

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday May 19, 2020**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on May 19, 2020 in the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Evelyn Clarke
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

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

THIS MEETING WAS TELEVISED LIVE ON CHANNEL 23 PUBLIC ACCESS and LIVE-STREAMED ON "TOWN OF ESOPUS" FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: call (845) 328-0483 to leave a voicemail or email outreach@esopus.com for assistance.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT -none

UPDATES

Hudson River Estuary Grant: Quarterly Report for Spring 2020 submitted on time.

Annual MS4 Report: being submitted by the Building Department on time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN THE ANNUAL MS4 REPORT FOR 2020. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL MS4 REPORT FOR 2020. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Online Local COVID-19 Business Directory: developed by the Esopus Economic Development Committee, email outreach@esopus.com to be listed.

Planning/Zoning Boards: Meetings have transitioned to Zoom, email planning-zoning@esopus.com for more information.

Grievance Day: Scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, by appointment only. Call the Assessor at (845) 339-4475 to discuss or make an appointment.

2020 Parks:

Dan Vedder provided a list of responsibilities that he and his assistant Ed Clark are responsible for.

The list included various duties at each the following locations:

10 parks and Pleasant View cemetery

Transfer Station

Town Hall

Property located Westside of 9W

9W

Water Chestnut boat

Maintenance on trucks and Equipment

Checking people in and out of the parks (when they resume)

The document provided detailed list of what is done at each location.

He said his staffing for Buildings and Grounds has always been as follows:

Full Time Director of Buildings and grounds (Dan)

2 Full time seasonal staff members from 4/1= 10/31

Dave Greenberg 2 days a week

Summer of 2019 staff was:

Dan Full Time

Ed Clark Full Time

Dave Greenberg 2 days per week(8 hrs each day)

1 seasonal person 6/1/19-10/31/19 (typically begins in April but could not fill position until June)

Summer 2020

Dan Vedder

Ed Clark

Dave Greenberg when available; He has become the custodian at Town Hall

Dan said in his document that the plan was to add 7 additional cemeteries to maintain. He has no problem maintaining the cemeteries with the proper equipment and man power. He currently has no equipment that fit in the cemeteries. Once parks reopen weekday man hours are allocated to cut for the weekend check in/out at Freer and Ross Park. He wanted to make sure the Board was aware that some things will go unattended; explaining that this time of year grass grows rapidly and is often hard to keep up with. The Riverview Cemetery alone takes 2 full days to mow and trim with 2 or more individuals completing the task. He asked the Board to take that into consideration when accepting the additional cemeteries as deeded properties for the Town to maintain.

2020 NYS BUILDING CODES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ADOPT NEW 2020 NYS UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE AND THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION CODE (COLLECTIVELY THE “2020 UNIFORM AND ENERGY CODES”) PURSUANT TO THE NYS DEPT. OF STATE AND INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Erin Moore from Tighe and Bond joined the meeting by phone to discuss potential water infrastructure projects. The Town had received WIIA grant funding for 2 projects which includes improvements to the water treatment plant and distribution center. The grant covered 60% of the projects. She explained the last time there was an economic slowdown, economic stimulus funds for infrastructure focused on shovel ready projects and were made available (AARA – American Recovery & Reinvestment Act-2009). Tighe & Bond strongly believe this type of program is well on its way. The Town has received state funding for the 60% grant and the balance would be a 40% loan. The economic stimulus federal funds may create additional grant opportunities reducing the 40% loan to a smaller percentage. In order to take advantage of this our projects would have to be shovel ready. Erin said she understood there was concern about designing fee cost. She reviewed how it may be financed to make it affordable for the Town. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Short Term Financing can be used to cover the first design invoice from Tighe & Bond in the amount of \$22,800. The Town would only pay interest as accrued; estimate \$57 for interest. The second design invoice is estimated at \$30,500. The cumulative total of \$53,300 would yield a \$156 interest payment for the Town. Moving on to the design phase is extremely important as it would put the Town in a position to have a shovel-ready design and ready for anticipated federal stimulus funding opportunities. Councilperson Farrell said this could be a unique opportunity. Councilperson Evelyn Clarke asked for the time constraint. Erin Moore believed it was August but will check on a specific date. The Town would accept the grant and loan at the same time.

The Board invited Erin Moore to join them in person for the June 2nd workshop meeting to discuss this matter further. The Town Board will study the information provided and have questions ready for Erin.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS MAY 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	201191 – 201231	\$54,872.51
HIGHWAY FUND	202085 - 203101	\$ 42,956.42
STREET LIGHTS	206003	\$ 5,644.30
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	203058-203065	\$ 9,317.95
PORT EWEN WATER FUND	204085 -204103	\$ 30,409.57
Capital ⁽³⁰⁾		
TOTAL		\$ 143,200.75

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Kathie Quick
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Evelyn Clarke

Councilperson Evelyn Clarke **AYE**
 Councilperson Jared Geuss **AYE**
 Councilperson Kathie Quick **AYE**
 Councilperson Chris Farrell **AYE**
 Supervisor Shannon Harris **AYE**

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY_COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:38 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk