

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
October 03, 2024, 7:00 PM**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on October 03, 2024, in person at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park. Meeting. The following persons in attendance:

**Councilman Laura Robinson
Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Jared Guess
Supervisor Danielle Freer**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

4 WAYS TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1.) **In-Person – Attend the Workshop**
- 2.) Phone in: Leave a voicemail on 845 331 0676 prior to the meeting
- 3.) **EMAIL – lreynolds@esopus.com with the subject line “Public Comment”**
- 4.) **MAIL – mail written comments to:
*Town of Esopus, P.O. Box 700
Port Ewen, NY 12466***

Supervisor Danielle Freer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Comment- None

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

LIAISON LIGHTNING ROUND

Supervisor Freer:

CHPE- The CHPE project is finished in our area; the cable has been jet-plowed. Water Superintendent Nick Butler and his team monitored the water and there have been no abnormalities. Supervisor Freer acknowledged there has been a lot of additional pressure on the water department and commended them for their work.

Ulster County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The Town Board members received information at a prior meeting to review the Ulster County Hazzard Mitigation plan. FEMA has designated the

10/3/24 workshop

Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional as Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) for all participating jurisdictions. Supervisor Freer asked the Board to review the information so the resolution can be put to vote on at the October Town Board meeting. Although there may be sections that should be updated, Supervisor Freer was advised to approve as written and work on the additions later. If we do not approve the resolution, we will not be entitled to FEMA assistance.

Justice Court – Marianne Wells attended the Court Clerks Conference in Niagra Falls this week.

Town Clerk – Hosting New Tax Software System training for Ulster County 10/24 am & pm sessions

This is the final quarter of the water collection. All payments are due by November 1st, Outstanding balances will be re-levied on November 4th. Patty Smith from the Assessor's office will input the information before the Ulster County deadline.

Councilman Geuss

Water & Sewer - The Water Department will be breaking ground for the new Water Tank project sometime this week and Arnold Construction will begin the site work.

Planning Board- A vote was taken on the Lighthouse Village project at the last meeting; 3 no, 2 ayes. The vote was not a majority vote and therefore will need to be voted on again at the next meeting.

Transfer Station-BQ poles and equipment have been moved so there is no interference with the transfer station. Money has been received from BQ for the new concrete pad to relocate the box due to BQ's installation of the fence having an impact on UCRRA's ability to reach the container. Dan Vedder intends to complete the concrete before the snow flies. When the solar project is finished, Supervisor Freer will take a tour of the project and invite Board members interested to join. BQ is hoping to be out of there by Christmas.

Councilman Quick

Zoning Board -10/15 definition discussion

Waterfront Advisory Board10/23 waiting for consultants to review the State's comments on LWRP.

Assessor's Office- Finishing Senior exemptions. The Assessor will speak at the Esopus Senior's meeting in November to educate the seniors on what exemptions may be available for them.

Esopus Seniors

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 7 at 1 PM in the Community Center. There will be a speaker with information on new rules for Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage Plans. October 21st the Candidates running on the ballot in November will be there to speak to the seniors. The seniors will have one more trip this year on October 22 for an Oktoberfest at the Riverview Inn in Matamoras PA.

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Councilman Clarke:

EDC 10/8 Marjorie McCord will be asked to join to give an overview of the Tugboat Trail Holiday Event that coincides with the Winter Wonderland parade in December. Supervisor Freer also wants to give an overview of what's been going on with new businesses in town.

Environmental Board

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE TO APPOINT JENNA ICE AS THE TOWN OF ESOPUS CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY COORDINATOR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Robinson:

Parks & Rec Supervisor Freer and Councilman Robinson will meet next week to review playground equipment for Cas Landi Park. The playground committee will meet later this month.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

10.5 Town of Esopus Annual Tugboat Festival: 1-4 pm @ Town Hall

10.14 Town Hall Closed: Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day

10.17 Next Town Board Meeting 7:pm; Public Hearing for 2025 Budget 6:45 PM

10.26 Trunk or Treat hosted by Parks & Rec

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES (FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER AT 7:33 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*