

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

Supervisor Diane McCord  
Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Councilperson Kathie Quick  
Councilperson Jared Geuss  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**Public Comment – Sam Shultis, 213 Clay Road**

Sam Shultis attended the workshop meeting to discuss a drainage issue causing a sink hole in her property. Mrs. Shultis is very concerned for the safety of her property. There seems to be a question as to who installed the pipe which may have collapsed underground causing the problem. The Board will have Mike Cafaldo check on the situation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CERTIOARI Lake Shore Villas**

**A MOTION WAS MADE AT 7:42 PM BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION REGARDING THE TAX CERTIOARI FOR LAKE SHORE VILLAS AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. 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 7:44 PM BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS  
TO ACCEPT STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT FOR  
TOWN OF ESOPUS ADV. MORGAN LAKESHORE VILLA  
SBL#64.1-1-15**

**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 Board of the Town of Esopus has received and reviewed the proposed settlement in the above referenced matter,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2015-16, and 2016-17 tax years shall be \$6,600,000 and that the revised assessment for the 2017-2018 tax year shall be \$6,400,000, that the provisions of Section 727 of the Real Property Tax Law shall extend through the tax roll established for the 2020-21 tax year, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town accepts the Judgement and Order and Stipulation of Settlement for Town of Esopus Adv Morgan Lakeshore Villa LLC.

**Resolution offered by:** Supervisor Diane McCord  
**Resolution seconded by:** Councilperson Wayne Freer

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	<b>AYE</b>
Councilperson Wayne Freer	<b>AYE</b>
Councilperson Kathie Quick	<b>AYE</b>
Councilperson Jared Geuss	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	<b>AYE</b>

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED.**

**AIR B&B**

The Town Board continued their discussion on regulating Air B&B's in the Town of Esopus. The general consensus of the Board is putting regulations in place that will ensure the homes are safe to occupy. Councilperson Geuss agrees that safety is the main concern but he does not want to over regulate to discourage tourism in the area. Councilperson Freer said there are several Towns in Western New York that had regulations in place for a while. He would like to see copies of other municipalities code regarding the Air B & B's to use as a guideline to create the code for Esopus. The Association of Towns may also have information regarding this topic. Supervisor McCord will gather the information.

### **Greene County Interest rate Increase**

The Bank of Greene County has increased their interest to 0.30% for all accounts that currently earn interest. The new rate will take effect June 14, 2017.

### **GREENWAY MOU**

The Greenway MOU has been received and executed. The Town received \$7,500 from Greenway and \$7,500 will be matched by Scenic Hudson for the John Bouroughs Black Creek Trail Environmental Survey.

### **BUILDING DUMPED RIFTON PARK**

A dilapidated wooden building with a sign bearing the name Global Electric Co State University College Old Main Building New Paltz was dumped on Town Property in Rifton. Dan Vedder will take care of removing the building. SUNY New Paltz was contacted but no one was familiar with the building and where it came from.

### **TRANSFER STATION**

Transfer Station liaison Jared Geuss reviewed a few issues that recently arose at the Transfer Station. There was an electrical issue that occurred causing problems with the scale and day to day operation of the Transfer Station. Members of the BQ Energy team who are working on the solar farm assisted Dan Vedder to get the problem rectified. The Board is grateful for their teamwork to get the matter remedied in a timely manner. The computers' hard drive crashed and was unrecoverable. Town Clerk, Holly Netter, reviewed the situation with the Board and what actions were taken to get the system up and functioning. A new computer tower and software was installed and new backup procedures are in place. Councilperson Freer suggested purchasing an external hard drive to back up the data. Deputy Clerk Barb Jankowski rebuilt the Excel spread sheet that had been lost and re entered data from 2017. There are minor issues that still need to be addressed with QuickBooks software regarding daily reports and worksheets which are being worked on. May had a profit of \$543.28. The carport being used to cover the roll off is scheduled to be delivered next week. The green/red signal light has been fixed as well for the scale.

### **TOWN HALL ENTRANCE SIGN**

The light at the entrance of the Town Hall has been repaired by Dan Vedder. The underground wiring had rotted and needed to be replaced.

### **BROADWAY LIGHTING**

There is an unknown problem with the lights on Broadway between New China Restaurant and Keyser's Funeral Home. Dan Vedder will also be addressing that issue.

### **HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE**

Water Superintendent Don Kiernan and Supervisor McCord will attend the Hudson Valley Regional Council Conference Friday June 23. They will also attend the Hudson River Water Protection & Scorecard Discussion on July 10. A review of these meetings will be held at a future workshop meeting.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY**

The Comprehensive Plan Survey has been extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Geuss said if there is other criteria the Board would like analyzed from the results there is still time to arrange for the information to be compiled; such as breaking down the results by age or any other demographic.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Supervisor McCord will send out the budget packets to department heads to be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Town Clerk Holly Netter will set up a meeting to review our options with Verizon to see if it is feasible to eliminate and stream line the service. Currently when there is a phone issue we are dealing with 3 companies, Superior for the equipment, Magna 5 (formally Corner Stone) and Verizon.

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said she received a complaint from the Planning Board that the tables that are shared with the Court have a large bow in them due to Court Bailiffs sitting/leaning on them. Councilperson Freer will address it with the court.

A decision to cancel the workshop scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> was made. Town Clerk, Holly Netter, will notify the papers and post on the website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC