

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on June 12, 2023 at the Cochecton Town Hall. 7:30 PM. The following members were present:

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	Christy Flynn – Deputy Code	Larry Richardson- UDC
Robert Smith –Attorney	Michael Attianese	Peter Grosser - Ambulance
Billy Boucher- Ground keeper	Anna Story	Frank Kratz

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

NYSEG easement Mitchell Pond East – To be signed by Supervisor Gary Maas and notarized.

Motion made by councilperson Nearing seconded by councilperson Nober to have Anna Story fill position on ZBA board. All Councilpersons voted in favor

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Nober, to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2023, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Nober, seconded by Councilman Walter, to approve the minutes of July 28th, 2023, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

RESOLUTION #42

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Nober, to approve the bills on Abstract #7 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 336-340, 342-344, 348,350,351, and 353 are in prepaid's. Clam numbers 354-357, and 360-373 are to be paid

Total General Funds: **\$15,806.46**

Debit Card Account: Claim #374

Total Debit Card: **\$ 402.08**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #375-377 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 332, 333, 345-347 and 352 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$2,632.30**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim #335 and 336 are in Prepaid

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$345.95**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 379-391 are to be paid.

Claim #331, 341, and 349 are in prepaid

Total Highway Accounts **\$217, 422.49**

PREPAIDS were paid 6/14, 6/19, 6/26, 6/30, 7/3, and 7/10

Audit 7/10/23 by Councilmen Grund & Nober

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from US Dept. of Transportation regarding grants for assisted grants for transportation projects
- Met with David Bodenstein re: renewal of insurance “Breech Insurance Policy” we will have something on the side in addition to our current policy for web security, September will have a presentation
- Sullivan County Youth Bureau approved application for 2023 funding.
- Environmental Conservation letter

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to comment.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UDC- Larry Richardson

The regular meeting opened on July 6 at 7:00 p.m. with a zoom option.

The meeting opened with an Update on National Park Service's Water Safety Initiatives" by Ingrid Peterec, Chief of Interpretation, and Ron Babus, Law Enforcement Park Ranger at Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River (National Park Service), Safety messaging is being emphasized with translations in Russian and Spanish.

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 that the NYC tunnel repair is ongoing, and the dewatering test was not satisfactory.
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation** (Ryan Coulter) "Ryan reported that he has been named permanent representative to the UDC." He also reported that that three Snakehead fish have been caught in the tributary waters near Callicoon. Previously they were identified in the Bashakill which empties into the Delaware. The fish were quite large. He also said that DEC engineers have been to the proposed Long Eddy Access site to plan the next move. The DEC is also working on the new Delaware River Access site just south of the Callicoon Creek terminus.
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) reported that the cold damp early spring weather had some effect on keeping the Spongy Moth populations down in certain areas.
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath, NP Superintendent) reported she has re-opened the search for a Planner.
- **UDC Executive Director** * (Laurie Ramie) reported that the UDC has received a \$2,000.00 check from Nadia Rajszy's legislative discretionary funds to go towards the annual Litter Sweep. Ramie reported that the meeting with State Senator Oberacker dealing with state funding was very positive and we appreciate Supervisor Maas' efforts. Tag grant applications are available online with a deadline for submission of August 18.

New Business

- Approved three letters to the NPS recommending a finding of Substantial Conformance:
 - Tusten -Narrowsburg Veterinary
 - Shohola- Advanced Recycling for E-waste
 - Highland- Fisher & McGrath Liquor Store
- Discussed an old recommendation to purchase tablets for UDC voting members' use
- Discussed the Scranton/Railriders baseball game for 8/1.
- Annual Raft trip reservations are due by 7/28.

Old Business

- Approved a letter to NPS recommending a finding of Substantial Conformance to Lackawaxen for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment adding Boat Storage.
- Received an agreement letter from NPS finding: Lackawaxen Township Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment re: Ridgeline and Buffer Areas — to be in Substantial Conformance *

Executive Session: to discuss possible employment proposal. Following the session, a recommendation from the Personnel Committee was accepted.

Respectfully,

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-Monthly Report

Call to Order: Chairperson Lowe called the meeting held at the Upper Delaware Council office in Narrowsburg and via Zoom to order at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting opened with a brief presentation from the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature Robert Doherty. Mr. Doherty expressed his appreciation and recognition of the efforts of the UDSB Committee. He then presented a check from his discretionary funds in the amount of \$5,000. The pre-paid money was in support of the recent byway wide ShadFest Event. Interesting note: he said the bulk of the SC Room Tax comes from the area around Smallwood and radiates out to western Sullivan County.

Treasurers Report: Since last month's report, Richardson said that the \$40,000 grant from New York State and the \$25,000 operational aid grant from Sullivan County had come in

Discussion items:

- **Program Manager Program Manager Activities; 2nd Annual Festival of the Founding Fish Wrap-up:** Pizzolato thanked everyone who helped pull off the 2nd annual Shadfest May 20-28. He was grateful to have \$5,000 from Legislative funds, \$5,000 from UDSB, and \$3,000 from The Delaware Company to comprise the event budget, as well as Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association assisting with the bus transportation and promotions. Johnny provided a summary of his additional activities.
- **NYS DOT Region 9 Projects Report was provided.**
- **Website update provided.**
- **City of Port Jervis Proclamation for UDSB 20th Anniversary** – A copy of the proclamation that Mayor Decker read after stepping aboard the bus at the start of the UDSB bus tour on 5/28 was included in the members' packet, as Ramie displayed the original, sealed document in the certificate jacket.

Next Meeting Date: 4th Monday, June 26, 2023

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Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund

- The Cochection Youth Commission is continuously adding to their activities. For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: s_rod79@frontiernet.net. Check out their Facebook page at **Cochection Youth Commission**

Lake Huntington Lake Association: Councilperson Nober – Nothing to report

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Bank Information:

Deposited \$	785.00	Judicial fees
Deposited \$	1,243.00	Judicial fees
Deposited \$	62.67	Debit Card
Deposited \$	3,371.22	Town Clerk fees
Deposited \$	2,570.78	Tax Collector

Made transfers and deposits as needed.

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
Abstract #6	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,803.60
Abstract #7	\$ 326.00	\$1,476.86

Worked 96 hour

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman

Submitted a written report:

- Out mowing, cutting brush, Ditching and Patching
- Paving
- Installed a few pipes
- Had a few repairs.
- Sullivan County Paving came in and paved Stony, Brook from John's to Patty McCarthy and Mitchell Pond East to Mill Road.

Worked 160 Hours.

Contractual balance is 3,754.10

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim

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

- Prepared Abstract #7 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for June 14th & June 28th 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 2 Licenses and 8 Renewals.
- Marriage License -0
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Website Maintenance
- Training new Deputy
- I worked a total of 94 **hours** in June
- **Contractual balance: \$2,014.22**

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: James Crowley

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hrs.
- mileage 220
- Permits issued 16
- C of C's 7
- Logging Permits 1
- Municipal search letters 7
- Plan Review Inspections 21
- Unsafe Building 1
- Revenues \$7929.40
- Expenses \$172.23
- Contractual Balance: \$3069.58

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 18,186 gallons per day for month of June
- Obtained 99% C.B.O.D. and 99. % T.S.S. removal for June.
- Expenditures \$2,632.30
- Contractual Balance: \$15,499.05

Worked 87 hours.

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy – not present

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith

ASSESSOR: Lorry King - not present Submitted report:

Old Business:

1. Field work continues.

New Business:

1. I will be attending several more classes, when they update the availability.

June	1355.4	\$1,478.98
Lorry King		\$143.45
Total		\$143.45
Balance		\$1,335.53

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR Earl Bertsch – Not Present

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo -Not Present

HISTORIAN: Kristina - Not Present

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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
2. Sewer Roof Repairs
3. Defib Narcan Boxes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Basketball Court
2. Otto Heib House

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION of Councilman Nober, seconded by Councilman Nearing the following motion was to adjourn meeting. Time 8:10 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Oumrim
Town Clerk