



TOWN OF ESOPUS
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP VIA ZOOM
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 – Starting at 7:00 PM

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Conference #: 1-646-558-8656

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Overview of Zoning Update – presentation to the Town Board and Q&A by Matt Rogers of Laberge Group detailing key changes and new implementations as written in Proposed Local Laws #8-12 of 2021.
NOTE: Members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are invited to listen to the presentation.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS: *The following laws were proposed and set for public hearing on Tuesday, 2/2/2021. Background on these proposals is available at Esopus.com under ‘Announcements.’*

1. **[Starting at 7:00 PM] Local Law No. 8 of 2021** – Repealing Esopus Town Code § 123, “Zoning”, and Replacing it with a New § 123, “Zoning”

PUBLIC COMMENT / READING OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

2. **[Following hearing on LL #8] Local Law No. 9 of 2021** – Amending Esopus Town Code § 113, “Abandoned Vehicles”

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3. **[Following hearing on LL #9] Local Law No. 10 of 2021** – Repealing Esopus Town Code § 96, “Lawn Maintenance”, and replacing it with a New § 96, “Property Maintenance”

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4. **[Following hearing on LL #10] Local Law No. 11 of 2021** – Creating a new § 101 of the Esopus Town Code, “Rental Properties Registration”

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5. [Following hearing on LL #11] Local Law No. 12 of 2021 – Creating a new § 91 of the Esopus Town Code, “Noise Control”

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OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA

2. **289 Broadway Update** – presentation to the Town Board and Q&A by Wright Architects, PLLC regarding latest proposal revisions for housing and mixed-use facilities at 289 Broadway.
3. **Security of Esopus Shoreline and Water Supply** – request for 90-day extension on public comment period was granted by DEP. Plans to use time to analyze impact of DEP high turbid releases on Esopus water treatment plant. Also, a briefing on prohibited oil industry anchorages within 1,000 feet of Esopus water treatment plant drinking water intake valve. Recommendations for enhanced security and policy change.
4. **Highway Department Update** – discussion with Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo regarding:
 - a. **Budget / CHIPS funding** – plans for use of current CHIPS funding, which was reduced by 20% for 2021. Auction Results revenue received from sale of used equipment? Bridge grant – seek or not seek?
 - b. **Potential equipment purchases** – dialogue with Sup. Cafaldo for purchases in the second half of 2021
 - c. **Drainage discussion** – plans to coordinate on/off road drainage projects around paving schedule. Including culvert project at Hardenburgh and Dashville Road.
 - d. **Coordination of In-House Labor** – for paving of the parking lot and pavilion pad at Freer Beach Park in Port Ewen (2021), paving of the parking lot and pavilion pad at Lighthouse Park in Ulster Park (2022), and removal of five non-compliant bus shelters throughout town per §125-15-C, “Bus Shelters”, of the Esopus Town Code.
5. **Resolution** – expressing Town Board support for an application to seek DEC grant funding for recycling efforts at the Esopus Transfer Station.
6. **Contractual** – review and potential agreement on a contract addendum with Laberge Group for additional work on development of a new Local Law pertaining to Planned Unit Developments and housing (sidewalks?).
7. **Contractual** – review and potential agreement on a contract addendum with Tighe & Bond for additional work on grant administration for Grant #C01269GG pertaining to culvert replacements on Hardenburgh & Dashville.
8. **Contractual** – 2021 agreement between the Town of Esopus and the Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad for general ambulatory transport services in the amount of \$25,000.
9. **Appointments** – an employee candidate to the position of Water Treatment Operator in the Town of Esopus Water/Sewer Department at a rate of \$25.25 per hour effective 2/8/2021.

UPDATES

1. **Port Ewen Post Office** – per notice from USPS following inquiries from Town Supervisor Shannon Harris, construction has begun on the new Post Office to be located at 194 Broadway with completion projected for early June 2021.
2. **Port Ewen/Kingston Suspension Bridge** – Zoom meeting to take place with Esopus Sup, Kingston Mayor and Assemblyman Cahill regarding prolonged DOT closure and lack of timeline for reopening.
3. **BQ Energy** – the new BQ estimate for the West Shore Solar Project is ~\$346,000; significantly reduced compared to the original estimate of ~\$1,750,000. BQ is now planning with Central Hudson to confirm a project completion schedule for the end of 2021.
4. **Sojourner Truth** – update on current progress of development on an online-accessible, historical walking trail dedicated to the memory and life of Sojourner Truth from Councilwoman Evelyn Clarke.
4. **Potential Executive Session** – to discuss personnel history of an employee in the Highway Dept.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

ADJOURNMENT