

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 18, 2014**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, September 18, 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**

**Administrative Recorder - Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**

Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**Resolution  
Propane Bids**

**Whereas**, the Port Ewen Water/Sewer District advertised and received bids for Propane to be supplied for a period of (1) one year, beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

**Whereas**, bids were received and opened at the office of the Town of Esopus Town Clerk, on September 15, 2014.

**Whereas**, the lowest bidder for Propane was Heritage Energy, PO Box 797, Lake Katrine, NY 12449, at a price of \$1.55 per gallon.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Town of Esopus Town Board award the bid to Heritage Energy.

Resolution offered by Councilperson Diane McCord and seconded by Councilman Wayne Freer.

The Board was polled

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**All members were in favor.**

**Riverview – Authorization to Sign Appraisal Report**

**A Motion was made to authorize Supervisor John Coutant to sign the agreement with Michael Bernholz, Hudson Valley Appraisal.**

**Offered by: Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

**Seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**All members were in favor.**

**Water Chestnut Machine – Paid Off – Orange County Trust Company**

The water chestnut machine has been paid in full as of July 17, 2014. Supervisor Coutant reminded the audience a few years ago we received a national award for our efforts of harvesting the chestnuts. The use of the harvester is much more effective than hand pulling the chestnuts as they had done in the past.

**TUGFEST - SUCCESS**

Supervisor Coutant outlined the highlights of the Tugboat Festival which were scheduled to be held this year on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Headless Horseman Hayrides & Haunted House. The festivities had to be postponed to our Rain date of September 14<sup>th</sup>. The event included hayrides, music and a live auction of the 25 Tugboats from this year’s fleet. There was a Meatball Rivalry Cook-Off between local restaurants and businesses. Global Palate was this year’s winner, by 1 vote. Supervisor Coutant thanked the Tugboat committee for all of their hard work and looks forward to next year’s event.

**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. Vendors will park in the parking lot at BOCES. The Highway department created 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. A narrative will be given at noon at Sojourner Truth Park; live Folk music will be at the gazebo on the MHVFCU property starting at noon. Free Family activities will be at Ross Park 12pm – 3pm. There will be Car Show across from the La Mirage

1pm – 3pm. The Apple festival will be at the Esopus Methodist church starting at 10am and the Esopus Library will have their book fair. There are also the town wide yard sales and maps will be available at festival location, online and around town.

**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 SEPTEMBER 2014**

<b>AO 0599.000</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>AO 1620.403</b>	<b>BLDG OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$ 204.63</b>
<b>AO 0599.000</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>AO 3650.400</b>	<b>DEMOLITION</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>

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

**OFFERED BY: COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER**  
**SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<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 Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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

**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:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>141402 - 141443</b>	<b>\$ 41,441.78</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>142196 - 142221</b>	<b>\$ 36,302.13</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>	<b>146009</b>	<b>\$ 6,408.95</b>
<b>Port Ewen Sewer Fund</b>	<b>143122 - 143129</b>	<b>\$ 2,616.50</b>
<b>Port Ewen Water Fund</b>	<b>144221 - 144235</b>	<b>\$ 17,901.87</b>
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$ 104,671.23</b>

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

**OFFERED BY: COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD**  
**SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<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 Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A Motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings was made.**

**Offered by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet  
Seconded by: Councilperson Diane McCord**

**The board was polled:**

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

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

Supervisor Coutant recognized students who attended the meeting tonight from John A. Coleman High School and the Boy Scouts. It is great idea to have students sit in on local government meetings as part of their curriculum and see how government is run. Supervisor Coutant took the time to explain the agenda items so the children had a better understanding of what was being done. The Supervisor thanked the youths for spending their time and showing interest in local government. In addition, Councilperson Wayne Freer explained, time to time there is a need for the Town board to enter into executive session for matters of personnel. These sessions are closed to the members of the public. There cannot be decisions or votes made in executive session but it allows the board members to talk amongst themselves.

**A Motion was made at 8:00pm to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue with the Planning Board. Councilperson Freer invited the Planning Board Chairperson Roxanne Pecora in to the executive session.**

**Offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Seconded by: Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

**All members were in Favor.**

**A Motion was made to come out of executive session at 8:19pm. No actions were taken.**

**Offered by: Councilperson Diane McCord  
Seconded by: Councilperson Wayne Freer**

**All members were in Favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A Motion was made to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:20.**

**Offered by: Councilperson Kyle Barnett  
Seconded by: Councilperson Wayne Freer**

**All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk**