

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
March 15, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday February 16, 2016 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:00 PM with the following people in attendance:

Supervisor Diane McCord
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Les Kalmus
Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord opened the meeting at 7:38 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

INTERVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 7:39 PM BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL INTERVIEWING FOR A POTENTIAL ARCHITECT FOR THE SOLAR PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15 PM BY COUNCILPERSON BARNETT AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

EMPLOYMENT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR- EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:16 PM BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING EMPLOYMENT OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:29 PM BY COUNCILPERSON BARNETT AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISIONS WERE MADE - COUNCILPERSON BARNETT WILL CONTACT THE CANDIDATE TO CLARIFY THEIR CHARGES (PORTAL TO PORTAL). A RESOLUTION WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE MARCH TOWN BOARD MEETING.

PERSONEL TRANSFER STATION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:29 PM BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL AT THE TRANSFER STATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LESLIE KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:41 PM BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

PERSONEL LABOR CONTRACT – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:42 PM BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONEL LABOR CONTRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:52 PM BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

****A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SOLICITE A RETAINER FOR ROMER TO REPRESENT THE TOWN IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS GOING FORWARD - PENDING UNION CONTRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CONCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

HIGHWAY PERSONNEL HARRASSMENT COMPLAINT – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:55 PM BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE HIGHWAY PERSONNEL HARRASSMENT COMPLAINT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT MIKE CAFALDO WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:03 PM BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor McCord will set up a meeting with Mike Kutski, the employee and Mike Cafaldo.

HIGHWAY STREET SWEEPER

Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo gave the Board information at the last workshop meeting regarding the need to purchase a new sweeper. Copies of a new proposal from an alternative

company were given to the Board and will cost the Town \$20,000 less than the prior proposal. A resolution will be presented for vote at the Town Board meeting March 23rd.

RECREATION BUILDING

Supervisor McCord asked the Board if they were OK with the location of the new recreation building. Councilperson Freer said he was fine with the location in the back of Town Hall. Councilperson Freer said as he went over the documentation, he had several questions. The paperwork Dan submitted doesn't reflect any heat in the building, electricity, boxes, switches, lighting. Councilperson Van Vliet said there are no walls for inside; it only sounds like a shell. Before any decisions can be made questions need to be answered.

SALES TAX AGREEMENT

Supervisor McCord asked to have a memorializing resolution passed EXTENDING THE 2011 SALES TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSTON FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5 YEARS. Supervisor McCord said at the Supervisor's meeting all of the towns agreed to show their support and pass the memorializing resolution. Esopus was the last town needed to make it unanimous. A resolution will be voted on at the March Town Board meeting.

TBS CONTRACT

The Board members discussed the various options that were given to them at the last workshop meeting and decided the third option was in the best interest of the Town; purchasing the software and having a contract that would enable remote troubleshooting. A resolution will be presented at the March Town Board meeting.

TIME WARNER CABLE

Time Warner cable is being purchased by Charter and then is going to become New Charter. We do not have a signed contract with them at this time. They are going to put in Broadband and are looking for maps showing the location of the cable lines. They are unable to get this information from Time Warner. Councilperson Freer said the Public Service Commission should have that information. We do not have the manpower to map out the lines for them.

TECTONIC – VERIZON WIRELESS POTENTIAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

Richard Horcasitas, Site Acquisition Specialist, said Verizon Wireless was interested in installing a Telecommunication facility on the Cas Landi Park Property. They offered to give the Town \$14,000 per year and they would give 5 years upfront. More information needs to be provided, such as the location of the Tower.

PAVILION – CAS LANDI PARK – TABLED UNTIL APRIL

CROSSWALK SIGNAGE

NYS DOT has asked permission to install large green crosswalk signs at the 3 crosswalks in the business area. They are free of charge to the Town. A resolution will be presented at the March Town Board Meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADHOC COMMITTEE

A discussion between the Board members was held regarding Supervisor McCord's suggestion of an Economic Development ADHOC committee. Councilperson Les Kalmus said although they do not have any empowerment, it could be useful to have their ideas filter into the comprehensive plan and where we may need to consider zoning changes. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said the EBA was formed years ago and their mission was to promote economic development and bring business to Esopus. In the 8-10 years they have been formed it has been more of a social group and nothing has been accomplished. Several people have asked to be on the Economic Development Committee. Councilperson Van Vliet said she thought they should do it on their own and the Board should not have anything to do with it. Councilperson Barnett said he has no issue with it. However, make it clear they are not an advisory board, they do not represent the Town and they do not have any authority. Councilperson Les Kalmus said to give the committee six months and an objective. See what they can come up with, and then they can be dissolved.

CONTRACT FOR SHARED SERVICES

We already share our highway services. The state is requiring we have a contract in writing. The last contract that was signed was 1998. The resolution will be voted on at the March Town Board Meeting.

MISCELANEOUS

Assessor JoAnna Mignone has interviewed Kristin McDermott to take the place of Edie Glenn and has made a recommendation she be hired to replace Edie Glenn. Edie's last day will be April 15th. Edie will train the new person 2 days a week beginning on April 4th. The Board will interview Kristin in Executive Session on March 23, 2016.

Supervisor Diane McCord said Assessor JoAnna Mignone wrote a memo to her and would like Diane to submit her thoughts to the UCIDA at the March 28, 2016 meeting. JoAnna understands the agency is directed to help businesses get started in Ulster County and to give new businesses who demonstrate the ability to bring jobs a break while they are getting up and running. In the memo JoAnna expresses her feelings that existing businesses should not be up for these exemptions. JoAnna feels a qualified new business should only be given the brake for 5 years not 10 years because it gives an added burden to the other taxpayers. The Board discussed these recommendations and agreed that Supervisor McCord could share these concerns on behalf of JoAnna barring the use of any specific business name. This meeting is an annual review of the UCIDA's policies and procedures. Recommendations can be made but ultimately it is the UCIDA's decision whether policies and procedures are changed.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AT 10:10 BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter,
Town Clerk