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## TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING October 17, 2017

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday October 17, 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 - Absent  
Councilperson Kathie Quick  
Councilperson Jared Geuss  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

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

### **Public Comment –**

Stephan Withall of Lily Lane asked the Town to pass an ordinance to address the issue concerning people leaving their garbage cans constantly at the curb. Neighbors have been leaving their 2 cans and now there are additional bags and a seat from a car sitting at the curb. Supervisor McCord asked if the individuals had a disability that may make it difficult to roll the cans in and out. Mr. Withall said no they are healthy young individuals who just don't seem to care. Supervisor McCord said she had contacted the trash haulers and they do not have any ordinance. Mr. Withall said the City of Kingston does have an ordinance that requires the home owner to bring in their receptacles by 6 pm on the day of collection. They are sent a non compliance notice if they do not adhere to the policy. If it continues, a fine of \$85 accompanies the next letter. The matter is handled through their code enforcement officer. Supervisor McCord will obtain further information from the City of Kingston and follow up.

### **STREET LIGHT REQUEST LAKE VIEW TERRACE**

Mary Murphy, resident of Lake View Terrace, is requesting a street light at the end of the street. She feels it is a safety issue. Recently a home invasion occurred on the road and had it been better lit, a better description may have been able to be given of the incident. The road is in the lighting district and there already other lights on the street. A pole is already there so it would just need a light installed. The supervisor will need to do some investigation and will get back to Mrs. Murphy. Payment for the light would be distributed to those residents in that lighting district.

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## **John Burroughs Trail – Peter Bernard Scenic Hudson**

Scenic Hudson has been working on trails to connect Black Creek to Illinois Mountain in the Town of Lloyd. In June the Town won a grant and Scenic Hudson will provide 50 percent of the cost upfront so we can get the funds. The grant will then cover the other costs for the improvements. There is no outlay for the Town. The Town will serve as the contracting Agency and Scenic Hudson will manage the Consultant firm that wins the RFP. The Town Clerk will run the ad for the RFP and companies will have approximately 30 days to send their bid to the Town Clerk, Holly Netter. Scenic Hudson said they would like to have the consultant selected by the end of the year.

## **TUG FEST FESTIVAL**

Bernice McNierney and Lois Dekoskie have chaired the Tugboat Festival for years and are currently unable to continue their role. The Esopus Businessman's Alliance (EBA) is interested in taking over the festival. Howie Slotnick and members of the EBA attended the meeting. Bernice McNierney suggested Howie call the Town CPA, Brian Pickard, to see what options are available to enable them to keep the festival going. A meeting among Bernice and the new committee will need to be held. The funds belong to the Town for the beautification of the 9W corridor. It is wonderful that the festival will continue, however the next step is to see how the transition needs to be made.

## **ESOPUS STREET LIGHT CONVERSION PRESENTATION -JENNIFER METZGER & PAT COURTNEY**

Jennifer Metzger, Mid Hudson Streetlight Consortium, and Pat Courtney lead on the NYSERDA funded project, gave a presentation to the Board discussing their mission to support municipalities in their conversion to LED street lighting. There are two types of conversions; community managed and turnkey. A cost and savings analysis was given to the Town and reviewed. A revision needs to be made and Jen will provide Supervisor McCord with the corrected version. On May 23, 2017 a motion was made to join the consortium. At a prior meeting the Town Board decided to do a turnkey finance for the street light conversion because we do not have the man power to handle the replacements ourselves. The conversion is expected to save the Town \$56,000 per year. Pat said the City of Kingston is doing a Turnkey conversion and purchased their lights. They are expecting to save \$30,000 per month just by not renting the lights from Central Hudson. Pat reviewed the next steps that need to occur. Supervisor McCord needs to write a letter to Central Hudson asking for a purchase price for the lights. A handout showing the 9 steps was given to all Board members. The cost will range from \$232,000 - \$287,000 depending on which bulbs are chosen. The cost will be recouped over a 3 – 4 year period. The rental of the pole is \$7. Jen is trying to challenge the cost with the public service commission. Jennifer said in a perfect world this is a 5 - 13 month process.

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## **Resolutions for Town Board Meeting**

A resolution to re appoint Roxanne Pecora and Fred Zimmer as Representatives and Alternates to the Ulster County Planning Board will be presented at the October Town Board meeting.

## **Wallkill Valley Watershed Alliance**

The Wallkill River, which is in our Town, is extremely contaminated. The alliance was founded in 2015 and has been working to clean the Wallkill River. The Alliance is encouraging Towns within the Watershed to join. Municipal dues are \$1,000 per year. The dues help cover the cost of printing, having water samples analyzed and public events organized. A motion will be made at the Town Board meeting to join the Alliance.

## **DOG KENNEL AT TRANSFER STATION**

The cost to remove the old kennel building is estimated to be \$1,000. Since it is not in the budget for this year the option of painting the building for \$100 was agreed upon so it is not such an eye sore.

Deer carcasses that are picked up by the Town because they were hit on Town roads will be transported to the RRA where they can be composted. The Highway Superintendent will be notified by the Supervisor.

## **CHARTER (SPECTRUM) CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

The Town Board was given a copy of the Franchise Agreement that was received from Charter Communications, formally Time Warner Cable. They are requesting a meeting to discuss the terms of the agreement. Supervisor McCord reached out to Tim Weidemann Senior Economic Developer for Ulster County Executive's Office. Tim did a quick review and made some suggestions based on other municipal agreements from Ulster County. He suggested Supervisor McCord contact Carol McTague Community Relations Director at the Department of Public Service for guidance. More information needs to be obtained and further explanation about the franchise fee needs to be given to the Board before decisions can be made. The Board will also reach out to Brian Barnes, a volunteer handling the public access TV and who tapes our public meetings, for his input on how the fees can benefit the Town.

## **Miscellaneous**

**The Hudson River Maritime Museum's sailing school** utilized the Esopus side of the Rondout this past summer to teach their students. They have expressed an interest to run the school from Freer Beach. The sailing school will need to put a proposal together for Board approval.

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The date for the **PUBLIC HEARING FOR the 2018 Budget** will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. Once the date is confirmed with Brian Pickard, CPA; Town Clerk Netter will post the legal notice in the paper.

Supervisor McCord shared information with the Board regarding the **US Coast Guard Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment webinar** which is being given on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> should anyone be interested in joining.

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet said she saw Senator Amedore and they discussed the status of the **Sewer Jet Truck**. NYS Dormitory Authority Office of Management and Budgets has given verbal approval. The Supervisor has her secretary call to follow up every week.

The **TEVAS contract** has been signed, the bookkeeper can send out the check. The Halloween curfew will remain at 7 pm for 2017.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION – COURT

**A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF SPECIFIC COURT PERSONNEL WAS MADE AT 8:48 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK AT 9:15 PM. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GEUSS TO NOT CHANGE THE OPERATING HOURS FOR THE EXISTING COURT CLERKS. THE CURRENT COURT CLERKS CANNOT EXCEED 30 HOURS PER WEEK TO COMPLY WITH CIVIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:18 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC