

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
March 20, 2014**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet  
Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Councilperson Kyle Barnett  
Councilperson Diane McCord**

**Administrative Recorder - Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW  
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND  
2014 HIGHWAY SCHOOL IN ITHACA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus, Highway Superintendent Michael Cafaldo has requested to be allowed to attend the 2014 Highway School in Ithaca, New York from June 1st – June 4th, 2014. Registration fee will be \$100.00 per person and the cost of lodging will be \$139.00 per night at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Ithaca. Michael Cafaldo would like Bruce Woinoski 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 Bruce Woinoski to attend the 2014 Highway School in Ithaca, New York from June 1st – June 4th, 2014.

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

The Board was polled:

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| <b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>        | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b> | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>      | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |

**All Town Board Members voted in Favor. Motion Carried.**

**Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo – Purchase Request for Bobcat**

Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo advised the town of two small Bobcats that are beyond repair and need to be replaced. He anticipates receiving a trade in value of \$15,000 to put toward the purchase of a larger Bobcat. The new Bobcat is eligible for CHIPS funds and the balance of \$30,063 will come from there. A short discussion was held between Councilperson Van Vliet and Superintendent Cafaldo regarding the condition, budgeting and need for the equipment. Elizabeth Johnson who resides on 9W attended the meeting and questioned if this machine would be used to clear the sidewalks. Councilpersons explained it was the homeowners' responsibility to clear the sidewalk in front of their home/business. The Building Department did contact those owners who were in violation and reminded them of the ordinance. It was agreed that it was a rough winter for everyone this year. The supervisor concluded by saying if there is a section of sidewalk that needs attention to please contact him so it can be addressed and we will do what we can. At times there are neighbors or volunteers who will help someone in need.

**Councilperson Wayne Freer made a motion to allow Mike Cafaldo to trade in the 2 small Bobcats and purchase the larger Bobcat. Councilperson Diane McCord seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.**

Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo also publicly thanked everyone for their support in his time of need with regard to the recent passing of his wife.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT  
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus Waterfront Advisory Board has a vacancy to be filled the Town of Esopus Town Board recommends the appointment of Brett Gehrke to a term which will expire on December 31, 2017,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints Brett Gehrke to fill this vacancy which will expire on December 31, 2017.

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

**The Board was polled:**

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>        | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b> | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>      | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW  
TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND  
TOWN CLERK CONFERENCE APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> – APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus Town Clerk, Holly Netter, has requested to be allowed to attend the 2014 Town Clerk Conference in Saratoga, New York from April 27<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Registration fee will be \$125.00 per person and the cost of lodging will be a total of \$759.03 at the Saratoga Hilton.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York, gives their permission to Town Clerk, Holly Netter, to attend the 2014 Town Clerk Conference to be held in Saratoga, New York from April 27<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Resolution offered by:**        **Supervisor John Coutant**  
**Resolution seconded by:**    **Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

**The Board was polled:**

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>        | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b> | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>      | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |

**Resolution duly adopted**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO SIGN FOR TOWN INSURANCE TO CHANGE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has made an agreement with Marshall and Sterling, Inc. to have them represent us as our broker of record.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor John K. Coutant to execute the Agreements list above on behalf of the Town of Esopus.

**Resolution offered by:** Councilperson Wayne Freer  
**Resolution seconded by:** Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

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| Supervisor John Coutant        | AYE |
| Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet | AYE |
| Councilperson Wayne Freer      | AYE |
| Councilperson Kyle Barnett     | AYE |
| Councilperson Diane McCord     | AYE |

**Resolution duly adopted**

**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 Town of Esopus Assessment Review Board,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints Bill Fitzgerald term to expire on 9/30/14.

**Resolution offered by:** Supervisor John Coutant  
**Seconded by:** Councilperson Diane McCord

The Board was polled:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>        | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b> | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>      | <b>AYE</b>     |
| <b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>     | <b>RECUSED</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>     | <b>AYE</b>     |

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS APPOINTMENT TO  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**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 Zoning Board of Appeals,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints Francis Skerrit term to expire on 12/31/15.

**Resolution offered by:** Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet  
**Seconded by:** Councilperson Kyle Barnett

The Board was polled:

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| <b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>        | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b> | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>      | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |

**Resolution duly adopted.**

\*\*Appointment was to fulfill the remainder of the late Don Cole's Term.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH  
THE CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus will enter into a Contract with The Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the purchase of property located at 215 Bowne Street, Port Ewen,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor John K. Coutant to execute this Contract on behalf of the Town of Esopus.

**Resolution offered by:** Councilperson Diane McCord  
**Resolution seconded by:** Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

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| Supervisor John Coutant        | AYE |
| Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet | AYE |
| Councilperson Wayne Freer      | AYE |
| Councilperson Kyle Barnett     | AYE |
| Councilperson Diane McCord     | AYE |

**Resolution duly adopted.**

Councilperson Kyle Barnett said changes need to be made to the contract prior to the signing. Supervisor John Coutant made a promise not to sign the contract unless the money is forthcoming from the NYS Dormitory Authority and Councilperson Kyle Barnett has reviewed the amendments to the contract. This has been a very lengthy process and the church has been quite patient. The purpose of this authorization is to allow Supervisor Coutant to sign as soon as the funding approval has been made to help expedite the purchase of the lot and not have to wait another month for a scheduled meeting.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR MARCH 2014**

**AO 0599.000 Fund Balance AO 1620.403 BLDG OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 338.02**  
**AO.0599.000 Fund Balance AO 7110.453 PORT EWEN ATHLETIC ASS. \$1000.00**

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

**Supervisor John Coutant AYE**  
**Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet AYE**  
**Councilperson Wayne Freer AYE**  
**Councilperson Kyle Barnett AYE**  
**Councilperson Diane McCord AYE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**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:

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| <b>General Fund</b>         | <b>141084 - 141129</b> | <b>\$ 40,071.32</b>  |
| <b>Highway Fund</b>         | <b>142033 - 142067</b> | <b>\$ 87,628.30</b>  |
| <b>Street Lights</b>        | <b>146003</b>          | <b>\$ 7,945.15</b>   |
| <b>Port Ewen Sewer Fund</b> | <b>143024 - 143044</b> | <b>\$16,353.84</b>   |
| <b>Port Ewen Water Fund</b> | <b>144038 - 144070</b> | <b>\$ 36,729.30</b>  |
| <b>Total.....</b>           |                        | <b>\$ 188,727.91</b> |

**A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

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| <b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>        | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b> | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>      | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |
| <b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>     | <b>AYE</b> |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Communication & Reports are available in the Town Clerk's Office.**

**MISCELANEOUS**

Brian Pickard, CPA has completed the Town of Esopus Annual Financial Reports and they have been forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A Motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM was made by Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk**