

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 2, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, MAY 2, 2016 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 Kyle Barnett - Absent
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

**TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SEASONAL
PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board wishes to hire John R. Bauer as a Seasonal Park and Recreation Maintenance employee at a rate of \$11.00 per hour,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Esopus Town Board approves the hiring of John R. Bauer as Seasonal Park and Recreation Maintenance staff for \$11.00 per hour, effective May 3, 2016.

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Resolution seconded by: Supervisor Diane McCord**

**Councilperson Wayne Freer abstain, was not here for interviews
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet AYE
Councilperson Kyle W. Barnett **ABSENT**
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus AYE
Supervisor Diane L. McCord AYE**

VOTE CARRIED 3 AYE 1 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

**TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
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PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board wishes to hire Colby John Hesleitner as a Seasonal Park and Recreation Maintenance employee at a rate of \$11.00 per hour,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Esopus Town Board approves the hiring of Colby John Hesleitner as Seasonal Park and Recreation Maintenance staff for \$11.00 per hour, effective May 3, 2016.

Resolution offered by:	Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Resolution seconded by:	Supervisor Diane McCord

Councilperson Wayne Freer	Abstain, was not here for interviews
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Kyle W. Barnett	ABSENT
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	<u>AYE</u>
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	<u>AYE</u>

VOTE CARRIED 3 AYE 1 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

PERSONNEL – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 7:35 PM TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PERPOSE OF DISCUSSING A SPECIFIC PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT HISORY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMEBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE; CREDIT CARD SCANNERS

Currently the Town of Esopus is the only Transfer Station in Ulster County that accepts cash. Due to liability issues the Town Board has been discussing options to phase out taking cash at the Transfer Station. This has turned into quite a challenge. Research has been done on setting up a credit card machine at the location, however there would have to be a convenience charge imposed on the customers because the Town is not able to absorb the fees. There may be an alternative of a punch card system in which a customer could purchase a \$30 or \$50 card and the transactions would be punched out accordingly on the card. There is still an outstanding issue of the scale transactions not being an even amount. The Board will need to contemplate how they are going to proceed. The scale transactions may either get rounded up or down or may strictly require payment in check. Councilperson Wayne Freer is going to look at the program to see what can be done. There was a discussion about the transfer station fees and changes that need to be made.

Brian Clarke, Transfer Station employee reported kids riding on quads through transfer station property. Councilperson Wayne Freer said he would talk to the Sherriff Department and signage may be needed.

PERSONNEL – EXECUTIVE SESSION – TABLED

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

No word on the negotiations.

GREENWALD DOHERTY VOUCHER

An invoice was received from Greenwald Doherty. Several Board members questioned the hourly charge and felt there was a discrepancy. Further investigation will need to be done prior to an approval being made for payment.

MICHAEL LAMANNA – FITNESS TRAINING

Michael LaManna has requested to use the park for early morning and evening training session. It was determined it is a public park and he was able to use it without the Board's approval. Town Clerk Netter was asked to notify Michael LaManna of the decision.

RIVERVIEW CONDOMINIUMS - FEE REQUEST

The Riverview Condominium Board of Managers and Homeowners Association have requested the fee to be waived for the use of the Community Room Saturday May 14 from 9:30 to noon to hold their semi - annual meeting. The Board made a unanimous decision to deny the request.

Miscellaneous

Supervisor McCord said the group that was looking to develop the **Anna Devine** property has pulled out because it did not have the Board's support.

Supervisor McCord received an email from Arlene Reynolds who is concerned with sight lines from people entering and exiting **Cas Landi Park** due to parking along the road way. Supervisor McCord will contact Ulster County engineers to have them look at the problem.

Betty Lane reported damage to her house from balls hit from Ross Park and is looking for the Town to repair the damage. There is no witness or proof of when the damage occurred or how it happened. The Board determined it would be a claim that she would need to file through her homeowners insurance.

Presentation Church property- DASNY (State of NY Dormitory Authority)

Supervisor McCord gave an update on the purchase of the church property and the documents DASNY was requesting before they release the \$40,000. The second request the Town had made was for \$10,000 for the improvements to the parking lot. DASNY said they are unable to pay a municipality for the work directly. They will reimburse for the gravel that is purchased to level out the property or if the work is completed by someone other than the Town the payment can be made.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 10:00 PM AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

*Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*