

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
July 10, 2018**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet - Absent  
Councilperson Jared Geuss  
Councilperson Kathie Quick  
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

**Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC**

**Supervisor Shannon Harris called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**Public Comment – none**

**Laberge Contract Addendum**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ADDENDUM NO. 2018-02 FOR LABERGE GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500 TO CREATE THE GOALS AND STRATEGIES PUBLIC SURVEY USING SURVEY MONKEY AND SUMMARIZE RESULTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THE 2018 DEPARTMENT OF STATE – LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus Town Board has caused the preparation of a Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant Application to be prepared and supports the submittal of the application to the New York State Department of State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project shall be titled “Town of Esopus Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update” and included a grant narrative, work plan, and other supporting documents necessary for submission of the application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is hereby committed to using municipal funds and in-kind services as a local match of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project cost; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Esopus Town Board that the Town shall hereby apply to the Department of State for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant Funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and designated as the representative and to act as such in connection with the application to provide additional information as may be required including all understandings and assurances contained in the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract and/or agreement with the NYS Department of State upon grant award in connection with the Application and her designee is further authorized to request funds from the NYS Department of State pursuant to said contract and/or agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to the extent all or any actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Supervisor all are hereby ratified and confirmed and this Resolution take effect immediately.

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Jared Geuss**

**Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Chris Farrell**

<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Chris Farrell</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Supervisor Shannon Harris</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**SOLARIZE ESOPUS AGREEMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN THE SOLARIZE ESOPUS AGREEMENT CONTRACT ID # 000044066 BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS AND NY ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NYSERDA) CONTINGENT UPON THE INCLUSION OF**

**A SOLARIZE CAMPAIN EVENT ON 9/22/2018 IN ORDER FOR THE TOWN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD OF \$5,000 PERSUENT TO THE SCHEDULE LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Town of Esopus collected the mortgage tax check for Oct 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 from Ulster County. The check was for the amount of \$70,782.70

Esopus Light House – Barbara Ralsten would like to arrange for the Board to take a boat trip out to the light house within the next two weeks to see the work that has been done and discuss plans for the future.

HRMM Sailing School will not be utilizing Freer Park as previously discussed earlier this year. HRMM has encountered budgeting issues and hope to revisit the idea in 2019.

There was a fire at 719 Old Post Road owned by Mimi Lam. The home burned to the ground claiming the life of her guest. No further details were available. Supervisor Harris will reach out to Mimi to see if there is anything we can do as a Town.

**PORT EWEN POST OFFICE UPDATE**

Supervisor Harris has sent the following letter to Congressman Faso.



# Town of Esopus

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July 10, 2018

Honorable Congressman John Faso  
19th Congressional District  
Kingston Office  
721 Broadway  
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear Congressman Faso,

This letter is in furtherance of our call with your office today. The Town of Esopus is affirming that we have offered town-owned property at 215 Bowne Street, Port Ewen, NY,

for the purpose of locating temporary trailers to hand-deliver mail to Port Ewen postal customers. The Town has offered this location to the postal service as a means of relief for our residents. Numerous disabled and elderly residents have been disenfranchised as a result of the decision of the postal service to relocate Port Ewen delivery to the hamlet of Ulster Park.

Despite repeated outreach, there is no official word from the postal service that this property will accommodate their needs. We need confirmation and a timeline for installing the trailers so the Town can move forward with preparing the site for increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

We appreciate your support in expediting a resolution to this urgent matter.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



**Shannon Harris**

Town Supervisor

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Ulster Park, NY 12487

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS AT 7:50 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY WHERE PUBLICITY WOULD HARM THE VALUE AND TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT FOR A PARTICULAR POSITION IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

\*Assessor JoAnna Mignone was invited to temporarily join the executive session regarding the potential candidates for the vacancy in the Assessor's office and was then excused.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS AT 8:40 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Action:

TBWS 7/10/18

The Board will interview 3 candidates for the Assessment Field Worker position at the July 19<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. On the matter of the proposed acquisition of property, Supervisor Harris will continue to negotiate and seek further legal council on the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:42 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMEBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC