

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

2012 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant  
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet  
Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Councilperson Donna McAuley  
Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

**Administrative Recorder: Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk**

Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment: None**

**1. Kathy Robinson – Christmas Parade Update**

Supervisor Coutant introduced a person we are very proud of and she is responsible for our Christmas Parade which occurs early in December.

Kathy Robinson: I am here to update you. Our Winter Wonderland Parade will be held on Saturday, December 8. The parade will go from Medrex to Stout Street in Port Ewen. Everyone can be in the parade you just have to call me at 845-331-3549 and I will give you the details of the lineup. We will line up at 5 PM. The floats, cars, flatbeds will be lined up a Medrex at 5 PM. There will be no candy passed out. Last year we had children running in the road to get the candy and this is for the safety of our children.

The parade will continue to West Stout. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will stop across from the gazebo, everyone else will continue to Stout St. Last year we had 3,000 people at the event. We are having a hat and mitten drive. We will have a box a Mario's for anyone who wants to donate. We will also have a box at the Mid Hudson Valley Credit Union. If there are hats and mittens left they will be donated to the Darmstadt Women's Shelter.

A flyer will be handed out to everyone. WKNY will provide the Christmas Music and we will all be tuned into that station. Last year we had the fire trucks honking their horns but this year we want the music. The horn blowing scared many of the small children. There must be space between each vehicle (4 car lengths). It will spread out the parade.

Fred Coutant has loud speakers and he will be on the corner by the gazebo. Quick Chek will be back with 2,000 cups of cocoa and chocolate chip cookies. Tom Slattery will provide the lighting that we need.

This year we have Mary Frances Clausi who will decorate the tree with 4,000 lights and with her help it will be beautiful. Joan Geuss and her staff from MHV Credit Union will greet the children to help them see Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

I want to thank Harry VanVliet who made a great donation, Al Larkin and his wife Pam for allowing us to use their trucks and decorations....we have to acknowledge them. Bernice McNierney, Dave Kwasnowski, Kathy DiScullo, Roger Brandt, Ernie Osterhoudt, the Ulster County Sheriff for providing traffic safety for this hour long parade.

I am asking for horses in the parade and I have not had any luck with getting them at this point. I spoke to someone at the Daily Freeman. By having this a little early this year I was able to get hold of Mike Lange and Wayne Freer and by having those fliers out to the 911 people we have 70 vehicles. We have been on Channel 23 and the Town of Esopus Website. Councilperson Gloria VanVliet said Kathy was very well organized. Kathy said please remember you must register to be in the parade. Dan Vedder has three workers the week of the parade work one day four hours and another day four hours. This will give me extra help one at the Rainbow and one at Medrex. No candy, no horns and no stopping until you reach the end of the route. Councilperson VanVliet said the Recreation people are already putting up the lights.

Supervisor Coutant said, "Kathy, you have done a great job of updating our parade." For those of you in the audience....this Christmas Parade was entirely the idea of Kathy Robinson several years ago. She has made the parade bigger and better each year. Her hard work and her dedication....we can only say thank you again. We look forward to it and I only hope I don't have to wear that big hat.

## **2. Resolution to Adopt 2013 Budget**

**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 2013 Budget has been prepared and reviewed by the Town Board and has been presented to the public in a formal hearing held on November 5, 2012 by the Towon Board. The 2013 Budget will reflect a 1.99% increase in taxes which falls within the guidelines of the State of New York.

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Town Board adopt the attached budget for 2013.

**Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant**

**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**3. Port Ewen Water District Rate Resolution**

**Port Ewen Water District  
Nov. 15, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the law requires the cost of the operation and maintenance of the Port Ewen Water District to be paid by revenue derived from the sale of the service,

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board has adopted a Water District budget, for the year 2013, based upon a rate of a minimum charge of \$15.36 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and a rate of \$3.84 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board decrease the rate charged for water service from a minimum of \$16.56 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and a \$4.14 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter, to a minimum of \$15.36 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and the rate of \$3.84 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter, with the new rate to be effective upon adoption of this resolution.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer.**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**4. Port Ewen Sewer District Rate Resolution**

**Port Ewen Sewer District Rate Resolution  
November 15, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the law requires the cost of the operation and maintenance of the Port Ewen Sewer Improvement Area (District) to be paid by revenue derived from the sale of the service,

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board has adopted a Sewer District Budget, for the 2013, based upon a rate of a minimum charge of \$15.36 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and a rate of \$3.84 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board increase the rate charged for sewer service from a minimum of \$13.84 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and a rate of \$3.46 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter, to a minimum of \$15.36 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and the new rate of \$3.84 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based upon the water meter, with the new rate to be effective upon adoption of this resolution.

**Resolution offered for adoption by Councilperson Donna McAuley and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet.**

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

#### **5. Ulster County Emergency Communications/Emergency Management – Storm Damages**

A letter has been written by Supervisor John Coutant to Arthur Syder Ulster County Emergency communications/Emergency Management regarding storm damage – Town of Esopus.

“As per our conversation of Friday, November 2, 2012, at approximately 3:30 pm, please find listed below businesses and municipal damages in the Town of Esopus. Please note that this is an estimate by all parties at this time. Specific itemized damages will be forthcoming upon your request. I have checked and I find little or no damages to private houses at this time. However, we both know that these types of claims can be submitted directly to FEMA> If you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards, John K. Coutant

#### **BUSINESS & MUNICIPAL DAMAGES – TOWN OF ESOPUS**

Certified Marina, Connelly	\$55,000
Jeff’s Marina, Connelly	\$25,000 - \$28,000
Rondout Yacht Basin, Connelly	\$550,000
Hidden Harbor Yacht Club, Port Ewen, NY	\$50,000
Port Ewen Water Department	\$20,000
Port Ewen Sewer Department	\$ 7,000
Town of Esopus Recreation Dept.	\$18,000
Town of Esopus Highway Dept.	\$ ZERO”

#### **FEMA – Sent the following November 13, 2012 at 7:53 PM Which was relayed by Art Snyder:**

“We have received good news this evening – Ulster County has been added to the list of counties, eligible for FEMA’s Public Assistance program. This will allow all municipalities, special districts and private-not-for-profits to submit for reimbursement of Superstorm Sandy related expenses. The next step in this process will be to hold an Applicant’s Briefing. For now, thank you to all who submitted information for the Preliminary Damage Assessment – your efforts led to this rapid approval by FEMA.”

Supervisor Coutant thanked the Highway Department personnel and the Water Department personnel who filled sandbags and placed the sandbags around our water treatment plant and our pump stations. This certainly helped curtail the damage. We did turn our power off at the water plant but there was no damage to the computers and we were lucky.

The Supervisor was there all night to oversee what was happening. We opened our Town Hall Community Center to people evacuating from Connelly so they would have heat and electricity. He was sure in the near future we will have more storm damage and the Supervisor would like to move forward putting together our community center with equipment. Some temporary bedding and some food supplies for emergencies if our residents need them. The Supervisor was embarrassed because we do have a beautiful facility but we did not have coffee to offer our residents. It would be a minimum cost. We will look at that in the near future as well.

**6. Solar Energy – NYSERDA Inspection**

**NYSERDA** gave the Town of Esopus \$190,000 toward our solar display here at the Town Hall. The panels handle sixty percent of our needs. It is customary they do an inspection on our solar facility. They were here and were very impressed stating we did a wonderful job. The Supervisor thanked Randolph Horner for the NYSERDA representative was impressed.

**7. TUCKER POND**

Tucker Pond is on the verge of completion. Al Larkin will be paving the project. Upon completion the final Certifications of Occupancy will be issued. The residents are pleased this has happened. It is looking pretty good. It has taken a long time to complete but the condos will be available for rent or lease.

**8. Budget Adjustments**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

**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 Board of the Town of Esopus has received and reviewed the following budget adjustments,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the following budget adjustments be approved for payment:

AO0599.000	Fund Balance	AO3510.100	Dogs Personnel	
\$3,140.73				
		AO5132.401	Highway Contractual	\$1,699.00
		AO7110.400	Parks Maintenance	\$2,714.09
SS.0599.000		SS8110.400	Sewer Contractual	
\$60,829.96				



<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Resolution duly adopted.**

#### **10. Approval of Minutes**

**A Motion to approve the minutes since our last meeting was made by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

#### **11. Correspondence and Reports of Officials and Boards**

The following reports of officials and boards have been received and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office:

Town Clerks' Report for October 2012  
Supervisor's Report for November 2012  
Planning Board Minutes dated 10-15-2012  
Building Dept. Report dated October 8, 2012  
Environmental Board Minutes dated 10-17-12  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board dated 11-13-12  
Town Board Minutes and Workshop Meetings:  
10-17-2012, 10-18-2012, Budget Meeting 10-23-2012,  
11-5-12 are available for inspection.

The Supervisor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your turkey.

**A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley at 8:06. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Diane L. McCord  
Town Clerk, CMC, RMC**