

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, November 20, 2014, in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet  
Councilperson Kyle Barnett  
Councilperson Diane McCord  
Councilperson Wayne Freer**

**Administrative Recorder - Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**RESIGNATION – MICHAEL MANICONE, PLANNING BOARD**

Supervisor John Coutant announced with regret the resignation of Planning Board Member Michael Manicone. Michael Manicone explained in his resignation letter his work schedule is requiring him to spend more time out of the area and is limiting his time to devote to the Town Planning Board. He was grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town and hopes one day to serve the Town again.

**RESIGNATION – KATHRYN ROBINSON – RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Supervisor John Coutant also announced the resignation of Kathy Robinson from the Recreation Committee. Kathy has been responsible for organizing the Winter Wonderland Parade for the past nine years. Supervisor Coutant commended her for the outstanding job she has done. The event takes a lot of hard work. The Recreation Board members and Kathy have made this parade bigger and better every year. If anyone is interested in getting involved in the parade, they should contact the Supervisor, Town Board Member or Town Clerk. She will be missed greatly.

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN TIMOTHY KEEFE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO SIGN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
TOWN OF ESOPUS AND TIMOTHY H. KEEFE**

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

The Town Board of the Town of Esopus authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Employment Agreement between the Town of Esopus and Timothy H. Keefe.

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Diane McCord**

The Board was polled

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>NO</b>

**FOUR OUT OF FIVE MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR, RESOLUTION WAS PASSED.**

**RESOLUTION - TO SIGN SPCA AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO SIGN U.C.S.P.C.A. CONTRACT**

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

The Town Board of the Town of Esopus authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Contract for the Care and Boarding of Canines with the Ulster County S.P.C.A.

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer**  
**Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

The Board was polled

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**All members were in favor.**

**RESOLUTION – TO ADOPT SEWER DISTRICT RATE CHANGES**

**RESOLUTION  
PORT EWEN SEWER DISTRICT  
RATE CHANGE**

**WHEREAS**, the law requires the cost of the operation and maintenance of the Port Ewen Sewer District to be paid by revenue derived from the sale of service,

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board has adopted a Sewer District budget, for the year 2015, based on a rate of a minimum charge of \$16.88 for the first 0 to 4000 gallons and a rate of \$4.22 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board increases the rate charged for sewer services from a minimum of \$15.36 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and \$3.84 per 1, 000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter, to a minimum of \$16.88 for the first 0 to 4,000 gallons and the rate of \$4.22 per 1, 000 gallons thereafter, based on the water meter, with the new rate to be effective upon adoption of this resolution.

**Resolution offered by:**            **Councilperson Diane McCord**  
**Seconded by:**                    **Councilperson Wayne Freer**

The Board was polled

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**All members were in favor.**

Councilperson Diane McCord explained the Water and Sewer district cannot make a profit. They need to raise the rates to cover the costs being incurred. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

added we are very reasonable compared to other municipalities and feels the Water and Sewer department is doing a great job.

**TOWN APPROVED ELECTRICAL INSPECTION – Switch – on- electric**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT TO ADD SWITCH – ON ELECTRIC TO THE TOWN LIST OF APPROVED ELECTRICAL INSPECTION AGENCIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BILL FITZGERALD TO ASSESMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD  
APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Assessment Review Board,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Esopus Town Board reappoints Bill Fitzgerald to the Assessment Review Board. Term to run from 10/1/14 to 9/30/19.

**Resolution offered by:           Supervisor John Coutant**  
**Seconded by:                       Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

The Board was polled

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>Abstained *</b>
<b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>

\*Councilperson Kyle Barnett abstained from the vote due to a personal relationship with Mr. Fitzgerald

**RESOLUTION – SIGN SUPERIOR TELEPHONE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SUPERIOR TELEPHONE SYSTEMS**

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

The Town Board of the Town of Esopus authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Contract with Superior Telephone Systems

**Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer**  
**Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**

The Board was polled:

<b>Supervisor John Coutant</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Kyle Barnett</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Diane McCord</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Wayne Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>

All members were in favor.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**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 budget adjustments and the adjustments have been examined and approved by the Town Board.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the following budget adjustments be approved for payment:

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2014**

<b>AO 0599.000</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>AO 1620.403</b>	<b>BLDG SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$ 862.78</b>
<b>AO 0599.000</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>AO 3510.400</b>	<b>DOG CONTRACTUAL</b>	<b>\$ 635.90</b>
			<b>Fuel – Heritage Energy</b>	

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilperson Diane McCord  
**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Wayne Freer

The Board was polled:

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE

**ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**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	141495 - 141547	\$ 36,273.54
Highway Fund	142252 VOID 142253-142254 142255 VOID 142256-142280	\$ 40,894.15
Street Lights	146011	\$ 6,912.47
Port Ewen Sewer Fund	143144 - 143160	\$ 79,186.86
Port Ewen Water Fund	144266 - 144292	\$ 21,466.94
Total.....		\$ 184,733.96

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilperson Wayne Freer  
**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

The Board was polled:

Supervisor John Coutant	AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE

**ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATION & REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 8:00 PM.**

Offered by:	Councilperson Wayne Freer
Seconded by:	Councilperson Diane McCord

**ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk**