

TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

September 22, 2022

A Town Board 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, in the Town Hall 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York at 4:30 PM. The following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Danielle Freer
Councilperson Evelyn Clarke
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Laura Robinson
Councilperson Jared Geuss**

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

**Brian Pickard, CPA
Debbie Kain, Bookkeeper**

Supervisor Freer called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

The nature of this meeting was to review the initial requests of the departments; No public comment period was held.

Preliminary 2023 Budget requests were reviewed at meeting 1 held on September 8, 2022. Further review of the requests that were made line by line at this meeting. The budget will be amended and reviewed at the next Town Board Budget workshop on 10/6/2022. Requests were discussed and certain items will be purchased out of the ARPA funding. A resolution will follow:

RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ALLOCATION – TOWN OF ESOPUS

Supervisor Freer offered the following resolution, seconded by Councilman Jared Geuss, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus is a recipient of funds under the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program authorizes the Town of Esopus to use funds received under the SLFRF program to providing government services up to the amount of revenue loss incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the SLFRF program authorizes a standard allowance of up to \$10 million in the aggregate, not to exceed the Town of Esopus’s award amount, as the measurement of the Town’s amount of revenue loss incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus is authorized under the SLFRF program to use funds up to the amount of such standard allowance, not to exceed the Town of Esopus’s award amount, for government services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has been notified and is in receipt of SLFRF funding in the amount of \$ 891,616.81; and

WHEREAS, eligible government services include any service traditionally provided by a government, including provision of general government administration, staff, and administrative facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board finds and determines that the following expenditures are important services that are traditionally provided by town government; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board finds and determines that the following expenditures will assist the Town of Esopus in providing an important government service in being able to improve the Town's roads and infrastructure, including for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board finds and determines that the use of funds awarded to the Town of Esopus under the SLFRF program for the following expenditures is an appropriate use of funds under the SLFRF program; now, therefore,

It is hereby RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds received under the SLFRF program in the amount of \$199,000 for the Town of Esopus Highway for the following:

- Screen Plant for the purpose of screening material and recycling it by making fill for off road drainage. This is a shared service with the Town of Llyod for the amount of \$53,173.00 (\$106,346.00 total).
- Trench Box System for the purpose of providing the required safety equipment to our Highway Department employees while digging for the amount of \$25,000.00.
- Townwide street sign upgrades for the purpose of being in compliance with federal regulations for the amount of \$20,000.00. This includes updating signs, posts, brackets, installing reflective strips, etc.
- Paving of Hudson Lane which severely washed out during a recent storm in the amount of \$60,000.00 and the J Road which is in need of repair for the amount of \$50,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds received under the SLFRF program in the amount of \$132,500 for the Town of Esopus Building, Parks and Grounds Department for the following:

- Paving of the Rec department building parking lot in the amount of \$30,000.00.
- The purchase of a shed for additional storage in the amount of \$ 7,500.00
- Purchase of Emergency Shelter Shower for \$13,000
- Purchase of work truck in the amount of \$60,000
- The following pieces of equipment for needed park maintenance: leaf blower in the amount of \$500.00, field groomer for the amount of \$1,500.00, auger for mower for the amount of \$5,000.00, new mower for the amount \$15,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds received under the SLFRF program in the amount of \$23,415.00 for the Town Supervisor for the completion of the townwide signage project, including final buildouts and placement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds received under the SLFRF program in the amount of \$7,260 for the Planning Board purchase of tablets for each Board member.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

The Board was polled

Supervisor Freer	AYE
Councilperson Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Quick	AYE
Councilperson Clarke	AYE
Councilperson Robinson	AYE

DATED: Ulster Park, New York

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HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO SET THE NEXT BUDGET WORKSHOP #3 AT 4:30 PM ON OCTOBER 6, 2022 PRIOR TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN BOARD MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER AND SECONDED BY JARED GEUSS AT 6:42 PM. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

*Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*