

**Town Board Workshop Meeting  
May 5, 2022**

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 May 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM with the following persons in attendance;

**Supervisor Danielle Freer  
Councilman Kathie Quick  
Councilman Jared Geuss  
Councilman Evelyn Clarke  
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](mailto:lreynolds@esopus.com) with subject line “Public Comment” and meeting date

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

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PORT EWEN FIRE DEPARTMENT (PEFD) REQUEST TO WAIVE PLANNING BOARD FEE**

The PEFD closed on the property. They will be taking down the house on the corner of the property and are going before the Planning Board.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO WAIVE THE \$300 PLANNING BOARD FEE FOR THE NEW FIRE HOUSE PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **ARPA UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

### ***Councilman Geuss***

#### ***Water/ Sewer***

A meeting was held with Water Superintendent Nick Butler, Supervisor Freer and Councilman Geuss to prioritize items needed for the Water Plant.

Nick talked to the Planning Board about usage and capacity. The Town plans on a capacity check/stress test once the infrastructure is in place.

The possibility of a new control panel for the water plant of \$100,000 fits in the budget.

There is an infrastructure grant for the water mains. Councilman Geuss said it would be great to get more pipe in the ground this year.

The Water Tank project – grant money is available. The Town owns the property and easements at this time.

#### ***Transfer Station***

Concrete for compactors is needed Lenny is getting estimates

#### ***Planning Board***

Planning Board is requesting special computers to allow members to download the blueprints, estimate \$14,000 (10 -surface pros. Not sure if software is included in pricing)

#### ***Councilman - Kathy Quick***

Digital LED sign for Town Events

#### ***Councilman Laura Robinson***

#### ***Freer Park Beach***

Laura Petite working on Greenway Grant match 13K with ARPA funding questioned if there was matching money in the budget; she did not see it.

Interpretive signs, bulkhead, path shrubs, flowing trees

Supervisor Freer said Lori Reynolds and Debbie Kane were working on the portal for funding.

#### ***Ross Park***

Basketball hoops, blacktop for tennis court/pickleball

Looking into sport surface vs black top

Extend height of fence near basketball so ball does not go into road.

Councilman Robinson felt every park should have brand new basketball hoops; not repurposed.

Movie Screen already ordered.

Councilman Evelyn Clarke said there should be a celebration to let people know how we are spending the money.

### **Mike Cafaldo Highway Update**

Purchasing new Roller out of chips money

Work starting on Hudson Lane Monday; road is sliding down the bank trying to move it

Sleightsburgh – fixing sink holes repair stormwater line. Needs to rent a machine and purchase rock \$5,600.

Paving - \$85 a ton Burroughs Drive, Hardenburgh Rd, Floyd Ackert, Swartekill, Esopus Ave., Union Center, Poptown Rd.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR WORK HISTORY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. MIKE CAFALDO WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION.**

**COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:01 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Town Board gave Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo full support to make necessary staffing changes given the current workload.

### **SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.**

### **UPDATE /DISCUSSION PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 1 ACCESSORY MARINA CAMPGROUNDS – DAVID GILMORE, LABERGE**

David Gilmore is changing the draft verbiage to allow a sliding scale to determine how many sites would be allowed. This conforms and is consistent with what is being done with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP). Lead agency, timelines and SEQRA were discussed as well as a timeline for reintroductions and public hearing. David will aim to have a new draft in

the Board's hands by 5/12/22, it will be reintroduced 5/19. The key focus of this law is to clean up and regulate the area.

**LIAISON LIGHTNING ROUND**

**Supervisor Freer**

Howie Slotnick, EDC Chair, wants overlay on the town calendar to advertise events. A discussion took place of whether to use the existing Food Truck page and change it to Esopus Happenings, Esopus Events because there is an established following or should we start fresh. Supervisor Freer will reach out to Trish Lewis to discuss how we move forward.

**Councilman Kathie Quick**  
***Zoning Board of Appeals***

Port Ewen Corp.; 15 North Broadway Use Variance, Jesse Hicks is requesting to use existing buildings and site for operation of an office and parking of vehicles on a site located in the W Zone of the Town of Esopus.

No new structures were being proposed and the existing structures had been on the location since 1966. Ten pieces of equipment and vehicles were proposed to be on site. A public hearing will be scheduled on May 17, 2022.

***Waterfront Advisory Board***

We now have a full WAB Board with the appointments of three people. Chairman Phelan will meet with the three new people personally. There is a new planner, Dave Gilmour replacing Matt Rogers of LaBerge Group. The May 25th meeting is rescheduled for June 1.

Tim Triscari inquired if anything can be done about the missing lettering at the Sleightsburgh Spit launch.

***Assessor's Office***

The Tentative Assessment roll is not on the County website and Esopus.com

The Tentative Assessment roll is not in large binders in Holly's office and Shannon's office. Of over 4,000 parcels, over 600 were reviewed for changes.

The Assessor is making herself available Saturday, May 7 from 10 AM to 12 Noon, and several evenings next week. The assessor will be available by appointment before Grievance Day, (Tuesday May 24) Anyone who wants to Grieve their assessment, may call and make an appointment.

**Councilman Evelyn Clarke**

Environmental Board

Nina Nichols is working on getting an EV grant for the town from Central Hudson.

Successful Earth Day event.

River sweep event on May 21 at Reiker, Freer, Lighthouse parks.  
Climate Smart Action - steps being completed to move Esopus toward NYSERDA Bronze certification.

Building Inspector

EV vehicle and EV charging station request.

Continuing to follow-up on violations

EDC- Economic Development Committee

Discussed the need for a better means to advertise and coordinate Town events. Suggestions: Purchase of LED sign (Estimated cost \$15,000), events calendar updates on the Town's calendar.

EDC will take over watering plants in the planters.

Continuing kiosk upkeep and adding a laminated map of the town on the back of the kiosks.

Continuing to get downtown businesses email addresses for EDC newsletter.

Car show at Headless Horseman on May 21st. Strawberry festival at Klyne Esopus.

### **KAYAK SHED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE KAYAK SHED IN THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED AROUND \$2,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS AT 9:33 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Respectively Submitted,  
Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, R.MC*