

A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on November 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Cochection Town Hall for the purpose of

The following members present:
Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson Paul Salzberg
Councilperson Edwin Grund

Others present: Karen Mannino –Attorney
Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Eileen Hennessy – Tax Collector
CEO Gregg Semenetz (7:39)
Michael Walter – SPO (7:40)

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to close the Public Hearing. All Board members were in favor. Time 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 PM.

RESOLUTION # 28
PREPAY NYS RETIREMENT FOR 2019

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg to prepay the NYS Retirement for 2019, the following resolution was

WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board has always made it a practice to pre pay 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. The invoice for FY 2019 is for \$60,421.00 if paid by February 1st, 2019 and the pre pay amount is discounted to \$59,912.00 if paid by December 15th 2018, and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cochection Board authorizes the Supervisor to prepay the invoice before December 15th, 2018 for the amount of \$59,912.00 for a savings to the Town of Cochection in the amount of \$509.00

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

RESOLUTION # 29
DEC BILL FOR SEWER

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was to authorize the Supervisor to pay the licensing fee for the sewer,

WHEREAS, the fee for the sewer license is due and the Town Board of Cochection does hereby authorize the Supervisor to pay this bill.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10th, OCTOBER 30th AND NOVEMBER 7th, 2018

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to accept the minutes of October 10th, October 30th and November 7, 2018 as submitted. All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve bills on Abstract #11 for payment as follows:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 546-581	\$6,688.48
Debit Card Account: No Claim	\$0.00
Sewer Accounts: Claim #'s 582-583	\$2,268.11
Lighting District Accounts: Claim # 550	\$152.42
Highway Accounts Claim #'s 584-601	\$67,519.23

Claim #'s 552, 566, 567, 577, 579, 581, 586 and 5587 split between funds same voucher.

PREPAIDS were paid on October 9th, 16th, 22nd, 29th and November 2nd and 6th, 2018
All present town board members voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:
DPW: Advising snow and ice notices will begin November 17th, 2018
NYMIR: NYS Dept. of labor finalized its sexual harassment prevention guidance
Paul Bassinson: NY state municipal flags, the town does not have one
NY State Ag. And Markets: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report(Satisfactory) and Dog Control Officer Inspection Report (Satisfactory)
Drake Loeb Attorneys at Law: Law suit
NYSLRS: transactions- most recent monthly retirement report
Upper Delaware Scenic Byway: requesting municipality’s consideration to help meet our non-profit organization’s general operation expenses
Program renewal: Transfer Station: Town has received nothing at this time
County of Sullivan Youth Bureau: Contract for Cochection Youth program
Association of Towns: amount of Town dues for 2019 \$800.00. Training School and Annual Meeting Feb 17-20, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT:
No one wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UDC: Larry Richardson not present did submit a written report

The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday November 1, 2018.

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting followed by-

Presentation on the “Status and Update on the Upper Delaware Bat Community” by Jessica Newbern, NPS biologist
(*Bats appear to be doing well in the areas along the Delaware that are being monitored*)

- Topics discussed in part:\
- Emergency Response Guide update (NY Central RR has offered to help with the update)
- A meeting with the new NPS NE Regional Deputy Director Debbie Conway
- Barnes Landfill lack of monitoring
- PA shortened Ruff Grouse season due to the effect of West Nile Virus on Grouse young
- Committee meeting (Richardson, Dean and Grier) with the Town of Highland regarding lack of information to complete a Substantial Review of a project along RTE 97 by Jules Robinson and improving communications
- Actions taken:
- Approved the FY 2019 Budget, Narrative and Work Plan
- Letter to NYS DOT Region 9: Emergency River Access Road in Pond Eddy
- Letter to NPS finding Damascus Township in Substantial Conformance in approving a Floodplain Variance for construction of a Single-Family Home

SCENIC BYWAY: Larry Richardson, not present did submit a written report

Scenic Byway; The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday October 22.

Public Comment: Ed Wesely said that that the UDSB grant for the Tusten Heritage Community Garden has had tremendous payoff. On Oct. 10, he observed 10 monarch butterflies in one bush. Wesely said he had never seen that many in one spot. Wesely said there is a network of people forming who rear and release monarchs. Biologists say that of 250 eggs, only 1-2% will become adults due to predation. He is therefore very appreciative of the Byway organization’s effort to promote the Monarch Butterfly plight and that he’s aware of approximately 800 monarch butterflies that were reared this season in the area.

Topics of Discussion in part:

- 2019 UDSB Advertising, and Website Functionality and Content** –The committee had voted to approve a \$10,000 advertising budget for 2019 at the last meeting,
- Comments on Draft UDSB-CBA Visitor Center MOU; UDSB Facility Requirements List** –
- Comments on Business/Non-profit Signage Grant Program Proposal and Application**
- Scenic Vistas Committee, Hancock Property:** John Ogozalek and Kristin Barron of Neering Road in the Town of Hancock had inquired about the Scenic Vistas funding. *Finding:* There is nowhere to pull off and the amount of funding budgeted would be insufficient to take down all the trees. Other options are being explored.
- Callicoon Depot Visitor Center Project Update and 2018 Funding Request**
- 2019 Sullivan County Grant Contract and Invoices for Municipal Contributions:** The Committee is requesting \$30,000 from the County
- November 16th DOT State Scenic Byways Board of Directors meeting in Albany.** All state approved byways have been invited, myself and Peggy will be attending.

Actions taken:

Approved:

- The \$1,900 request payable to the Callicoon Business Association, c/o Train Depot Committee, for attorney fees for negotiating a lease and funding for 4 renderings of the proposed Depot floor plan.
- A Signage Grant Program for businesses and non-profits along the Byway with a maximum award of \$500.

Next Meeting Date: 4th Monday, November 26, 2018

Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Grund

No report: meeting will tomorrow night

WEB REPORT: Councilperson Story

October, 2018

- Did the regular website maintenance
- Added approved Town Board meeting minutes
- Added approved Planning Board minutes
- Made corrections on Dog Control Officer page
- Added Legal Notices

Total Hours Worked: 4 hours

Fire District – Met on November 12, 2018

- Paid bills
- Physicals for firemen were completed and all passed
- 2 trucks have been serviced, others will be worked on this week
- They will be purchasing 10 firefighter uniforms to replace the uniforms that are expiring for interior firefighters. Uniforms have a 10 year lifespan.
- Fire District budget was approved
- Fire District Officer Elections will be held Dec. 11 from 6-9 pm..

LAKE HUNTINGTON LAKE ASSOCIATION: Councilperson Salzberg

There will be a meeting on Saturday to discuss findings

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$2,138.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$361.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$726.02 Clerk fees
- Made transfers and deposits as needed
- Activity:
- The NYS Comptrollers Office has been doing an audit of the Town which is completed and now is being reviewed for a preliminary report. We reviewed Highway Equipment, Road conditions and budget planning.
- Worked on Tentative Budget for FY 2019 and Adopted same on November 7th, 2018

• CONTRACTUAL		\$4,000.00
• 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
• Abstract#11	\$100.00	\$612.39
• Abstract#12	\$	\$
• Abstract 12 A	\$	\$

Worked 85 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman not present

Supervisor went over his report

- Rented a Boom Mower for the month and cut back ROW
- Out ditching, patching and cutting brush
- Trucks got inspected
- Did repairs on sander boxes and installed into trucks
- Hauled in stone for sealing next year
- Worked 160 hours
- Contractual balance \$3,280.74

TOWN CLERK: Hollye Schulman

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- I did not attend the October OSTCA meeting. It was for BAS users.
- Issued 4 permanent handicapped and 0 temporary parking permits in October
- I had people calling to see if the town provided a fall cleanup, and people wanting to know the hours of the Transfer Station
- 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 86 hours in October
- Deputy 5 Hours in October
- Expenditures \$147.17
- Contractual Balance: \$2,745.41

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Gregg Semenetz

- Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hours traveled 730 miles
- Issued 3 permits; 0 renewals, 2 C of O's, Notices of Disapproval 0, 5 Municipal search letters, 0 appearance tickets
- Revenues of \$600.00 and expenses of \$451.50
- Contractual Balance: \$1,019.94

Has completed 14 hours of CODE training

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy

- Balance in checkbook \$0.01
- Worked 7 hours
- I boxed up 2013-2016 tax papers
- There will be a Tax Collector meeting on Friday. AC taxes and Satellite are not working well together. Tax collectors are looking to use Pay-pal (I don't know anything about how pay-pal works)..
- Contractual balance \$212.55
- Stamps are going up \$0.05 January 1st, 2019

TOWN ATTORNEY: Karen Mannino

- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Review/email solar law filing
- Also note change of street address to 7.

ASSESSOR: Lorry J. King - not present
Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report

Old Business:

- 1. Nothing to report

New Business:

We have mailed out to all of our Enhanced STAR and Senior Citizens the renewals for their exemptions. We had decided to do this a bit early as the State has once again changed the way Assessors must administer the STAR exemption for the over 65 taxpayers. These forms are due in the office on or before March 1, 2019

October A1355.400 \$1,205.93
Lorry mileage \$38.15
Total October \$38.15
Contractual Balance: \$1,167.78
Assessor Hours: 30 Clerk Hours: 24

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 66,678
- Obtained 90% C.B.O.D. for October and 77% T.S.S. for October
- Spent a total of 68 ½ hours attending to sewer district affairs in October
- Expenditures: \$2,268.11
- Contractual balance: \$11,886.34

No problems to report, need to have sludge removed

PLANNING BOARD: Chair Earl Bertsch – not present
No report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo not present
Expenditures: \$25.97, Contractual balance: \$1,456.96

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

TOWN BOARD:

Councilpersons Story, Salzberg and Grund nothing more to add
Councilperson Nearing mentioned Jenna Kratz (a Girl Scout) is working toward the Golden Feather award, raised \$3,500.00 and will use the money to rebuild stands at the Cochecton Men’s field and paint the shed. She is also looking to replace the play ground truck for the kids.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Unsafe Buildings 2018 discussed earlier

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Tire Disposal- there was some discussion about having tires taken to the transfer station, and whether there could be some taken for free and after so many there would be a charge. It would be better than having them dumped along the roads or in the woods.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Drollinger, asked about the 2019 budget and if it was adopted. She was told yes the budget was adopted on November 7th

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to adjourn this meeting. Time 8: 10 p.m. All Town Board members voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk