

Town Board Workshop
August 6, 2026

In attendance: Ron Knott, Brian Chittenden, Charles Stiffler, Joe Scrum, Kelley Williams, and Melissa Naegeli

Charles Stiffler reported there will be a 4 week detour around 9J.

Ron reported we are dealing with storm damage and have prepared damage reports for emergency management/reimbursement. The fire companies have also completed their forms.

Ron received a call from Jim Besha that they will be reinstalling the kiosk at Overlook Park.

The Federal government has upped the mileage rate to \$.76/mile

Ron presented proposed local law #2 and 3 regarding increases to income levels for disabled and low income/senior citizens. The changes could result in up to \$.78 per thousand for everyone else. He will bring it to the Board meeting in August and schedule a public hearing for September.

NYS Local Retirement regulations will result in the Town's portion increasing. The County is looking at \$500,000 increase potentially.

Jonathan Spaminato is the new Director of Economic Development

Ron met with ArchTop Fiber. They are installing equipment through Stuyvesant and will compete with Spectrum. Ron has a meeting with Spectrum next week.

Ron is working on the phone systems for the town hall and garage.

Alex VanBenschoten has left the highway department. The position has been advertised. The Board discussed the necessity to having people read and sign the personnel policy upon being hired.

The Kinderhook Library is doing a 414 petition for the General Election. Their request equals 10%.

The situation with the property owned by Dan Barber is progressing. He has been working on it slowly. Ron reminded everyone that the court order said the property had to be up to code by June 15, 2026. We had Taconic

Engineering meet with Kevin Haberland and they went to the property and toured the house. We have not received their official report yet.

Ron presented Budget Amendment #2:

	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
A3060 JCAP		\$1484.00
A2705 Gifts & Donations		\$2000.00
	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
A1110.4 Justice	\$1484.00	
A7110.4 Parks	\$2000.00	

A motion to approve the Budget Amendment was made by Kelley Williams. The motion was seconded by Charles Stiffler and was approved by unanimous vote.

Ron reported that the 2nd quarter sales tax check was \$163,916.72

Ron has begun working on the budget for 2027. He is anticipating a 2% reduction for tax payers.

Bill Vick came to talk about Verizon and extender services. The extender would cost \$150 and cover 7500 sq.ft. He explained that there is a potential for reimbursement if it is purchased for “emergency services”. He also talked about WiFi shacks that are available for farms and fields. The cell tower can take up to 5 years after approval.

Ron said he had been in contact at Verizon to ask about the tower. The Board discussed noticing a significant drop in service in the immediate area in the last several weeks.

The Board discussed the wording the bench to be purchased and placed at the Veterans Memorial Park. The Board agreed on “Your Time is a Gift – Thank you Volunteers”. Melissa will take care of getting the bench ordered from Barco Products.

Ron reported that Board of Supervisors will be voting on how to pay the Rescue Squads. Currently the town agrees to an amount then it’s a chargeback through the county taxes. There is a Resolution before the Board to get a total amount and spread it equally across the county.

Historic Stuyvesant Day is August 8th.