

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

December 15, 2015

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday December 15, 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 pm

Town Clerk Holly Netter gave supervisor Barnett a copy of an email from Jonathan Ridgeway which was received just prior to the meeting. Mr. Ridgeway was unable to attend the meeting but was concerned about the deadline regarding the SEQR Lead Agency Coordination for the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project.

Supervisor Barnett made an announcement prior to the public comment that he had drafted a separate letter earlier that day to Robert Megna, Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority, stating it was the opinion of the Esopus Town Board that it is in the best interest of the State to designate the DEC as Lead Agency for this project. In addition, Supervisor Barnett had signed the joint letter from the Ulster County Supervisor and Mayor's Association stating the same. Supervisor Barnett said he would also email the letter to public.info@thruway.ny.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Aden Town Resident said she appreciated the Town Board for their forward thinking and support against this project.

Marian Strouse of New Paltz attended the meeting to say thank you for signing the letter. She felt Pilgrim Pipeline has been putting publications out with false information.

TOWN HALL – TBS HEATING /COOLING SYSTEM

Topic was tabled until the quote is available for review.

RESOLUTION – RIVERVIEW CONDO – CONCENT JUDGEMENT

The resolution will be on the December Town Board agenda and voted on Thursday night.

PRESENTATION CHURCH - PARKING LOT APPRAISAL

The original appraisal which was done on the property needs to be updated since this process has taken longer than expected. The appraisal was amended and agreed to with the purchase price. The application still has to go to the Supreme Court for approval of the sale.

RESOLUTION – TOWN BOARD SUPPORT OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The resolution will be on the December Town Board agenda and voted on Thursday night.

RESOLUTION – HABER – GROVE STREET

**RESOLUTION TO SELL
A PORTION OF GROVE STREET
TO CYNTHIA AND BILL HABER**

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

WHEREAS, a portion of land being a section of Grove Street (paper street), 50 x 100 feet located on the West Side of SBL #59.9-1-11 has been requested to be purchased by Cynthia and Bill Haber,

WHEREAS, an appraisal was received from Win Morrison Realty, Frank Simpson, Broker, stating a “Fair Market” value of one hundred (\$100) to four hundred (\$400) dollars,

WHEREAS, this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees to sell this parcel to Cynthia and Bill Haber for the price of two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars and the cost of all legal fees and filing costs associated with this sale and subject to a permissive referendum of 30 days.

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

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

RESOLUTION – PUREBRED LICENSE ANNUAL FEE

This Resolution was withdrawn. The purebred licensing will be removed from the Town Code. Esopus will join with the other towns and not offer purebred licenses in the upcoming year.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW TOWN BOARD MEMBER

Councilperson McCord won the election for the Supervisor position and will take office January 1, 2016 leaving a Councilperson seat vacant. An individual will be appointed to the Councilperson position and the term will expire 12/31/2016. In November of 2016 there will need to be a special election. Councilperson Van Vliet said Leslie Kalmus has provided a resume to her and has shown interest in the vacant position. A copy of his resume is available for everyone to review. Councilperson Wayne Freer said he met Les and felt he was a great guy. James Alecca has also expressed interest in the position. In order for the position to be filled there needs to be a motion and a second before the replacement can be voted on.

MISCELLANEOUS

Diane McCord shared her suggestions for candidates for the Economic Development Committee, Board Members also made a few suggestions. John Catrone, Melanie Marino, Howard Slotnic, Peter Nelson, Ray Navara, Jessica Winchell, Mike Jubie, Austin Benjamin, Steven John Murphy and Art Lane are all business people in the area and will be contacted to see if they are interested in sitting on the committee.

A committee for the Comprehensive Plan will also be needed. Supervisor Barnett said the Board should probably get RFP's from consultants who are interested. Once they are on board they will give guidance and have ideas on how to populate the committee. The Committee will be comprised of 10 people including a cross section of Town Board, ZBA, & Planning Board members. Councilperson McCord contacted Steven Rosenburg from Scenic Hudson and he told Diane that Scenic Hudson is willing to help out the Town by sharing their mappers, planning and technical support. Councilperson McCord also spoke to Rob Liebowitz from the Ulster County Planning Board, who told her since the Town is a member of Greenway there may be some funding available for the Comprehensive Plan. An advertisement will run for those interested in serving on the committee.

There was a discussion regarding the new location for Dan Vedder's building. Roxanne Pecora suggested the old Highway garage that is located on Schryver Street. The Port Ewen Water/Sewer Department currently uses the facility for storage. The current Highway Department may have space within the fenced in area. Councilperson Freer will talk to Mike Cafaldo but he would still like to see the building built behind the Town Hall where it was originally planned. Supervisor Barnett reminded him of the additional expense that would incur if it was built there. The cost to bring back the electric,

water/sewer, and grading seems to be cost prohibitive. Councilperson Freer will follow up with Mike Cafaldo regarding the old and new Highway garage location to see whether either location has availability to construct the new Recreation garage.

Roxanne pecora said she felt there could be cost savings and efficiency gained if the Water/Sewer department found space down at the plant or near the plant for their equipment because they are back and forth to the property on Schryver Street every day.

Councilperson Diane McCord asked what was being done about the mold in the highway garage. Mike Cafaldo has been asked to get estimates to remediate the problem.

Councilperson McCord said she received a call from Hans Boller from the Church Communities expressing their concern with how the Woodcrest School could be affected by the Pilgrim Pipeline. The Board knows this is a concern and they have taken the position of opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SOLAR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR BARNETT TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING EMPLOYMENT OF A SOLAR VENDOR NEGOTIATION, SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON FREER AT 8:45PM. THE BOARD INVITED RANDOLPH HORNER, SOLAR PROJECT MANAGER INTO THE SESSION. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET AT 9:48 PM. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

NO ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:49 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**