

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 9, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026. In attendance were Supervisor Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, Charles Stiffler, and Carolyn Gleason; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Knott reported that the March Financial Report had been received and will be put on the website.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Received letter asking to purchase Hummel Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Ice House Road House – Regarding the questions of demotion of the “Pinkowski House” by DEC. Supervisor Knott spoke with the new Region 4 Director of DEC. He said a hold would be placed until questions are answered.

REPORTS

Town Clerk Report: Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector are on file.

Waterfront Working Group – Jim Werkowski reported they met on March 28th and April 25th is the next scheduled meeting. The following items were discussed:

- Cosmetic improvements to See Park;
- Talked about the possibility of a seasonal floating dock;

- Deterioration of the boardwalk at Swyer Preserve;
- Sustainable restoration of the shoreline from See Park to State land;
- Would like to present to the Fire District Commissioners at their May meeting

Environmental Management Council: In Christian Sweningson's absence, Lee Jamison reported:

- They are clarifying their role in the County;
- Discussed publishing a newsletter;
- Received a grant for climate action plan;
- Increased coordination between towns;
- Received \$3,452,500 in CEC Grants

Dog Control Officer: Report of no action

Kinderhook Memorial Library: Carolyn Gleason read the report provided by the Kinderhook Memorial Library:

- They are working with a professional development firm to update the long-range plan;
- Fundraisers are coming up – including an Art Studios Tour in September and others;
- Librarians are putting together the summer reading program;
- Hosting a free concert at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on July 25th featuring the Lost Radio Rounders, celebrating the semiquincentennial;
- Always looking for ideas to bring to Stuyvesant;
- They have stopped mailing newsletters due to rising costs, newsletter will continue to be available on their website.

Climate Smart Task Force: Jim Werkowski reported:

- Trex recycling program has changed Kinderhook Memorial Library won't continue to collect;
- Tree planting at the Veterans' Park on April 26th at 2pm. 6 trees are being planted. They are waiting to hear back from National Grid about "dig safe";
- The new NRI Steering Committee held their 1st meeting;
- There will be an NRI Photo Contest, Maria Ausherman and Steven Taylor will be in charge of this project;
- Brian Chittenden will do a Dairy Presentation in October.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum reported that

- The new truck is at Zwack's and is expected to be here in 1-3 weeks;
- They are putting out the picnic tables;
- The tennis net will be put up next week;
- They are putting away snow fence;
- The paint on the trucks and plows is being touched up;
- Will be installing new engraved blocks at the Vets' Park next week.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported Grievance Day will be May 28th; forms are requested 3 days prior.

Planning & Zoning Boards: The Planning Board continues to review the solar project (Mitchell Avenue) and there was an application for a farm stand in Stuyvesant Falls.

Historian: Cathy Knott gave an update on the findings of the Pinkowski House (Ice House Road). She found an old cemetery, with several stones, on the property dating back to 1860. She asked the Board to send a letter she drafted with information on the cemetery that includes pictures to DEC.

Cemetery: Carolyn Gleason reported that all is quiet. Joe Scrum reported we need to find someone to mow the cemetery.

Code Enforcement/Building Inspector: Reports on file.

Railroad Depot Committee: There will be a meeting on April 11th. The next event will be April 18th – it will be a movie night and pot luck dinner.

County Business

Supervisor Knott reported:

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – The full Board approved the contract with Ryan Biggs for engineering and design construction services for repairs to the bridge.

Solid Waste Workgroup – They are looking at reducing costs for solid waste, one of the options is to increase the bag fees. Gallatin and New Lebanon (recycle only) stations are being closed.

CEDC Updates – Headed by Mike Tucker for about 10 years. No one has applied so they increased the salary. Mike has agreed to stay through October.

Chris Brown, Housing Coordinator, is leaving. He was instrumental in creating the County Land Bank and purchasing the old Reilly Mills.

Environmental Health Fees – new rates for septic systems, etc.

11 Warren Street – Met with the company hired to renovate the exterior and will present 3 options for local residents to vote on.

250th Celebration – NYED Grant for \$15,000 was received by the County.

New Business

- At the Workshop, the Board adopted an EFT Policy based on recommendations from the insurance company;
- We have established an official Zoom Account;
- At the Workshop, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution to add a street light at Keil Lane/Route 46;

Supervisor Knott presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
Authorization for the Award of Truck and Body

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant maintains the town roads with multiple trucks; and

WHEREAS, one of the town's trucks, a 1995 International plow truck, is aged and experiencing undue maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended replacement of the 1995 International plow truck; and

WHEREAS, upon researching options and costs, it was determined that a International HV513SFA with Everest Body including 84 month engine and transmission warranty would serve the Town well and was on State contract bid; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent secured competing bids from a local dealer and verified the State bid quote to be the better option; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, THE Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new 2025 International HV513 and Everest CDS14SS4654 body that is on State Bid Contract # 10914 at a price not to exceed \$296,066.70 and deems the Town's present 1995 International plow truck VIN# 1HTGEADR5SH644759 as surplus equipment.

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ronald Knott	X		
Brian Chittenden		X	
Kelley Williams		X	
Carolyn Gleason		X	
Charles Stiffler	X		

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Hydro Plant – Albany Engineering will be changing to the Albany Electric Corporation.

The Allied Healthcare building has been put on the CEDC list for State money for DEC to do browns clean-up inspection.

Board Comments

Melissa Naegeli reported

- the Board approved the purchase of bench in memory of Juanita Knott for her years as Town Historian. It will be installed next to the Veterans' Park;
- the Board also approved the purchase of a water feature for the center of the Veterans' Park;
- the Easter Park hosted approximately 30 children

Councilman Charles Stiffler asked if water will be needed during the planting of the trees. Joe Scrum said we can make sure water is available. Jim Werkowski offer a hose.

Councilman Charles Stiffler reported that we are looking into replacing and repairing the windows at the town hall.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison reported that RiverSweep will be on May 2nd 11am – 2pm. The sites will be Ice House Road, Stuyvesant Landing, the Sandbar, and Swyer Preserve. Volunteers should sign up on the RiverKeeper website.

Jim Werkowski asked if there could be an official email address for the Climate Smart Task Force. Supervisor Knott will check on it.

Lee Jamison also reported that the Hummel Park trails need work and will try to set up a volunteer day in May.

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Gleason and was approved by unanimous vote.

The following abstract of vouchers was approved at the April 2nd and 9th meetings:

	<i>April 2026</i>			LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
26-116	CPL Architecture Engineering Planning	TA64			
26-117	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	TA64			
26-118	The Town CPA PLLC	1320.4	1,450.00		
26-119	Staples, Inc. (\$197.26)	1620.4	28.99		
		1410.4	20.36		
		1110.4	54.38		
		8020.4	71.29		
		8160.4	21.64		
26-120	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	1620.41	252.96		
26-121	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	70.40		
26-122	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	925.00		
26-123	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Office)	1110.4	189.94		
26-124	Aramco, Inc.	1620.4	82.64		
26-125	Hartgen Archeological Assoc., Inc.	A75104	3,500.00		
26-126	NYSATRC Membership	1410.4	25.00		
26-127	Darkshield, LLC	1620.41	2,600.00		
26-128	Repeat Business Systems (\$172.03)	1410.4	57.35		
		5132.4	57.33		
		1620.41	57.35		
26-129	The Gazette	8020.4	58.81		
26-130	Melissa Naegeli	7550.4	160.00		
26-131	National Grid (\$1483.94)	5182.4		719.68	
				674.26	
26-132	National Grid	1620.4	108.00		
26-133	National Grid	5132.4	440.04		
26-134	National Grid (<i>railroad station</i>)	1620.4	37.70		
26-135	Gabbit, LLC (\$945.86)	1620.41	621.93		
		5132.4	323.93		
26-136	Main Care Energy	5110.41			2,008.76
26-137	Anthony Link	DA9089.8			200.00
26-138	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip Co Inc.	5130.4			85.00
26-139	Apalachee	5142.4			7,327.11
26-140	Redlyne Performance Inc.	5130.4			135.00
26-141	Mario's Home Center	5110.4			59.56
	2-Apr-26		11,215.04	1,393.94	9,815.43

26-142	SL Empire Solar I, LLC	1620.4	174.16		
26-143	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	370.05		
26-144	Peac Solutions	1620.41	287.82		
26-145	Edmunds GovTech	1620.41	2850.00		
26-146	Welsh Sanitation	5132.4	128.84		
26-147	Cantele Memorials, LLC	7110.4	1,560.00		
26-148	Main Care Energy	5132.4	635.09		
26-149	H.L. Gage Sales, Inc.	5130.2			296,066.70
26-150	CarQuest of Valatie, Inc.	5130.4			267.59
26-151	J.C. Smith, Inc.	5110.4			1,205.51
26-152	Chemung Supply Corp	5130.4			4,933.50
26-153	Lowe's	5110.4			422.35
26-154	Visa (#2470) (\$1809.37)	1410.4	51.99		
		7510.4	25.99		
		5010.4	25.99		
		3620.4	36.99		
		1355.4	25.99		
		1220.4	28.99		
		1620.41	169.90		
		7110.4	1,196.54		
		7110.4	246.99		
26-155	Visa (#4070)	5130.4			366.63
26-156	Alex VanBenschoten	DA9089.8			51.75
	9-Apr-26		7,815.33	-	303,314.03
	April Totals		19,030.37	1,393.94	313,129.46