

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2017 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

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

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYEE ABSENCE IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE’S ABSENCES IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 8:10 PM. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO HIRE P/T PER DIEM FIRE INSPECTOR

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO HIRE A PART TIME PER DIEM FIRE INSPECTOR WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE EXISTING FIRE INSPECTOR TO WORK FOR THE BUILDING INSPECTOR ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND ASSIST IN THE BACKLOG OF THE FIRE INSPECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ESOPUS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED .

BUILDING – DAN VEDDER UNABLE TO ATTEND

SAMS GRANT

Supervisor McCord said the \$150,000 SAMS grant the Town was suppose to receive to buy the Sewer Truck from the State is falling apart. Governor Cuomo has placed a hold on the funds of the grants and is using the money for infrastructure. The grant money will be available in 2018. DASNY feels the truck is also too old. As in the past, the expenditure needs to be paid by the Town and the grant repays the Town. They suggested the Town re allocates the money to purchase things that were already budgeted for in 2017 and could submit the receipts for reimbursement in 2018. Supervisor McCord shared a list of items that had been previously discussed for 2017 such as: the Truck for Parks and Recreation, which money has been set aside for the past 3 years. The jeep that was previously used for the mail/bank runs and the Assessor's field work was sold at auction last year. A new vehicle to be utilized for those purposes is needed. The building that has been proposed for the recreation department and funds are in the capital fund. The question of whether the capital funds can be used and replaced was raised. Councilperson Freer said he did not see how it was possible to put the money back into the capital fund. Once it is gone it is gone. Perhaps a new account may be opened and designated for a specific cause by referendum. Councilperson Freer said he would talk to Brian Pickard, Town CPA for clarification.

Recreation fees have been collected and there is \$24,000 to use for replacing more of the fence at Ross Park or installation of a Splash Pad for the children to use at the Park program.

Councilperson Geuss had suggested fixing the drainage issues that have been discussed. Supervisor McCord said the money had to come from the general account and could not cross over to Highway. Councilperson Freer said off road drainage would fall under the General Fund not Highway. He also suggested upgrading computers and software in Town Hall and placing the roofs over the Roll Offs at the Transfer Station

Supervisor McCord said the person handling the grant for DASNY is on vacation for the next two weeks. This topic will be further discussed at a future meeting.

TRUCK PURCHASE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Board members discussed the vehicle purchase proposal for the new recreation dump truck. They had a few questions which need to be answered prior to making the motion to purchase the truck. A motion/resolution can be made at the Town Board meeting on February 22.

EMPLOYEE WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE - NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Councilperson Freer said he was not in favor of having the NY Life Insurance company speak at the employee meeting on February 16. The EAP meeting should focus solely on the Employee Assistance Program.

NEW CONTRACT FOR TRANSFER STATION – PAUL KELLAR

Paul Kellar has reviewed the RFP and has made some suggestions. He will draw up the new contract based on the RFP once bids have been received. The current contract expires April 30, 2017.

HUDSON VALLEY APPRAISAL CORP – APPRAISAL FO SBL 64.1-1-20 WATER DISTRICT PROJECT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO HIRE MICHAEL BERNHOLZ, HUDSON VALLEY APPRAISAL CORPORATION TO APPRAISE SBL # 64.1-1-20 TO DETERMINE THE MARKET VALUE FOR USE IN THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OR CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING AS A LOCATION FOR A FUTURE WATER TANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WER IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND PARK RENTAL FEES

Feb 6, 2017

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York set the Park Rental fees for Ross Park and George Freer Memorial Park in Port Ewen, New York and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board that the fees should be increased to cover expenses of the use of these town parks,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the rental fee schedule for residents will be at the rate of \$75, Alcohol Permits are available for a fee of \$50 plus a Trash Removal Deposit of \$75. The non-resident fee will be \$150, Alcohol Permits are available for a fee \$100 plus a Trash Removal Deposit of \$75.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer

Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kathie Quick

The vote of the Town of Esopus Town Board being as follows:

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

Resolution duly adopted.

Park scheduling for residents will begin March 1, 2017 and for non-residents April 3, 2017.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND COMMUNITY CENTER FEES
Feb 6, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York set the Rental fees for the Community Center located in the lower level of the Town Hall Port Ewen, New York and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board there is additional revenue obtainable by the rental of the community center to non residents in addition to town residents

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the rental fee schedule will be amended to allow non residents to use the Community Center at a rate of \$200 and \$250 with the use of the stove. A refundable security deposit of \$100 will also be collected at time of application. And;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the fee for Esopus residents will remain at \$120.00 for the use of the Community Center and \$170 with the use of the stove. A security deposit of \$100 will also be collected at the time of application.

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

The vote of the Town of Esopus Town Board being as follows:

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

Resolution duly adopted.

Miscellaneous

- Michael Caton, Computel Consultants, has received our signed Contract for the street light audit as of 1/30/17. They will get started.
- BQ's Mike McNulty requested copies of the 2015 & 2016 Landfill Inspection reports for their lender for the solar project. He reports, "Not too much longer until we're ready to start construction!"
- Progress is being made on the Union Negotiations

- A bridge on Valley Road has been flagged. Councilperson Freer has talked to Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo and reviewed some options to look into. There are 3 homes affected by this.
- Governor Cuomo wants to eliminate AIMS (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) money and take it away from the Towns. The current amount is \$45,000 for the Town of Esopus. Supervisor McCord said this will be a topic at the Association of Towns.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:10 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**