

## **TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**May 4, 2015**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, May 4, 2015 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant**  
**Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**  
**Councilperson Wayne Freer - Absent**  
**Councilperson Diane L. McCord**  
**Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**  
**Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman**

**Supervisor Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **DEC MEETING – RE: SOLAR PROJECT – TRANSFER STATION**

A meeting was held to discuss the new Solar project located at the Town Transfer Station. Supervisor Coutant, Randolph Horner, Solar Project Manager, Frank Ventresca, Construction Operations Manager from the SunEdison Regional Office in New Jersey, Dave Pollack from the local DEC office in New Paltz as well as a representative from DEC Region 3 were in attendance. Drew Lent, from the Tetra Tech Environmental Compliance Consulting Office in Syracuse was unable to attend due to a death in the family however joined via a conference call. Supervisor Coutant said the DEC wanted to make sure there would be no penetration of the membrane which was used when they capped the landfill years ago. They also wanted to ensure wires would not be able to be cut with a mower or weed wacker. DEC believed they were a Regulatory Agency. However when it comes to solar they are not. Their role in this solar project is simply to advise and help. When Randolph Horner brought this fact to their attention, there was full cooperation from the DEC. Supervisor Coutant said the meeting was positive and written communication will be forthcoming. The number of panels will be reduced from 5000 to 2302. More energy efficient panels have been obtained which will produce more energy using fewer panels. The survey has been done and Supervisor Coutant has a preliminary sketch of where everything will go. Construction is expected to start within the next 4-6 weeks. Randolph is looking in to the contract with Sun Edison regarding the maintenance of the area

and will get back to Supervisor Coutant. Supervisor Coutant said Randolph did a magnificent job representing the Town and the total project.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – REVIEW OF FINAL COSTS**

Bruce Woinoski from our Highway Department measured the pile of contaminated soil that needs to be removed; it was 95ft long, 55ft wide and 8 ft high. From the calculations derived by Bruce, Alan Larkin and Tom Slatery, it appears American Petroleum underestimated the amount of soil on their estimate and actual costs would be higher. The calculation made by Bruce, Tom and Alan were \$146,000 vs. American Petroleum’s estimate of \$68,784.38. Letters have been mailed to the insurance carrier asking for a decision. The overall estimate is close to \$300,000. A letter from the DEC indicates we have less than 60 days to move the dirt. The question is when does the 60 day time frame start? Is it from the date the first scoop of soil was removed or last? Many questions are yet to be answered relating to the tanks and annual permits. The discussion will continue at a future meeting.

**TRANSFER STATION FEES**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER**

**DRAFT FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE DATE ?**

**ANNUAL PERMIT FEES – MUST BE STUCK TO CAR WINDSHIELD**

<b>BUSINESS CONTRACTOR PERMITS (TOWN RESIDENT ONLY)</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL PERMIT</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>SENIOR PERMIT (over 60, proof required)</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>LOST PERMIT OR SECOND PERMIT (MUST BE SAME HOUSEHOLD AND SHOW REGISTRATION FOR SECOND VEHICLE)</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>1 DAY PASS</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b><u>BULK HOUSEHOLD WASTE</u></b>	<b>\$ .12 PER POUND</b>
	<b>\$12 Minimum</b>

**TRASH BAGS**

<b>COUPON BOOKLET 10 BAGS (1 30 GALLON BAG OR CAN)</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>40 Gallon Bag</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>30 Gallon Bag</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>10 - 13 Gallon Bag</b>	<b>\$3</b>

**BATTERIES**

<b>Car Batteries ONLY</b>	<b>\$1</b>
<b>Large Batteries not accepted</b>	

**PROPANE**

<b>PROPANE (SM CAMPING SIZE)</b>	<b>\$1</b>
<b>PROPANE (20 GALLON)</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>PROPANE (100 Gallon)</b>	<b>\$10</b>

**APPLIANCES**

<b>Refrigerators/ Air conditioners</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Other Appliances</b>	<b>\$10</b>

**YARD WASTES – BRUSH LESS THAN 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND CUT INTO 4 -6 FOOT LENGTHS, GRASS LEAVES AND DEAD PLANTS**

<b>BRUSH (PICK-UP TRUCK LOAD)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>BRUSH (DUMP TRUCK)</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>GRASS AND LEAVES (PICK-UP TRUCK LOAD)</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>GRASS AND LEAVES (DUMP TRUCK)</b>	<b>\$10</b>

TIRES

20" OR LESS

OFF RIM \$5

ON Rim \$10

Only waste generated in Esopus is permitted to be disposed of at the Transfer Station.

**Recyclables accepted:** paper products, Newspaper, magazines, books, office paper, cardboard and junk mail

**Container Products-** Container Glass, Food & Beverage Cans, Plastic Containers

Automotive

Used motor oil

**ALL RECYCLING MUST BE OBSERVED.**

A one day pass is required when using another vehicle other than those registered for that permit.

**The following FREE electronics can be taken to UCRRA – 999 Flatbush Road Kingston, NY**

**Monitors, Terminals, Typewriters, Printers, Scanners, Cables, TV's Radio's, CPU's, DVD's, CRT's, Stereo**

There will no longer be prorated stickers available throughout the year. Commercial people will need to upgrade their current permit and pay an additional \$100 for the remainder of the year. The Town Board will need to set the effective date of the changes. Town Clerk Holly Netter shared feedback she has received from town residents who have suggested the new fees to be posted 30-60 days prior to them going into effect.

Councilperson Kyle Barnett and Supervisor Coutant will set up a meeting with Curt Dankelmann to discuss the proposed changes at the transfer station prior to our next workshop meeting.

**PILGRIM PIPELINE**

John Casellini President of the Ways and Means NY, LLC contacted Supervisor Coutant via email and would like to set up a meeting to speak to the Town Board about the Pipeline and the benefits and costs of the alternatives for Esopus. The Board agreed he can come to the next Town Board Meeting to speak during the public comment section.

### **AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS**

Highway Superintendent wants to spend money on Bowne Street, West Main and Second Street. A question came up why the budget shows \$141,000 when he was awarded additional \$20,000 chips money. Why wasn't the budget changed to reflect the increase? Supervisor Coutant will check with bookkeeper Deb Kane. The request will be reviewed to ensure there are proper funds to cover the repair prior to approval.

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet said Mike Cafaldo quoted \$7,285 to grade up the parking lot on Bowen Street and remove the tree. Supervisor Coutant said he needed it in writing to submit to Albany for the grant.

### **RIVERVIEW CEMETERY**

The Riverview Cemetery will turn in a CD so they will have the funds to have the cemetery mowed. The lawn will be mowed twice a month instead of every two weeks. The Town will continue to mow the cemetery twice a year as it has in the past to prolong the cemetery being abandoned and becoming the sole responsibility of the Town. Riverview Cemetery provided a copy of their annual report to the Town Board.

### **SAVING PERRINE'S COVERED BRIDGE**

Perrine's Bridge located in Rifton belongs to Ulster County and the Ulster County Legislature has just approved \$350,000 for design and construction improvements for Perrine's Bridge. A group wants to have a fund raiser to raise money to fireproof the bridge and improve its security.

### **RESOURCE RECOVERY/MRDC/ROLL-OFF SERVICE WORKSHOP**

Supervisor Coutant received an invitation from Timothy Rose, Executive Director of the Ulster County resource Recovery Agency (U.C.R.R.A.) to participate in an Agency sponsored workshop regarding the proposed MSW/C&D and recycling roll-off services contract. The workshop will be held at 5pm on Tuesday May 12, 2015 at the Town of Ulster Russell Brott Senior Center in Lake Katrine. Councilpersons McCord and Van Vliet said they plan to attend.

### **BIRCHEZ BRUNCH**

There will be a Brunch for the First responders at the Birchez of Esopus on Sunday May 17, 2015 at 11 am. All Town Board members were invited.

## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Christine Wiener sent a communication to all elected officials to invite them to march in the Memorial Day Parade which will kick off on May 25, 2015 at 10 am from Dollar General. Gill Krum will be this year's Grand Marshall.

## **SAFECO**

SAFECO submitted a proposal of \$3495.00 to replace 3 cameras in the parking lot area. The original service call was placed in 2014 and there is still a need for the equipment to work properly and have the footage accessible for review.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:55 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk**