

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 27, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, N.Y. with the following persons in attendance:

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

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

**Supervisor Diane McCord called the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.**

**PLEDGE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Carl Belfiglio** was disappointed in the condition the Town Property was left in after last week’s firework display for Ole Savannah’s customer appreciation event. Carl said he originally supported the idea and thought it would be nice for the Town but was not happy with the condition the street was left in. Residents in the neighborhood had not been informed of the fireworks. In prior years they had received notification on their door making them aware of the event. One of Carl’s neighbors was told she needed to stay in her home during the fireworks and was unable to leave. He questioned how much of the debris ended up in the Rondout Creek. Carl encouraged the Board to notify residents in the future and hold the company accountable for timely clean up of the debris should the next permit be approved.

The Building Inspector was made aware of the complaint prior to the meeting this evening and contacted the company to tell them the area must be cleaned up. They assured him it would be cleaned up immediately.

**BQ Energy – Paul Curran**

Paul Curran from BQ energy attended the meeting to review the production of the array. He explained that 18 months ago BQ took over a project to place a 600 kilowatt solar array on the closed landfill. As of August 11<sup>th</sup>, production began and is currently 20% – 25% above the expected September generation due to the sunny weather. Credits are generated and appear on the Town’s Central Hudson bill. If Central Hudson’s rates go up the Town will benefit.

Paul said during this phase the Town built the array for what it can use at this time. When they dealt with the Town 18 months ago BQ said the land was larger than what the Town needed and it gave BQ the opportunity to come back to build a larger facility. Now that the project is built, BQ would like to enter into a contract with the Town to lease the property to install a 2 Mega watts solar field. BQ is interested in expanding the solar field and leasing the property for \$25,000 per year for a term of 25 years

BQ would be mowing and maintaining the existing field as part of the agreement. In addition, the Town Board requested the original proposal be amended to include the maintenance on the existing Town Hall field and tie it into the same reporting system to monitor production. The Town residents could benefit by buying long term energy at a discounted rate from the local solar field. A few larger commercial entities are interested in purchasing the energy as well. Congressman FASO sent the Town a Congressional Recognition for the Solar Project.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS**  
**RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBER**  
**TO THE ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

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

**WHEREAS**, Nick Pascaretti’s current term will expire on 9/30/2017,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board elects to reappoint him for a five-year term 10/1/17 – 9/30/2022,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Esopus Town Board re-appoints Nick Pascaretti to the Assessment Board of Review. Term to expire 9/30/2022.

<b>Resolution offered by:</b>	<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	
<b>Resolution seconded by:</b>	<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	
	<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
	<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
	<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
	<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
	<b>Supervisor Diane L. McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**TOWN OF ESOPUS**  
**RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE ADHOC**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**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 of Esopus established and Ad-Hoc Economic Development Committee in July of 2016 and

**WHEREAS**, their mission was to promote economic development and bring business to Esopus, and

**WHEREAS**, this committee was given an expiration date and this date has passed,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ad-Hoc Economic Development Committee will be renewed until September 30, 2020.

1. John J. Cutrone
2. Dolly Decker
3. Charles Ferri
4. Michael Jubie
5. Steve Murphy
6. Howard Slotnick
7. Charles Wesley
8. Supervisor
9. Deputy Supervisor or Town Councilperson

Town Board, at their discretion, may add or replace members without cause and as necessary. The Members of the Economic Development Committee serve at will.

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

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	AYE

**Town of Esopus**  
**Resolution To Award**  
**Propane Contract**

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

**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, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, bids were received and opened at the office of the Town of Esopus, Town Clerk, on September 11, 2017 at 11am.

**WHEREAS**, the lowest bidder for Propane was Britt & Graff Propane and Oil, P O Box 1118, Port Ewen, NY 12466, at a price of \$1.159 per gallon.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board award the bid to Britt & Graff Propane and Oil.

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**  
**Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Kathie Quick**

<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Diane L. McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**TOWN OF ESOPUS**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR**  
**TO SIGN A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**WITH THE TOWNS OF DENNING, HARDENBURGH, OLIVE, SHANDAKEN, SHAWANGUNK,**  
**WARWARSING, AND THE VILLAGES OF ELLENVILLE, NEW PALTZ AND SAUGERTIES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus has determined that it is in the best interests of its citizens to enter into a shared services agreement with adjacent Towns in Ulster County for certain highway, non-highway, specialty equipment and/or skilled personnel for highway and other Town functions,

**WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law and Sections 102, 133-a and 135 allow such Agreements,

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S.2009-C and Assembly Bill A.3009-C, Section BBB, signed by the Governor on or about April 5, 2017 and enacted into law, titled County-wide shared services property taxing savings plan encourages shared services between municipalities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor, Diane L. McCord is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Town of Esopus a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, with the adjacent Towns in Ulster County.

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Jared Geuss**  
**Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Diane L. McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS  
AND THE TOWN OF ESOPUS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD, INC.  
2017**

This agreement made this 27 day of September 2017, between the **TOWN OF ESOPUS**, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the County of Ulster, State of New York, with offices located at 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, New York, herein after called "**TOWN**" and **TOWN OF ESOPUS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD, INCORPORATED**, a not-for-profit corporation with a principal place of business at Town of Esopus, Ulster Park, New York, herein after called "**RESCUE SQUAD**".

**WHEREAS**, the **RESCUE SQUAD** is a not-for-profit corporation organized on a volunteer basis to provide rescue, first aid and ambulance services to sick and injured people in the **TOWN OF ESOPUS** and

**WHEREAS**, the **TOWN OF ESOPUS** is without general ambulance service to provide rescue, first aid and ambulance service for the sick and injured found within the bounds of the municipality and

**WHEREAS**, the Rescue Squad needs additional funds to provide proper services to the people of the **TOWN** and

**WHEREAS**, the **TOWN** wishes to contract for general ambulance services for sick and injured people of the **TOWN** and

**WHEREAS**, a contract between the **TOWN** and **RESCUE SQUAD** for general ambulance service is provided for and authorized by Section 122-b of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. The **TOWN**, for services to be rendered by the **RESCUE SQUAD** to the people of the **TOWN**, agrees to pay the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the calendar year of 2017.
2. That the **RESCUE SQUAD** shall provide and make available to sick or injured persons found within the bounds of the **TOWN**, transportation to a hospital or other place of treatment for such sickness or injury and shall furnish emergency treatment to said sick and injured.
3. The **RESCUE SQUAD** shall provide the necessary drivers and attendants in order to make available trained personnel and all vehicles shall comply with state certification to carry out this agreement.
4. The **RESCUE SQUAD** shall have sufficiently trained and experienced personnel for the operation of the rescue and emergency equipment and vehicles.

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

Councilperson Wayne Freer AYE  
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet AYE  
Councilperson Kathie Quick AYE  
Councilperson Jared Geuss AYE  
Supervisor Diane L. McCord AYE

**Tighe & Bond – Storm Water Culvert Inventory**

Tighe & Bond have completed their field work and have submitted their findings to the DEC for review.

**Community Forum, Esopus 2020**

The Community Forum, Esopus 2020 will be held at the Esopus Town Hall on September 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Councilperson Jared Geuss reviewed the agenda and welcomed everyone to attend.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

**COMMUNICATION & REPORTS ARE AVAILBLE IN THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE**

**NO BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS – SEPTEMBER 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:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>171413-171463</b>	<b>\$ 40,752.85</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>172183 - 172213</b>	<b>\$ 42,658.62</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>	<b>176007</b>	<b>\$ 6,629.81</b>
<b>PORT EWEN SEWER FUND</b>	<b>173112 -173123</b>	<b>\$ 6,266.73</b>

<b>PORT EWEN WATER FUND</b>	<b>174204 - 174228</b>	<b>\$ 17,011.89</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 113,319.90</b>

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

**OFFERED BY: Councilperson Jared Geuss**  
**SECONDED BY: Councilperson Kathie Quick**

<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<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>Supervisor Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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

**MISCELANEOUS**

Budget workshop meeting set for 9am September 28, 2017, 9am. Town Board workshop meeting has been cancelled for October 2, 2017. The next workshop meeting will be held October 17, 2017.

Supervisor McCord attended a Water Meeting with Don Kiernan, Water Superintendent. The Hudson River Municipalities Drinking Water Protection Association has formed to work together to keep the river as clean as possible.

Councilperson Jared Geuss thanked BQ for the professional job that was done at the Transfer Station. Jared wanted to clarify that there is a possibly of expansion for unused acreage at the landfill that can be a benefit to the Town in the future. The Town Board will be furthering their negotiation with BQ Energy.

Today was Supervisor McCord’s Birthday, Town Clerk asked every to take the time to wish her a happy birthday on their way out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AT 8:02 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC