

**TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

**October 6, 2022**

A Town Board 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, in the Town Hall 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York at 4:30 PM. The following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Danielle Freer**  
**Councilperson Evelyn Clarke**  
**Councilperson Kathie Quick**  
**Councilperson Laura Robinson - absent**  
**Councilperson Jared Geuss - absent**

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

**Brian Pickard, CPA**  
**Debbie Kain, Bookkeeper**

**Supervisor Freer called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.**

The nature of this meeting was to review the changes in the budget; No public comment period was held.

Preliminary 2023 Budget requests were reviewed at meeting 1 held on September 8, 2022. Further review of the requests was made line by line September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Pickard, CPA and Bookkeeper Debra Kain reviewed the revised tentative budget amended from our last meeting. The two percent increase goes to Highway. The Town is in a good spot and financially strong. After further discussion the following resolutions were made.

**RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ALLOCATION – TOWN OF ESOPUS**

**Supervisor Danielle Freer** offered the following resolution which was seconded by **Councilman Kathie Quick**, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus is a recipient of funds under the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program authorizes the Town of Esopus to use funds received under the SLFRF program to providing government services up to the amount of revenue loss incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the SLFRF program authorizes a standard allowance of up to \$10 million in the aggregate, not to exceed the Town of Esopus’s award amount, as the measurement of the Town’s amount of revenue loss incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus is authorized under the SLFRF program to use funds up to the amount of such standard allowance, not to exceed the Town of Esopus’s award amount, for government services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has been notified and is in receipt of SLFRF funding in the amount of \$891,616.81; and

WHEREAS, eligible government services include any service traditionally provided by a government, including provision of general government administration, staff, and administrative facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board finds and determines that the following expenditures are important services that are traditionally provided by town government; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board finds and determines that the following expenditures will assist the Town of Esopus in providing an important government service in being able to improve the Town’s roads and infrastructure, including for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board finds and determines that the use of funds awarded to the Town of Esopus under the SLFRF program for the following expenditures is an appropriate use of funds under the SLFRF program; now, therefore,

It is hereby RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds received under the SLFRF program in the amount of \$49,739.30 for the Town of Esopus Water and Sewer Department for the following:

- Bobcat MT100 Mini Track Loader for the purpose of digging in the amount of \$36,533.30
- Trailer King 20ft Trailer to transport aforementioned Bobcat in the amount of 13, 206.00

Be if further Resolved the Town Board Authorizes Payment \$24,000 for Buildings and Grounds to pave Ross Park.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

<b>Supervisor Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Geuss</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilperson Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Clarke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Robinson</b>	<b>Absent</b>

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HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK, RMC

**TOWN OF ESOPUS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCKS**

Whereas, the Town of Esopus Highway Department requires new dump trucks for the purpose of maintaining the public roads of the Town of Esopus; and

Whereas, the Town of Esopus Highway Superintendent after due inquiry, has identified the following trucks:

- 2024 Western Star 47X 6X4 Dump (10 WHEELER) for \$33,935.86 (annual payment)
- 2024 Western Star 47X 4X2 Dump \$32,292.79 (annual payment)
- 2024 Western Star 47X 4X2 Dump with wing \$37,554.42 (annual payment)

as the appropriate equipment needed for said purpose; and

Whereas, said equipment is available for procurement from a NY State approved bid list under a 7 Year Lease Purchase Agreement with Daimler Financial.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it:

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus hereby authorizes the Town of Esopus Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor to execute said Lease Purchase Agreement and to sign such other documents as may be necessary to acquire said Highway Vehicles.

**Resolution Offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer**

**Seconded by: Councilman Kathie Quick**

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

<b>Supervisor Freer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Geuss</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Quick</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Clarke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilperson Robinson</b>	<b>Absent</b>

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Town Hall Access Road – potential expense in 2023 or 2024

Supervisor Freer has been made aware of the request of the Town by the Port Ewen Fire Department to pay for an access road to Bowne Street. This was brought up in this meeting because it may have an affect on the 2023 budget. There had been a small group comprised of Planning Board members, their attorney and PEFD personnel who met to discuss the matter. The PEFD plans require two exits, including an emergency exit. The plans that have been submitted include an emergency exit into the Heavenly Valley area, as was approved by the County Planning Board years back. However, PEFD is saying the Heavenly Valley developer has no interest in paying for and allowing the road. One of Supervisor Freer's concerns is that the whole Town should not be responsible to pay for a road that serves a small fire district. The Board is in agreement and believes we don't want or need this road for our purposes. If the road must go Bowne Street way, PEFD should be responsible for the cost. There was also a question of whether it would be a permanent open road or a road with gate, only to be used in the case of emergency. The question is what constitutes an emergency? These conversations are ongoing and require additional feedback from PEFD, Heavenly Valley, the Planning Board and their attorney, and the Building Department.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO ACCEPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 BUDGET AT 6:45 PM ON OCTOBER 20, 2022, PRIOR TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN BOARD MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUCNILMAN COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE AT 5:41 PM. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC*