

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2013**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Donna McAuley
Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

Administrative Recorder: Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Coutant addressed the audience saying this evening we have a very short agenda. One of the reasons why is, we met on the third Tuesday of the month for our Organizational Meeting and it has only been a few days since our last meeting. We are involved in several projects which have not yet come to a head.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Supervisor introduced Anne Gordon our Ulster County Historian who has done a great job with our Sojourner Truth project in our town.

Anne Gordon paid great tribute to Dorothy DuMond who passed away recently. Dot was the Town Historian for many years and she was a great researcher. She was very generous in helping people find their ancestry. She had great “stick to it of ness”. She researched for four years on Sojourner Truth. We had four boxes of material from Dot that we were able access concerning Isabella, Sojourner Truth’s name when she lived in the Town of Esopus. This information was invaluable. We will certainly miss Dot DuMond.

Secondly, Anne wanted to talk about the Rondout Creek Bridge. For the last ten years the bridge has been falling to pieces. When the new bridge was put in, the Rondout Creek Bridge was let go and it is disgusting looking. This bridge was built with Bethlehem Steel and with a little upkeep it should last forever. Anne went on the “Save the Wurt Street Bridge” website and there is a report by the Metropolitan Transportation Council. Dennis Doyle, from the Ulster County Planning Board is a member. The report states the bridge will be repaired by 2016. What will happen to the bridge in the next three years. When 2016 rolls around we will get another excuse and delay and it will just fall down. This Council needs to hear from us in Esopus and in Kingston. All of those people who use that bridge need to respond. It is time to take a public stand on this issue.

Supervisor Coutant said it was a short time after we moved into the Town Hall the Rondout Creek Bridge was closed for repair. A Jersey firm was doing an inspection and they said the steel was a better grade than the new bridge. Structurally it was in good shape but it needed a few repairs. The refurbishing of the bridge was to take place a year or two down the line. In late 2009 or 2010 the Supervisor received a letter that the bridge would be repaired.

Secondly, the Supervisor wrote to the NYS Dept. of Transportation about the lights on the bridge. The bridge lights have all been out except for one. He asked NYSDOT to repair them and now we have two lights working. It remains still an unsafe situation. The pavement on the bridge needs repair also. The bridge needs attention. He agreed with Anne Gordon. It is an asset to both Kingston and the Town of Esopus.

The Supervisor has a meeting with Mayor Shayne Gallo on January 30th and we will discuss the Rondout Creek Bridge at this joint meeting. After this happens the Supervisor will report back.

Kathy Robinson – Volleyball

Kathy Robinson is a volunteer with the Recreation Dept. and she is in charge of the Winter Wonderland Parade. She is here to honor another person who has helped with the parade. Brian Barnes was asked to step forward and receive an award for all his help with the Winter Wonderland Parade.

Secondly, Kathy had an idea to start an Esopus Volleyball Team. She would like to have four teams to begin and she has sponsors for those teams. It would happen on Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 PM in George Freer Memorial Park. This would begin the first of June through August. The sponsors would provide the shirts. There would be a \$30 fee per person and the money would be saved. We would have an extra person to keep score. A party could be held at the end of the summer. We have a net. Kathy would ask Lowe's to help us. Our town people could dig down for the volleyball square and put down a mesh and at low tide the sand could be placed from the river. If we get more people interested we could have eight teams. This would be for adults. The money will be spent among the sponsors i.e. pizza, water and soda, food for the picnic.

Supervisor Coutant thought this was a dynamite idea. If this turns out to be as successful as the Winter Wonderland Parade, it will be great. Councilperson Donna McAuley was pleased there would be something in town for the adults and thought this was a great idea. Councilperson Wayne Freer agreed. Kathy said the adults must be 21 years old and would not be limited to only Esopus residents. Councilperson Gloria VanVliet also thought this was a great idea for the summer months. Councilperson Kyle Barnett wished we had more people in this town that are as dedicated as Kathy Robinson.

There will be no trophies. It is not competitive. Those interested can call Town Hall if they want to sponsor a team. Supervisor Coutant suggested putting something together to place on Channel 23.

2. NYSDOT RESOLUTION – Left Turn Lane Broadway to East Main St.

**RESOLUTION FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INVESTIGATION OF LEFT TURN LANE
ON BROADWAY TO EAST MAIN STREET IN PORT EWEN, NEW YORK
January 17, 2013**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, State of New York, County of Ulster, has received a request from the Ulster County Sheriff’s Department concerning traffic issues at the intersection of Broadway and east Main Street, Port Ewen, New York.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, State of New York, County of Ulster, request NYSDOT to investigate the possibility of placing a left turn lane on Broadway to East Main in Port Ewen, New York due to traffic backup.

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

Supervisor John Coutant	Aye
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Aye
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Aye
Councilperson Donna McAuley	Aye
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

3. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS correct these Diane

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
December 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 2012				
AO 0599.000	Fund Balance	AO1355.100	Assessors Personnel	\$ 657.32
AO.0599.000	Fund Balance	AO 3620.100	Safety Inspection Cont.	
	\$1,507.30			
AO 0599.000	Fund Balance	AO 7110.100	Parks & Maintenance	\$1,772.32
AO 0599.000	Fund Balance	AO9030.800	Social Security	\$ 769.25
SS 0599.00	Fund Balance	SW8310.100	Water Personnel	
	\$3,911.51			

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VANVLIET. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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4. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

DECEMBER FINAL VOUCHERS

General Fund	121648-121683	
\$45,669.18		
Highway Fund	122295-122308	
\$14,789.43		
Port Ewen Sewer	123210 - 123211	\$
281.96		
Port Ewen Water	124344 -124366	\$21,481.48

Total.....\$82,222.05

A MOTION TO PAY THE DECEMBER VOUCHERS WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERS GLORIA VANVLIET. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

JANUARY 2013 VOUCHERS

General Fund	131001 -131004	\$11,909.52
Highway Fund	132001-132004	
\$14,561.80		
Port Ewen Sewer	133001- 133009	\$65,615.72
Port Ewen Water	134001 -134008	\$10,949.73
Street Lighting	136001	\$
6,206.26		

Total.....\$109,243.03

A MOTION TO PAY THE JANUARY VOUCHERS WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILPERSON DONNA MCAULEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meetings was made by Councilperson Kyle Barnett and seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

6. Communications & Reports of Officials, Boards and Committees

The following reports of officials, boards and committees were filed and are in the Town Clerks' Office:

Town Clerks' December Report for 2012
Town Clerks' Annual Report for 2012
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board Agenda January 14, 2013
Building Inspectors' Annual Report for 2012
Building Inspectors' monthly report for December 2012

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Planning Board Minutes for December 12, 2012
Planning Board Workshop Meeting Minutes dated November 29, 2012
Waterfront Advisory Minutes Nov. 27, 2012
Supervisor's Monthly Report for December 2012
Supervisor's Monthly Report for January 2013

7. Motion to Enter Into Executive Session to discuss a personnel problem

A Motion was made by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel problem at 8:04 PM. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

A Motion to adjourn from Executive Session was made at 8:28 PM by Councilperson Kyle Barnett and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

8. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Donna McAuley and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant at 8:29 PM. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. McCord
Town Clerk, CMC, RMC