

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 29, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 29, 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 7:30 PM.

**PLEDGE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Marc Phelen** thanked the Board for listening to the concerns regarding the proposed Anchorage locations during the last workshop meeting. He reiterated the importance of not having the vessels anchored right outside the Water Treatment Plant because of the potential damage to the Water Plant's intake valve. Mr. Phelen also said there could be an environmental impact caused by the anchors destroying the floor bed of the Hudson and affecting its habitat. The point of not being able to recover from a crude oil spill and ethanol from the Bakken oil was also brought up.

**TRANSFER STATION**

Lenny Liberta, New Manager of the Transfer Station, talked to the audience about why they should recycle and use the Transfer Station. Lenny said the seniors use the transfer station more than the younger generations. He encouraged them to try our Transfer Station and bring their recyclables to them. There are people at the Transfer Station willing to help and guide you on what needs to be done. People will find, with proper recycling, it will cost them less to dump their garbage. Volunteers are also needed for recycling on Saturdays. If anyone has even a half hour of time to volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. We need to do what is best for our community.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD  
APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION – GEORGE POST**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows,

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Port Ewen Water and Sewer Board,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints George Post to the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board to fulfill Ron Phillips term to expire 12/31/16.

**Resolution offered by:** Councilperson Gloria VanVliet  
**Seconded by:** Councilperson Wayne Freer

**The Board was polled:**

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 PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF CREDIT CARD USAGE**

Many residents have expressed their desire to have the ability to pay for transactions via credit card. Many options had been reviewed at the last workshop meeting and it was decided that the Transfer Station, Water & Sewer payments and all transactions through the Town Clerk will be allowed to be paid by credit card. Transaction fees will be absorbed by the customer.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO GO WITH THE COMPANY, SATELLITEBIZ, ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT PROVIDED. MASTERCARD, VISA AND DISCOVER WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE AND TRANSFER STATION. CASH WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE TRANSFER STATION UP TO AMOUNT OF \$15. THE COMPANY IMPOSED CONVENIENCE CHARGES WILL BE PAID BY THE CUSTOMER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LESLIE KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE**

Supervisor McCord gave an update and NYSEDA has given the go ahead to deal with BQ Energy. Paul Curran from BQ Energy took the \$35,750 interconnection charge to Central Hudson. A draft of the PPA is expected next week.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BOARDMEMBERS**

Supervisor McCord asked the Board if they had made any decision on who they would like to see on the Comprehensive Board. At the July 5, 2016 workshop meeting a suggestion of forming a committee from all areas of the Town was made. Myles Putman was asked to be the advisor and a 5 person committee comprised of 1 member from each of the following boards: Planning, Environment, Waterfront, Zoning and a Councilperson representing the Town Board. The Board did not have any names of specific individuals to contribute at this meeting. Further discussion will be needed.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK’S MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. 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 JULY 2016**

<b>AO-0599.000 Fund Balance</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>AO.8011.100</b>	<b>\$317.88</b>
		<b>ZBA personnel Labor</b>	
		<b>AO.8011.400</b>	<b>\$ 649.58</b>
		<b>ZBA Contractual – Myles Putman</b>	

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

**OFFERED BY: Supervisor Diane McCord**  
**SECONDED BY: Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</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>

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS - JULY 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>161296 - 161358</b>	<b>\$ 47,626.83</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>162149 - 162177</b>	<b>\$ 73,335.24</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>	<b>166006</b>	<b>\$ 5,942.70</b>
<b>Port Ewen Sewer Fund</b>	<b>163097 - 163109</b>	<b>\$ 6,012.32</b>
<b>Port Ewen Water Fund</b>	<b>164137 - 164164</b>	<b>\$11,988.00</b>
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$ 144,905.09</b>

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

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

<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</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>

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

**MISCELANEOUS**

Councilperson Wayne Freer announced the Highway should receive their new bucket truck by the end of the week and they can start taking care of the trees that need to be trimmed.

The question regarding the status of the Highway contract was brought up. Supervisor McCord said she was told they voted in favor but Union Representative Michael Kutski had not gotten back to her. Supervisor McCord will follow up with Mr. Kutski.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE AT 7:55PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC