

# REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 14, 2021

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on July 14, 2021 at the Cochecton Town Hall. 7:30 PM.

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  
Jim Crowley –CEO  
Liam Mayo – River Reporter  
Peter Grosser- Vol. Ambulance  
John  
Kevin Esselman – HWY Superintendent  
Karen Mannino –Attorney  
Billy Boucher- Ground keeper  
Michael Attianese-Vol. Ambulance  
Susan M. Peters CPA- Cooper Arias

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

## OVERVIEW OF WORK SESSION:

Sue Peters from Cooper Arias- Presentation regarding Cochecton Fund Balance- Noted the town is in good standing, with no debt, and a (+) Fund Balance. Financial Statement Audit from December 31, 2020

Town Clerk read aloud, legal notice which was in the River Reporter on June 15, 2021

## BID OPENING FUEL

There were 2 bids submitted and the Town Clerk read them in the order they were received

### Mirabito Energy Products Binghamton, NY 13902

1. Journal of Commerce July 7, 2021

PRODUCT	POSTED	FIXED DELIVERY	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$2.1946	\$+.1800	\$2.3746
#2 fuel	\$2.1446	\$+.0750	\$2.2196
Regular Gasoline	\$2.1575	\$+.2050	\$2.3625

### County Petroleum Ferndale, NY 12734

2. Journal of Commerce July 31, 2015

PRODUCT	POSTED	FIXED DELIVERY	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$2.1946	\$+.1955	\$2.3896
# 2 fuel	\$2.1446	\$+.095	\$2.2396
Regular Gasoline	\$2.1575	\$+.21	\$2.3675

## RESOLUTION #37

### ACCEPT FUEL BID FROM Mirabito Energy Products

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was RESOLVED, to accept the fuel bid submitted by Mirabito Energy Products as stated above

**ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Grund, Nearing, Salzberg and Walter

**MOTION:** Motion made by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Walter, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

## RESOLUTION # 38

### APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #7 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

On motion of Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, to approve the bills on Abstract #7 in the following amounts:

#### **Abstract #7 For the Month of June 2021**

General Accounts: Claim #'s 357-381 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 338, 342, 344, 347-349, 351-354, and 356 prepaids.

Total General Funds: **\$10,464.25**

Debit Card Account: Claim #382

Total Debit Card: **\$ 1,351.09**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #'s 338-386 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 340, 343, 346, 350 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$1,761.44**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim's #278 and 281

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$518.19**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 367, 387-403 to be paid.

Total Highway Accounts **\$17,483.40**

PREPAIDS were paid 6/8, 6/21, 7/6 and 7/9

Audit 6/13/2021 by Councilmen Grund & Salzberg

**ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg, Grund and Walter

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- According to the law, each town can have the right to allow the “Adult use cannabis retail dispensaries and or public consumption facilities locating within their municipal jurisdictions. Further discussion regarding this will take place once the Town Board has more detailed information.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has received all necessary documentation from Supervisor Maas and will be working for fulfill the states ARPA obligations.
- Certificate of final Telecommunications ceiling for the 2021 assessment roll received.
- Public hearing for Agricultural District #1 and #4 on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 10:50 am at the Sullivan County Government Center.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Michael Attianes: Discussion regarding community park and how funds can be used for maintenance and upkeep of the park (new Lawn mower, tree trimming) or to purchase new equipment for the park.

Peter Grosser: Representing Cochection Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Sullivan County EMS advisory.

- 7 New members, 2 are EMT's, 3 members enrolled in current EMS Classes.
- Advised the board that they are lacking funding and would like to receive funding from the town. Town Attorney will Further investigate regulations for funding. No decision made at this time. Town Board members recognize and compliment the Ambulance Corp for their hard work and dedication to the people within our town.

**Youth Commission:** Councilperson Grund

- The Cochection Youth Commission is continuously adding to their social distanced activities. For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: [s\\_rod79@frontiernet.net](mailto:s_rod79@frontiernet.net). Check out their Facebook page at **Cochection Youth Commission**
- The Youth Board had their monthly meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> discussion regarding funding was had, the youth board will be receiving more funding for the upcoming year.

**Lake Huntington Lake Association:** Councilperson Dr. Salzberg

- Lake received a treatment and is looking better.
- There will be openings on the Lake Association Board. Requesting that anyone interested in a position apply by submitting a resume.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****UDC- Larry Richardson**

The Council held its regular meeting in person Thursday July 1. The meeting opened with a presentation by Chief Technology Information Officer Lorne Green and Legislator Michael Brooks about “Sullivan County’s Wireless Broadband Initiative”. The county has created a not-for-profit corporation to provide broadband service in areas that are not currently serve or underserved. Since the county already owns multiple towers throughout its borders, it can reduce the cost of providing this service. In areas where the terrain obstructs or impedes the signal from tower to tower, small transmitters can be installed in elevated locations such as steeples to fill in the gaps. Cost for users should be competitive with commercial providers.

Topics discussed in part:

**Status Reports:**

- NPS Superintendent Salvatore took considerable time to discuss the recent drownings in the Delaware. It’s frustrating for everyone since there is considerable effort put forth to educate river users about the unforeseen dangers. Particularly at this time when there is a lot of water in the river; the surface appears relatively calm but under the surface there are strong currents. Anyone entering the river without a properly fitted life jacket is in danger of being pulled under the water or having a foot or leg caught in the rocks and not being able to surface. The NPS points out that of all the drownings recorded not one person has died while wearing a properly fitted life preserver. (*Since this meeting Superintendent Salvatore has advised that the Ten Mile River access agreement with the BSA has been signed.*)
- DEC Representative Bill Rudge advised that the agency is working with Sullivan County to formulate a plan for the closed Barnes landfill.

**Actions taken:**

- Approved: a contract with the consulting firm to create a long-term sustainability plan for the UDC.
- Approved: a letter of support for Callicoon Riverside Park grant application.
- Approved: a letter of support for the National Weather Service to enhance the Lordville gage.
- Approved: a letter to NPS stating that the Narrowsburg Union special use permit was reviewed and approved by the UDC.
- Approved: a letter to NPS stating that the Great Pine LLC special use permit was reviewed and approved by the UDC.

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

The Committee held its regular meeting in person at the UDC office on June 28.

**Business items:**

- Treasurer reported receipt of the County’s contribution of \$25,000 toward support of our goals and objectives.
- Vista Enhancement Updates: two projects are pending one is a roadside pull off in the Town of Lumberland and one is for vista clearing along Rte. 97 in the Town of Delaware.

**Discussion items:**

- UDSB Organizational Restructuring: management position descriptions and what the county is looking for from our organization as well as what the Callicoon business group

wants from us. There currently is no consensus among our members as to what our physical and monetary responsibilities should be in relation to operating and sustaining the proposed visitors' center in Callicoon. (*Background: we always said in the beginning that the UDSB should have a display area, a small office, some storage files and access to a bathroom.*)

- Smart solar trash receptacles-pilot program

**Next Meeting Date:** 4th Monday, July 26, 2021

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** Gary Maas

Monthly Financial Report

**Bank Information:**

- Deposited \$618.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$308.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$413.83 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$1,464.88 Debit Card
- Deposited \$9,405.17

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Activity : Attended Supervisors Meeting, clean up Days was a successful as always. & Containers of trash, 2 containers of metal and 1 container of tires. 428s are done. Spoke with Tom Shepstone on zoning. Meeting with Dave Bodenstein on renewing insurance with NYMIR.

CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$ 825.94	\$ 3,174.06
Abstract#3	\$ 58.64	\$ 3,115.42
Abstract #4	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,065.42
Abstract #5	\$ 315.31	\$ 2,750.11
Abstract#6	\$ 132.00	\$ 2, 618.11
Abstract #7	\$ 104.00	\$ 2,669.42

Worked 107 hours.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Kevin Esselman

Submitted a written report:

- Ditching and Patching
- Mowing and cutting brush
- Started some paving, Including Bernas, Short Cut, and Daub Road
- Had a few repairs.
- Installed a few new pipes.
- Issued 3 driveway permits.
- Finalized truck specs and ordered new cab and chassis

Worked 160 Hours.

Contractual balance is 3,800.

**TOWN CLERK:** Maryann Oumrim

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

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- Prepared Abstract #7 for audit.
- Prepared minutes for June 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- Prepared Recessed Minutes for June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 2 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- Deposited Town CEO fees.
- Dog -2- New Licenses and 3- Renewals.
- Marriage License -2
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- I worked a total of **88 hours** in June.
- **Contractual balance: \$1,739.12**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** James Crowley

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hrs.
- mileage 301
- Permits issued 10
- Cert. of Occupancy 4
- Municipal search letters 9
- Notice of Disapproval, 1 stop work
- Revenues \$3,566,641,653.20
- Expenses \$218.56
- Contractual Balance: \$4,113.88
- Attended code classes

**SEWER OFFICER:** Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 24,664.gallons per day for month of June
- Obtained 95% C.B.O.D. and 90. % T.S.S. removal for June.
- Expenditures \$1,761.44
- Contractual Balance: \$21,262.14

Worked 79-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:  
Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00-5:00

**New Business:**

1. Sent the roll to printer for the Final 2021.
2. Awaiting new special franchise numbers from the State
3. I will be taking several courses for continuing education this summer.

**June Balance \$1,514.23**

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

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

**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
2. Addition for Highway Barn
3. Bernas road clean up- Complete

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Covid 19 Rescue money – All necessary paperwork has been submitted.
2. Web site update and security Further discussion to take place.
3. Zoning, issues, and changes updating some laws
4. Town roads- Speed Limits, will be further discussed among board members as to weather or not the town deems it necessary to have town road regulated with NY speed limits.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time**

**MOTION** of Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Nearing the following motion was to adjourn meeting.

Time 8:45 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Oumrim  
Town Clerk