

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2023
Public Hearing : 2024 Budget

PRESENT: Supervisor- Gary Maas
Councilperson - Deputy Supervisor, (Edwin Grund Not Present)
Councilperson- SPO,(Michael Walter Not Present)
Councilperson- John Nober
Councilperson- Sean Nearing

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim - Town Clerk	Robert Smith –Attorney	Larry Richardson – UDC / BYWAY
Sheila Schultz	George Blaso	Billy Boucher- Ground keeper
Frank Kratz		

MOTION by Councilperson Nober, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to open the public hearing regarding 2024 Town of Cochection Budget at 7:00 p.m. All voted in favor. Councilperson’s Grund and Walter not present.

Supervisor Maas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Supervisor Maas opened by welcoming the public to the public hearing regarding 2024 Town Budget.
Sewer rates are increasing 6.08%
Lighting cost have decreased 39.39%
Fire Dept. had an Increase of 1.90% over tax cap.
Kenoza Lake Fire Dept. went down.47%
Cochection Ambulance will be getting \$35,000. cost of .194/1,000.

The public has been given some time to look over the budget.
Supervisor asked if there were any further comments regarding the 2024 budget. No comments were made.

MOTION by Councilperson Nober, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to close the public hearing Time 7:26 p.m. All voted in favor.

Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order

Supervisor, Gary Maas opened meeting with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30pm

RESOLUTION #54_____

TOWN BOARD TO ADOPT THE FY 2024 TOWN BUDGET

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Nober, the following motion was to adopt the FY 2024 town budget.
(Councilperson Grund and Walter Not Present)

RESOLUTION #55_____

WHEREAS, the COCHECTION TOWN BOARD has always made it a practice to prepay the NYS & Local Retirement System invoice by December 15th of the preceding year to save on the interest incurred for 45 days by paying earlier. therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWN OF COCHECTION BOARD authorizes the Supervisor to prepay the invoice before December 15th· 2023

Moved by Nober Seconded by Nearing
(Councilperson Grund & Walter not present)

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Nearing, seconded by Councilman Nober, to approve the minutes of October 11th, 2023, as submitted.

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Nearing, seconded by Councilman Nober, to approve the minutes of October 25th, 2023, as submitted.

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RESOLUTION #56

APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #11 For the Month of October 2023 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

Abstract # 11

On MOTION of Councilperson Walter seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to approve the bills on Abstract #11 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 578,579, 582, 584, 585 and 590 in prepaid's. Claim numbers 592-618, are to be paid

Total General Funds: **\$7,300.11**

Debit Card Account: Claim #619

Total Debit Card: **\$1,756.28**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #-575,576, 580, and 586-589 are in prepaids
Claim #'s 620-622 to be paid.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$8,115.53**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim #577 and 583 are in Prepaid

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$357.63**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 581, and 591 are in prepaid
623-631 to be paid.

Total Highway Accounts **\$9,191.67**

PREPAIDS were paid 10/18, 10/24, 10/31 and 11/01

Audit 11/06/23 by Councilmen Nearing & Walter

CORRESPONDENCE:

- ❖ Letter from Upper Delaware – Reminder of Donation

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UDC- Larry Richardson

Prior to the regular meeting, the Telecommunications Committee met to discuss options.
The regular meeting started on November 2 at 7:00 p.m. with a zoom option.

The meeting opened with a presentation: "Delaware Highlands Conservancy: Conservation, Education & Partnership" by Senior Land Protection Coordinator Trey Talley. Ms. Talley reported that the organization has saved 19,800 acres to date. All the parcels were willfully protected.

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

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

Status Reports

- **Delaware River Basin Commission** -written report
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation** (Ryan Coulter) - reported that it was discovered that snakehead fish are able to travel from the Bashakill to the Hudson by using part of the old D& H Canal. A block of fencing has been installed made of overlapping ¼" chicken fence to stop the migration.
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) -oral report
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath) – A meeting was held with PA Representative Lisa Baker, PA DEP (Mining Dept.), Township of Lackawaxen Supervisors, Wayne Holbert, and his management team, UDC: Executive Director Laurie Ramie, Resource Specialist Kerry Englehardt, Berlin UDC Rep Alan Henry, and me to hear Holbert Brothers appeal for a change in the PA Mining Permit as it was enacted to conform with the River Management Plan. Holbert would like to be released from the terms of an agreement signed in 2011 or '12. Superintendent Kurnath also reported that a study is being conducted

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by the NPS to assess the problem of affordable housing near parks across the country. Locally the NPS needs about 10 rooms for seasonal workers beginning in April.

- **UDC Executive Director** (Laurie Ramie) reported that we received a \$5,000 donation from the family of a woman who had a summer home along the Delaware.

New Business

- Chairman Robinson appointed a nominating committee for 2024 officers.
- Long Eddy River Access: work will begin on November 20.
- I presented a donation on behalf of the UDSB in the amount of \$1,500.

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY- Larry Richardson

The Committee held a scheduled meeting on October 23, 2023

Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson DeCristofaro opened the meeting in the absence of Chairman Lowe.

Treasurer's Report was given and accepted

Discussion items:

- 11/17 Advertising Deadline for 2024 Sullivan Catskills Travel Guide;(renewed ¼ pg).
- UDSB Website Redesign and expiring UDSB.org Domain 10/27 with Network Solutions *(I managed to get the Domain name renewed but am having a terrible time getting the Primary Contact information changed since Nancy Furdock has not been part of the UDSB for some time.)*
- Art Along the Byway program suggestion-no action taken.

Follow-up Action Items and Reports:

- Submitted a NYS \$25,000 Grant Contract Application on 10/6
- Submitted a Sullivan County 2024 Discretionary Contracts Grant Application 10/6
- Request mailed for 2024 Municipal Donations and Appointments.

Next Meeting Date: : will be on the 4th Monday, November 27, 2023.

Adjourn: meeting adjourned.

YOUTH COMMISSION:

For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: s_rod79@frontiernet.net

LAKE HUNTINGTON, LAKE ASSOCIATION:

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
Abstract # 11	\$ 226.99	\$ 492.74

Worked 107 hours

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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman (Not Present)

Worked 160 Hours.

Contractual balance is 2,069.24

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim

October 2023

To: Supervisor and Town Board Members

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

- Prepared Abstract #11 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for October 11th & October 25th 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 – New 0 Licenses and 6 Renewals.
- Called about enumeration and waiting to hear back regarding the program.
- Marriage License -
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Website Maintenance
- I worked a total of 95 hours in October
- **Contractual balance: \$877.38**

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: James Crowley

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hrs.
- mileage 118
- Permits issued 10
- Cert. of Occupancy issued 0 and C of C-3
- Municipal search letters 2
- Notice of Stop Work
- Plan Review Inspections 14
- Revenues \$10,234.30
- Expenses \$127.29
- Contractual Balance: \$2251.7

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter

- Average flow of 38,963 gallons per day for month of October
- Obtained 98% C.B.O.D. and 99. % T.S.S. removal for October
- Expenditures \$8,115.53
- Contractual Balance: \$3,873.46
- Worked 98 hours.

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy – Not present

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith

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ASSESSOR: Lorry King - not present Submitted report:

Old Business:

1. Field work continues.
2. Ordered New file cabinet

New Business:

I will be attending a training session on the new overhead viewer program from the county

October 1355.4	\$1,335.53
Lorry King	\$0

Total	\$1,335.53
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Assessor hrs: 27

Clerk hrs: 25

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR Earl Bertsch

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present

HISTORIAN: Kristina Snedeker not present - No report

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

Councilperson Nearing -Nothing currently

Councilperson Grund – not present

Councilperson Walter – Not present

Councilperson Nober – nothing currently

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MOTION of Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Nober the following motion was to Recess meeting to 11/15 at 6PM

Time 8:20 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Ounrim

Town Clerk