

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 18, 2025, 7:00 PM**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held in person on September 18, 2025, at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park. The following persons were in attendance:

**Councilman Laura Robinson
Councilman Evelyn Clarke - Absent
Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Jared Geuss
Supervisor Danielle Freer**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

4 WAYS TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1.) **In-Person – Attend the Workshop**
- 2.) **Phone in:** Leave a voicemail on 845 331 0676 before the meeting
- 3.) **EMAIL – lreynolds@esopus.com with the subject line “Public Comment”**
- 4.) **MAIL – mail written comments to:**
*Town of Esopus, P.O. Box 700
Port Ewen, NY 12466*

**The welcome, pledge to the flag, and a public hearing on the proposal for the increase and improvement of facilities of Port Ewen Water District were held before this meeting.

Supervisor Danielle Freer called the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

The Public Hearing regarding the Water Treatment and Distribution Improvement Project Addition for the Port Ewen Water District was held at 7:00 p.m. before this meeting. The subject of water improvements has been the topic of conversation at many meetings. All members of the Board, as well as the Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board, felt comfortable with moving ahead with the following resolutions.

The following resolution was **offered by Supervisor Danielle Freer, seconded by Councilmember Jared Geuss**, to wit;

RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING
APPROVING A WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ADDITION FOR PORT EWEN
WATER DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS IN THE

COUNTY OF ULSTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT
TO SECTION 202-b OF THE TOWN LAW

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus (herein called "Town Board" and "Town"), respectively, in the County of Ulster, New York, on behalf of the Port Ewen Water District, in the Town (herein called "District"), has previously approved a project for increase and improvement of the facilities of the District with an estimated total cost of \$4,274,000, based on a report prepared by T&B Engineering, P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (herein called "Engineer"), providing for the improvement of facilities of the District, consisting of water treatment plant improvements and installation of new water mains to replace existing distribution lines, described as Alternative 2 in the "Drinking Water Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan" for Port Ewen Water District prepared by the Engineer dated August 2019, and such project, a portion of which has been completed, is being funded in part by a \$2,491,200 WIIA grant through NYS EFC, and in part by NYS EFC loan financing for Project 18744; and

WHEREAS, additional water distribution lines in the vicinity of East Stout Avenue are in need of replacement, as described in the addendum report for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District prepared by the Engineer dated August 18, 2025, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk (the "Report Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, as described in the Report Amendment, such additional improvements have an additional estimated maximum total cost of \$852,100 ("Project Addition"), it is estimated that approximately \$322,100 in remaining WIIA grant and EFC loan funds would be available to pay a portion of such cost, and such costs constitute a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) (1), (2), (6), and (24); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board thereafter adopted an order describing in general terms the proposed additional improvements to facilities of the District, specifying the estimated total cost of such additional improvements and stating that the Town Board would meet to hear all persons interested in said improvements on September 18, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall in the Town; and

WHEREAS, notice of such order was published and posted pursuant to the provisions of 202-b of the Town Law, and such public hearing was duly held by the Town Board on this 18th day of September, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall in the Town, and considerable discussion on the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, including those in favor of and those in opposition to said improvement of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Town have complied in every respect with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding environmental matters including compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, comprising Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II Action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQR not to have a significant impact on the environment.
2. On the basis of the information given at such hearing, it is hereby determined that it is in the public interest to improve the facilities of the District for the Project Addition as hereinabove described at an additional estimated cost of \$852,100. After taking into account approximately \$322,100 in anticipated remaining WIIA grant and NYS EFC loan authorization for Project 18744, the resulting estimated total cost is \$4,804,000.
3. It is hereby ordered that the facilities of the District shall be so improved.
4. Definite plans, specifications, and a careful estimate of the expense of the improvement are hereby directed to be prepared and the Attorneys for the Town are hereby directed to assist in the preparation of a proposed contract and to submit the same to this Town Board for examination and approval.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Danielle Freer	Voting Aye
Councilmember Evelyn Clarke	<i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Jared Geuss	Voting Aye
Councilmember Kathie Quick	Voting Aye
Councilmember Laura Robinson	Voting Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

(1) She is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York (hereinafter called the "Town") and the custodian of the records of the Town, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

(2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 18th day of September, 2025 and entitled:

RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING
APPROVING A WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ADDITION FOR PORT EWEN
WATER DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS IN THE
COUNTY OF ULSTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT
TO SECTION 202-b OF THE TOWN LAW

(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the Town. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Town Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (a majority of the Town Board) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Town and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this ____ day of September, 2025.

-SEAL-

Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION

The following resolution was **offered by Supervisor Danielle Freer, seconded by Councilman Laura Robinson**, to wit;

**SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOND RESOLUTION
DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION
IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM PROJECT COST
OF \$4,804,000 FOR THE WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY,
NEW YORK IN AN INCREASED AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$4,804,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, AND
DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN
SUPERVISOR**

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York (the "Town") has previously adopted its Bond Resolution dated September 3, 2019 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO

EXCEED \$4,274,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, NEW YORK, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR” (the “Bond Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously issued its E.F.C. Drinking Water Facility Note—2021 (Bond Anticipation Note) dated January 21, 2021, including the principal amount of \$1,782,800 issued pursuant to the Bond Resolution, pursuant to a Project Financing Agreement providing for a WIIA grant in an amount not to exceed the lesser of \$2,491,200 or \$60% of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify said resolution to increase the estimated maximum project cost by \$530,000 as set forth herein, and to modify the plan of financing accordingly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York (the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

Sec. 1. Section 1 of the Bond Resolution is amended and supplemented to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Water treatment plant improvements and installation of new water mains to replace existing distribution lines, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, are hereby authorized at an increased estimated maximum cost of \$4,804,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is forty years.

SEC. 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SEC. 3. Section 4 of the Bond Resolution is amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 4. The Town Board plans to finance a portion of the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,804,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. A portion of the total project cost is expected to be paid or reimbursed from proceeds of a WIIA grant in the maximum amount of up to \$2,491,200 through NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. Nothing in this resolution shall be deemed to impair the obligations previously issued pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

SEC. 4. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SEC. 5. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the Daily Freeman, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

SEC. 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Danielle Freer	Voting	Aye
Councilmember Evelyn Clarke		<i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Jared Geuss	Voting	Aye
Councilmember Kathie Quick	Voting	Aye
Councilmember Laura Robinson	Voting	Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- (1) She is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York (hereinafter called the "Town") and the custodian of the records of the Town, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.
- (2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 18th day of September, 2025 and entitled:

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM PROJECT COST OF \$4,804,000 FOR THE WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT FOR PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN INCREASED AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,804,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the Town. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Town Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (two-thirds of the Town Board) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Town and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 18 day of September, 2025.

-SEAL-

Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Brooks, 220 Rogers St. – wondered why his public objection outburst, which occurred after the Board motioned to enter executive session, was not included in the August minutes. He also voiced his opinion, disagreeing with the information relating to Dyno Nobel, which was also discussed at the August meeting. After reading several excerpts from the open meeting law and a recent court case, he is concerned about violations of the open meeting law and stated that, upon request, Kristin O’Neil from the Open Government Committee would hold a training session on open meetings law.

Christine Hill, 230 Broadway, Port Ewen, has been recently approved for an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit). She provided information regarding the tax incentives now available for County Taxes and asked the Board to consider offering tax incentives at the local level. Her ADU is the first of its kind to be built in Ulster County.

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*The County exemption is for 5 years and gradually phases out over the following 5 years. The County has offered grants to homeowners to build ADUs in exchange for maintaining affordable rents. For at least 10 years.

Diane Dintruff, Minturn Street, expressed her continued concerns about the Public Health risk of harmful algae blooms in the waterways. She has witnessed a variety of instances where people have still been in the water, which worries her. She has sent an email outlining some of her concerns relating to the topic. She offered some ways she found on ChatGPT to detect earlier precursor conditions that may be helpful in the future.

Supervisor Freer thanked her for bringing this information and said that Water Superintendent Nick Butler would also address the topic later in the meeting.

Linda Laestadius, 374 Broadway, supports Christine Hill's request regarding AUDs in the Town.

Stephen Cerini, Mountainview, wanted to recognize the Highway and Water department teams for working in 98-degree weather, paving, and addressing water main breaks. He thanks the entire staff for their efforts; their service is greatly appreciated.

**SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL MEMBERS
PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.**

WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Supervisor Freer and Water Superintendent Nick Butler have been working with our partners at Hudson 7 and Riverkeeper regarding the Harmful Algal Bloom (HABs) in the Hudson. Supervisor Freer said they saw and heard questions arising as news spread about Kingston Point being closed for swimming. We do not encourage swimming in our parks, but Diane brings up a good point that people are still getting into their kayaks in the water. Signs from the DEC to remind everyone about the algae are going up tomorrow. Supervisor Freer thanked Diane for her input on the matter.

Water Superintendent Nick Butler gave an update. He said from a drinking water perspective, they have been working with our partners of the Hudson 7 to share our experiences, and he wanted to reiterate that our drinking water is safe. The “finished water” coming out of your faucets at home is absolutely fine; zero toxins or contaminants. The water has been tested three times and all three times, they have found no contaminants in the finished water. Nick has offered a fourth sample for testing. He said his doors are always open to the State and County-level Health Departments for visits to the facility. As of now, Port Ewen Water District and Town of Llyod have been put on a twice-a-week schedule until further notice. The Health Department tests raw and finished water, and the finished water is what counts to make sure the plant is operating as intended.

Nick said this is new territory for everyone involved in the Hudson 7. Meetings are occurring almost daily on this topic. All staff members at the water plant are informed and kept up to date on current developments. Nick said, now knowing the water plant can handle it and understanding how to identify it, if this is something that is going to occur during warmer weather, we need to know what to look for, and we have a way to call the state to report it. The emergency response plan has been updated and now has a section for HABs. The NYSDEC, Hudson 7, and Riverkeeper websites are doing a good job posting blogs and social media as we learn more as a community on both sides of the river.

Water main work will start on Monday, September 29, 2025, on Route 9W. The work will begin at 443 Broadway(Sunoco gas station), working north to the Wooden Wheel on the east side of 9W. The project will replace an 80-year-old, 6-inch, cast-iron pipe. The 6-inch pipe will be replaced with a 12-inch pipe. South of the Sunoco gas station, there are already 12-inch pipes. Having all the pipes the same size will allow for good flow going north with the new 12-inch pipe. Nick said the contractors will do their best to minimize the impact on those who live on that stretch of road. This project has been a long time in the making, and everyone is excited to start. However, the NYSDOT repaving project is now scheduled for the same time frame, which the Town has no control over. Nick offered that residents or businesses with concerns over the ability to enter/exit their property should contact him at the water plant to work through any issues. The town will be keeping a close eye on any bottleneck. Everyone has been notified of the work, Ulster County EMS, and the school have also been made aware in case there are delays.

Hydrant flushing is also happening at the same time. The Port Ewen Water Department will be flushing hydrants Sunday, September 21, 2025- October 1, 2025, from 9 pm – 7 am. Nick recommends not doing laundry between that time, especially whites. If there are issues please call the water Plant.

RESOLUTION: AWARD PROPANE BID

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
Town of Esopus
Ulster County, New York
Resolution
Propane Bids**

Whereas, the Port Ewen Water/Sewer District advertised and received bids for Propane to be supplied for a period of one year, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; and

Whereas, bids were received and opened at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Esopus on September 16, 2025, and

Whereas, the lowest bidder for propane was Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 280, Ravena, NY 12143, at \$ 1.399 per gallon.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town of Esopus Town Board award the bid to Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.

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by order of the Town Board, Town of Esopus, this September 18, 2025.

OFFERED BY: SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS

SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER	AYE
COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS	AYE
COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK	AYE
COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON	AYE

Resolution duly adopted

COUNCILMAN GEUSS ADDRESSED A FEW OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Geuss thanked Christina Hill for bringing forth the ADU information. He recalled the first time we heard this, there were many rules, we had other questions with our zoning at that time. Matt Roger's from LaBerge Group had the foresight to put all 3 types of ADUs in the code with the anticipation there may be incentives at some point. Supervisor Freer said they have been talking with the Assessor about how to look into this. We hear you. We were one of the first municipalities in the area to include all information on various types of ADU in our code.

Thanked Paul Brooks for the schedule he provided relating to Dyno Nobel and said we look forward to getting that settled as well. However, Councilman Geuss disagreed with the terminology used by Mr. Brooks, saying it misrepresented what the town did in its line of work, acting as if the Town had just gone in and caused a great big deal. In 2017, the DEC held a meeting in the community room and reviewed the entire cleanup. They wanted more commercial, and we wanted more residential clean-up. There were a few town hall meetings held during that time with Shannon Harris, who was the Supervisor at that time. We were going back and forth with that while the comprehensive plan was being developed. The cleanup of that creek was a big issue because it had been maintained for years, but it had fallen by the wayside. It went through a few superintendents without being completed, was gaining traction, and needed to be addressed because it was causing flooding in certain areas.

Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo reached out to DEC through email and talked about maintaining and got permission to do the work in-house and subcontract. We got permission from DEC, and then it became an issue.

Supervisor Freer said it has been documented. A presentation was given here within the past 1.5 – 2 years, and was held to recap all of this. Everything Dyno and DEC had planned, plus why they went in when they went in, because there was severe flooding in there. Supervisor Freer offered to provide a copy of the presentation so he could understand the whole picture. Mr. Brooks stated that he had seen the documentation and still questioned the authorization; he felt that the town had gone beyond the allowable work that the agreement gave permission for, and the work completed was at a different level of work than what was approved. Councilman Jared Geuss said we had permission before the work was done through our highway superintendent.

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The town was doing work that was allowed, and Councilman Geuss noted that Mr. Brooks was misrepresenting the situation by claiming the Town created an issue when that wasn't the case.

Given the extensive history on this subject, they offered Mr. Brooks a conversation with Supervisor Freer and Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo, if he would like. She said she worries about the misinformation that is out there on some of the sites. Supervisor Freer said she speaks to the DEC every month to ensure they are meeting their timelines, as promised.

Environmental Board Guest – Nicholas D'Aragona and Jeromy of DVM Industries

Chris DeCicco, chair of the Environmental Board. DVM Industries has been vetted and approved by Central Hudson to be an approved contractor in their EV Make Ready Program. DVM Industries has experience working in the EV Charging space and recently installed the station at the Hudson House Distillery. Nick has been working with the Environmental Board and has discussed the potential options for the placement of units at Ross Park, located at 208 Bowne St, Port Ewen.

There is no out-of-pocket expense for the town. There is a 60/40 split, and the Town would be sent a check. After 10 years, the Town would own the units, and the Town would have the option to renew the contract. Further study is needed to determine the type of charger that best suits the area. Level 2 chargers would take 6-8 hours to charge; however, Level 3 chargers can charge a car from 5% to 85% in 20 minutes. Alternate locations, such as the Town Hall property, will also be explored.

2026 Budget Discussion

Town board members were asked to review documents that were provided. They aim to keep the budget within the 2% cap, as they have for years. The tentative budget will be submitted to the Town Clerk by September 30, 2025. It will be reviewed at the next Town Board meeting, and a public hearing will be set.

Liaison Lightning Round:

Supervisor Freer: The monthly Highway report was provided to the Board. They have been performing storm clean-ups, paving, and trimming trees needed throughout the town. They also assisted the water department with repairing two water breaks - 226 Broadway and 186 Clay Rd.

Town Clerk Reminder: For hunters, you can still obtain Doe permits until October 1st.

The Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration (HVNCVR): Vet2Vet of Ulster County will host the annual 2025 Walk-A-Mile In My Shoes event on Sunday, September 21, 2025. The 14 Mile Walk Against Veteran Homelessness and Suicide will begin in Highland and end at the Esopus Town Hall. To support, you can register/donate online or cheer on the

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participants along the route. 9W. Flyers are available at the welcome desk with more information.

UCRRA Hazardous Waste Day, Sunday, October 26th, 8 am -12 pm, Kingston location, for more info go to their website www.ucrra.org

TEVAS FEE WAIVER

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE APPLICATION FEE FOR TEVAS TO USE ROSS PARK ON OCTOBER 4, 2025, FOR A BBQ/PICNIC FOR THEIR SQUAD MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Robinson: In place of “trunk or treat”, on October 25, the Parks & Rec commission will have a “Sip and paint for kids”, serving Juice boxes and cookies while they paint their pumpkin. Other activities will also be available, followed by the movie Halloweentown. Details are being finalized, and flyers will be created to promote the event.

Councilman Kathie Quick The Assessor's Office is busy preparing for 15 SCAR hearings (people challenging their assessments). This is labor-intensive, as the Assessor will defend the current Assessments. They are also fielding calls now that people have received their new school tax bills. People are questioning the calculation of their exemptions, and some people want to change the address where their tax bills are sent.

The ZBA met on Tuesday, September 17, at 7 PM. They had the informational phase with a resident who is requesting a variance to replace a garage that is falling apart, and to establish where the driveway begins and ends. The ZBA also heard from the developers of River Heights, who are going to apply for a variance. Their next meeting will be on October 21.

The Waterfront Advisory Board met on August 27. They were asked to make comments on the River Heights project. Most of the comments were regarding possible drainage issues that need to be addressed by the developers. Their next meeting will be on September 24th.

ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW REAPPOINTMENT

COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT JAMES MELBERT TO THE ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 9/30/2030. SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

Environmental Board – Native Bee Jubilee, beautiful day, good turnout

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS SEPTEMBER 2025

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 budget adjustments, which the town board has examined and approved.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the following budget adjustments be approved for payment

AO.0599.000 Fund Balance to	AO.3310.400 \$ 807.50 Traffic signs
	AO 8092.400 \$800.00 Waterfront Port-a-Potty

Offered by:	Supervisor Danielle Freer
Seconded by:	Councilmember Jared Geuss

Supervisor Danielle Freer	Aye
Councilmember Evelyn Clarke	Absent
Councilmember Jared Geuss	Aye
Councilmember Kathie Quick	Aye
Councilmember Laura Robinson	Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS SEPTEMBER 2025

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	251333-251367	\$93,460.52
HIGHWAY FUND	252174-252198	\$72,594.35
STREETLIGHTS	256007	\$6,602.14
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	253126-253140	\$123,222.79
PORT EWEN WATER	254185-254198	\$25,099.24

Capital Water	255013-255014	\$78,820.00
ARPA		
ESCROW	258016-258017	\$170.20
Total		\$399,969.24

Offered by: Supervisor Danielle Freer
Seconded Councilmember Laura Robinson

Supervisor Danielle Freer	Aye
Councilmember Evelyn Clarke	<i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Jared Geuss	Aye
Councilmember Kathie Quick	Aye
Councilmember Laura Robinson	Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION AT 8:30 PM TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ONGOING LITIGATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MATTERS: - P.Z.R. CONSTRUCTION INC., CUNEY RANCH HOLDINGS, LLC, GEORGE CUNEY V. TOWN OF ESOPUS PLANNING BOARD - DEREK AND LORINE KARABEC V. TOWN OF ESOPUS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. COUNCILMAN KATHE QUICK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION AT 9:32 P.M. TO EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION:

COUNCILMAN LAURA ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR FREER TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE WITH PZR CONSTRUCTION, INC., CUNEY RANCH HOLDINGS, LLC, GEORGE CUNEY, AND THE TOWN OF ESOPUS. COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

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KEY UPCOMING DATES

9.27 Apple Festival | Townwide yard sale | Repair Café hosted by the Environmental Board
10.13 Town Hall Closed: Columbus Day
10.16 Next Town Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

**SUPERVISOR FREER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:38 P.M.,
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE
IN FAVOR, AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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