

# REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town of Cohecton was held on June 9, 2021 at the Cohecton Town Hall. 7:30 PM. The following members were present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim - Town Clerk                      Kevin Esselman – HWY Superintendent  
Jim Crowley –CEO                                      Karen Mannino –Attorney  
Liam Mayo – River Reporter                      Billy Boucher- Ground keeper

Meeting was called to order by - Supervisor, Gary Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTION # 34**

WHEREAS the Town of Cohecton Board of the Town of Cohecton, Sullivan County, New York, has received a modification agreement for the lease of the Transfer Station property to the County of Sullivan for 3 years for \$5,000.00 per year, starting in 2021 ending on December 31,2023 , and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Cohecton, Sullivan County, New York, authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Modification Agreement so that the Transfer Station remains open for 2021-2023.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Nearing \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Salzberg \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes:                      Maas  
                                 Grund  
                                 Nearing  
                                 Salzberg  
                                 Walter

**MOTION:** Motion made by Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Salzberg, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Councilman Walter, seconded by Councilman Nearing, to approve the bills on Abstract #6 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim#'s 290-313 are to be paid.  
Claim #'s 294,295 and 296 are to be paid from payroll

Claim #'s 279, 284, 286-289 prepaids.

Total General Funds: **\$6,294.89**

Debit Card Account: Claim #314

Total Debit Card: **\$ 213.90**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #'s 315-319 are to be paid.  
Claim #'s 280,282,283 and 285 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$ 4,615.23**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim's #278 and 281

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$480.830**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 320-338 to be paid.

Total Highway Accounts \$32,499.23

PREPAIDS were paid 5/20 and 6/3

Audit 6/8/2021 by Councilmen Nearing & Walter

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter from Sullivan County Treasurer Re: Sullivan County Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Law. To ensure that any properties that are rented on a short-term basis are in compliance with all local and State laws and building codes.
- State Comptroller Re: town has received the last 5% of AIM (aid and incentives for municipalities).
- MVP proposed percentage change is 6.6%
- Municipal Shelter Inspection to be followed up with dog warden.
- Equalization rate 7% down from 75%

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one wished to comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**UDC- Larry Richardson**

The Council held its regular meeting in person Thursday June 3. The meeting opened with a presentation by NPS IT Specialist Brendan Dohn: "Introduction to Water and Weather Alerts". Mr. Dohn explained how the NPS gets its information when issuing river warnings. Their warnings are based on actual river heights and predicted river heights with information supplied by multiple gauges.

Topics discussed in part:

**Status Reports:**

- PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (Tim Dugan) reported that they have started an aerial grid inspection looking for Gypsy Moth destruction. They had observed a lot of Gypsy Moth presence last fall. The State will be implementing a visitor restriction program in state forests to limit the number of people using the areas. Last year some areas were overrun, and safe parking was an issue.
- NPS Superintendent Salvatore noted that the Zane Grey House will not be opened this summer. Renovations are on-going. He noted that he has submitted a new agreement to the Boy Scouts of America to administer the Ten Mile River Access site. He is awaiting their response. The NPS will be launching a project to update information on Historical Districts within the Upper Delaware.
- Executive Director Ramie noted that the annual Awards Banquet that was canceled last year and postponed from April will once again be held at the Central House on September 12. We plan on recognizing award winners for 2020 along with this year's recipients.

**Actions taken:** Approved: The Records Management Needs Assessment Final Report & Policy and Procedures Manual

**UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-*Monthly Report***

The Committee held its regular meeting in person at the Union and UDC office on May 24. We first had a "meet and greet" at the Narrowsburg Union with appetizers. We were pleased to have Legislator Chairman Rob Doherty along with Legislators George Conklin and Nadia Rajsz present. Considerable discussion took place among those in attendance as to how the committee can expand its efforts and the finances needed to do so. Also, what role the organization should have in the operation of the Callicoon Depot/Visitors Center. Following the "greet" event, the members moved over to the UDC office to conduct our regular meeting.

**Discussion items:**

- County's notice that \$25,000 has been approved to support the UDSB
- UDSB Logo Refresh Draft Design by Eve Fisher: some members think the logo should be updated and that the printing is too small for motorists to read.



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- Discussion regarding New truck pricing, Western Star, single axel Cab and Chasey, 14 months build time.
- Fuel Bids discussed, Highway Superintendent to place an add.
- Mention about getting a lock box for outside town hall.

### **TOWN CLERK:** Maryann Oumrim

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

- Prepared Abstract #6 for audit.
- Prepared minutes for May 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- Resolutions from May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting have all been written up.
- Deposited Town CEO fees.
- 3 trips to the bank to make deposits for the incoming revenue Dog, Marriage, Planning board.
- 1 Marriage License, 18 new Dog License, and 2 renewals.
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Started selling Hunting/ Fishing Licenses have had 2 fishing & 1 hunting License in the first week.
- Place add for cleanup day in both the River Reporter and the Democrat.
- I worked a total of 88.5 in April.
- **Contractual balance: \$2243.26**

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** James Crowley

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hrs.
- mileage 313
- Permits issued 13
- Municipal search letters 2
- Revenues \$1,653.20
- Expenses \$225.28
- Contractual Balance: \$4,469.40
- Discussion about Comprehensive plan and zoning law - Board approval to contact Tom Shepstone all in favor.

### **SEWER OFFICER:** Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 51,210.gallons per day for month of May
- Obtained 97% C.B.O.D. and 98. % T.S.S. removal for May.
- Expenditures \$4,615.23
- Contractual Balance: \$23,023.58

Worked 84-hours.

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

Contractual Balance: \$1338.82

### **TOWN ATTORNEY:** Karen Mannino

### **ASSESSOR:** Lorry King - not present Submitted report:

#### **Old Business:**

1. Field work continues.
2. I will be out of the office for continuing education on the following days:

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Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00-5:00 & Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00-5:00

***New Business:***

Grievance Day was held on May 25<sup>th</sup> and was quiet. I had one filed grievance and three stipulations.

May  
1355.4            \$1,742.16  
Total  
Balance \$1,742.16

Assessor hrs.: 32.00  
Assessor Clerk hrs.: 31.00

**PLANNING BOARD CHAIR** Earl Bertsch - not present  
Planning Board minutes for May 2021 approved.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** Tamara DePaolo - not present  
1 dog was picked up, porcupine quills removed, dog noted to have neurological problems, no owner found , euthanasia.

**HISTORIAN:** K. C. Garn - not present - No report

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS:**

- Councilperson Nearing** - - nothing currently
- Councilperson Salzberg** - nothing currently
- Councilperson Grund** - nothing currently
- Councilperson Walter** – - nothing currently

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Roof for old town hall- Need to get Bids for roof and decision of shingles or tin roof.
2. Addition for Highway Barn – Supervisor Maas to make phone calls.
3. Bernas road clean up- Clean up started, property in contract to be sold.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Covid 19 Rescue money has not come in yet. Discussion about specific Guidelines for use of money once it is received.  
Supervisor Maas to speak with other Town Supervisors to discuss money appropriation.
2. Web site security needs to be updated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilman Nearing- Spoke about Subdivision on Kelly Road money to be used for Parks.  
Liam Mayo- Is now the Staff Reporter for The River Reporter.

**MOTION** of Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Walter the following motion was to adjourn meeting.  
Time 8:35 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maryann Oumrim  
Town Clerk