

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING May 10, 2023**

**Regular Town Meeting was called to order** by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.  
First order of business: Supervisor read aloud Resolution:

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	Carl Bruetsch	Don Dittmer
Larry Richardson	Peggy Richardson	Bill Boucher	Sheila Schultz
Frank Kratz	Nic Birgler- Democrat		

**BIDS For Stone & Blacktop**

**RESOLUTION #31**

**MOTION** made by councilperson Grund seconded by councilperson Nober to accept the submitted Stone and blacktop bids which have been submitted and reviewed by Highway Superintendent Kevin Esselman.

**Stone Bid for Delivery:**

Deckelman- Crusher run, Red Crusher run and #2

Rutledge- #3, Surge Stone, #4, PA#8, and Anti-Skid

**Pick Up:**

Bedrock Quarries -Under Provision of Procurement Policy

#8	\$15.50/ton
6S	\$15.50/ton
2A Pen Dot	\$ 6.00/ ton
Crusher Run	\$7.50/ton

**Blacktop-**

Piggyback off the Town of Thompson- allows us to purchase from both Monticello Blacktop and Callanan.

**Approved by Highway superintendent, All Board members in favor.**

**MOTION:** made by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to approve the minutes of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION #32**

**APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #5 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS**

On motion of Councilperson Nearing seconded by Councilperson Walter, to approve the bills on Abstract #5 in the following amounts:

**General Accounts:** Claim #'s 199-205, 209,210, 212-216, and 221 are in prepaid's. Claim numbers 222-243 are to be paid

Total General Funds: **\$28,032.42**

**Debit Card Account:** Claim #244

Total Debit Card: **\$ 322.08**

**Sewer Accounts:** Claim #245, 246 and 260 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 196-198 211, and 217-220 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$6486.70**

**Lighting District Accounts:** Claim # 206 and 207 are in Prepaid

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$287.90**

**Highway Accounts:** Claim #'s 247-259 and split # 243 are to be paid.

Claim #195, and 208 are in prepaid

Total Highway Accounts **\$23,336.50**

PREPAIDS were paid 4/21,4/26,and 5/3

Audit 4/09/23 by Councilmen Nearing & Walter

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### CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Maas

**Sullivan 180-** Sullivan County Schools competing for a \$75,000. Award for healthy generation  
**Letter from NYS Dept of Transportation** New regional director in our region ( Region 9) Previous predecessor has retired.

**Lett from Cochection Mills-** Sincere Thanks for repairs made on Depot Road pipe replacement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None were made

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL:** Larry Richardson

The regular meeting opened on May 4, at 7:00 p.m. with a zoom option.

The meeting began with a presentation: **“Update on the Delaware Aqueduct Shutdown” by Jennifer Garigliano, Director of Water Resources Management** Take-away is there are a lot of variables to consider and guessing the weather is the biggest. The city will begin the drawing down process with water releases on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal is to produce a 30% void in the Delaware reservoirs. The maximum shut down period is 8 months. If the work is not completed by that time, the reservoirs will need to be brought back into service and an additional shutdown scheduled for 2024.

**Reports-** Minutes for the three standing committees were distributed earlier.

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

### Status Reports

- **Delaware River Basin Commission** \* (Kristen Bowman Kavanagh) reported.
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation** (Ryan Coulter) reported.
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) reported.
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath, NP Superintendent) reported.
- **UDC Executive Director** \* (Laurie Ramie) reported.

### Actions Taken

- Approved 2023 River & Shoreline Cleanup Grants
- Approved Letter to NPS noting a finding of substantial conformance for Lackawaxen’s Ridgelines and Buffers Zoning Ordinance.

**Other:** Noted that NYS Congressman Marc Molinaro has agreed to be the Keynote speaker at our Annual Awards Banquet.

Noted that the NPS Regional Director has concurred with our finding of substantial conformance as it relates to the Lackawaxen Township granting of a conditional use permit for a single-family home on Masthope Plank Road.

### UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY

The Committee held a scheduled meeting on April 24; there was no zoom option due to technical issues in the office.

First order of business was to elect officers: a motion was made and seconded that returned all sitting officers for another term: Richard Lowe III (Village of Hancock) as chairperson; Rosie DeCristofaro (Town of Delaware) as vice-chairperson; and Larry H. Richardson (Town of Cochection) as secretary/treasurer for the April 2023-April 2024.

### Discussion items:

- Some annual Conflict-of-Interest statements are pending.
- **Program Manager** John Pizzaloto submitted his activity report for April.
- Reviewed UDSB Grant Applications for vista clearing in the Town of Delaware,
- **Program Manager Activity;** Pizzaloto has been discussing a legislative bill to seek \$58,000 for UDSB as a permanent line item in the NYS budget
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of the Founding Fish & 5/28 UDSB 20-Year Shad Bus Run Itineraries:** lunch for the bus passengers will be provided at the Erie Station and prepared by the Fire Station. A full day of activities are planned from Port Jervis to Hancock.
- **Start Calendar of Recurring Events Along the Byway** – Including events on the UDSB website.

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**Actions taken:**

- Approved support of pending Vista grants for the Town of Delaware totaling \$8,200.
- Approved purchasing 10,000 placemats with an updated design with the cost not to exceed \$2,000.

**Next Meeting Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, May 22, 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](mailto: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 Cohecton Youth Commission.

**Lake Huntington Lake Association:** John Nober

Permits received for two treatments to be made the lake as needed

**SUPERVISOR:** Gary Maas

Submitted a written report:

Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$	519.00	Judicial fees
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Deposited \$	1,803.61	Town Clerk fees
Deposited \$	221.40	Debit Card
Deposited \$	27,979.75	Time Warner Franchise
Deposited \$	5,000.00	Tax Collector

Made transfers and deposits as needed. Worked on report for American Rescue.

Activity : Worked with Cooper Arias to complete audit. Census Bureau Boundaries Report Complete.

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
Abstract #5	\$ 263.40	\$1,853.59

Worked 98 hours

Received order of a new American Flag for our Town flagpole.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Kevin Esselman

- Removed Sanders and plows
- Finished grading dirt road
- Finished road sweeping
- Ditched and patching
- Cut brush
- Replaced a few pipes
- Had few repairs

Worked 160 hrs.

Contractual balance is 3,300.00

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**TOWN CLERK:** Maryann Oumrim:

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

- Prepared Abstract #5 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for April Meeting.
- Put Legal notices in the paper
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 2 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- CEO Report / deposit
- Dog – New 0 Licenses and 10 Renewals.
- Marriage License -0
- 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 82 hours
- **Contractual balance: \$2826.44**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** James Crowley

Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hrs.

- mileage 132
- permits issued: 8
- CEO- Plan review inspections 13
- C of O's issued: 1
- C of C's issued: 5
- Logging permits 1
- Notice of Disapprovals 0
- Municipal search letters 3
- Revenues \$4271.53
- Expenses \$787.69
- Contractual Balance: \$3508.53

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Eileen Hennessy – not present

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Robert Smith

**ASSESSOR:** Lorry King - not present

Old Business:

1.Field work continues

**New Business:**

1.will be attending several more classes in the next months, to complete my mandatory training.

Hours: 35.25

Clerk: 28.5

NYSAA-Training \$110.00

Contractual Balance: \$1,557.51

**SEWER OFFICER:** Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 39.839 gallons per day for month of April
- Obtained 97% C.B.O.D. and 99% T.S.S. removal for April
- Expenditures \$9,586.70
- Contractual Balance: \$18,552.47

Worked 88-hours.

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**PLANNING BOARD CHAIR** Earl Bertsch - not present.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** Tamara DePaolo - not present

**HISTORIAN:** Kristen Snedecker - not present

**Public comment-**

**Peggy Richardson** – Offered a compliment Bill Boucher for all his hard work with Cochection Beautification and made mention of how beautiful the flower boxes entering town limits look.

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS:**

**Councilperson Grund** - nothing currently

**Councilperson Nearing** -nothing currently

**Councilperson Walter** - nothing currently

**Councilperson Nober** – Town Flags and Hardware- \$133. Each

**RESOLUTION #33**

**Motion** made by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing to approve John Nober to go forward with the purchase of Flags for Town Roads. All board members approved.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Nober, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to recess meeting for May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Time 8:10 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Oumrim  
Town Clerk