

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MARCH 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Town of Cohecton was held on March 13, 2024, at the Cohecton Town Hall. At 7:30PM members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson - Deputy Supervisor, Edwin Grund
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson- SPO, Michael Walter
Councilperson John Nober

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk Robert Smith–Attorney Jeff Daub- Highway
Nystrom- Code Enforcement Larry Richardson- UDC Michael Attianese

Regular Town Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 03132024 #25
TOWN OF COHECTON REQUIRED BY NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM TO
AUDIT JUSTICE COURT RECORDS**

WHEREAS the Town of Cohecton is required by the State of New York to have the local Justice Court records audited annually, and
WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Cooper Arias, LLP under contract with the Town of Cohecton conducted an annual audit FY2023, and
WHEREAS, included in the annual audit was a review of the Town Justices’ Court records as required by the State of New York Unified Court System, and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the duly elected Town Board does hereby accept the annual audit FY2023 performed by Cooper Arias, LLP as fulfilling the requirement of the local justice records audit

Moved by Nearing
Seconded by Nober
All in Favor: Maas, Grund, Nearing, Walter, Nober

**RESOLUTION 03132024 #26
MOTION** to accept Invoice #24-IN3743 in the amount of \$875.00 from Edmunds GovTech as a PREPAID on Abstract 4. For Implementation of module building, compliant Tracking, Planning, Zoning, Periodic Inspections, Assessment Sync, Mobile App. Building Department.

Moved by Walter
Seconded by Nearing
All in Favor: Maas, Grund, Nearing, Walter, Nober

Received letter from George Walter stating he is resigning his position on the planning board
Gary Maas read aloud a letter received from Jennifer Bernas expressing her interest in the position on the planning board.

MOTION made by Councilperson Nober Seconded by Councilperson Grund to appoint Jennifer Bernas to the planning board.
All in Favor: Maas, Grund, Nearing, Walter, Nober
MOTION Carried

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Walter the following motion was to accept the minutes of February 14, 2024, and February 27, 2024.
Supervisor Maas and Councilpersons: Grund, Nearing, Walter and Nober voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION #27
APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #3 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS
Abstract # 3**

General Accounts: Claim #'s 87,89-92, 97,98 and 100 are in prepaid's. Clam numbers 101-125, 137 and 157 are to be paid

Total General Funds: **\$21,624.51**

Debit Card Account: Claim #126

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Total Debit Card: **\$538.75**

Sewer Accounts: Claim # 86, and 93-96 are in prepaids
Claim #'s 75 and 76 to be paid.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$3,261.57**

Lighting District Accounts: None

Total Lighting District Funds:

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 88 and 99 are in prepaid
131-156 to be paid.

Total Highway Accounts **\$26,228.63**

PREPAIDS were paid 2/19, 2/28,3/4 and 3/6

Audit 3/12/2024 by Councilmen Grund & Nober

On Motion of Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nober, to approve the bills on Abstract #3

Maas Aye

Grund Aye

Nearing Aye

Walter Aye

Nober Aye

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Maas

- Received Letter from Sullivan 180 and Brochures placed out in vestibule
- Letter from Scenic Byway Thanking Town Board for Municipal contribution.
- Received Letter from
- Complaint from resident on Quails Road regarding their neighbor for copious amounts of garbage not in proper receptacles.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None currently

Town Supervisor -Gary Maas Introduced Pat Skiba, RN

Pat introduced herself and explained that she is becoming more of a full-time resident in our area.

As an RN she held many positions and is starting a Health & Wellness Program at the Cocheton Volunteer Ambulance Department.

Focus :

Health & Wellness

Disease Management & Prevention

Monthly education seminars

B/P Screening

For more information contact Pat Skiba, RN e-mail: cvachealth70@gmail.com or Ph # 475-332-2208

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL: Larry Richardson

LARRY H. RICHARDSON

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March 7, Chairperson Dudko called the meeting to order with a Zoom option.

Cancelled (no-show) Presentation: "High-Definition Stream Survey of the Upper Delaware River: Identifying Trout Habitat and Conservation Opportunities" by James Parham, Ph.D., director of Research and Development, Trutta Environmental Solutions, LLC

Reports- Minutes for the three standing committees were distributed prior to the meeting.

- Project Review, (Larry Richardson)
- Operations, (Ginny Dudko)
- Water Use/Resource Management, (Bill Dudko in the absence of Ginny)

Status Reports

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- **Delaware River Basin Commission** -oral report given
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation**- no report
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) Even though the ground is wet, the fire season will be here soon. Cautions it only takes a few warm breezy days to begin drying out. Once again PA will spray about 10,000 acres in NE PA for spongy moths. The PA DCNR website provides homeowner suggestions for controlling spongy (gypsy) moths.
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath) – close to finalizing the “Road Show” to present to towns/townships. It will introduce current players in the NPS/UDC who will work with municipalities in reviewing proposed projects within the corridor. Als review some of the assistance available from the UDC. A letter will be sent out requesting a convenient time (about 15-20 minutes) to address individual municipalities with a joint Town Board/ Planning Board meeting. Lindsey also noted that the NPS has purchased two Starlink systems to provide more reliable communications in the Milanville and Lackawaxen areas.
- **UDC Executive Director** (Laurie Ramie)- Provided an update on the Skinners Falls Bridge project. The UDC annual raft trip will be in August from Ten Mile River to Minisink, about 10 miles. She is still working to secure a keynote speaker for our Awards Banquet. Litter Sweep coordinator Stephanie Driscoll shared that all but 2 towns have designated leaders. (I have volunteered again). We will have new tee shirts with a new design. April 20-28.

New Business

- Approved the Substantial Conformance 2024-01: The Pavilion at the Flats, Town of Tusten *
- Approved Resolution: Revising the Employee Leave Vacation Policy
- Approved the River and Shoreline Clean-up Grant Program
- Reviewed UPDE Decision Support Tool and UPDE Park Atlas interactive map

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-*Monthly Report* Submitted by: Larry Richardson

The Committee held a scheduled meeting on February 26, 2024

Call to Order: Chairperson Lowe called the meeting held at the Upper Delaware Council office in Narrowsburg and via Zoom to order at 7:04 p.m.

A Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officer Candidates to Serve April 2024-25: elections will be at the April meeting.

Treasurers Report: I provided a Financial Report and re-introduced the Draft Budgets for 2024. An increase in the Clerk Services line was presented and the budgets were approved.

Approved bills:

- second part of the UDSB’s contract with Mid-Hudson Web for \$1,750.
- Mike Preis Inc. invoice of \$956 for renewal of the Directors & Officers insurance policy
- Callicoon Cooperative Insurance Co. invoice of \$471 for renewal of the liability insurance policy
- Dues from the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce-\$75.00

Discussion items:

- UDSB Program Manager Position continuing
- The solar-powered trash cans are still being pursued: Universal Instruments, a tech company based in Rochester is working on the technology
- UDSB Visitor Center at The Callicoon Depot update
- NYS DOT Regions 8 & 9 Capital Projects Monthly Report
- Major promotional events for this summer

Next Meeting Date: on March 25, at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund

The New Youth Commission is planning events for the coming year. For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: s_rod79@frontiernet.net. Check out their **New Youth Commission Facebook** page to see all the creative activities that has been thoughtfully planned out by the volunteers in charge of the New Cocheton Youth Commission.

Lake Huntington Fire Department – John Nober Announced BURN BAN March 16- May 14th

DEPARTMENT HEADS

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SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Submitted a written report:

Bank Information:

Deposited \$ 143.00	Judicial fees
Deposited \$ 1,712.00	Judicial fees
Deposited \$ 2,018.62	Debit Card
Deposited \$ 1222.75	Town Clerk
Deposited \$3,000.00	Fosterdale Corners Escrow
Deposited \$16,835.08	High School Sewer rent
Deposited \$33,658.34	Millenium Pipeline Pilot

Made transfers and deposits as needed. Filled out Incident report, Attended Council Meetings, Calls to Rossin regards to Sewer District. Meetings with Zeke Miller, Highway Supp, Brett Erdman, and County in regard to senior meals. Cooper Arias finished the audit. Meeting with Mike Pomes and Skinner Falls Bridge.

CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$ 1,809.49	\$3,090.51
Abstract #3	\$ 258.46	\$2,832.05

I worked 103 hours.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Jeffrey Daub

- Appointed Foreman
- Brush Cutting
- Plowed and sanded as needed
- Tracey Trucking called and notified that the Truck which was ordered will not be in production any time soon.
- Worked 160 hrs.

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim

February 2024 – March Meeting

To: Supervisor and Town Board Members

I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk including:

- Prepared Abstract #3 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for February 14th Meeting. And Emergency Meeting on 2/27
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 2 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- CEO Report / deposit
- Dog – 2-New Licenses and 3- Renewals.
- Dog Enumeration in the works approval was sent back to Joel from Dog Enumerations
- 1- Marriage License
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Website Maintenance
- I worked a total of 92 hours in February
- **Contractual balance: \$3,383.79**

RESOLUTION #28

Motion made by Councilperson Nober seconded by Councilperson Grund for Supervisor to go forward with ordering Safe for Town Clerks Office.

All Board members in favor and Motion Carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Charles Nystrom

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Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hrs.

- Total Hours 106
- Mileage 274
- permits issued 11
- Renewals 1
- C of O's 0
- C of C's issued 18
- Logging permits 0
- Demo Permits 0
- Logging Permits 0
- Violations 1
- Appearance Tickets 0
- Municipal search 11
- Revenues \$3,366.52
- Expenses \$557.06
- Contractual Balance: \$3,740.49

Attended Lake Placid Annual Training.

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy
2/2024

Money, collected \$2,858,210.31

Money to the Supervisor \$1,443,694.19

Money to Sullivan County Treasurer \$1,390,000.00

Worked 103 Hours in January

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith

Attended the NYS Association of Towns conference in NYC

ASSESSOR: Lorry King - not present

Old Business:

1. Field work continues.
2. Exemption forms are due by March 1st

New Business:

1. Working on Valuation
2. I will be taking required mandatory continued education; I will advise when we have actual dates.

A1355.400 \$2,000.

SCAA Dues: \$50.00

NYSAA Dues: 125.00

Total Feb \$175.00

Balance \$1,825.00

Assessor Hrs.: 27.75

Clerk Hrs.: 20

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Obtained 99% C.B.O.D. and 98% T.S.S. removal for February
- Expenditures \$3,261.57
- Contractual Balance: \$31,981.89

Worked 89-hours.

AMBULANCE CORP: Michael Attianese

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PLANNING BOARD CHAIR Earl Bertsch - not present.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present

HISTORIAN: - not present

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

Councilperson Grund -nothing currently

Councilperson Nearing - nothing currently

Councilperson Walter - nothing currently

Councilperson Nober - nothing currently

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to adjourn.

Time 8:35 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk