REGULAR MEETING   TOWN OF COCHECTON   October 10, 2018

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton took place October 10, 2018 at the Cochecton Town Hall with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Margaret Richardson – Deputy Town Clerk   Attorney, Karen Mannino   Mike Antonesi – LHVA president
Hwy. Supt. Kevin Esselman   SPO, Michael Walter   Larry Richardson – rep for UDC,UDSB

Work session for the purpose Budget FY2019 review began at 7 pm to 7:30 pm.

Supervisor Maas called the meeting to order and all pledged the flag at 7:30 pm.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 12 and the recessed meeting of September 18, 2018 as submitted.
All present board members voted in favor except for Councilperson Salzberg who abstained.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the bills on Abstract # 10
Prepaid: Claim #'s 501-512   ***claim # 503, & 505 are in the Lighting District**
General Accounts: Claim #'s 513-531
Total General Funds: **7,394.20** including prepaid
Debit Card Account: Claim no claim #
Total Debit Card Funds **$0.00**
Sewer Accounts: Claim # 532
Total Sewer Accounts: **$354.96** including prepaid
Lighting District Accounts: Claim #'s 503 & 505 **as listed above in prepaid** & 533
Total Lighting District Funds: **$986.84** including prepaid
Highway Accounts Claim #'s 534-545
Total Highway Accounts **$19,685.95** including prepaid
Claim #'s 508, 529, and 535 split between funds same voucher.
PREPAIDS were paid on, September 11th, 18th, 27th, and October 2nd 2018
All present Board members voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Maas received letters from NYS Dept. of Interior regarding the future of the Zane Grey Museum in Lackawaxen Township; Sullivan County Division of Planning will have training in November for Building and Planning Boards; the NYMER insurance representative met with Supervisor to assess the Town's exposure to cyber hacking. The Town internet security is covered by the newly offered insurance cyber protection plan; the Association of Towns asked for employee count;

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATING TO ANY TOPIC ON AGENDA: (Limit of 3 minutes presentation.)
Larry Richardson asked if the Town received a UDSB survey regarding law enforcement; Linda Drollinger asked if the cyber insurance will pay the ransom cost if system is hijacked. Supervisor Maas assured that the attack would be handled by professionals and the expenses will be covered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Upper Delaware Council; Upper Delaware Scenic Byway - Larry Richardson;
The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday October 4, 2018.
Chairman Robinson opened the meeting followed by-

Presentation on the National Weather Service's Advanced Hydrologic Prediction by James Brewster, Service Hydrologist/Meteorologist, Binghamton NY
Topics discussed in part:
- Cell tower distribution
- New permanent staircase to the attic storage area, completed with new LED lighting
- Law enforcement programs that might be funded by the NPS
- Actions taken:
- Approved the Project Review Committee 's recommendation for Tag Grant Applications:
    Lumberland; create a "Guide to Permits" brochure for the Town of Lumberland Building Department
    Shohola; update zoning ordinances with an eye toward River Management compliance
    Berlin Township; create and print a township brochure which would provide various township information, such as municipal meeting dates, contact numbers, and the township history
    Tusten; to purchase an electronic municipal organizer/planner software system which helps with paperless governance
- Created a committee to meet with the Town of Highland to explore better communication between the town and the UDC (Richardson, Dean and Grier)

Scenic Byway; The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday September 24.
Topics of Discussion in part:
- Applications for non-voting membership
- Application for Scenic Vista Funding Program on Mr. Ogazolek's property in Town of Hancock
- Region 8 DOT funding for historic signs along Rte 97
- The Delaware Company's goals
- Website and how to improve interaction
- Proposed visitors center in Callicoon Train Station: timeline and future funding
- Funding request from Sullivan County FY 2019
- Business and non-profit Sign Grants Program
- Budget to actual for YTD

Scenic By report continues:
- Marketing Opportunities with Orange County Tourism Director Amanda Dana (present)

Actions taken:
Approved:
- A resolution to accept the Callicoon Business Association as a non-voting member
- Creating a sub-committee to assess a land owners request to fund vista clearing along NYS Rte 97 in the Town of Hancock
- Sending a support letter for The Delaware Company to Sullivan County favoring multi-year project to create a statue similar to one at the Erie Canal in Syracuse of a bronze, life-size image, in this case girl similar to a painting by Edward Lamson Henry's "On the Towpath".
- Contract with Sullivan County Democrat to distribute brochures
- Cochecton Fire Station's request to be a "Gold Member" listed on the website
- **Next Meeting Date:** 4th Monday, October 22, 2018

Youth Commission – Councilman Grund
- Tricky Trunk is scheduled for October 20th at the Town Hall parking lot at lower level.
- Trip to Holiday Rockettes Show December 8.

Website Report and Fire District - Councilperson Story: no report

Lake Huntington Lake Association: Councilperson Salzberg: no report

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas
Submitted a written report:
- Bank Information:
- Deposited $1,004.00   judicial fees
- Deposited $ 703.45   judicial fees
- Deposited $ 874.00   Clerk fees
- Deposited $5,442.64   Mortgage Tax
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and (budget to actuals given to Town Board members)
- Activity: The NYS Comptrollers Office is doing an audit of the Town; Dog Control Officer applicant interview; met with County Manager on Workers Comp; arranged for trash pick up with Thompson Sanitation Corp.

CONTRACTUAL		$ 4,000.00 beginning balance
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
Abstract #7	$ 104.50	$ 2,328.33
Abstract#8	$ 77.25	$ 2,251.08
Abstract#9	$ 176.24	$ 2,074.84
Abstract#10	$1,362.45	$ 712.39

- Worked 86.5 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman
September monthly report
- Out patching, cutting brush and ditching
- Had repairs on equipment
- Finished our chip sealing
- Helped a few Towns out with their paving and sealing
- Starting to get things ready for winter
- Worked 160 hours
- Contractual balance is $ 3,333.24

TOWN CLERK: Hollye Schulman – not present
I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
I attended the OSTCA meeting in September. We had several presentations, one for the duties of the Deputy Town Clerk, and one for The Local Law Adoption Process. They were both very informative.
Issued 4 permanent handicapped and 0 temporary parking permits in September
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, (people that did not pay tickets or want to pay tickets)
Worked a total of 75 1/4 hours in September
Deputy 10 Hours in September
Expenditures $43.06
Contractual Balance: $2,893.48

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Gregg Semenetz – not present
- Submitted a written report:
- Worked 80 hours
- Traveled _470_ miles
- Issued _3_permits __0_renewals
- C of O's issued _2_
- Notices of disapproval __0__
- Municipal search letters __5__

CEO report Continues:
- Appearance tickets 0
- Revenues: $__450.00
- Expenses: $__306.15_____
- Contractual Balance: $ _1,471.44

TAX COLLECTOR – Eileen Hennessy,
- Balance in check book is 1¢
- Worked 5 hours September

ATTORNEY – Karen Mannino – board meeting debris removal review; 2hr 18 min

ASSESSOR – Lorry King – not present
- Attended meeting in Middletown 9/12/2018
- I will be out of office Nov 28 – Dec 7 on a cruise celebrating 35th anniversary
September fund balance for A1355.400 $ 1,288.23
Lorry mileage 82.30
Contractual Budget $1205.93 ending fund balance
Assessor's hours 31.5
Clerk's hours 24

SEWER – Michael Walter, SPO - Submitted written report; worked __69 ½__ hours for September 2018;
- The current flow 63,189
- % CBOD 97 %
- TSS removal 96%
- Expenditures $ 354.96
- Contractual Balance $14,154.45

HISTORIAN – KC Garn – not present. – no report

BOARD MEMBERS –
Councilperson Story – nothing else
Councilperson Grund – nothing else
Councilperson Salzberg – nothing else
Councilperson Nearing – nothing else

OLD BUSINESS:
- Basketball Court, Pickle Ball, Ball Field and Exercise Park – waiting for Paddy McCarthy's report, tabled
- Unsafe buildings 2018: CEO

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, to authorize Town Clerk to submit notice for Public Hearing on Budget 2019 approval meeting Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. All present Board members voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, to recess meeting at 8:10 p.m. and go into executive meeting to discuss Town 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 Salzberg, to adjourn meeting. Time 8:50 p.m. All present Town Board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Margaret Richardson, Deputy Town Clerk