

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

September 8, 2015

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday September 8, 2015 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

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

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Kyle Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Before the public comment Supervisor Barnett made the Board members aware Debbie Kain, Bookkeeper and Brian Pickard, CPA will be attending the workshop meeting September 15, 2015 to discuss the 2016 budget. Meeting will be scheduled for the larger departments such as Highway, Buildings/Grounds and Water/Sewer. Departments with little or no changes in their budget from 2015 will not need to meet. However, they may request to be scheduled if they desire.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Mauceri, Kingston native. introduced himself, gave a short bio and announced he was a GOP candidate for Congressman.

Fred Zimmer, Minturn Street resident, asked the status of the concern he expressed regarding the overgrown vegetation across the street from him property. Supervisor Barnett said if Fred finds a landscaper who is will to do the job, the company can provide a copy of his insurance policy listing the Town as the additional insured. At that time the Town might be agreeable to grant permission to go onto the property to clear it. Fred Zimmer said the Town used to clear the property, but for the past 10 years they have not. Fred said he feels it is the Town's responsibility to maintain the property. Supervisor Barnett said there is no statutory requirement that mandates we clear the unused portion of the property. The current law was reviewed and it applies to vacant unoccupied or abandoned property with a building located on the parcel. The Board Members agreed to visit the site and it will be placed on the agenda for the workshop meeting to be held on September 15, 2015. Fred Zimmer said he would buy the property, the Board said that may be an option.

Highway Department – Trucks

Highway Superintendent Michael Cafaldo provided a vehicle inventory list to Supervisor Barnett which also showed the dollar amount of the repairs that have been spent on the trucks.

Highway is looking at leasing 2 - 2016 Freightliners from Daimler for the amount of \$299,154.00. If they are ordered now they will not be here until May. Leasing is more beneficial keeping the payment low if something goes wrong with the truck at the end of the lease they do not have to keep them. The trucks will be ordered. The pricing is piggybacked off of the state bid, therefore we do not have to go out to bid for the purchase. The Board was in agreement to have Mike place the order for the trucks immediately.

Councilperson Wayne Freer asked Mike about Burley Road. The owners are going to give 900' of road to make another turn around so the buses are able to utilize it in the winter.

PRESENTATION CHURCH – PARKING LOT UPDATE

Supervisor Barnett reported the Town of Esopus has done everything we can do with regard to purchasing the parking lot from the Presentation Church. We are waiting on the contract from the Archdiocese which requires the Cardinals signature. He then will authorize the pastor to sign the contract. Attorney Michael Bruhn will begin the process to make an application to the Supreme Court for authorization to sell the property to a municipality. All of the necessary paperwork has been completed at the Planning Board level.

MARTIN SWEEDISH ROAD UPDATE

Abram Lewis – Rosenblum applied for a subdivision of 2 lots on Martin Sweedish Road. The applicants paid a \$4,000 recreation fee in 2014. The one parcel includes land they are turning over to the Town and they are asking to have the Town waive a second recreation fee to deed the property over to the Town. All Board Members were in agreement to waive the second recreation fee. A deed to the road will have to be given to the Town for the road.

LAWN MAINTENANCE – 552 Lake View Terrace and 182 Horton Lane

An Order to Remedy was issued to Rochelle Parsons for the property located at 182 Horton Lane, Port Ewen. Michael Doering also received an Order to Remedy for his property located on 552 Lake View Terrace. The question was asked if the properties were vacant and were issued due to a complaint. They will be cut and the cost will be relieved on the 2016 taxes.

Electrical Inspectors

- a. **The Inspector, LLC**
- b. **North East Electrical Inspections LLC**

Tim Keefe, Building Inspector, has made the recommendation to add the above mentioned company's to the list approved inspectors.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR KYLE BARNETT TO ADD THE INSPECTOR, LLC AND NORTH EAST ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS LLC TO THE LIST OF APPROVED INSPECTORS FOR THE TOWN OF ESOPUS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD CHAIRMAN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows,

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Environmental Board has the position of Chairman vacant and the Town of Esopus Town Board recommends the appointment of Mark Ellison as Chairman of the Environmental Board to a term that will expire on December 31, 2015,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints Mark Ellison to fill the vacancy as Chairman of the Environmental Board which will expire on December 31, 2015.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Wayne Freer

Supervisor Kyle Barnett AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord AYE

TOWN OF ESOPUS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN

HUDSON VALLEY AUDIO VISUAL CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus has approved the installation of a sound system by Hudson Valley Audio Visual in the amount of \$17,210.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor, Kyle W. Barnett to execute the Agreement list above on behalf of the Town of Esopus.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Kyle Barnett
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Wayne Freer

Supervisor Kyle Barnett AYE
Councilperson Wayne Freer AYE
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord AYE

BUSINESS CREDIT CARDS – THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY

The Town will apply for a business credit card. The Board will need to choose 2 authorized signers. All Board Members were in favor.

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

Supervisor Kyle Barnett has reviewed the health insurance plan, employee handbook and collective bargaining agreement. A letter has been drafted to retirees who retired after December 31, 2007 regarding their health insurance premium and the percentage of contribution that needs to be paid. Various options were discussed and a decision was made to start charging the retirees the appropriate percentage for contribution toward their health insurance based on the sliding scale under section D-1 of the collective bargaining agreement beginning January 2016. All members of the Board were in favor of enforcing the contract regarding the collecting contributions toward the premium for those to whom the contract applies and who have retired after 2008.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (RANDOLPH HORNER)

Randolph Horner has provided an updated contract for his services as Solar Project Manager which is identical to the previous contract only it recognizes the new vendor as Standard Solar opposed to Sun Edison.

LETTER OF INTENT – STANDARD SOLAR

SunEdison is looking for their early termination fee which is agreeable, providing the new vendor Standard Solar gives the money to pay it. Supervisor Barnett has been communicating with Randolph Horner regarding transferring the NYSERTDA grant to Standard Solar. The proposal will be a significant savings over the old contract. Supervisor Barnett would like to get Standard Solar up and running and move this project forward. A copy of the letter of intent was given to the Board Members for review. Supervisor Barnett has scheduled a conference call with the CEO of Standard Solar as well as Randolph Horner to introduce themselves and find out what the time line looks like. Supervisor Barnett asked if any Board Members had questions comments or concerns to contact him and not wait for the next workshop meeting.

TEXT AMENDMENT – SEQR DOCUMENTATION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD TO DECLARE NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUENT TO SEQR FOR THE TEXT AMENDMENT – FARM BREWERIES, DISTILLERIES AND WINERIES MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AT 9:00 PM AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR KYLE BARNETT MADE A MOTION TO EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSSION AT 9:30 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

MISCELANOUS

The Port Ewen Fire Department will hold their annual 911 memorial on Friday September 11th at 7pm at the Port Ewen Fire Department.

Sean McCabe resident of Hasbrouck Lane reported a utility pole had been hit numerous times over the winter during the plowing season. Bruce Woinoski looked at the damage and a work order was placed with Central Hudson. Councilperson Van Vliet will follow up with Mr. McCabe.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:40 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**