

## **TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**October 13, 2015**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday October 13, 2015 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

**Supervisor Kyle Barnett**  
**Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**  
**Councilperson Wayne Freer**  
**Councilperson Diane L. McCord**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**

Supervisor Kyle Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:40

### **PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

### **DOG PARK COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Barnett asked the Board to consider entertaining a Dog Park Committee. A Town resident approached Supervisor Barnett and is interested in chairing a Dog Park Committee. Supervisor Barnett told the resident he would bring it to the Board for consideration. Some concerns are expense, location, liability and fence. It would be a huge undertaking. The Board will give it some thought.

### **KOSCO SITE (MICHAEL PIAZZA) Planning Board Pre-submission**

Michael Piazza will attend the Planning Board Pre-submission Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Town Board wanted to make it clear that there was no pre conceived notion of the present plan and this was not an endorsement of the Plan. This is merely an opportunity for Mr. Piazza to talk to Myles Putman and the Planning Board member to help with a site plan if Mr. Piazza was able to get a zoning amendment.

### **TRANSFER STATION ( RFP)**

Supervisor Barnett asked for an update of the Transfer Station RFP. Town Clerk Holly Netter had emailed a copy of the RFP to all Board Members for review. An addendum was also added to the RFP. The Town Clerk will get a copy of the addendum to Supervisor Barnett. After the last RFP was published and Curt Dankelman was the sole bidder, negotiations were made with Curt Dankelman. Changes need to be incorporated into the new RFP. Any changes the Board decides to make need to be sent to the Town Clerk before the new RFP can be advertised.

### **CENTRAL HUDSON – LED STREET LIGHT – ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**

Central Hudson was recently granted Public Service Commission approval to offer municipalities the option to lease high efficiency Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights. The new LED fixtures have an expected life of 12 years offering significant savings on maintenance and operating costs. Central Hudson is seeking approval to change existing fixtures in need of repair or replacement with the LED fixture. No upfront cost and more efficient lighting. A resolution will be introduced at the Town Board Meeting on Thursday Night.

### **CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE**

Supervisor Barnett said he received a fully executed copy of the contract to purchase the parking lot for Ross Park located on Bowen Street. The contracts and the \$4,000 deposit were hand delivered to Paul Keller by Bill Fitzgerald. Attorney Paul Keller will return from vacation next week. Supreme Court Approval of the Sale from the Church to the Town of Esopus is still pending.

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**

Supervisor Barnett received a request for a proclamation recognizing November 23-Nov 29 as Childhood Cancer Awareness week in Esopus. Prior to the proclamation being made Councilperson Freer will check to make sure the requesting organization is legitimate.

### **2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET MESSAGE (LETTER)**

Supervisor Barnett drafted the Budget Message Letter and has forwarded it to Brian Pickard to review for accuracy. It will be read at the Budget hearing on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SCENIC HUDSON** was awarded a Hudson River Estuary Grant from the NYS department of Conservation for stream restoration and new crossing on the Klyne Esopus Kill at Esopus Meadows Preserve's Hudson River Greenway Water site. The Town Board provided a letter of support for the grant application and Scenic Hudson wrote a letter of appreciation for their support. They will install a bottomless culvert and re-establish emergency and maintenance access to the Water Trail site. The project will also reconstruct the streambed to allow herring and eels to access an additional half mile of upstream tributary habitat.

**Hidden Harbor** dredging has taken place. The DEC investigated the operation and had no issues. Samples were taken and will be tested to further demonstrate the absence of any inappropriate levels of contamination. Once the spoils are dried the hole will be filled, graded and seeded. The trucks which were used were water tight and the roads were unaffected.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Supervisor Barnett asked if we charge back the time to the applicant for pre-submission meetings. Myles is paid \$500 for a pre-submission session. If there are not two applicants the meeting is usually canceled. Supervisor Barnett feels the charge should be picked up by the applicant and feels there should be a fee. Myles' time at the actual meeting should be charged back to the applicant against their escrow. All other Towns charge a fee. Councilperson McCord said she was concerned people may be discouraged and not want to pay a fee to bring business into the Town. Supervisor Barnett said if someone wants to do a project and it is lucrative enough he feels it would not have an impact. Councilperson Freer said he would not want an applicant with a lot line adjustment to have to pay. These fees would be for large projects such as a subdivision or site plan approval. The Board will discuss what fees will be charged and to whom. It would help the Town recover money spent in this area. The Board will continue to discuss this option at a future meeting.

Councilperson Freer asked Town Clerk to make a copy of the SRI bill for Building Inspector Tim Keep to follow up on; Calibration is need. Town Clerk provided a copy to Tim the following morning.

Kathy Robinson has shown interest in having a Harvest Moon Festival in 2016. The Board will invite Kathy to a meeting in December to hear her ideas.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – SOLAR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SOLAR CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON FREER AT 8:20PM. THE BOARD INVITED RANDOLPH HORNER, SOLAR PROJECT MANAGER IN TO THE SESSION. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR BARNETT TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 9:35 PM. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:36 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk**