

TOWN OF ESOPUS: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2025

The 2025 Organizational meeting was held in person at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, NY, on January 9, 2025, at 7 p.m.

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

Recording Administrator: Holly Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2025 LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

The Supervisor has made the following Liaison Appointments for 2025:

2025 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
Assessor's Department	Councilman Kathie Quick
Economic Development Committee	Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Building Department	Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Environmental Board	Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Parks and Recreation Commission	Councilman Laura Robinson
Tax Collector	Councilman Laura Robinson
Parks/Buildings & Grounds	Councilman Laura Robinson

RESOLUTION - 2025 APPOINTMENTS

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

Therefore, Be it Resolved,

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| 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 |
| Dawn LaMarca & Marianne Wells | are hereby appointed Clerks to Justices |
| Ernest Osterhoudt | are hereby appointed Court Security |
| Roger Boughton Jr. | Officers |
| Brian Hines | |
| Ed Chomicki | |
| Jill Shufeldt | is hereby appointed Dog Control Officer |

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Kevin Hindmann

is hereby appointed Assistant Dog
Control Officer

2025 Board Appointments

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	9/30/2029
James Melbert	9/30/2025

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD – 9 members, 2 year term

Name	Term Expires
Mark Ellison,	12/31/2026
VACANT (petit)	12/31/2026
VACANT (McVay)	12/31/2026
Noel Russ	12/31/2026
Christopher DeCicco	12/31/2025
Jenna Ice	12/31/2025
VACANT Brinkman	12/31/2025
Nina Nichols	12/31/2025
VACANT (Christine Baker res)	12/31/2025
Lisa Mance Secretary	12/31/2025
VACANT CHAIR	

PLANNING BOARD – 7 members, 7-year term | 2 Alternates 1 year term

Name	Term Expires
Roxanne Pecora, CHAIR	12/31/2028
*UC Planning Rep 4 yr term	12/31/2025
Cristina Hill	12/31/2029
David Mastny	12/31/2026
Stephan Bailer	12/31/2025
Ephie Trataros	12/31/2031
Sal Morrello	12/31/2030
Darin DeKoskie, VICE CHAIR	12/31/2027
Lisa Mance Secretary	12/31/2025
*Alt UC Planning Rep - VACANT	12/31/2028
PB ALT Greg McCord	12/31/2025
PB ALT Jared Keplinger	12/31/2025

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

Name	Term Expires
Doug DeKoskie, CHAIR	12/31/2026 as member / chair 12/31/2026
George Post	12/31/2028
Mike Mulligan	12/31/2026
Kevin Rentfrow	12/31/2028
VACANT (Tronolone)	12/31/2025
Lisa Mance Secretary	12/31/2025

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION – 7 Members, 7-year term

Name	Term Expires
VACANT (Durgin resigned)	12/31/2025
Hannah Palen, CHAIR	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	12/31/2031
VACANT SECRETARY	12/31/2025

WATERFRONT ADVISORY – 9 members, 3-year term |

Name	Term Expires
Margaret Phalen CHAIR	12/31/2026
Eli Schloss	12/31/2026
Carol Tomassetti	12/31/2025
Marion Zimmer	12/31/2025
Chet Allen	12/31/2027
Vincent Coq	12/31/2027
VACANT (Keyser)	12/31/2027
Lynn Corcoran Johnston	12/31/2025
Tim Triscari	12/31/2026
Lisa Mance, Secretary	12/31/2025

ZBA – 7 members, 5-year term

Name	Term Expires
Karl Wick CHAIR	12/31/2025
Gloria Van Vliet	12/31/2027
Katie Zahidi	12/31/2027
Jim Tomassetti	12/31/2025
Kathy Kiernan	12/31/2028
Michael Pittner	12/31/2026

Guy Brought	12/31/2029
Lisa Mance, Secretary	12/31/2025
Alternate (1) Frank Skerritt	12/31/2025
Vacant Alternate (2)	12/31/2025

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

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

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Be it resolved, Paul Kellar, Esq., is appointed as the 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 the 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, is 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, is hereby appointed by the Town Board to represent the Town of Esopus as PILOT counsel.

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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, is hereby appointed by the Town Board to represent the Town of Esopus as counsel for additional Municipal & Environmental needs and

Be it further Resolved that the law firm of 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 Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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, 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 **70 cents** per mile or as set forth periodically by the IRS.

Resolution offered by: Councilman Jared Geuss

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Evelyn Clarke

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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: Councilman Jared Geuss
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick**

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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 shall remain on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

**Resolution offered by: Councilman Jared Geuss
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick**

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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 a depository in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and 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: Councilman Jared Geuss
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Evelyn Clarke

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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 against the Town of Esopus for the tax years 2024-2026.

Resolution offered by: Councilman Jared Geuss
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

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

Resolution duly adopted.

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 when needed. All meetings shall be held at the Town Hall 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York.

WORKSHOP MEETING 7 PM (TH)** ** PLACEHOLDER IF A MEETING IS NEEDED	<i>TOWN BOARD MEETING 7 PM (TH)</i>
JAN 9 ORGANIZATIONAL MTG	JAN 23
**FEB 6	FEB 20
**MARCH 6	MAR 20
**APRIL 3	APRIL 17
**MAY 1	MAY 15
**JUNE 5	(6/19 HOLIDAY) JUNE 26*
No MEETING	JULY 17
**AUG 7	AUG 21
**SEPT 4	SEPT 18
**OCT 2	OCT 16
**NOV 6	NOV 20
**DEC 4	DEC 18

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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 (Dec 25 & 26,2025) |

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Jared Geuss

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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 adopted 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 Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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 initially 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 Evelyn Clarke

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

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO TOWN CLERK HOURS

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

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

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilman Laura Robinson	Absent
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 will all be compensated as outlined in the annual budget.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Evelyn Clarke

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

Resolution duly adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES

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

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

Resolution to Fix 2025 Salaries:

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

Be it Resolved, the salaries will be set in place for 2025, as budgeted, agreed upon and provided for in the resolution.

Evelyn Clarke	Town Councilman	\$7,541.32	yr.
Kathy Quick	Town Councilman	\$7,541.32	yr.
Jared Geuss	Town Councilman	\$7,541.32	yr.
Laura Robinson	Town Councilman	\$7,541.32	yr.
Kyle W. Barnett	Town Justice	\$34,291.92	yr.
Pierce Gallagher	Town Justice	\$34,064.16	yr.
Dawn LaMarca	Clerk to Justice	\$19.80	hr.
Marianne Wells	Clerk to Justice	\$23.23	hr.
Brian Hines	Court Security Officer	\$26.00	hr.
Ernest L. Osterhoudt	Court Security Officer	\$26.00	hr.
Roger Boughton Jr.	Court Security Officer	\$26.00	hr.
Edward Chomicki	Court Security Officer	\$26.00	hr.
Danielle Freer	Supervisor/Budget Officer	\$56,060.00	yr.
Lori Reynolds	Confidential Assistant	\$23,280.00	yr.
Debra J. Kain	Bookkeeper/sec	\$27.92	hr.
Shannon Harris	Assessor	\$47,831.00	yr.
Patty Smith	Assessment Field Worker	\$22.85	hr.
Bernice McNierney	Tax Collector	\$25,376.48	yr.
Patricia Gallo	Deputy Tax Collector	\$21.42	hr.
Holly A. Netter	Town Clerk	\$57,396.00	yr.
Erin McNierney	Deputy Town Clerk	\$23.03	hr.
Marie Lane	Deputy Town Clerk	\$19.27	hr.
Jill K. Shufeldt	Dog Control Officer	\$17.91	hr.
Kevin W. Hindman	Deputy Dog Control Officer	\$107.12	call
Salvatore Morello III	PT Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer	\$29.01	hr.
Jaffee, Mark	Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Insp.	\$79,4793.40	yr.
Hannah Palen	Municipal Code Officer	\$23.55	hr.
Michael Cafaldo	Highway Superintendent	\$54,600.00	yr.
Karen Mains	Sec. to Highway Supt.	\$23.32	hr.

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Robert Ackert	MEO	\$27.20	hr.
Frank Banks	HMEO	\$28.00	hr.
Max K Berry	Mechanic	\$27.79	hr.
Derrick G. Brown	Road Maintenance Leader	\$28.74	hr.
Jeffrey W. Brown	Working Supervisor	\$33.85	hr.
Mark Lane	MEO	\$27.20	hr.
Christopher D. Lortz	MEO	\$29.33	hr.
Brandon Martini	MEO	\$27.20	Hr.
Robert Peterson Jr	MEO	\$28.58	hr.
Andrew Sheehan	MEO	\$27.20	hr.
Marc Weinberger	Road Maintenance Leader	\$28.86	hr.
Daniel Vedder	Buildings & Grounds Main. Dir.	\$31.89	hr.
Edward Clark	Laborer	\$24.59	hr.
Rogeli Hernandez Garzon	Laborer	\$19.79	hr.
Karen Downing	Custodian	\$18.20	hr.
Lisa Mance	Secretary to Planning & ZBA	\$21.82	hr.
Nicholas Butler	Water/Sewer Superintendent	\$78,769.60	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/Sewer Foreman	\$29.59	hr.
Andre Otayek	Water Treatment Operator	\$28.66	hr.
William McNamara	Water Treatment Operator	\$28.25	hr.

Resolution offered by Supervisor Danielle Freer
Resolution seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick

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

Resolution duly adopted.

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ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER MOTIONED TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK AS THE TOWN OF ESOPUS DELEGATE AND SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER AS ALTERNATE AT THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS BUSINESS MEETING IN NYC ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025. COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

KEY DATE UPDATES

1.20 TOWN HALL CLOSED: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

1.23 NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING 7 PM

1.25 ESOPUS REPAIR CAFÉ HOSTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD,
Ascension Church 1585 Route 9W, West Park 10am- 2pm

ADJOURNMENT

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT 7:50 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. PM. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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