

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Diane McCord
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

AWARDS – BOY SCOUTS

Five members of Pack 26 were awarded Cub Scouting’s highest honor at a scouting event on February 19th. Supervisor Diane McCord presented these young gentlemen with a Distinguished Citizen Award in recognition of their attainment of the Arrow of Light. Eamon Bray, Kyle Guyton, Leo Guyton, Michael Marshall & Benjamin Noesenchuk received their certificates and were congratulated by the Town Board & Town Clerk. The Town is proud of their accomplishment.

APPOINTMENT ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW – JAMES L. BANKS

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD
APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION**

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 Assessment Review Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints James L. Banks to the Assessment Review Board. Term to expire 9/30/2016.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer
Seconded by: Councilperson Leslie Kalmus

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	AYE
Supervisor Diane McCord	AYE

Councilperson Kyle Barnett NOT PRESENT AT TIME OF VOTE

All members present were in favor.

FARM STAND VS FARMERS MARKET – FERRI AND JUBIE

Supervisor McCord said she has been approached by Charles Ferri and Mike Jubie who have expressed a desire to have a farmers market at the Headless Horseman location during the summer. A change or amendment may need to be made to the Town Code section 123-11e. Supervisor McCord said she had talked to Myles Putman, Town consultant, and he said it would be great to have an interpretation (definition) in the back of the code book for guidance in the future. Members of the Board were receptive to the idea. Supervisor McCord will contact Paul Kellar and further discussion will be held at the workshop on March 7th.

SOJOURNER TRUTH COMMITTEE – REQUEST TO USE ESCROW ACCOUNT

The Sojourner Truth Committee has requested the use of their escrow funds to hire an archivist. Collection of research documents that were put together by former Town Historian Dorothy Dumond on the life of Sojourner Truth in Esopus is stored in the vault of the Town Clerks office. The Committee is proposing to hire an archivist to restore the collection to its original format, to incorporate the Committee’s research materials in to the collection and prepare a Finding Aid for the contents. The Finding Aid would give an overview of the collection, the history of its formation and the contents of the folders. It will be a great source for researchers and for the Town Clerk’s Office. The plan is to send copies of the Finding Aid to local libraries, and to places across the country where there are collections of Sojourner Truth materials. The Committee will ask the Ulster County Clerk for assistant to finding a qualified archivist to do the work. It is estimated that the work will take about 60 hours to complete. The salary offered will be for part-time work. The funds which are now in the escrow account represent money raised by the Committee from various contributors and events. They are not part of the New York State Assembly Capital Fund provided through Assemblyman Kevin Cahill’s office.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO ALLOW THE SOJOURNER TRUTH COMMITTEE TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM THE ESCROW ACCOUNT TO HIRE AN ARCHIVIST TO PUT TOGETHER THE RECORDS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSFER STATION INTERVIEW LEONARD LIBERTA – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 7:40 PM BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING LEONARD LIBERTA REGARDING EMPLOYMENT FOR THE TRANSFER STATION. COUNCILPERSON FREER SECONDED THE MOTION. LEONARD LIBERTA WAS INVITED INTO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING. ALL MEMEBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:33 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISION MADE.

APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS - FEBRUARY 2016

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:

General Fund	161026 - 161091	\$ 35,985.35
Highway Fund	162011- 162042	\$ 29,497.96
Street Lights	166001	\$ 6,543.76
Port Ewen Sewer Fund	163009 - 163025	\$ 16,106.83
Port Ewen Water Fund	164014 - 164037	\$ 69,445.84
Total.....		\$ 157,579.74

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	AYE
Supervisor Diane McCord	AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

SOLAR CONTRACT EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40 PM REGARDING A PERSONNEL MATTER PERTAINING TO THE HIRING OF A SOLAR VENDOR FOR THE TOWN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:08 PM BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL MEMEBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT TO RELEASE OUR CURRENT SOLAR CONSULTANT AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO ISSUE A LETTER TO HIM TO CEASE AND DISIST ANY FURTHER WORK ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERKS MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATION & REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

MISCELANEOUS

RECREATION BUILDING LOCATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT WORSHOP MARCH 7TH

TBS CONTRACTOR TO BE DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP MARCH 7TH

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:08 PM WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**