

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on January 10, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Cochecton 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 7:32PM.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk  
Gregg Semenetz – CEO entered at 7:36 pm  
Karen Mannino --Attorney  
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent  
Michael Walter – SPO entered at 7:45 pm  
Eileen Hennessy—Tax Collector

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to re-open the Public Hearing regarding the Falk property. Time 7:01 pm. All present board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor mentioned that the property has changed hands, and this issue is finished

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to closed this Public Hearing. Time 7:02 pm. All present board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to re-open the Public Hearing regarding the Petition to be in the sewer District – Nearing. Time 7: 03 pm. All present board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor mentioned he did not have all the paper work for this project.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess tis Public Hearing until the next Town Board meeting. Time: 04 pm. All present Town Board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

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

Regular meeting started

**RESOLUTION # 14**  
**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY YOUTH COMMISSION**

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochecton Youth Commission has coming to them for FY 2017 \$2,569.87, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay this amount to the Cochecton Youth Commission

**ADOPTED: 4 NAYS: 0** Councilperson Story absent  
Supervisor Maas  
Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve the minutes of December 28, 2017 and January 2, 2018, and be accepted as submitted. All present board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

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

General Account	Voucher # 1-23	\$6,585.75
Sewer Account	Voucher # 24-25	\$1,725.58
Lighting Account	Voucher # no claim #	\$0.00
Highway Account	Voucher #'s 26-29	\$15,531.75

Claim #'s 12 and 20 split between funds/same voucher.  
Prepays were paid on January 6, 2018

**2017 General Accounts = \$ 2,860.49**  
**2017 Sewer Accounts = \$1,725.58**  
**2017 Highway Accounts = \$9,495.85**

**2018 General Accounts = \$3,725.26**  
**2018 Sewer Accounts = \$0.00\**  
**2018 Highway Accounts = \$ 195.00**

All present Town Board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Sullivan County Fire Board: Jason Kraack to be representative to the Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board for the Town of Cochecton for the year 2018  
 NYC Environmental Protection: Impact Statement  
 UDC: 2018 Membership update, Representative Larry Richardson/ Alternate Jerold Yavarkovsky  
 UDSB: requesting the contribution for 2018 of \$1,000.00  
 Letter from Rep. Faso: congratulation Supervisor on his re-election  
 NYMIR: Offering online courses along with a list of the courses offered  
 State of NY Unified Court System: Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their town and village auditing boards  
 State Liquor Authority: advising board of Nutshell renewing their liquor license  
 The River Reporter: Wishing the Town Board and all staff and employees the best for the New Year, and request that you the River reporter the official newspaper. This year 2018 is the Sullivan County Democrat as the official newspaper  
 Cooper Arias, LLP: reminder quarterly payroll taxes for the fourth quarter of 2017 and the W-2's for year ending 2017 are due January 31, 2018  
 Humane Society of Middletown: asking for a letter of support as they are looking for grant money to upgrade and expansion of their shelter kennels and facilities

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one wished to comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Upper Delaware Council and Byway-** Larry Richardson no reports

**Youth Commission – Councilperson Grund**

- Year-end report—107 total youth participants in 2017 (52 females and 62 males)
- Held 25 events in 2017 -- spent \$10,544.29
- Some 2018 events planned are; skiing/snowboarding/snow tubing at Villa Roma every Friday
- Skiing /snowboarding/snow tubing at Holiday Mtn. every Sunday
- Forestburgh Playhouse, movies in Scranton PA, Escape room, West Point Hockey, NY Knicks bus trip, indoor water park overnight trip; Sesame Place, Indoor swimming and Christmas show –bus trip
- Fund Raiser – another raffle (In 2017 raised \$2,125.00)

**Website Report – Councilperson Story**

December, 2017

- Added agenda and approved meeting minutes
- Updated youth events and sign-ups
- Added fire BBQ notice
- Added Re-org meeting and Tax Collector’s legal notices
- Added tax collectors early collection hours on front page
- Added a missing agriculture form on assessor’s page
- Did regular website maintenance
- I contacted Dorene RE: issues I am having with the photoshop (picture) program. We will be doing a screen share and phone conversation in the near future.
- Total Hours Worked: 6 hour

**Fire District –** Had a re-organizational meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018.

- Officers are: Ed Kraack – Chair. Herb Sawall – Vice Chair. Jim Farrell – Secretary and Maureen Lowitz – Treasurer
- Bills were paid
- Regular maintenance on trucks
- They are working on collecting all drivers licenses for members so they can get reports from the state on any tickets issued
- Cadet program – If anyone is interested or knows someone interested in the cadet program, contact Ed or Jason or show up at a meeting which is every Monday at 7 PM

**Lake Huntington Lake Association:** Councilperson Salzberg

- Now have a Board of Directors. Met in December, January meeting cancelled; next meeting February
- Discussing fund raising ideas, figuring out how to keep the lake usable and cost of doing so. Trying to find solutions, asking for input from the property owners.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

- Bank Information:  
 Deposited \$1,358.00 Judicial fees  
 Deposited \$1,726.00 Judicial fees  
 Deposited \$1,390.01 Clerk fees  
 Deposited \$3,156.80 Debit Card  
 Made transfers and deposits as needed and (budget to actuals not given to Town Board members)
- Activity:  
 Waiting on Contract with County. Call to Ross Winglovitz, Galderie Electric (Electric pole for parking lot), Spectrum and Tom Shepstone

CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00

**Supervisor's report continues**

Abstract #2	\$413.66	\$ 3,586.34
Abstract#3	\$920.67	\$ 2,665.67
Abstract #4	\$606.75	\$2,058.92
Abstract #5	\$99.00	\$1,959.92
Abstract#6	\$76.75	\$1,883.17
Abstract#7	\$731.74	\$1,151.43
Abstract#8	\$ 52.87	\$1,049.56
Abstract#9	\$152.50	\$897.06
Abstract#10	\$ 86.38	\$810.68
Abstract#11	\$ 163.20	\$647.48
Abstract#12	\$115.47	\$532.01
Abstract 12 A	\$125.18	\$406.83

- Worked 85 hours

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Kevin Esselman

- December 2017 Report
- Did some ditching and cutting brush
- Had some repairs
- Plowed and sanded as needed
- Put up some road signs
- Diesel 1,146.6 gals del / used 1,200 gals
- Gas 220 gals del / used 355 gals
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance is \$302.14

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to accept the Highway agreement # 248 as submitted by the Highway Superintendent. All present Town Board members signed agreement. Councilperson Story absent

**TOWN CLERK:** (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- I attend the OSTCA meeting in December, where we had a round table discussion, and Dan Briggs gave the newly elected and re-elected town clerks the oath of office.
- Issued 0 permanent handicapped and 0 temporary parking permits in December
- I also have people asking me questions related to the CEO, Assessor, Tax Collector, and some Justice Court questions. I have calls regarding the new tax bill and when can they pay their taxes etc.
- Worked a total of 115 3/4 hours in December
- Expenditures \$330.13
- Contractual Balance: \$928.13

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked 80 hours, traveled 480 issued 3 permits 0 renewals
- C of O's issued 17 Notices of disapproval 0
- Municipal search letters 2 Appearance tickets 0
- Revenues: \$775.00 Expenses: \$306.80
- Contractual Balance: \$4.08

December ended a very good year. January might be slow due to the weather. Unsafe structures so far one on Ed Pierce property, one on Dailey Road, Tyler and CR 114. If anyone has others in mind please let him know. Also have 2 permits for new structures for 2018 at this time

**TAX COLLECTOR:** (Eileen Hennessy)

Submitted a written report: as of January 10, 2018

- Collected \$350,730.61
- Paid out to Supervisor \$222,978.61
- Worked 37 hours in December
- Contractual Balance: not reported

She also reported we are slightly behind last year, but are ahead on credit card payments

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** (Karen Mannino)

Submitted a written report:

- Research/email to Supervisor re: filing of Solar Law
- Review of proposed Summer Camp LL; email
- Conversation with Supervisor; emails; op. Lake Huntington

**ASSESSOR:** (Lorry King) not present

Submitted a written report:

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Nothing to report

**N New Business:**

1. Exemption applications for Seniors & Enhanced STAR and Not for profits are in the mail and must be returned before March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

2. All Exemptions renewals are due March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Assessor Hours: 30.25 Clerk Hours: 32

Contractual Balance: \$1,581.76 for December 2017

**SEWER OFFICER:** (Michael Walter)

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 17,861 gallons per day for month of December
- Obtained 98% C.B.O.D. and 89 % T.S.S. removal for December
- Spent a total of 69 1/2 hours attending to sewer district affairs in December
- Expenditures: 4,586.90
- Contractual Balance: 4,335.79

Nothing new to report.

**PLANNING BOARD:** (Earl Bertsch) not present

Submitted Planning Board minutes approved for November meeting, and a draft of the December meeting

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted written report of her contractual balance, which is \$1,301.64

Had 3 lost dog calls. Worked 8 hours in December

**HISTORIAN:** (K.C. Garn) not present

No report submitted

**TOWN BOARD:**

**(Councilperson Nearing)**

Nothing to report at this time

**(Councilperson Salzberg)**

Nothing to report at this time

**(Councilperson Grund)**

Nothing to report at this time

**(Supervisor Maas)**

Nothing to report at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Basketball Court, Pickle Ball, Ball Field and Exercise Park –will be addressed at the March meeting with the Youth commission
2. Zoning Summer Camps –making good progress
3. Sewer – Nearing – pending
4. Transfer Station – still don't have a contract or check

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Back Deck – pending
2. New Unsafe Buildings- 2017 CEO and Supervisor will look into this matter to see what buildings might be addressed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hollye Schulman, Mitchell Pond East Road, mentioned that by the transfer station it is very slippery and muddy  
Kevin Esselman, HWY Superintendent, asked that property owners don't push snow into the road

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to recess this meeting to January 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Time 8:13p.m. All present Town Board members voted in favor.  
Councilperson Story absent

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk