

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2014**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Councilperson Diane McCord
Councilperson Wayne Freer - Absent**

Administrative Recorder - Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Immediately following the Pledge to the flag the Public Hearing was opened.

PUBLIC HEARING – Overgrown Grass 185 Bowne St.

Building Inspector Tim Keefe attended the meeting and read a copy of the letter that was sent to current owner of record Anna Delvalle regarding the overgrown lawn and vegetation at 185 Bowne Street, Port Ewen, NY dated July 21, 2014:

*TOWN OF ESOPUS
BUILDING DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 700
Port Ewen NY 12466*

July 21, 2014

To: Anna Delvalle
133-27 Amber St.
Howard Beach, NY 11414

Re: Overgrown grass 185 Bowne St. Port Ewen, NY

As a result of a visual inspection done on July 7, and July 16, 2014, it has been determined by this department that the lawn and vegetation is over grown at 185 Bowne St. Port Ewen, NY and is hereby in violation of local law.

Pursuant to the Town of Esopus Code 96-3(a), a public hearing shall be held upon notice posted

conspicuously at 185 Bowne St. on July 21, 2014 and forwarded to the last known address of the property owner, as it appears on the current assessment records of the Town, by certified mail, return receipt requested. Posting and service of such notice shall not be less than 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Pursuant to the Town of Esopus Code 96-3, a public hearing will be held before the Town Board on August 21, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Town of Esopus Town Hall located at 284 Broadway, Port Ewen NY 12466 to determine whether you have complied with the order to remedy maintain the vegetation.

Pursuant to Sec. 96-3(b) the Town Board, may cause the trimming of any lawns and the trimming of hedges, bushes and shrubs from any premises within the Town of Esopus, upon the failure of such owner, operator, or person in control to comply with any requirements and/or conditions of the Town Board. Said trimming and/or maintenance may be performed by the town of Esopus or its designee, or agent including a private contractor.

Thereupon, said charges shall become and be a lien upon the property on which the removal was performed and shall be added to and become and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lot or land and shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes levied and assessed against such property.

Timothy Keefe
Building Inspector

Supervisor asked Tim Keefe if there had been any changes to the property since the letter was sent and public hearing notice had been placed in the paper. Tim reported there had been no change and he had been to the location that afternoon to make a final inspection. Cable wire and phone wires were also laying down in the front yard due to a storm.

A MOTION was made by Supervisor John Coutant to contract out to Michael Lang to have the overgrown lawn and vegetation removed from the property located at 185 Bowne Street, Port Ewen. The cost of cleanup will go on the property taxes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet. All members were in favor, Motion carried.

The Board was polled

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	ABSENT

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilperson Diane McCord and Seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett.

The Board was polled

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

FALL FESTIVAL

In the past a giant yard sale has been held at the Medrex property during the Esopus Fall Festival. Supervisor Coutant announced this year the location will be moved to the Town Hall property. This location has ample parking. A festival committee has been formed and new ideas are being explored more details will follow at the next Town Board Meeting in September. The highway department is looking into creating a walking path from Bowen Street to the Town Property so people will be able to walk from the Methodist Church to Ross Park and continue down Bowne Street to the Town Hall property. Applications for vendors to rent space for the Giant Yard Sale are available in the Assessor's Office. The cost of a 10x10 space will continue to be \$20. As in the past we will also have the map of all of the yard sales in the Town of Esopus. If anyone would like to have their address included on the map, they should call April in the Supervisor's office at 331-0676.

**RESOLUTION FOR
DEMOLITION OF PREMIS LOCATED AT 193 UNION CENTER ROAD, ULSTER PARK**

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

Whereas, the Town received estimates for the demolition of a house located at 193 Union Center Road, Ulster Park,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus, Town Board approves the removal of the structure at 193 Union Center Road, Ulster Park and award the job to Michael Litts & Son for the amount of \$8,250.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Diane McCord
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

The Board was polled

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Absent

Supervisor John Coutant asked Building Inspector Tim Keefe to contact Mike Litts to let him know he can start the demolition at his earliest convenience.

SOLAR PROBLEM

The tracking solar array located at Town Hall had stopped functioning. The mother board was damaged during an electrical storm. The mother board needed to be replaced and was under warranty. Unfortunately the replacement that was sent was defective, the second board was replaced this week and the array is now fully functioning. Supervisor John Coutant publicly thanked Randolph Horner, Solar Project Manager, for his time and dedication to this project.

NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal)

NYMIR returned a check to the Town in the amount of \$3,589.50 for capitalization interest return. Several years ago NYMIR initiated a program by which NYMIR would return the capital contribution made by each member. In 2013 they continued with the return of capital program; for the next two years; by returning the interest on the original capital contribution. These distributions have been made possible because of the dedication of the municipality to control expenses and accidents. The insurance company has inspected our properties for the 3 past years and the only suggestion that have made is our signage at the parks needs to be restored. The board discussed utilizing these funds to update the signage at the parks. The estimate of the updates is approximately \$3,000.00.

TUGBOAT TRAIL

Supervisor Coutant outlined the highlights of the Tugboat Festival which will be held this year on September 13th at the Headless Horseman Hayrides & Haunted House located at 778 Broadway (RT 9w), Ulster Park. The festivities start at noon and conclude at 3pm with a live auction of the 25 Tugboats from this year’s fleet. A meatball Rivalry Cook-Off between local restaurant and businesses will also be competing that day. The public will have the opportunity to taste and vote on who has the best meatballs. Information about the event is available online at www.esopus.com and brochures about the event are also available at Town Hall.

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 AUGUST 2014

AO 0599.000 Fund Balance AO 1620.403 BLDG OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 292.75

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR JOHN COUTANT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT
ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	ABSENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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	141356 - 141401	\$ 40,238.56
Highway Fund	142163 - 142195	\$ 186,727.47
Street Lights	146008	\$ 6,222.58
Port Ewen Sewer Fund	143106 - 143121	\$ 17,220.65
Port Ewen Water Fund	144192 - 144220	\$ 38,836.87
Total.....		\$ 289,246.13

A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON

GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	ABSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings was made by Councilperson Kyle Barnett and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant.

The board was polled:

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Absent

Communication & Reports are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made to adjourn the Town Board Meeting by Councilperson Kyle Barnett at 8:05 PM and seconded by Councilperson Diane McCord. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**