

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on April 10, 2019 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 7:30 PM.

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
 Michael Walter- SPO
 Gregg Semenetz –CEO
 Eileen Hennessy –Tax collector

RESOLUTION # 24
RESERVE FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF LOADER

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was
 WHEREAS, the HWY Superintendent would like to purchase a Catepillar Loader from the Capital Reserve Funds in the amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has approved this purchase, and
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this purchase go forward subject to a permissive referendum

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

RESOLUTION # 25
RESERVED FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF 6500 TRUCK

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was
 WHEREAS, the HWY Superintendent would like to purchase a 2019 or newer Chevy 6500 Series, 6 wheel drive, 22,500 GVWR, Diesel Powered Dump Truck with snow plow and spreader with funds from the Capital Reserve Funds in the amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town board has approved this purchases go forward subject to a permissive referendum

ADOPTED: AYES 4 NAYS: 0 Councilpersons: 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 March 13, 2019 and be accepted as submitted. All board members present voted in favor.
 Councilpersons: Story absent

RESOLUTION # 26
APPROVAL OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT # 4

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund the following motion was to approve for payment the bills on abstract # 4 in the following amounts.

General Account	Voucher # 148-178	\$5,453.73
Debit Card Account	Voucher # None	\$0.00
Sewer Account	Voucher # 179-181	\$1,005.37 #'s 148, 149, 157 and 158 in prepaid
Lighting District	Voucher # 182	\$599.12 and Claim # 151 in prepaid
Highway Account	Voucher # 183-197	\$29,704.28

Claim #'s 155, 168, 169, 174 and 175 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.
 Claim #'s 148-158 are noted as PREPAID on March 14th, 19th, 25th, 26th and April 52nd 2019. All board members present voted in favor. Councilpersons: Story absent

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kartrite resort & water Park: Grand opening May 10, 2019 at 10:00 am
 Catskill Food Hub: Opening April 12, at noon
 Supervisor sent letter to State: Hope our response satisfies your recommendations of the Examination of the Town of Cochecton
 SC Division of Public Works: ordering paint and glass beads for 2019 road striping season
 Sullivan County DPW: Snow & Ice watch has ended
 CHARTER: Franchise fee: \$19,785.18
 UDS Byway: Thanking Town of Cochecton for the financial support
 UDC 31st Annual Awards Ceremony; April 28, 2019 at 3:00 PM ALSO AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED
 COCHECTON YOUTH: Thinking about having town kids build a shed and raffle it off. This was discussed by both Town Board and Attorney as well as Youth Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Richardson: how much would be left in machinery reserve. Supervisor said that they expect some money from the sale of equip. This was discussed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UDC: Larry Richardson

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday April 4.
- The meeting opened with a presentation from the Delaware River Master Robert Mason JR. and Deputy Kendra Russell: "How the office of the Delaware River Master directs releases from the NYC reservoirs."
- River master is responsible for maintaining 1750cfm's at the Montague gauge. Since there are many sources of water and into the Delaware and that from rainfall or snowmelt is a difficult task. For instance water releases from the Cannonsville reservoir take three days to reach Montague. So it is obvious that directing releases today for projections days from now is challenging.
- Topics discussed in part:
- Federal funding is still being held up even know the budget was passed due to the fact that the National Park Service must have an approved Work Plan before funds may be released.
- Highland's Zoning as it was adopted may take them out of substantial conformance with the Land and Water Guidelines and the River Management Plan. The Project Review Committee will do a review and make a recommendation to the full Council. If modifications cannot be agreed to by the Town, the full Council will make a recommendation to the NPS. Never have we had a town that had been in conformance change their zoning to take them out. If the decision stands, most projects coming before their Planning Board will have to be reviewed directly by the NPS.
- Lone Star Tick reported in NYC (infection makes people allergic to red meat)
- NPS Superintendent Heister will be away for four months on assignment to Gettysburg. Carla Hahn will take over responsibilities until a temporary superintendent is transferred here.
- Annual Awards Banquet scheduled for April 28 and to be held again at the Central House in Beach Lake
- Actions taken:
- Approved a letter of support for Sullivan County Highland River access improvement project.
- Approved a letter supporting Governor Cuomo's participation in the May 16 Delaware River Governors Summit.
- Approved a UDC response to National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Strategic Planning Survey.

Scenic Byway; Larry Richardson;

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-*Monthly Report*

April 10, 2019

- **Scenic Byway;** The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday March 25.
- **Topics of Discussion in part:**
- **Sullivan County 2019 Legislative Discretionary Grant:** the county has donated \$20,000.
- **Appointment of a Nominating Committee:** FY2019 Officers
- **Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Election:** submitted a ballot
- **Marketing Committee Advertising Recommendations** – The committee is considering a proposal received from 1010 WINS radio which gets played in virtually every yellow cab in the city on an hourly cycle. They offered a weekend campaign over a six-week period from May 20-July 15 for \$10,620. That would cover 14 commercials per week and total gross impressions of 3,391,200 projected.
- **Upper Delaware Visitor Center at Callicoon Train Depot Project Update.**
- **Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Board Report** – At their last session, the subject of a spate of lawsuits for businesses that advertise themselves as being handicapped accessible when they're not was discussed. For instance if your facility is handicapped accessible but your website is not, someone may be looking to sue you.
- **Actions taken:**
- **Approved: Support Letter for Sullivan County Grant Application: Highland Fishing Access Improvements:**
- **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, April 22, 2019 (includes Annual Election)

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund-

Sign ups are now open to both in town and out of adults and children for Subway Series Game (Mets vs. Yankees) 7:10 game start time Citi Field, bus will depart 2:15 pm \$157.00 per person (adults and out of town children), as always free to Cochection Youth! Sign ups: Tuesday April 2nd – 6-7 pm @ the Cochection Town Hall. coordinator: Sue Rodriguez (please call/ text with any questions) 845-866-0853

West Point Football Game October 5, 2019 Afternoon game – Exact time TBA, \$59.00 for out of town children and adults, as always free to Cochection Youth. Signups: April 17 and May 7 -6:30-7:30 @ the Cochection Town Hall. Call/text Sue with any questions April 2nd sign ups!!!!. CYC going to the Electric City Aquarium in Scranton, PA

located at the Steam Town Mall. WE are looking at Saturday April 27th. We would need at least 15 people committed to get the group discount

Web site and Fire District: Councilperson Story- not present no reports

Lake Huntington Lake Assoc.: Councilperson Salzberg: had a good meeting- Brian Brustman was there- quick fix or long ter : Copper sulfate or aerator cost Approx- \$20,000.00

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR/ DEPUTY SUPERVISOR (Gary Maas) present

Submitted a written report;

- Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

- Deposited \$180.00.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$60.00.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$832.08Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$1,500.00 Youth Aid franchise fee Charter
- Deposited \$5,000.00 Transfer Station rent
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board

Activity

- New York State comptrollers Office has been doing an audit of the Town and had the exit conference and have given our response to 5 items, Financial report should be out this month. Meetings with Jaun Rigal and Zeke Miller on Doves. Sewer Plant Inspection. Worked on Charlie Keeslers retirement info. Searched Sewer Plant

CONTRACTUAL \$4,000.00

Abstract #1	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$285.37	\$3,714.63
Abstract #3	\$1,106.82	\$2,607.81
Abstract #4	\$73.20	\$2534.61
Abstract #5	\$	\$
Abstract #6	\$	\$
Abstract #7	\$	\$
Abstract #8	\$	\$
Abstract #9	\$	\$
Abstract #10	\$	\$
Abstract #11	\$	\$
Abstract #12	\$	\$

Worked 80 1/2 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman) not present

Submitted written report

- Plowed and sanded as needed.
- Took sanders and plows off trucks
- Hauled in stone for chip sealing
- Cut brush, ditched and filled potholes
- Had a few repairs.
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance is – not reported

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

Submitted a written report:

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- Issued 3 permanent handicapped and 0 temporary parking permits in March
- I attended the OSTCA meeting in March. There was a presentation: Re: EDRS. As well as other topics
- I had people calling, wanting to know the hours of the Transfer Station, wanting to know about sewer billings and water billings, I told them we don't have any water bills and the sewer bills are on the property tax bills. I have also had people coming in for court dates at 10:00 in the morning and told them the Court is held on Monday night at 6:00 p.m.
- 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 March
- Expenditures \$275.20
- Contractual Balance: \$3,586.22

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hours
- Traveled 724miles
- Issued 4 permit, no renewals, 2 C of O's 1 notice of disapproval and 8 municipal search letter, no appearance tickets
- Revenues: \$1,225.00
- Expenses \$529.92

- Contractual Balance: \$3,855.94

March was as busy month, things are going smoothly
TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)
 Submitted a written report:

- Balance in Checkbook \$7,609.46
- Outstanding checks \$1,308.77
- Balance \$6,300.39
- To pay to Supervisor ck # 475 \$3,000.00
- Balance \$3,300.69

Worked 74 hours in March
 Contractual Balance: \$1,185.28
 Everything balanced

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

- Draft notices etc..., email and Clerk’s Office search Chmura Unsafe Building
- Cooper Arias audit letter/email
- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Review bid/email: draft/email proposed letter Chmura unsafe building; research/email use of general fund for purchases permissive referendum
- USPS Certified Mail (receipt Attached)
- Nothing new to add

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present
 Submitted written report: Supervisor went over her report
Old Business:

1. Field review of sales and new construction continues

New Business:

1. Issues updating my system, I am able to transfer older files to external drive
2. Working on land tables to revalue larger parcels for 2020
3. I am currently looking for a member of the Board of Assessment Review. Our training session at the County will be the first week in May at the Government Center.

Lorry King

Hours

Assessor	Clerk
31.5	35.5
April 1355.400	\$1,566.14
Balance: \$1,566.14	

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 54,391 for month of March
- C.B.O.D. 99% for month of March
- T.S.S. removal 99% for month of March

Worked 71 ½ hours in March

Expenditures \$1,005.37

Contractual Balance: \$27,372.54

DEC inspector wants railing repaired on imhoff tank, also assistant operator must be licensed as well. Need to get quotes for sludge removal by the gallon

MOTION: Quotes for sludge removal by the gallons

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was where as the sludge needs to be removed from sewer plant, the SPO will get quotes for the sludge removal by the gallon (should get 3 quotes).. All present board members voted in favor. Councilperson Story not present

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Earl Bertsch) not present

There will be no meeting March 28, 2019

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Tamara DePaolo) not present

She took care of Ms. Barry’s dogs after her passing. Both dogs were taken to the Jeffersonville Animal Hospital, and one dog needed to be put down at the Youngsville Veterinary Clinic.
 Contractual balance: \$2,145.13

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

Submitted a written report:

“Pleasant Cottage” boarding houses, owned by Henry and Emily Schneckner, was purchased by Sol Katzoff and is still owned by his family. It is located behind his house and the building, blue in color, appears to still be there for those who are interested. The mystery has been solved.

The late Melvin Pierce’s sister, Julia Palmer, who apparently passed away, has left the Town her genealogy records from her research of local families. They were left at my house the other day and I’ll get them to the Town Hall as soon as I review the.. Enjoy your meeting

TOWN BOARD:

Councilperson Salzberg nothing to add

Councilpersons: Grund reservoir overflowing, Councilperson Nearing mentioned the Men's Club pancake breakfast coming up. Supervisor Maas had nothing to add.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe Buildings 2018 on it
2. Basketball court. Grant will be \$2,500.00 had hoped for \$more. This was discussed.
3. Welcome Signs for Cochecton: \$2,400.00 will purchase 6 new signs

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tire disposal: discuss 4 per house hold will be free, additional tires would cost \$3.00 each. no oversized tires
2. Sprig cleanup , will be May 18 and 19
3. Litter Pluck: Jerold Yavarkovsky will make calls, clear bags have been ordered. April 20- May 31, there are stickers to be put on bags that are taken to the Transfer Station

Supervisor has seen high school students picking up litter along State Route 52

RESOLUTION # 26

TOWN CLERK TO PLACE A DISPLAY AD FOR SPRING CLEANUP

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton offers to the community members a Municipal Clean up Days, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this year the Clean up days are set for May 20 and 21 from 9:00 --2:45 each day.

ADOPTED: AYES:3 NAYS: 0 Councilpersons Story and Nearing absent
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Salzberg and Grund

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to adjourn this town board meeting. Time 8:45 pm. All present town board members voted in favor. Councilpersons: Story absent

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk