

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2026, 7:00 PM**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held in person on February 19, 2026, at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park. The following persons in attendance:

Present:
Supervisor Roscoe Pecora
Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Councilman Jared Geuss
Councilman Paul Brooks
Councilman Stephanie Yeh

Recording Administrator: Holly Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

Prior to the Town Board meeting, a special meeting was held to interview candidates for the vacancy of the Special Prosecutor for vehicle and traffic adjudication for the Esopus Town Court.

Supervisor Pecora called the Town Board meeting to order at 7:05 pm. After the Pledge to the flag, Supervisor Pecora held a moment of Silence in memory of former US Senator Jesse Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENT | IN-PERSON | (845) 331-0676 | ASSISTANT@ESOPUS.COM

State your first and last name, 2) What hamlet/town you live in, 3) Keep comments to 3 mins maximum, and 4) Be sure to include your “request” or “ask” of the Town Board

Roxanne Pecora, Port Ewen, read the following to the Board,

As a Planning Board member, I am here to request that the Town Board expedite the selection of a new member to the Waterfront Advisory Board.

I am aware that the Town Board is considering zoning updates, which are needed for the planning board to function more efficiently.

Chapter 44, regarding the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Program, requires that direct action be referred to the Waterfront Advisory Board WAB. This includes zoning actions which the town board must consider.

Also, the planning board recently approved the improvements to the Rondout Yacht Club in Connolly, New York. The zoning allows the planning board to refer applications to the waterfront advisory board for input regarding a project's consistency with the town's LWRP.

Although we referred the application to the Board, there was no input or response because the board does not have a quorum to conduct business. The County GML (General Municipal Law 239-M) review also directed that the applicant consider the comments from the Waterfront Advisory Board.

Just appointing one member to the Waterfront Advisory Board would at least provide them with a quorum to conduct business. I hope you prioritize this important board and move forward to put new members on it.

JoAnne Mead, Ulster Park, asked for clarification from the last meeting if there was a backup of the computer data or not? Because it sounded like there was no backup. State the audit passed, what did the auditor say about the computer issue.

Supervisor Pecora closed Public Comment

RECOGNITION ST REMY FIREHOUSE VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of the Town Board, Supervisor Pecora presented the following individuals with certificates of appreciation for training hours and volunteer service.

Shane Mathis: 63 hours of state Fire classes and 200 hours for EMT

Kelly Oldham: 78 hours of state Fire classes

Nick York: 256 hours of state Fire classes

Vincent Provenzano III: 71 hours of state Fire classes and 200 EMT class

Joseph Landi: 18 hours of state Fire classes

Matthew Siano: 42 hours of state Fire classes

Donnie Yinger: 62 hours of state Fire classes

Richard Koenig: 16 hours of state Fire classes

Mike York: 4 hours of state Fire classes

Tom Dick: 40 hours of state Fire classes

Wesley Wisner: 129 of state Fire classes

Top 5 responders for 2025:

Total of 103 calls

Kelly Oldham: 99 calls

Rich Koenig: 83 calls

Mike York: 75 calls

Karl Wick: 73 calls

Nick York: 63 calls

Supervisor's Office Accomplishments

Three Grants officially submitted: Hudson River Greenway \$37,000 for Freer Park Pavilion and Bathroom; 50/50 match. \$154,500 for Ross Park bathroom and playground; and \$54,500 Clark Park basketball court in West Park, fence, and playground; 90% grant /10% town match. Roscoe thanked his Confidential Assistant Laura Petit for preparing the grants and submitting them.

Attended the Hudson River 7 Water Protection meeting; topics discussed; State-mandated Cyber Security, Hiring of a Secretary, and Drinking Water Management

A used bucket truck for Buildings and Grounds for lighting and tree maintenance was purchased for \$11,500. The truck will assist Parks and Rec with tree lighting, general lighting, and overhanging branches. A highway mechanic looked at the truck before purchase.

Association of Towns Summit, February 15-17th. The Supervisor attended Sunday – Tuesday. Councilman Stephanie Yeh also attended. They both felt the conference was well run and very educational. They each shared a brief review of some of the classes they attended. Stephanie concentrated on finance, the budget, and spoke to the comptroller and received good guidance. Roscoe concentrated on tourism, parks and building codes. The Comptroller's office had a 2-sided handout listing towns that haven't filed annual reports for 2024. We are in good shape, we filed, and the bookkeeper is working on 2025.

A case study was done on Schenectady and other smaller upstate towns. Parks and events have a cultural and holistic positive impact and can increase property values. We need to review the comprehensive plan to ensure we can tap into it when opportunities arise to secure funding. Public outreach is needed to ensure we are doing what the community wants. He commented that some people are pushing for a splash pad. He received information on the splash pads; they are not cheap and require a lot of maintenance. They will look at it. The Supervisor visited other agencies as well.

Escrow fees in the amount of \$142,000 were received from the Lighthouse Village Project

Supervisor Pecora discussed the sales tax agreement that had been passed. He was grateful to the three legislators: Lindsey Grossman-Rosendale, Laura Donovan-Marlborough, and Ann Peters-Saugerties, who held out and negotiated a better deal for the towns regarding the sales tax appropriation. This agreement will be for five years.

Supervisor Pecora toured the new BOCES instructional facilities at iPark87 with the Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION TO APPOINT COURT SECURITY OFFICER

SUPERVISOR PECORA MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN SOLIAN, SR., AS COURT SECURITY OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$26.78 PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS
LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH LEAD AGENCY AND REFER THE PLAN TO THE
ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

DATE FEBRUARY 19, 2026

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Town Board (“Town Board”), per Executive Law Article 42, Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas, Section 915, undertook a review of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (“LWRP”), last adopted in 1987, and determined that proposed changes to the LWRP would enhance the previously adopted Town Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board appointed the Waterfront Advisory Committee with the task of undertaking the process of updating the LWRP on behalf of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the updated LWRP expands the proposed boundaries of the Waterfront Revitalization Area (“WRA”) to include all waterfront areas along the Hudson River, Rondout Creek, and Wallkill River; and

WHEREAS, the LWRP incorporates a Harbor Management Plan as allowed by New York State Department of State; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the WRA will increase protection and public enjoyment of the Waterfront; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of State Coastal Management Program was required to comment on the draft, and the comments were received and satisfactorily incorporated into the LWRP; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the updated LWRP is a Type I action under SEQRA, per NYCRR § 617.4(b) (1), the adoption of the municipality’s comprehensive resource plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has prepared and reviewed Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”) as part of advancing review of this action; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is required to refer the revised LWRP to the Ulster County Planning Board pursuant to § GML 239-m; and

WHEREAS, the Town is also required to refer the LWRP to the Town of Esopus Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has provided a full list of involved and interested agencies at the end of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in regular session duly convened as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby determines that the Project is a Type I Action under SEQRA, declares its intent to serve as lead agency in a coordinated review, and directs the Town Clerk to circulate notice of its intent to serve as lead agency to all involved and interested agencies.
2. The Town Board hereby directs the referral of the LWRP to the Ulster County Planning Board for review and recommendation pursuant to New York General Municipal Law § 239-m.
3. The Town Board hereby directs the referral of the LWRP to the Town of Esopus Planning Board and the Town of Esopus Environmental Board for review and comment.
4. The Town Board hereby directs the referral of the LWRP to the Town of Lloyd and the City of Kingston for review and comment because they both have an LWRP and share water resources and recreational areas with the Town of Esopus.
5. The Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing on the updated LWRP to be held before the Town of Esopus Town Board on **March 19, 2026 commencing at 7:00 PM** at the Town of Esopus Town Hall, 1 Town Way, Ulster Park, New York, 12466, and further directs that notice of such public hearing be posted and published in accordance with applicable law.

On a motion by Supervisor Roscoe Pecora, seconded by Councilman Jared Geuss, the foregoing Resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Absents. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

Town Board present were:	Supervisor Roscoe Pecora	AYE
	Councilman Evelyn Clarke	AYE
	Councilman Jared Geuss	AYE
	Councilman Paul Brooks	AYE
	Councilman Stephanie Yeh	AYE

Involved & Interested Agencies

- New York State Coastal Management Program
- New York State Historic Preservation Office
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- New York State Department of State
- Town of Esopus Planning Board
- Town of Esopus Waterfront Advisory Board

Ulster County Planning Board
Ulster County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
Town of Lloyd
City of Kingston
Scenic Hudson

Resolution to amend the Port Ewen Water District drinking water infrastructure improvements engineering contract with Tighe & Bond for additional services in support of the East Stout Water Main bidding and construction phases (Dan Valentine presented)

Dan Valentine, Tighe & Bond, gave a brief review. The East Stout water main improvements were part of a larger project for which the town obtained grant funding. As stated, the design is complete and is part of a larger project for the Water Treatment Plant improvements. The work on Broadway is on a winter hiatus but will resume in the spring. Additional grant funds were left over from the WIIA grant. On September 25, 2025, the Bonding resolution was authorized to pay for the remaining portion of the construction and engineering costs for East Stout. The additional WIIA grant funds will allow Tighe & Bond to help the Town administer the bidding process to obtain pricing from contractors, and once the Town selects the contractor and executes a contract, they will help oversee the construction.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 6 – EAST STOUT STREET BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES WITH TIGHE AND BOND - PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus previously authorized an Engineering Services Agreement with T&B Engineering and Landscape Architecture, P.C. (Tighe & Bond) on April 1, 2019, for the Port Ewen Water District Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Tighe & Bond has prepared Amendment No. 6 to provide additional engineering services in support of the East Stout Street Water Main Improvements bidding and construction phases; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 6 includes bidding assistance and construction administration and observation services associated with the East Stout Street Water Main Improvements project, which was designed for the Town:

WHEREAS, the anticipated construction duration is approximately three (3) months, including two (2) months of active construction, with work expected to begin in May and be completed by September 2026; and

WHEREAS, funding for these services is being provided through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) through a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for Amendment No. 6 is on an hourly plus expenses basis with a value not to exceed \$99,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus hereby authorizes Amendment No. 6 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Tighe & Bond Engineering and Landscape Architecture, P.C. for East Stout Street Bidding and Construction phase services in an amount not to exceed \$99,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute said Amendment No. 6 and any related documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Offered by: Supervisor Roscoe Pecora
Seconded by: Councilman Jared Geuss

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

Resolution duly adopted.

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES
By and Between the
TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD
and
NELSON, POPE & VOORHIS, LLC

THIS **AGREEMENT** entered into as of the 19th day of February 2026, by and between the **TOWN OF ESOPUS TOWN BOARD** ("Town Board"), and **NELSON, POPE & VOORHIS, LLC**, with offices at 156 Route 59, Suite C6, Suffern, NY 10901, herein after referred to as the "Consultant" or "NPV".

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the review Chapter 123, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Esopus, as well as other relevant code sections, for purposes of revising these chapters to amend them to address substantive and procedural inconsistencies or obsolescence, and wishes to retain a professional planning consultant to assist with these amendments; and

WHEREAS, specific provisions to be reviewed and potentially amended are included as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the amendment process will be overseen by representatives designated by the Town Board, and the Town Board will ultimately be responsible for adopting any new local laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to retain NPV to provide these services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. Employment as Consultant. The Town Board hereby retains NPV as an independent contractor and the Consultant agrees to perform the professional services set forth herein.
2. Scope of Services. The Consultant shall be responsible for providing planning and zoning services related to amendments set forth in **Attachment A**. The Scope of Services anticipates the following tasks in support of any amendments:
 - A. Attend meetings with Town representatives and the Town Board and be reasonably accessible via telephone and e-mail outside of meetings.
 - B. Draft memorandum explaining the rationale for options related to any zoning amendments.
 - B. Prepare local laws in support of the amendments.
 - C. Review and prepare State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) documents submitted in support of an amendment.
 - D. Attend Town Board public hearings, if requested.
 - D. Provide general assistance and advise related to the Planning Board, ZBA, application review, and zoning amendment process, e.g., public notices, General Municipal Law referrals, filing requirements. etc.

E. Prepare grants at the Town Board's request.

3. Time of Performance

- A. The services of the Consultant are to commence upon the date of execution of this agreement, which shall be effective until December 31, 2026. The Town Board, at its option, may renew this agreement for an additional (1) additional year thereafter on the same terms and conditions.
- B. The Consultant shall provide services in connection with the Scope of Services at the specific request of the Supervisor, or designated Town Board representative of the Supervisor. Additional tasks not set forth in the Scope will be conducted only upon authorization by the Supervisor or designated Town Board representative.
- C. It is agreed that Ms. Bonnie Franson, AICP CEP, PP, shall be primarily responsible for attending meetings, overseeing the amendment process and representing the Town Board. As needed, other planners will be brought to the team, e.g., GIS specialist for zoning map amendments, for zoning efforts.
- D. The Town Board and NPV have the right to terminate this agreement at any time with or without cause. Under no circumstances shall this be deemed an employment contract for any defined period of time.

4. Compensation and Method of Payment

A. All services are compensated on an hourly basis in accordance with the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule:

NP&V Staff Title Billing Rate

- Partner \$160.00
- Principal Planner \$155.00
- Senior Environmental Planner/Senior
Planner \$150.00
- Environmental Planner/Planner \$140.00
- Planning Analyst \$110.00
- Planning Technician \$90.00
- Administrative Assistant \$80.00

B. Typical out-of-pocket expenses are billed with no additional markup.
NPV does not charge for mileage to and from a meeting.

C. Payment of the Consultant’s services shall be made upon receipt by the Town of an invoice, together with a Town voucher, which shall be submitted on a monthly basis. Invoices shall specify the amount of time expended, and a description of the task(s) performed as per the Town’s prior authorization, entitling the Consultant to receive the amount requested under the terms of this agreement.

SUPERVISOR ROSCOE PECORA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES WITH NELSON, POPE & VOORHIS, LLC. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL BROOKS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 PROPOSED FEE INCREASE

COMMUNITY CENTER AND PARK RENTALS – TOWN OF ESOPUS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus establishes rental fees for use of Town facilities, including the Town Community Center and Town Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed current rental rates and operating costs associated with maintenance, utilities, staffing, and improvements to these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that an adjustment to the rental fee schedule is necessary to ensure that facility costs are equitably distributed and to support the continued maintenance and operation of Town facilities with a higher rate

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus hereby approves the 2026 rental fee increases for the Town Community Center and

Town Park facilities as set forth in the updated Fee Schedule attached hereto;

COMMUNITY CENTER	RESIDENT FEES	NON-RESIDENT FEES
No stove	\$175	\$275
With Stove	\$225	\$325

* Refundable Security Deposit - \$100 (separate check)

** Meetings only (Monday-Thursday) \$25

<u>PARKS</u>	RESIDENT FEE	NON- RESIDENT FEE
FREER	\$175	\$275
KITCHEN @ FREER	\$50	\$50
ROSS	\$150	\$250
CAS LANDI (ST. REMY)	\$40	\$ 50
RIEKER (CONNELLY)	\$75	\$125
ALCOHOL PERMITS	\$50	\$100
DEPOSIT RULES & TRASH	\$150	\$150

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revised rental rates shall take effect on March 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to update the official Town Fee Schedule accordingly, and to make the revised rates publicly available.

Offered by: Supervisor Roscoe Pecora
Seconded by: Councilman Evelyn Clarke

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

Resolution duly adopted.

***Paul Brooks asked to back up a few items and thought there should be a review of zoning codes to bring them into line with policies that would better serve residents and developers.

Bonnie Franson, Planning Board Consultant, said that after adopting a comp plan/major revision, it is normal to find that once you start working with the code, you need to address some items that need to be cleaned up. The proposal is to clean up some of the issues. Some can be achieved through small local laws that can be enacted right away, and other issues may be substantial. An example was given regarding the intent of protecting the ridge line. Was it meant for small hills or Shaupeneak Ridge? Bonnie added that Greenway Grant funding opportunities come out in March, and ridges could be a topic that would make a good candidate.

TOWN OF ESOPUS RESOLUTION
TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE 12/18/25 RESOLUTION
“ACCEPTING RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTING TOWN BOARD MEMBER.”

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2025, a resolution was adopted accepting the resignation and appointment of a Town Board member, and

WHEREAS, there was an error in the date (12/31/2026) of Councilman Robinson’s remaining term, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Laura Robinson’s term was to expire 12/31/2027, not 12/31/26 as read in the resolution, and

WHEREAS, there was a request made by Councilman Brooks to have the record amended and clarified for the public to avoid confusion in the 2026 election, and

WHEREAS, all parties were aware that a midterm vacancy appointment of Councilman Geuss would expire 12/31/2026, and the remaining 1 year of the unexpired term of that position would appear on the November 3, 2026, ballot, and

WHEREAS, that individual elected on November 3, 2026, would serve a one-year term, 1/1/27-12/31/27, and would need to run again in 2027 for a 3-year term instead of 4 year term due to the even-year election legislation, and

WHEREAS, the State Statute supersedes the resolution, and the typo does not nullify the original resolution or have an impact on its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a notation will be made on the 12/18/25 minutes on record to reference this amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to clearly summarize the amendment: Councilman Geuss will serve his term 1/1/26 through 12/31/26. The Council seat for the remaining term of 1/1/27-12 /31/27 will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2026, and any interested candidate would then need to run again in 11/2027 for a 3-year term.

Offered by: Supervisor Roscoe Pecora

Seconded by: Councilman Paul Brooks

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

Resolution duly adopted.

** Councilman Geuss thanked the Board for the appointment and reaching across the aisle.

Town Board liaison updates

Councilman Paul Brooks: The Streamside Farms project is well underway; they are working on the road. Construction is on hold until the weather improves. Escrow fees were received from Lighthouse Village, and a pre-construction meeting with the building department was held today.

The Planning Board approved the Rondout Yacht Basin plan for a Café to be constructed in Connelly and will proceed through the rest of the process. The building department is taking steps on some code violations. Paul is trying to video the various meetings and get them posted for public view; the audio did not work during the last meeting. He will continue posting to his YouTube page.

Habitat for Humanity is building two homes in town on Green Street with affordable housing.

Plantasie Creek: The DEC and contractor sampling results will be coming.

ZBA; needs speakers and microphones

Councilman Evelyne Clarke:

Attended cybersecurity training today; staff at town hall participated on Wednesday.

Environmental Board- continue to work on their Climate-Smart Goals. They are looking at a grant opportunity for “trees for tribes”. The grant has a short turnaround time, but they hope to submit it on time. Members are also working to get everything ready for the Last Frost Day on 5/17 at the MHVFCU. There will be plant swaps and seedling giveaways. The Environmental Board is taking a step back to look at EV charging stations and the different types available. Repair Café on Feb 28th.

The LWRP Environmental Board is enthusiastic about reviewing the LWRP and weighing in.

They are working with Bruderhof to earn more points toward the Climate-Smart Community status.

Transfer Station: Following up with Lenny on a grant for composting at the transfer station.

Supervisor Roscoe Pecora and Stephanie met with Mike Cafaldo on Saturday morning to discuss some of the big items he needs. The needs of the Highway exceed what we can afford right now. The salt shed and building are deteriorating, and we are getting quotes for the generator. Roscoe is working with state and federal representatives on member items to see if he can obtain funding to help with them.

Transfer Station - Lenny is working on pricing for the scale replacement and concrete, so we have an idea of that cost should the current aging scale become unusable.

Councilman Jared Geuss: Water/Sewer met but did not have a quorum, so it was more of an update. Over the past few weeks, they have worked a lot of overtime on water main breaks. They monitor levels at the plant and go out proactively to identify and fix issues as they arise to prevent major issues.

Earlier in the meeting, the agreement with Tighe & Bond to move forward with the next phase was approved. Some of the recent breaks were located where we would be replacing the main. Councilman Geuss said it was bittersweet that the problem area had been identified, but the work hadn't reached that location before the break occurred.

Paul Brooks & Jared Geuss met 2/25 5:30 regarding the Sleightsburgh Spit. They are gathering the wants and needs of both the sportsmen and residents. They reviewed the history of keys, fobs, manual gate, electric gate, etc. They will organize each side's wants and needs and come up with a few proposals to run by both sides to see what they feel will work for everyone.

Councilman Stephanie Yeh:

Assessor is working on assessments and renewing exemptions. She attended the Ulster County Assessor meeting.

Bookkeeper- It's a busy time of year, and she is working on the 2025 annual report. The Town CPA resigned earlier this year, and the Board has been receiving resumes from several CPAs and will interview them at a future meeting. An extension will be requested to allow for the 4/30/26 filing deadline.

Tax Collector is busy; they have collected over 83% of their warrant. The Town portion has been paid in full.

Town Clerk Parks scheduling begins Monday, March 2nd, for residents, and April 1, for non-residents. The season begins May 1 through October 12th. As President of the Ulster County Town Clerks Association, Holly is working to gather various policies each town has. The intent is to share them so that, if a town is in need, they can use them as a reference/template when creating a policy for their town, saving time and money.

Offered by: Supervisor Roscoe Pecora
Seconded by: Councilman Paul Brooks

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

Resolution duly adopted.

NO BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS FEBRUARY 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster, as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Esopus has been presented with vouchers for payment, and these vouchers have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following vouchers be approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	261010-261065	\$246,496.81
HIGHWAY FUND	262003-262038	\$143,534.23
STREETLIGHTS	266000	\$9,124.62
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	263002-263026	\$47,793.10
PORT EWEN WATER	264006-264029	\$67,180.49
Capital Water	265000-265009	\$102,748.75
ESCROW	268000-268001	\$566.10
Total		\$617,444.10

Offered by: Supervisor Roscoe Pecora
Seconded by: Councilman Stephanie Yeh

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

Resolution duly adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

SUPERVISOR ROSCOE PECORA MADE A MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTORNEY CONSULTATION TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER. SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR PECORA MADE A MOTION TO EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9 PM. SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN PAUL BROOKS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE DECLARED SUBJECT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

SUPERVISOR ROSCOE PECORA MADE A MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF VACANCIES ON THE ESOPUS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN PAUL BROOKS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR PECORA MADE A MOTION TO EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:45 PM. SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

ACTION:

SUPERVISOR ROSCOE PECORA MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT WESLEY MONICA TO THE PORT EWEN WATER BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/29. SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR ROSCOE PECORA MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

NAME	TERM EXPIRES	POSITION
SERINA BASS	12/31/2029	MEMBER
DEBRA CHAPMAN	12/31/2027	MEMBER
KELLY OLDHAM	12/31/2026	SECRETARY

MOTION SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR ROSCOE PECORA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BACKGROUND CHECK ON THE NEWLY APPOINTED PARK AND RECREATION MEMBERS. MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, WHICH WAS CARRIED.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

2.21.26 Sojourner Truth Walk CANCELLED	3.11.26 Parks and Recreation Commission 7 pm
2.25.26 Esopus Waterfront Advisory Committee 7 pm	3.16.26 Planning Board Town Hall 7:30 pm
2.28.26 Esopus Repair Cafe 10 am - 2 pm	3.17.26 ZBA Community Center 7 pm
3.5.26 Town Board Workshop 7 pm	3.18.26 Environmental Board Town Hall 7 pm
3.9.26 Seniors Meeting Community Center 1 pm	3.19.26 Town Board 7 PM
3.10.26 Water/Sewer Community Center 7 pm	3.25.26 Waterfront Advisory Committee 7pm

AJOURNMENT

SUPERVISOR PECORA MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING AT 9:46 P.M. COUNCILMAN PAUL BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL THE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*