

**Town Board Meeting
March 16, 2021**

A regularly scheduled Town Board meeting was held at the Esopus Town Hall 1 Town Hall Way Ulster, Park NY. The meeting was also available via zoom, live streamed on Facebook and televised on local access channel 23 on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Jared Geuss
Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Chris Farrell
Councilman Evelyn Clarke**

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

SUPERVISOR GEUSS MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AT 7:35 PM, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL LAWS 8-12 OF 2021 WERE HELD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Patty Williams – complaint issued about her neighbors on East Stout Street, (same as previously mentioned in the Public Hearing. They have transient people living with them and park on both sides of the street which is already very narrow. They do have a driveway but no one uses it. Mrs. Williams suggests installing no parking signs on both sides of the street and have the police patrol the area. The vantage point is compromised for cars coming over the hill and the street is too narrow for cars to be parked in the area, it's a dangerous situation. They also park on her front lawn causing damage as well as damage to the church property.

AGENDA

Town Board Meeting Dates – Motion to reschedule Town Board Workshop & Meeting dates to the respective first and third Thursdays of each month.

RESOLUTION SETTING TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, following a temporary closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Esopus Justice Court has reopened for business with primary operations occurring every Monday and Tuesday beginning at 5:00 PM, AND

WHEREAS, the Esopus Town Board Meetings are regularly held in the Justice Court on the First and Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, thereby creating a scheduling conflict,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board will reschedule their regular monthly meetings to the Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM except as noted and the Workshop meetings on the First Thursday at 7:00 PM except where noted. All meetings shall be held at Esopus Town Hall located at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York 12487.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:

<i>WORKSHOP MEETINGS: 7 PM</i>	<i>TOWN BOARD MEETINGS: 7 PM</i>
APRIL 1 ST	APRIL 15 TH
MAY 6 TH	MAY 20 TH
JUNE 3 RD	JUNE 17 TH
JULY 1 ST	JULY 15 TH
AUGUST 5 TH	AUGUST 19 TH
SEPTEMBER 2 ND	SEPTEMBER 16 TH
OCTOBER 7 TH	OCTOBER 21 ST
NOVEMBER 4 TH	NOVEMBER 18 TH
DECEMBER 2 ND	DECEMBER 16 TH

** Amended meetings will be held at Town Hall except when there is inclement weather or health related where it is required to hold the meeting remotely.

Resolution offered by: Kathie Quick

Resolution seconded by: Chris Farrell

Councilman Evelyn Clarke AYE
 Councilman Chris Farrell AYE
 Councilman Kathie Quick AYE
 Supervisor Jared Geuss AYE

Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Esopus
Amending the Fee Schedule by Adding an Application Fee
for Mixed-Use Floating Zone Applications

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus is authorized to set all fees by resolution of the Town Board pursuant to the Town of Esopus Town Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK:

1. The Fee Schedule is hereby amended by adding a new fee of \$500.00 that shall be submitted with all Mixed-Use Floating Zone Town Board Sketch Plan Applications.
2. The Fee Schedule is hereby amended by adding a new fee of \$2,000.00 that shall be submitted with Mixed Use Floating Zone Planning Board Sketch Plan Applications.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Jared Geuss
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke **AYE**
Councilman Chris Farrell **AYE**
Councilman Kathie Quick **AYE**
Supervisor Jared Geuss **AYE**

Town Board Vacancy – Public interview and discussion of applicants for the vacant Councilman position to serve until 12/31/2021. Elizabeth TenDyke, Laura Robinson and Patricia Kowatch.

COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LAURA ROBINSON TO FILL THE VACANCY OF INTERIM COUNCILPERSON WITH A TERM SET TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2021. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR JARED GEUSS.

VOTE:

Councilman Evelyn Clarke **AYE**
Councilman Chris Farrell **AYE**
Councilman Kathie Quick **AYE**
Supervisor Jared Geuss **AYE**

Council Comments:

Farrell said he would like to sit on it for a week or two and “marinate” what they heard today before he comes to a final decision, but there is a Motion on the table.

Quick said I think we need to move forward with the vote; very difficult decision a lot of talent.

Geuss ; It will be a good election season; a lot of good candidates.

Evelyn Clarke – Very difficult decision, thank you for stepping up.

Laura Robinson was appointed as Interim Councilperson and Town Clerk Holly Netter administered the Oath of Office. The winner of the 2020 Election in November will take office on January 1, 2022 and serve the remainder of the term until December 31, 2023.

Town Summer Camp – The Town Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding drafted by the Ulster County YMCA as well as an Office of Children & Family Services grant application coordination of a 2021 Summer Camp program at Ross Park in Port Ewen. Councilman Clarke reviewed the items that need to be addressed for the YMCA to run their program. The YMCA will handle the registration and the links will be shared on the Town’s website. More details will follow.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO SIGN THE MOU WITH THE UC YMCA AND THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES (OCFS) GRANT APPLICATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Farrell - Not comfortable voting on this (but will) because lack of clarity of the numbers and the fees. He said he hopes that the Town finds away to assist residents with the YMCA so the residents are not overly burdened; does not want it to be unaffordable for residents. It's always been a good avenue for residents to provide programming for the children over the summer. He has experience with the Y camps with his children and said it was a favorable experience so he is certain the YMCA will do a good job with oversight and delivery of service.

Clarke– We wouldn't have a camp at all if we didn't go with this approach because we do not have a Recreation Director. The program will include at least 1 day that the children can go to the Y to swim and use their facilities. There will be some positives for the youth and a more rounded experience.

Geuss - there will be applications for scholarship and payment plans offered through the YMCA.

Quick - YMCA really trains their counselors, we will be getting more mature leaders.

Riverkeeper Sweep –

The Riverkeeper is scheduling their 10th annual cleaning day at George Freer Park on Saturday, May 1st from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Town Board was in favor of the sweep at Freer Park.

UPDATES

- 1. Security Cameras** – now installed and operational at the Esopus Transfer Station. Liberty Security, LLC will be installing additional cameras at the Esopus Water Plant as requested on Wednesday, 3/17. Chris Farrell read an email from Don Kiernan saying the Water Board approved 2 cameras for the south side and feel the one camera may pick up the river. Don suggested holding off spending the money on the other cameras at this time. Two cameras will be installed and if there is a need for additional cameras they will be purchased at a later date. Councilman Quick wants to monitor traffic coming in and out of the parking lot.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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 MARCH 2021

AO 7140.100 Labor	AO 7140.4000	\$ 10,000
	Move labor for Camp	

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

OFFERED BY: Councilman Evelyn Clarke
SECONDED BY: Councilman Chris Farrell

Councilman Evelyn Clarke **AYE**

Councilman Kathie Quick AYE
 Councilman Chris Farrell AYE
 Supervisor Jared Geuss AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS MARCH 2021

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	211081 - 211138	\$83,036.98
HIGHWAY FUND	212018 - 212035	\$132,838.73
STREET LIGHTS	216001	\$6,296.87
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	213015 - 213030	\$ 12,972.00
PORT EWEN WATER FUND	214033 - 214054	\$ 13,981.04
Water Capital	210004	\$14,555.00
TOTAL		\$263,680.62

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilman Chris Farrell
SECONDED BY: Councilman Evelyn Clarke

Councilman Evelyn Clarke AYE
 Councilman Kathie Quick AYE
 Councilman Chris Farrell AYE
 Supervisor Jared Geuss AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS DECEMBER 2020

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	201642-201643	\$27,133.40

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilman Kathie Quick

SECONDED BY: Supervisor Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke AYE

Councilman Kathie Quick AYE

Councilman Chris Farrell AYE

Supervisor Jared Geuss AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:52 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

****RESIDENTIAL PARK RENTAL BEGAN MARCH 1, 2021/ NON RESIDENTIAL PARK RENTAL BEGINS APRIL 1, 2021**

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC

TB 3/16/21