

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**April 6, 2015**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant  
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet  
Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Councilperson Diane L. McCord  
Councilperson Kyle Barnett**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk  
Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman**

**Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – INTERVIEW AMY CAHILL – WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING AMY CAHILL FOR A VACANCY ON THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD AND SECONDED BY DIANE MCCORD.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER.**

**HIGHWAY GARAGE GAS SPILL - MICHAEL B. CARR – AMERICAN PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT & CONSTRUCTION CO.**

Michael B. Carr from the American Petroleum Equipment & Construction Company attended the meeting to give an overview of the initial emergency spill response which occurred at the Highway Garage. The release of gas was caused by the failure of the unleaded line. The gas was released into the environment; there was dead grass to show evidence of the spill. Since we had a clay layer close to the surface it acted as a confining layer. It is suspected the harsh

winter had a bearing on steel piping carrying the gasoline. The spill was reported to DEC and Dave Traver, (DEC representative) estimates several hundred gallons of gasoline were lost. The source area was reviewed, DEC tested the wet lands and Robert Graves School. The spill had no impact on these locations. Mr. Carr reviewed the actions that were taken and reported the spill has been eliminated.

The American Petroleum Company removed 400 Cu Yards approximately 550 tons of impacted soil, installed 2 recovery wells, held many on site meetings with DEC, insurance company and Town staff. The Town Board will need to make a decision of where to transport the soil. There is a facility ESMI in Glensfalls that uses a process to Low Temperature Thermal Desorption (LTTD) which is a treatment technology which removes contaminants from soil through a heating process, but without combustion. Volatized contaminants are carried within the process air stream and destroyed by means of thermal oxidation. The soil is then able to be reused. Another option would be transporting it to the Albany Landfill where they can accept the soil for coverage. The disadvantage with the landfill however is, 25 years from now if the property needs to be cleaned up, they can come back to those who gave the soil and ask for additional funds so you always have a potential liability. The soil recycling process is more expensive but eliminates the Towns long term liability. Estimated cost of recycling \$50,000, landfill \$30,000. There are several other companies such as Deepgreen, Soil Safe, Clean Earth that offer the service and multiple estimates would need to be obtained before the decision can be made. The Town has been working in conjunction with American Petroleum in an attempt to save money. Decisions need to be made on how the Town would like to proceed with their fueling operations. The elimination of the gas tanks here at the Town level and the suggestion to migrate to gas cards like the county uses was discussed. Councilperson Freer will contact a representative to explain the program to the Town Board at the next workshop meeting.

### **SERVER QUOTE**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER TO AWARD THE STATE BID TO PURCHASE THE DELL SERVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,509.98 AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MAMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

### **SCENIC HUDSON – COMMUNITY CENTER**

Scenic Hudson has asked to use the community center to hold a neighborhood meeting to discuss a new invasive plant in our area that could be disastrous to property owners. The nTown Board granted the request. The meeting will be held April 23, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:40 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk**