

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
BID OPENING ICE CONTROL SAND**

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on September 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Cochection Town Hall.

The following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman –Town Clerk Gregg Semenetz –CEO
Michael Walter --SPO

During the work session the Town Clerk presented to the Town Board members the tentative 2020 budget

Regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

Town Clerk stated that the legal notice for the sand bid was published in the Sullivan County Democrat on August 27, 2019

There were 4 bids submitted, and they were opened in the order they were received

1. Tetz	\$17.50 FOB	\$25.50 Delivered per ton
2. PJH		\$12.64 Delivered per ton
3. Deckelman LLC		\$14.45 Delivered per ton
4. R & H Gorr, Inc.		\$13.25 per ton delivered

No decision was made tonight: Decision will be made at the next regular Town Board meeting Oct. 9. 2019

RESOLUTION # 44

RE-LEVY US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was

Re-levy US Bank National Association PROPERTY

WHEREAS, US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, owner of the property described on tax map as parcel #17.-1-6 and situated on 16 Dailey Road in the Town of Cochection was notified that numerous bags of garbage and debris was surrounding the property and was an unsafe and unhealthy situation, with potential for rodent infestation, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cochection decided that the garbage and debris on this property was a clear danger to life, safety, and health of any person, in accordance with Chapter 95 of the Town of Cochection Code, and more specifically Section 95-9 Emergency Cases, the Town Board authorized the CEO to cause removal of said garbage, which was put out to bid and was awarded to J. Hughson Excavating Inc. and the garbage and debris was removed at a cost of \$6,288.61, and

WHEREAS, all the expenses that were incurred by the Town of Cochection in connection with the removal of the garbage and debris shall be charged against the property on the tax map as 17.-1-6 and situated on 16 Dailey Road and shall be assessed and levied and collected in the same manner as provided under Article 15 of the Town Law for levy and collection, and

WHEREAS, the total of \$6,288.61 was paid to J. Hughson Excavating Inc. to remove garbage and debris from said premises, and

WHEREAS, the total of \$6,288.61 shall be re-levied on the property taxes for FY 2020, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on the aforementioned property owned by US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, located on 16 Dailey Road, tax map #17.-1-6, Town of Cochection be re-levied by the County of Sullivan in the amount of \$6,288.61 to the General Fund; for the garbage and debris removal by J. Hughson Excavating Inc. for the Town and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk will present delinquent tax bill in the amount of \$6,288.61 for removal of garbage and debris re-levy to the County when submitting FY 2020 Budget.

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Story, Nearing, and Grund

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to accept the Minutes of August 14, 2019 as submitted.

BILLS TO BE PAID ON ABSTRACT # 9

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was to approve bills on Abstract #9 for payment in the following amounts

Prepaid Claim #'s 420-438		
General Account	Voucher # 439-454	\$30,183.80
Debit Account	Voucher # 455	\$872.26
Sewer claims #'422, 431, 433, 435 and 438 are in prepaid		
Sewer Account	Voucher # 456-459	\$2,027.43
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 421 in prepaid	\$123.08
Highway Account	Voucher # 460-470	\$93,721.51

Claim #'s 426 and 4464 split between funds same voucher

Prepaid were paid on August 16th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 30th and September 5th 2019

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sullivan County Federation for The Homeless: looking for a message in their gala journal

Association of Towns- Letting the Town know what our dues will be for next year \$800.00

Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless – who will be honored on October18, 2019 at the Mountain Manor in Glen Spey

Lorry King: advising the board regarding the class she took GIS for Property Tax and Assessment Professionals

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Upper Delaware Council - Larry Richardson:

The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday September 5.

- The meeting opened with a presentation Dan Paparella: "The Upper Delaware Recreation Project-Building a Community Around Recreation". The goal is to build hiking and biking trails near communities so the people would not have to drive to engage in outdoor activities.
- Topics discussed in part:
- Barnes landfill: New York State DEC Representative Bill Rudge reported that discussions are continuing with the county about assuming control of property. NYS is offering to indemnify the county for any work related to the landfill going forward.
- New York State DEC is issuing tighter regulations concerning the transportation of the year into New York State in an effort to prevent Chronic Wasting Disease in White Tailed Deer. Rudge reminded people that there is currently a ban in place that does not allow the transportation of firewood for more than 50 miles from its source.
- The DEC work crew has filled in the pot holes at the Skinners Falls River Access area.
- The bid to repair the Skinners Falls Bridge is set to go out in November.
- The UDC had submitted to the National Park Service a recommendation that the Town Of Lumberland Local Law #1 be found in Substantial Conformance. The secretary of the interior has agreed with our recommendation.
- Actions taken:
- Approved payment of \$600 to Berlin Township for Tag Grant 2019 -04. The grant provided for creation and printing of an informational Brochure.
- Approved a contract with K Sickler/Murphy Consultants from Schenectady, NY to create a records management and retention program along with files management. A policy and procedures Manual will be created and staff training provided. There currently is 440 cubic feet of records in storage. The contracted cost is \$26,350. The project cost will be spread over two budgets.
- Approved forwarding to the Town Of Highland a document; "Highland Zoning Law Substantial Conformance Review Summary with Suggestions for Improvement".

SCENIC BYWAY: Larry Richardson

- The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday August 26.
- **Topics of Discussion in part:**
- New York State DOT repair work on Rte 97 along the Hawk's Nest
- An update on the progress of the proposed Callicoon Visitors project
- Sullivan County Green Team Litter Pick-ups at several locations along Rte 97
- Approved buying a ¼ pg ad in Sullivan Catskills Visitor Assoc. 2020 Travel Guide
- Sullivan County's Discretionary Funding Application FY 2020.
- I Love NY Marketing Presentation at the Narrowsburg Union on October 1st. (We encourage businesses to attend and learn)
- **Actions Taken:**
- Approved a Butterfly Grant application from Potomac Rivers and Trails Council to reprint brochures designed by Ed Wesely.
- **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Grund;

- Getting \$7,500.00 from County and State this year, up \$1,000.00 from last year. About \$4,000.00 was spent on youth this year so far
- Have plans for movies
- West Point Football Game October 5, 2019
- Scranton Aquarium
- Plan day trip to Kalahara Fun Park
- Trick trunk Oct. 26
- Friday night is book bingo (downstairs)

WEBSITE: Councilperson Story

I did regular maintenance on the website. Added legal notices and agenda. I also added the Preservation Society's "Coffee Tea and History" event which will be held September 22 at 1:00 PM. Guest speakers are Fred Stabbert III who will speak about "Trees" and Dr. Nancy Hackett will speak about one room school houses in the area. I worked a total of 3 hours.

FIRE DISTRICT: Councilperson Story

Fire meeting was held this past Monday, Sept. 9. After the pledge and a short pause to remember the victims of 9/11, they handled regular business. Bills were paid, Fireman Physicals were scheduled for September 16 starting at 4:00 PM and there was a short discussion about the budget. The Fire District Budget hearing will be held on October 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM,

LAKE HUNTINGTON LAKE ASSOCIATION Councilperson Salzberg: Not present no report

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report

Monthly Financial Report

- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$781.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$393.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,810.03 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$410.07 for Debit Card
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board

Supervisor report continues:

- Activity: Worked with Linda Drollinger on records retention and removal. Record room is up to date and organized with obsolete data disposed or shredded. Working on FY 2020 budget

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
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	\$50.00	\$1,894.24
Abstract#10	\$	\$
Abstract#11	\$	\$
Abstract#12	\$	\$

Worked 94.5 hours

Councilperson Nearing mentioned need to review Ag. And Forest exemptions

Motion: to review Ag. And Forest exemptions

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to have the Assessor review Ag. And Forest exemptions to make sure that they are in compliance. All present board members voted in favor

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman) Not present

Submitted a written report, which the Supervisor went over

- Had a few repairs
- Mowed some R.O. W.
- Finished up some paving
- Cutting brush, patching and ditching
- Replaces some pipes
- Started working on some sanders

Worked 160 hrs.

Contractual balance is \$2,314.72

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

Submitted a written report

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- Issued 2 permanent handicapped and 2 temporary parking permits in August
- I had people calling, wanting to know the hours of the Transfer Station, wanting to know about sewer billings and water billings, the sewer bills are on the property tax bills.
- I also had people asking about a fall cleanup
- I also have people asking me questions related to the CEO, Assessor, Tax Collector, calls regarding the property taxes, as well as school taxes (I tell them to go to www.taxlookup.com.) and what are the hours as well as some Justice Court questions
- Worked a total of 112 3/4 hours in August
- Expenditures \$97.19
- Contractual Balance: \$2,575.69

CODE ENFORCEMENT: (Gregg Semenetz)

Submitted a written report:

Worked 80 hours traveled 7680 miles

- Issued 5 permits; 0 renewals, 9 C of O's, Notices of Disapproval 0, 5 Municipal search letters, 0 appearance tickets
- Revenues of \$850.00, and expenses of \$444.40
- Contractual Balance: \$1,632.20

Everything good, 2 demo properties being cleaned up

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

No written report submitted:

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino) not present

No bill, no report

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**
3. **I attended a presentation at County Wednesday August 28th The presentation was Cyclomedia, which is a type of "google earth" . I didn't feel it was as good as our current Eagle View program. And this would be town specific.**

Assessor report continues:

New Business:

1. Prepared and submitted my budget to Supervisor.
2. I will be attending mandatory training on September 19th in Middletown NY

	Hours	Clerk
Assessor		26.00
26.00		
August		
	1355.4	\$1,397.89
Lorry King		\$28.42
NYS Assessor		
Assoc		\$110.00
Total Aug		\$138.42
Balance		\$1,259.47

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- 23,828 average flow for August
- 92 % C.B.O.D. removal for August
- 92% T.S.S. removal for August
- Worked 74 ½ hours in August
- Expenditures \$2,027.43
- Contractual balance: \$11,780.21

Things are good

PLANNING BOARD: (Chair Earl Bertsch) not present

No report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Tamara DePaolo) not present

No report

HISTORIAN: (K. C. Garn) not present

No report

TOWN BOARD:

Supervisor Maas and Council members Story, Nearing and Grund had nothing more to add

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe buildings 2018: discussed earlier
2. Basketball Court: will not be done no funding

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fee Schedule- Changes – Dog Fees will be discussed next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Richardson: mentioned that he and Peggy were interview by WJFF re: the Train Station. They might be heard on the radio on September 21. Larry also mentioned that Coffee Tea and History will be on September 22 at 1:00 P.M. They also cleared a foot path so you can walk around the area.

No one else wished to comment

This Town Board meeting will be recessed

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to recess this Town Board meeting to Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm. All present Town Board members voted in favor. Time 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk