

TOWN OF ESOPUS
SPECIAL MEETING- INTERVIEWS FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC
ADJUDICATION BEFORE THE TOWN OF ESOPUS JUSTICE COURT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 5:30 PM

The special meeting to hold Interviews for a Special Prosecutor for Vehicle and Traffic adjudication before the Town of Esopus Justice Court was held on February 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in person at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, NY.

Present:

Supervisor Roscoe Pecora
Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Councilman Jared Geuss
Councilman Paul Brooks
Councilman Stephanie Yeh - Absent

Recording Administrator: Holly Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

No public comment. This is a special meeting of the Town Board

Supervisor Pecora called the Special Meeting to order at 5:41 PM.

SUPERVISOR PECORA MADE A MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:41 PM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ADJUDICATION BEFORE THE TOWN OF ESOPUS JUSTICE COURT. SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

****:** Judge Kyle Barnett was invited into the session

SUPERVISOR PECORA MADE A MOTION TO EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:58 PM. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR TOWN VEHICLE
AND TRAFFIC COURT

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Town to appoint a qualified attorney to serve as Special Prosecutor to prosecute Vehicle and Traffic Law matters before the Town Court;

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has duly advertised the position in its official newspaper, posted on the town webpage and forwarded to the Ulster County Bar Association

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints **Matthew L. Mahan, Esq.**, to serve as Special Prosecutor for the Town's Vehicle and Traffic Court; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Prosecutor shall be responsible for prosecuting Vehicle and Traffic Law matters in the Town Court and shall appear approximately two (2) evenings per month, for approximately two (2) hours per session, as scheduled by the Court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointment shall be contractual in nature with a start date of March 1, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for the Special Prosecutor shall be at the rate of One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

Offered by:
Seconded:

Councilman Jared Geuss
Councilman Evelyn Clarke

Supervisor Roscoe Pecora AYE
Councilman Evelyn Clarke AYE
Councilman Jared Geuss AYE
Councilman Paul Brooks AYE
Councilman Stephanie Yeh Absent

Resolution Duly Adopted

**SUPERVISOR PECORA MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 7:02 P.M.
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL THE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE
IN FAVOR, AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The regularly scheduled meeting began at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC