

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**April 27, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 27, 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 - Absent**  
**Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**Councilperson Leslie Kalmus**

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

Supervisor Diane McCord called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

### **PLEDGE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Randolph Horner said he has served the community for a long period of time. Mr. Horner gave a history of the various solar projects within the Town that he was part of, such as the Town Hall project in 2010, the Esopus Library and the current Solar farm to be installed on the capped Esopus Landfill. Randolph stated he and the late Supervisor John Coutant started planning a comprehensive solar plan for the future for the citizens and the Town of Esopus. He stated there was a wrongful act in attempt to deprive him of his important role in fulfilling the Towns expectations. Horner said the expectations that he and the late Supervisor Coutant had were supported by the Board members over the years. Randolph said he has concerns about the potential loss of the interconnection rights and the NYSEDA incentive. In the past NYSEDA has threatened to remove the incentive and Randolph has been able to draft correspondence and get an extension.

Horner's second concern is the interconnection rights for 1000 MW of electric current over the wire that has been attained for the use and benefit for the residents of Esopus. That is not the full extent that could be develop on the Town's closed landfill. Randolph said the Town Board is considering tying up the Towns' property for 20 years and the project would deliver scarcely more than half of the rights we hold. A quarter of the potential for that site. Horner claimed he and the late Supervisor Coutant were planning electricity for all.

Mr. Horner continued saying progressive communities all over Central Hudson's territory are moving into this agenda. Horner recalled being invited on 8/22/15 to a Republican Committee Event attended by Congressman Gibson and Supervisor Kyle Barnett declared Esopus would be the 1<sup>st</sup> in New York state to offer energy over the wire and he embraced the John Coutant

Randolph Horner agenda. It is Randolph's opinion the new company is unwilling or unable to live up to the expectations of the Esopus Citizens, businesses and municipality; to merely do the bare minimum of a part of the potential of this site that has been worked on for so long and hard. Randolph feels he has served the Town long and well.

Horner said he has continued to monitor the situation from the industry's point of view, NYSEDA'S point of view and from the government's point of view, even though he was released from his service. Horner strenuously objects giving away the incentive and the Towns' interconnection right so as many as 200-300 residents could have electricity over the wire from the first phase of construction. He objects to being cheated out of compensation and diminishing the usefulness of the project and to the tax payers of Esopus. Mr. Horner said he was reaching out with the hand of friendship to try to reconcile this matter and he had not taken any legal action as of then. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to share his concerns and looks forward to a better result than the one he has been informed about.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – RECREATION DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING FOR VACANT RECREATION DEPARTMENT POSITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LESLIE KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:18 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LESLIE KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**\*\*A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES UNTIL THE TOWN BOARD HAS TIME TO REVIEW THE APPLICANTS. A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT THE MAY 2ND WORKSHOP MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **SOLAR PROJECT**

Supervisor McCord said they have been talking to BQ Energy and the Board will make a decision if they will stay with them.

**Resolution to Allow  
Highway Superintendent to Attend  
2016 Highway School in Ithaca**

**Whereas**, the Town of Esopus Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo and one Highway employee have requested to be allowed to attend the 2016 Highway School in Ithaca, New York from June 5th – June 8th , 2016. Registration fee will be \$110.00 per person and the cost of lodging will be \$139.00 per night at the Holiday Inn in Ithaca.

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York, gives their authorization to Supt. Mike Cafaldo and one employee to attend the 2016 Highway School in Ithaca, New York from June 5th – June 8th, 2016.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Leslie Kalmus  
Seconded by: Councilperson Gloria VanVliet

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Absent
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	AYE

**Transfer Station - Computer for Scale Approval**

Several months ago Leonard Liberta was the low Bidder to operate the transfer Station and will be in charge of the operation effective May 1, 2016. Mr. Liberta’s contract was read by Supervisor McCord for the 5 day operation of the transfer station for the amount of \$72,000. Councilperson Barnett said a lot of time and effort has been put forth putting the contract together, it has been a long time coming. Councilperson Barnett said he was excited and feels it will be an excellent service to the Town. Councilperson Barnett also thanked Mr. Liberta for stepping up and being a part of this.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON BARNETT TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR LIBERTA BROTHERS INC. AS READ. COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$400 TO PURCHASE THE EXISTING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM DANKELMANN AND ASSOCIATES TO OPORATE THE SCALE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED.**

**HOLLY NETTER – REGISTERED MUNICIPAL CLERK CERTIFICATION**

Supervisor McCord read a letter from the New York State Town Clerk’s Association in recognition of Holly Netter becoming a Certified Registered Municipal Clerk. The certification requires extensive schooling as well as years of service. Supervisor McCord thanked Holly for her due diligence and congratulated her new title. Councilperson Barnett said the town is fortunate to have a Town Clerk who is conscientious and goes the extra mile; citizens of Esopus are fortunate to have her working on their behalf. Councilpersons Kalmus and Van Vliet were also complementary and expressed their congratulations.

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

There are several volunteer positions available on various boards. If anyone is interested in serving on the Water Sewer Advisory Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or the Environmental Board they should submit a resume to the Town Clerk. An advertisement was place in the Daily Freeman and on the website for the vacancies.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERKS MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATION & REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE**

**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 APRIL 2016**

<b>O-0599.000 Fund Balance</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Supervisor Contractual</b>
		<b>AO.1220.400            \$309.00</b>
		<b>Glass For desk – (recd pmt from</b>
		<b>other desk to offset this)</b>
	<b>To</b>	<b>ZBA personnel Labor</b>
		<b>AO.8011.100            \$1382.57</b>

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.**

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

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

<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Leslie Kalmus</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS - APRIL 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:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>161149 - 161196</b>	<b>\$ 36,168.03</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>162064 - 162096</b>	<b>\$ 82,961.09</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>	<b>166003</b>	<b>\$ 6,553.80</b>
<b>Port Ewen Sewer Fund</b>	<b>163047 - 163066</b>	<b>\$ 32,984.29</b>

Port Ewen Water Fund 164069 - 164099	\$12,758.77
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 171,425.98</b>

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.**

**OFFERED BY: Councilperson Leslie Kalmus**  
**SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

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

Councilperson Wayne Freer	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	<b>AYE</b>
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	<b>AYE</b>
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Diane McCord	<b>AYE</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 PM WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC