



**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP  
NOVEMBER 4, 2020 - 7 PM**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF ESOPUS TOWN HALL. VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE AUDIENCE WHILE ADHERING TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. THE MEETING WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON "TOWN OF ESOPUS" FACEBOOK PAGE AND TELEVISED ON CHANNEL 23 PUBLIC ACCESS. For public comment: Attend in person, call [\(845\) 328-0483](tel:8453280483), or email [outreach@esopus.com](mailto:outreach@esopus.com)

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 TOWN OF ESOPUS BUDGET**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2021 TOWN OF ESOPUS BUDGET**

*Four public meetings were held on the Budget: on 9/16, 9/23, 10/2 and 10/20. The budget has been available for public viewing through the Clerk's Office via email or hard copy; it was duly noticed in the Daily Freeman and a digital copy was posted online for public review at [Esopus.com](http://Esopus.com). The public hearing from October 20 has been left open to provide additional time for public viewing and feedback.*

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 TOWN OF ESOPUS BUDGET**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**AGENDA**

1. **2021 Budget** – Approve final 2021 Town of Esopus Budget.
2. **Sojourner Truth** – Discussion of background and resolution proclaiming November 26 as Sojourner Truth Day.
3. **Contractual** – Motion to retain Daniel T. Baker, assessor for Kingston and Town of Ulster, as a consultant for the Town of Esopus. This scope of work includes a fee of \$3,500 for hands-on administration with staff through to December 31, 2020, as well as research, analysis and recommendations to the Town Board for the Assessor's office. Additionally, Mr. Baker will represent the Town in small claim assessment review (SCAR) challenges at \$350 per parcel. The proposal includes the option to continue into 2021 at a rate of \$1,200 on a month-to-month basis.
4. **Riverfront Study** – Resolution to approve Final Draft of the Town of Esopus Riverfront Access & Connections Study. Visit [esopus.com/riverfront-study/](http://esopus.com/riverfront-study/) to review the Final Draft in full.

**UPDATES**

1. **Next Town Board meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17. Possible agenda items include discussion of Waterfront Advisory recommendations on Sleightsburgh park, as well as continued public comment on the proposed laws from the public hearings held open since October 20, 2020.
2. **Esopus Waterfront Revitalization Plan** – NYS DOS joined the WAB for the LWRP kick-off meeting on Wed, 10/28. Project includes a total of six public meetings through 2021 and expected to conclude in the Winter of 2021.
3. **Water infrastructure** – The Town's application for low-interest rate financing through the EFC has been submitted for the new water storage tank and upgrades to the water system infrastructure in Port Ewen and Ulster Park.
4. **Water bills due** – Reminder to residents that payments can be received up to Friday, 11/6 at 2 PM with penalty. Payments received after 2 Pm on Friday, November 6th will be returned and re-levied to 2021 property tax bills.
5. **Call for volunteers** – Open positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Board and Environmental Board. Please volunteer today to make a positive impact in your community.
6. **Veteran's Day** – Ceremony will be held at the Veteran's Memorial outside Esopus Town Hall. Masks and social distancing will be required. No reception will be held afterwards.
7. **CSX** – The Regional Vice President of CSX called in response to the Daily Freeman article regarding blockages caused by stopped trains and committed to operational changes to reduce the inconvenience to residents.
8. **Landfill** – Annual post-closure monitoring & maintenance report from C.T. Male was sent to the NSYDEC.

**ADJOURNMENT**