

TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2012

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Esopus Town Board was held on January 19, 2012 at 7 PM in the Town Hall on 284 Broadway in Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

Supervisor John Coutant

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet

Councilperson Wayne Freer

Councilperson Donna McAuley

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Administrative Recorder: Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk

Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT: Michael LaManna and his son Michael attended the meeting. Michael LaManna, Jr. is working on his Eagle Scout Project to build a scoreboard for the Town of Esopus Little League at Ross Park. The Town Board agreed this was a worthy project. Plans will be reviewed by the Building Inspector. Michael is sixteen years old and works at Camp Tri Mount during the summer. He has earned forty merit badges.

1. Town of Esopus United Methodist Church Request

The Town of Esopus United Methodist Church called to come to the meeting, however, no one attended the meeting. They are requesting to close a portion of Main Street between Rt. 9W and Green Street. The Supervisor spoke with Highway Supt. Michael Cafaldo about this and he agreed with the request. Two people from the Recreation Department could put up the barriers. Councilperson Gloria VanVliet would like the request in writing. There was a question about people coming around the back of the Spinnenweber building and the bank. The Supervisor suggested using the bank property for the handicapped parking area. The real estate people should be contacted for permission.

2. Supervisor's Audit Results

The Supervisor said our audit was fine. Deputy Clerk Holly Netter did an excellent job in creating a spread sheets for daily and monthly sales as well as the yearly report. Our CPA Brian Pickard was very impressed. Every other department was fine also. This report has to be to the State Auditor by January 20th.

3. Resolution Changing Recreation Board to Seven Members

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows:

Whereas, as per Chapter 39 of the Town of Esopus Code entitled Recreation Commission, Section 39-2 Membership, the Recreation Commission currently consists of five commissioners and it has been determined by the Town Board that this board should be increased to seven commissioners,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Town of Esopus Town Board has decided to change Chapter 39, Section 39-2 to change the composition of the Recreation Commission from five commissioners to seven commissioners effective immediately.

Resolution offered by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley.

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet Aye

Councilperson Wayne Freer Aye

Councilperson Donna McAuley Aye

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution duly adopted.

Supervisor John Coutant mentioned our Christmas Parade was wonderful thanks in part to the next three appointments. Councilperson Wayne Freer said having a seven man board gives us more latitude.

A. Resolution – Appointment of Robert Wells to Recreation Board

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York as follows:

Whereas, there is a vacancy on the Town of Esopus Recreation Commission,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town of Esopus Town Board approves the appointment of Robert Wells as a member of the Recreation Commission to a term that will expire 12/31/2014.

Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer.

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet Aye

Councilperson Wayne Freer Aye

Councilperson Donna McAuley Aye

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution duly adopted.

B. Resolution – Appointment of Ernest Osterhoudt to Recreation Board

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York as follows:

Whereas, there is a vacancy on the Town of Esopus Recreation Commission,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town of Esopus Town Board approves the appointment of Ernest Osterhoudt as a member of the Recreation Commission to a term that will expire 12/31/2014.

Resolution offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet.

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet Aye

Councilperson Wayne Freer Aye

Councilperson Donna McAuley Aye

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution duly adopted.

C. Appointment of Krista McDermitt

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York as follows:

Whereas, there is a vacancy on the Town of Esopus Recreation Commission,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town of Esopus Town Board approves the appointment of Krista McDermitt as a member of the Recreation Commission to a term that will expire 12/31/2014.

Resolution offered by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet.

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet Aye

Councilperson Wayne Freer Aye

Councilperson Donna McAuley Aye

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution duly adopted.

4. Pride of Ulster County Award Announcement – January 24, 2012

Legislator Carl Belfiglio will present Chester's Cutting Crew with a pride of Ulster County Award. Originally the meeting was scheduled for next week, however, we understand there has been some change in the meeting date. Supervisor Coutant will investigate and advise everyone of the scheduling of the award.

5. Budget Adjustments

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

December 2011 & January 2012

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has been presented with budget adjustments and the adjustments have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget adjustments be approved for payment:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR DECEMBER 2011

AO 0599.000 Fund Balance AO 3510.4 Dogs Contractual \$ 977.03

AO.0599.000 Fund Balance AO 3620.4 Safety Inspection Cont. \$ 70.80

AO 0599.000 Fund Balance AO 5132.2 Highway Garage Equip. \$ 960.15

AO 0599.000 Fund Balance AO 55132.403 Highway Garage Cont. \$ 112.45

SS 0599.00 Fund Balance SS 8110.100 Sewer Personal \$13,483.39

Resolution offered by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet Aye

Councilperson Wayne Freer Aye

Councilperson Donna McAuley Aye

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution duly adopted.

6. Approval of Vouchers for December 2011

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows:

Whereas, the Town of Esopus has been presented with vouchers for payment and these vouchers have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the following vouchers be approved for payment:

DECEMBER FINAL VOUCHERS

- General Fund 111660-11692 \$33,311.34**
- Highway Fund 112284-112302 \$12,504.27**
- Port Ewen Sewer 113204-113217 \$30,572.12**
- Port Ewen Water 114312-114335 \$26,547.09**
- Total.....\$102,934.82**

Resolution offered to pay vouchers was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet. By the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows,

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet Aye

Councilperson Wayne Freer Aye

Councilperson Donna McAuley Aye

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution duly adopted.

7. Approval of Vouchers for January 2012

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows:

Whereas, the Town of Esopus has been presented with vouchers for payments and those vouchers have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the following vouchers are approved for payment:

JANUARY 2012 VOUCHERS

- General Fund 121001-121033 \$21,857.32**
- Highway Fund 122001-122003 \$ 1,224.95**

Street Lighting 126001 \$ 5,976.67
Port Ewen Sewer 123001-123011 \$ 66,505.70
Port Ewen Water 124001-124007 \$17,570.62
Total.....\$113,135.26

Resolution offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley

Resolution seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet Aye

Councilperson Wayne Freer Aye

Councilperson Donna McAuley Aye

Absent: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution duly adopted.

8. Approval of Minutes for December 2011

A Motion to approve the Minutes for December 2011 was made by Councilperson Donna McAuley and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

9. Correspondence and Reports of Committees

Correspondence for January has been received and is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office as well as the following reports of officials and boards:

Port Ewen Water & Sewer Agenda dated January 11, 2012

Building Inspectors’ December 2011 Report and Annual Reported for 2011

Town Clerk monthly report for December 2011 and Annual Report for 2011

Waterfront Advisory Board Minutes for December and Annual Report 2011

Planning Board Minutes dated December 8, 2011

Assessors’ monthly report for December 2011 and January 2012

Planning Board Minutes dated December 8, 2011

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet at 7:55 PM and seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. McCord

Town Clerk, CMC, RMC