

## **TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**December 7, 2015**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday December 7, 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 7:35 PM.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

### **LOCAL LAW # 2 – REZONING**

Town Board members received a draft copy of the draft of Local Law #2 amending the Zoning Map of Chapter 123 of the Town Code. The Amendment rezones the PUD to R40 Residential, GC General Commercial, and RF-2 Residential. Town Board members will review the document and it will be placed on the December 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop Agenda.

### **PILGRIM PIPELINE**

Town Supervisors and Village Mayors were asked to sign a letter addressed to the DEC requesting the DEC be lead agency in the environmental review of the Pilgrim Pipeline. Supervisor Barnett said earlier in the year the Board passed a Resolution in opposition against the project which was consistent with the public.

Councilperson Diane McCord said she thought it was a great idea to have the DEC take lead agency since the Thruway was an involved party. Councilperson Freer said he felt it was also a good idea because there needs to be another agency to look over the project other than the NYS thruway. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said 11 other Towns have already signed on and she felt Esopus should do so as well. Supervisor Barnett will notify Jeanie Walsh Esopus will be joining the other towns.

**Draft Resolution – Support of Local Transportation Funding**

Recently the Ulster County Association of Highway Superintendents passed a resolution to ask for greater CHIPS funding from the state and are asking each Town Board to pass the same. Times are tough especially with the limitations imposed by the tax cap and infrastructures such as roads and bridges should not suffer as a result. A copy of a sample resolution was provided by Town of Ulster Supervisor Jim Quigley. All Board members were in agreement and a Resolution will be drawn up and voted on at the next workshop meeting.

**RESOLUTION – MARK ANDERSON – REAPPOINTMENT PLANNING BOARD**

**TOWN OF ESOPUS REAPPOINTMENT TO  
PLANNING BOARD**

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

WHEREAS, there will be a vacancy on the Town of Esopus Planning Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus Town Board reappoint Mark Anderson to a 7 year term to expire 12/31/22.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Diane McCord  
Seconded by: Councilperson Wayne Freer

The Board was polled:

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Supervisor Kyle Barnett	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION – TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES**

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING DATE

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 Meeting has always been the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of the month leaving too much of a gap between that meeting and the next Town Board Workshop Meeting,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus Town Board will be moving the Town Board Meeting to the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of the month beginning January, 2016 except for the November meeting which will be held Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>,

Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the workshop meeting which was held the Tuesday before the third Thursday will be moved to the third Tuesday of each month.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Seconded by: Councilperson Gloria VanVliet

The Board was polled:

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Supervisor Kyle Barnett	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION SRI LLC (SPRINKLER System)**

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN  
SRI FIRE SPRINKLER, LLC 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 sprinkler system contract expires for 2015 and needs to be renewed for 2016,

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

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Wayne Freer  
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Diane McCord

The Board was polled:

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Diane McCord	AYE
Supervisor Kyle Barnett	AYE

Resolution duly adopted.

### **FLAG LIGHT REPLACEMENT**

The flag light is damaged beyond repair. Dan Vedder has provided a few options for replacement lights. Councilperson Freer found a commercial quality solar option and said he would follow up with Dan. The product was from Granger and is on the State Bid list.

### **SOLAR PROJECT**

Supervisor Barnett has continued to work with the Rep from Standard Solar to work on negotiating appropriate pricing. There are still a few issues that need to be addressed by the next workshop. We are grandfathered in for a monetary incentive credit. The NYSERTA deadline has been extended to the end of December.

### **TREE ESTIMATE – LIMBER TREE SERVICE (WATER DEPT. LAND)**

On September 16, 2015 a tree came down on the property of Rita Bradford, 434 Broadway, Ulster Park. The tree was from the land belonging to the Port Ewen Water Department. Estimates were reviewed to remove 2 other trees which are potential hazards. The Board was in agreement to have both of the trees removed.

### **TRANSFER STATION RFP – TABLED**

### **PLANNING BOARD ESCROW**

Supervisor Barnett said it would be to the Town's advantage to collect for escrow as permitted under chapter 71 of the Town Code for certain projects at this particular time we have not been. The purpose of Chapter 71 is stated as to "shelter the residents of the Town of Esopus from incurring any costs for expert or professional advice to its Planning Board, Zoning Board of

Appeals and Town Board from persons who have plans for developing land in the town”, as stated in Section 71.1.b(2) of the Town Code. Supervisor Barnett did research and found a rate of \$160 per hour to be a typical Charge. Myles Putman, consultant to the Planning Board, was asked to draft a letter to the Planning Board Members by request of the Town Board to carefully consider the thresholds set forth in this section of code and establish an escrow account for all work undertaken by its professional consultants in those situations where a specific development proposal exceeds such thresholds in order to lessen the burden upon the taxpayers of the Town of Esopus. Changes will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CODE REVISIONS: PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATES, CORRECTING PLANNING BOARD SCHEDULE, ZONING BOARD ESCROW**

Myles Putman, Consultant, has been asking to draft Local Laws for the first quarter of 2016. Although there will be revisions as the Master Plan is worked on, some immediate issues need to be addressed that would allow the Town Board to appoint Alternates to the Planning and Zoning Boards. The Planning Board schedule also needs to be corrected. The Zoning Board will be able to establish an escrow account on certain applications. There have been a few occasions this year where the cost for professional consultation has been absorbed by the Town. The change in the Local Law will make the applicants responsible for the cost.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Gloria VanVliet said Jill Shufeldt asked for the clipboards from the Kennel for use for the Esopus dogs housed at alternative locations. Holly Netter will contact Dan Vedder and make arrangements to get the clipboards to Jill.

Written permission from the American Legion is needed to allow the Eagle Scout to continue his project at the monument.

There will need to be a discussion regarding the purchase of software that will allow the heat in the building to be better regulated. The Sherriff’s department has had issues being too hot during the summer months and now the heat will not come on.

Winter Wonderland Parade will be held December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Jack Spinneweber will provide the float for the elected officials. The Ugly Sweater Run will be held earlier on Saturday at 11:30am.

Organizational meeting will be held on January 1, 2016 at noon, there will not be a workshop meeting on January 4th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 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**