

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**May 13, 2014**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday May 13, 2014 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 – Absent**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**

**Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.**

**Public Comment:** none

**Executive Session – Volunteer Board Interviews**

Merna Hilton  
Shari Aber  
Gilbert Ramos  
Melanie Marino  
Janice Peterson

**A motion was made at 7:35 pm to enter in to Executive Session to conduct interviews to fill vacancies of our Environmental, ZBA and Assessment Board of Review by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer. All were in favor.**

**A motion was made at 8:55pm to come out of Executive Session by Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant. All were in favor**

A resolution will be made at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to appoint Shari Aber to the Environmental Review Board, Gilbert Ramos to the Assessment Board of Review and Melanie Marino to the Zoning Board of Appeals .

**Resolution – Stipulation of Settlement - Dyno Nobel**

The resolution will be on the agenda May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Central Hudson – Sturgeon Pool Substation**

Central Hudson is putting another substation over on Coutant Drive in the Town of Rosendale directly across the Wallkill from our existing property. The station will put out as much as the existing station does now. Supervisor Coutant will answer that letter that was received stating the Town has no concerns or objections.

### **DEC – Hidden Harbor Yacht Club**

Hidden Harbor Yacht Club is excavating and putting their fill against our property at the northern end of Minturn Street. Supervisor Coutant has the official document stating we will receive this fill and the Town is ecstatic. The excavating is coming from inside of the cove and the fill will be great quality.

### **Resolution – Randolph Horner – Authorized Agent for Esopus Solar**

Resolution will be addressed at the Town Board meeting on May 15, 2014 to move the solar project at the transfer station forward.

### **Basketball Hoop- Connelly – Repair Estimate**

As a follow up to the last workshop meeting, Dan Vedder was able to get an estimate of \$250.00 to repair the Basketball Hoop in Reiker's Park in Connelly. It was cost prohibitive to try to replace the unit. Steve Cross will repair and get it back in working order.

### **Repair Estimate – Handrail for Sidewalk at end of Hamilton Court**

The highway department has the pieces that are needed to repair the railing for the walking path at the end of Hamilton Court. Steve Cross will be able to fix it for \$400 but that would not include the posts going into the ground. Steve said it would be a monumental project. Prior to the work being done, the Insurance Company will be asked to do a risk assessment of the walkway to determine whether it should be closed.

### **Corner Stone Telephone Company**

Supervisor Coutant received a letter from Corner Stone Telephone Company. They are offering a few new options and bundled services. The Town Board will look into the program to see if there is any cost saving opportunities. Yet will ere on the side of caution because bundles often end up costing more after the initial deal expires. Several Board Members questioned why we do not have caller Id; is it an option that is available that we are just not utilizing.

### **Property Condemnation - Robert Levreault – 113 E. Main St., Port Ewen & Robert Playford – 193 Union Center Road**

The notice of hearing for the above mentioned properties was posted to the Daily Freeman on April 29, 2014. A hearing will be held on May 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm to determine and approve the removal of unsafe structures. An amount of \$10,000 was in this year's budget for the removal of unsafe structures.

Since taxes are being paid on the property located at 113 E. Main Street the building Inspector will be instructed to communicate with Wells Fargo to address the unsafe structure.

A bill for \$2,000 has come in for payment from a removal done on Tulley Drive in 2013. Councilperson Wayne Freer and Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet asked why this money was not encumbered. Supervisor Coutant said he felt the gentleman that bid \$2,000 for removal intended to purchase the land at auction; keeping the bid low for removal would keep the purchasing price lower. It is suspected that since he did not win the sale he submitted the bill to recoup the sum of the expenses he encountered taking down the structure.

Councilperson Wayne Freer said there was a fire earlier today at 1614 Broadway, West Park which was posted as an unsafe structure.

#### **Executive Session – Employee Issue Highway Department**

**A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilperson Wayne Freer at 9:24 and seconded by Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet. All were in Favor.**

**A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Councilperson Wayne Freer at 9:28 and seconded by Councilperson Diane McCord. All were in Favor.**

#### **Miscellaneous:**

##### **Birchez**

A fire call came in over the weekend from the Birchez. Peter Koelli Fire Chief has a legitimate concern regarding Birchez. A letter was received stating the monitoring of the Fire system was going to be shut off due to non payment. Peter was concerned that if this happened and an emergency occurred, how would the fire department be notified during the time frame in which the system was turned off and the new company began. This is the second company Birchez has not paid.

Councilperson Freer said the Town Board had previously talked about getting a pager for Timothy Keefe, Building Inspector so when there is an emergency in Esopus he can be reached. Unfortunately, where he resides the cell service is limited. Councilperson Kyle Barnett will research and follow up with the options that are available in that area. Supervisor Coutant had the employee list updated with current phone information and a copy will be provided to each of the Town Board members.

#### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM was made by Supervisor John Coutant and seconded by Councilperson Diane McCord. All Town Board members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk**