

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
April 3, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, April 3, 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 - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – INTERVIEW EVAN LEWIS

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AT 7:30 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING EVAN LEWIS FOR A VACANCY ON THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. 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 HIRE EVAN LEWIS FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A RATE OF \$ 11.00 PER HOUR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR.

KINGSTON ANCHORAGE ALLIANCE -CAROL TOMESETTI

Carol Tomasetti from the Waterfront Advisory attended the meeting to update the Board and encourage them to join the Kingston Anchorage Alliance. Everyone is concerned about the proposal of the anchorage sites and what impact a spill could have on the water treatment plant. The Hudson has always played a major role in commerce with the transportation of goods up and down the river. However, no one wants to see the anchorage sites used for storage. For many residents the river is their only source of water.

After a lengthy discussion the Board was in agreement to participate in the following manner:

- Join the Alliance
- Attending Hudson River Waterfront Alliance (HRWA) meetings
- Increasing awareness within our community
- Continue our efforts to contact federal & state lawmakers regarding the efforts

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO JOIN THE ALLIANCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE PLEDGE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Carol Tomesetti will keep the Board up to date on this matter.

T.E.V.A.S. CONTRACT

Mike Lange, Matt Hall, and Mike Parr, members of the Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance squad, attended the meeting to discuss some changes they would like to see in the contract prior to the execution of the 2017 contract between the Town of Esopus and T.E.V.A.S. After a thorough discussion with the Town Board members the following changes in verbiage will be made to the contract:

Section 3 will read The rescue Squad shall provide the necessary drivers and attendants, in order to make available at all times, trained personnel and **all vehicles shall comply with state certification** to carry out this agreement. If the rescue Squad is not available, it will call a qualified ambulance service to cover any calls received.

Section 5 – ***omit***

Section 8 – the words Malpractice policy will replace the word **Coverage**

Section 9 - shall read ...and such records **NOT** subject to HIPPA shall be available to the Town for inspection...

The corrections will be made and the revised contract will be sent out.

T.E.V.A.S. will provide the Town with the Certificate of Liability Insurance for the rider listing the Town of Esopus as an additional insured.

Mike Lange recalled 6 – 7 years ago the Town reducing the amount of funds given to TEVAS from \$40,000 to \$25,000. He asked the Board to give consideration to adding \$5, 000 to the 2018 budget in order to start working on getting the total for TEVAS back to \$40,000 over the next few years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATION OF PRICE FOR PROPERTY FOR NEW WATER TANK

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD AT 8:29 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATION AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION OF ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY FOR THE NEW WATER TANK FOR THE PORT EWEN WATER DEPARTMENT. WATER SUPERINTENDENT DON KIERNAN WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE AT 8:45 PM BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING BOARD VACANCY

Melanie Marino has requested to be considered for the vacancy on the Planning Board. Melanie will need to submit a formal resignation letter from the ZBA and a resolution will be offered to have her fill the vacancy on the Planning Board.

Melanie was the ZBA representative for the Comprehensive Plan and wishes to remain on the committee. Since Fred Zimmer is already representing the Planning Board on this committee, Melanie can remain on the Board as the Town Resident Representative. A new member will need to be selected to represent the ZBA on the Committee.

TIMBERLINE TRAIL, WEST PARK ROADWAY

Supervisor McCord received a letter from Dennis Cooper requesting the Town to construct a road according to Town specifications estimated at \$275,000. The road has never been paved and the subdivision had been started in 1985 -1986. The money was supposed to be put into escrow for the purpose of building the road, which was never completed. The Town Board discussed the request and determined it was the responsibility of the developer to pave the Road. If the owners of the properties on the road wish to bring it up to standards, the Town Board will consider taking it over and maintaining it.

SUPERVISOR SALARY

Supervisor McCord has previously announced she is not running for another term. She provided the Town Board with a chart of Supervisor Salaries from all of the Towns in Ulster County and asked them to consider raising the salary to attract candidates to run for the office. Currently the position is considered part time and does not pay benefits. This matter will be discussed again at a future meeting.

PILGRIM PIPELINE RESOLUTION

Supervisor McCord asked the Board to reconsider passing another resolution opposing the pipeline. The Town Board has already passed one memorializing resolution regarding this matter.

MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisor McCord said the Building Inspector has found a person to fill in as a part- time Fire Inspector who will be paid on an hourly basis to help with inspections. The individuals name is Richard Valentine. Councilperson Freer mentioned his understanding was Brad Valentine was the individual interested in the position and has worked for the Town in the past. Richard is his younger brother whom the Board has not met. The Board was asked if they wanted to interview the candidate. Gloria said as long as he has the credentials and the Building Inspector is satisfied then she did not have an issue with it. Sal will be his direct Supervisor. He will make a list and monitor Rich's time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO HIRE RICHARD VALENTINE TO FILL IN AS A PART TIME FIRE INSPECTOR AT THE RATE OF \$23.42. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Jared Geuss recommended Sal give a progress report of the inspections in a few months.

Councilperson Freer asked the status of the ID badges. JoAnna is going to take the employee's pictures after the grievance process is over. Since Rich is going to need the ID immediately, it was decided to send him directly to Ernie Germano to have the picture and ID made to expedite the process.

Wayne said there is a water runoff issue with a property near the old Kosco plant. Councilperson Freer and Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo will meet at the site and see if they can figure out a remedy.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:12 PM WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**