website – Bill Schneider reported that he had called Spectrum about upgrading the internet speed. They are sending a tech to quote a price of using fiber optic to the building. The cost will be higher

County Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the 2nd quarter sales tax numbers are down approximately 15% from last year. He added that a review of the Town Budget shows that we are still in good shape due to our fund balance. State reimbursements to the County are down approximately \$6M from 2 years ago and that there had not been any DSS reimbursements since March.

The County is switching to a new alert system. They will be moving away from Code Red and to NY Alert. Information will be coming out on how to sign up. The switch over will happen in August.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board discussed the financial status and fund balance at the Workshop.

There has been a question of mobile food trucks at the Rail Trail entrances. Currently we do not have any rules about this. Supervisor Knott said the County regulates the County roads. Bill asked if there could be a Town permit that would regulate where they could be within the Town. Ron will speak with Tal Rappleyea, Attorney for the Town, about this.

The August meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 7pm.

Comments from Board

The resolution to abolish the 2nd judge position will have to be done no later than September 3rd.

Public Comment

Lee Jamison asked about an update about the brush fires that had happened along the railroad tracks. She said that it had been reported by Amtrak there had been a brake problem and asked if the Town had reached out for additional information. Supervisor Knott said he had reached out to Amtrak and will follow up with Fire Company Chief Steve Montie.

Lee Jamison asked if there was an update on the Amtrak fencing project. She said she had heard Marcus Molinaro on the radio complaining about Amtrak

not including the Towns in their plans. Ron said they have no money so there won't be any projects in the immediate future.

Richard Moran asked if something could be done about the brush on County Route 26A. Chuck Stiffler will contact the County Highway Department.

Bill Schneider asked if there was an update about the road closure in Stuyvesant Falls. Supervisor Knott said he didn't have any updates.

Lee Jamison asked about the Governor's Executive Order on Police Reform and asked if the County was organizing a committee. Supervisor Knott said the Public Safety Committee was working on it.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Town Board Member Roz Gumaer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Knott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote

The abstract of vouchers presented for payment at the July 2020 meeting:

July 2020		LIGHTS			
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
20-228	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2671.04)	9060.8	721.90		1,949.14
20-229	Constellation (\$59.71)	5182.4		28.70	
				31.01	
20-230	National Grid (\$1106.14)	5182.4		539.66	
				566.48	
20-231	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.41	1,485.00		
20-232	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	246.25		
20-233	Columbia County Treasurer (MIS)	1220.4	60.00		
20-234	Repeat Business Systems (\$34.51)	5132.4	15.51		
		1620.4	19.00		
20-235	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	1620.4	203.79		
20-236	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.4	44.70		
20-237	National Grid	1620.4	23.92		
20-238	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
20-239	National Grid	5132.4	87.33		
20-240	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	8010.4	39.38		
20-241	Constellation New Energy, Inc. (\$38.57)	1620.4	0.96		
		5132.4	37.61		
20-242	Marlin Business Bank (\$265.55)	1620.4	166.92		
		1410.4	98.63		
20-243	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	59.45		

20-244	Share Corp.	5130.4		302.24
20-245	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4		250.81
20-246	Dolan's Welding & Repair	5130.4		60.00
20-247	Salem Farm Supply, Inc.	5130.4		77.54
20-248	Mopar Vehicle Protection	5110.4		173.31
20-249	Matter Contracting Co., Inc.	5110.4		390.00
20-250	Abele Tractor	5110.4		1,675.00
20-251	CJ Miner Inc.	5110.4		110.00
20-252	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4		172.89
			2-Jul-20	
			3,333.05	1165.85
				5,160.93
20-253	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,187.50	
20-254	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.71	
20-255	Culligan	5132.4	28.93	
20-256	County Waste	5132.4	161.99	
20-257	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Office for Aging)	6140.4	2,500.00	
20-258	Steven Montie (reimbursement)	5010.4	12.00	
20-259	Wex Bank	7110.4	68.13	
20-260	Mario's Home Center (acct 7210)	5132.4	14.44	
20-261	Time Warner Cable	1620.4	13.52	
20-262	NYS Town Clerk's Assoc. attn A. Vento	1410.4	75.00	
20-263	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs	1320.4	115.00	
20-264	Valley Energy	5132.4	167.66	
20-265	Valley Energy	5110.4		594.09
20-266	Mario's Home Center (acct 7200)	5130.4		204.85
20-267	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip. Co., Inc.	5130.4		75.25
20-268	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4		116.77
20-269	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	83.00	
20-270	SunLight General Capital	1620.4	222.75	
20-271	Madsen Overhead Doors	5132.4	135.00	
20-272	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip. Co., Inc.	5130.4		36.71
20-273	Max S. Wood Equipment	5130.4		295.24
20-274	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4		41.10
20-275	Lowe's	5110.4		300.04
			9-Jul-20	
			5,854.63	0.00
				1,664.05
			<i>July Totals</i>	
			9,187.68	1165.85
				6,824.98