

TOWN OF ESOPUS: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 4 , 2024

The 2024 Organizational meeting was held on January 4, 2024 at 7pm and was held in person at 1 Town Hall Way Ulster Park, NY.

Present: Supervisor Danielle Freer
Councilman Evelyn Clarke- Absent
Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Jared Geuss
Councilman Laura Robinson

Recording Administrator: Holly Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

Opening - Supervisor Danielle Freer opened the meeting at 7 pm.

REELECTED OFFICIALS WERE SWORN IN PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Supervisor Danielle Freer
Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Councilman Laura Robinson
Court Justice Kyle Barnett
Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo
Tax Collector Bernice Mc Nierney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2024 LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

The Supervisor has made the following Liaison Appointments for 2024:

2024 Liaison Appointments

Highway Department	Supervisor Danielle Freer
Justice Court	Supervisor Danielle Freer
Town Clerk/Dog Control	Supervisor Danielle Freer
Port Ewen Water and Sewer	Councilman Jared Geuss
Planning Board	Councilman Jared Geuss
Transfer Station	Councilman Jared Geuss
ZBA	Councilman Kathie Quick
Waterfront Advisory Board	Councilman Kathie Quick

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Assessor's Department
Economic Development Committee
Building Department
Environmental Board
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tax Collector
Parks/Buildings & Grounds

Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Evelyn Clarke
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RESOLUTION - 2024 APPOINTMENTS

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus must make appointments for various officers, board members and employees,

Therefore, Be it Resolved,

Jared Geuss	is hereby appointed Deputy Supervisor
Lori Reynolds	is hereby appointed Confidential Assistant
Holly Netter	is hereby appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics, Records Management Officer, and Marriage Officer
Klyne Esopus Museum	is hereby appointed Historic Society
David Longendyke	is appointed as Historian
Louis Timperio	is appointed Assistant Town Historian
Patty Smith	is hereby appointed Deputy Assessor
Mark Jaffee	is hereby appointed FT Building Inspector, FT Code Enforcement officer & PT Fire Inspector
Salvatore Morrello III	is hereby appointed PT Building Inspector & PT Code Enforcement Officer
Hannah Palen	is hereby appointed Municipal Zoning Officer

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Dawn LaMarca & Marianne Wells are hereby appointed Clerks to Justices

Ernest Osterhoudt
Roger Boughton Jr.
Brian Hines
Ed Chomicki
are hereby appointed Court Security Officers

Jill Shufeldt is hereby appointed Dog Control Officer

Kevin Hindmann is hereby appointed Assistant Dog Control Officer

ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW – 5 members, 5 year term

Name	Term Expires
James Banks	9/30/2026
Nicholas Pascaretti	9/30/2027
Jarad Keplinger	9/30/2028
Henry Pittner	9/30/2024
James Melbert	9/30/2025

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD – 9 members, 2 year term | Chair & Secretary, 1 year term

Name	Term Expires
Mark Ellison, CHAIR	12/31/2024
Laura Petit	12/31/2024
Cynthia McVay	12/31/2024
Noel Russ	12/31/2024
Christopher DeCicco	12/31/2025
Arielle Gartenstein	12/31/2025
Julie Brinkman	12/31/2025
Nina Nichols	12/31/2025
VACANT (Christine Baker res)	12/31/2025
Lisa Mance Secretary	12/31/2024

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PLANNING BOARD – 7 members, 7 year term | Chair, Vice-Chair & Secretary, 1 year term | 2 Alternates

Roxanne Pecora, CHAIR 1 year (12/31/24) *UC Planning Rep 4 yr term	12/31/2028 12/31/2025
Chris Marta	12/31/2029
David Mastny	12/31/2026
Daniel Michaud	12/31/2025
Alaxis Breheny	12/31/2024
Sal Morrello	12/31/2030
Darin DeKoskie, VICE CHAIR	12/31/2027
Lisa Mance Secretary	12/31/2024
*Alt UC Planning Rep - VACANT	12/31/2024
PB ALT Fred Zimmer	12/31/2024
PB ALT Mark Anderson	12/31/2024

PORT EWEN WATER BOARD – 5 members, 4 year term | Chair, 2 year term

Doug DeKoskie, CHAIR	12/31/2026 as member / chair 12/31/2024
George Post	12/31/2024
Mike Mulligan	12/31/2026
Kevin Rentfrow	12/31/2024
Michael Tronolone	12/31/2025
Lisa Mance Secretary	12/31/2024

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION – 7 Members, 7 year term

VACANT (Durgin resigned)	12/31/2025
Hannah Palen	12/31/2028
VACANT (not reappointing Colvin)	12/31/2030
Tim Keiderling	12/31/2027
AnnMarie Keiderling	12/31/2026
VACANT	12/31/2029
Zina Matera	12/31/2024
VACANT SECRETARY	12/31/2024

WATERFRONT ADVISORY – 9 members, 3 year term | Chair & Secretary, 1 year term

Margaret Phalen CHAIR 1 year (12/31/24)	12/31/2026
Eli Schloss	12/31/2026
Carol Tomassetti	12/31/2025
Marion Zimmer	12/31/2025
Chet Allen	12/31/2024
Vincent Coq	12/31/2024
VACANT (keyser)	12/31/2024
Lynn Corcoran Johnston	12/31/2025
Tim Triscari	12/31/2026
Lisa Mance, Secretary	12/31/2024

ZBA – 7 members, 5 year term | Chair & Secretary, 1 year term

Karl Wick CHAIR	12/31/2024
Gloria Van Vliet	12/31/2027
Katie Zahidi	12/31/2027
Jim Tomassetti	12/31/2025
VACANT (Avallone)	12/31/2028
Michael Pittner	12/31/2026
Guy Brought	12/31/2024
Lisa Mance, Secretary	12/31/2024
Vacant Alternate	12/31/2024
Vacant Alternate	12/31/2024

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Laura Robinson

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Be it Resolved, Paul Kellar, Esq. is appointed Attorney for the Town.

Be it further Resolved that the law firm of McCabe Coleman, Ventosa & Patterson, PLLC., with a principal place of business of 42 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, along with the Building Code Enforcer and Highway Superintendent as designated by NYS Law, are hereby appointed by the Town Board to the following role and function of prosecutor with respect to the following matters:

Authority for prosecution of all violations of the Esopus Town Code, including Ordinances and Building code violations, to include all phases of prosecution through plea and/or trial, and representation of the Town of Esopus in prosecution and defense of appeals and Article 78 Petitions.

Be it further Resolved that the law firm of Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux, LLP with a principal place of business of 13 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203, are hereby appointed by the Town Board to represent the Town of Esopus regarding labor and employment law.

Be it further Resolved that the law firm of Mazzotta & Vagianelis with a principal place of business of 9 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205, are hereby appointed by the Town Board to represent the Town of Esopus as PILOT counsel.

Be it further Resolved that the law firm of Rodenhausen, Chale & Polidoro, LLP with a principal place of business of 55 Chestnut St, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 & Van DeWater & Van DeWater LLP with a principal place of business of 85 Civic Center Plaza STE 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 for additional Municipal & Environmental needs.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION TO AWARD MILEAGE EXPENSES

Whereas, there are those officials, legally authorized under the laws of the State of New York and those Town Officials who, by the nature of their position, who must utilize their personal transportation in the performance of their duties.

Be it Resolved, that in compliance with the Town Law, Section 103, Subdivision 1A, the mileage compensation shall be at a rate of **67 cents** per mile or as set forth periodically by the IRS.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Be it Resolved, that the Daily Freeman is the official newspaper of the Town of Esopus and such items as may require publication by the Town and/or Highway Laws shall be published therein.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Laura Robinson

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION - OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING

Whereas, it is required by the State of New York that local officials who receive and disburse public monies submit an “Official Undertaking”.

Be it Resolved, that the Town of Esopus Town Board contract with Marshall & Sterling Insurance Company for Public Dishonesty Bond which bond shall remain on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TOWN DEPOSITORIES

Whereas, under Section 64 of the Town Law, it is provided the Town Board shall deposit monies coming into their hands by virtue of their office.

Be it Resolved, the Bank of Greene County be designated as depository in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Bookkeeper shall deposit all monies coming into their hands by virtue of their office as well as for the Capital Account for the Town Hall Project and any other accounts required.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Laura Robinson

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS

BE IT RESOLVED that Van DeWater & VanDeWater, LLP, Kyle W. Barnett, Esq., of counsel, is authorized to represent the Town of Esopus for tax Certioraris brought by Lake Shore Villas Propco, LLC, Iron Mountain, Inc; Iron Mountain Management LLC against the Town of Esopus for the tax years 2022 -2024.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO PLANNING BOARD PARTNER AGENCIES

Clough Harbour Associates LLP, (CHA) was selected as Planning Board Engineers pursuant to the 2024 Municipal Consulting Agreement between the Town of Esopus and CHA consulting, Inc. as per the hourly rate depending on the scope of work according to the fee schedule listed in the contract effective 1/1/2024.

Bonnie Branson of Nelson, Pope & Voorhis LLC was selected as the Planning Board Consultant as per the hourly rate depending on the scope of work according to the fee schedule listed in the contract effective 1/1/2024.

Theresa Bakner of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP was selected by the Planning Board as Legal Council, contract effective 7/7/23. Agreement applicable until changed in writing.

RESOLUTION SETTING TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board will conduct their regular monthly meetings on the Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and the Workshop meetings on the First Thursday at 7:00 PM. All meetings shall be held at the Town Hall 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York.

<i>WORKSHOP MEETING 7PM (TH)</i>	<i>TOWN BOARD MEETING 7 PM (TH)</i>
*JAN 4 ORGANIZATIONAL MTG	JAN 18
FEB 1	FEB 15
MARCH 7	MAR 21
APRIL 4	APRIL 18
MAY 2	MAY 16
JUNE 6	JUNE 20
JULY 4 HOLIDAY / No MEETING	JULY18
AUG 1	AUG 15
SEPT 5	SEPT 19
OCT 3	OCT 17
NOV 7	NOV 21
DEC 5	DEC 19

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Whereas, the annual holiday schedule is recorded as part of the Town’s personnel policy.

Be it Resolved,

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| 1. New Year’s Day | 8. Labor Day |
| 2. Martin Luther King’s Birthday | 9. Columbus/Indigenous People Day |
| 3. Presidents’ Day | 10. Election Day |
| 4. Good Friday | 11. Veterans Day |
| 5. Memorial Day | 13. Thanksgiving Day |
| 6. Juneteenth | 13. Day after Thanksgiving |
| 7. Fourth of July | 14. Christmas Day |

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Laura Robinson

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE TOWN OF ESOPUS INVESTMENT POLICY

Be it Resolved, the Town Board has reviewed and adopts the Investment Policy as recorded in the Town Board Minutes dated March 8, 1989 and updated and amended on July 18, 2002.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION - PROCUREMENT POLICY

Whereas, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law (GML) requires every Town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services, not subject to the bidding requirements of GML 203, or any other law and

Whereas, comments have been solicited from those Officers of the Town involved with Procurement;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town of Esopus does hereby adopt the Procurement Policy which was originally adopted on January 12, 1993 and on file in the 1993 Minute Book and by motion was updated to reflect the general municipal law on August 3, 2015 to include the following: Purchase Contracts - \$20,000 and Contracts of Public Works - \$35,000.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO TOWN CLERK HOURS

Whereas, the Town Board shall set the hours of the Town Clerk’s Office.

Be it Resolved, the hours shall be 9AM – 4PM Monday through Friday.

Resolution offered by Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by Councilman Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS AND THEIR POWERS

Be it Resolved, the Deputy Town Clerks assume all powers and duties of the Town Clerk and

Be it Resolved, the Deputy Town Clerks all be compensated as set forth in the annual budget.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Laura Robinson

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES

Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk does hereby appoint Erin McNierney and Marie Lane as Deputy Clerks.

Bernice McNierney Tax Collector does hereby appoint Patricia Gallo as Deputy Tax Collector.

Resolution to Fix 2024 Salaries:

Whereas, the Town Board shall establish the salaries for the Elected Official and Town Employees,

Be it Resolved, the salaries will be set in place for 2024, as budgeted, agreed upon and provided for in the resolution.

Evelyn Clarke	Town Councilman	\$7,251.27	yr.
Kathy Quick	Town Councilman	\$7,251.27	yr.
Jared Geuss	Town Councilman	\$7,251.27	yr.
Laura Robinson	Town Councilman	\$7,251.27	yr.
Kyle W. Barnett	Town Justice	\$32,972.36	yr.
Pierce Gallagher	Town Justice	\$32,754.00	hr.
Dawn LaMarca	Clerk to Justice	\$18.54	hr.
Marianne Wells	Clerk to Justice	\$21.34	hr.
Brian Hines	Court Security Officer	\$25.00	hr.
Ernest L. Osterhoudt	Court Security Officer	\$25.00	hr.
Roger Boughton Jr.	Court Security Officer	\$25.00	hr.
Edward Chomicki	Court Security Officer	\$25.00	hr.
Danielle Freer	Supervisor/Budget Officer	\$39,578.47	yr.
Debra J. Kain	Bookkeeper/sec	\$26.85	hr.
Lori Reynolds	Confidential Assistant	\$20.26	hr.
Shannon Harris	Assessor	\$45,991.00	yr.
Patty Smith	Assessment Field Worker	\$21.47	hr.
Bernice McNierney	Tax Collector	\$25,361.66	yr.
Patricia Gallo	Deputy Tax Collector	\$20.60	hr.
Holly A. Netter	Town Clerk	\$55,182.40	yr.
Erin McNierney	Deputy Town Clerk	\$21.64	hr.
Marie Lane	Deputy Town Clerk	\$18.03	hr.
Jill K. Shufeldt	Dog Control Officer	\$17.22	hr.
Kevin W. Hindman	Deputy Dog Control Officer	\$103	call
Salvatore Morello III	PT Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer	\$27.89	hr.
Jaffee, Mark	Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Insp.	\$ 76,421.80	yr
Hannah Palen	Municipal Zoning Officer	\$22.64	hr.
Michael Cafaldo	Highway Superintendent	\$52,500.00	yr.
Karen Mains	Sec. to Highway Supt.	\$21.92	hr.
Robert Ackert	Mechanic	\$27.20	hr.

Frank Banks	MEO	\$28.00	hr.
Frank Bellis	Mechanic	\$27.79	hr.
Derrick G. Brown	HMEO	\$28.74	hr.
Jeffrey W. Brown	Working Supervisor	\$32.60	hr
Mark Lane	MEO	\$27.20	hr.
Christopher D. Lortz	MEO	\$28.58	hr.
Brandon Martini	MEO	\$27.20	Hr.
Christopher Marx	MEO	\$27.84	hr.
Robert Peterson Jr	MEO	\$28.58	hr.
Andrew Sheehan	MEO	\$27.20	hr.
Marc Weinberger	MEO	\$28.86	hr.
Daniel Vedder	Buildings & Grounds Main. Dir.	\$30.66	hr.
Edward Clark	Laborer	\$21.64	hr
	Custodian	\$_____	hr
Rogeli Hernandez Garzon	Laborer	\$18.03	hr.
Lisa Mance	Secretary to Planning & ZBA	\$20.98	hr
Nicholas Butler	Water/Sewer Superintendent	\$75,732.80	yr
Shawne DeGroat	Water Treatment Operator	\$28.25	hr
Michael Miller	Water Treatment Operator	\$28.25	hr
Timothy P. Byron	Water Treatment Operator	\$29.84	hr.
Michael Dauner	Water Treatment Operator	\$29.59	hr
Andre Otayek	Water/Sewer Foreman	\$28.66	hr
William McNamara	Water Treatment Operator	\$28.25	hr.

Resolution was offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer
 Resolution seconded by: Councilman Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	ABSENT
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	AYE
Supervisor Danielle Freer	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER AS THE TOWN OF ESOPUS DELEGATE AND COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK AS ALTERNATE AT THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS BUSINESS MEETING IN NYC ON FEBRUARY 21, 2024. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

KEY DATE UPDATES

1.15 TOWN HALL CLOSED: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY
1.18 NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING
1.27 ESOPUS REPAIR CAFÉ HOSTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
(10AM-2PM AT ASCENSION CHURCH)

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK AT 7:25 PM. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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