

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on April 12, 2023, at the Cochecton Town Hall. Following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk Robert Smith –Attorney Eileen Hennessy- Tax Collector
Susan Peters- Cooper Arias Larry Richardson-UDSB Nic Birgler- Democrat
Jim Crowley- CEO Kevin Esselman-Highway Kristina Snedecker-Historian
Sheila Schultz DR.Bressler-School Budget Bill Boucher-Ground Keeper

Work Session: 7pm -Susan Peters

A review of Financial Statement Audit from December 31, 2022 was reviewed and completed. A copy of this document is in the Town Clerk’s office.

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

Town Clerk- Maryann Oumrim Read aloud ad for Highway Blacktop and Stone BIDS which both ran in the River Reporter on March 23, 2023.

Blacktop Bids:

On April 12, 2023, Town Clerk read the legal notice for the blacktop bid which was published in the River Reporter. Town Clerk opened the bids in the order they were received. All Bids were scanned and sent to Board members for their review, and readily available at request.

BIDDER: CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC BRIDGEVILLE (MONTICELLO)

| | FOB US Ton | Delivered US Ton |
|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Type 3 Binder | \$64.50 | \$No BID |
| Type 6 Top | \$67.80 | \$No BID |
| Type 7 Top | \$69.25 | \$No BID |

Location: 93 Sullivan Road, Monticello

RESOLUTION #25 Piggyback off Town of Thompson

On Motion to accept Bid for Highway to piggyback off Town of Thompson for to use Monticello Blacktop.

Type 3 Binder \$60.50
Type 6 Top \$64.50
Type 7 Top \$67.50

MOVED by Councilperson Nearing Seconded by Councilperson Walter all in Favor.

On April 12, 2023, Town Clerk read the legal notice for Stone bids which was published in the River Reporter. Town Clerk opened the bids in the order they were received. All Bids were scanned and sent to Board members for their review, and readily available at request.

BIDDER: R & H GORR INC. DAMASCUS, PA

| TYPE: Stone | Price/ton delivered to stockpile sites | Trucking to Alternate Sites |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Crushed Stone (From Ledge Rock) | | |
| Crusher Run | \$16.25 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| Red Crusher Run | \$16.00 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| Stone # 2 | \$22.19 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| Stone # 3 | \$21.39 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| Stone # 4 | \$21.39 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| Surge Stone | \$18.95 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| PA # 8 (or equivalent) | \$22.64 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| PA 6-S (or equivalent) | \$21.40 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |
| Anti-skid | \$20.20 | \$4.25 per ton per mile |

Location Of Plant: Damascus, PA

BIDDER CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC. BRIDGEVILLE (MONTICELLO)

| TYPE STONE: | Price /ton FOB Bank or Plant | Price/ton stone delivered to stockpile site |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Crusher Stone (From Ledge Rock) | | |
| Crusher Run | \$12.00 | \$20.755 per ton |
| Red Crusher Run | No Bid | No Bid |

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| Stone # 2 | \$15.45 | \$24.20 per ton |
| Stone # 3 | \$15.46 | \$24.20 per ton |
| Stone # 4 | No bid | No bid |
| Surge Stone | \$16.00 | \$24.75 per ton |
| PA # 8 (or equivalent) | No Bid | NO Bid |
| PA 6-S (or equivalent) | No bid | No Bid |
| Anti-skid | \$15.50 | \$24.25 per ton |

Location Of Plant: 93 Sullivan Road, Monticello, NY

Trucking to alternate sites: Price per ton/mile \$0.50 over 20 miles

Description of location: Cochection Town Barn, 10 Mitchell Pond East Road, Cochection, NY 12726

BIDDER: RUTLEDGE TYLER HILL, PA

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| TYPE: Stone | Price/ton FOB Bank or Plant | Price/ton delivered to Stockpile site |
| Crushed Stone | | |
| Crusher Run | \$8.95 | \$14.90 per ton |
| Red Crusher Run | \$No Bid | \$No Bid |
| Stone # 2 | \$12.95 | \$18.35 per ton |
| Stone # 3 | \$10.45 | \$15.85 per ton |
| Stone # 4 | \$10.75 | \$16.15 per ton |
| Surge Stone | \$12.75 | \$18.45 per ton |
| PA # 8 (or equivalent) | \$14.45 | \$19.85 per ton |
| PA 6-s (or equivalent) | \$No Bid | \$No Bid |
| Anti-skid (PA-A53) | \$14.45 | \$19.85 per ton |

BIDDER

DECKELMAN LLC BEDROCK QUARRIES

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| TYPE Stone | Price/ton delivered to stock sites | Price per Ton/Hour |
| Crusher Stone (From Ledge Rock) | | |
| Crusher Run | \$13.49 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| Red Crusher Run | \$11.49 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| Stone # 2 | \$17.99 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| Stone # 3 | \$17.99 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| Stone # 4 | \$17.99 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| Surge Stone | \$20.99 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| PA #8 (or equivalent) | \$20.99 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| PA 6-S (or equivalent) | \$20.99 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |
| Anti-skid | \$20.99 | \$4.50 per ton per hour |

Location of Plant: Damascus, PA / Bridgeville, NY

Spring Cleanup Day to be held on May 21st & 22nd 2022

MOTION made by councilperson Walter seconded by councilperson Nearing for the Town Clerk to place Notice in the Democrat. All Board members in favor.

MOTION: made by Councilperson Nearing seconded by Councilperson Grund, to approve the minutes of March 8th, 2023, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

RESOLUTION #26

APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #4 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

On motion of Councilperson Walter seconded by Councilperson Grund, to approve the bills on Abstract #4 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 149-174 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 133, 136, 137, 141- 143 145, 147 and 148 are in prepaid's.

Total General Funds: **\$26,144.04**

Debit Card Account: Claim #175

Total Debit Card: **\$ 221.40**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #176-180 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 138-140, and 144 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$4,127.60**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim # 134 and 135 are in Prepaid

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$363.69**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 181-194 and split # 174 are to be paid.

Claim #132 and 146 are in prepaids.

Total Highway Accounts **\$66,943.70**

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PREPAIDS were paid 3/9,3/10,3/15,3/16,3/24,and 3/31

Audit 4/11/23 by Councilmen Grund & Walter

DR.Bressler – From Sullivan West Central School District, presented upcoming School Budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Scenic Byway: Sent in a letter to that the Town for their continued support with their annual donation of \$1,000.

Frontier: Emergency contact numbers

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL: Larry Richardson

The regular meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a zoom option.

The meeting began with a presentation: "Plastics: Damning the Delaware" by Rebekah Creshkoff, environmental advocate and volunteer with Beyond Plastics Speakers Bureau.

Reports- Asked for questions regarding the three standing committees' February meetings.

- Project Review, (Larry Richardson)
- Operations, (Aaron Robinson)
- Water Use/Resource Management, (Ginny Dudko)

Status Reports

- **Delaware River Basin Commission** * (Kristen Bowman Kavanagh)
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation** (Jeff Rider) Reported that NYS DEC is hoping to move along the upgrade to the Delaware River access in Long Eddy.
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) Reported that spraying for the Spongy Moth (Gypsy) will be primarily on private lands. He noted that a wet, cold spring is detrimental to the insects.
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath, NP Superintendent) Reported that there is a need for seasonal housing for a few temporary staff. If you have or know of rooms available, please contact the NPS office.
- **UDC Executive Director** * (Laurie Ramie) Reported on a recent summit held with representatives from NY and PA. A staff member from Senator John Fedderman's office and Aileen Gunther attended via zoom. Unfortunately, the overall response from invited officials was quite poor. It seems that since the Upper Delaware Council is not a "flashy" headline-getting organization but rather goes about its essential business quietly and in the background, it is very difficult to generate the support for additional funding that we desperately need.

Actions Taken

- A letter to U.S. Congress and Senators: UDC Federal Funding Restructuring Proposal
- Approved opening a Vanguard Brokerage Account to invest some of the UDC accumulated funds.
- Accepted a Substantial Conformance Recommendation 2023-01 from the Project Review Committee for a special use permit in Lackawaxen Township. The recommendation will be forwarded to the NPS.

Other: Ramie announced that the UDC sponsored annual corridor Litter Sweep is planned for 4/22-4/30.

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

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-*Monthly Report* April 12, 2023

The Committee held a scheduled meeting on March 27, with a zoom option.

Discussion items:

- Program Manager John Pizzaloto submitted his activity report for March.
- Orange Cty Legislative Representative Tom Faggione was present and discussed the issue of Orange County support funding.
- Lengthy discussion about how to promote the 2nd Annual Upper Delaware Shadfest from 5/20/28. Representative Doherty has pledged \$5,000.00 in discretionary spending in support of the event.
- Update of Visitors center at the Callicoon Depot. the UDSB has purchased used office furnishings from a non-profit funding organization, The Mee Foundation in Binghamton.
- NYS DOT Region 9 activities schedule.

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Actions taken:

- Approved the purchase of used office furnishings from a non-profit funding organization, The Mee Foundation in Binghamton for \$1,605.00 and \$895.00 for trucking.
- Approved printing 10,000 updated placemats.
- Approved supporting the UDC sponsored Litter Sweep with a \$500.00 donation.
- Approved an internal accounts control policy.

Next Meeting Date: 4th Monday, April 24, 2023

Adjourn: meeting adjourned.

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 Lake Association: Not Present

DEPARTMENT HEADS

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Submitted a written report:

Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

- Deposited \$ 75.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 495.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 1,925.81 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$ 597.67 Debit Card
- Deposited \$ 17,278.85 Mortgage Taxes

Made transfers and deposits as needed and have given budget actuals to board

Activity : Interview with Erik Freeland and Jeff Neidert. Worked with Cooper Arias to complete audit.

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| CONTRACTUAL | | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Abstract #1 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Abstract #2 | \$ 1,300.41 | \$ 2,699.59 |
| Abstract #3 | \$ 395.60 | \$2,303.99 |
| Abstract #4 | \$ 187.00 | \$ 2,116.99 |

Worked 98hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman

- Plowed and sanded as needed
- Serviced trucks and equipment
- Patched on paved and gravel roads
- Ditched and started replacing pipes
- Cut brush
- Had some repairs

Worked 160 hrs.

Contractual balance is 3,300.

RESOLUTION 04/12/2023 #28

MOTION by Grund Seconded by councilperson Nearing to approve Highway Superintendent Kevin Esselman to make purchase of Mid-mount Mower in the amount of 40,000. Not to exceed 45,000.

All Board members in favor with Nober not in attendance.

MOTION: made by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Walter to authorize Highway Superintendent Esselman to put the current mower up for bid.

All Board members in favor with Councilperson Nober not in attendance.

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TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim

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

- Prepared Abstract #4 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for March Meeting.
- Put Legal notices in the paper – (Including those for Planning Board, and Highway)
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 2 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- CEO Report / deposit
- Dog -- New 3 Licenses and 3 Renewals.
- Marriage License -0
- Parking Tags
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- DECALS- Hunting & Fishing Licensing Mostly Fishing
- Website Maintenance
- I worked a total of 94 hours in March
- **Contractual balance: \$2,935.54**

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: James Crowley

Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hrs.

- mileage 647
- permits issued 5
- Inspections 14
- C of O's 2
- C of C's issued 2
- Logging permits 1
- Notice of Disapprovals 0
- Municipal search letters 8
- Revenues \$1,633.60
- Expenses \$473.79
- Contractual Balance: \$4,296.22

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy

Total Money Collected \$3,097,1,796.11

Money paid out to Supervisor \$1,443,756.46

Money paid put to SC Treasurer \$1,475,000.00

Contractual Balance is \$1656.36

worked 47 hours in the month of March

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith :

Completed revision of Ambulance Corp. Contract and has been signed by all appropriate parties.

ASSESSOR: Lorry King - not present

Old Business:

1.Field work continues

New Business:

1.will be taking mandatory continued education in the next few months. Most of our classes are on Fridays this year. It has not been easy to schedule something worth taking.

Hours: 45.5

Clerk: 21.5

Contractual Balance: \$1795.01

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter

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Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 53243 gallons per day for month of March
- Obtained 98% C.B.O.D. and 99% T.S.S. removal for March
- Expenditures \$2,642.60
- Contractual Balance: \$28,149.17

Worked 77-hours.

BID was out for Sludging only 1 Bid received from Wind River.

RESOLUTION 04/12/2023 #29

MOTION to authorize Sewer operator to utilize Wind River Environmental for our sludge removal
Moved by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing

Sewer plant is in the need for a new mower 3 quotes received.

Lindsay Equipment \$4650. For a John Deere with 48-inch deck

Mullaly Tractor Sales:\$4509.18 currently out of stock and unsure when they will get in.

United ag & Turf \$4509.18 30-60 days out.

RESOLUTION 04/12/2023 #30

Motion to authorize Sewer to go forward with purchase from Lindsay Equipment for John Deere Mower X380 with 48-inch mower deck in the amount of \$4,650.

Moved by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing

With Councilperson Walter abstained.

HISTORIAN: Kristina Snedeker

April 2023

January- March 2023 report from the Town Historian

-I Have been checking the town's historian email regularly and have checked out the history record room at the old town hall with Gary Maas. Lots of interesting little books and old newspapers clippings to look at. I Have also been in contact with County Historian John Conway about the committee meeting on the 250th celebration of America. A Meeting on the celebration should be happening in early spring.

Tonight I have brought an article from the Cocheton Papers 2 about the old town hall when it was used as a two-room schoolhouse, and some old schoolhouse papers from 1913.

If anyone is interested in buying Cocheton papers 1 or 2 books please contact myself or anyone in the Cocheton preservation society.

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR Earl Bertsch - not present.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

Councilperson Nearing -nothing currently

Councilperson Salzberg - nothing currently

Councilperson Grund - nothing currently

Councilperson Walter - nothing currently

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

Time 9:02 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk