

**Town Board Workshop Meeting
February 2, 2023**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop meeting was held in person at the Esopus Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, NY. on Thursday February 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM with the following persons in attendance:

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

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

4 ways to give public comment:

In person at meeting

Phone – 845 331 0676

Email – lreynolds@esopus.com with subject line “Public Comment” and meeting date

Mail – Town of Esopus PO BOX 700 Port Ewen, NY 12466

This meeting was preceded by the Public Hearings on Local Laws 1-4 of 2023.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE WORKSHOP MEETING AT 7:02 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPROVAL OF LOCAL LAWS 1-4

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Councilman Kathie Quick offered the following resolution, which was seconded by **Councilman Jared Geuss**, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a local law was introduced to be known as **Local Law No. 1 of 2023**, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, “TAXATION”,

OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE I TO READ SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME AND REMOVING SECTION 109-1 AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL LAW INCREASING INCOME ELIGIBILITY OF SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION AND EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

WHEREAS, a public hearing in relation to said local law was held on February 2, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. prevailing time; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was given pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Esopus for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following local law is hereby enacted:

Section 1. Esopus Town Chapter 109 of the Esopus Town Code is amended by amending Article 1 to read Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income and by removing Section 109-1 and replacing it with the following new Section 109-1 which shall read as follows:

§109-1 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities, Tax Exemption; Amount; Exceptions.

- A. **Senior Citizens:** Real property situate within the bounds of the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York, owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife, or by siblings, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation for real estate taxes to be levied by the Town of Esopus by the percentage of exemption specified for the annual income ranges listed below. Such exemption shall be based upon the assessed valuation of the exempt real property and shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law have been subtracted from the total amount assessed. For the purposes of this Section, "sibling" shall mean a brother or sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption.
- B. **Persons with Disabilities.** In accordance with the authorization of subdivision 1 of § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, a partial exemption from real property taxation by the Town of Esopus is granted for property described in § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law in accordance with the annual income ranges listed below.

Annual Income Ranges	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation
\$41,600 or less	50%
More than \$41,600, but less than \$42,600	45%
\$42,600 or more, but less than \$43,600	40%
\$43,600 or more, but less than \$44,600	35%
\$44,600 or more, but less than \$45,500	30%
\$45,500 or more, but less than \$46,400	25%
\$46,400 or more, but less than \$47,300	20%
\$47,300 or more, but less than \$48,200	15%
\$48,200 or more, but less than \$49,100	10%
\$49,100 or more, but less than \$50,000	5%
\$50,100 or more	0%

Section 2. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the New York State Constitution, New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, and New York Real Property Tax Law § 467 to advance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with this state's Secretary of State.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall file a certified original of this local law in the office of the Town Clerk and one (1) certified copy in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of New York, such certified copy to have attached thereto a certificate that it contains the correct text of the enactment of this local law.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	AYE
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

DATED: Ulster Park, New York
February 2, 2023

HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Supervisor Danielle Freer offered the following resolution, which was seconded by **Councilman Jared Geuss**, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a local law was introduced to be known as **Local Law No. 2 of 2023**, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION", OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE VI TO AUTHORIZE A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR QUALIFYING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMT WORKERS IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS.

WHEREAS, a public hearing in relation to said local law was held on February 2, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. prevailing time; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was given pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Esopus for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following local law is hereby enacted:

Section 1. The purpose of this Article is to grant a partial exemption from taxation for qualifying volunteer firefighters and EMT workers in the Town of Esopus ("Town") as authorized by §466-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

Section 2. Exemption granted.

- A. Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse

residing in the Town shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of up to ten percent of the assessed value of such property for town, special district, or fire district, exclusive of special assessments.

- B. Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in such the Town unless:
 - 1. the applicant resides in the Town which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;
 - 2. the property is the primary residence of the applicant;
 - 3. the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and
 - 4. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service, as determined by the governing body of a Town; provided, however, that such governing body shall establish a minimum service requirement for each applicant of two years.
- C. Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within Town.
- D. Un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to continue an exemption or reinstate a pre-existing exemption claimed under this Article by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty; provided, however, that:
 - 1. such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary

- ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and
2. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and
 3. such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.
- E. Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers shall be entitled to continue an exemption or reinstate a pre-existing exemption to an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; provided, however, that:
1. such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and
 2. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and
 3. such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.
- F. Application for such exemption shall be filed with the assessor or other agency, department or office designated by the municipality, school district and/or fire district offering such exemption on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the commissioner.
- G. No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of this article on the effective date of this section shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this section.

Section 3. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the New York State Constitution, New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, and New York Real Property Tax Law §§ 466-a to advance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town.

Section 5. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with this state's Secretary of State.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall file a certified original of this local law in the office of the Town Clerk and one (1) certified copy in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of New York, such certified copy to have attached thereto a certificate that it contains the correct text of the enactment of this local law.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

DATED: Ulster Park, New York
February 2, 2023

HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON offered the following resolution, which was seconded by **COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK**, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a local law was introduced to be known as **Local Law No. 3 of 2023**, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION", OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY REMOVING SECTION 109-14 AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ALTERNATIVE VETERANS EXEMPTION.

WHEREAS, a public hearing in relation to said local law was held on February 2, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. prevailing time; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was given pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Esopus for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following local law is hereby enacted:

Section 1. Esopus Town Chapter 109 of the Esopus Town Code is amended by removing Section 109-14 and replacing it with the following new Section 109-14 which shall read as follows:

§ 109-14. Alternative Veterans Exemption

- A. The real property tax exemptions provided in NY Real Property Tax Law §458-a (entitled “Veterans, alternative exemption”) shall be available to those eligible veterans and other qualified owners in the Town subject to the requirements and limitations set forth in NY Real Property Tax Law § 458-a and in this Article.
- B. Maximum Allowable Exemptions
 1. Qualifying residential real property, as that term is defined in NY Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(1)(d), shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) or the product of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.
 2. In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph (A) & (B)(1) of this Section, where the veteran served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, or the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal, marine corps expeditionary medal, or global war on terrorism expeditionary medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or the product of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the class ratio, whichever is less.
 3. In addition to the exemptions provided by paragraphs (A), (B)(1) and (B)(2) of this Section, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States veteran's administration or from the United States department of defense because of a service

connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by fifty percent of the veteran's disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) or the product of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less. For purposes of this paragraph, where a person who served in the active military, naval or air service during a period of war died in service of a service connected disability, such person shall be deemed to have been assigned a compensation rating of one hundred percent.

Section 2. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the New York State Constitution, New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, and New York Real Property Tax Law § 458-a to advance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with this state's Secretary of State.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall file a certified original of this local law in the office of the Town Clerk and one (1) certified copy in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of New York, such certified copy to have attached thereto a certificate that it contains the correct text of the enactment of this local law.

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

DATED: Ulster Park, New York
February 2, 2023
HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS offered the following resolution which was seconded by **COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON** who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a local law was introduced to be known as **Local Law No. 4 of 2023**, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION", OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 109-17 ALLOWING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS WITH DISABILITY AND SECTION 109-18 LENGTH OF EXEMPTION.

WHEREAS, a public hearing in relation to said local law was held on February 2, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. prevailing time; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was given pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Esopus for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following local law is hereby enacted:

Section 1. Esopus Town Chapter 109-17 of the Esopus Town Code is amended to label the first paragraph as paragraph A and adding paragraphs B and C which shall read as follows:

§ 109-17. Exemption amount

- A. The maximum exemptions allowable from Town real property taxation pursuant to § 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law shall be 15% of the assessed value of said real property; provided however that said exemption shall not exceed \$45,000 or the product of \$45,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Esopus.
- B. In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection A of this section, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-related disability, qualifying residential real property

shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) or the product of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Esopus.

- C. If a Cold War veteran receives either a veterans' exemption authorized by NY Real Property Tax Law § 458 or an alternative veterans' exemption authorized by NY Real Property Tax Law § 458-a, the Cold War veteran shall not be eligible to receive an exemption under this article.

Section 2. Esopus Town Chapter 109-18 of the Esopus Town Code is replaced in its entirety with the following:

§109-18 Length of Exemption

In accordance with the provisions of NY Real Property Tax Law § 458-b, the exemptions provided in Section 109-17 (A) and (B) of this Article shall apply to qualified owners of qualified residential property for as long as they remain qualified owners.

Section 3. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this Local Law, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the New York State Constitution, New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, and New York Real Property Tax Law § 458-b to advance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town.

Section 5. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with this state's Secretary of State.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall file a certified original of this local law in the office of the Town Clerk and one (1) certified copy in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of New York, such certified copy to have attached thereto a certificate that it contains the correct text of the enactment of this local law.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

DATED: Ulster Park, New York
February 2, 2023

HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

Hardenburgh Rd. Subdivision Discussion

Attorney John Capello and Project Engineer Matt Towne attended tonight's meeting to give an overview of the Kamp/Hardenburgh Road project. This is a 42-acre parcel that has gone before the Planning Board seeking an eight-lot subdivision in the R 40 zoning district. They had hoped it would be a private road, but the Planning Board decided it should be a town road. A Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP) was required for stormwater management. A 1700 ft town road is being proposed as part of this project. The applicant went through the Planning Board, Planning Engineers, Highway Superintendent and Fire District and now they are hoping the Town Board will accept it.

This dedication is needed for them to build the road, file the maps and begin selling the property. To file the map, they have to post security. The Irrevocable Offer of dedication that is filed with the county tells everyone the road is offered to the town and it will eventually become a town road. Any construction of homes on the lots will know not to put a mortgage on it and keep the title clear. This will be a selling point because people will know the town will eventually maintain the road. A Surety Bond will be required to ensure the road is completed. Once it is constructed it will be deeded to the Town and a reserve of 10% will be kept to cover expenses for the first 1-2 years depending on the attorney's request.

This will be a MS4 community and a commitment to let all of the lot owners know there are storm water facilities there and they are responsible for keeping those storm water facilities in good shape. The document also says if they are not maintained properly, the town would have the right to go on the property to do the repairs to ensure the stormwater is handled appropriately. It also allows the town to place a lien on the property if repairs need to be done. The agreement is a blanket that covers easements that may be needed for the town to access the facility.

Lot size varies between 2 acres to 13.5 acres; average is 4 acres. Councilman Geuss complimented the project and said it was a nice design. Councilman Quick asked if there is a

builder building all the houses or will the lots be sold for individual construction. The developer is working with the architect to sell a certain type of home, but they are not ruling out selling individual lots.

COUNCILMAN GEUSS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO WORK WITH THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND ENGINEERS TO MOVE THE RESOLUTION FORWARD. SECONDED BY LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Further discussion occurred and the following formal resolution was made contingent upon the attorney and engineer approval.

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD
APPROVAL OF IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION AND
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COVENENT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has received and reviewed the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication and Stormwater Management Facilities and Maintenance Covenant documents pertaining to the Kamp/Hardenburgh eight lot, single family residential subdivision located at 171 Hardenburgh Road within the Town of Esopus.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus that:

1. The Town Supervisor may sign the "Irrevocable Offer of Dedication" and "Stormwater Management Facilities and Maintenance Covenant" documents for the Kamp/Hardenburgh residential subdivision upon final review by the Town Attorney and Engineer.
2. The Town Board approves and authorizes a surety bond in the amount of \$546,554.58 subject to attorney review of the bond language to secure said amount.
3. Upon the completion of the road, the Town will require the filing of a maintenance bond in the amount of 10 % of the original amount to secure the maintenance for one year.
4. The amount of the inspection fees is set at \$7,500 at the time of map signing and if necessary, replenish the amount if the inspection fees exceed that amount.

**MOTION BY: SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS**

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

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

RETIREMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF BOOKKEEPER DEBRA KAIN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DEBRA KAIN WHOSE RETIREMENT DATE IS FEBRUARY 3, 2023, FROM THE NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO REAPPOINT HER AS BOOKKEEPER EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 6, 2023. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS WHO WERE PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNUAL PARK RENTAL FEE DISCUSSION

The Town Clerk's office gathered data on neighboring municipalities' venue rentals. At this time, we are considerably underpriced and a recommendation was made to the Board to increase the rental fees. Cost of supplies, equipment and personnel have gone up. Supervisor Freer thanked the Clerk's office for their hard work pulling all the data together.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DAN VEDDER TO PURCHASE A NEW ELECTRIC STOVE FOR FREER PARK UP TO \$1,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO SET THE FOLLOWING NEW PRICES FOR THE 2023 PARK RENTAL SEASON.

PARK	CURRENT	NEW RESIDENT FEES	NEW NON-RESIDENT FEES
FREER	100/175	150	225
KITCHEN @ FREER	25	50	50
ROSS	100/175	125	200
CAS LANDI	40/50	40	50
**REIKER		75	125
ALCOHOL PERMITS	50	50	100
TRASH	75	100	100

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON LIGHTNING ROUND

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD TO USE THE COMMUNITY ROOM FOR THE EARTH DAY EVENT SUNDAY 4/23/23. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Sojourner Truth Life Walk February 18th 11 am – 5 pm. Pick up is at Dietz Stadium and walk kicks off from the Esopus Town Hall. Councilman Quick said the Klyne would like to get involved. In the past they provided water and snacks for the walkers. She also mentioned that the church that the Klyne Museum is housed in, was Sojourner Truth’s church.

May 6th will be the Riverkeeper clean up, stay tuned for more details.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER AT 8:16 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

*Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*