

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2012**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, August 16, 2012 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway in Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

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

Recording Administrator: Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk

Supervisor Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment: None

1. Awards

Supervisor Coutant was pleased to announce the following awards for our Major Girls Softball Team:

2012 Esopus Major Girls All-Star District 16 Champions
2012 Section 3 Champions
2012 Third Place Award as the New York State Championship

The awards were presented to:

Brooke Gustin	Sydney Jankowski	Shannon Bonewit	Kyla Rowan
Mariah Johnston	Shawna Smith	Alyssa Villiellm	Sophia Reinhardt
Patricia Kuster	Alison Klein	Kaitlynn Schrowang	Allison Breithaupt

Manager: Barbara Jankowski Coach: John Villiellm Coach: Joseph Schrowang

Supervisor Coutant was pleased to announce the following award for our Senior Girls 2012 All-Star Team:

2012 Esopus Senior Girls All-Stars District 16 Champions:

Corrin Scull	Angela Doyle	Victoria Schrowang	Danielle Breithaupt
Sierra Williams	Beth Allred	Kelsi Davidson	Kayla LaManna
Makayla Shuman	Melody Naccarato	Katherine Kuster	

Coach: Jeffrey Breihaupt Coach: Beth Gentile

Supervisor Coutant thanked the teams and told them how extremely proud he was of this. It is a great pleasure to sit here and look at what the Town of Esopus Girls Softball Teams were capable of. The Town of Esopus is in a leadership position because of you young people. We will as the Town Board to come forward to the front of the table to give you a certificate of achievement and to shake your hands. The Little League will have plaques made to place in our display case honoring your achievements.

2. Resolution to Set Final Water Bill Fee

Whereas, the Town of Esopus Water and Sewer Superintendent and the Town of Esopus Water Board has requested the Town Board to set a Final Water Bill Fee of \$30,00 for the Town of Esopus Water/Sewer Department,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town of Esopus Town Board sets a \$30.00 Final Water/Sewer Bill Fee for the Port Ewen Water/Sewer Department.

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

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

Resolution duly adopted.

3. Resolution – John Burrough’s Grant – August 16, 2012

Whereas, the John Burroughs Association’s Slabsides Gateway Project is applying for Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for improvements to Slabsides and Pond entrances,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus hereby endorse the application of John Burrough’s Association’s Slabsides Gateway Project to apply for this grant.

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

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

Resolution duly adopted.

All municipalities are charging for this service. Councilperson Barnett explained it is a fee to cover the extra water/sewer readings when a house is sold or a tenant is moving out.

4. Fall Festival Update

The Town Clerk explained letters are written to the businesses requesting a donation signed by the Supervisor. Activities include:

- The Town of Esopus Library will hold their annual book sale
- The Kingston Trolley will provide transportation throughout the day
- The Car Show is back at a new location on Rt. 9W
- The Annual Apple Festival at the United Methodist Church where apple pies are sold, breakfast is served as well as lunch. Arts and craft booths are set up. Cider and apples are sold also.
- Medrex will have their Giant Yard Sale
- Children's Family Day Activities at Ross Park with a jumpy house, face painting, a visit from horses at Frog Hollow Farm, American Indians will teach how to play native American drums, dance and sing a native song
- Wildman Jack will bring some of his reptiles
- Yard Sales will happen all over town. Maps will be provided

Councilperson Barnett appreciated all the effort that goes into making the Fall Festival a success and Councilperson VanVliet said it is always a busy day and everyone loves the apple pies.

5. School Closing – Anna Devine in Rifton

Supervisor Coutant said the closing of Anna Devine School is against this Town Board's wishes. We have presented our position to the School Board and the Supervisor has had several meetings with the Anna Devine people against the closing. If the school closes it will mean long bus rides for our children. We fear the school will be closed despite our objections.

The old one room school house is an historic monument for the people in Rifton and our community at large. We ask the School Board to give us this historic site. A lot of effort has been done by several of our Boy Scouts and it is in pristine condition. We do not want this old school house sold. Anyone interested in this endeavor....we need you. For those of you who have not visited the old school house go and see how your grandparents were taught.

6. Week of September 2nd – DEC Beetle Exhibit

The Dept. of Environmental Conservation will hold a Beetle Exhibit on Sept. 4-8 at the Town Hall. They will exhibit a six foot Ash Borer Beetle in front of the Town Hall. We encourage you to visit and see what an ash borer beetle looks like. They have killed thousands of trees in New York State.

7. Senior Meeting – Sept. 10th – Tai Chi Classes begin at 12 Noon

The Town Clerk said there would only be one meeting in September because of Labor Day. We will meet on Monday, Sept. 10th. The speaker will be the Supervisor discussing town budgets and how they are made. One Sept. 10th at 12 PM we will begin Tai Chi Classes which is non-stress exercises. They will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning in October.

8. Payment of Vouchers and Budget Adjustments

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
AUGUST 2012**

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 the following budget adjustments and these adjustments have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the following budget adjustments be approved for payment:

AO.599.00	Fund Balance	to	AO7143.400	Water Chestnut	\$
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AO.599.000	Fund Balance	to	AO8560.400	Shade Trees	\$ 375.00

**Resolution offered by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Donna McAuley**

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

Resolution duly adopted.

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS
AUGUST 2012**

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 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	121390 - 121430	\$ 26,048.20
Highway Vouchers	122152-122177	\$ 43,878.57
Street Lighting Capital Fund	126008	\$ 6,019.35
Port Ewen Sewer	123131 – 12346	\$ 8,104.00
Port Ewen Water	124204 - 124224	\$ 11,225.82
Total.....	\$ 95,275.94

Resolution offered by Supervisor John Coutant
Resolution seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett

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

Resolution duly adopted.

9. Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the previous months Minutes was made by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

10. Reports of Officials and Boards

The following reports were received and are on file in the Town Clerk's office for inspection:

Town Clerk's Report for July 2012
Highway Superintendent's Report for July 2012
Planning Board Minutes for July 11, 2012
Building Inspector's Report dated July 2012
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Agenda dated Aug. 17, 2012
Town Board Workshop Minutes dated July 17, 2012
Town Board Workshop Meeting Minutes – Aug. 6, 2012

The Supervisor said if you would like to spend the day in the Town Hall – come in and see what happens. We collect money from several sources and it all has to be tracked and accounted for.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Donna McAuley at 8:02 PM and seconded by Councilperson Gloria VanVliet. All Town Board Members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane L. McCord
Town Clerk**