

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2013**

**Present:**                   **Supervisor John K. Coutant  
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet  
Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Councilperson Donna McAuley  
Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

**Recording Administrator: Diane L. McCord  
Town Clerk, CMC, RMC**

**Opening: Supervisor John K. Coutant**

The Supervisor explained we usually have our Organizational Meeting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, however, this year there were no elections and it was decided to have our Organizational Meeting at our regularly scheduled Workshop this evening at 7:30 PM. This meeting will provide our government with continuity and it is a pleasure for me to do it. The regularly scheduled meeting will follow the Organizational Meeting.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To hold our Annual Organizational Meeting:

**Whereas,** the Town Board of the Town of Esopus must make appointments for various officers, board members and employees,

**Therefore, be it Resolved,**

Donna McAuley, Councilperson           is hereby appointed Deputy Supervisor

Debra Kain.....                           is hereby appointed Bookkeeper/Secretary  
To Supervisor

April Oneto.....	is hereby appointed Planning Board Secretary
Diane L. McCord.....	is hereby appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics
Diane L. McCord.....	is hereby appointed Records Management Officer
Diane L. McCord.....	is hereby appointed Marriage Officer
Diane L. McCord.....	is hereby appointed Town Historian
Deborah Pugliese.....	is hereby appointed Fire Inspector
Timothy Keefe.....	is hereby appointed Building Inspector
Salvatore Moriello.....	is hereby appointed Deputy Building Inspector
Lois DeKoskie.....	is hereby appointed Clerk to Justice
Karen Bitonte.....	is hereby appointed Clerk
Jean Ackerson.....	is hereby appointed Clerk
Marianne Wells.....	is hereby appointed Clerk to Justice
Ernest Osterhoudt.....	is hereby appointed Court Security Officer
Joseph Murray.....	is hereby appointed Court Security Officer
Joseph Corcoran.....	is hereby appointed Court Security Officer
William Scott MacCreery.....	is hereby appointed Court Security Officer
Joseph F. Murray III.....	is hereby appointed Court Security Officer

- Klyne Esopus Historic Society ..... is hereby appointed Historic Society
- Jill Shufeldt..... is hereby appointed Dog Control Officer
- Kevin Hindmann..... is hereby appointed Assistant Dog Control Officer
- Amari Brown..... is hereby appointed Assistant Dog Control Officer
- Walter VanLeuven..... is hereby appointed Dog Kennel Custodian
- Diane Terpening..... is hereby appointed Dog Kennel Attendant
- Laurie Lawrence..... is hereby appointed Dog Kennel Attendant
- Curt Dankelmann..... Is hereby appointed Recycling Officer
- James Mushett..... is hereby appointed to the Assessment Board of Review (09-30-2017)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed Chairperson of the Environmental Board (12-31-2013)
- Karyn Grieco..... is hereby appointed Secretary of the Environmental Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-13)
- Catherine Quick..... is hereby appointed member and liaison to Environmental Board from Waterfront Advisory Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-14)
- Mark Ellison..... is hereby appointed member of the Environmental Advisory Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-14)

- Rev. Jennifer Barrows..... is hereby appointed member of the Environmental Advisory Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-14)
- Karyn E. Grieco..... is hereby appointed Member of the Environmental Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-14)
- Joseph Guido..... is hereby appointed liaison to Waterfront Advisory Board from Zoning Board of Appeals.( 1-1-13 to 12-31-13)
- Roxanne Pecora..... is hereby appointed Chairperson to the Planning Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-14)
- April Oneto..... is hereby appointed Planning Board Secretary (1-1-13 to 12-31-2013)
- Fred Zimmer..... is hereby appointed to the Planning Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-19)
- Catherine Quick..... is hereby appointed Chairperson to the Waterfront Advisory Board (1-1-13to 12-31-13)
- Karyn Grieco ..... is hereby appointed Secretary of the Waterfront Advisory Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-13)
- Don Cole..... is hereby appointed Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals (1-1-13 to 12-31-13)
- Joan Boris..... is hereby appointed Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals (1-1-13 to 12-31-13)
- Linda Smythe..... is hereby appointed Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (1-1-13 to 12-31-18)

Victor Barranca.....is hereby appointed Member of the  
Zoning Board of Appeals (1-1-13 to  
12-31-18)

Kevin Rentfrow..... is hereby appointed Member of  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board  
(1-1-13 to 12-31-16)

Ron Phillips..... is hereby appointed Member of  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board  
(1-1-13 to 12-31-16)

Douglas DeKoskie..... is hereby appointed Member of  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board  
(1-1-13 to 12-31-16)

Douglas DeKoskie..... is hereby appointed Chairperson  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board  
1-1-13 to 12-31-14)

\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed Chairman of the  
Recreation Board. (1-1-13 to 12-31-13)

\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed to the Recreation  
Board (1-1-13 to 12-31-17)

**The above Resolution was offered by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet and  
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.**

**Resolution to Appoint Attorney for the Town**

**Be it Resolved**, Paul Kellar, Esq. is appointed Attorney for the Town. The Resolution was offered by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett.

<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.**

**Resolution to Award Mileage Expenses**

**Whereas**, there are those officials, legally authorized under the laws of the State of New York and those Town Officials who by the nature of their position, who must utilize their personal transportation in the performance of their duties,

**Be it Resolved**, that in compliance with the Town Law, Section 103, Subdivision 1A, the mileage compensation shall be at a rate of \$.565 per mile or as set forth periodically by the IRS.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley**

**Resolution 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.**

**Resolution Designating an Official Newspaper**

**Be it Resolved**, that the Daily Freeman is the official newspaper of the Town of Esopus and such items as may require publication by the Town and/or Highway Laws shall be published therein.

**The above resolution was offered by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet and Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

<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.**

**Official Undertaking**

**Whereas**, it is required by the State of New York that local officials who receive and disburse public monies submit an “Official Undertaking”.

**Be it Resolved**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board contract with Ulster Insurance Services for Public Dishonesty Bond which bond shall remain on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

**Resolution offered for adoption 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.**

**Resolution Relating to the Town Depositories**

**Whereas**, under Section 64 of the Town Law, it is provided the Town Board shall deposit monies coming into their hands by virtue of their office,

**Be it Resolved**, Citizens Bank be designated as depository in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Bookkeeper shall deposit all monies coming into their hands by virtue of their office and Orange County Trust be a second depository for the Capital Account for the Town Hall Project and any other accounts as required.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**Resolution 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.**

**Resolution Relating to the Town Board Meetings**

**Be it Resolved**, the Town Board conduct their regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM and the Workshop Meetings on the Tuesday preceding the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 PM. An additional Workshop Meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month, if deemed necessary, except for Monday Holidays when the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday of the month. All meetings shall be held at the Town Hall in Port Ewen, New York.

**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.**

**Holiday Schedule**

**Whereas,** the annual holiday schedule is recorded as part of the Town's personnel policy.

**Be it resolved,** the Town of Esopus will observe the following paid holidays in 2013:

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. New Year's Day                | 8. Columbus Day            |
| 2. Martin Luther King's Birthday | 9. Election Day            |
| 3. President's Day               | 10. Veteran's Day          |
| 4. Good Friday                   | 11. Thanksgiving Day       |
| 5. Memorial Day                  | 12. Day after Thanksgiving |
| 6. Fourth of July                | 13. Christmas Day          |
| 7. Labor Day                     |                            |

**Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant**

**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

<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.**

**Resolution to Reaffirm the Town of Esopus Investment Policy**

**Be it Resolved,** the Town Board has reviewed and adopts the Investment Policy as recorded in the Town Board Minutes dated March 8, 1989 and updated and amended on July 18, 2002.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**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.**

### **Procurement Policy**

**Whereas**, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law (GML) requires every Town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of GML 203, or any other law: and

**Whereas**, comments have been solicited from those officers of the Town involved with Procurement;

**Now, therefore, Be it Resolved**, the Town of Esopus does hereby adopt the Procurement Policy which was adopted on January 12, 1993 and on file in the 1993 Minute Book.

**The above Resolution was offered Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**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.**

**Resolution Relating to Town Clerk Hours**

Whereas, the Town Board shall set the hours of the Town Clerk's Office,

**Be it Resolved**, the hours shall be 9AM – 4 PM Monday through Friday.

**The above Resolution was offered by Supervisor John Coutant  
Resolution 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.**

**Resolution Establishing Deputy Town Clerks and Their Powers**

**Be it Resolved**, the Deputy Town Clerks assume all powers and duties of the Town Clerk and

**Be it Resolved**, the Deputy Town Clerks all be compensated as set forth in the annual budget.

**The Resolution was offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley  
Resolution seconded by Supervisor John Coutant**

<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.**

**Appointment of Deputies**

**Town Clerk Diane L. McCord does hereby appoint Holly Netter and Erin McNierney as Deputy Town Clerks.**

**Resolution Designating Deputy Tax Collector**

**Whereas,** under Section 35 of the Town Law it is provided the Town Board may set compensation for the Clerk to the Tax Collector.

**Be it Resolved,** Mara Rothman be appointed Deputy Tax Collector.

<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.**

**Resolution Designating Dog License Penalty Fees**

**Whereas,** the Town Board has adopted Local Law No. 2 for 2008 to charge delinquent dog owners with fines for those who do not license their dogs in accordance with our Town Law or dog owners who have not renewed their dog licenses and are summoned to court and

**Whereas,** a Resolution was approved and adopted by the Town Board to amend Local Law No.2 on April 19, 2012 stating a more liberal charge would be instituted charging a fee from \$15 to \$50 at the discretion of the Town Justice

**Be it Resolved,** the Town Board will charge a fine from \$15 to \$50.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Wayne Freer  
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>	

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**Resolution Changing Fees at Transfer Station**

**Whereas**, the Town Board sets the fees for use of the Transfer Station and the fees must cover the costs of operation,

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, the following are changes to the Transfer Station Fee Schedule be adopted:

Transfer Station Permits will be raised from \$20 to \$25 per year beginning January 1, 2013. Senior Permits will change from \$10 per year to \$15 per year. Clean-Up Permits will be \$40. Pro-rated stickers will change from \$15 to \$20 per permit.

**The above Resolution was offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley  
Resolution 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.**

**Resolution to Fix 2013 Salaries**

<b>Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Town Councilperson</b>	<b>\$5,890.49 yr.</b>
<b>Wayne Freer</b>	<b>Town Councilperson</b>	<b>\$5,890.49 yr.</b>
<b>Donna McAuley</b>	<b>Town Councilperson</b>	<b>\$5,890.49 yr.</b>
<b>Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Town Councilperson</b>	<b>\$5,890.49 yr.</b>
<b>Jean Ackerson</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 14.79 per hr.</b>
<b>Karen A. Bitonte</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 15.23 per hr.</b>
<b>Lois DeKoskie</b>	<b>Clerk to Justice</b>	<b>\$ 16.53 per hr.</b>
<b>Marianne Wells</b>	<b>Clerk to Justice</b>	<b>\$ 14.79 per hr.</b>
<b>Robert Grieco</b>	<b>Town Justice</b>	<b>\$20,708.27 yr.</b>
<b>Elizabeth Shanley-Manicone</b>	<b>Town Justice</b>	<b>\$20,708.27 yr.</b>
<b>Joseph Murray</b>	<b>Court Security Officer</b>	<b>\$25.00 per hr.</b>
<b>Joseph Murray III</b>	<b>Court Security Officer</b>	<b>\$25.00 per hr.</b>
<b>Ernest L. Osterhoudt</b>	<b>Court Security Officer</b>	<b>\$25.00 per hr.</b>
<b>Joseph Corcoran</b>	<b>Court Security Officer</b>	<b>\$25.00 per hr.</b>
<b>William Scott MacCreery</b>	<b>Court Security Officer</b>	<b>\$25.00 per hr.</b>
<b>John K. Coutant</b>	<b>Supervisor/Budget Officer</b>	<b>\$30,642.00 yr,</b>
<b>Debra J. Kain</b>	<b>Bookkeeper/Secretary</b>	<b>\$18.57 per hr.</b>
<b>April M. Oneto</b>	<b>Sec. to Planning Board</b>	<b>\$15.23 per hr.</b>
<b>Diane L. McCord</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$20,000.00 yr.</b>
<b>Holly A. Netter</b>	<b>Deputy Clerk</b>	<b>\$36,050.00 yr.</b>
<b>Erin McNierney</b>	<b>Deputy Clerk</b>	<b>\$14.36 per hr.</b>
<b>Bernice McNierney</b>	<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$20,200.05 yr.</b>
<b>Mara Rothman</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 13.94 per hr.</b>
<b>Dan Terpening</b>	<b>Assessor</b>	<b>\$ 23.45 per hr.</b>
<b>JoAnna Mignone</b>	<b>Deputy Assessor</b>	<b>\$ 16.89 per hr.</b>
<b>Edie Glenn</b>	<b>Assessment Field Worker</b>	<b>\$ 15.23 per hr.</b>
<b>Jill K. Shufeldt</b>	<b>Dog Control Officer</b>	<b>\$13.77 per hr.</b>
<b>Kevin W. Hindman</b>	<b>Deputy Dog Control Officer</b>	<b>\$13.77 per hr.</b>
<b>Amari Brown</b>	<b>Deputy Dog Control Officer</b>	<b>\$11.85 per hr.</b>
<b>Laurie A. Lawrence</b>	<b>Dog Kennel Attendant</b>	<b>\$13.77 per hr.</b>

<b>Diane Terpening</b>	<b>Dog Kennel Attendant</b>	<b>\$11.26 per hr.</b>
<b>Walter VanLeuven</b>	<b>Custodial Worker</b>	<b>\$13.77 per hr.</b>
<b>Timothy H. Keefe</b>	<b>Building Inspector II/Code Enforcement Officer</b>	<b>\$27.47 per hr.</b>
<b>Salvatore Morrello</b>	<b>Building Inspector II</b>	<b>\$21.91 per hr.</b>
<b>Deborah Pugliese</b>	<b>Fire Inspector</b>	<b>\$21.91 per hr.</b>
<b>Joan Boris</b>	<b>Senior Database Clerk/Typ.</b>	<b>\$15.23 per hr.</b>
<b>Michael Cafaldo</b>	<b>Highway Supt.</b>	<b>\$30,000.00 yr.</b>
<b>Karen Mains</b>	<b>Sec. to Highway Supt.</b>	<b>\$15.23 per hr.</b>
<b>Edward Avery, Jr.</b>	<b>Road Maintenance Supt.</b>	<b>\$22.71 per hr.</b>
<b>Frederick J. Becker</b>	<b>HMEO</b>	<b>\$22.40 per hr.</b>
<b>Derrick Brown</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$21.06 per hr.</b>
<b>Jon Walter Haight</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$22.15 per hr.</b>
<b>Andrew W. Jansen</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$21.06 per hr.</b>
<b>Michael J. Litts</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$21.32 per hr.</b>
<b>Christopher D. Lortz</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$21.32 per hr.</b>
<b>Robert H. Peterson, Jr.</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$21.32 per hr.</b>
<b>David C. Quinn</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$21.94 per hr.</b>
<b>Treavor B. Stevens</b>	<b>MEO</b>	<b>\$21.32 per hr.</b>
<b>Bruce L. Woinoski</b>	<b>HMEO MECH.</b>	<b>\$22.71 per hr.</b>
<b>Daniel Vedder</b>	<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Main Director</b>	<b>\$22.71 per hr.</b>
<b>Langston Williams</b>	<b>Custodial Worker</b>	<b>\$14.20 per hr.</b>
<b>David J. Greenberg</b>	<b>Recreation Attendant</b>	<b>\$12.32 per hr.</b>
<b>Daniel R. Watson</b>	<b>Recreation Aid/Seasonal</b>	<b>\$14.38 per hr.</b>
	<b>Recreation Aide – Seasonal</b>	<b>\$10.82 per hr.</b>
<b>Kyle D. Lewis</b>	<b>Recreation Aide – Seasonal</b>	<b>\$10.82 per hr.</b>
<b>Kathleen M. DiSciullo</b>	<b>Recreation Attendant</b>	<b>\$8,240 per yr.</b>
<b>Karyn Grieco</b>	<b>End./ Waterfront Adv. Sec.</b>	<b>\$14.36 per hr.</b>
<b>Gloria L. Meschi</b>	<b>Port Ewen Water/Sewer Sec.</b>	<b>\$15.52 per hr.</b>

<b>Donald F. Kiernan</b>	<b>Water/Sewer Supt.</b>	<b>\$30,000.00 per yr.</b>
<b>Eric Balash</b>	<b>Water/Sewer Foreman</b>	<b>\$22.47 per hr.</b>
	<b>Water Treatment Oper.</b>	
<b>Peter Koelli</b>	<b>Water Treatment Oper.</b>	<b>\$22.99 per hr.</b>
<b>Timothy P. Byron</b>	<b>Water Treatment Oper.</b>	<b>\$22.22 per hr.</b>
<b>Michael Dauner</b>	<b>Water Treatment Oper.</b>	<b>\$22.22 per hr.</b>
<b>Kenneth Solaas</b>	<b>Water Treatment Oper.</b>	<b>\$22.22 per hr.</b>

**Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant  
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

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

**Resolution duly adopted.**

**Motion to close the Organization Meeting was made by Councilperson Donna McAuley and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet at 7:30 PM. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**The Town of Esopus Workshop Meeting following the Organizational Meeting was opened at 8 PM.**

**1. Contracts For the Care and Boarding of Canines**

- A. Town of Ulster**
- B. City of Kingston**
- C. Town of Warwarsing**
- D. Town of Plattekill**
- E. Town of Lloyd**

Councilperson Wayne Freer brought to the attention of the Town Board that we have had no dogs at our kennel for the past two weeks. Do we want to stay in this business? We are just keeping the kennel open but we have no dogs and there is a responsibility for us to maintain it.

Councilperson Kyle Barnett said we have discussed this before and the question is whether this is turning into a losing proposition which is complicated by our inability to secure long term personnel to operate the facility. I am wondering if we should consider seizing this as an opportunity to perhaps get out of this line of work?

Supervisor Coutant said we have discussed this in the past, however, we did have dogs at that time. Councilperson Donna McAuley said we have not had any dogs for the past ten days. Councilperson Gloria VanVliet stated the problem that exists is we have not been able to find any place to board Esopus dogs should we get any. I am aware the expense of the kennel, it is not a winning situation. Councilperson Donna McAuley believes we could investigate having attendants for the dogs on an as needed basis for Esopus dogs only. That is something we have to look into. Councilperson VanVliet asked when there are no dogs, is there any personnel that goes down there? Walter VanLeuven goes each day to make sure the heat is on and make sure we are ready if dogs are brought in, said the Town Clerk. Last week he spent ten hours and tried to insulate around the water tank so it did not freeze, explained the Supervisor.

Councilperson Barnett suggested we table this until we can have further discussion. Maybe we should consider placing a moratorium on accepting any other dogs from other towns until we can definitely decide what direction we want to go into. If we accepted other dogs we could find ourselves in a situation where we are responsible.

Councilperson VanVliet asked what do we do now that we have a signed contract? Councilperson Barnett looked over the contract and said it is a standard contract and this is the only one we have received from the Town of Lloyd. The contracts have been sent to the other municipalities prior to this meeting. The contract does not state we definitely have to take the dogs. Perhaps we should write a letter to the Supervisor in Lloyd stating we are reconsidering keeping the kennel open and if he could give us a few weeks to make this decision we could use his cooperation.

Supervisor Coutant explained when government operates a kennel it must be done in accordance with New York State guidelines and it must comply to all the State mandates imposed by the Agriculture and Markets Laws. Other municipalities are housing their dogs in private kennels and they do not have to meet the State codes. Other municipalities are giving the care of their dogs to people not involved in government and therefore they do not have to follow the strict guidelines we must adhere to. We go through inspections during the year and must meet their expectations as to the care of our dogs. When government does business with a private entity all those rules about the taking care of the dogs seems to be swept under the carpet. I am proud that when we get dogs we take care of them and we do it right and I am please about that.

The result of this discussion was letters will be written to the municipalities about our reconsideration of keeping our kennel open and the matter will be tabled until our next Workshop Meeting to be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **1. Contracts/Agreements**

**A. Riverview Cemetery Association Agreement 2013**

**B. Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc. Agreement 2013**

**C. Klyne Esopus Historical Society Agreement 2013**

Supervisor Coutant explained each year we put together a contract with these vendors of service to the Town and we give them a stipend from the town budget on a yearly basis.

**Town of Esopus  
Resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor  
To sign agreements between  
Town of Esopus and Riverview Cemetery Association  
Town of Esopus and Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad  
Town of Esopus and Klyne Esopus historical Society Museum**

**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 made agreements with the Town of Esopus Riverview Cemetery Association to provide mowing of the grass twice during 2013,

**Whereas**, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has made an agreement with the Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad to pay the sum of \$20,000 for the calendar year of 2013, and

**Whereas**, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has made an agreement with the Klyne Esopus Historical Society Museum to pay the sum of \$3,000 for 2013 to be used for the maintenance and operation of the Klyne Esopus Museum,

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor John K. Coutant to execute the Agreements listed above on behalf of the Town of Esopus.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Donna McAuley**

**Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

<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.**

**2. Resolution to Authorize Paul T. Kellar, Esq. to Review Solar Energy Contract**

Supervisor Coutant said Randolph Horner, our associate “guiding light” in our solar energy project, is looking and keeping and reviewing vendors and the opportunity of putting people together to provide the service needed to keep the entire solar energy project together. In all it is the Town Board’s responsibility to review these contracts Randolph Horner is getting and make a decision on how the Town Board feels about it and how our Attorney Paul Kellar feels about it. We are striving to get the best possible deal the town can get. Basically Randolph has another company and contract with Promenade Corporation and this resolution gives Paul Kellar, Esq. approval to review said contract:

**Resolution to Authorize Paul T. Kellar, Esq.  
To Review Solar Energy Contract**

**Be it Resolved,** by the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, the following:

The Town Board of the Town of Esopus authorizes Paul T. Kellar, Esq. to review the contract between the Town of Esopus and Promenade Capital Corporation, the financial services component of On Force Solar.

**Resolution adopted by Supervisor John Coutant  
Resolution 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.**

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet asked if this was a different company than the one we originally reviewed? Yes, answered the Supervisor. Randolph Horner is making sure we get the best contract for the dollars we are spending. The first contract had some problems according to our Attorney Paul Kellar.

**3. Motion to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss an Article 78 Proceeding**

**A Motion was made by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer at 8:15 PM to enter into Executive Session to Discuss an Article 78 Proceeding. All Town Board Members approved. Motion Carried.**

**A Motion to adjourn from Executive Session was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet at 8:30 PM. All Town Board Members approved. Motion Carried.**

**4. Resolution to Authorize Paul T. Kellar, Esq. as Legal Counsel to Defend An Article 78 Proceeding – Ricardo Baez vs. Elizabeth Shanley-Manicone**

**Be it Resolved**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster the following:

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Shanley-Manicone, Town Justice, has been served with an Article 78 Proceeding,

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Attorney Paul T. Kellar to be retained as legal counsel to defend the Article 78 Proceeding.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett  
Resolution 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.**

**5. Motion to Enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter with regard to the Environmental Board**

**A Motion was made at 8:30 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with the Environmental Board was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**A Motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:40 PM was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

As a result of this Executive Session the Town Supervisor will address the personnel problem and get back to the Town Board with the results at the next meeting.

**6. Public Comment:** None

**7. Adjournment**

**A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Kyle Barnett at 8:42 PM. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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