

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2013**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall 284 Broadway, Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

Absent: **Supervisor John Coutant**
 Councilperson Gloria VanVliet
 Councilperson Wayne Freer
 Councilperson Donna McAuley
 Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Administrative Recorder: Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk

Supervisor Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Public Comment: None

1. Property – Dead End Street (paper St. end of Spring St.)

A while ago Ed Aleo questioned the Town Board about a property at the end of Hasbrouck Avenue known as Spring St. Attorney Peter Graham has gotten the information together and now Ed Aleo wants to know if we approve the Transfer of Town of Esopus paper street known as Spring St. to him before he writes a check to Attorney Peter Graham. This has been done one other time when we transferred the property next to the Library. We need to move this forward at the next Town Board Meeting. Ed Aleo will pay Attorney Peter Graham and the Supervisor would like to call him and tell him we are moving forward.

2. Budget Review and Date

The Town Board has reviewed the budget with our department heads and we know the expense side of it, however, we still need to review the revenue side of the budget. The review is the key to where the budget goes. We have done a good job with curtaining the expenses.

3. Propane Bid

The Port Ewen Water and Sewer District advertised and received bids for propane for a one year period. The lowest bidder for propane was Heritage Energy at a price of \$1.549 per gallon. A resolution to this needs to be passed at our October 17th Town Board Meeting.

4. Solar Actuators

Good news comes from Randolph Horner about our actuators. All of our actuators will be replaced with new ones. There will be no cost to the town. Randolph Horner had a question about hiring someone to help him install the actuators? Perhaps Dan Vedder could help. We have three or four weeks before the actuators are delivered.

5. Ribbon Cutting for New Diner

The grand opening of the Port Ewen Diner will take place October 8th at 10 AM. The Supervisor wants to send flowers welcoming the new owners. The Town Board members would like to chip in for the flowers.

6. Hummel House – New Salem Road

The Hummel house is closed and it will remain closed for a while. Building Inspector Tim Keefe found the problems with the porch rafters. Central Hudson found major electrical problems and turned off the power. Twenty-two people were suppose to be in the house but when closed there were over thirty people. They were moved to the Town of Ulster. The Supervisor will advise the Town of Ulster Supervisor of the problem.

7. Expansion of Capri Motel

There were rumors the Capri Motel was being expanded, however, they are not. They are just replacing what already existed before the fire.

8. Tree on Right of Way

Councilperson Wayne Freer asked about the tree on the right of way at Certified Marina? Supervisor Coutant had a meeting in his office with Highway Supt. Mike Cafaldo and one of his employees Derek Brown. Gavin from the tree cutting service brough his insurance certificate and met with Sharon Jones from the marina and she then gave approval to remove the tree. We still do not know if the cables have been removed from their drainage pipes.

9. Mower Breakdown

Dan Vedder met with the Supervisor and they went to Shokan where the mower was purchased. The mower was in pieces on the floor. The Supervisor was able to determine what happened to the engine. Two connecting rods were found and they claimed no oil was found. After inspection the Supervisor found after looking at the crank shaft that there was no problem. When the engine was put together they did not torque one of the bolts. The manufacturer will be notified and they will have to come and inspect the damage. The company where we bought the mower stands in our corner. We saved \$2,200 for the engine repair and \$200 in labor.

10. Kennel Information

Councilperson Donna McAuley has ordered the pooper scoopers as requested. She spoke with Ana who will be meeting with Brian Barnes to discuss advertising our dogs on TV. Our DCO will help.

As a point of order, Supervisor Coutant said Brian Barnes will be losing his job at Dyno Nobel. They are shutting down all labor. Brian is one of the last employees to go. Brian should be available to help with the advertising of the dogs at any time. We will ask what time would be convenient for him. Police Chief Tinti will be asked to contact his DCO about showing his dogs.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane L. McCord
Town Clerk, CMC, RMC**