

**TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2012**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, March 15, 2011 in the Town Hall 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  
Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

**Administrative Recorder: Diane L. McCord, CMC, RMC**

**Pledge to the Flag**

Supervisor Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and explained tonight's meeting agenda is different because we have to adopt ten resolution.

**Public Comment:** None

**1. Resolution – Environmental Board Appointment – Annmarie Glenn**

**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 Environmental Board,

**Therefore, Be it Resolved,** the Town of Esopus Town Board approves the appointment of Annmarie Glenn as a member of our Environmental Board to a term that will expire December 31, 2013.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley.**

**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet.**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**2. Resolution – Authoriation to Sign Solar Energy Agreement**

The Town Board has determined there is a method to place solar energy across our capped landfill. The energy would be used to provide electricity to the remainder of the Town Hall, the Highway Garage, the street lights throughout town, and provide the power to run the Port Ewen Water and Sewer District. This project could be completed within the next six months. The project will stabilize our energy rates for the next twenty years.

Randolph Horner has represented our interest in regard to solar energy. There is an independent company that will install the solar units. After twenty years we will be able to buy the installation for \$250,000 or the market value, whatever is lowest amount. We need to have Central Hudson on board with this project because they will have to tie us into their credit system. We need authorization for the Supervisor to sign this agreement. Councilperson Kyle Barnett said the Town Board has debated this issue for quite some time. We have reviewed the documentation Randolph Horner has provided. The information we have now, it makes sense for us to move forward to the next phase.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO SIGN SOLAR ENERGY AGREEMENT**

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

The Town Board of the Town of Esopus authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the American Capital Energy Solar Energy Agreement.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Wayne Freer**

**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**3. Resolution – Use of St. Remy Park**

**Whereas**, the Town of Esopus Town Board, County of Ulster, State of New York, has received a request from The Children’s Home of Kingston to reserve the field on Route 213 (St. Remy Park) for August 4, 2012 from 7am to 7pm for one of the corps to practice for the Drum and Bugle March of Champions,

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board approves the use of this field for The Children’s Home of Kingston for August 4, 2012 from 7am to 7pm.

**Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant**

**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

Supervisor Coutant and Councilperson Freer said from time to time various entities ask to use our facilities. The Children’s Home of Kingston has used the park for several years to practice for their Drum and Bugle Competitions to be held at Dietz Stadium. The Town Board welcomes this competition.

**4. Resolution – All County Electrical Inspection**

**Be it Resolved**, that a Resolution is hereby adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus in the County of Ulster, State of New York to approve All County Electrical Inspection as an authorized agency in the Town of Esopus to provide Electrical Inspections.

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

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

Supervisor Coutant explained the New York State Underwriters have dissolved and other companies have taken their place, after fulfilling the qualifications necessary to do electrical inspections. All County Electrical Inspection is run by David F. Scism from Redhook. He will be an asset to our residents who need electrical inspections as well as solar installations. There is no impact on the cost to the town.

**5. Resolution – Attendance at Town Clerk’s Conference**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS TO ATTEND  
THE NEW YORK STATE TOWN CLERKS’ ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE  
MARCH 15, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus Town Clerk has requested authorization to attend the 2012 NYSTCA Conference in Saratoga and

**WHEREAS**, this expense has been budgeted in the Town Clerk’s budget and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board recognizes the knowledge and efforts the Town Clerk’s Office provides and

**WHEREAS**, New York State rules and regulations change constantly through the Dept. of Health, Dept. of Conservation and Dept. of State and this information is given directly through the training received at the New York State Town Clerk’s Association Conference and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Clerk Holly Netter and Deputy Clerk Erin McNierney have agreed to attend this conference,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York, gives authorization to provide training to the Deputy Clerks’ through the NYSTCA on April 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 25, 2012.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet**  
**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>

<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

## **6. Resolution – Authorizing Sojourner Truth Grant**

A committee has been working hard to have a statue placed at Sojourner Truth Park in Port Ewen in honor of our native daughter. The history of Sojourner Truth will amaze many people. Sojourner Truth was born and raised in the Town of Esopus. She was a nationally known public speaker, preacher, abolitionist, suffragette and National Woman’s Hall of Fame inductee. She inherited her strength, her spirit and her sense of justice from her Esopus heritage.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOJOURNER TRUTH GRANT MARCH 15, 2012**

**Whereas**, the Supervisor and the Town Clerk of the Town of Esopus completed and duly executed a Grantee questionnaire for a Grant Application that was submitted to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York on October 4, 2010 which application the Town Board approves, and

**Whereas**, the purpose of said Grant Application was to secure funding for the site preparation, design and construction of a monument in recognition of Sojourner Truth. Sojourner was a nationally known public speaker, preacher, abolitionist, suffragette and is a National Women’s Hall of Fame inductee who was born and raised in the Town of Esopus. She inherited her strength, her spirit and her sense of justice from her Esopus heritage and a statue of Sojourner Truth in her youth is proposed and,

**Whereas**, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York approved a grant to be made to the Town of Esopus in the sum of \$75,000 from the Community Capital Assistance Program for the purposes set forth above, and

**Whereas**, as a condition of payment of said grant monies the Town of Esopus must execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement, and

**Whereas**, the Town Clerk and Town Supervisor have reviewed said Agreement and have determined that the representations therein are accurate and the terms thereof acceptable,

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Esopus is hereby authorized to execute said Grant Disbursement Agreement and such additional documents which may be reasonably necessary to secure the \$75,000 grant monies from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet**

**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

Councilperson Barnett agreed this is a tremendous thing that the town is able to be a part of and he commends the people who have worked so hard to secure the grant. He only would like to see New York State provide funding for jobs and other needy purposes.

**7. Resolution – Purchase Excavator**

**Resolution to Purchase  
Equipment for Highway Department**

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

**Whereas**, our Highway Superintendent, Michael Cafaldo, has submitted a request to purchase the following equipment:

Hyundai R80 Excavator	\$74,028.00
Atlas Copco Hammer	\$10,881.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$84,909.00</b>
Trade Cat Loader	\$10,000.00
Trade Komatsu Excavator	\$ 4,250.00
Trade Massey Backhoe	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Total Trade:</b>	<b>\$18,250.00</b>

**TOTAL PURCHASE BALANCE.....\$66,659.00**

**PAYMENT TERMS – 5 YEAR TERM LEASE.....\$15,048.00 Per Year**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the purchase of the equipment requested for the Town of Esopus Highway Department.

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

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**8. Resolution – Capital Assistance Program**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
PURCHASE AND RENOVATION OF A PARKING LOT Project ID No. 1084**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus has been awarded a Community Capital Assistance Program Grant for the Purchase and Renovation of Ross Park Parking Lot,

**WHEREAS**, the Grantee Certification must be signed by two (2) authorized officers of the Town of Esopus,

**WHEREAS**, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York approved a grant to be made to the Town of Esopus in the sum of \$50,000 from the Community Capital Assistance Program for the purposes set forth above and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of payment of said grant monies the Town of Esopus must execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed said Agreement and have determined that the representations therein are accurate and the terms thereof acceptable,

**Now, Therefore Be it Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus is hereby authorized to execute said Grant Disbursement Agreement and such additional documents which may be reasonably necessary to secure the \$50,000 grant monies from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley**  
**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

Supervisor Coutant gave some background information on this grant. There has been some conversation about the acquisition of a piece of property on Bowne Street across from Ross Park. There is a parking lot owned by a church in Port Ewen. The church has rented us this property for years for \$1 a year. It is a nice building lot for two or three houses. The town was able to secure a \$50,000 grant from the NYS Dormitory Authority to purchase the parking lot.

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet said we do not want to lose this parking lot. We do not have much parking around Ross Park. This has been a tough battle for Supervisor Coutant. Supervisor Coutant thanked Assemblyman Kevin Cahill for helping to make this happen. Everyone along the path has worked very hard. We were approved for a grant many years ago but due to complications we had not received it. The Supervisor was able to turn the grant around in order to purchase this lot.

**9. Resolution – Alternate Ulster County Planning Board**

Our Chairperson of the Planning Board usually attends the Ulster County Planning Board Meetings and we did have an alternate member with Charles Wesley, however, after he resigned we needed a replacement. Planning Board Member Fred Zimmer has stepped forward.

**Town of Esopus**  
**Appointment Resolution**  
**For An Alternate to the Ulster County Planning 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**, we have been requested by the Ulster County Planning Board to appoint an alternate to this Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Wesley through December 31, 2013.

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, the Town of Esopus Town Board would like to appoint Fred Zimmer, Town of Esopus Planning Board, as an alternate to fill this vacancy.

**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.**

**10. Resolution – Attendance 2012 Highway School**

**Whereas**, the Town of Esopus, Highway Superintendent Michael Cafaldo has requested to be allowed to attend the 2012 Highway School in Ithaca, New York from June 10<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Registration fee will be \$99 per person and the cost of lodging will be \$139. Per night at the Holiday Inn in downtown Ithaca. Michael Cafaldo would like Dave Quinn to attend this school with him.

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York, gives their permission to Michael Cafaldo and Dave Quinn to attend the 2012 Highway School in Ithaca, New York from June 10<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley**

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

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**11. Great River Sweep – April 21st**

Residents were asked to participate in the Great River Sweep on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with a rain date of 4/22 10AM to 1PM at Sleightsburgh Park. Heavy shoes and gloves are recommended as well as extra rakes, pails and garbage bags. For more information call Kathy Quick at 331-7358. The Supervisor said Kathy Quick has done a great job each year.

**12. Budget Adjustments – None**

**13. Payments of Vouchers**

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS  
MARCH 2012**

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>121093-121139</b>	<b>\$ 86,020.90</b>
<b>Highway Vouchers</b>	<b>122035-122054</b>	<b>\$ 24,997.00</b>
<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>126003</b>	<b>\$ 6,197.03</b>
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>125001</b>	<b>\$ 8,595.85</b>
<b>Port Ewen Sewer</b>	<b>123036-123054</b>	<b>\$ 21,916.09</b>
<b>Port Ewen Water</b>	<b>124039-124067</b>	<b>\$ 15,318.76</b>
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$163,045.63</b>

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**14. Approval of Minutes**

**A Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings was made by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**15. Communications & Reports of Officials and Boards**

Communications for the month of March are on file in the Town Clerk's Office as well as the following reports of officials and Boards:

Town Clerk Monthly Report dated February 2012

Port Ewen Water and Sewer Board Minutes dated Feb. 15, 2012  
Environmental Board Minutes dated Feb. 15, 2012  
Port Ewen Water and Sewer Agenda dated 3-13-2012  
Planning Board Minutes dated 2-8-2012  
Building Dept. Monthly Report for February 2012  
Assessor's Monthly Report dated Feb. 22, 2012  
Supervisor's Monthly Report dated March 2012

**A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:10 PM by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Diane L. McCord  
Town Clerk, CMC, RMC**