

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING October 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on October 13, 2021 at the Cochection 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 Peggy Richardson- Deputy Town Clerk Jim Crowley –CEO
Karen Mannino –Attorney Liam Mayo – River Reporter Kevin Esselman- Highway
Billy Boucher- Ground keeper Larry Richardson – UDC / BYWAY Michael Attianese-Vol. Ambulance
Peter Grosser- Cochection Vol. Ambulance John Nober Kambri Crews
Mitra Behroors- Resident Chris Renaud- Resident Ennl Bentsell- Resident

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

**Resolution #49 30 Day Liquor License Waiver
Resolution to waive 30-day grace period for liquor license application for Delaware Valley Opera Corp. , Lake Huntington, New York 12752.**

WHEREAS Delaware Valley Opera Corp. submitted a Notice of Intent to file a new application for an On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage License for beer, wine, and cider to be sold at 6692 Route 52, Lake Huntington, NY
AND WHEREAS, a thirty (30) day hold before said application can be filed is mandated by New York Alcohol and Beverage Control Law, however, this time period may be waived by the municipality; and
WHEREAS the Cochection Town Board wishes to assist the applicant in expediting the application process to allow a new business to achieve the greatest level of success by advancing this approval process; now.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to the extent permitted by the New York State Liquor Authority, the Cochection Town Board hereby waives the requirement that written notice of the application be given to the Town at least thirty (30) days prior to submitting this application.
AND BE IT FUTHER ORDERED THAT, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a letter to the applicant and to the New York State Liquor Authority to confirm the Town’s receipt of the Notice of Intent to file for the liquor license and a waiver of the thirty (30) day hold on the processing of said application.

Moved by Nearing **Seconded by** Salzberg **ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**

**Resolution #50 Extending Boundaries for Speed Zone
RESOLUTION 10132021 # 50
RESOLUTION REQUESTING REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON CR114 BETWEEN THE TWO EXISTING 40 MPH SPEED ZONES**

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Cochection has received a request from the residents along CR114 concerned about excessive speeds, and safety. And,
WHEREAS CR 114 is a County Road; and,
WHEREAS, CR 114 has had several recorded accidents, The Town Board of Cochection has herby,
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochection supports the requested reduction in speed limit and hereby directs that the Town requests the New York State Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study along CR 114 between the two existing 40MPH speed zones already in place on CR114 in the Town of Cochection for the purpose of considering reduced speed to enhance safety. The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson Grund duly seconded by Councilperson Walter, and put to a roll call vote with the following results: Councilperson Nearing- Aye Councilperson Salzberg - Aye Supervisor Maas - Aye Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on October13, 20
Moved by Grund **Seconded by** Walter **ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, that the minutes of September 8, 2021, as submitted by the Town Clerk are approved. All board members voted in favor.
MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Nearing that the minutes of September 20, 2021, as submitted by Town Clerk are approved. All board members voted in favor.

RESOLUTION # 51 APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #10 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

On motion of Councilperson Walter seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to approve the bills on Abstract #10 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim#’s 533-549 are to be paid.
Claim #’s 515, 518, 521, 523, 525, and 527-530 are in prepaids.
Total General Funds: **\$3,493.42**
Debit Card Account: Claim #550
Total Debit Card: **\$ 54.00**
Sewer Accounts: Claim #’s 551-556 are to be paid.
Claim #’s 519,520, 524, 531 and 532 are in prepaids.
Total Sewer Accounts: **\$10,964.62**
Lighting District Accounts: Claim’s #516 and 517 are in prepaids
Total Lighting District Funds: **\$414.78**
Highway Accounts: Claim #’s 557-568 to be paid.
Claim #’s 522 and 526 are in prepaid
Total Highway Accounts **\$22,597.86**

PREPAIDS were paid 9/13, 9/16, 9/21, 9/30
Audit 10/12/21by Councilmen Nearing & Walter

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg, Grund and Walter

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from James & Lani Ramsden Regarding speed limit on CR 114

Letter from: GGT & H Re: Delaware Valley Opera Corp. Liquor License

Letter from: Shepstone Management Company Re: updating Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION # 52**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COCHECTON
TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH SHEPSTONE MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton has requested that Shepstone Management Company Inc. update the Comprehensive Plan.; and

WHEREAS, an update will include updating demographics and other basic data since 2010/11, coordinating mapping with Sullivan county planning, updating goals, objectives, and recommendations, Recommended languages for any suggested ordinance updates; and

WHEREAS, the following issues will be addressed,

- small wireless communication towers
- Short-term rentals and impacts
- Storage Container use
- Solar storage issues
- Temporary camping, seasonal housing, glamping, yurts, tiny houses etc.
- Slope restrictions
- Other items that arise from review of Comprehensive Plan, ordinance, and Planning Board input

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby enters into agreement with Shepstone.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that SMC professional billing rate is \$150. Per hour and will invoice monthly for actual hours and expenses, with an estimated cost for service to be \$6,000. And will not exceed \$9,000.

Moved by Nearing **Seconded by** Walter **ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Grosser-Question Is the entire street limit will be 40 MPH if the County Approves?

Supervisor: No, it will be determined by the State

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**UDC- Larry Richardson**

The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday October 7 with a zoom option.

The meeting opened with a presentation: "Update on the Highland River Access" by Heather Jacksy, Senior Planner at Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development. The start of construction has been delayed due to bids coming in substantially over budget. New bids are being sought and hopefully construction can begin in the spring.

Topics discussed in part:**Status Reports:**

• DEC Representative Bill Rudge reviewed the new catch and release the year-round trout fishing opportunities.

He also said the DEC is requesting anyone who catches a Snakehead fish to kill it and report it to the agency. The species has been caught in the Delaware River.

Other:

• The UDC had one of its most successful awards banquets with 138 people in attendance. New York State Senator Martucci was the keynote speaker. He expressed his support for the Upper Delaware Council and the Delaware River and pledged to work toward fulfilling New York state's financial obligation to partially fund the Council.

Actions taken:

• Accepted the resignation from Resources & Land Use Specialist Shannon Cilento. She is leaving after a year and a half to take a position with Sullivan Renaissance as Director for Community Development projects.

• Approved Draft Resolution 2021-16: Technical Assistance Grant for the Town of Tusten to do Zoning Updates and Open Space Planning.

• Approved: Consulting Services Agreement with Shepstone Consulting for Project Review and Substantial Conformance Tasks

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY- Larry Richardson*Monthly Report*

The Committee held its regular meeting in person at the UDC office on Monday September 27.

Items discussed in part:

• Freedom of Information Law Request and UDSB Reply: regarding an incident on Rte 97 at the Hawk's Nest (*we have been advised by legal counsel not to respond*)

• Sullivan County Legislature 2022 Discretionary Contracts Application: the committee is requesting \$40,000 part of which would go toward six-month salary for an Executive Director.

• Bold Gold Media Public Service Announcements, Marketing: the committee has agreed to buy 60

ads for \$300.00.

- Producing a Byway Video So It’s Ready for TV and social media
- Sullivan County/UDSB Smart Solar Trash Receptacles Pilot Program
- Towns’ Anti-Litter Signage Status: signs are being made now
- Creating rules and an application for Vista Enhancement Grants (*I have produced a draft document*)

Actions Taken:

- Approved : A \$750 Culture & History Grant electronically for the 160th Anniversary Celebration at Pond Eddy United Methodist Church on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Approved: Vista Enhancement grant request for \$3,100 to do selective clearing at the Eagle Observation #1 pull-off on NYS Route 97 in Barryville. NYS DOT owns the property. The project is part of a larger \$125,000 Silver Feather Municipal Grant with five phases that Sullivan Renaissance awarded to the Town of Highland

Next Meeting Date: Monday October 25.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Grund

Upcoming Events:

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| 10/23 Trunky Treat | 10/27 Dunkin Donut decorate you own donuts |
| 12/4 Christmas Express with Santa | 12/11 Holiday Gathering @ Lakeview Pizzeria |
- For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: s_rod79@frontiernet.net

LAKE HUNTINGTON, LAKE ASSOCIATION: Councilperson Dr. Salzberg Nothing to report currently

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Monthly Financial Report Bank Information:

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| Deposited \$ | 525.00 | Judicial fees |
| Deposited \$ | 985.00 | Judicial fees |
| Deposited \$ | 2,115.52 | Town Clerk fees |
| Deposited \$ | 133.53 | Debit Card |
| Deposited \$ | 13.13 | Quill Refund |

Activity: Made transfers and deposits as needed and have given budget actuals to board

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| 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 |
| Abstract #8 | \$ 230.94 | \$ 2,438.48 |
| Abstract #9 | \$ 367.94 | \$ 2,070.54 |
| Abstract #10 | \$ 132.00 | \$ 1,938.54 |

Worked 88 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman (Not Present)

- Had few repairs
- Cutting brush, patching, and ditching
- Replaced some pipes
- Started to work on some sanders and plows.
- Finished up paving

Worked 160 Hours.

Contractual balance is 3,800

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 8th regular meeting.
- Prepared Minutes for September 20th meeting.
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 3 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- Deposited Town CEO fees.
- Dog -4- New Licenses and 9- Renewals.

- Marriage License -3
- Parking Tags- 2
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- DECALS- Hunting & Fishing Licensing -10
- I worked a total of **90 hours** in August.
- **Contractual balance: \$1,298.21**

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: James Crowley

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hrs.
- mileage 271
- Permits issued 17
- Cert. of Occupancy issued 2 and C of C- 6
- Municipal search letters 6
- Notice of Stop Work 0
- Plan Review Inspections 17
- Revenues \$2174.04
- Expenses \$201.76
- Contractual Balance: \$3,648.05

- **SEWER OFFICER:** Michael Walter

- Average flow of 57,756 gallons per day for month of September
- Obtained 95% C.B.O.D. and 97. % T.S.S. removal for September
- Expenditures \$10,964.62
- Contractual Balance: \$7465.47

Worked 82 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.

New Business:

1. Sent the apportionment for taxpayers to the school & Town tax collector
2. Received information regarding the legislation on virtual meetings from Governor Hochul
3. My office telephone has issues, I was unable to call out. I replaced it with the telephone from the “board room office” and it worked! The telephone has some static issues, but I can call out and receive.
4. Received a request from the Lake Huntington Lake Association for help on new owners
5. Request from the DEC for help with the Boy Scout properties

September

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| 1355.4 | \$1,558.87 |
| Total Sept. | \$0.00 |
| Balance | \$1,558.87 |

Assessor Hrs:

33.50

Clerk Hrs: 23.50

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR Earl Bertsch - not present Minutes from August on file.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present, No report

HISTORIAN: K. C. Garn - not present - No report

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

Councilperson Nearing -Spoke Briefly about the Cochection Cemetery located on rt 97 re: a letter which he received from a relative of many deceased in the cemetery who have served in the Revolutionary War Binghamton Chapter. Said relative is looking to place headstones on his relative's graves.

Councilperson Salzberg – nothing currently

Councilperson Grund - nothing currently

Councilperson Walter – Awaiting response back for SMOKE testing, .

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Roof for Town hall
2. Addition for Highway Barn
3. NYS Cannabis Legislation

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Website Update and Security
2. Tom Shepstone Proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MOTION of Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Walter the following motion was to Recess meeting, to October 19th at 6:30 pm.

Time 8:35 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Oumrim
Town Clerk