

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
November 21, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 21, 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 – NONE

Karen Helgers – Environmental Board Interview

A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING KAREN HELGERS FOR A VACANCY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD AT 7:30 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GUESS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE AT 7:45 PM BY COUNCILPERSON FREER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISION MADE. The Board asked Karen to consider a position on the Planning Board. Karen will attend the upcoming Environmental and Planning Board meetings and share her thoughts. A position will be available on the Planning Board January 1, 2018.

NYSERDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – EUROPA MCGOVERN

Europa McGovern Planner of Clean Energy Communities Coordinator addressed the Board and encouraged the Board to become a Clean Energy Community. The Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards municipalities in New York State for reducing greenhouse gases and implementing clean energy. She shared a list of 10 impact actions and said once 4 of the actions are completed you become a designated community and would be eligible for grant opportunities as they become available. The Town of Esopus has been a leader in using alternative energy sources; the solar array at Town Hall, the solar field on the capped landfill, the Town Hall itself is green using geothermal heating and built with many recycled materials. Currently, the Town is looking into swapping out the current street lights with LED bulbs to be more efficient. Europa passed out handouts to all Board members. Supervisor McCord has already started the official application and has asked the Environmental Board to review and provide input. The Town has already taken action to become a climate smart community. It is just a process of properly completing the paperwork. A resolution to

become a Climate Smart Community will need to be passed. A question of whether a resolution had already been passed was asked. Research will be done regarding an existing resolution. Councilperson Jared Geuss clarified that Europa was a resource that can significantly help with the writing of grants because the Hudson Valley Regional Council is funded by NYSERDA.

CENTRAL HUDSON STREET LIGHT CONVERSION – MARK Mulpeter AND JASON MALIZIA

Mark Mulpeter and Jason Malizia, Municipal Account Managers from Central Hudson talked to the Board about converting the current street lighting to new LED lighting. This is an alternative to the Street Light Consortium that has been talked about in several other Town Board meetings. If Esopus agrees to the mass replacement, the cost would be \$40,295. The present system is costing \$81,539. The mass replacement would be a cost savings of \$19,593 per year. In two years the cost of the replacements can be recouped. The benefit of purchasing and installing with Central Hudson is they also maintain the lights. With the consortium the process was more cumbersome and would require a certified high voltage line worker to be contacted every time there was an issue with a light. The replacement time with Central Hudson is 2.5 - 3 months. Councilperson Wayne Freer added there was peace of mind knowing we do not have to worry if there is an issue with the light, Central Hudson will be there to fix it just as they do now.

SHULTIS 203-207 CLAY ROAD

Supervisor McCord gave a follow-up to an issue addressed by Sam Shultis during the public comment from a prior meeting. Driveways and yards are sinking on Clay Road. Mike Cafaldo went out to assess the issue. Drainage from 9W goes onto Clay Road and over a swale and ends up in the yards of 203-207 Clay Road. Mike will rent a machine for \$800 to make the repair. Property owners have given Mike an easement to continue a storm water pipe to the current drainage in the rear of all of the houses.

CLOUGH HARBOUR ASSOCIATES

The Clough Harbour Associates contract is up for renewal. Roxanne Pecora, Planning Board Chairperson, is in the process of reviewing the contract. It will be on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SCEPANOVIC AND SERRAS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AT 8:30 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE NEGOTIATION OR PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE NOTICE OF PETITION WHICH WAS FILED BY ALEKSANDRA SCEPANOVIC AND ERIK SERRAS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE AT 8:45 PM BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISION MADE AT THIS TIME.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COURT CLERK EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AT 8:45 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL IN THE COURT AREA. 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 AT 9:02 PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISION MADE.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:03 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC**