

# TOWN OF COCHECTON REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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**JANUARY 3, 2023**

## **AGENDA**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Maas, Councilpersons: Grund, Nearing, Walter, and Nober  
Town Clerk Maryann Oumrim, George Conklin Legislative District 5

Discussion Among Board members regarding CEO Fee Schedule and changes in the Schedule. All Board members in agreement that changes should be made. Further changes to be discussed at next Board Meeting.

**Date, time, and place of regular monthly meetings:** Second Wednesday of each month: 7:00 pm Work Session; 7:30 pm Regular Business, at the Town Hall at 74 Smales Road, Cochecton, New York 12726

**Official Depositories:** Jeff Bank, Catskill Hudson Bank, NYCLASS, and other commercial institutions for considered investments.

**Mileage Reimbursement:** .62.5 cents

**Official Newspaper:** The River Reporter with The Sullivan County Democrat used for special entries on a per item basis.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE:** The Supervisor, when present, shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. In his absence, the Deputy Supervisor will chair the meetings. In the absence of both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor, the other members will select a member to act as Temporary Chairperson. A majority of the Board will constitute a quorum for transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn. The names of the members present and their votes shall be entered in the minutes. The vote on every question shall be taken by ayes and nays. Every act, motion or resolution shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of a majority of all members (3) of the Town Board. Meeting Agenda to address Public Comments and Special Issues. Minutes to be available to the Town Board Members and the Public within two weeks following the Town Board meeting (§63 T.L.) (T.L. Manual 2016, §3-10 and §3-11)

The Supervisor is authorized to pay the following categories of charges prior to being audited or receiving Town Board approval: Postage, Freight, Express charges, Justice Court Distributions and Public Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, fuel oil, cable, internet and telephone) (§118 T.L.). While not covered in Section 118 T.L., prepayment of employee hospitalization bills and health trust accounts are also authorized. The Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor are also authorized to administer and report regularly to the Town Board on the use of the debit card.

Due to the necessity for the Town to function between Town Board meetings, the Supervisor is delegated the day-to-day powers and duties to supervisor and administer the Town and/or Special District functions to be performed on behalf of the Town Board (T.L. Manual 2016, §2-17) (T.L. §29 (16)).

Whenever the Supervisor calls a Special Meeting, the requirement of a written notice to each Board Member and the Town Clerk shall be waived, however, the notice must be given either in person or telephonically.

Pursuant to General Municipal Law Sections 11 and 39, the Supervisor/Fiscal Officer is authorized to deposit or invest idle monies not required for immediate expenditures in interest-bearing accounts and in accordance with Town's adopted investment policy (Paragraph X of Investment Policy).

The Supervisor is authorized to commingle fund accounts for the sole purpose of obtaining better interest rates from investments with financial institutions, providing that the funds from each account be monitored and accounted for separately.

It is the policy of the Town of Cochecton to impose a \$30.00 service charge for any check or other written order that is tendered as payment to the Town and returned for insufficient funds (§85 G.M.L.).

Alternating **Audit Committees**, comprised of two Board Members each, will audit bills and claims on a three-month rotating cycle. (Councilpersons Grund and Nober – first and third quarters of the year; Councilpersons Nearing and Walter - second and fourth quarters of the year.) Additional committees and assignments will be created as needed.

**Procurement Policy** for 2023 is adopted without changes from the 2022 policy.

**Investment Policy** – Jeff Bank collateral to \$3,200,000.00. Other institutions collateral to be determined when deposits are made in those institutions.

**Schedule of Town Fees and Related Procedures** for 2023 are adopted with changes from the 2022 schedule.

**Town Clerk** is authorized to maintain a **petty cash account** in the amount of \$50.00.

The Town Board does approve as to form, manner and execution and sufficiency of sureties, the bond (National Grange Mutual Public Employee Blanket Bond #F415046Y) which covers all Town employees in the amount of \$15,000.00 each, with an excess of \$600,000.00 for the Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector and \$250,000.00 for the Supervisor.

\$100.00 deductible – cost \$ 703.00

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## APPOINTMENTS

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>TERM-EXPIRES</u>
Justice Court Clerk	AnnMary Hallen	12/31/2023
Deputy Supervisor	Edwin Grund	12/31/2023
Supervisor's Bookkeeper	Kristen Lockwood (Appt. by Supv.)	12/31/2023
Deputy Town Clerk	(Appt. by Town Clerk)	12/31/2023
Deputy Tax Collector	Kristen Lockwood (Appt. by Tax Collector)	12/31/2023
Independent Auditor/Accountant	Cooper Arias, LLP (contract)	12/31/2023
Budget Officer	Gary D. Maas	12/31/2023
Town Assessor	Lorry King (6 Yr.)	09/30/2025
Assessor's Clerk	Terri Fountain	12/31/2023
Bd. Of Assess. Review – Member	Kasey Kratze (5 Yr. Term)	09/30/2024
Bd. Of Assess. Review – Member	Pauline Johnson ? (5 Yr. Term)	09/30/2025
Bd. Of Assess Review – Member	Jenna Kratze (5 Yr. Term)	09/30/2026
Clerk/Bd. Of Assess. Review	Margaret Richardson (Appt. by B.A.)	12/31/2023
Attorney for the Town	Robert Smith	Services as needed
Engineering Firm	Engineering Properties	Services as needed
Maintenance & Grounds Keeper	William Boucher	12/31/2023
Office & Townhall Cleaner	Anna Bellotti	12/31/2023
Dog Control Officer & Enumerator	Tamara DePaolo	12/31/2023
Safety Inspector/CEO	Jim Crowley	12/31/2023
Health Officer	Dr. Paul Salzberg (4 Yr. Term-PHL322)	12/31/2026
Registrar of Vital Statistics**	Maryann Oumrim (PHL 4123)	12/31/2023
Deputy Registrar of Vit. Stat. **	Joan Conklin (Apptd. by Registrar)	12/31/2023
Historian	Kristina Snedeker (Appt. by Supv.)	12/31/2023
Deputy Highway Superintendent	Brian Heinle (Appt. by Hwy Supt)	12/31/2023
ZBA Chairman	Michael Attianese (267-2 Tn. Law)	12/31/2023
ZBA Member (5 Yr. Term)	?	12/31/2024
“ “	Brett Lockwood	12/31/2025
“ “	Michael Attianese	12/31/2026
“ “	Pamela DeMan	12/31/2027
“ “	Peter Grosser	12/31/2023
ZBA Clerk	Joy Bertsch	12/31/2023
Planning Board Chairman	Earl Bertsch (271-8 Tn. Law)	12/31/2023
Planning Bd. Member (7 Yr. T)	George Blaso	12/31/2027
“ “ “ “	Earl Bertsch	12/31/2028
“ “ “ “	Jim Crowley	12/31/2030
“ “ “ “	Neal Halloran	12/31/2023
“ “ “ “	Jeff Niedert	12/31/2024
“ “ “ “	Robert Smith	12/31/2025
“ “ “ “	George Walter	12/31/2026
Planning Board Clerk	Joy Bertsch (Appt. by Plan. Bd.)	12/31/2023
UDC Representative	Larry H. Richardson (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2023
UDC Alternate Representative	Sean Nearing	12/31/2023
Upper Del. Scenic Byway Rep.	Larry Richardson (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2023
Upper Del. Scenic Byway Alt. Rep.	? (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2022
Wastewater Treatment Plant Oper.	Michael Walter	12/31/2023
Asst. Wastewater Plant Operator	George Walter	12/31/2023 as needed
Liaison to Cochecton Youth Commis.	Edwin Grund (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2023
Liaison to Planning Board	Sean Nearing	12/31/2023
Rep. – Sullivan County Youth Bd.	Heather Niedert	12/31/2024
Cochecton Youth Commission	Sue Rodriguez	12/31/2028
“ “ “ “	Michelle Birney-Steich	12/31/2029
“ “ “ “	Valerie DeVoe	12/31/2023
“ “ “ “	TBA	12/31/2024
“ “ “ “	Heather Niedert	12/31/2025
“ “ “ “	Kristina Snedeker	12/31/2026
“ “ “ “	TBA	12/31/2027

\*\*Four-year term if other than Town Clerk (PHL 4123);

**Appointments made by The Town Board unless otherwise noted:**

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#### 2022 Payroll for County Certification

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>PMNT. METH.</u>	<u>REG. #</u>
Councilperson	Edwin Grund	5,034.30	M	4307982-1
“ “	Sean Nearing	5,034.30	M	7302600-7
“ “	Michael Walter	5,034.30	M	3876322-2
“ “	John Nober	5,034.30	M	7300086-1
Justice	Steven Sauer	14,010.42	M	3745786-8
Adm. Justice	Steven Sauer	764.73	M	3745786-8
Justice Court Clerk	AnnMary Hallen	17.38/ PH	M	6046462-5
Justice	Craig Fine	14,010.42	M	
Supervisor	Gary D. Maas	28,381.50	M	4102794-7
Supervisor's Bookkeeper	Kristen Lockwood	10,876.36	M	6208918-0
Ind./Auditor/Acct.	Cooper Arias, LLP	19,000.00	By Voucher	
Tax Collector	Eileen Hennessy	6,241.68	M	4180893-2
Deputy Tax Collector	Kristin Lockwood	17.38/PH	M	6208918-0
Budget Officer	Gary D. Maas	2,969.87	A	4102794-7
Assessor	Lorry King	23,270.81	M	4042656-1
Assessor's Clerk	Terri Fountain	17.38/ PH	M	
Bd. Of Assess. Review Chm.	(1)	212.12	PD	
Bd. Of Assess. Review Mem.	(2)	181.84 each	PD	
BAR Clerk	Appointed by B.A.R.	228.96	A	
Town Clerk	Maryann Oumrim	39,800.20	M	3942474-2
Deputy Town Clerk	Joan Conklin	17.38/ PH	M(as needed)	
Town Attorney	Karen Mannino	175.00 PH	M	
Engineering Firm	Engineering Properties PC	as listed	By Voucher plus other rates	
Grounds Maint. Worker	William Boucher	17.38/ PH	M	
Townhall Cleaner	Anna Bellotti	17.38/ PH	M	
DCO	Tamara DePaulo	4,862.38	M	
Building Insp./CEO	Jim Crowley	32,659.04	M	
Asst. Bldg. Insp.	T B A	17.00 PH	M (as needed)	
Health Officer	Dr. Paul Salzberg	500.00	A	
Reg. of Vital Statistics	Maryann Oumrim	673.10	M	3942474-2
Deputy Reg. of Vital Stat.	Joan Conklin	N/A	N/A	
Highway Supt.	Kevin Esselman	50,534.69	M	3941673-0
Historian	K. C. Garn	1,418.65	M	
Website Maintenance	Maryann Oumrim	1,200.00	M	
ZBA Chair	Michael Attianese	300.00	A ***	
ZBA Members (4)		150.00 each	A ***	
ZBA Clerk P/T	Joy Bertsch	232.61 PM	M (follow-up\$116.35 ea.)	
Planning Bd. Chair	Earl Bertsch	300.00	A ***	
Planning Bd. Members (6)		150.00 each	A ***	
Planning Bd. Clerk P/T	Joy Bertsch (PB Apt.)	250.18 MH-125.10NM	PMW	3874533-7
Waste Water Plant Operator	Michael Walter	30,730.52	M	3876332-2
W/W Operator Assistant	George Walter	17.38/hr.	M	
HEMO	Michael Pomes	(\$27.40) PH per contract	B	6069126-8
	TBA	(\$27.40) PH per contract	B	
	Brian Heinle	(\$27.40) PH per contract	B	6112467-3
	Kevin Nicoletti	(\$27.40) PH per contract	B	6151215-8
MEO		(\$26.67) PH per contract	B	
LABORER		(\$22.50) PH per contract	B	
SEASONAL ON-CALL		(\$25.00) PH	B	

\*Reimbursed by UDC \*\* until new contract is agreed \*\*\*must meet credit requirements

CODE: (A) Annually (SA) Semi-annually (Q) Quarterly (M) Monthly (B) Bi-Weekly (PH) Per Hour  
 (PD) Per Diem (PM) Per Meeting (PMW) Per Month Worked (NA) Not Applicable (PS) Per Set-up/Session  
 (MH) Meeting Held (NM) Meeting not Held

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## RESOLUTION #1 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that all appointments, salary schedule and policy positions be adopted as read. Planning Board Clerk or Substitute Clerk will be paid \$250.18 on months he/she works and a regular board meeting is held and \$125.10 when meeting is not held. ZBA Clerk or Substitute Clerk will be paid \$232.61 for the original session he/she works and \$116.35 for each follow up session. When more than one issue is before either Board, only one fee will be paid for any given month or session. In those cases when the Clerks or the Substitute Clerks share the duties, the money may be prorated as determined by the respective Board. In no case will the combined salary/fee exceed the above allocated funds for either position.

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

## RESOLUTION: #2 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk place a legal notice in the official Town newspaper to state that the bills received on or after the first of the month will not be audited/paid until the following month.

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

## RESOLUTION #3– 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk notify any newly elected officials and employees as to their right to join the New York State Retirement System. The Town Clerk will insure that all documents from newly elected officials and employees are obtained and filed. (NYS & Federal Tax withholding forms, Oath of Office, Retirement System forms, and Policies).

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

## RESOLUTION: #4– 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk have a legal notice printed in *The River Reporter* as well as on the town website that the regular monthly meetings of the Town Board of the Town of Cochection will be held at the Town Hall at 74 Smales Road on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. A work session will be held between 7:00pm and 7:30pm and regular business will commence at 7:30pm.

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

## RESOLUTION #5 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Attorney prepare documents to execute the Town's options to renew the lease agreement with the Cochection Men's Club for the use of the Little League Field in Cochection and with the Heinle's Field, LLC. for the use of the Little League Ball Field in Cochection Center and with the Cochection Volunteer Ambulance Corp. for the Solly Katzoff Memorial Park. All locations are to be used for recreational purposes.

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

## RESOLUTION #6 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to pay the National Grange Mutual Fidelity Bond Insurance in the amount of \$703.00 and the Town Clerk will carry this Claim on Abstract # 1.

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

## RESOLUTION #7- 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to pay the Town's Annual Dues to The Association of Towns in the amount of \$800.00 and the Town Clerk will carry this Claim on Abstract # 1.

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

## REOSLUTION # 8 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to pay Partners In Safety in the amount of \$ 210.00 per contract for drug and hearing test and the Town Clerk will carry this Claim on Abstract # 1.

MOVED BY: Councilperson     Nearing     SECONDED BY:     Walter      
VOTE:     5     AYES     0     NAYS

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## RESOLUTION #9 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that Robert Smith is appointed as the Attorney for the Town of Cochection and is to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson Nearing **SECONDED BY:** Walter  
**VOTE:** 5 **AYES** 0 **NAYS**

## RESOLUTION #10 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that Engineering Properties, P.C., Inc. is appointed as the Engineer for the Town of Cochection and is to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson Nearing **SECONDED BY:** Walter  
**VOTE:** 5 **AYES** 0 **NAYS**

## RESOLUTION # 11 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that Earl Bertsch is appointed Chairperson of the Planning Board and said term is to expire on December 31, 2023.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson Nearing **SECONDED BY:** Walter  
**VOTE:** 5 **AYES** 0 **NAYS**

## RESOLUTION #12 – 2023

**RESOLVED**, that Michael Attianese is appointed Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals and said term to expire December 31, 2023.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson Nearing **SECONDED BY:** Walter  
**VOTE:** 5 **AYES** 0 **NAYS**

## RESOLUTION #13-2023 APPROVE THE ABOVE RESOLUTIONS # 1-12

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson Nearing **SECONDED BY:** Walter  
**ADOPTED:** 5 **AYES** 0 **NAYS**

Supervisor Maas, Councilpersons: Grund, Nearing, Walter, Nober

## Municipal Cooperation Resolution #14

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; WHEREAS the TOWN OF COCHECTON wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019; WHEREAS the TOWN OF COCHECTON wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds; Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows: That GARY D. Maas, Supervisor of TOWN OF COCHECTON is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson Grund **SECONDED BY:** Nober  
**ADOPTED:** 5 **AYES** 0 **NAYS**  
Councilpersons: Grund, Nearing, Walter, Nober

## MOTION: TO ADJOURN

On motion by Councilperson Nober. Seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to adjourn this meeting. All Town Board members voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Oumrim

Maryann Oumrim, Town Clerk