

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on October 11, 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	Robert Smith –Attorney	Larry Richardson
Christy Flynn- Deputy Code	Michael Attinese	Peter Grosser
Jeffory Daub	Cat Scott	

Prior to Meeting 6PM:

Camille O'Brien – Narcan Training

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

RESOLUTION #51

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Walter, seconded by Councilman Nearing, to approve the bills on Abstract # 10 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 519-521, 524,527-532,535 and 536 are in prepaid's. Clam numbers 537-553 are to be paid

Total General Funds: **\$43,115.21**

Debit Card Account: Claim #554

Total Debit Card: **\$ 226.99**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #516-518, 525 and 533 are in prepaids
Claim #'s 557 and 558to be paid.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$953.37**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim #522 and 523are in Prepaid

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$350.33**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 515, 526 and 534 are in prepaid
559-574 to be paid.

Total Highway Accounts **\$137,472.31**

PREPAIDS were paid 9/18, 9/21, 9/29 and 10/3
Audit 10/10/23 by Councilmen Nearing & Walter

CORRESPONDENCE:

From: Mike Preis-Re Insurance Policy which was paid last month

From: Unsafe Building Smales Road

From: Ag & Market – Inspection dog warden all good.

From: DOT- Re-Renewal of pull off on CR97

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UDC- Larry Richardson -

Prior to the regular meeting, the Telecommunications Committee met to discuss the next steps.

The regular meeting then opened on October 5 at 7:00 p.m. with a zoom option.

The meeting began with a presentation "Fall Dewatering Exercise for the 2024 Delaware Aqueduct Repairs Shutdown" by Jennifer Garigliano, director of the NYC DEP Bureau of Water Supply. Director Garigliano reported that the dewatering test was stopped after it was shown that the infiltration was much greater than anticipated. It was expected and planned for 20 m gallons of water to enter the tunnel but 30m gallons was measured. Pumping and electricity will need to be enhanced to accommodate the increased flow. A new test is planned to begin in June and if conditions are acceptable, the tunnel draw-down will begin later in the Fall.

Reports- Minutes for the three standing committees were distributed prior to the meeting.

- Special Project Review Committee for Tag Grants (Larry Richardson)

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- Project Review, (Larry Richardson)
- Operations, (Aaron Robinson)
- Water Use/Resource Management, (Ginny Dudko)

Status Reports

- **Delaware River Basin Commission** (Elizabeth Brown) oral report & hydrological report
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation** (Ryan Coulter) - DEC Expects to complete work on the Long Eddy River Access this fall. Increased parking and easier maneuverability are the objectives
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) Maple and Beech Trees are being stressed by disease promoted by the damp, humid weather. The summer started off with a six-week drought and then turned rainy.
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath) A regional planner has been hired and begins work in December. The NPS took part in an emergency response drill involving the Middle Delaware River. They are checking to see how that might work in our section.
- **UDC Executive Director** (Laurie Ramie) reported we have been asked to support a grant application that would help with the removal of the dam in Jeffersonville. If there is no objection to the dam removal, we will support the project. We are awaiting a response from Supervisor Bose. The Council now has provided 9 tablets for the board's use in an effort to go paperless.

New Business

- Approved Resolution 2023-11: Approving Technical Assistance Grants for Fiscal Year 2024 as recommended by the Project Review Committee:
 - Town of Tusten; Town Open Space and Recreation Plan (Part 1)- \$10,000.00
 - Damascus Township; Emergency Preparedness Brochure - \$ 2,822.00
- Approved Resolution 2023-12: Awarding a printing contract for three Newsletters to Courier Printing for Fiscal Year 2024 - \$ 7,475.00.
- Provided an Economic Impact of Tourism Statistics * (included with members packet)

Adjourn

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY- Larry Richardson

The Committee held a scheduled meeting on September 25, 2023

Call to Order: Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting held at the Upper Delaware Council office in Narrowsburg and via Zoom to order at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurers Report was given and accepted

Discussion items:

- NYS \$25,000 Grant Contract Application due to OCFS(Office of Children and Family Services) by 10/7
- Sullivan County 2024 Discretionary Contracts Grant Application due by 10/6
- UDSB Visitor Center at The Callicoon Depot Update and Shared Services Agreement
- Decision on UDSB Website; Domain to Expire on 10/27

Follow-up Action Items and Reports:

- Sullivan Catskills 2024 Travel Guide Listings Updates due by 9/30
- NYS DOT Regions 8 and 9 Capital Projects Monthly Report:
One member asked why the NYS DOT was putting oil and chips on Route 97 when they typically blacktop it? **Answer:** *Engineers have found when the surface is reasonably sound but has cracks developing it is a good and less expensive way to prolong the life of the highway surface.*
- "Keep the Byway Clean" Sign Installations Update (still signs for Callicoon)
- Letters re: UDSB Committee Alternate Position Vacancies (several Towns still have alternate vacancies).

Next Meeting Date: : will be on the 4th Monday, October 23, 2023.

Adjourn: meeting adjourned.

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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 Fire Department- Nober, reported that the Fire Department won the Third Place in the Healthy Living Challenge.

Lake Association: Councilperson Nober – Nothing to report

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Bank Information:

Deposited \$	543.00	Judicial fees
Deposited \$	465.00	Judicial fees
Deposited \$	186.44	Debit Card
Deposited \$	1,475.47	Town Clerk fees

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
Abstract #8	\$ 206.40	\$ 1,270.46
Abstract #9	\$ 325.73	\$ 944.73
Abstract #10	\$ 185.00	\$ 769.73

Worked 98 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman

Submitted a written report:

- Had a few repairs.
- Cutting Brush Patching & ditching
- Paving
- Picked up Truck 34 with new dump body.
- Received our new side mower

Contractual balance is 3,285.24

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim

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

- Prepared Abstract #10 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for September 13th & September 27th Meeting.
- Put Legal notices in the paper
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 3 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- CEO Report / deposit
- Decals Hunting Licenses
- Dog – New1 Licenses and 7 Renewals.
- Marriage License -1 sent to state
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Website Maintenance
- I worked a total of 95 hours in September
- **Contractual balance: \$1,679.14**

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- Supervisor suggested to research Dog Enumeration

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: James Crowley

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hrs.
- mileage 155
- Permits issued 15
- C of O's 2
- C of C's 7
- Logging Permits
- Municipal search letters 6
- Plan Review Inspections 25
- Revenues \$3,511.20
- Expenses \$160.09
- Contractual Balance: \$2,379.05

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 45,312 gallons per day for month of September
- Obtained 98% C.B.O.D. and 99% T.S.S. removal for September
- Expenditures \$953.37
- Contractual Balance: \$11,988.99

Worked 81 hours.

Sewer Roof Repair- Bee's have been preventing work moving forward.

ASSESSOR: Lorry King - not present

Old Business:

1. Field work continues.

New Business:

1. *Request to change my Wednesday evening hours for the Winter months.*
2. *I have provided these quotes for my filing cabinet.*

Terri Fountain

Total Sept \$0.00

Balance \$1,335.53

Assessor Hrs.: 33.5

Clerk Hrs.: 20

- Assessor will be changing her hours for the Winter: to be updated on the web site.

Town Board members all agree with Assessors hours changing for winter.

- Discussion between town board members regarding quotes for assessors file cabinet.

RESOLUTION # 52

Motion made by councilperson Walter seconded by Councilperson Nearing to approve Supervisor to give final decision to Assessor after discussing further with her about pricing of filing cabinet for Assessor office.

Cat Scott-Running for Legislative Party for District Five

Introduced herself at our Meeting and left it open for anyone to discuss with her any concerns they may have.

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PLANNING BOARD CHAIR -Not Present

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present

HISTORIAN: Kristina Snedeker - No report

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

Councilperson Nearing - nothing currently

Councilperson Salzberg - nothing currently

Councilperson Grund - nothing currently

Councilperson Walter – nothing currently

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Grosser- regarding 466a looking for a follow up regarding tax credit. Will be further discussed with assessor.

MOTION of Councilman Nober, seconded by Councilman Grund to move into executive session all board members voted in favor.

Time 8:25 p.m.

No decisions made during executive session .

MOTION Made by Councilperson Grund Seconded by Councilperson Nearing to Recess meeting to October 25, 2023, at 6:30PM all board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Oumrim
Town Clerk