

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
September 5, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, September 5, 2017 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 Jared Guess  
Councilperson Kathie Quick**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Town Resident Fred Zimmer came to the meeting to ask the Board to look into the letter he received from Senator Amedore regarding the increase in price from National Grid, our area deals with Central Hudson. Fred shared the Legal Notice from the Daily Freeman for Central Hudson’s proposed rate change dated August 30, 2017 which he felt was not clear or defined. Fred asked the Town Board to send a letter to Senator Amedore, Assemblyman Cahill, Congressman Faso, Governor Cuomo and the Public Service Commission regarding this matter. The Board had questions on if and how this will affect the buyback rate for the solar project. The Board will follow up.

David Amato from Old Savannah came to ask permission to use the street at the base of North Broadway to set off their fireworks for their annual customer appreciation celebration. After discussing the matter, the Board agreed, and felt comfortable allowing the permit to be issued as long as the Building Inspector receives the insurance waivers and follows the same agreement and requirements that the City of Kingston uses for the fourth of July celebration. Supervisor McCord will notify the Fire Inspector of the conditions and make sure he receives the insurance waiver holding the Town of Esopus harmless. Old Savannah is utilizing the same fireworks company that is responsible for the City of Kingston Fireworks.

**Sales Tax Revenue**

The sales tax revenue for April, May and June is \$42,341.68.

**Welcome to Esopus signage**

The welcome signs located on the north and south entrances to the Town on Rte 9W were erected in 1999 by Howard Slotnick and they are in need of restoration. Mr. Slotnick proposed to fully restore the two signs on site at a total cost of \$550. All Board members agreed on having the work completed before the frost sets in.

**River Road – Tire Dumping**

Although Supervisor McCord did not have specific details, she was assured the county will take measures to prevent people from dumping the tires along river road.

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**ESOPUS SOLAR PRODUCTION**

The Town Board was given a Site Production Report for the recently completed solar project located on the capped landfill at the Transfer Station. Graphs showing the production of the solar and estimates for 2018 we shared with the Board Members who asked to have BQ present at the next workshop. The Board Members have many questions and only BQ has the expertise to answer.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET MEETING DATE**

A budget meeting date of September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am was discussed, the date did not work for everyone. September 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> are options. Brian Pickard, CPA, will be asked if those dates work for him.

**ESOPUS 2020**

Councilperson Jared Geuss gave an overview of the upcoming Community Forum on “Esopus 2020” which will be held at Town Hall on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The Comprehensive Plan and Economic Development committees will review the mathematical results of the survey. There are several scheduled guest speakers and the forum is expected to last approximately an hour with a question and answer period. Councilperson Geuss said it would be the first of many forums.

**DIRECT TV DISH -156 DORIS ST.**

A Direct TV Satellite Dish was improperly installed on the property of 156 Doris St. Building Inspector Sal Morrello addressed the situation and the Dish will be relocated.

**SHARED SERVICES PANEL MEETING**

The final Shared Services Panel meeting is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the Ulster County Health Department.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Supervisor McCord reminded the Board the budget workshop will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**SOLAR PROJECT GRAND OPENING – TRANSFER STATION**

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony has been confirmed for Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Ballads protecting the equipment need to be relocated. They will see about having them relocated. Cookies and water will be served.

**CEMETARY - PLEASANT VIEW**

Supervisor McCord said she spoke to the gentleman who mows for the Apple Bin and he didn’t want anyone to accuse him of knocking over the stones. The ground has eroded and many stone have fallen

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down. The cemetery is not very accessible. However, now that the Apple Bin is putting in a parking lot the access should be easier.

**Sleightsburgh Spit Scenic Hudson**

Scenic Hudson inspects the Sleightsburgh Spit property on an annual basis to make sure the Town has complied with the terms of the agreement of not making the entrance any wider. Scenic Hudson notified the Town they have fulfilled the terms of the Conservation Easement.

**Miscellaneous**

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation sent Supervisor McCord a letter dated August 30, 2017. The letter from Wesley Salis, Assistance Engineer, acknowledged the receipt and acceptance of the construction certification report submitted by Sterling Environmental Engineering dated August 21, 2017. The report documents the completion of the solar array construction on the Esopus Landfill and fulfills the requirement #23 of the department letter dated April 15, 2015. The continued monitoring and maintenance has also been modified to include mowing the landfill area with the array two times a year. While the DEC said the project is a beneficial use of the landfill, the Town is ultimately responsible for continued landfill maintenance, monitoring and any applicable requirements set forth in the **Part 360** regulations.

Supervisor McCord shared a letter she wrote to Steve Murphy regarding the property located at 676 Broadway Ulster Park. Gloria Van Vliet, liaison for the Planning Board, gave an overview of the situation. He was before the Planning Board. It was discovered that he had starting doing work on the property prior to coming to the Planning Board for approvals. The Planning Board discovered he had infringed on wetlands and the stream that goes to Black Creek.

**DON KIERNAN – WATER TANK**

**A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD AT 8:45PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ONGOING LITIGATION FOR THE D’ANNA PROPERTY FOR THE FUTURE WATER TANK FOR THE PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GUESS. DON KIERNAN WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE AT 8:47 PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS FOR RSS, SPINNENWEBER, TEVAS AND UPSEU**

There was no new information available for the above scheduled Executive Sessions, therefore the matter will be rescheduled as needed.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:50 PM WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk