

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 21, 2022
7:00 PM**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on April 21, 2022 in person at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park. Meeting was also available on TV 23, available via zoom and Live Streamed on the Town of Esopus Facebook page. The following persons in attendance:

**Councilman Laura Robinson
Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Jared Guess
Supervisor Danielle Freer**

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

4 WAYS TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1.) **In-Person – Attend the Workshop**
- 2.) Phone in: Leave voicemail on 845 331 0676 prior to the meeting
- 3.) **EMAIL – lreynolds@esopus.com with the subject line “Public Comment”**
- 4.) **MAIL – mail written comments to:**
*Town of Esopus, P.O. Box 700
Port Ewen, NY 12466*

**The Public Hearing Continuation on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022, Accessory Marina Campgrounds was held prior to this meeting.

SUPERVISOR FREER CALLED TO ORDER THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 7:05 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Steven Cerini – Made his annual appeal to help the bees & pollinators. Dandelions are wonderful for the pollinators and asked people to tolerate them for a few weeks. To help the pollinators. He also asked everyone to designate a few square feet of their property to plant flowers for the pollinators. He distributed seed packets out to everyone.

Supervisor Freer also reminded everyone that the Esopus Earth Day will be held at the Town Hall Community Center Saturday 4/23 from 10 am – 3 pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution to Establish Standard Workday Schedules
for New York State and Local Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus/30561 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Elected Officials

Name	Title	Term	Standard Work Day	Pay Frequency
Danielle Freer	Supervisor	1/1/22-12/31/23	7	Weekly
Kyle Barnett	Justice	1/1/20-12/31/23	6	Monthly
Jared Guess	Town Council	1/1/22-12/31/23	6	Monthly
Holly Netter	Town Clerk	1/1/22-12/31/25	7	Weekly

Appointed Officials

Name	Title	Term	Standard Work Day	Pay Frequency
Jill Shufeldt	Dog Control	1/1/22-12/31/22	6	Weekly

Resolution offered by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Seconded by: Councilman Laura Robinson

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	AYE
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

Discussion regarding ARPA planning

Board members are asked to give Supervisor Freer their ARPA fund wish lists as soon as possible. There is a lot to do in the parks and they would like to get them started.

Councilman Laura Robinson Reviewed a few items she'd like to see:

New Basketball Hoops at all the parks- 3 quotes were obtained.

Have Lori Reynolds order the movie screen that was discussed in the previous meeting.

Blacktop and resurface the Basketball and tennis areas at Ross Park: half tennis/ half pickleball.

Bathrooms at Ross need to be redone before June/ New bathrooms needed at Freer Park.

There is an eagle scout that would like to fund raise and build a Gaga Pit at Ross Park. He will raise the funds - \$1200 - \$1300 is the expected cost.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ROBINSON TO ALLOW BENJAMIN NOSENCHUK OF TROOP 26 TO BUILD A GAGA PIT AT ROSS PARK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Guess - There will be a Water Dept meeting next Wednesday they will be talking about the Infrastructure Upgrade. Water Superintendent Nick Butler is also looking at ordering a new truck which was budgeted for this year. A cybersecurity update was made on their insurance policy with Quilty, Dwyer and Larkin.

Transfer Station - checking into composting and they are figuring out what kind of role the UCRA will play. The Environmental Board would also like to have a place for people to compost.

Councilman Kathie Quick – The Esopus Seniors will be attending a female country singer tribute on June 14th in Holy Oak Massachusetts.

A defensive driving class will be given for Seniors on May 16th. The class is almost filled and a waiting list is being compiled to see if they can schedule a second class.

Supervisor Freer gave a list of events that are going on in Esopus. She encouraged all Board Members to review it to make sure we have everything listed so it can be promoted.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - none

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS APRIL 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows:

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vouchers be approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	221128 - 221185	\$54,913.39
HIGHWAY FUND	222070 - 222104	\$101,194.29
STREETLIGHTS		
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	223024 - 223036	\$6,536.14
PORT EWEN WATER	224094 - 224125	\$49,209.33
Capital Water		
ARPA	227000 - 227001	16,708.70
		\$228,561.85

Offered by: COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS

Seconded by: COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	AYE
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER MADE A MOTION AT 7:30 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR VACANCIES ON THE

WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD AND DISCUSSING EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF PARTICULAR PERSONNEL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER AT 8:10 PM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

INTERVIEW ACTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER TO APPOINT ERIC KEYSER AS MEMBERS OF THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD WITH TERM EXPIRING 12/31/24. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION PERSONNEL - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER AT 8:15 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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