

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on January 9, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

(Between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for the purpose of auditing bills)

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson Paul Salzberg
Councilperson Edwin Grund

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Karen Mannino --Attorney
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Michael Walter – SPO

During the work session the Youth Commission voiced their concerns re: payments they feel are due them from the town. The Supervisor mentioned that they should come before the Town Board during the budget process, if as they have been waiting until the end of the year the budget is already set. This was discussed

RESOLUTION # 14
HIGHWAY DEPT. NEEDS ADDITIONAL FUNDING

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs additional funding in two of its contractual lines due to a new labor contract so that it will have sufficient funds for the FY 2019 in the (DA line 5142.121 shoe and clothing allowance and line (DA9089.801Longevity) and therefore
To fund the lines sufficiently for FY 2019 an additional \$100.00 or longevity and \$1,000.00 to Shoe and Clothing Allowance will be needed for each of the mentioned lines and therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line (DA 9060.800 Health Insurance) in the amount of \$1,000.00 be transferred to line (DA 5142.121 Shoe and Clothing allowance) and additionally from budget line (DA 9060.800 Health Insurance) in the amount of \$100.00 be transferred to line (DA 9089.801 Longevity) so that line (DA 5142.121 Shoe and Clothing Allowance) shows \$3,000.00 and line (DA 9089.801 Longevity shows \$2,600.00 and line (DA 9060.800 Health Insurance) shows \$73,900.00

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

RESOLUTION # 15
SEWER TO REPAY GENERAL FUND

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, the Sewer Dept. was loaned money for upgrades to the sewer system from the General Fund, and
WHEREAS, this money needs to be repaid by the Sewer District to the General Fund, and
WHEREAS the sewer district will pay the General Fund starting in FY 2019 and for the next 4 years \$15,000.00 and for the FY year 2024 a payment of \$10,000.00 will be paid toward the loaned amount, to fully repay the General Fund, and
NOW BE IT RESOLVED, this Town Board hereby agrees to this repayment plan

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve the minutes of December 27, 2018 and January 2, 2019, and be accepted as submitted. All board members voted in favor

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

RESOLUTION # 16
APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT # 1 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve the bills on abstract # 1 in the following amounts.

General Account	Voucher # 1-22	\$3,505.48
Sewer Account	Voucher # 2,3,5,and 7	\$1,013.41
Lighting Account	Voucher # nothing at this time	\$0.00
Highway Account	Voucher # none at this time	\$926.30

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

Claim # 22 split between funds/same voucher.
2018 expenditures \$2,117.85 General Funds
2018 expenditures \$1,013.41 Sewer Funds
2018 expenditures \$926.30 Highway Funds
2019 expenditures \$1,387.63 General Funds

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sullivan County Office Manager: National Day of Mourning for former President George H. W. Bush offices will be closed
 Federation of homeless: Hunger has no Season
 Satellite: 2019 network secure connectivity to areas inaccessible to terrestrial networks
 Lifetime Benefits: want to make sure we assist with keeping your organization compliant
 River Reporter wishing employees and staff the best for the New Year
 Engineering & Surveying Properties: requesting to be our engineering firm for FY 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Richardson Bernas Road, Support for Youth Commission \$2,000.00 would depend on what the town gets for the County.
 No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Upper Delaware Council and Byway - Larry Richardson - (Byway – no report)

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday January 3.
- Following elections, new Chairman Roeder proceeded to conduct the meeting.
- A presentation was made by Keith Pierson Resource Conservationist Wayne Conservation District: “Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution”. He discussed some of the different ways contractors or homeowners can address erosion on disturbed ground. And the harmful effects of not doing so.
- Topics discussed in part:
- The continuing resolution and the challenge it presents to the UDC
- The DEP response to the suggestion of using sirens as an emergency warning system in the river valley
- In light of the continuing resolution; and the need for funding from New York and Pennsylvania as was noted in the River Management Plan
- NPS plan during the shutdown-Rangers are on call and will only respond to emergencies, the only maintenance will be performed is plowing or sanding the Roebling Bridge. All of the other staff are furloughed.
- Actions taken:
- Approved Draft Resolution 2019 – 01: Authorizing Signatories for the council’s bank accounts FY 2019

Youth Commission – Councilperson Grund sign up for Subway Series, Snowing Boarding if the weather improves

Website and Fire District– Councilperson Story
 December, 2018

- Did the regular website maintenance
- Added approved Town Board meeting minutes
- Added approved Planning Board minutes
- Added Legal Notices for re-organizational meeting and planning board subdivision
- Added Tax collector’s legal notice in legal section and on her page
- Made updates to Supervisor’s letter
- Added credit card link for tax payment on front page
- Total Hours Worked: 4 ¾ hours

Fire District – Will meet January 14, 2018

Lake Huntington Lake Assoc. - Councilperson Salzberg
 Will be meeting soon

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report, bank information:

- Monthly Financial Report
- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$1,286.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$2,088.00.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$703.03 Town Clerk fees
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and given budget to actuals to board
- Activity - The New York State Comptroller’s Office has been doing an audit of the Town and had the exit conference and now have to give response to 5 items. Worked on alarm system entry numbers and contract with P & Alarm

CONTRACTUAL		\$4,000.00
Abstract # 1	\$ 0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract # 2	\$232.55	\$3,762.45
Abstract # 3	\$755.03	\$3,007.42
Abstract # 4	\$147.75	\$2,859.67
Abstract # 5	\$127.00	\$2,732.67
Abstract # 6	\$299.84	\$2,423.83
Abstract # 7	\$104.50	\$2,328.33
Abstract # 8	\$77.25	\$2,251.08
Abstract # 9	\$176.24	\$2,074.84
Abstract #10	\$1,362.45	\$712.39
Abstract #11	\$100.00	\$612.39
Abstract #12	\$104.50	\$507.89

Supervisor’s report continues:

Abstract #12-A \$000.00 \$507.89
 Worked 80 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

Submitted a written report:

- December Report 2018
- Out ditching, patching and cutting brush
- Plowed and sanded as needed
- Had some repairs
- Worked 160 hrs.
- Contractual balance – \$3,209.02

HWY Superintendent wants to purchase a tractor and sweeper,

RESOLUTION # 17

HWY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE TRACTOR & SWEEPER

On motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was

WHEREAS, the HWY Superintendent is in need of a tractor and sweeper, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has granted him the ability to do so, and

NOW THEREFORE, the HWY Superintendent is to move forward with this purchase

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

Jan and Larry Wagner registered a complaint regarding limbs cut from trees on their property. This was discussed

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- I attended the OSTCA meeting in November, we had a round table discussion, and thought about what we would like to do in 2019 as far as speakers and topics.
- Issued 2 permanent handicapped and 0 temporary parking permits in December
- I had people calling, wanting to know the hours of the Transfer Station
- I also have people asking me questions related to the CEO, Assessor, Tax Collector, calls regarding the taxes, and what are the hours as well as some Justice Court questions, (people that did not pay tickets or want to pay tickets)
- Collected \$840.00 in the month of December
- Worked a total of 86 hours in December
- Expenditures \$654.44
- Contractual Balance: \$2,017.38

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz) not present Supervisor went over his report

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked 80 hours, traveled 460 issued 2 permits 0 renewals
- C of O’s issued 7 Notices of disapproval 0
- Municipal search letters 5 Appearance tickets 0
- Revenues: \$775.00 Expenses: \$303.00
- Contractual Balance: \$10.14

Also he left the violation for the Attorney regarding the unsafe trailer on Tyler Road

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

Submitted a written report: January 9, 2019

- balance in checkbook \$269,813.78
- Check # 450 Cochection Supervisor \$5,395.00 Kenoza Lake Fire Dept.
- Check # 451 Cochection Supervisor \$6,990.00 Light
- Balance in checkbook \$257,428.79

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present

Supervisor went over her report

Old Business: All required by law, exemptions renewal forms have been mailed

New Business: This is Assessor & County Director reappointment year. All Assessors, County Directors terms expire in 2019

December	A 1355.400	\$1,167.78
Terri Fountain	\$10.14	
Total	\$10.14	
Balance:	\$1,157.64	
Assessor hours:	20.00	
Clerk hours:	30.00	

SPO- (Michael Walter)61,267

- Average flow of 39,848 gallons per day for month of December
- Obtained 98% C.B.O.D. and 99 % T.S.S. removal for December
- Spent a total of 73 1/2 hours attending to sewer district affairs in December

SPO REPORT Continues

- Expenditures: 1,368.95
- Contractual balance: 8,103.87

Wit Com tried to get flow to move faster, more average flow because of heavy rain etc.

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

Submitted a written report:

- Attendance at Board Meeting

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR (Earl Bertsch) not present

Report is on file in Town Clerks office if anyone wishes to review it

DCO (Tamara DePaolo) not present

No report

HISTORIAN (K.C. Garn) not present

No report

TOWN BOARD

Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe Buildings 2019- discussed earlier
- 2.

New Business:

1. Tire disposal – Masy 100 tires per ton, no commercial tires 4 tires family at no cost and additional tires would be charged
2. Basketball Court – will be addressed at a later meeting
3. Cochection Entrance signs and banners – this was discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to move into executive session. To discuss a Personal Matter. Time 8:20 pm

All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to move out of executive session. Time 8:45 pm. All Town Board members voted in favor

While in executive session no decision made

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess this town board meeting until January 23, at 6:30 pm. Time 8:46 pm. this meeting. All voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk