

Town Board

February 11, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on February 11, 2021 at 7:00pm. The meeting was a remote/hybrid meeting. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Bill Schneider, and Brian Chittenden; Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Tom Burrall was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott called the Town Board meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Correspondence

- A letter was received from Constellation regarding the expiration of our contract. Supervisor Knott is working with the Association of Towns to reinstate Stuyvesant into the cooperative group for electricity. We will have National Grid in the interim.
- A refund from NYMIR in the amount of \$83.00
- Annual payment from Albany Engineering HydroElectric Plant in the amount of \$10,000 with a report on the year's revenue.
- Received a letter from the Kinderhook Memorial Library regarding their payment. The checks were mailed to the Library and both fire companies.

Old Business

Building Inspector Vacancy – After interviewing candidates, the Board decided at their Workshop to hire Peter Bujanow. He will have to be trained on the IPS program.

Parking @ Sunnyside Road – Councilman Schneider gave a presentation about a proposed parking site on Sunnyside Road following complaints about people parking along the road to use the new trail. A parking area is proposed on the northside of Sunnyside Road that the Greenway will pay to construct. It will not be advertised as an “official trailhead” but will accommodate approximately 4 cars. Any cars parked along the road outside of parking area may be towed. A motion was made by Ron Knott for Bill Schneider to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. Tal will prepare an indemnity agreement.

Reports

Town Clerk – Report on file

Recreation – Kelley Williams reported it's been quiet.

RR Depot Committee – No meetings have been held

Dog Control Officer – No written report. There was a brief conversation about the Dog Control Officer receiving complaints about the Glencadia Dog Camp.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported:

- The Council Chair Ed Simonsen has resigned after 13 years. Michael O'Hara is the new chair and a new direction is being considered. The focus will be on solid waste, composting, and solid waste separation. They are exploring what funding is available and will be reaching out to other counties' EMCs.
- Considering names for a task force coordinator for private fundraiser.
- Met with schools out of the county with successful programs.
- It was determined that the neighbor notification for pesticide spraying isn't appropriate for Columbia County.

Kinderhook Memorial Library Representative – Lee Jamison reported:

- 3 Board members have stepped down; 2 from Kinderhook and 1 from Stuyvesant. There will be over 20 people interviewed, 8 will be from Stuyvesant.

Office for the Aging – No report.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported:

- They have been out 10 times in January. Supervisor Knott thanked the employees of the Highway Dept. for the work in keeping our roads clear;
- The new truck body should be in by the end of February. Supervisor Knott said when the new truck comes in he would like some pictures taken and shared with the news that the new truck was purchased "cash" and the Town didn't have to take a loan to purchase.

Assessor's Office – The Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported that all exemption applications are due to the Office no later than March 1st. She added that if they have been mailed, they will accept the postmark.

Planning/Zoning – Supervisor Knott reported that Tana Williams (Secretary) is getting the office organized. He reported he didn't know if there was any business for the Planning Board in February and that there would a Public Hearing for the Zoning Board on February 24th.

Historian – Cathy Knott, Deputy Historian, reported that Juanita Knott is working on the 2nd and 3rd parts of her Pandemic story. Melissa Naegeli asked if there could be another “History Mystery” for the Facebook Page.

Cemetery – No report

ZEO/Building Inspector – There will be a full report at the end of February. He is learning the new program and working through the list of people who had come in during the vacancy.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the locks on the exterior doors are being changed on Friday (2/12) morning. The door at the end of the hall near the Planning Office will have a new lock so it will be able to be opened from the outside. The keys will be numbered and recorded in the Town Clerk's Office.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported:

- The Fire Training Center is just about done. The 911 addition is yet to be finished but it was budgeted.
- A new project idea is for a new Office for the Aging Office and Kitchen to be built in the Commerce Park.
- The Police Reform Panel is holding their final meeting tonight and will present their findings at a hearing on March 8th.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the Tax Collector had paid the Town and funds to the Library and fire companies had been disbursed.

The Annual Report (AUD) has been completed and Mike Torchia (Accountant) will provide a final report to the Board.

Councilman Brian Chittenden explained to the Board that Mutsu Co (Samascott's) own property on Best Road in Kinderhook, that crosses into the Town of Stuyvesant. They are applying for a conservation easement and he

has prepared a letter on behalf of the Board offering strong support for the application. Councilman Schneider agreed that the letter could be sent. Supervisor Knott and Councilwoman Kelley Williams abstained from the discussion as they have personal connections to Mr. Samascott and the Mutsu Co.

Supervisor Knott asked Kelley Williams to reconvene the Zoning Revision Committee to hold a meeting to review and discuss agribusiness and tiny homes.

Supervisor Knott reported that he is working on the Town's Covid Plan for 2021.

Board Comments

Kelley Williams asked if there was an update on the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge. Supervisor Knott said public works meeting is coming up and the engineering plans should be completed so the work can go out to bid.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked for clarification on the issue of the dog camp. It was explained to her that there is a problem with jurisdiction.

With no further questions or comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

The following abstract of vouchers was presented for approval at the February 2021 meeting:

<i>February 2021</i>				LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
21-12	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$1841.13)	9060.8	613.71		1,227.42
21-13	National Grid (\$1408.76)	5182.4		683.03	
				725.73	
21-14	Constellation New Energy (\$407.05)	5182.4		197.43	
				209.62	
21-15	Staples, Inc. (\$144.12)	1410.4	42.49		
		1355.4	24.97		
		1110.4	76.66		
21-16	Constellation New Energy (\$139.20)	1620.4	2.96		
		5132.4	136.24		
21-17	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	572.00		
21-18	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	500.00		
21-19	National Grid	5132.4	200.23		
21-20	National Grid	1620.4	26.88		
21-21	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
21-22	APHNYS	7510.4	25.00		
21-23	Marlin Business Bank (\$183.51)	1410.4	28.95		
		1620.4	154.56		
21-24	Juanita Knott (reimbursement)	7510.4	51.08		
21-25	Appliance Guys	1620.4	769.00		
21-26	Clark Patterson Lee	1440.4	815.00		
21-27	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	906.25		
21-28	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.64		
21-29	Valley Energy	5132.4	555.62		
21-30	Cozza Heating	5132.4	175.00		
21-31	County Waste	5132.4	170.09		
21-32	Albany Steel	5130.4			394.80
21-33	Kimball Midwest	5130.4			234.64
21-34	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4			44.65
21-35	Mario's Home Center, Inc.	5130.4			37.78
21-36	D & W Inc	5130.4			314.40
21-37	Cargill	5142.4			1,607.72
	4-Feb-21		,932.03	1,815.81	3,861.41
21-38	Repeat Business Systems (\$34.08)	5132.4	5.45		

		1620.4	28.63		
21-39	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs	1320.4	190.00		
21-40	Staples, Inc. (\$186.87)	1410.4	42.04		
		1355.4	5.27		
		1110.4	87.87		
		8020.4	51.69		
21-41	Time Warner Cable (\$671.52)	1620.4	384.93		
		5132.4	286.59		
21-42	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	393.89		
21-43	SL Empire Solar I, LLC	1620.4	54.41		
21-44	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	1,485.00		
21-45	Col. Co. Assessor's Association	1355.4	25.00		
21-46	Col. Co. Magistrates Association	1110.4	35.00		
21-47	NYSMA	1110.4	85.00		
21-48	E Biz Docs	1110.4	720.00		
21-49	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
21-50	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,312.50		
21-51	Speed's Garage, Inc.	5110.4			350.00
21-52	Wex Bank	5110.4			4.00
21-53	Allegiance Trucks	5130.4			236.95
21-54	Share Corporation	5130.4			356.24
21-55	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4			44.65
21-56	Car Quest of Valatie, NY	5130.4			155.17
21-57	Lowe's	5130.4			20.86
	11-Feb-21		5,222.20	-	1,167.87
	<i>February Totals</i>		<i>11,154.23</i>	<i>1,815.81</i>	<i>5,029.28</i>