

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
August 16, 2018**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet  
Councilperson Jared Geuss  
Councilperson Kathie Quick  
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

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

**Supervisor Shannon Harris called the meeting to order at 7: 00 PM and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Marc Phalen who was a member of the Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board and served the community well.**

**PLEDGE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**Alan Sorensen – New Planning Consultant**

A recommendation was made by the Planning Board Chair Roxanne Pecora to hire Alan Sorensen as the new Planning Board Consultant.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS TO SIGN THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT TO RETAIN ALAN SORENSEN, AICP. THE CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$1,600 PER MONTH AND \$700 FOR ATTENDANCE FOR PARTICIPATION AT PRE-SUBMISSION WORKSHOP SESSIONS, OTHER PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS OFF-SITE (BY PHONE, EMAIL OR TELECONFERENCE) AND INCLUDES RESEARCH ON ALL RELATED DOCUMENTATION. THE HOURLY RATE IS \$140.00 TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE ALL REQUIRED SEQR DOCUMENTATION FOR ANY ACTION BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD OR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**LABERGE CONTRACT ADDENDUM – HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANT APPLICATION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ADDENDUM # 2018-3 WITH LABERGE GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 2018 HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANT FOR RIVER**

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**ACCESS PARTNERING WITH SCENIC HUDSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800.00. THE SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES SAMPLE LETTERS, RESOLUTIONS, GRANT NARRATIVES, MAPS AND SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION BY AUGUST 22, 2018. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – ROUND 26 - 2018 HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM FOR RIVER ACCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus Town Board has caused the preparation of a Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program Grant Application to be prepared and supports the submittal of the application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project shall be titled “**Regional Plan for River Access**” and include a grant narrative, work plan, and other supporting documents necessary for submission of the application; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Board in combination with Scenic Hudson is hereby committed to using municipal funds and in-kind services as a local match for a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total project cost; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Esopus Town Board that the Town shall hereby apply to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Round 26 – 2018 Hudson River Estuary Program Grant for River Access.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and designated as the representative and to act as such in connection with the application to provide additional information as may be required including all understandings and assurances contained in the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract and/or agreement with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation upon grant award in connection with the Application and her designee is further authorized to request funds from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation pursuant to said contract and/or agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to the extent all or any actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Town Supervisor, all are hereby ratified and confirmed and this Resolution will take effect immediately.

**Resolution offered by: COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS**

**Seconded by : COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL**

<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Chris Farrell</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Shannon Harris</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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

**TIGHE & BOND CONTRACT FOR WIIA GRANT APPLICATION - PE WATER TANK**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN THE TIGHE & BOND CONTRACT TO PERFORM THE SCOPE OF WORK TO COMPLETE THE WIIA (WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT) GRANT APPLICATION OF THE PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT STORAGE FACILITY BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2018, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,700.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION OF SEQR TYPE II DETERMINATION  
FOR REPLACEMENT OF WATER STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Section 617.5 (c) of Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations provides that certain actions identified therein are not subject to environmental review under the New York State Environmental Conservation Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 617.5 (c) 2 thereof provides that the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds of Type I Actions in section 617.4 of said regulations is not subject to review under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Esopus has proposed that the Water Storage Facility of the Port Ewen Water District situated on Tax Map Parcel 64.1-1-17 be replaced on the same site as the existing storage facility,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Esopus hereby determines that the proposed replacement of the Water Storage Facility identified as the selected alternative in the Engineer's Report for Proposed Replacement of Water Storage Facility Port Ewen Water District is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) (2) as it constitutes:

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The replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, and such action does not meet or exceed any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of the State Environmental Review Regulations.

Resolution offered by: **Councilperson Chris Farrell**  
Seconded by : **Councilperson Kathie Quick**

<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Chris Farrell</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Shannon Harris</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 AT 7 P.M. REGARDING A WATER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 202-b OF THE TOWN LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus (herein called "Town Board" and "Town"), respectively, in the County of Ulster, New York, on behalf of the Port Ewen Water District, in the Town (herein called "District"), requested Brinner & Larios, P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (herein called "Engineer") to prepare an engineer's report for the improvement of facilities of the District, consisting of a water storage replacement, as described in the Engineer's Report prepared by the Engineer, dated July 2018, as supplemented by letter dated August 15, 2018. Such improvements include: the construction of a replacement water storage tank at the location of the existing tank near 9W/Broadway, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefore, and pursuant to the direction of the Town Board, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such Engineer's Report for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District; and the Engineer has estimated the total cost thereof not to exceed \$3,729,000;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

A Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town shall be held at the Town Hall in the Town of Esopus on SEPTEMBER 4, 2018, 7 p.m. (Prevailing Time) to consider said improvement of facilities of the Port Ewen Water District and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law;

2. The Town Clerk shall publish at least once in the Daily Freeman, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the signboard of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a notice in substantially the form attached hereto, the first publication thereof and posting to be not less than ten (10) days or more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Jared Geuss**

**Seconded by : Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Chris Farrell</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Shannon Harris</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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

**BOND COUNSEL SERVICES WIIA GRANT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH RODENHAUSEN CHALE LLP, PARTNER CHRISTINE CHALE, FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER STORAGE FACILITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**Be It Resolved, by** the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows:



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

**OFFERED BY: Councilperson Kathie Quick**

**SECONDED BY: Councilperson Jared Geuss**

<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Chris Farrell</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Shannon Harris</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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

**Miscellaneous**

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet asked when BQ is going to repair the Solar Panels at Town Hall. Supervisor Harris will follow up with them. Supervisor Harris will also ask about the installation of the meter.

The scope of the Estuary Grant will be forwarded to all Board members.

Supervisor Harris will follow up with Don Kiernan to find out the status of the D'Anna property acquisition for the water tank.

A budget meeting will be scheduled for August 30, 2018 at 9 am pending CPA Brian Pickard's ability to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL AT 7:45 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Next workshop meeting will be September 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter

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Town Clerk, RMC