

**Town Board Workshop Meeting
October 6, 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 October 6, 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 - absent**

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 with subject line “Public Comment” and meeting date

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

SUPERVISOR FREER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM FOLLOWING THE BUDGET WORKSHOP.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ESOPUS JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR THE 2022-2023 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) GRANT

Supervisor Freer offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman **Jared Geuss**, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the current configuration and design of the Town of Esopus Justice Court (“Court”) chambers and Court Clerks’ Office fails to adequately ensure the safety of the Court Clerks, Town Judges, and members of the public with business before the Court and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town of Esopus to modify the Court’s chambers and Court Clerks’ office to enhance the security of the Court Clerks, Town Judges, and members of the public with business before the Court and,

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WHEREAS, the Court has requested authorization to apply for funding toward this purpose, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus authorizes the Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-23 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

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

The Board was polled

Supervisor Freer	AYE
Councilperson Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Quick	AYE
Councilperson Clarke	AYE
Councilperson Robinson	Absent

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HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK

RE-ADOPTION FITZBUGH RESOLUTION 9/22/2022 - CLARIFICATION OF SBL & METES & BOUNDS

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION TO CONVEY TOWN PROPERTY

Supervisor Freer offered the following resolution which was **seconded by Councilman Jared Geuss**, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS; the Town Board has received request dated **July 6, 2022** by Nick Fitzhugh to convey a portion of the Town’s property adjacent to his property, located at Parsell Street, SBL 56.44-2-13.400; and

WHEREAS; upon investigation, the Town Board determined its ownership of the property was transferred to the Town of Esopus by Scenic Hudson on **July 15, 1996**; and

WHEREAS; such Mr. Fitzhugh would like to apply for a lot line adjustment along the northly boundary line of his property to accommodate a 12’2” deck; and

WHEREAS; Mr. Fitzhugh has provided the following description of lands prepared by Holtz Surveying, dated June 21, 2022, (“survey”):

Parsell Street
Town of Esopus, New York

All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, and the State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Easterly line of Parsell Street, said point being in the Southerly lines of lands now or formerly Town of Esopus (Liber 2615, cp 214), said point also being an iron rod found at the Northwesterly corner of lands now or formerly Fitzhugh (Liber 6979, cp 277); thence through said lands now or formerly Town of Esopus North 78°23'16" East 112 feet (111.77') more or less to a point in the high water mark of the Hudson River; thence along the said high water mark of the Hudson River in a Southerly direction 47 feet more or less to a point, said last course having a tie course of South 05°36'07" West 46.93 feet; thence along the Northerly line of said lands now or formerly Fitzhugh North 77°00'22" West 108 feet (107.66') more or less to the point or place of beginning. Containing 0.06 of an Acre of land, more or less.

Subject to the existing easements and rights-of-way of record, if any.

A survey of the above-described parcel was completed by Holtz Surveying, Reference No. 22-0508

WHEREAS; the property to be conveyed to accommodate the deck is deemed unusable by the Town and has been unused for a significant period of time; and

WHEREAS; Mr. Fitzhugh have made offer of \$250.00 payment to the Town of Esopus in return for conveyance of sufficient portion of the parcel to accommodate the deck as shown on the survey; and

Whereas, pursuant to Town Law (TWN) § 64, General Powers of Town Boards, a Town Board may, upon the adoption of a resolution, convey or lease real property in the name of the town, which resolution shall be subject to permissive referendum; and

THEREFORE; be it resolved; the Town Board accepts such offer of payment of \$250 for a portion of its property to accommodate the deck and agrees to a lot line adjustment to convey said property to Mr. Fitzhugh, subject to permissive referendum; and

FURTHER; directs the Town of Esopus Town Clerk to advertise the conveyance of property for permissive referendum opportunity in the official Town newspaper;

FURTHER; Mr. Fitzhugh shall provide to the Town of Esopus Town Clerk a survey and description of portion of the property to be conveyed by a lot line adjustment and shall be required to bear any and all costs for the advertisement of permissive referendum, survey, transfer, filing of such real property conveyance, and any other transfer of property fees, including any Attorney for the Town fees; and

FURTHER; Such land is conveyed with the understanding Mr. Fitzhugh shall join said property with their adjacent owned land located at Parsell Street, SBL 56.44-2-13.400 by Lot Line Adjustment Application before the Town of Esopus Planning Board.

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

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	AYE
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE

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LIAISON LIGHTNING ROUND

Building Department - There is a parking issue on Minturn Street and vehicles are blocking the road. Sheriffs can issue tickets. Supervisor Freer said she and the Building Department were working through it. An update in the code may be needed. There are streets in town that have no parking zones; other streets also have similar issues.

ZBA and Waterfront meetings were cancelled in September.

Waterfront Advisory Board – LWRP funds have been exhausted and there is a Harbor Management Plan that needs to be completed; approximately \$15,000. Supervisor Freer said she is committed to completing that project and funding options will be explored. LWRP Open House will be held some time in November.

Esopus Seniors have a bus trip Tuesday to a mock Hillbilly Wedding in Pennsylvania. The meet the candidates event with the seniors went well and ran longer than expected.

Councilman Geuss reached out to Paul Paige, Burg property project to check in. They are still interested in developing the property and are gathering the necessary paperwork. They may be back on the agenda in November. Planning Board members are meeting at the development to walk the property.

Water Department to hire for new position – job description posted on INDEED and it will be posted on our website: water treatment operator or trainee.

UCRRA Composting Pilot Program Discussion

There was a request for municipalities to participate in a composting PILOT program with UCRRA. After a few conversations with the agency and key players internally, Supervisor Freer feels this program presents some challenges for the town currently. Lenny, at the Transfer Station, had conducted a survey along with the RA and it was determined that composting was not an activity the residents with transfer station permits would be interested in at this time. If we were to put a composting station at Town Hall or in a park, it would need to be staffed and the town would then need to pay for the tipping fee at the RA. This is creating more work and fees for the town. If there was more interest or chatter from the community around this, then we could explore a fee structure but since that is not the case, it's not recommended we move forward with this at this time. The RA is looking for a letter of support – it was a unanimous decision of the Board not to issue a letter of support because it is not cost effective for the town.

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Cas Landi Soccer request to sell advertising banners on the fence. Not in favor but temporary tent signs to be placed and removed game day may be an option.

Environmental Board asked Councilman Clarke to express they are not in favor of cutting more trees at Freer Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER AT 7:55 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

*Respectively Submitted,
Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*