

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
August 7, 2018**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet  
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**

**Updates:**

- **NYMIR** NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal sent a letter to Supervisor Harris outlining recommendations to improve safety at Ross Park and Joe Clark Recreational Park on Floyd Ackert Road. Recommendations should be completed within 60 days. Councilperson Kathie Quick questioned the need for parental supervision if the child is 10-11 years of age can they be there by themselves.
- **Sheriff Patrol** Supervisor Harris and Councilperson Van Vliet met with Ulster County Sheriff Captain Vincent Altieri. They discussed the need for more presence in the Town and requested information regarding the amount of calls they have dealt with this year. Councilperson Van Vliet said she was disappointed that Sheriff Van Blarcum did not attend the meeting personally. The Board would like to see a breakdown of the calls. Many residents, as a result of the Comprehensive Plan, have voiced their concern regarding safety issues at certain intersections. A list will be shared with the Sheriff so that patrol can be stepped up in those areas. Councilperson Van Vliet and Supervisor Harris would like to have a follow up meeting and confirm Sheriff Van Blarcum will attend.
- **Scenic Hudson Winding Brook Acres**

Supervisor Harris was invited to a site visit at Winding Brook Acres, residential private property, which was given to Scenic Hudson. This is a beautiful area by Black Creek. Scenic Hudson has been managing the property for a number of years. The site visit

inspired Supervisor Harris to think of a way to partner with Scenic Hudson. Scenic Hudson has basically been the property manager for the 12 acre private site. Scenic Hudson wanted to get out of the property management business and serve notice to all of the tenants to vacate. It is outside of Scenic Hudson's field to manage and develop the property. Residents want waterfront access, according to feedback received on the Comprehensive Plan Survey. Supervisor Harris asked if they would be interested in donating or gifting the parcel to the Town. They invited the Town to take a look at the site. Shannon put a proposal to them; there is a grant the Town could apply for to help them seek public input to see how the land should be used. Scenic Hudson said the timeline was too aggressive for them for where they are right now. She is hoping they will reconsider. The pool has been drained and several bungalows and structures on the property will be demolished. There is a building with historical significance that will be kept as well as one other house. All other structures and the main house will be demoed. Scenic Hudson explained by demolishing the structures, it will enable them to look at the land differently and see other opportunities. Although Scenic Hudson owns the property, Shannon said there was an overture for a partnership. Supervisor Harris will be virulent to ensure the community has input of whatever is done there.

- **Post Office**

The Post Office has negotiated a monthly rental of approximately \$1,800. The trailer has been delivered. At this time, the Post Office building has a handicap ramp and they are looking to electrify the trailer. The Town is helping them identify an electrician. The Town agreed to front the money to electrify the pole which is rotted and needs to be replaced. The Post Office will reimburse the Town 100%. Supervisor Harris is getting bids on that work. There was an agreement that everyone would be present so they could confer on the location of the trailer. However, the Post Office delivered the trailer without notice and was not placed where the Town had wanted. The trailer will need to be moved. There are not enough Post office boxes but mail will be handed out like in Ulster Park. The important thing is that the location is back in the community and will not be a long trek for residents to get their mail. Supervisor Harris keeps asking the Post Office for a time frame to no avail. Shannon feels the Town will handle the electricity issue faster than the Post Office building the ramp. Councilperson Geuss said the focus is on getting it functional as fast as we can. Councilperson Van Vliet asked about the use of the Ross Park bathrooms located at the basketball courts. They are not winterized and the Post office would like to use them. Town Clerk Netter advised that all parks are usually winterized hence, the water will be turned off by the end of October. Councilperson Guess said to have the bathrooms at Ross Park ready to go as soon as possible so the Post Office can be up and running. The Post Office will need to bring in the port a potty before the bathrooms are winterized at the end of October.

**Bridges of New York – Substance Use Recovery Center - Cabrini Property**

Karen Milazzo State Executive Director of Bridges of New York gave a lengthy presentation of the Bridges of New York Program and their proposal of using the former Cabrini Property. They plan to re-purpose the facility as a Substance Use Disorder Recovery Center for Ulster County residents, proximate counties and the Hudson Valley.

The core service to be offered would be an OASAS Full Part 820 service with stabilization, rehabilitation and reintegration with OASAS licensed bed capacity of up to 50 for both females and males. The stabilization element will offer a medically supervised length of stay for up to 30 days. Detoxification and Medication- assisted treatment are prime interventions for the chemically dependent opiate and alcohol-addicted individual. The Rehabilitation Element is optimally a length of stay from 30 days up to 9 months. The program is built on the Therapeutic Community Concepts and is a holistic approach to care. This program is implemented in three phases: Intensive substance abuse treatment, employment and community re-entry.

This program takes individuals in their last two years of their sentence and flips them into a work release program preparing the client to live successful clean lives. The recidivism rate is 15%. Councilperson Farrell asked how the percentage was calculated, the response was DOCS. He continued to ask several questions about the program and requested the statistics on emergency response. The Town’s emergency services are volunteer based. Councilperson Geuss suggested to Karen she ask her Board to consider a PILOT to offset the strain on the emergency services since Bridges of NY is a not for profit organization.

The establishment of a new program in Ulster County will create approximately 30 employment opportunities for the Ulster County residents which will further enhance the area. The facility will have a 24/7 staff including security and clinical at all times. Karen mentioned Ulster BOCES and SUNY Ulster were willing to work with the individuals to prepare them to be job ready. Bridges of NY will not take individuals who are sex offenders or arsonists into the program.

**RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING SUPPORT BY THE TOWN OF ESOPUS  
FOR THE JOHN BURROUGHS BLACK CREEK TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION**

**Whereas**, the Scenic Hudson, in partnership with the John Burroughs Association and Town of Llyod, is applying to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for the implementation of the John Burroughs Black Creek Trail to be located along the Black Creek between the Town Boundary and Hudson River, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

**Whereas**, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the “approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located”; and

**Now, Therefore, be it resolved** on this day, August 7, 2018, that the Town of Esopus Board hereby does approve and endorse the application of Scenic Hudson, in partnership with the John Burroughs Association and the Town of Llyod, for a grant from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) under the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for a park project known as John Burroughs Black Creek Trail Implementation and located within this community.

**Resolution offered by:** Councilperson Chris Farrell  
**Resolution seconded by:** Councilperson Kathie Quick

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED**

\*\*The Supervisor was notified the day after the meeting this Resolution was passed that it was not needed.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
2018-2019 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York does hereby authorize the Supervisor to submit an application for the funding of security cameras for monitoring.

**WHEREAS**, any grant funding awarded may be used for any purpose having as its end enhancement of the justice courts’ ability to provide suitable services to their respective communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town may seek to execute any grant application necessary for the 2018-2019 Justice Court Assistance Program and for the purpose of oversight of all court operations and provision of appropriate means for the recording of court proceedings.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Chris Farrell  
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Jared Geuss

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE  
KELLAR KELLAR & JAIVEN LLP TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF ESOPUS  
IN ANY TAX CERTIORARI AND LITIGATION**

**Be it Resolved**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows:

**Whereas** Paul Kellar, Esq of Kellar Kellar & Jaiven LLP was duly appointed as Attorney for the Town at the Organizational Meeting of the Town Board,

**Be it Resolved** that the Town Board authorizes Kellar Kellar & Jaiven LLP to represent the Town of Esopus in any tax certiorari petitions that may be brought against the Town as well as any litigation that may arise involving the Town of Esopus not covered by the Town’s insurance policies.

Resolution offered by: **Councilperson Gloria VanVliet**  
Seconded by: **Councilperson Chris Farrell**

<b>Councilperson Gloria VanVliet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Kathie Quick</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Jared Guess</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilperson Chris Farrell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Supervisor Shannon Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER TRUCK  
FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Be it Resolved**, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following:

**Whereas**, our Highway Superintendent, Michael Cafaldo, has submitted a request to purchase the following equipment, which was agreed by the Town Board at the 2017 Open Budget Meeting, 2019 Freightliner Model 108SD, VIN 1FVAG5FE2KHKD0398 - \$163,252.00  
**Total Purchase Price: \$163,252.00**

**PAYMENT TERMS** – 60 months or 5 YEAR TERM LEASE .....\$36,070.23  
PER YEAR

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the purchase of the one (1) 2019 Freightliner Truck Model 108SD with Dump Body, requested for the Town of Esopus Highway Department.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Jared Geuss  
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Chris Farrell

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED

**Land Use Attorney – Law Offices of RODENHAUSEN CHALE, LLP -Victoria L Polidoro**

As a result of revitalizing the Comprehensive Plan the Town needs a land use attorney to assist with updating the Zoning Code. The law offices of RODENHAUSEN CHALE, LLP was recommended by four town and county planners. Supervisor Harris and Councilperson Geuss felt Victoria Polidoro, a member of the Law Office of RODENHAUSEN CHALE, LLP, had a good rapport with LaBerge and she would be able to serve the Town well. The overall cost of the update is unknown but it needs to be prioritized and can be controlled. The Comprehensive Committee will work with the planner and put together the law prior to taking it to the attorney

to help with the cost. The attorney will not be sitting in on meetings unless they have a circumstance that warrants her attendance.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN A RETAINER AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VICTORIA POLIDORO TO SERVE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND USE AT THE RATE OF \$210.00 PER HOUR FOR ALL ATTORNEYS, \$175 PER HOUR FOR ALL LAW CLERKS AND \$75 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGAL TIME. SERVICES FOR LITIGATION COULD BE PROVIDED AT RATES DESCRIBED IN A SEPARATE PROPOSAL AS REQUESTED FOR SPECIFIC MATTERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK AT 8:25 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL AT 8:40 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Action:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO INCREASE THE HOURLY SALARY OF KRISTIN MCDERMOTT TO \$13.52 REPRESENTING 2 CYCLES OF A 2% INCREASE TO BRING HER SALARY AT THE LEVEL OF THE REST OF THE STAFF. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC

