

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 25, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, MAY 25, 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
Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

SUPERVISOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Transfer Station Changes: The Town Board has made several changes at our Transfer Station. The rates will be changed and this will be done at this evenings meeting. As of July 1st we will no longer be accepting cash. There will be coupon books available for disposing of your bags of garbage. If you use the scale, please remember we only accept checks for payment. Safety is our main concern and we have installed guardrails to prevent falls. We have improved our signage. We believe we have labeled all our recycling to make it easier for our residents. These improvements will make our Transfer Station more environmentally friendly. We thank all of our residents for their patience during our change in administration.
2. The Town Board has approved an Adhoc Committee of Businessmen and women to encourage other businesses to move into the Town of Esopus. Our first meeting was held last May 16th. This committee will review the zoning we presently have and they will make suggestions to the Town Board as to how we can move forward toward the future development of our business community.
3. The Ulster County Office of Economic Development Committee is working closely with the Town to notify us of the business needs coming into our area. As an example, we may get a notification from the Committee that someone needs a five acre site along rail road tracks. Perhaps the Assessor knows of a property for sale or rent that would

meet these needs. This is another way to work with Ulster County Economic Development to bring new businesses into Esopus.

4. We have a closing date for the property owned by Presentation Church to the Town of Esopus. This grant has been in the works for five years. The Ross Park Parking lot has been rented by the Town from the church for the last twenty-five years for \$1 a year.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN UNION CONTRACT

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR AND
TOWN BOARD MEMBER TO SIGN
UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

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 Supervisor received a Memorandum of Agreement from the United Public Service Employees Union requiring the signature of the Supervisor and Councilman,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor, Diane L. McCord and Town Councilman, Kyle W. Barnett to execute the Agreement listed above on behalf of the Town of Esopus.

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

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

TRANSFER STATION FEES

TOWN OF ESOPUS TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE DATE MAY 26, 2016

CURRENT PERMITS REQUIRED FOR ALL TRANSACTIONS AT THE TRANSFER STATION

BUSINESS CONTRACTOR PERMITS (TOWN RESIDENT ONLY)	\$250
RESIDENTIAL PERMIT	\$40
SENIOR PERMIT (over 60, proof required)	\$20
LOST PERMIT OR SECOND PERMIT (MUST BE SAME HOUSEHOLD AND SHOW REGISTRATION FOR SECOND VEHICLE)	\$5
1 DAY PASS	\$10

<u>BULK HOUSEHOLD WASTE</u>	\$.12 PER POUND \$12 Minimum
------------------------------------	--

TRASH BAGS

COUPON BOOKLET 10 BAGS (1 30 GALLON BAG OR CAN)	\$45
COUPON BOOKLET 10 SM BAGS (1 10-13 GALLON BAG OR CAN)	\$27
30 Gallon Bag	\$5
10 - 13 Gallon Bag	\$3

PROPANE

PROPANE (SM CAMPING SIZE)	\$1
PROPANE (20 lb tank)	\$5
PROPANE (30 lb tank)	\$10

APPLIANCES

Appliance with coolant – Small/ Large	\$10/\$20
--	------------------

FLOURESANT BULBS \$4	BALLAST \$12
-----------------------------	---------------------

YARD WASTES – BRUSH LESS THAN 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND CUT INTO 4 -6 FOOT LENGTHS, GRASS LEAVES AND DEAD PLANTS

BRUSH (PICK-UP TRUCK LOAD)	\$10
BRUSH (DUMP TRUCK)	\$20
GRASS AND LEAVES (PICK-UP TRUCK LOAD)	\$5
GRASS AND LEAVES (DUMP TRUCK)	\$10
Leaves in Brown Bags or single garbage can	No Charge

TIRES

Under 20"/Over 20" (24.5" MAXIMUM)	\$10/\$15
---	------------------

MATTRESS/BOX SPRING

SINGLE	\$10.00 PER PIECE
FULL/DOUBLE/QUEEN/KING	\$15.00 PER PIECE

ELECTRONICS

CRT TV'S & COMPUTER SCREENS (UNDER 19")	\$10
CRT TV'S & COMPUTER SCREENS (19"and above)	\$15
CRT TV'S & COMPUTER SCREENS (24"and above)	\$20

Recyclables accepted: paper products, Newspaper, magazines, books, office paper, cardboard and junk mail

Container Products- Container Glass, Food & Beverage Cans, Plastic Containers

Automotive

Car batteries	\$5
---------------	-----

REMINDER ALL RECYCLING MUST BE OBSERVED -Only waste generated in Esopus is permitted to be disposed of at the Transfer Station

As the Supervisor had stated in her opening comments, the original intent was to no longer accept cash at the Transfer Station. After further discussion the Board reached a compromise and determined the preferred method of payment would be checks. However, they will look into phasing out the cash and will allow transactions \$10 and under to be paid in cash.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO ACCEPT THE REVISED TRANSFER STATION FEES WHICH WILL BE IN EFFECT AS OF May 26, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

****A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER TO ACCEPT UP TO \$10 IN CASH PER TRANSFER STATION TRANSACTION; CHECKS ARE THE PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

PILGRIM PIPELINE

A resolution was presented authorizing the Town supervisor to sign a letter to ban the pipeline on the NYS thruway. There was no second; each board member shared their views. Councilperson Van Vliet said she opposed the pipeline and a little over a year ago the Board voted by resolution to oppose the Pilgrim Pipe Line. She felt a lot of the wording in the resolution which was presented tonight was similar to the original resolution opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. There was also a resolution passed by the Town asking the DEC to be the LEAD agency for the project. At this time she was not in favor of the letter being signed.

Councilperson Wayne Freer said he was not in favor of signing the original resolution yet was in favor of the DEC taking LEAD agency. He said he felt the content in this resolution was beyond the scope of what the Board should do.

Councilperson Les Kalmus said he was not sure what the outcome of the DEC was however he is not in favor of the Thruway Authority putting a Pipeline in without the DEC's oversight.

Councilperson Barnett said he was also was in favor of signing the original resolution opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. He has not seen any communication from the company promoting the benefits of the line. However, he felt weighing in on matters that are outside the town's jurisdiction may not be appropriate. A position has already been taken by the board to oppose the pipeline and he trusts the State will do the right thing. Councilperson Barnett said he hesitate to set a precedence passing resolutions regarding what bills the State should and shouldn't pass because it opens the flood gates to a lot more requests; how do you pick and choose.

Supervisor McCord said she was opposed to the Pilgrim Pipeline and said she felt the Town Board should do whatever they could to prevent the pipeline from going forward. Supervisor McCord said she was disappointed that the Board does not agree with her but that was her opinion.

Councilperson Barnett wanted to make sure the record was clear that he opposed the pipeline but was not in practice of repeatedly telling the State how they should do their business.

NUCLEAR WASTE LETTER

A resolution was read authorizing the supervisor to sign a letter opposing the inclusion of subsidies for nuclear power in the NYS Clean Energy Standard. There was no second; each board member shared their views.

Councilperson VanVliet said this was part of Governor Cuomo's plan for NYS Clean Energy Standards. Members of the Senate voted in opposition. Councilperson Van Vliet said by 2030 Governor Cuomo's goal is to have 50% renewable energy. There has not been any fiscal analysis indicating what burden will be placed on the rate payers. Gloria said she feels we should stay out of this. It is a State issue and the Senate and Assembly should deal with it not the Town.

Councilperson Freer said we are here for local government. Councilperson Freer said there is not adequate information and jumping on the band wagon without knowing what it will cost is not in the best interest. Federal Regulating Agencies should be looking into this not local government. We have been strongly involved in renewable energy and we can continue to look into alternatives for Esopus.

Councilperson Kalmus said there was no real cost analysis. He said the Town level should not tell the state what to do.

Councilperson Barnett said he supports renewable energy, however, he is not familiar with the entire proposal and is concerned the matter is outside our jurisdiction. He said each of us as citizens can write individual letters in opposition to have their voices heard. He hesitates using the authority of the Town Board to advance agendas that are not directly related to the citizens of the Town of Esopus.

Supervisor McCord said once again she was disappointed. She said as a Town Board we represent the town's people and we want clean energy. There is no such thing as clean nuclear power. Supervisor McCord was in favor of sending the letters opposing the nuclear power.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – VOLUNTEER BOARD & RECREATION DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:25 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING FOR VACANT RECREATION DEPARTMENT POSITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:45 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor McCord said the Board would make their decision at the next workshop meeting to be held on June 6, 2016.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT INTERVIEW (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Applicant did not show for interview.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO HIRE LHOUSSINE SIBA AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE UNTIL THE NEXT WORKSHOP MEETING ON JUNE 6, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERKS MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER 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 MAY 2016

Capital Account	To	AO.1620.443 TBS	\$18,030.42
		AO.1620.444 RGS Energy	\$3,040.56
O-0599.000 Fund Balance	To	AO.8011.100 ZBA personnel Labor	\$2,028.79

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Kyle Barnett
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Leslie Kalmus

Councilperson Wayne Freer AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett AYE
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus AYE
Supervisor Diane McCord AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS - MAY 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:

General Fund	161197 - 161243	\$ 56,588.29
Highway Fund	162097 - 162126 VOID 162102	\$ 46,897.46
Street Lights	166004	\$ 6,260.13
Port Ewen Sewer Fund	163067 - 163083	\$ 116,410.54
Port Ewen Water Fund	164100 - 164116	\$10,052.01
Total.....		\$ 236,208.43

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Wayne Freer
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	AYE
Supervisor Diane McCord	AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McCord adjourned the meeting in memory of Gilbert Krom a wonderful veteran, a dear friend. He will be greatly missed. A moment of silence was observed.

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:55 PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCILPERSON FREER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC