

Noted: there will be presentation by the National Park Service Biologist Jessica Newbern on a Bat Survey done last year at the restored Erie Railroad Station. The program is free to the public on July 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The location is at the station. If you are curious about bats, this is the place to be. But the

Actions taken:

- Approved a draft letter supporting Sullivan County's Application for the Highland River Access Grant
- Withheld voting on a draft letter to the Town of Highland in regards to a Substantial Conformance Review of a Project within the corridor: pending further information from the town.

Scenic Byway, Larry Richardson;

The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday May 21.

Chairman Pontier welcomed Tim Newman from the Hancock Town Board, who had accepted an invitation to audit a meeting.

Topics of Discussion in part:

1. **Use of NY EDP \$250,000 Visitor Center Capital Project Grant** – Pontier reported that he, Richardson and Ramie had met that afternoon with Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek, Planning Commissioner and UDSB Alternate Freda Eisenberg, Associate Planner and UDSB Representative Jacksy, and Legislator Nadia Rajsz to discuss the UDSB's state grant for visitor center construction secured by Senator John Bonacic in 2007,
2. **Condition of NYS Route 97 UDSB Identification Signs** – Ramie said she there are 17 large rectangular UDSB signs on brown backgrounds and 12 with the logo alone available for replacing deteriorating ones.
3. **Distribution of UDSB Placements and Litter Bags** – Ramie reported that St. Clair Graphics had delivered the order of 10,000 UDSB placemats. They are available to restaurants and non-profit entities that host meals. We are limiting quantities to 500 at a time per organization in an effort to get wider distribution. (I did drop off 500 to the Lake Huntington Fire Department)
4. **July 21 Scenic Values Presentation** – A reminder that Ed McMahon will be presenting "Dollars and Sense of Preserving Community Character" on July 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Narrowsburg Union sponsored by UDSB, Inc. There is an online registration account at byway.eventbrite.com or individuals can reserve a spot via info@upperdelawarescenicbyway.org or call Ramie at (845) 252-3022. The program is free. Continuing education credits can be earned. Members of town boards, planning and zoning boards should attend.

Actions taken:

Approved: **Promoting Butterfly Habitat Grant Application:**

The application was received from the Lumberland Fire Department, requesting \$500 to plant a butterfly garden with a sculpture at the Pond Eddy Firehouse. The funding would cover the purchase of plants, bushes, and fertilizer.

Public Comment: None

Next UDC Meeting Date: 4th Monday, June 25, 2018

Youth Commission – Councilman Grund

- They are planning a trip to a Yankees game 7/31
- They are planning a trip to the Forestburgh Playhouse 7/14
- Tricky Trunk is scheduled for October 20th at the Town Hall parking lot at lower level.
- There are bus seats available for purchase for trip to Holiday Rockettes Show December 8.

Website Report - June, 2018, Councilperson Story,

- Did the regular website maintenance
- Added approved meeting minutes
- Added LHFC Chicken BBQ (July 13 3-6pm)
- Added CRMC Golf Classic (July 11 at Villa Roma)

Total Hours Worked: 2 ½ hours

Fire District – Had a meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018.

- Bills were paid
- Regular maintenance on trucks
- Friday's Democrat (June 8) had an article about Cadet Program - very nicely written *see article
- They are in the process of working on By-Laws

They discussed that mandatory cancer insurance that the state is requiring which will be a cost of \$250-300 per interior firefighter – it has to be in place by January 1, 2019 and they may have to go over the tax cap to fund the insurance.

June 7, 2018

Young firefighters learn the ropes *By: Isabel Braverman | Democrat*



From the left, Ayden Lowitz (age 15), Robbie Santerre (age 15), Alexander Berceze (age 14) and Ryan Sayers (age 14) are a part of the Junior Firefighter Cadet Program at the Lake Huntington Fire Company Firehouse.

LAKE HUNTINGTON - Every Monday night young teens gather at the Lake Huntington Fire Company Firehouse to learn from the experienced volunteer firefighters. They gain in-house training as well as real-life experience.

At a time when the number of volunteers is down, the fire company is looking for people to join. The Junior Firefighter Cadet Program is open to boys and girls ages 14 to 15 years old who would like to become junior firefighters. Young adults must be 16 years old to become a firefighter. There are four boys in the program currently. They receive training from Ed Kraack, Commissioner of the Cochecton Fire District; Jason Kraack, Fire Chief of the Lake Huntington Fire Company; and Mike Pomes, First Assistant Chief of Lake Huntington Fire.

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The kids learn about what equipment is on the trucks, where it is and how to use it; that way they can assist firefighters who are on-scene. And the cadets will not be put in dangerous situations.

The four members of the Cadet Program responded to the scene of the fire at Rasmussen Furniture Store in Narrowsburg recently. They were on the hoses until 4:30 a.m.

The Cadets involvement in the Program doesn't interfere with school. They can't respond to calls after 8 p.m. on a school night. And to join the program, you must have passing grades in school and be in good standing. You must also pass a physical.

To join the Cadet Program, call Ed at 845-932-8514. Meetings are held on Monday nights at 7 p.m. You must live in the Town of Cochection.

Lake Huntington Lake Association: Councilperson Salzberg

The Lake Association BOD met June 8th. They met with the school to set up an internship program for students for Lake Management. Approximate cost is a \$2,000 donation. They will invite a college to consider enrolling students as well. The Association is applying for a non-profit status. The next general meeting open to the public will be the 2nd or 3rd weekend in July. When the date is decided, Councilman Salzberg will have Councilperson Story add the information to the Town website.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Submitted a written report:

- Bank Information:
 - Deposited \$1,435.00 judicial fees
 - Deposited \$1,128.00 judicial fees
 - Deposited \$11,203.08 Clerk fees - \$10,000.00 for Escrow
 - Deposited \$ 1,642.20 and \$ 305.50 Refund to HWY from Delaware Supply
 - Deposited \$ 936.25 in General and \$1,362.50 in Sewer to cover costs of Nearing Sewer Extension
 - Deposited \$ 5,000.00 Lease money for Transfer Station
 - Deposited \$ 50.00 Debit Card to maintain minimum balance
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and (budget to actuals given to Town Board members)
- Activity: Clean up Days were successful and filled 7 Dumpsters and 1 Metal Container, even with rainy weather. Had new Town sign installed on 17B by Highway Department Employee Kevin Nicoletti who volunteered his time. Kevin got the required material, installed new posts and cleared a path with a weed wacker to clear the site line. Thank You Kevin Nicoletti! The New York State Comptroller's Office is doing an audit of the Town. This is the first in over 20 years.

CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$ 232.55	\$ 3,762.45
Abstract#3	\$ 755.03	\$ 3,007.42
Abstract #4	\$ 147.75	\$ 2,859.67
Abstract#5	\$127.00	\$ 2,732.67
Abstract#6	\$299.84	\$2,432.83

- Worked 103 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman – not present

May monthly report

- Graded dirt roads
- Replaced pipes
- Installed new guard rails on Cochection Road
- Grinded down and paved Lounsbury Road
- Cleaned up trees from storm on May 14th
- Out patching and ditching

Worked 160 hours

Contractual balance is \$3,333.24

TOWN CLERK: (Deputy Margaret Richardson)

- Issued 1 temporary and 3 permanent accessible permits
- Received 4 Bldg. Permits, \$ 838.00; 6 Municipal Searches, \$ 450.00; 1 Logging Permit, \$ \$200.00 from CEO.
- Issued 6 dog licenses – \$ 81.00
- Placed display ad in *Sullivan County Democrat* to be published May 15th and 18th to advertise 3 job openings.
- Recorded and prepared minutes for May 9th and 21st meetings
- There was one inquiry for death certificate information for genealogy purpose
- Prepared for bills audit for Councilpersons Story and Nearing

Deputy clerk worked 75 3/4 hours total for May 2018

Expenditures \$ 10.63

Contractual Balance: \$ 3,745.91

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Gregg Semenetz

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked 80 hours
- Traveled 726 miles
- Issued 5 permits 0 renewals
- C of O's issued 2
- Notices of disapproval 0
- Municipal search letters 4
- Appearance tickets 0
- Revenues: \$1488.00
- Expenses: \$542.04
- Contractual Balance: \$3,010.83

TAX COLLECTOR – Eileen Hennessy, not present

- Abstract is off \$663.08, still looking for issue.

ATTORNEY – Karen Mannino

ASSESSOR – Lorry King – not present

1. Board of Review training was May 2, 2018
2. Attended Sullivan Co Assessors Meeting May 2, 2018
3. Grievance Day was May 22, 2018 at the Town Hall between 4:00-8:00 p.m.

New Business:

1. None

Assessor Hours: 40

Clerk Hours: 33

Contractual balance \$2,447.10

SEWER – Michael Walter, SPO

- Submitted written report; worked 56 ½ hours for May 2018;

DCO – Rosemary Barile – not present

No report for May 2018.

HISTORIAN – KC Garn – not present.

Submitted report of one inquiry.

BOARD MEMBERS –

Councilperson Grund – nothing else Councilperson Story – nothing else

Councilperson Nearing – shared the benefits of enrolling in the NYSEG free energy efficient lighting consultation which also pays of 70% of the upgrade costs.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, to authorize Councilperson Nearing to contact NYSEG for a free assessment.

All present Board members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Basketball Court, Pickle Ball, Ball Field and Exercise Park – tabled
- Unsafe buildings 2018: CEO will follow up.
- Clean-up days – success
- Witcon building has begun in
- New town sign installed

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Tampone has requested recognition in the town archives as being the champion of the two-party political system, he claims he initiated town zoning laws, is responsible for the location of the Sullivan West School, initiated that it be mandatory for all swimmers and boaters on the river to wear life jackets, initiated a cleanup and expansion of the Transfer Station. However the Town will table this request until these achievements can be verified.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limited to 3 minutes presentation on any topic.)

No other comments from the audience.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, to recess meeting at 8:30 p.m. and go into executive meeting to discuss personnel issues. All present Board members voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, motion to close executive meeting at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken. All present Board members voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, to adjourn meeting. Time 8:50 p.m. All present Town Board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Margaret Richardson, Deputy Town Clerk