

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2018
PUBLIC HEARING NEARING SEWER PETITION**

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on February 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM 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 7:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Karen Mannino --Attorney
Gregg Semenetz –CEO entered at 7:34 p.m.
Michael Walter - SPO entered at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to re-open the Public Hearing re: the Nearing petition to be in the sewer district. Time 7:10 p.m. Three Town Board members voted in favor. Councilperson Nearing recused himself, Councilperson Story absent

Since no one was present re: this issue the Board recess the Public Hearing

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess this Public Hearing until March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Time 7:11 p.m. Three Town Board members voted in favor. Councilperson Nearing recused himself, Councilperson Story absent

During the work session the Town Board and the Attorney discussed language for the proposed changes for draft Zoning Law re: Summer Camps and Private Schools

Regular meeting started. Supervisor wished all a Happy Valentine’s day and he also asked for a moment of silence for the victims or the terrible shooting in Florida

RESOLUTION # 17

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO PAY P.N. ALARM THE BALANCE FOR ALARM SYSTEM

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, P.N. Alarm has installed the security system for both the Town Hall and the Highway Garage and there is a balance that needs to be paid, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay the balance to P.N. Alarm when the final bill comes in

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

RESOLUTION # 17

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR RADAR SIGN

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board when adopting the FY 2018 budget did not fund enough for the Public Safety Contractual Line A 3310.400 for the purchase of a Radar Sign, and NOW THEREFORE, to fund the line sufficiently for FY 2018 and additional \$3,000.00 will be needed, and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 199.400 (Contingency Account) in the amount of \$3,000.00 be transferred to line A3310.400 (Public Safety Contractual), so that line A 199.400 (Contingency Account) shows \$12,000.00 and line A 3310.400 (Public Safety Contractual) shows \$3,500.00

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

Supervisor explained how the sign works

RESOLUTION # 18

AUTHORIZE A FUNDING LETTER IN SUPPORT FOR THE UDC

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Upper Delaware Council has requested a letter in support of the Council’s \$50,000.00 project funding request on September 7, 2017 to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for development of the FY 2018-19 budget, and

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board in in favor of this project does hereby agree to sending letters to Senator John J. Bonacic, Assembly woman Aileen Gunter, and Assemblyman Clifford Crough to support the FY 2018-19 budget project

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

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RESOLUTION # 19

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO PAY CHECK TO COCHECTON YOUTH COMMISSION

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Town has agreed to pay the Youth Commission additional monies owed to them, and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has authorized the Supervisor to issue the check to the Cochection Youth Commission in the amount of \$2,000.00 as stated earlier at the January meeting

ADOPTED: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve the minutes of January 10, 2018 and January 23, 2018 and be accepted as submitted. All present board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve the bills on Abstract # 2 in the following amounts:

General Account	Voucher # 30-75	\$11,425.25
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 76	\$98.00
Sewer Account	Voucher # 77-79	\$380.90
Lighting Account	Voucher # 80-81 (*32 &34)	\$1,493.22 * are prepaid
Highway Account	Voucher # 82-96	\$61,912.71

Claim #'s 40, 47, 61, 62, 63 and 71 are split between funds/same voucher
Prepaid claims were paid on January 10th, 17th, 22nd, 28th, 30th, and Feb. 5th, 2018.
All present board members voted in favor. Councilpersons Story absent

2017 General Accounts = \$3,246.79

2017 Debit Card Account = \$0.00

2017 Sewer Accounts = \$170.70

2017 Lighting District Account = \$607.32

2017 Highway Accounts = \$155.00

2018 General Accounts = \$8,178.46

2018 Debit Card Account = \$ 98.00

2018 Sewer Accounts = \$210.20

2018 Lighting District Accounts = \$ 885.90

2018 Highway Accounts = \$61,912.71

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dept. of Commerce:

Municipal Shelter Inspection Report: passed

Sullivan County IDA: 2018 Distribution of Pilot payments: \$36,613.44

Association of Towns: NY Municipal Energy Program: a one of a kind innovative Municipal Aggregation and Community Choice program that allows NY municipalities and even their residents, save money on energy cost

Sullivan County Democrat: wishing a Happy and Healthy 2018 and for choosing the Sullivan County Democrat as this years paper

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc.: Offering volunteer training opportunities

County of Dutchess: "Think Differently" initiative to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for residents with special needs

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheila Schultz: asked if the Town owns Mueller Road. Supervisor said that part of Mueller Road is I our Town but some is in Town of Callicoon. Her concern was that there is no stop sign at the Callicoon end before going on to State Route 52.

No one else wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL and BYWAY: Larry Richardson

- The Council held its Annual meeting on Thursday February1, 2018. The January meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather.
- The first order of business was election of officers: Aaron Robinson-Chairman (Shohola), David Dean-Vice Chairman (Deerpark), and Al Henry as Secretary/Treasurer (Berlin Township).
- The Project Review Committee held its annual election of officers and returned as Chairman myself and Vice Chairman is David Dean.
- The Project Review Committee was asked by NYS DEC to review and comment on a SPEDES permit modification application for Camp French woods. Although the camp is located outside of the corridor boundaries, the discharge goes into a small brook the water of which finds its way into the Delaware.
- Due to the interruption of funds for the Council's operation, it was agreed that we would ask the tag grant recipients to hold their projects until we could be assured of funding. (*since the Project Review Committee meeting I am pleased to announce that funding for 2018 has been approved for release*)

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UDC report continues:

- The Project Review Committee had a lengthy discussion about the UD C's position on hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River Basin. The Council's position hasn't changed from those detailed in a 2011 letter. The Council does not feel that hydraulic fracturing is allowed in the river corridor however if it can be proven to be done safely there's not an objection to drilling horizontally from a safe distance beyond the corridor boundary.
- Executive Director Ramie presented a detailed closure plan in the event funding did not come through before the council used up its own funds. It is sad to say that the funding delay and uncertainty has resulted in the resignation of Cindy Odell council's secretary.

Scenic Byway; The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday January 22.

- Kris Gilbert from the New York State Byways Program said that the state has a new state coordinator for the program, Christine Colley. She works out of the Albany office. We are extending an invitation to attend one of our meetings.
- I have a meeting scheduled for February 15th to make a presentation at the monthly Elementary School Superintendents meeting on the availability of our Butterfly brochures. We are told that our target group of 4th graders number 700 throughout the county.
- **NYS DOT Rt. 97 Shoulders Project-** We have been asked by NYS DOT to suggest where their limited funds for shoulder restoration should be focused
- **.Rt. 97 Vista Enhancement Project-** We are continuing to seek out private property owners along Rte 97 that are willing to allow selective vegetation thinning to open up views from the highway. We currently have funds budgeted for that purpose.
- **Scenic Values Educational Workshop-** Sullivan Renaissance has agreed to partner with us and perhaps the Village of Hancock to bring Ed McMahon from the Urban Land Institute to the area to emphasize unique places and explain why aesthetics matter. He has conducted similar training in Sullivan County.
- The class would provide opportunities for credits for Planning Boards and Zoning Boards and CEOs.
- **UDSB Virtual Phone Switchover** is in progress.
- **Biodegradable Litter Bags-** It was agreed to re-order 1,500 of the popular litter bags with the UDSB logo.
- The new NYS informational sign installation program is behind schedule but they should be showing up this spring. There may be an event at the Erie Station site this spring to celebrate the inauguration of the sign program.

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund

- Meet on February 1
- Looking for a member,
- Have been skiing and snowboarding, bus trip to Knicks game is filling up
- West Point Hockey Feb. 24, Laser Tag is coming up, and Movies in Scranton Feb. 23
- Other events for 2018, New York City Christmas Show, Water Park day trip, Water Park overnight fund raiser
- Sesame Place , Ellis Island, Baseball Hall of Fame, Forestburgh Play House, Bowling, Drive-in, Escape Room
- Raffle Fund Raiser

Web Site and Fire District: Councilperson Story was not present.

Website Report No report

Fire District – No report

Lake Huntington Lake Association: Councilperson Salzberg

Lake Huntington Lake Association held a meeting on February 3. Received 3 bids for control of the algae bloom on the lake pretty expensive. Received a recent bid that was more reasonable. They are also looking for funding sources.

Councilperson Nearing asked about the projects. Councilperson Salzberg, said what he mentioned

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

- .Monthly Financial Report
- Bank Information:
 - Deposited \$ 456.00 Judicial fees
 - Deposited \$ 243.00 Judicial fees
 - Deposited \$ 1,146.68 Town Clerk fees
 - Deposited \$ 73,449.40, 5990.00, 5339.21, 138,200.00, 274,100.81, 250,000.00, 250,000.00, 100,000.00 Tax Collector
 - Deposited \$ 14,130.65 School Sewer, 554.14 Deitz, 554.14 Blaso
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board Activity
- Waiting on Contract with County. Call to Tom Shepstone. Audit by Cooper Arias,

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Supervisor's report continues:

CONTACTUAL		\$4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$232.55	
Abstract#3		
Abstract #4		
Abstract #5		
Abstract#6		
Abstract#7		
Abstract#8		
Abstract#9		
Abstract#10		
Abstract#11		
Abstract#12		
Abstract#12A		

- Worked 85 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman) not present

Submitted a written report:

- Out patching and cutting brush
- Out plowed and sanded as needed
- Had some repairs
- Meet with FEMA about winter storm Stella
- Opened up frozen ditches and pipes
- Diesel 1,423.3 gals del / used 1,131 gals
- Gas 560.8 gals del / used 352 gals
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance - \$3,403.59

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 January in Middletown, there was some discussion regarding a Deputy Town Clerk, and who decides whom it will be. Discussed were topics for meeting in the future. Also it was decided to donate \$100.00 to "canthurtsteel" in memory of J.J. Hanson (Doreen Hanson's son she is the Town Clerk of Town of Highland) who passed on December 30, 2017. This is a fund that helps patients with cancer and other diseases with medical and other bills.
- Issued 2 permanent handicapped and 1 temporary parking permits in January
- 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)
- Worked a total of 113 hours in January
- Expenditures \$86.27
- Contractual Balance: \$3,913.73
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At this time I would like permission to attend the NYSTCA Training/Conference School in Albany April 22nd -April 25th, 2018 for a cost of approx.. \$550.00

RESOLUTION # 20

TOWN CLERK AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND NYSTCA CONFERENCE/TRAINING SCHOOL

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to allow the Town Clerk to attend the NYSTCA Conference/training school in Albany, NY from April 22-April 25, 2018

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilpersons Story absent

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hours, mileage 685, permits issued 1, renewals 0, C of O's issued 1
- Notice of disapproval 0, Municipal search letters 6, Appearance tickets 0
- Revenues \$575.00, Expenses \$472.33
- Contractual Balance: \$5,027.67

CEO mentioned that he has 10municipal searches so far this year. Three searches did work without permits, but they have all come in to compliance. Nothing new starting at this time

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

No report submitted:

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TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

Submitted written report:

- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Review letter /email personnel matter
- Review of Code re: garbage/review and forward Bethel solid waste law; email to Sup.
- Conv. With Sup/email labor issue
- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Audit letter and email
- Review of Proposed LL Summer Camp Zoning
- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Edit of LL Summer Camp Zoning/email; undertakings notarization email
- Email Summer Camp Zoning

She also reminded the Town Board that needed to recess the Public Hearing during the regular meeting.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess the Public Hearing re: Nearing sewer project until March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Three board members voted in favor, with Councilperson Nearing abstaining and Councilperson Story absent

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present

Submitted a written report. Supervisor went over her report

Old Business:

1. Exemption applications are due in my office by March 1, 2018.

New Business:

1. Terri and I will be out of the office the week of March 26th 2018. We will be on a 7 day cruise!

Assessor Hours: 28.50

Clerk Hours: 32

Jan. -2018 A1355.400 \$3,000.00

SCAA \$50.00

Total Jan. \$50.00

Contractual Balance: \$2,950.00

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter) not present

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 40,529 gallons per day for month of January
- Obtained 96% C.B.O.D. and 95% T.S.S. removal for January
- Spent a total of 67 hours attending to sewer district affairs in January
- Expenditures \$210.20
- Contractual Balance: \$29,789.80

No problems at this time

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR (Earl Bertsch) not present

No report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report. Mileage \$7.63, 1 Public Health dog bite, 3 dogs at large calls, asked that the town renew any shelter contracts for 2018. (This has been done already)

HISTORIAN: (K. C. Garn) not present

No report submitted

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

(Councilperson Salzberg) nothing to report

(Councilperson Nearing) nothing to report

(Councilperson Grund) mentioned he and the Supervisor went to visit the new jail

(Supervisor Maas) Explained the trip to see the new jail and what the facilities are like, very impressive

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basketball Court, Pickle Ball and Exercise Park—pending for next month
2. Zoning on Summer Camps – discussed earlier pending
3. Sewer --Nearing – recessed
4. Transfer Station –no contract at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Back Deck – Waiting for a break in the weather
2. Unsafe Buildings 2018—discussed earlier

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Margaret Richardson, Bernas Road, Thanked the town board for the basket for the Roycroft family Tricky Tray

Larry Richardson, thanked the Supervisor for the draft Zoning to the UDC

Councilperson Nearing, mentioned the school play being March 9, 10, and 11. Should be nice

Supervisor Maas, mentioned the Sullivan West Central School would like to share services with the town, they would like to be able to pick up sand and salt for their parking lots and driveways from the Town stock pile. Supervisor thought a charge of \$40.00 per pickup truck would be a fair price.

MOTION: on Motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to have an agreement with Sullivan West Central School for shared services; namely sand and salt from the town stock pile. All present Town Board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story absent

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess this meeting until February 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Time 8:16 p.m. All present board members present voted in favor. Councilpersons Story absent

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk