

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 - 7 PM**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on September 1, 2020 in the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Evelyn Clarke
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

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PUBLIC COMMENT –

Laura Petite –

Commented to say she believes there are volunteers who would help with cleanup of the parks and supplies. There are broken boards around playgrounds and damage to a picnic bench. (exact area was not mentioned) She said the volunteers need a guidelines and a plan.

UPDATES

American Legion Meeting – On Monday, September 8 @ 7PM in the Esopus Town Hall Community Room.

Call for volunteers – open positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Board and Environmental Board. Please inquire to volunteer information and applications are available at www.esopus.com.

Central Hudson Work @ Sleightsburgh Park – Required gas line maintenance and replacement work will be taking place throughout September. The park will be closed the week of September 14th.

Temporary Bridge Closure – the Wurts St. Bridge will be closed from 9/14-9/18 and tentatively 9/21-9/25 for a routine general inspection.

Park Repairs – Work on repairing local parks will begin tomorrow, 9/2.

Zoning Task Force – agreement with Laberge Group was made to host three additional ZTF meetings to finalize review for the reduced amount of \$3,000. Compliments were given to Councilperson Geuss for the successful negotiation.

Upcoming Events – A discussion of a possible Town-Wide Yard Sale Day and Fall Cleanup Sale at the Esopus Transfer Station took place. The Apple festival was cancelled this year and Board members were not in favor of promoting the town wide yard sale due to the COVID – 19 large gatherings and social distancing requirements. If town residents want to hold their own yard sales, the Board encourages people to wear masks, provide sanitizer and ensure proper distancing. The Board was in favor of having a fall cleanup promotion at the Transfer Station. Supervisor Harris will work on details with Lenny Liberta to define a price point that will be suitable for the residents as well as affordable for the Town.

AGENDA

Park Repairs

Pictures of work that needs to be done at Freer and Ross Park were shared among the Board. The stand alone bathroom at Freer Park suffered damage from a hit and run; an insurance claim is being submitted. The building will become a unisex facility with a sink on the exterior of the building. The sink will be removed for the winter season. The bathrooms near the basketball court at Ross Park will also receive new toilets and sinks with motion sensor lights and wall soap dispensers. A suggestion to have the faucets to be touch less or auto shut off style to ensure they are not left on to waste water and cause damage. There is money in the current budget for these improvements. Councilperson Geuss said he would like to see a commercial grade toilet be installed because of the heavy use.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON EVELYN CLARKE TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$1,000 TO UPGRADE THE TOILETS AND SINKS AT THE TWO PARKS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Harris received a price quote of \$900 on 2 additional cameras for Freer and Ross Park for preventative measures, wiring was already installed.

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NEW PLANNER

The Planning Board made a decision to replace the vacancy by Alan Sorenson with Tom Shepstone of Shepstone Management Company Inc. for the same contract terms and cost as were budgeted for 2020. The Supervisor asked the Board if they would like to affirm the appointment. Members were not given any information relating to the company and did not want to affirm something without proper knowledge.

ZONING – Councilperson Geuss continued his discussion and review of proposed Mixed-Use Floating Zoning Law developed by the Esopus Zoning Task Force previously discussed at the last Board meeting. Councilperson Geuss was clear Density Bonus incentives will have to go to the Town Board and ZBA for design guideline it is not a given that the applicant will get what they want. A draft of the update will be distributed to the Board for review. The intent is to also bundle the Public Hearings with a few other laws relating to bus shelters and anti junkyards that have been previously discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS AT 7:50 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE HISTORY OF CERTAIN TOWN EMPLOYEES AND LITIGATION MATTERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO ACTION.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC