

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 17, 2012**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, May 17th at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall 284 Broadway, 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, Town Clerk, CMC, RMC

PUBLIC HEARING – M24 ANNUAL REPORT

The following Notice of Public Hearing was printed in the Daily Freeman:

There was no Public Comment. Supervisor John Coutant explained this report is filed annually with our Storm Water Manager Building Inspector Tim Keefe. Councilperson Wayne Freer said this is something that is necessary for us to address in order to comply with NYS laws. It is not something we have a choice about. Supervisor Coutant said we are fortunate to have Tim Keefe to be able to guide the town through this.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Donna McAuley to adjourn the public hearing at 7:35 PM and Councilperson Kyle Barnett seconded the Motion. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Opening of Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Coutant called the Town Board Meeting to order at 7:40 PM following the Public Hearing on the Storm Water Management Annual Report.

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment: None

1. Project Hope

Brynn Benishake and Kariann Pisano, "Crises Counselors" spoke about "Project Hope" a recovery program to assist individuals and communities in recovering from the effects of natural and human-caused disasters through the provision of community-based outreach and psycho-educational services. Project Hope is a free community outreach program for those whose lives were impacted by tropical storm Irene. The program is culturally competent, understanding, respectful, and sensitive to the cultural makeup of communities served.

Project Hope is funded through a grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and facilitated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. It is a program of NYS Office of Mental Health, with Ulster and Delaware County services provided by Mental Health Association in Ulster, Inc.

The counselors explained they have been knocking on doors in the town to see if people have effects from the flooding and they try to give them help. They mentioned several streets within the town where they have visited. We are still finding people who are still suffering from the after effects of the storm. They are also dealing with the long term recovery program trying to come up with solutions to those who have damage to their homes and are trying to give them support. They are trying to reach children be going through schools in our area and teach them things they can do if there is another event. We want the community to know we are still out here. Information is available at the Town Hall. There is information on Channel 23 and brochures are available.

2. Get Your Guts in Gear

Supervisor Coutant spoke about the ride for Crohn's and Colitis Disease and this fundraiser is happening on Saturday, June 9 from 7 to 9 PM. A rest stop will be provided at Lighthouse Park in Esopus. This is the ninth annual charity bicycle ride to provide funding for this cause. This is the ninth year we have participated and they have always respected our park. We are happy to allow them use of our park again this year.

3. Ulster County Resource Recover Contract/Authorization to Sign

The Town has a Solid Waste Management Contract with Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency which terminates this year. The current contract expires on October 1, 2012 and they have requested an extension to cover the period October 1, 2012 to October 1, 2013. There has been a change in the management and a committee has been formed dealing with UCRRA and improving the organization to function better than it has in the past.

Councilperson Donna McAuley made a Motion to authorize Supervisor John Coutant to sign the Extension Amendment to Ulster County Solid Waste Management and Councilperson Gloria VanVliet seconded the Motion. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

4. Port Ewen Water Plant Bonding - \$180,000 Payment

The final payment has been made in the amount of \$180,000 on the Port Ewen Water Treatment Plant. Possibly next year we will be able to correct some of the problems we have with the piping in the Water District. If we are able to tie this with the solar energy project it will stabilize the rates within the Water District.

5. Landfill - \$20,000 Final Payment

The final payment on the Town of Esopus Landfill has been made in the amount of \$20,000.

6. Memorial Day Parade

The Town Board will assemble at the Dollar General on May 28th at 9:30 AM. The parade will begin at 10 AM. We have a great parade which will go down Broadway to the Riverview Cemetery and we will proceed back to the Port Ewen Fire House for refreshments. We are pleased to do this. It is an important day in the Town of Esopus and to all the people who participate in recognizing our Veterans.

7. Resolution – TEVAS – Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Councilperson Kyle Barnett said the following is a resolution that takes care of settling a matter with the Town of Esopus Ambulance Squad. The Town of Esopus Highway performed some service for TEVAS and it involved paving the parking lot. Following this, under the Town Law, we billed for the service rendered. As a oversight, there might not have been a meeting of the minds in advance of providing this service.

Negotiating with TEVAS we came up with a resolution to settle the dispute to the satisfaction of the Town and TEVAS.

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, the Town of Esopus Highway Department performed certain services involving the paving the parking lot of certain property owned by the Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad (TEVAS) and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Highway Department issued an invoice of \$2,456.40 for said services, a copy of which is annexed hereto and

WHEREAS, there is a dispute between the Town of Esopus and TEVAS regarding the fair and reasonable compensation for the services performed and

WHEREAS, a settlement has been proposed to resolve the dispute between the parties because doing so is in the best interest of the Town of Esopus and TEVAS,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus will accept \$1,782.80 in full satisfaction of the attached invoice. Upon the Town of Esopus' receipt of \$1,782.80, both the Town of Esopus and TEVAS agree that both parties have released each other from any and all claims pertaining to the services performed or payment due.

Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Resolution seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet

Aye

TEVAS Board)	Councilperson Wayne Freer	Abstain	(holds a seat on
	Councilperson Donna McAuley	Aye	
	Councilperson Kyle Barnett	Aye	
	Supervisor John Coutant	No	(with explanation)

Resolution duly adopted.

Dated: May 17, 2012
Esopus, New York

Supervisor Coutant explained, "This office I hold as Supervisor has received information from the Town Attorney and the Association of Towns Attorney. I believe legal responsibility comes first and at this time I am happy the matter is resolved. I do not agree with the legal aspect of it."

8. Payment of Vouchers

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS
MAY 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:

General Fund	121213-121262	\$ 31,876.20
Highway Vouchers	122081-122102	\$ 22,675.14
Street Lighting	126005	\$ 5,830.85
Capital Fund		
Port Ewen Sewer	123075-123093	\$ 15,933.67
Port Ewen Water	124107-124139	\$ 19,522.92
Total.....		\$ 95,838.78

Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Supervisor John Coutant Aye

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Aye
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Aye
Councilperson Donna McAuley	Aye
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

9. Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the April Minutes of the Town Board was made by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

10. Communications and Reports of Officials and Boards

Communications for the month are on file in the Town Clerks' Office as well as the following Reports of Boards and Officials:

Town Clerks' Report for April 2012
Supervisors' May Report
Planning Board Minutes dated April 11, 2012
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Agenda for May 8, 2012
Highway Supt. Report dated April 2012
Waterfront Advisory Board Minutes dated April 24, 2012
Building Department Report dated April 2012
Assessors' Report dated 5-9-12

There was no further business before the Town Board.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Kyle Barnett at 8:02 PM seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk, CMC, RMC