

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**August 15, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 - Absent  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

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

**Public Comment –**

**Don Kiernan** brought to the attention of the Town Board an issue regarding the dumping of tires along River Road. Town Clerk Holly Netter said she also had received a complaint earlier that day from Clifford Carlson regarding the same matter. Prior to coming into the Town Clerk's office, Mr. Carlson had contacted an Ulster County Sherriff whose name was unknown. The officer said she would look into the matter.

For years there has been illegal dumping along River Road. Ethan Burwell emailed pictures on July 28<sup>th</sup> of the tires on River Road. Ethan said he and some friends were planning on cleaning it up to help the community however, they cannot afford to pay for the recycling charge. This matter was shared with the Board and the email was forwarded including the pictures. It is suspected that someone may be trying to help clean the river area by bringing the tires closer to the road to enable easier pick up, making the tires more visible. River Road is maintained by Ulster County. Supervisor McCord will send a letter to the County, as well as the DEC, to see if there is anything that can be done to resolve the issue.

**2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 9AM SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

**SOLAR PROJECT – TRANSFER STATION**

The solar project at the Transfer Station is operating as of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION** to establish the following standard workdays for the titles listed below and report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

TITLE	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min 6 hrs Max 8 hrs	Name (First and Last)	SSN (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (check only if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin and End Dates (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (check only if official did not submit their record of Activities)
<b>Elected Officials</b>								
Town Clerk	7	Holly A.Netter				1/1/14-12/31/17	25.6	
Town Justice		Robert Greico				1/1/14-12/31/17		x
<b>Appointed Officials</b>								
Dog Control Officer	6	Jill Shufeldt				1/1/16-12/31/17	9.11	

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus hereby establishes the following as standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained or time sheets submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

**Resolution offered by:**

**Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

**Resolution seconded by:**

**Supervisor McCord**

**Councilperson Wayne Freer**

**NO \* Did not feel the hours were properly reflected.**

**Netter works more than 35 hours per week Shufeldt does not work 6 hours per day**

**Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

**AYE**

**Councilperson Jared Geuss**

**Absent**

**Councilperson Kathie Quick**

**AYE**

**Supervisor Diane McCord**

**AYE**

**VOTE 3 AYE, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED.**

**D'Anna Property - New Water Tank Counter offer**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AT 8:00 PM TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE COUNTER OFFER WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY GOING ON TO OBTAIN THE PROPERTY FOR THE NEW WATER TANK FOR THE WATER DISTRICT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. WATER SUPERINTENDENT, DON KIERNAN, WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:08 PM BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER TO SETTLE THE OFFER OF \$20,000 THROUGH THE ERIKA C. BROWNE OF GOLDMAN ATTORNEYS PLLC AND FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE PAPERWORK TO SPEND THE MONEY IN THE WATER ACCOUNT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARREID.**

**SAMS FINANCE DEPARTMENT – SEWER VAC**

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet and Supervisor McCord met with Senator Amedore in early 2016 for a grant to purchase a Sewer Vac Jet Truck. This was a joint effort between Assemblyman Cahill and Senator Amedore and the Town was approved for a \$150,000 grant for the purchase of the truck. The Dormitory Authority has finally approved it however, the Sewer Vac Jet Truck that the Town was looking to purchase is no longer available. New paperwork has been sent and is waiting for DASNY to approve the new Sewer Vac.

The Mayor from New Paltz called Supervisor McCord and wanted to know if the Town was interested in going in on a \$385,000 machine but it would be kept in New Paltz. The Board did not feel that would be in the best interest of the Town.

**UPSEU AGREEMENT – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:14 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE SUGGESTIONS OF MATT RYAN FOR THE TENTATIVE UPSEU AGREEMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AT 8:18 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**NO DECISION WAS MADE.**

**NYMIR PROPERTY VALUATION**

Marshall and Sterling had made some recommendations on increasing the coverage of Town properties based on an evaluation performed by NYMIR. Councilperson Freer said he looked at information that was handed out at the last workshop meeting and the figures seemed reasonable. Paul Kesick from Marshall & Sterling was called to clarify some information. The Board agreed to go along with the increase.

**HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY**

There will be a 10% increase in the cost of the Health Insurance premium for 2018.

**BROADWAY STREET LIGHTS NEAR KEYSERS FUNERAL HOME**

There are three lights not working near the area of Keyser's Funeral Home caused by a short in the wiring. Dan Vedder and Derek from the Highway are looking into it. Councilperson Freer asked if the lights were wired parallel or in a series. Supervisor McCord will ask Dan Vedder.

**DEAD TREES ON BROADWAY**

This subject was discussed at the last workshop meeting. Supervisor McCord received a call and the NYS DOT will remove and replant the dead trees along Broadway in 2018. Dave Corrigan confirmed there will be no charge to the Town.

**REMOTE NET METERING APPLICATION**

The new remote net metering application form was completed and submitted to Central Hudson on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RICHARD VALENTINE – CERTIFICATION**

Richard Valentine, who has been working as the Fire Inspector, has now received his certification for Zoning Code Enforcement Officer. He will now be able to assist in both areas for the Building Department.

### **T-Mobile – Cell Tower**

T-Mobile has worked out an agreement with their former landlord on Snake Hill Road and is no longer interested in a temporary or permanent tower.

### **MISC**

Councilperson Freer suggested that the RSS Rehabilitation Center be placed on the agenda because so many people are curious of the status. We are currently waiting for the Judge to sign off on the Stipulation of Discontinuance.

Supervisor McCord said she received an email from Carl Chipman, Chairman of the Ulster County Supervisors Association, regarding FEMA reimbursements from Winter Storm Stella. In the past, New York State has stepped up and contributed 12.5% towards the local share for FEMA funding. Currently that is not the case and the local share is 25%. Supervisor Chipman suggested Towns contact our State Assemblymen and Senators to lobby for assistance from NYS. He felt it couldn't hurt to try.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC