

**Town Board Meeting  
June 17, 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 Thursday June 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM with the following persons in attendance:

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

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Doug Mains, River Rd Resident** -Asked why the boaters, hunters and fisherman are getting singled out and having to pay \$125 fee when no one else has to pay. They did not ask for the gate. The original gate was put in by John Coutant because people were dumping garbage in there. No other parks have the gates, Lighthouse Park and Esopus Meadows are open 24/7, 365. We are getting singled out and having to pay for the gate. Doug said he uses it about a half a dozen times during the year, so to pay \$125 a year it is ridiculous. The Water Board has been trying to have people come into the town to use the river access for boating; I don't know why we are getting charged. There were never any issues with the simple gate and the keys worked fine. He has been hunting since he was 14 years old. He said his hunting and fishing license paid for that ramp. Now every year he has to pay for a FOB, sportsman license plus a duck stamp at \$25; \$200 to use the gate a half dozen times is not worth it. He wants to know that after November 1 will the gate be open every day; should have access 365 days a year.

**Lynn Johnson, property owner in Connelly-** She is concerned about the traffic in the hamlet of Connelly. She previously expressed her concerns at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Cars speed on Plantasia and First Street. She doesn't know if the Town can lower the speed limit, install stop signs or speed bumps to help with the matter. Cars are piggy backing to get into the Castaway Marina. Traffic is backed up people are honking horns; reckless driving. She suggests installing a digital speed sign to raise awareness of how fast people are traveling and to see what the average speed is. Two other Connelly residents agreed with her statements about what is going on down in the hamlet.

**Diane Hull Connelly resident** read the following statement– There are several safety concerns that go along with the speeding. There is a very real chance, of pedestrian injury or worse, also auto liability claims. There is a great chance of a head on collision at First and Plantasia. Most of the speeders come around the bad corner onto First in the middle of the road and then gun it when they get on First St.

There are basically not enough sidewalks on First Street; people have to walk on the road. First Street is used a lot; people walking, pushing strollers, walking dogs and kids and adults riding bikes. There are whole families that do these things also which puts even more people in danger. Last summer I watched a car fishtail at the corner. If anyone had been there it might have been tragic. Cars park on First from the corner, in front of the first house on the right. Luckily there were no cars there when he fishtailed or they would have been hit. There are also large trucks coming down and some of them speed also. If a child runs into the street the results could be tragic. There is a real threat to public safety. I think part of the problem is people think they have to do 35 because it's the speed limit. It needs to be 20-25 mph. Before there is a tragedy, we have to slow these vehicles down. We ask the Town Highway Superintendent to get together with the County Highway Superintendent to get the speed limit reduced. 35 mph is NOT prudent for conditions. When the speed limit was set, I'm sure these issues didn't exist. The residents have ideas where stop signs and speed bumps should go and they are willing to meet to go over that with anyone who is interested.

**Monroe Street Connelly resident** - Echoed the proposal of Diane Hull. He has a baby, all his neighbors have kids, it's a safety issue. There is only 1 stop sign to cut their speed coming in off of Salem Street by the time they get to the end of Plantasia and they go 35 mph to make a 90 degree turn onto First Street. He suggests stop at bridge, adding a series of stop signs and speed bumps and go from there.

Monroe also wanted to follow up on the development on Connelly Rd relating to the bulkhead and asked Supervisor Geuss to address it sometime during the meeting.

**Laura Petite**, Thanked the Town for their support on the beautification project. Mary Keizer and troop 6006 helped down at Sleightsburgh Park this evening. She has asked for final approval to place the mini library at Ross Park. The troop was finishing the painting tonight. Pictures and coordination of location will go through Supervisor Geuss and Dan Vedder.

**Chris Marta Sleightsburgh resident** – Food Truck Friday was a lot of fun. The \$125 is for having the privilege of after hour access. Park is open from 6 am – 9 pm; 15 hour window for people to do their activities. He pointed out in the fall 6 am is 2 hours prior to sunrise and 9 is 4 hours after the sun sets. Gate is better regulated. He plans on putting in an application when they are available. Residents are willing to put in their applications in to support the decision that was made. Mr. Marta urges the Board to stick to their decision.

**Sharron Jones Sleightsburgh Resident-** Residents see a lot and they are trying to relay the information to you, it's hard because you don't experience it. She mentioned a gentleman hanging out doing improper things. He kept coming around too many children in the area. He was also seen at the top of the hill hanging out where the bus turnaround is; the police were called. Kingston night life ladies are back in the fields. Larry quick closed off his driveway so they can't drive up there anymore so they are coming through an opening in the fence off of 9W. She doesn't like prostitution in her backyard. She doesn't like when the gate doesn't close at night and nobody can be reached. There is no emergency phone number at the gate or launch. Parking lot needs to be marked off. She asked why it is taking multiple seasons; the parking area is still not marked off. Esopus has 7 parks and all other parks are dawn to dusk. Safety is her concern someone has to secure this park.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Geuss addressed a few issues. The gate is open 6am – 9 pm; the \$125 that is being charged is for extra access. Sheriffs have gate codes they are checking nightly, not necessarily at 9 pm because they are all busy.

Castaways Marina is operating illegally. The Town and building department are working on a means to rectify the situation. We are in litigation and cannot comment too much. If there are complaints about Castaways Marina please forward them to the Building Department, Mark is keeping track of everything.

Connelly Road- there is a staging area off of Connelly Road for the Rondout Marina. They are doing work at the marina. The equipment and supplies are being stored there while repairs are being made. There is no actual work there at the site at this time and there is no thought of work being done there, just a staging area.

Supervisor Geuss will confer with Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo relating to the placement of stop signs and or any other suggestion he may have to slow the traffic down in Connelly.

If anyone sees unlawful behavior they are to call the Sheriff's department. The Town Board doesn't want to see it; the residents don't want to see it. Call Law enforcement who would be best to handle it.

Chris Farrell got a call about the gate and went down at 11:09 pm. He said there were no prostitutes or no people doing inappropriate sexual acts. He asked Alex to view the tape from 9 pm – 11 pm the only activity was 2 cars leaving at 9:06 pm and no further activity at the park. When he arrived there was no one parked in the area by the river. He would like to echo what Jarred said, " If someone is breaking the law don't call me, call the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's can do something about it and I cannot, I'm not a law enforcement agent. We appreciate the community assisting and calling if there is illegal activity".

**Kathie Quick** – Comment on the Connelly Rd. They are planning on rebuilding the bulkhead at the Rondout Marina. They have moved some of the boat trailers out so the workers have room to do their job. The bulkhead is disintegrated and needs repair.

**Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2021** – Repealing Chapter 123, “Zoning”, and replacing it with a new Chapter 123, “Zoning”.

### **RESOLUTION OF INTRODUCTION**

**Supervisor Jared Geuss, seconded by Councilman Chris Farrell**, reintroduced the following proposed local law, known as **Local Law No. 8** of 2021, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 123, “TOWN OF ESOPUS ZONING LAW,” AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 123, “TOWN OF ESOPUS ZONING LAW,” OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus that Chapter 123 of the Town Code is repealed and replaced and reads as written in the following section:

### **SECTION 1 – ENACTMENT**

- A. Local Law No. 8 of 2021, entitled A Local Law of the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York repealing existing Chapter 123, “Town of Esopus Zoning Law” of the Esopus Town Code and replacing it with a new Chapter 123, “Town of Esopus Zoning Law” was originally introduced on February 3, 2021 and was the subject of a public hearing from February 16, 2021 to April 15, 2021;
- B. Based on public and agency comments received, the Esopus Town Board revised Law No. 8 of 2021 accordingly.
- C. Due to the revisions made, revised Local Law No. 8 of 2021 shall be subject to a public hearing and required referrals to the Esopus Planning Board and the Ulster County Planning Board.
- D. See attached for Revised Draft Local Law No. 8 of 2021, Chapter 123, “Town of Esopus Zoning Law.”

**Section 2.** If any section of this local law shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective, in whole or in part, such determination shall not be deemed to affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State in accord with Article 3 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Part 617 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of New York (State Environmental Quality Review Act) ("SEQRA"), the Town Board, as lead agency has classified this Action as an Unlisted Action as defined under said regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m and Esopus Town Code §123-51, the matter must be referred to the Ulster County Planning Board and to the Town of Esopus Planning Board for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, **Supervisor Geuss** advised the Town Board that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing upon this law. He offered the following resolution which was seconded by **Councilperson Chris Farrell**, who moved its adoption; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, **Supervisor Jared Geuss** has reintroduced this local law for the Town of Esopus, to be known as "Town of Esopus **Local Law No. 8** of the Year 2021, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 123 "TOWN OF ESOPUS ZONING LAW," AND REPLACING WITH A NEW CHAPTER 123, "TOWN OF ESOPUS ZONING LAW," OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE.

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed local law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties of interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York, on July 1, 2021, at 7:00 clock p.m., Prevailing Time, and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Esopus, by the Town Clerk, at least ten (10) days before such hearing and that notice shall be in the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York on July 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., on Revised **Local Law No. 8** of the Year 2021, REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 123 "TOWN OF ESOPUS ZONING LAW,"

AND REPLACING WITH A NEW CHAPTER 123, "TOWN OF ESOPUS ZONING LAW," OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Esopus, at the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by appointment and online at the Town of Esopus Website: <https://www.esopus.com/> on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, the Public Hearing will be held with limited in-person attendance. Interested participants may instead join via Zoom or view our live stream on the Town of Esopus Facebook Page or the broadcast on Local Public Access Channel 23.

Ulster Park, New York

DATED: 6/17/2021

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HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

Ulster Park, New York

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
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.**

**Dated Ulster Park, NY**

**June 17, 2021**

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**Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC**

**Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2021** – Creating a new Chapter 91 of the Esopus Town Code, “Noise Control.”

**RESOLUTION OF INTRODUCTION**

**Supervisor Jared Geuss, seconded by Councilman Chris Farrell**, reintroduced the following proposed local law, known as **Local Law No. 12** of 2021, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO CREATE CHAPTER 91, “NOISE CONTROL,” OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus that Chapter 91 of the Town Code is created and reads as follows:

**SECTION 1 – ENACTMENT**

- A. Local Law No. 12 of 2021, entitled A Local Law of the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York to Create Chapter 91, “Noise Control” of the Esopus Town Code was originally introduced on February 3, 2021 and was the subject of a public hearing from February 16, 2021 to April 15, 2021;
- B. Based on public and agency comments received, the Esopus Town Board revised Law No. 12 of 2021 accordingly.
- C. Due to the revisions made, revised Local Law No. 12 of 2021 shall be subject to a public hearing and required referrals to the Esopus Planning Board and the Ulster County Planning Board.
- D. See attached for Revised Draft Local Law No. 12 of 2021, Chapter 91, “Noise Control.”

**Section 2.** If any section of this local law shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective, in whole or in part, such determination shall not be deemed to affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law.

**Section 3.** This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State in accord with Article 3 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Part 617 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of New York (State Environmental Quality Review Act) (“SEQRA”), the Town Board, as lead agency has classified this Action as an Unlisted Action as defined under said regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m and Esopus Town Code §123-51, the matter must be referred to the Ulster County Planning Board and to the Town of Esopus Planning Board for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Geuss advised the Town Board that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing upon this law. He offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilperson Chris Farrell, who moved its adoption; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, **Supervisor Jared Geuss** has reintroduced this local law for the Town of Esopus, to be known as “Town of Esopus **Local Law No. 12** of the Year 2021, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO CREATE CHAPTER 91, “NOISE CONTROL,” OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE.

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed local law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties of interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York, on **July 1, 2021, at 7:00 clock p.m.**, Prevailing Time, and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Esopus, by the Town Clerk, at least ten (10) days before such hearing and that notice shall be in the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York on **July 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, on Revised **Local Law No. 12** of the Year 2021, A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO CREATE CHAPTER 91, “NOISE CONTROL,” OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

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Ulster Park, New York

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HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
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.**

**Dated Ulster Park, NY**

**June 17, 2021**

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**Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC**

Councilman Kathie Quick asked if the Sheriff's department was provided a copy of Local Law 12. Matt Rogers said he coordinated with them in drafting it based on public comment. Language was put in to the law to address noisy neighbors, fights and yelling. The final draft will be shared with them for further input.

Councilman Chris Farrell thanked Matt for adding in the setback for ATV usage based on public comments that were collected during the first public hearing.

Councilman Farrell also asked about page 150 dealing with storage containers; seems that we went backwards on that. Matt Rogers said they were trying to differentiate on residential vs. commercial. Time line and location provisions were put in place for separate permitting if additional storage use was needed for commercial use. We also provided when they can be

used. Councilman Farrell was concerned and asked “what protection do I have if a storage container is 30 ft from the property line?” Matt answered it would be in violation of the code cannot be used for permanent storage. In a residential zone they are only allowed to be temporarily used; permanent only allowed for commercial.

Councilman Evelyn Clarke questioned the set back of 5 feet from a property line and nearest building. Matt Rogers said it is temporary and provides more flexibility. We could establish a time frame. Chris Farrell said a letter was received in relation to this. Rogers explained it was taken into consideration but internal decision was made for the 5 ft. Driveways are often on the property line and often you may need to place the container in the driveway and not in the middle of the property. Matt said we can take it into consideration and minor tweak can be made in future. Chris said he would rather get it right the first time.

**Water/Sewer Dept.** – Discussion and potential motion to set a variable salary rate (dependent on experience level) for the upcoming available position of Water District Superintendent.

A Civil Service Exam is being posted this week. In house exam and a competitive exam will be given on August 7, 2021, last date for filing applications: July 14, 2021 with a salary ranging from \$70,000 – \$75,000 based on experience. Councilman Farrell said the sooner we can find someone to work with Don to tap into his knowledge of 34 years of service to the town the better. Jared Geuss said he would love to see it be someone from in house. All information is available on Ulster County Civil Service website and esopus.com.

**Water Infrastructure** – Discussion of CFA funding opportunities & presentation by Dan Valentine of Tighe & Bond.

- The Non-Agricultural Non-Point Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant, which is part of the CFA, presents an opportunity for the Town to continue to comply with the MS4 regulations into the future
- Grant Applications are due July 30, 2021
- The maximum award is a \$75,000 grant with a 10% match
- The proposed scope to be included in the MS4 Mapping Grant Application could include:
  - Visit all 87 MS4 registered outfalls to collect data in the GIS system by developing a collector application for the required Outfall Reconnaissance Inventory sheet supposed to be visited every 5 years
  - Map stormwater management practices and town facility stormwater system
  - Map additional stormwater infrastructure within the Town’s MS4 regulated area
  - Perform cleaning and CCTV inspection as recommended in the 2019 *Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan* to better map the stormwater system

An excerpt from the Stormwater On-Call Engineering Services Proposal includes the following scope:

- On-call engineering services performed on an hourly-plus-expenses basis with a not-to-exceed fee of \$10,000 per year
- Tasks under the on-call may include:
  - Stormwater infrastructure design to implement recommendations from the 2019 Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan or other stormwater improvement projects undertaken by the Town
  - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit compliance support
  - Geographic Information System (GIS) development, revisions, and support
  - Grant application and administration support
  - Other as-needed tasks

Building on the existing GIS system this would help develop the program that will bring us into compliance with all of the MS4 requirements within the next 5 years. This was started in 2019 repairs from the first study will be started within the next week. A nominal fee would be paid for assistance with the application process. Sal Morrello is the current MS4 officer. By setting up this application you can do 20% each year and keep with the compliance of following up every 5 years. This grant is to provide additional mapping and inventory of the system. Tighe & Bond will support the Town on an as needed basis with easements, piping size approval or signing off for residents. The attorney will work on easements.

Supervisor Guess thanked Dan for presenting this opportunity in advance to allow the Board time to review the proposal and make a decision prior to the deadline of July 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **TRANSFER STATION SCALE REPAIR**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY PARTS TO REPAIR THE SCALE AT THE ESOPUS TRANSFER STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,950. 6 PIECES OF ¼ STEEL 5 FT X 10 FT DIAMOND PLATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED.**

\*\*Councilman Kathie Quick said it is a needed repair  
Councilman Chris said he appreciated the work being done in house.

#### **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - TRICIA AND STEVE LEWIS**

Tricia said the Recreation Commission was very pleased with the turn out and next time they will have extra trucks to relieve the long lines. The next event is planned for July 9<sup>th</sup>. They would like to continue having the event on the second Friday of each month ending in October. Operation wise it went well. Trash will need to be explored for the next event. Someone had donated a dump trailer for this past event but is unable to do so going forward. There is a vender who is in need of water and willing to pay; amount to be determined. Generators were on the hill. Need a budget to provide flyers and signs. She did spend money to promote on Facebook. They would like to see more programming in the parks. Maybe a music night, programs for kids, dance night etc. and monetize the event somehow to be able to put the

money back into the parks, kids programming and for summer camp. They paid \$350 out of pocket which they donated but going forward there needs to be a way they can accept donations to help defray the cost. Evelyn asked how much of a budget do you need. They would need to advertise, and need to purchase 2 microphone stands. Each time the event is done it would be great to add something to the program suggestion of corn hole and pickle ball was discussed. Jugglers had come earlier in the evening. It was great seeing all the families out enjoying themselves; it was a great event. Between Laura, Steve and Tricia they can come up with a budget and feel it will not be as much as last time. No complaints were made but parking was an issue because it was very well attended. The town looked into signs to place near the Riverview entrance for no through traffic. There was some confusion for people who were lost or for people who had not been there before. They exited through Riverview. A suggestion of a shuttle from the library was made. A head count is estimated to be around 600.

The Recreation commission was complemented for a job well done. Councilman Kathie quick said Laura reached out to local food venues inviting them to attend the event to ensure the event didn't take away from their sales and allowing them to participate in some manner.

#### **Ross Park- Pickle Ball**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CHRIS FARRELL TO PERMIT DUSTY NASON TO PERMANENTLY PAINT 2 PICKLE BALL COURTS ON 1 OF THE EXISTING TENNIS COURT AT ROSS PARK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED SUPERVISOR GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR ; MOTION CARRIED.**

\*\*Dusty will volunteer her time and provide the paint.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SUPERVISOR GEUSS MADE A MOTION AT 8:15 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO THE SECURITY OF THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT WITH A CONSULTANT AND MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:18 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO EMPLOY HANNAH PALEN AS BUILDING DEPARTMENT CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF ESOPUS BEGINNING MONDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> WITH A WORK SCHEDULE OF 30 HOURS PER WEEK AND A PAY RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHOIRIZE SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO PROCEED AS NECESSARY WITH REGARDS TO ADDRESSING SECURITY CONCERNS IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**UPDATES**

**Now Hiring** – (2) Seasonal Maintenance Workers. Visit [www.bit.ly/EsopusEmployment](http://www.bit.ly/EsopusEmployment) for more information.

**Summer Camp** – First session beginning Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are still open – visit [www.bit.ly/CampEsopus2021](http://www.bit.ly/CampEsopus2021) to register. Currently there are 25/23/26 campers signed up for the 3 sessions.

**Water Infrastructure** – Esopus is now contacting select residents for easements relating to planned water infrastructure improvements.

**Ross Park Baseball Field** – Special thanks to Mike Schatzel, Chuck Veach, Schatzel Construction, and the Ulster Phillies U-16 baseball team for their volunteer restoration of the Ross Park baseball field. We look forward to a wonderful season of games! They have also offered to donate a batting cage which they will install. Collaboration with Dan Vedder is needed for the placement of the cage.

**Sojourner Truth Park** – Special thanks to Stephen Cerini, Tim Allred, John Cutrone, and all of the local volunteers who maintain Sojourner Truth Park throughout the year. Thank you for making sure our historic corner park retains the beauty it deserves!

**Tax Collector's Office** – Esopus can no longer receive 2021 taxes at the Town level. Please send taxes to the County instead.

**Town Hall Closed Fri, 6/18** – Esopus Town Hall will be closed Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, in recognition of Juneteenth.

**NYPF Award** – The Town of Esopus has received the 2021 New York Planning Federation Comprehensive Plan Award for our 2019 Comprehensive Plan update. Congratulations to all involved!

**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 JUNE 2021**

SS 0599.000	Fund Balance	AO 3310.400	\$15
		Traffic Control Signs	

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

**OFFERED BY:** Councilman Chris Farrell  
**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Laura Robinson

Councilman Laura Robinson  
Councilman Evelyn Clarke  
Councilman Kathie Quick  
Councilman Chris Farrell  
Supervisor Jared Geuss

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS JUNE 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:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>211259 - 211315</b>	<b>\$73,081.70</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>212086 - 212104</b>	<b>\$10,595.67</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>	<b>216004</b>	<b>\$6,275.00</b>
<b>PORT EWEN SEWER FUND</b>	<b>213057-213066</b>	<b>\$ 118,639.79</b>
	<b>213058 VOID</b>	
<b>PORT EWEN WATER FUND</b>	<b>214114 - 214133</b>	<b>\$ 19,301.96</b>
<b>Water Captial</b>		
<b>Rec Escrow</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$227,894.12</b>

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

**OFFERED BY: Councilman Chris Farrell**  
**SECONDED BY: Councilman Laura Robinson**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CHRIS FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:28 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
 Town Clerk, RMC