

**TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2013**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Esopus Town Board was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Town Hall 284 Broadway in Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Donna McAuley
Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

Administrative Recorder: Diane McCord, Town Clerk

Supervisor Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Pledge to the Flag

1. Reimbursement Check for \$106,198.03/balance owed \$ 1,022,580.93

Supervisor Coutant said with the help of Congressman Chris Gibson we were able to have the remainder of the FEMA and SEMO bonds paid. We now have adequate funds to be able to pay the entire bond for the repair of the Port Ewen Water Treatment Plant.

2. Resolution Requiring Insurance for Park Rental with Alcohol Permit

There was discussion at our Workshop Meeting and we felt it was time to protect our town with our Alcohol Permits. This can be done with an insurance certification. It came to our attention regarding the rental of our parks that we had no mechanism in place should someone be injured or if damages occurred. To protect the citizens of the town and our taxpayers we thought it was prudent if people reserved the park and if they decided to serve alcohol that we would require additional insurance.

**RESOLUTION REQUIRING INSURANCE FOR PARK RENTAL WITH ALCOHOL PERMIT
March 21, 2013**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York are responsible for setting the rules and regulations for the Town Parks, and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the Town of Esopus against possible litigation concerning the use of alcoholic beverages within our Town Parks and

WHEREAS, the use of alcoholic beverages will be allowed provided that such use be covered with Insurance Coverage listing the Town of Esopus as an additional insured in the amount of not less than one million (\$1,000,000.00) and filed with the Town Clerk no later than ten days preceding such event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this insurance requirement will begin April 1, 2013.

Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer

Supervisor John Coutant	Aye
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Aye
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Aye
Councilperson Donna McAuley	Aye
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

Councilperson Barnett wanted to mention this should not be a difficult thing for people to obtain. You just have your insurance carrier take a rider on your insurance policy. This can be done on your house insurance or your vehicle insurance.

3. Resolution to Amend Rental Fees

Supervisor Coutant said from time to time we look at our fees for rental of our parks. This year we decided our residents should have first priority.

Resolution to Amend Park Rental Fees **March 21, 2013**

RESOLUTION TO AMEND PARK RENTAL FEES **MARCH 21, 2013**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York set the Park Rental fees for Ross Park and George Freer Memorial Park in Port Ewen, New York and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board that the fees should encourage residents to take advantage of the use of these town parks and

WHEREAS, the non-residents have reserved many of the prime weekends leaving our own residents at a disadvantage,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the rental fee schedule for residents will remain at the current rate of \$50 plus a Trash Removal Deposit of \$75 and the non-resident fee will increase from \$100 to \$200 plus the Trash Removal Deposit of \$75 and the park scheduling for residents will begin March 1, 2014 and for non-residents April 1, 2014.

Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley

**Supervisor John Coutant
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Donna McAuley
Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

Resolution duly adopted.

Councilperson Kyle Barnett said we took a look at the rates of other towns and other municipalities and we are competitive with other towns.

4. Resolution to Authorize Deputy Town Clerks to Attend NYSTCA Conference

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS TO ATTEND
THE NEW YORK STATE TOWN CLERKS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
MARCH 21, 2013**

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Clerk has requested authorization to send her Deputy Clerks' the 2013 NYSTCA Conference in Buffalo, New York and

WHEREAS, this expense has been budgeted in the Town Clerk's budget and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the knowledge and efforts the Town Clerk's Office provides and

WHEREAS, the New York State rules and regulations change regularly through the Dept. of Health, Dept. of Conservation and Dept of State. And this information is given directly through the training received at the New York State Town Clerk's Association Conference and

WHEREAS, Deputy Clerk Holly Netter and Deputy Clerk Erin McNierney have agreed to attend this conference,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the town of Esopus, County of Ulster, State of New York, gives authorization to provide training to the Deputy Clerk's through the NYSTCA on April 28th through April 30, 2013.

Resolution offered by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet

Resolution seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley

Supervisor John Coutant	Aye
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Aye
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Aye
Councilperson Donna McAuley	Aye
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

5. Budget Adjustments

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
March 20, 2013**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has received and reviewed the following budget adjustments,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following budget adjustments be approved for payment:

AO 0599.000 Fund Balance To:

Safety Inspection Equipment AO3620.200	\$ 681.00
Hwy Garage Equipment AO 5132.200	\$ 95.21
Landfill Maint Contractual AO 8162.400	\$ 1,304.44
SW 0599.000 Serial Bonds SW9710.600	\$ 1,000.00

Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant

Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Supervisor John Coutant	Aye
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Aye
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Aye
Councilperson Donna McAuley	Aye
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

6. Payment of Vouchers

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS
March 21, 2013**

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

Whereas, the Town of Esopus has been presented with vouchers for payment and those vouchers have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the following vouchers be approved for payment:

General Fund	131084 - 131147	\$59,717.78
Highway Dept.	132033 - 132058	\$75,575.32
Port Ewen Sewer	133028 - 133041	\$ 9,386.64
Port Ewen Water	134049 - 134072	\$22,313.52
Street Lighting	136003	\$ 6,511.97
Total.....	\$173,505.23

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer**

Supervisor John Coutant	Aye
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Aye
Councilperson Wayne Freer	Aye
Councilperson Donna McAuley	

Aye		Councilperson Kyle
Barnett	Aye	

Resolution duly adopted.

7. Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings was made by Councilperson Donna McAuley and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

8. Communications and Reports of Boards and Officials

The March Communications and reports of Boards and Officials are on file in the Town Clerk's Office:

Town Clerks' Report for Feb. 2013

Waterfront Advisory Board Meetings dated Jan. 22, 2013 and Feb. 26, 2013

Planning Board Minutes dated Feb. 13, 2013

Building Dept. Report for February 2013

Environmental Board Minutes dated Feb. 20, 2013

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett at 7:55 PM. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane L. McCord
Town Clerk, CMC, RMC**