

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 27, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 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 - NONE

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT - COMMUNITIES OF CHURCHES RECOGNITION

Members of the Mount Academy Eagles Class C Cross Country team and Class D Boys Soccer Team were recognized with a certificate for winning the State Championships.

Soccer Roster		
First Name	Last Name	Grade
Connor	Huleatt	9
Benson	Arnold	10
Everett	Button	10
Matthew	Rimes	10
Dean	Blough	11
Stuart	Boller	11
Preston	Button	11
Davis	Mason	11
Aaron	Waldner	11
Jeffrey	Baird	12
Joseph	Ben-Eliezer	12
Judah	Ben-Eliezer	12
Dylan	Blough	12
Timothy	Cavanna	12
Thomas	Huleatt	12
Terrence	Meier	12
Seth	Thomson	12
Peter	Zimmerman	12

Cross Country Roster		
First Name	Last Name	Grade
Darren	Baird	9
Tristan	Moody	10
Kent	Thomson	11
Eric	Zumpe	11
Adam	King	12
Nathan	Kurtz	12
Edwin	Moody	12
Rudi	Meier	10
Travis	Meier	10

The Town Board was proud to be represented in the State Finals by the Mount Academy Team. The Mount Academy coaches thanked the community for all of their support.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

THEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus Town Board, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
- 2) Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease community energy use.
- 4) Increase community use of renewable energy.
- 5) Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
- 6) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use tools.
- 7) Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
- 8) Support development of a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Commit to an evolving process of climate action.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Kathie Quick
Seconded by: Councilperson Wayne Freer

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

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

TOWN OF ESOPUS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LETTER TO
CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION
TO CONVERT ALL LIGHTS TO RATE A LEDS

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 approved the conversion of the existing street lights to Rate A Led lighting,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor Diane L. McCord to execute the Agreement listed above on behalf of the Town of Esopus.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer
Seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATION & REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE

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 December

AO. 0599.000 Fund Balance	To	AO.5182.401	\$ 5,847.53
		Esopusol	

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Jared Guess
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS – December 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:

GENERAL FUND	171560 - 171618	\$ 47,302.52
HIGHWAY FUND	172267 - 172285	\$ 10,283.78
STREET LIGHTS	176010	\$ 6,939.88
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	173157 -173164	\$ 2,002.60
PORT EWEN WATER FUND	174287 - 174305	\$ 8,511.81
TOTAL		\$ 75,040.59

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Kathie Quick
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

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

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

Certificates of Appreciation

Councilperson Wayne Freer was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 16 years of community service as Councilperson. Councilperson Freer said he was honored to serve over the past 16 years among different Supervisors and Council people. Councilperson Freer recalled when his Uncle sat in Supervisor seat many years before; his Uncle always said, "politics were during the campaign season. Once you are through the door and the election is over you represent each and every person in the Town whether what party they are in or if they are just passing through the Town. I think over the past 16 years I have been able to keep that true, on the straight and narrow. Thank you very much for the 16 years time spent."

Supervisor McCord was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her 40 years of service as Deputy Town Clerk, Town Clerk, Councilperson and Supervisor. Supervisor McCord said thank you to everyone she has served with over the years. Forty years went by quickly; 20 years as Deputy Town Clerk, 16 years as Town Clerk, 2 years as a Councilperson and 2 years as Supervisor. Supervisor McCord said it was time to move on and thanked everyone who has helped her along the way. She has made great friends here and considers the people she works with and the people who come in every day - family. Supervisor McCord said, "It's been my privilege and honor to be your public servant, Thank you".

****THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 1, 2018 AT NOON****

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 7:55 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC