

**Town Board Workshop Meeting**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 May 4, 2023, 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 and leave a voicemail

Email – [ireynolds@esopus.com](mailto:ireynolds@esopus.com) with subject line “Public Comment” and meeting date

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

**SUPERVISOR FREER OPENED THE WORKSHOP MEETING AT 7 PM AND PROCEEDED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.**

**SUPERVISOR FREER OPENED THE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 7:02 PM.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**George Post Ulster Park.** Asked the Board to consider the impact of expanding the Sewer to accommodate Lake Shore Villas, which is outside the district when there are two proposed projects, Lighthouse Village and Streamside, already in the district boundaries. He wants to make sure that the system has the capacity to handle it.

Supervisor Freer said Lake Shore was unable to make it to this workshop but hoped they would be here in June so they can explain what they are looking for.

**Stephen Cerini, Mountainview.** Making his annual appeal to see more flowers around town. He distributed seed packets to the Board members as well as people in the audience.

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

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATES WITH HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, MIKE CAFALDO**

Superintendent Cafaldo said he started the drainage last year; 1400 ft. of pipe on Horton Lane, they have a little more to finish up. Next steps, they will be moving down to the Millbrook cleaning the swale and then they will work their way up to Lindorf St.; they have easements for the area on Harry Van Vliet's property. They will check the flow of the culvert pipes north going up from Van Vliet's property on Lindorf St. Work will continue on off road drainage.

**Paving Update**

Horton Lane will be paved between Bayard St and Prospect St.

Prospect St will be paved between Horton Ln and Gurney St.

Main Street St Remy entire road will be paved from Rt 213 to Rt 213

Contractors will be used for St Remy and Horton

Supervisor Freer gave an update on the paving associated with the work Central Hudson did last year. They will be repaving what was previously dug up. The State will pave Broadway in June after school is out for the summer. A different contractor will handle the paving for the repairs on Green St. and Doris St. That work is scheduled to begin within the next 2 weeks. Updates will be posted on the Town website.

Paul Rubeo asked about a small pipe near his property. There are areas that are clogged because the drain lays lower and is underground causing the soil to backwash and clog the pipes. Mr. Rubeo said if they found out who owned the Millbrook he would go in himself with waders to clean it out.

Supervisor Freer said the Highway Superintendent has an open door and encouraged people to stop in to talk with him directly.

Paul Rubeo said stormwater is going to come down no matter what they say or try to say will hold it back.

Stephanie Lettieri agreed with Mr. Rubeo.

Mike Cafaldo requested money for a chip body – he has the money in his budget.

**SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW MIKE CAFALDO TO PURCHASE A CHIPPER/FORESTER BODY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,898.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.**

Dennis Suraci asked Mike Cafaldo about the curb cuts for the proposed Light House Village. Mike replied he didn't like the one by Lindorf St. and he sent a letter; feels the one on Broadway is enough and the other should be emergency access only.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:32 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS AND TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GEUSS AT 9:05 PM. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION:**

SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER MADE A MOTION TO ASSIGN THE FOLLOWING JOB TITLES AND DUTIES TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES: SALARIES REMAIN THE SAME.

- MARK JAFFEE - DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
- LISA MANCE- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- HANNAH PALEN – MUNICIPAL ZONING OFFICER

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING:

NAME	BOARD	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
CHRIS BAKER	ENVIRONMENTAL	IMMEDIATELY	12/31/2023
CHRIS MARTA	PLANNING	5/18/2023	12/31/2029
MICHAEL PITTNER	Z B A	IMMEDIATELY	12/31/2026

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**LIAISON LIGHTNING ROUND**

**SUPERVISOR FREER:**

Justice Court received 18,000 JCAP Grant this year to redesign the Court Suit for better safety. The work has been completed and it looks great.

**COUNCILMAN GEUSS**

**WATER** Esopus has won the Ulster County Recovery and Resilience Municipal Sewer Water Grant (UCRRMSWG) in the amount of \$38,0000 for the control panel for the Water plant.

**PLANNING BOARD** - 2 Public Hearings on 5/15/2023

\* Streamside Farms on Mountainview Ave at 7:35 pm

\* Mainetti subdivision on Alda Drive at 7:45 PM plus their regular agenda.

**COUNCILMAN QUICK**

**ZBA Zoning Board of Appeals** -The ZBA discussed working on the definition of what is the "character of a neighborhood" at their meeting on 4/18. This discussion will continue at the meeting on May 16th. They also plan to discuss the correct height measurements for the proposed buildings.

**WAB Waterfront Advisory Board**

The Waterfront Advisory Board continues to work on the update of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan which was originally written in 1987. This work will continue at their meeting on May 24th.

**ASSESSOR'S OFFICE** -The 2023 tentative assessment roll is available online and in the Town Clerk's Office and online at the Town Website. The Assessor will be available on May 8 and May 9 between the hours of 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. She will also be available on Saturday May 13 from 10 AM to 12 Noon. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 23rd from 3-5 PM and from 6-8 PM. Call 845-331-5546 to make an appointment.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS SENIORS** -The Town of Esopus Seniors had a meeting on Monday, May 1. The group went on a bus trip to the Riverview Inn in Matamoras, PA for a luncheon, entertainment, and dancing. Fun was had by all.

There will be a meeting on May 15 and a representative from MHVFCU will be speaking on how to prevent scams. There also will be a trip on June 28 to Lake George for a Luncheon Cruise with the Lake George Steamboat Company.

**COUNCILMAN CLARKE:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RIVER** Sweep 5/6, Repair Café 5/27 at the Ascension Church press release climate core youth 16 or over to work with Ulster County this summer.

Charging station reimbursement program requires documents to be submitted. Councilman Clarke and Supervisor Freer will discuss this next week for next steps.

**COUNCILMAN ROBINSON:**

Pickleball and Tennis Courts being paved next week. The Recreation Committee will meet 5/10 to discuss the Movie nights for the summer. The events will be held on Saturday Nights with food trucks; it will be a great family night.

May 13<sup>th</sup> planters will be put together, all are welcome to help plant flowers.

**UPCOMING KEY DATES – MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**5.6 RIVERKEEPER SWEEP WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATERFRONT BOARDS**

**5.18 NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**5.27 ESOPUS REPAIR CAFÉ HOSTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

**5.29 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICAN LEGION 1298**

**KEY UPCOMING DATES – CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS AT 9:07 PM. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

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