

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, JUNE 12, 2019
PUBLIC HEARING**

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A meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on June 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Cochecton Town Hall with the following members present:

(Between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for the purpose of auditing bills)

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson Paul Salzberg
Councilperson Edwin Grund

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman—Town Clerk Karen Mannino –Attorney

Supervisor Gary Maas opened the regular meeting with a pledge to the flag at 7:30 pm

**RESOLUTION # 34
GRANT THE 30 DAY WAIVER FOR LIQUOR LICENSE**

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, AEG Endeavors LLC has made a notice of intent to file an application to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board for an On-Premises Liquor License and request a 30 day waiver of the notice, and
WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board has no objection to AEG Endeavors LLC dba as Annie’s Ruff Cut Local located at 90 Forman Road, Cochecton, NY 12726 to this application for an On-Premise Liquor license and for a 30 day waiver, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cochecton Town Board does hereby grant the 30 day Waiver for AEG Endeavors LLC dba as Annie’s Ruff Cut

ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the minutes of May 8th and be accepted as submitted. All Board members voted in favor

MOTION:
On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to accept the bills on abstract # 6 in the following amounts

General Account	Voucher # 255-287	\$13,039.38 includes prepaid
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 288	14.85
Sewer Account	Voucher # 289-292	\$1,438.09 includes prepaid
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 258 and 259	\$573.20 these are prepaid
Highway Account	Voucher #293-305	\$108,018.85 plus 262 and 263 in prepaid

Claim # 262 split between funds, on same voucher.
Prepaid claims 255-268 paid on 5/14, 20, 28 and June 6, 2019. All board members voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:
Census Bureau: Re: 2020 census
Bethel Supervisor Dan Strum: Bridge project D263892 Bridge and culvert replacement Route 17B
Sullivan County Planning: Informing the Sullivan County Legislature has approved a Sullivan Signs award of up to \$2,400 to create and install new welcome signs
Letter from Paul Plumadore: re: continued problem of sound and fireworks at Landers River Trips

PUBLIC COMMENT:
No one wished to comment

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:
UDC REPORT:** Larry Richardson

- The Council held its regular meeting on June 6
- The meeting opened with a presentation by DRBC Executive Director Steve Tambini and Manager of Water Resource Operations Amy Shallcross: "Flow Management for the Delaware River" Ms. Shallcross explained how the directed water releases are made to control water flow at Trenton and the salt front below Philadelphia. Much of her calculations depend on the water level at the Montaque, NJ gauge.
- Topics discussed in part:
- Federal funding has finally begun to flow and the Council has been able to make itself whole again.
- The suggestion from the WURM Committee to try to arrange a corridor wide cleanup next spring. We are asking the towns to reach out to any organizations or persons who would like to be part of such an effort and advise the representative or the office of such.
- An action by an individual or individuals in the Town of Fremont and Long Eddy that effectively blocked the town right of way to the river with a large concrete town had to have two employees coming in on Saturday and take heavy equipment to the site to remove the blockage.

UDC report continues:

- The NYS DEC has been stymied in its effort to deal with the Barnes landfill because the property is in limbo. Representative Rajsz offered that the county is exploring taking control of the site so that monitoring and remedial actions if necessary could be done
- The temporary appointment of Marylou Ehrler as Acting Superintendent while Kris Heister is away at Gettysburg.
- How to proceed with the Town Of Highland in an effort to address the dozen or more parts of their new Zoning that are not in Substantial Conformance with the Land And Water Use Guidelines of the RPM

The Park Service had 221,000 visitors and they spent \$9.8 Million in the area

SCENIC BYWAY: Larry Richardson

Scenic Byway; The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday June 3

- Since there was a lack of voting members to make a quorum, no official business was conducted. It was decided that electronic voting on time sensitive issues would be conducted.
- Topics of Discussion in part:
- **1010WINS Radio Advertising Program-** (\$10,620.00)
- Upper Delaware Visitor Center at Callicoon Train Depot Project- Update.
- **DOT Signage marking the highest elevation between Hancock and Port Jervis update**
- **Pa/NYS Joint Bridge Commission-** feeling is the commission is leaning toward restoring the Skinner's Falls-Milanville Bridge.
- **Corridor Cleanup:** Support for the Cleanup effort being proposed.
- **Vista Enhancement:** A proposal to do vegetation thinning near Callicoon. Rosie is the point person, Mootz is the contractor and the location is on railroad right-of-way property.

Actions taken:- none official

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 24 2019

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Grund

- July 2, 2019 subway series ballgame
- Last Year Town gave \$2,000.00 to the Youth Commission. This will be done at the next regular town Board meeting, as it needs to go on the abstract

Ed will speak to the Youth Commission about the basketball court project, if the Town does not get funding from the County, the Town may not go through with the project

WEBSITE: Councilperson Story

I have had some issue with the website and have contacted Doreen. I was unable to put up legal notices and have just got a message from Doreen that this has been fixed. I have since tried to update meeting minutes and am having an issue with this. I have sent Doreen an email with screenshots so she is aware of what is happening. I am awaiting a reply. I am wondering if the issues are because of the updates that will need to be done on the website. I will let you know how things go.

FIRE DISTRICT: Councilperson Story

All is quiet at the firehouse. They paid bills, conducted normal business and have adopted a sexual harassment policy. There will be a sexual harassment training for all firefighters done at their regular Monday meeting.

LAKE HUNTINGTON LAKE ASSOCIATION: Councilperson Salzberg

The Board met on June 1, 2019. How to keep the lake from the alga like last year. They have a company that will use Copper Sulfate to get rid of any alga, all permits are in place and there may be one day when people are advised to not go in the lake. Next meeting will be July 6, 2019

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Monthly Financial Report

- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$2,408.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,386.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,693.55 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$19,785.18 Charter Franchise payment
- Deposited \$3,000.00 Tax Collector Fees
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals.
- Activity
- The NYS Comptrollers Office has been doing an audit. No report yet. Meetings with Juan Rigal and Zeke Miller on Doves. Worked on Charlie Keesler's retirement info. Health Department Inspection, all is good. Attended Supervisors meeting

CONTRACTUAL

\$4,000.00

Supervisor's report continues:

Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$285.37	\$ 3,586.34
Abstract#3	\$1,106.82	\$2,607.81
Abstract #4	\$73.20	\$2,534.61
Abstract #5	\$50.00	\$2,484.61
Abstract#6	\$ 428.77	\$2,055.84
Abstract#7	\$	\$
Abstract#8	\$	\$
Abstract#9	\$	\$
Abstract#10	\$	\$
Abstract#11	\$	\$
Abstract#12	\$	\$

Worked 91 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman) Not present

Supervisor went over his report

- Started paving
- Chipped sealed about 6 miles of road
- Picked up our new tractor and started mowing
- Been out patching and ditching
- Replaced a few pipes
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance is - \$2,367.22

RESOLUTION # 35

ACCEPT STONE AND BLACKTOP BIDS AS FOLLOWS

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the HWY Superintendent has picked Bedrock Quarries for all materials F.O. B., Surge Stone delivered, R & H Gorr for Crusher run #2, #3, #4, and anti skid with Deckelman providing PA # 6 and # 8 at the prices listed on last month bids, and

WHEREAS, the HWY superintendent has chosen Bernas for Type 6 and Type 7 blacktop delivered, and WHEREAS the HWY Superintendent would like to piggy back off the Town of Thompsons blacktop bid like he has done for the last couple of years F.O.B.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons : Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman) not present

- Submitted a written report.
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- Issued 1 permanent handicapped and 1 temporary parking permits in May
- 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 water bills the sewer bills are on the property tax bills. I have people asking about their property taxes, and have told them that the Tax Roll has been turned over to the County and give them the phone #. I also tell them they can go to www.taxlookup.net.
- 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.
- Worked a total of 117 hours in May
- Expenditures \$309.81
- Contractual Balance: \$2,940.91

CEO: (Gregg Semenetz) not present

Submitted a written report which the Supervisor went over

- Worked 80 hours traveled 860 miles, Issued 7 permits 0 renewals
- 1 C of O's issued, 0 notices of disapproval, 4 municipal search letters
- 0 Appearance tickets, revenue \$1,379.00 Expenditures: \$608.00
- Contractual balance: \$2,835.48

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

No report

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

Submitted a written report:

- Attended Board Meeting
- Edit Capital Fund notices/email

Nothing new to add

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report

Old Business:

1. Field review of sales and new construction continues
2. I am looking for a member of the Board of Assessment Review

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Assessor's report continues:

New Business

1. Grievance Day was held on May 28th between the hours of 4:00 -8:00 PM
2. I received the new address for the Wagner properties off of Skipperene
3. Entered BOAR changes

Assessor Hours: 42.50

Clerk Hours: 30.00

May contractual balance: A 1355.400 \$1,537.76

Total May \$62.64

Contractual Balance: \$1,475.12

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter) not present

Submitted a written report:

Average Flow 59,596; Percentage C.B.O. D. 91 %; Percentage T.S.S.71% for May

Expenditures were \$1,438.09

Contractual Balance: \$18,940.06

TSS % removal low due to weak influent stream. 5/30/19 pumped sludge out of plant and total pump out of pump station for a total of 15,000 gallons

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Earl Bertsch) not present

Submitted final approval from Feb. meeting and draft of May minutes

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Tamara DePaolo) not present

No report

HISTORIAN: (K. C. Garn) not present

No report

TOWN BOARD:

No Town Board members had anything to add

Organize the vault

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg to have Linda Drollinger to organize the vault at a price of \$15.60 per hour and not to exceed \$1,560.00
All Board members voted in favor. The Attorney will write up the agreement

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe buildings 2018done earlier in the year
2. Basketball Court- will be discussed at the next regular Town board meeting
3. Welcome Signs: will be coming
4. Spring Cleanup was very busy
5. Litter Pluck: Jerold gave last month

NEW BUSINESS:

1. No new business at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peggy Richardson mentioned that the Grover Herman Division of Catskill Regional Medical Center will old a raffle and there will be 41 prizes, tickets are \$5.00 for one and 3 for \$10.00 drawing will be held in the Fall
No one ELSE wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess this meeting until June 24, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. Time 8:20pm. All Town Board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk