

**PUBLIC HEARING
2014 TOWN OF ESOPUS BUDGET**

A Public Hearing held on Nov. 12th at 8 PM in the Town Hall 284 Broadway in Port Ewen, New York on the 2014 Town of Esopus Budget was advertised in the Daily Freeman and the meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Coutant at 8:50 PM in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York with the following persons in attendance:

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

**Administrative Recorder: Diane L. McCord, Town Clerk
CPA, Brian Pickard
Bookkeeper, Deb Kain
Building Inspector, Tim Keefe**

A Motion to open the Public Hearing was offered by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Kyle Barnett at 8:50 PM. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Coutant explained the Town Clerk duly notified the Daily Freeman of the public hearing notice on this 2014 Budget. The Notice was printed in the Daily Freeman, however, the Supervisor's salary was omitted. A call was made to correct this error and on Saturday the notice was printed again with the wrong amount listed for the Councilpersons salary. The Daily Freeman wrote a letter apologizing for the error and sent a statement there would be no charge and asked what should we do now? This documentation will be placed with the Minutes.

Councilperson Barnett stated when we correctly provide the information and the information is printed incorrect, his personal observation is it should not create a "jurisdictional error". In the comptrollers' opinion, given the circumstances, there is no way we will prepare the public hearing notice on time. The local law overriding the two percent was passed prior to this budget public hearing.

This 2014 budget will increase the taxes by 2.13%.

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was offered by Kyle Barnett and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer at 8:51 PM. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

A Motion to adopt the 2014 budget was made by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer. Board members were polled:

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

Resolution duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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