

REGULAR COCHECTON TOWN BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 14, 2019
BID OPENING FUEL

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on August 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

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

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk Michael Walter - SPO

During the work session Dave Bodenstein rep: from Mike Preis Insurance gave a presentation on the FY 2019-2020 Insurance proposal for the town and explained same. The premium for this policy is higher than last year. \$25,730.53

Regular meeting opened:

Town Clerk stated legal notice was in the Sullivan County Democrat on August 2, 2019

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

1. County Petroleum

Journal of Commerce August 9, 2019

PRODUCT	POSTED	FIXED DELIVERY	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$1.9742	\$+.1000	\$2.0742
#2 fuel	\$1.9242	\$+.1000	\$2.0242
Regular Gasoline	\$1.9110	\$+.0	\$1.9110

2. Mirabito Energy Products

Journal of Commerce July 31, 2015

PRODUCT	POSTED	FIXED DELIVERY	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$1.9742	\$+.2345	\$2.2087
# 2 fuel	\$1.9242	\$+.2975	\$2.2217
Regular Gasoline	\$1.9110	\$+.2635	\$2.1745

MOTION: ACCEPT FUEL BID FROM COUNTY PETROLEUM

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was RESOLVED, to accept the fuel bid submitted by County Petroleum as stated above

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

RESOLUTION # 40-A

REAPPOINT LORRY KING SOLE ASSESSOR

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to reappoint Lorry King as sole assessor for a term begging October 1, 2019.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

RESOLUTION # 41

TO TRANSFER MONEY FOR THE NEW LOADER

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was

WHEREAS: After discussions at Town Board Meetings over the last several months and after opportunity for public input and after due deliberation having been had regarding the purchase of a 2019 CAT Loader Model 926M in the amount of \$147,000.00 from H O Penn Machinery Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED THAT: pursuant to the provisions of New York Town Law Section 91 and New York State General Municipal Law Section 6-c and subject to a permissive referendum that the sum of \$147,000.00 be expended from the Town of Cochection "Capital Reserve Fund Machinery" for such purposes, and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to Sections 82 and 90 of the New York Town Law that within ten (10) days from the date of this resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the resolution, shall contain an abstract of such resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum; and shall publish such notice in the Sullivan County Democrat a newspaper published in Sullivan County having general circulation in the Town of Cochection and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted at the outside of the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Cochection, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

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RESOLUTION # 42

BUDGET TRANSFER HIGHWAY MACHINERY

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs additional funding in the MACHINERY EQUIPMENT LINE DA 5130.200 for the purchase of a Caterpillar loader Model 962M, and therefore, To fund the line sufficiently for FY 2019 the amount of 147,000.00 will be funded from the Machinery Capital Reserve Fund which was authorized after a Public Referendum and therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that from the Machinery Capital Reserve Fund with a current Balance of \$278,563.21, that the sum of \$147,000.00 be transferred to line DA 5130.200 MACHINERY EQUIPMENT , so that line DA 5130.200 MACHINERY EQUIPMENT shows \$147,000.00 and the MACHINERY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND HAS \$131,563.21 remaining.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

RESOLUTION #43

ACCEPT MIKE PREIS INSURANCE PROPOSAL

On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing the following motion was to Accept the proposal from Mike Preis Inc. insurance for FY 2019-2020 WHEREAS, Dave Bodenstein a representative for Mike Preis Inc. has presented the 2019 Insurance Proposal for the Town of Cochecton and Lake Huntington Sewer District in the amount of \$25,730.53 for coverage from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the quoted insurance from Mike Preis Inc. in the amount of \$25,730.53 to have the Town and Sewer District covered for the above mentioned time period

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve the minutes of July 10, 2019 and be accepted as submitted. All voted in favor

RESOLUTION # 44

APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #8 TO BE PAID

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve for payment the bill on abstract # 8 in the following amount.

General Account	Voucher # 364-403	\$11,303.57
Debit Account	Voucher # 404	\$410.07
Sewer Account	Voucher # 405-408	\$458.19
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 366, 368, and 378	\$526.30 are in prepaid
Highway Account	Voucher # 409-419	\$170,346.25

Voucher # 373, 382, 383, 394 and 397 are split between funds same voucher Prepaid were paid on July 11th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and August 1st, and 12th 2019

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sullivan County Risk Mgt. & Insurance: wanting the # of employees
Sullivan County Federation for the homeless: asking for support for their programs
NYS Dept. of Public service: advising of NYSE&G request for rate increase to take effect April 2020
NYS Ag & Markets: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report: everything passed
Empire Center: Advising of non-members to pay dues-like union fees

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerold Yavarkovsky: mentioned that it might be a good idea to have the first public comment period be about non agenda items, so the people would not have to sit through the entire meeting to make comments on anything not on the agenda. This was discussed

Robin McClernon; had a question re: swastika when found out the sign was taken down. Supervisor said the person has been caught and not from Cochecton. Would like the town board to take action condemning this act. This was discussed
No one else wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL: Larry Richardson

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday August 1.
- The meeting opened with a presentation from Pete Golod from a UDC and Jennifer Claster from National Park Service: "Partnering To Protect The River: a River Management Plan overview". The presentation reminded people as to why and how the Land And Water Use Guideline is used in reviewing proposed projects and zoning changes in relation to the goals and objectives of the River Management Plan.
- Topics discussed in part:
 - Progress on arranging a corridor wide cleanup in the spring
 - Barnes landfill and the county's effort to become involved. There is discussion about perhaps the state would indemnify the county, should a county take ownership. The state has been in limbo in regards to effort to address any continuing problems at the landfill because it has no owner.

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UDC report continues:

- The correct and white pine trees in New York State. There was an article in a recent York State conservationist magazine about this topic and tell New York is partnering with neighboring New England states to see what can be done.
- Tim Dugan, Northeast Pennsylvania forester shared that the spotted Lanternfly is in its adult phase and very mobile.
- The report that Senator Schumer has secured funding to expand broadband coverage in our area unfortunately it will be limited to the vote beach area.

Actions taken:

- Approved a recommendation from the Project Review Committee that the Town of Lumberland Local Law #1 be found in substantial conformance. This finding will now be forwarded to the National Park Service for final determination.

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY: Larry Richardson

- The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday July 24. In the absence of Chairman Pontier, the meeting was conducted by Vice chairperson Nancy Furdock.
- **Topics of Discussion in part:**
- New York State DOT plan to do stone restoration in the Hawks Nest area of route 97.
- The publication insert into *The River Reporter* titled “Explore the Scenic Byway: People & Places along the Byway”. Unfortunately the publication shows a continuous Scenic Byway from Port Jervis to Hancock when in fact the section through Fremont and the Town of Hancock is not included. A letter correction will be sent to the paper.
- Jacksy reported that Sullivan County Planning is working with SCVA on “Sneak Peek Sullivan” based on the Open House New York model of opening sites that may not normally be available to the public. The Cochecton Erie Station is being considered as one such site among many.
- Committee members are being asked to do a sign inventory within their section of route 97.
- An update was presented on the progress of the proposed Callicoon Visitors project
- Web site analysis: In 2019, there were 2,226 visitors compared to 1,177 in 2018 for the same time period. There were 2,387 sessions, 4,176-page views, and an average session time of 1 minute and 20 seconds. The increased activity followed the 1010 WINS advertising.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 26, 2019

Youth Commission: Councilperson Edwin Grund Nothing to report

Website and Fire District: Councilperson Anna Story –

Doreen has fixed the issues I have been having with the town website and not being able to update information.

- I updated the town board and planning board minutes
- I added the Assessor’s final tax roll
- I added the agenda and legal notices.
- I removed information from the front page quick access information line.

Worked a total of 3 hours.

Fire District: I have to apologize. The meeting was this past Monday and I completely forgot about it so I did not attend the meeting.

Lake Huntington Lake Assoc. Councilperson Salzberg

Copper Sulfate was not used this year, next year they will use Still Clear as it is less harmful. Also mentioned that the Public Access is overgrown. Supervisor will make a call tomorrow to have DEC come and weed whack and clean up the public access.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

Bank Information

- Deposited \$1,185.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$668.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$956.06 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$330.82 Tax Collector
- Deposited \$119.76 Debit Card
- Deposited \$6,534.84 Mortgage Tax
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board
- Activity: Worked with Linda Drollinger on records retention and removal. 2 street lights reported out. Went5 out on a couple inspections. Reviewed some old historical documents

• CONTRACTUAL		\$4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$285.37	\$3,714.63
Abstract#3	\$1,106.82	\$2,607.81
Abstract #4	\$73.20	\$2,534.61

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SUPERVISOR'S report continues:

Abstract #5	\$50.00	\$2,484.61
Abstract#6	\$428.77	\$2,055.84
Abstract#7	\$50.00	\$2,005.84
Abstract#8	\$ 61.60	\$1,944.24
Abstract#9	\$	\$
Abstract#10	\$	\$
Abstract#11	\$	\$
Abstract#12	\$	\$

Abstract # 12-A

Worked 88 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman) not present

- Submitted written report,
- Out mowing and patching, ditching and cutting brush
- Did most of our paving
- Had a few repairs
- Installed a few new pipes
- Received our new loader. At this time I would like to put both the loader and tractor out to auction.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to allow the HWY Superintendent to move forward putting both the loader and tractor out for action. All board members voted in favor.

- Worked 160 hrs.
- Spent \$252.22
- Contractual balance - \$1,931.39

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

Submitted a written report: Fees collected \$12,052.33 for the month of July

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- Issued 2 permanent handicapped and 3 temporary parking permits in July
- 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 97 3/4 hours in July
- Expenditures \$101.43
- Contractual Balance: \$2,672.88

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked a total of 80 hours
- Total mileage 726
- Permits issued: 8 Renewals: 0, C of O's issued: 1 Notice of Disapproval: 0, Municipal search letters: 6
- Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues: \$1,650.00, Expenses: \$471.08
- Contractual balance: \$2,076.60

ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino) Not present

- Submitted a written report:
- Review/search record retention & e-mail
- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Review/e-mail re; shredding

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

She has \$0.01 in her checking account

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present

Submitted a written report; Supervisor went over the report

Old Business:

- Field review of sales and new construction
- I am looking for a member of the Board of Assessment review
- Attending presentation at County Wednesday August 28th
- Final roll has been filed
- I attended a training session on Friday August 2nd regarding new Real property laws adopted

New Business:

1. All terms for Assessors and County Directors terms are up September 30th, 2019
I have submitted my request for reappointment
2. Reviewed my record retention plan with Linda Drollinger and helped her determine which records could be destroyed

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ASSESSOR'S report continues:

Assessor worked 35.25 hours Clerk worked 30.50 hours
Contractual balance: \$1,379.89

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Earl Bertsch -Acting) not present
No report

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Average flow of 19,643 gallons per day for month of July
- Obtained 96 % C.B.O.D. and 95 % T.S.S. removal for July
- Spent a total of 67 hours attending to sewer district affairs in July
- Expenditures: \$458.19
- Contractual Balance: \$13,807.64
- House on Schmidt Lane, asked to be connected to sewer (Chris Kelly

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to allow Chris Kelly Schmidt Lane to hook into the sewer system
All Town Board members voted in favor

Door to plant needs to be replaced. Got a quote of \$800.00 for replacement

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to have the door replaced. All Town Board members voted in favor

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Tamara DePaolo) not present

Submitted a written report; Supervisor went over the report

Had a report on shelter, everything passed. Charged for mileage to pick up and return dog to owner. Councilperson Story has a problem as to why the town is paying mileage for this dog as the owner does this every month. The owner should be charged for this in some way.

HISTORIAN: (K. C. Garn) not present

No report

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Story) – Nothing to report

(Councilperson Nearing) - Nothing to report

(Councilperson Salzberg) – Everyone to sign?

(Councilperson Grund) Nothing to add

(Supervisor) Nothing to add at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe Buildings –discussed earlier
2. Basket Ball Court- no longer a consideration
3. Welcome signs for Cochecton: will be brought up at the next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shredding Documents: 6 big boxes, 3 Co. that shred 64 gallons
2. CEO –Old records – filing CEO boxes need to be filed. Linda 's hours will be increased. Suggested the Assessors Clerk could do this.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Was done earlier in the meeting

Peggy Richardson mentioned the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be in Rock Hill from Sept. 10th to 14th , would like to display the poster at the Town Hall.

Supervisor mentioned we will need a new server. Old one had 3 discs, new one would only have 2 discs cost \$3,600.00. He will look into this again for next month.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Story the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 8:52 p.m. p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk