

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

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, March 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 – INTERVIEW MARGARET PHALEN ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 7:30 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING MARGARET PHALEN FOR A VACANCY ON THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK AT 7:35 PM. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO APPOINT MARGARET PHALEN TO THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/17. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR.

EXECUTIVE SESSION– NICHOLAS PASCARETTI ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET AT 7:36 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NICHOLAS PASCARETTI FOR A PARTICULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS AT 7:45 PM. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO APPOINT NICHOLAS PASCARETTI TO THE ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 9/30/17. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR.

RECREATION BUILDING – DAN VEDDER

The Board discussed the estimates Dan Vedder obtained for the construction of the new Recreation Garage on the Town Hall property. Bids were solicited from at least three companies in each field. However, the challenge has been getting companies interested in submitting a bid. Dan answered various questions the Board had relating to the building. There are Capital funds left from the construction of Town Hall that can be used for the building and the existing property will be sold. An appraisal of the current building needs to be obtained for the sale of the property. A question regarding the price of the overhead doors was raised. Dan will follow up in the morning and pass the information along to the Board.

TOWN OF ESOPUS
CIVIL DEFENSE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

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 Board has recommended Salvatore Morello, III, to fill the position of Civil Defense Deputy Director, and

WHEREAS UC Emergency Management Department requests the Town Board appoint an individual to serve as a conduit to attend meetings and bring back information to the Town Board in a timely manner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints Salvatore Morello, III to fill the position of Civil Defense Deputy Director.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Diane McCord
Seconded by: Councilperson Jared Geuss

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.

MOTION TO APPOINT OFFICERS FOR VARIOUS BOARDS

SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD MADE A MOTION TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

JANET BELUCI IS APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON TO THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2017

MARION ZIMMER IS APPOINTED CO-CHAIRPERSON TO THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2017

JARED GEUSS IS APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BOARD TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2017

FRED ZIMMER IS APPOINTED CO-CHAIRPERSON TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BOARD TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2017

JANET BELUCI IS APPOINTED SECRETARY TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BOARD TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2017

HOWIE SLOTNICK IS APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DOLLY DECKER IS APPOINTED SECRETARY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SIGNING OF
ROEMER, WALLENS, GOLD & MINEAUX CONTRACT**

Be it resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following;

Whereas, there is a need to hire a law firm for the purpose of handling any Town Disciplinary actions against an employee, and

Whereas, the Town has enlisted the services of Roemer, Wallens, Gold and Mineaux at the rate of \$220 per hour and the Associate's rate of \$190 per hour for such services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Town Board authorizes Supervisor McCord to sign such agreement with Roemer, Wallens, Gold and Mineaux at the rate specified for the purpose of handling Town Disciplinary actions.

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

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.

DISCUSS LOCAL LAW TO APPOINT ALTERNATE PLANNING & ZBA MEMBERS & ADOPT CHAPTER 35

A follow up discussion on the public hearing regarding the appointment of Alternate Planning and ZBA members and to adopt chapter 35 to the Town Code. Paul Kellar, Attorney for the Town, had some concerns with the way the proposed local law read regarding the alternates. Town Board members felt they would like to pursue having alternates, but the verbiage needs to change to ensure those alternates attend every meeting so they are capable of voting on cases that may be before them. This information will be given to Paul Kellar to see how we proceed.

COMPUTER CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COMPUTER CONSULTANT NICK MONACO TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMPUTER NETWORK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Time Warner Cable – Garth Warren letter

Garth Warren sent a letter to the Town Board asking them to consider the new rental rates which are being imposed by TWC/Spectrum. The Board discussed the letter and determined the Town does not have a current contract with Time Warner Cable. When one is presented, a recommendation can be made at the Board's discretion.

Message from the Association of Towns – State's Property Tax Savings Plan Proposal

Councilperson Kathie Quick updated the Board on several issues that were discussed at the Association of Towns meeting. She said the common theme was the need for Towns to stand together; home rule is being threatened. AIM and CHIPS funding can be affected. The Towns want to make sure the home rule applies to wind and solar energy.

Workshop Meeting

Supervisor McCord asked the Board if there were any changes to the workshop meetings for the remainder of the year. A workshop was added for March 14th. Below is a calendar for the remainder of the year.

JAN 2ND, 17TH, 25TH	JULY 3RD, 18TH, 26TH
FEB 6TH, 22ND	AUG 7TH, 15TH, 23RD
MAR 6TH, 14TH, 22ND	SEPT 5TH, 19TH, 27TH
APR 3RD, 18TH, 26TH	OCT 2ND, 17TH, 25TH
MAY 1ST, 16TH, 24TH	NOV 6TH, 21ST, 29TH
JUNE 5TH, 20TH, 28TH	DEC 4TH, 19TH, 27TH

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:45 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERON FREER AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk