

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20, 2013**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, June 20th at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

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

Administrative Recorder: Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor Donna McAuley called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment: None

Councilperson Wayne Freer explained we have a pending public hearing in reference to our Zoning Board of Appeals and we have a vacancy on the Zoning Board.

Councilperson Wayne Freer made a Motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilperson Gloria VanVliet seconded the motion to interview a proposed candidate, Richard Wenzel for our Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:32 PM. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

A Motion to adjourn from Executive Session was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett at 7:39 PM. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

A Motion to appoint Richard Wenzel to fill the vacancy left by resigning member Linda Smythe on the Zoning Board of Appeals (6-20-2013-12-31-2017) was made by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Councilperson Freer commented Dick Wenzel has served on our Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals in the past and he will be a good addition to the Board.

1. Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Extension of Solid Waste Management Agreement

Deputy Supervisor Donna McAuley explained our Agreement with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency will expire October 1st and they would like to have a one year and three month extension to allow time to determine how solid waste will be addressed in the future. This extension of the contract will cover October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

A Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the extension of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency was made by Deputy Supervisor Donna McAuley and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

2. Scenic Hudson – Burroughs/Black Creek Corridor

We received a letter from Scenic Hudson regarding Supervisor Coutant's remarks on the "State of Esopus" at the April Esopus Business Alliance event. "You mentioned in your remarks that visitors to the planned resort at the old Creamery would utilize some of the wonderful trails and open space Esopus offers. We share your opinion, and believe that the trails, public open space and historic/cultural amenities found in Esopus can greatly contribute to the success of this development project, as well as foster new outdoor recreation and tourism related business growth in Esopus.

Knitting together what is presently a disconnected trail and open space network would help realize the potential for such growth, and make Esopus a destination in its own right, such as New Paltz and Gardiner. A publicly accessible water and land trail connecting the Walkway Over the Hudson, the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, Chodikee Lake, the Black Creek State Forest, Burroughs Sanctuary and the Black Creek Preserve would draw folks and their discretionary dollars to Esopus. Branding this corridor – perhaps as the John Burroughs/Black Creek Corridor and creating physical trail links could be some of the elements that would make it a popular destination.

Scenic Hudson wants to help Esopus succeed. Toward that end, we will be introducing potential stakeholders to the idea of this Burroughs/Black Creek Corridor, and seeing what resources they could contribute to making this vision a reality. We've already had a productive conversation with the John Burrough's Association, which is excited about the opportunity to increase awareness of and visitation to the nationally significant "Slabsides". We'll also be reaching out to the County, the DEC, the Town of Lloyd, the Walkill Valley Land Trust and others for an introductory walk and exploration of the concept on the former Gordon property, Slabsides and Black Creek State Forest. We'd like to invite you, members of the Esopus Environmental Board and other Town leaders to join us on this walk/lunch.

3. Sleightsburgh Park Gate

Councilperson Wayne Freer explained how there have been people who leave tires and garbage is being thrown throughout Sleightsburgh Park and the neighbors have called about this damage. In order to curb this problem an emergency gate will be installed. It will be a twenty foot gate at the entrance to the park. The cost will be \$1,400 but we have spent nearly that amount on the costs to clean up the debris in the area. Councilperson Gloria VanVliet agreed this would be a definitely good barrier. The Town will publicize the installation of the gate and the hours the park is open.

4. Raquel Rabinovich

There will be a half hour dance performance on September 14, 2013 at 4 PM at Lighthouse Park next to the sculpture EMERGENCES performed by dancer Julie Ransom.

5. Demolition of Trailer on Tooley Drive

The low bid to remove a trailer on Tooley Drive was submitted by Landscape Unlimited, Inc. P O Box 38, Somers, New York 10589 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD DEMOLITION FOR
REMOVAL OF MOBILE HOME & ATTACHED GARAGE
141 TOOLEY DRIVE, TOWN OF ESOPUS**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has received two estimates for the demolition of a obil home and garage located at 141 Tooley Drive,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Esopus, Town Board has decided to offer the demolition job to Landscape Unlimited, Inc. for the amount of \$2,000.00.

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet**

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

Resolution duly adopted.

6a. NYSDOT – Left Turn Lane – Rt. 9W – East Main St.

The Town has received a letter from Mark Morano State of New York Dept. of Transportation regarding a study #813-3922, File 51-08-9W Left Turn. A formal investigation regarding the feasibility of establishing a left-turn at the intersection of Rt. 9W and East Main Street in Port Ewen. They found that it is appropriate to designate a left-turn lane from southbound Rt. 9W into East Main St. This will necessitate the eradication of the existing yellow cross hatching and the application of new pavement markings. This project will be addressed through the Regional Pavement Marking Contract. Although we cannot provide you with a time schedule for this project, we will attempt to add it to the 2013 construction season schedule.

6b. Report of Liaison Councilperson Kyle Barnett on Building Dept.

Liaison Councilperson Kyle Barnett reported on the Building Dept. stating the income for the month of May was \$7,820 an increase from last years' \$7,137. There have been no new home permits issued for the last month. The trailer on Tooley Drive has been removed. All things are going good.

7. No Budget Adjustments

8. Vouchers

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS
JUNE 20, 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	131249-131304	\$31,682.43
Highway Dept.	132105 - 131133	\$21,055.04
Port Ewen Sewer	133074 - 133085	\$ 5,024.95
Port Ewen Water	134139 - 134165	\$31,606.93
Street Lighting	136006	\$ 5,796.29
Total.....		\$95,165.64

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Wayne Freer
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet**

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

Resolution duly adopted.

9. Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the minutes of last month was made by Deputy Supervisor Donna McAuley and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

10. Hudson River Sweep

Councilperson Wayne Freer thanked all those 1,400 people who participated in the Hudson River Sweep. They removed 3,800 tons of trash from the Hudson River shore line. Thank you everyone who made this possible.

11. Reports of Committees, Boards and Officials

The following reports of Committees, Boards and Officials have been received and are in file in the Town Clerks' Office:

Town Clerk Report for May 2013
Building Dept. Report for May 2013
Assessors Report dated June 16, 2013
Town Board Workshop May 6, 2013
Town Board Workshop Minutes dated May 14, 2013
Town Board Minutes dated 16, 2013
Town Board Workshop Minutes dated June 3, 2013
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Agenda June 11, 2013

12. Communications

The correspondence for the month of May is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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