

TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2016

A Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

**Supervisor Diane L. McCord
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Les Kalmus**

Recording Administrator Holly Netter – Town Clerk

Supervisor McCord called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

2017 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The organizational meeting was set for Monday January 2, 2017 at 12 PM.

REVIEW AND SELECT COMPUTER CONSULTANT FOR 2017

The Board discussed the need to have a change in our computer consultant for 2017. The applications were reviewed and Nick Monaco and Adam Fischzang will be asked to come to the Town Board meeting for in interview on December 28. Supervisor McCord will make the arrangements.

SPCA CONTRACT FOR 2017

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2017 CONTRACT WITH THE UCSPCA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

CLOUGH HARBOUR ASSOCIATES (CHA) CONTRACT 2017

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2017 CONTRACT WITH CLOUGH HARBOUR ASSOCIATES (CHA). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW SCOTT DUTTON ZONING CHANGE – MYLES PUTMAN

A request for a zoning change by Scott Dutton for Main Street in Esopus has been the topic of conversation for several meetings. At a prior meeting Myles had suggested the possibility of “tinkering” with the use table as an alternative to a permanent zoning change from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to general Commercial (GC). Myles reviewed some of the possible changes that can be made. This is a Type 1 action and would need SEQ. Mr. Dutton was also present and said he wants to do what the community wants. At a prior meeting the Board clearly stated they were not interested in making a map change, however, they were open to updating the usage allowable in the area. As part of the contract provision Mr. Dutton has with Mr. & Mr. Lane, he needs to have the Boards position of the proposed zoning map change in writing. Mr. Dutton had paid the fee associated with the request for the zoning change and it will be refunded to him.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PPA – MYLES PUTMAN

Myles gave the Board a sample RFP for the preparation of a revised Comprehensive Plan for review. Saugerties has an ongoing Comprehensive Plan Committee that has been going for 10 – 15 years. This is a standing group that will handle any land use, zoning or development issues that comes their way. They use a base of a 1999 Comprehensive Plan and build on it and zoning. The groups roll is like an Ad Hoc sounding board for zoning proposals. Myles said that may be a roll you would like to have our Comprehensive Committee and Economic Development Committee morph into. Myles explained the Town can either try to update the whole plan or concentrate on specific sections. The Board was in agreement to have a small proposal and work on a partial Comprehensive Plan. The Economic Development Committee is working on a letter to send out to the community to survey to see what the residents would like to see in the future.

TRANSFER STATION

The roof over the roll- offs will wait until 2017. Medical waste is not accepted at the Transfer Station and appropriate signage has been installed. 2017 permits are now for sale at the Transfer Station. The Veteran Discounts will be available in 2017.

TOWN OF ESOPUS BLANKET RESOLUTION
TO ACKNOWLEDGE ROADS THAT HAD
APPEARED TO BE PRIVATE ARE ACTUALLY PUBLIC

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 accepts all legal and maintenance and repair responsibility for the roadways listed below;

Whereas the Town Board accepts the length changes; and

Whereas the roadways and changes include the following:

Old County Road, from Old Post Road to Old Post Road, 0.09

Rousner Lane from Old Post Road to the dead end, adding 0.59 for a total of 0.79

Van Voorhis Lane from New Salem Road to the dead end 0.04;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus acknowledges these public roads.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Diane L. McCord
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Leslie Kalmus

Councilperson Wayne Freer	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	<u>AYE</u>
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	<u>AYE</u>

All members present were in favor.

Don Kiernan - Water Bill Notification

Don Kiernan proposed an option for a new billing format. The post cards are being lost by the post office at an alarming rate and the cards are often unreadable when customers receive them. Don has discussed this with the Port Ewen Water Sewer Board and would like to issue a Z fold self sealing bill. The cost of the machine is \$2,000 and Don will be looking into getting a permit for the mailing. This will decrease the amount of postage necessary to mail the bills. The change is estimated to be in place for the second quarter billing cycle.

Don reviewed quotes for replacing the high service pumps which are cracking with “soft starts”, which in the long run will save us more money because they will eliminate breaks. Don received 3 proposals. The lowest bid was for \$9,700 to replace all of the starters from TAM Enterprises from Goshen. Don has the money in the 2017 budget.

Don said we are not getting any further with Mr. D’Anna with the acquisition of the property for the water tank. He has been trying for years. He feels the Town may need to obtain an Imminent Domain attorney. Aqua Store attended a Water Sewer Meeting and made a presentation of the tank. The project will take 10 weeks from the time it arrives on site and gets erected. The tank will last 50 plus years. Mr. D’Anna received Supervisor McCord’s letter but the matter is not moving forward.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ZONING STATUTE- UC PLANNING BOARD RESPONSE(UCPB)

This proposed Local Law relates to the amending of the notification period for publication in a local newspaper from 10 to 5 days. It also allows for neighbor notification to occur through conventional mail rather than certified with return receipt. Supervisor McCord read excerpts from the response letter from the County. Ulster County Planning Board has determined this does not to have a county – wide impact. However, they have made a suggestion of placing a temporary sign on a property that is subject to local action to make adjacent property owners and other residents aware of a potential project. The Town Board in whole was not in favor of the County’s suggestion.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JARED GEUSS

Be it resolved by the Town Board of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York as follows:

Whereas, Councilperson Kyle Barnett has resigned effective December 16, 2016. There exists a vacancy on the Esopus Town Board.

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town Board appoints Jared Geuss to fill the Council position with a term expiring December 31, 2017.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Councilperson Wayne Freer	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	<u>AYE</u>
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	<u>AYE</u>

Supervisor McCord reviewed the following announcements:

We are being audited by the NYS Comptrollers' Office. Theresa Myer began a Risk Assessment Audit today.

1. Town Building Inspector asked why we didn't have Identification Badges? Told him to go to Ernie Germano. What about I.D. badges for employees? Board was in favor of all employees and Town Board members to have ID. ID will be owned by the Town and will be property of the Town and will need to be returned should the employee leave.
2. Comprehensive Board needs a Motion to appoint members: Fred Zimmer – Planning Board
Melanie Marino – Zoning Board, Mark Ellison – Environmental Board, Janet Balushi – Waterfront Board. Les Kalmus cannot be the representative from the Town Board since he is in the process of selling his home. Who will we appoint from the Town Board? Jared will serve. Resolution will be presented at the next Town Board meeting
3. We have many openings on our Board: Environmental, Port Ewen Water and Sewer, Waterfront Advisory, Zoning Board of Appeals as well as a Secretary for the Environmental Board and Waterfront Advisory. Glen Kubista volunteered for the ZBA. There is also an opportunity if an existing board member wants to move from ZBA to Planning. Besides placing an ad on our website, notices will be placed in the Post Offices.
4. The meeting with Steve Aaron, Central Hudson, Don Kiernan was postponed until Steve can make a new date. This pump station and road acceptance cannot be done until we have a clear title.
5. Katherine Barry has had her light on Tilden and Herriman St. replaced with an LED and is very happy with the results.
6. Liaison Appointments have been made and Diane will continue with the Economic Development Committee.
7. The RSS case is continuing and hopefully everyone has gotten their email. They are going to apply for an area variance with the ZBA. They must prove a hardship.
8. Diane has jury duty in Albany for the U.S. District Northern Division Court in January.
9. Recreation Building – Dan is still awaiting quotes from cement people but they should be in by our next workshop meeting.
10. Supervisor asked if everyone was happy with the scheduling of the Workshop and Town Board meetings. Workshop and Town Board meetings will remain the same for 2017. However, vouchers will need to be done for the middle meeting.

11. Wayne.....Will the same Court Security Officers be hired for 2017? I asked Lois in the Court and she told me to contact you. Ernest Osterhoudt, Joseph Murray, Joseph Corcoran, William Scott MacCreery, Frank Kobes, Hank Yost.
12. The Navara Letter was edited by Paul Kellar. Letter will be sent in January .
13. Letter from Samantha Epstein – Hudson River Sloop Clearwater approval to run the Aquatic Invasive Species Program at the Esopus boat launch for watercraft inspections – providing free voluntary boat inspections to re creational boaters and to distribute educational materials about the spread of invasive species. Councilperson Freer suggested obtaining insurance from her if she is planning on being in the water.
14. Economic Development Committee is proposing sending out a survey to residents regarding their wishes for the Comprehensive Development Plan and having an informational meeting on the same with the public. They have \$1,000 in their budget which may not be enough for the mailing. However, since this is directly connected to the Comprehensive Plan, could we use money set aside for Comprehensive expenses? The Board was in agreement to spend the money for postage. Councilperson Freer suggested looking in to Governmental Bulk Rate Permit.
15. Our insurance agent sent us suggested recommendations for discipline issues. According to Michael Kutski from the UPSEU union all related forms used for employees including annual evaluations must be included in the contract and is part of the negotiation.
16. DASNY Grant application for the Highway Sewer Vacuum Truck has been submitted.
17. A letter was received from Ulster County Real Property Tax regarding a charge back for \$11,828.33 for erroneous assessments with regard to Bellaire Ridge and Lighthouse Bluff which were Planning Board cases that were incomplete. Supervisor McCord is waiting for calls back from the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:55 PM TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL ISSUE IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD MEMBERS INVITED COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS AND COUNCILPERSON ELECT KATHIE QUICK INTO THE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:32 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:33 PM BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

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