

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

November 17, 2015

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday November 17, 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 7:35pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

BERNICE MCNIERNEY – TAX COLLECTOR

Bernice McNierney, Tax Collector, asked the permission of the Board to bring on temporary help for the months of January and February. The funds are already in her budget and Bernice has someone who is interested. The third person allows for flexibility and ensures there is always 2 people in the office. Bernice will forward an email with the individual's name and an application will need to be completed.

KINGSTON TIDAL WATER PLAN REVIEW (CAROL TOMASETTI)

Carol Tomasetti, Waterfront Advisory Board, represented Town of Esopus at the Tidal Plan Kingston presented. Kingston is trying to turn the Rondout Creek from a C to a B waterway. Kingston is involving Town of Ulster and Town of Esopus. Carol provided the Board with a detailed chart of approximately 60 items Kingston was looking to address. Areas including erosion control and management need improvement. Kingston would like us to update our Master Plan, which the Esopus Town Board had already made a commitment to do. The amount of \$50,000 was allocated in the 2016 budget to begin the process. There may be opportunity to have our funds matched because Kingston has \$100,000 of grant money left which we may be able to use. Carol shared ideas where improvements could be made. She had a conversation with Mike Cafaldo, Highway Superintendent regarding improvements that

he feels need to be made. There are 15 areas of the watershed and 9 are in the Town of Esopus.

Councilperson Freer asked, "How long does the grant last? Carol will check on that. Councilperson Freer also asked if we could use "IN-KIND" if we use our people and equipment.

Carol said Greg Swanzey, Director for the City of Kingston's Office of Economic Development & Strategic Partnerships, would be willing to come speak to the Board. We need to populate a committee and retain a consultant. Carol said it may be more economical to use the same consultant Kingston used to do the research. That firm may be able to incorporate those items already defined into a master plan for Esopus opposed to starting from scratch. The grant money may also be able to be used for Consultant Fees. A meeting will be set up with Greg sometime in January. Carol will follow up with Greg Swanzey, talk to Mike Cafaldo, confirm the In - Kind and check on the deadline for the grant.

RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT AGREEMENT – TIM KEEFE

Supervisor Barnett said he had just received the contract and it appeared to be the same from last year. This item was tabled. Town Board members will have time to read the contract over and have a discussion prior to the contract being voted on. An Executive Session will be placed on the agenda for the Town Board Meeting to discuss concerns with the contract.

RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW – JAMES MELBERT

TOWN OF ESOPUS
ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD
APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows,

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Assessment Review Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus Town Board reappoints James Melbert to the Assessment Review Board. Term to expire 9/30/2020.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer
Seconded by: Councilperson Diane McCord

The Board was polled:

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Supervisor Kyle W. Barnett	AYE

RESOLUTION – SEWER SERVICE INCREASE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the law requires the cost of the operation and maintenance of the Port Ewen Sewer District to be paid by revenue derived from the sale of the service,

WHEREAS, this Town Board has adopted a Sewer District budget, for year 2016, based on a rate of a minimum charge of \$18.56 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and a rate of \$4.64 per \$1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board increase the rate charged for sewer service from a minimum of \$16.88 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and \$4.22 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter to a minimum of \$18.56 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and a rate of \$4.64 per \$1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter, with a new rate to be effective upon adoption of this resolution.

Resolution offered by:	Councilperson Diane McCord
Seconded by:	Councilperson Wayne Freer

The Board was polled:

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Supervisor Kyle W. Barnett	AYE

SOLAR PROJECT – UPDATE

Supervisor Barnett said the deadline is coming up 10.6 cents per kilowatt is the PPA. Standard Solar seems to be firm on that Price. Randolph Horner told Supervisor Barnett he feels he can talk NYSERDA into a deadline extension and he is working on a way to decrease the cost. Supervisor Barnett said if Randolph can find a better price that would be great but pricing above \$.10 is not satisfactory to the Board.

RESOLUTION – UPSEU – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is dealing just with the change of insurance for the bargaining members. An error in the agreement was noticed. A new agreement will need to be drafted and signed once the corrections have been made.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR BARNETT TO SIGN THE CORRECTED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT DEBBIE KAIN – PAYROLL/PERSONNEL COORDINATOR

TOWN OF ESOPUS
APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows,

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to appoint Debbie Kain to the position of Payroll/Personnel Coordinator for the Town of Esopus. This is an exempt class position.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Esopus Town Board hereby approves the appointment of Debbie Kain to the position of Payroll/Personnel Coordinator within the Town of Esopus effective immediately. In light of her years of service to the Town, the Town Board would like to waive the probationary period. Effective January 1, 2016 her salary will be \$35,854.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Diane McCord
Seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

The Board was polled:

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Supervisor Kyle W. Barnett	AYE

TAX CAP REVIEW – STATE COMPTROLLER

NYS Comptrollers Office has randomly selected the Town of Esopus for a Tax Cap Review. This is not an audit it is a review that entails going over calculations for the tax cap. The State will review the adopted budgets from 2015 & 2016. Debbie Kain, Bookkeeper will assemble the documents and Brian Pickard, CPA will review them. The packet will then be forwarded to the Comptroller’s office in Albany for review.

MISCELANEOUS

TEVAS will be teaching a class for CPR and AED at the Library. They would like to know if the Town of Esopus employees would be interested in the class. The cost is \$15 per person for a certificate. Employees will have first priority then it will be opened to family members. The Town will absorb the cost of the class for the employees.

General Code updates are needed; Alternate needed for Planning Board. Planning Board schedule needs to be fixed and authorization for ZBA to require escrow accounts. The Board will also consider being more specific in the definition section of the Code. Supervisor Barnett asked everyone to think of any other areas that may need updating. The Town Attorney will be asked to draft these items in local Law format. The Board will be able to pass them first thing next year.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**