

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
December 15, 2022  
7:00 PM**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held December 15, 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 - absent  
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](mailto: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*

Regularly scheduled meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Chris Marta Sleightsburgh**, brought two questions to the Board from the Sleightsburgh homeowners. They would like to know if the spikes will be removed from the trees and trunks at 139 Parsell Street. They would also like to know if the homeowner will be responsible for replacing trees that were removed off of the Town property.

Chris also asked if the Board’s intent was to close Sleightsburgh Spit this year and if so will they be plowing it. Supervisor Freer said the intent is to leave the Spit open and Dan Veddar will weigh in on the conditions to see if it can be plowed.

Supervisor Freer noted that they were experiencing technical difficulties and that the broadcast may be spotty. As always, meeting minutes would be posted on our town website once they’re made available by the Town Clerk.

**National Business Technologies (NBT) proposal and phone solutions discussion**

Supervisor Freer, Town Clerk Netter and Bookkeeper Kane met with NBT to discuss their proposal of providing telephone service. Supervisor Freer shared information from the bookkeeper breaking down the costs of current charges and showing a savings of \$232.29 per month; \$2,787.48 per year. Current phones are older and many are having issues. The new system offers options that will also allow us to drop cell contracts and save money. Transition will be done in several phases beginning with new equipment January 2023. Most importantly, this will help with better communications and record keeping of our day-to-day business and interactions with town residents and vendors.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO AUTHORIZE HERSELF TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR NATIONAL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,338.71 FOR 5 YEARS FOR THE TELEPHONE SERVICE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR.**

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSION & AWARDING OF REMAINING BIDS**

**Resolution for plumbing construction contract**

On Wednesday November 9, 2022, the Town of Esopus opened two bids for the Roger Mabie Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Plumbing Construction Contract. The bidders and their respective base bids are as follows:

<b>Bid Item</b>	<b>WM Schultz Construction, Inc.</b>	<b>Wilkins Mechanical</b>
Base Bid	\$42,000.00	\$41,000.00

**RESOLUTION FOR  
ROGER MABIE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS –  
CONTRACT NO. 1 PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

**Supervisor Danielle Freer** introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by **Councilman Jared Geuss**, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has duly solicited sealed bids by public notice pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103 for the Roger Mabie Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Plumbing Construction Contract (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, all bids received were considered publicly at the time and place specified in such public notice; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has determined that Wilkins Mechanical. is the lowest responsible bidder whose bid was filed in conformity with such public notice for the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications incorporated into the bid documents (the “Proposal”);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Proposal be and the same is hereby accepted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a contract with such low bidder for the completion of the Project for the contract sum specified in the Proposal and in accordance with the plans and specifications provided for in the bid documents, said contract to be in form and substance approved by the Supervisor and the Town Attorney and executed by the Supervisor consistent with the bid documents, the Proposal and the provisions of General Municipal Law Section 103.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

<b>COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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December 15, 2022

HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

**Resolution for HVAC construction contract**

On Wednesday November 9, 2022, the Town of Esopus opened two bids for the Roger Mabie Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project HVAC Construction Contract. The bidders and their respective base bids are as follows:

<b>Bid Item</b>	<b>WM Schultz Construction, Inc.</b>	<b>Wilkins Mechanical</b>
Base Bid	\$30,600.00	\$36,000.00

**RESOLUTION FOR  
ROGER MABIE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS –  
CONTRACT NO. 1 HVAC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

**Supervisor Danielle Freer** introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by **Councilman Jared Geuss**, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has duly solicited sealed bids by public notice pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103 for the Roger Mabie Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project HVAC Construction Contract (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, all bids received were considered publicly at the time and place specified in such public notice; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has determined that WM Scultz Construction, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder whose bid was filed in conformity with such public notice for the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications incorporated into the bid documents (the “Proposal”);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Proposal be and the same is hereby accepted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a contract with such low bidder for the completion of the Project for the contract sum specified in the Proposal and in accordance with the plans and specifications provided for in the bid documents, said contract to be in form and substance approved by the Supervisor and the Town Attorney and executed by the Supervisor consistent with the bid documents, the Proposal and the provisions of General Municipal Law Section 103.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

<b>COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER</b>	<b>AYE</b>

DATED: Ulster Park, New York  
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 HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

**Resolution for electrical construction contract**

On Wednesday November 9, 2022, the Town of Esopus opened five bids for the Roger Mabie Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Electrical Construction Contract. The bidders and their respective base bids are as follows:

Bid Item	Stilsing Electric, Inc.	Hudson Valley Electrical Construction Management, Inc.	O’Connell Electric Company, Inc.	J & J Sass Electric, Inc.	Gross Electric, Inc.
Base Bid Cost	\$130,400.00	\$170,000.00	\$255,555.00	\$128,000.00	\$305,669.00

**RESOLUTION FOR  
 ROGER MABIE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS –  
 CONTRACT NO. 1 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

**Supervisor Danielle Freer** introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by **Councilman Jared Geuss**, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has duly solicited sealed bids by public notice pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103 for the Roger Mabie Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Electrical Construction Contract (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, all bids received were considered publicly at the time and place specified in such public notice; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has determined that J & J Sass Electric, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder whose bid was filed in conformity with such public notice for the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications incorporated into the bid documents (the “Proposal”);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Proposal be and the same is hereby accepted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a contract with such low bidder for the completion of the Project for the contract sum specified in the Proposal and in accordance with the plans and specifications provided for in the bid documents, said contract to be in form and substance approved by the Supervisor and the Town Attorney and executed by the Supervisor consistent with the bid documents, the Proposal and the provisions of General Municipal Law Section 103.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

<b>COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

**DECEMBER 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 ADJUSTMENTS for DECEMBER 2022**

<b>AO 0599.000 Fund Balance</b>	<b>AO 1355.401</b>	<b>\$1,200.00 Dan Baker</b>
	<b>AO 5182.401</b>	<b>\$6,933.36 ESOPUSOL</b>
<b>DA. 0599.000 Fund Balance</b>	<b>DA 5112.400</b>	<b>\$80,466.96 CHIPS</b>
	<b>DA 5142.400</b>	<b>\$3,248.96 Snow Contractual</b>

**Offered by:** Supervisor Freer

**Seconded by:** COUNCILMAN QUICK

<b>COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER</b>	<b>AYE</b>

Resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS DECEMBER 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:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>221591 -221653</b>	<b>\$127,290.97</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>222279 - 222310</b>	<b>\$42,100.50</b>
<b>STREETLIGHTS</b>		
<b>PORT EWEN SEWER FUND</b>	<b>223164 - 223175</b>	<b>\$4,149.81</b>
<b>PORT EWEN WATER</b>	<b>224253 - 224263</b>	<b>\$11,699.50</b>
<b>Capital Water</b>		
<b>ARPA</b>		
<b>Visa</b>		
		<b>\$185,240.78</b>

**OFFERED BY: SUPERVISOR FREER**

**SECONDED BY: LAURA ROBINSON**

<b>COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**Resolution duly adopted**

**UPCOMING KEY DATES**

12.26.22 Town Hall Closed

1.2.23 Town Hall Closed

1.5.23 2023 Organizational Meeting

1.25.22 Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Presentation and Open House

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER AT 7:35 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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