

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 26, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, N.Y. with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Diane McCord - Absent
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor Kathie Quick called the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Carl Belfiglio, Ulster County Legislator District 8, spoke on two issues. He elaborated on his discussion from last month. He said the County is looking to add a 1 % bed tax. The tax is collected by the proprietor and sent to the State. The County cannot accept the money from the owner they can only accept funds from the State. He wished to clarify that he is not against air bnb's, they are a necessity for towns and an alternative for people looking for short term accomodations. He is concerned that unregulated bnb's could cause a problem with occupancy, parking, noise and safety. It is a commercial venture, proper safety measures should be taken to make sure they do not negatively impact their neighborhood. Legislator Belfiglio said he would like the Board to look into regulations and make sure they are safe.

Carl has mixed feelings about the Temporary Transmitter for T- Mobile on the agenda. The role of government is to levy taxes, collect taxes, make laws and regulations and provide for their citizens. The Town is not in the business of making money or becoming an enterprise. He understands the benefit of revenue coming into the Town but asked what comes next, another company asking permission. The Towns responsibility is to provide for the citizens not be in the business of enterprise. He asked the Board to take a good look at the proposal before making a decision.

Brent Spoth, Town resident, agreed with Carl. He added, if the Town supports T- Mobile, it should also be prepared to offer the opportunity to all other companies. Otherwise the Town is influencing the free market place.

HUDSON RIVER SOURCE SCORECARD PROJECT -Rebecca Martin

Rebecca Martin attended on behalf of Riverkeeper. She works closely with Dan Shapely in the Water Quality Department. Dan's department created a Source Water Scorecard to allow municipalities to assess their watershed and how the town is taking care of the Watershed. The scorecard is a great model. A meeting was held July 10th and the first project is to work with the 7 municipalities that depend on the Hudson River as their primary water source; Village and Town of Rhinebeck, Town and City of Poughkeepsie, Esopus, Hyde Park and Lloyd use the river as a backup source. Supervisor McCord and Water Superintendent Don Kiernan attended the meeting representing the Town of Esopus. Riverkeeper will partner with the Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) to complete the scorecard and report recommendations for the next step. There is no cost to the communities to participate. They just ask to be available to answer questions regarding the scorecard. Supervisor McCord has asked Rebecca to attend and give the presentation to the Board so questions could be answered and the process could move forward. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet thought it was a wonderful endeavor to work with other Towns. Jared asked if they foresee another grant opportunity in the future. Rebecca said for the next five years they are committed to helping communities take advantage of the money for clean water infrastructure projects. Councilperson Van Vliet asked if a resolution for approval was needed. The determination was Supervisor McCord wanted the Board brought up to date on the information but no formal resolution was needed. The scorecard is a self evaluation.

Chris Bevans T- Mobile

Chris Bevans explained T-Mobile's Landlord Historic Hudson Valley Radio has decided to terminate their lease as of August 6th and T- Mobile needs a temporary location for a tower. T- Mobile reached out to Supervisor McCord and 3 locations were discussed, Town Hall, Highway Garage and the Water Tank Property. T-Mobile felt the best location was Town Hall. A sample picture of the proposed Cell on Wheels (COW) was given to the Board at the last workshop meeting. New pictures showing a larger unit and a location in the lower parking lot taking 20'x 30' space were distributed to the Board. They offered the Town \$1,000 per month with a 6 month minimum, then month to month. Although the temporary tower would only be used by T- Mobile clients, a permanent Tower could benefit all carriers. He explained each of the carriers could enter into a contract with the Town and money would be paid by each carrier that chooses to use the tower.

Kathie Quick asked if there was a possibility to place the unit on private property. Chris said it's possible but the quickest option would be through the Town. Councilperson Freer said they will need to review all of the information during a workshop meeting. Councilperson Van Vliet said, in the event that the Town Board consider this, there would have to be a Public Hearing where residents of this immediate hamlet were notified and given the opportunity to express their feelings towards the project. She

would like to hear from her constituents. A Public Hearing was held when the Esopus Fire House wanted to put a tower on their property. Councilperson Freer confirmed there was a Public Hearing however, that was a permanent Tower. Councilperson Van Vliet asked if it was necessary to have a special use permit even if it was a temporary tower. The question is, how long is temporary. Sal Morrello, Building Inspector, said if it was for 30 days that would be one thing but since it was a 6 month minimum he felt it should go to the Planning Board for site plan approval. The distance from the building should be at least the height of the Tower. Cell Towers are addressed in our code book. The Board will investigate further and offered to discuss it at the August 7th meeting. Chris said he was surprised and felt that the Town Board would approve it tonight. T-Mobile loses their current tower on August 6th. Gloria asked if he had ever spoken to our Building Inspector. Chris said he talked to Sal earlier that day. Chris thanked the Board for their time. Sal requested to meet with the Board regarding this matter.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
APPOINTMENT 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, there is a vacancy on the Environmental Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints Laurie Sheridan to fulfill a vacancy on the Environmental Board with a term expiring 12/31/17.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Kathie Quick
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Jared Geuss

Councilperson Wayne Freer	Abstained
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Aye
Councilperson Kathie Quick	Aye
Councilperson Jared Geuss	Aye
Supervisor Diane McCord	Absent

3 – Aye, 1 Abstain – Councilperson Freer was not at the meeting when Laurie was interviewed on May 1, 2017, 1- Absent. **Resolution Passed.**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #2 2017
APPOINT ALTERNATES TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS
CHAPTER 35**

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 Town Board has been presented with a Local Law to add Chapter 35 to Town Code of the Town of Esopus; and

Whereas, the purpose of this Local Law is to add a new chapter of local law providing the Town Board the power to appoint alternates to both the Town’s Planning Board and the ZBA,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town of Esopus Town Board approved the adoption of Local Law No. 2, 2017.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Kathie Quick

Councilperson Wayne Freer	No
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	No
Councilperson Kathie Quick	No
Councilperson Jared Geuss	No
Supervisor Diane McCord	Absent

RESOLUTION DID NOT PASS.

**After reviewing the information from the Planning Board, Attorney Peter Graham said there was no need at this time for alternates. Meetings are well attended and the Planning Board no longer is interested in having alternates. There was also a concern on attendance of the alternates and how their attendance would be tracked. No one would want an alternate casting a vote on a case which they were not familiar with.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK’S MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GUESS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATION & REPORTS ARE AVAILBLE 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 2017

O-0599.000 Fund Balance To	AO.9050.800	\$1093.44
	Unemployment Insurance	

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Wayne Freer
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Kathie Quick

Councilperson Wayne Freer	Aye
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Supervisor Diane McCord	Absent

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS - JULY 2017

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	171303 - 171356	\$ 43,400.13
HIGHWAY FUND	172139 – 172162	\$ 71,385.81
STREET LIGHTS	176005	\$ 6,041.50
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	173083 - 173093	\$ 4,395.80
PORT EWEN WATER FUND	174155 -174173	\$ 9,771.68
TOTAL		\$ 134,994.92

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Jared Guess
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Wayne Freer

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Supervisor Diane McCord	Absent

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

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 8:05 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC