

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 10, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on April 10, 2024, at the Cochection Town Hall. Following members present:

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Gary Maas  
Councilperson - Deputy Supervisor, Edwin Grund  
Councilperson Sean Nearing  
Councilperson- SPO, Michael Walter

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

|                            |                        |                                |
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| Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk | Robert Smith –Attorney | Eileen Hennessy- Tax Collector |
| Susan Peters- Cooper Arias | Larry Richardson-UDSB  | Michael Attianese              |
| Charles Nystrom- CEO       | Jeff Daub-Highway      | Peter Grosser                  |
| Sheila Schultz             | Frank Kratz            | Bill Boucher-Ground Keeper     |

**Work Session: 7pm -Susan Peters**

A review of Financial Statement Audit from December 31, 2023, was reviewed and completed. A copy of this document is in the Town Clerk’s office.

**Regular Town Meeting was called to order** by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

**Spring Cleanup** Day to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

**MOTION** made by councilperson Walter seconded by councilperson Nearing for the Town Clerk to place Notice in the Democrat. All Board members voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION 04102024\_#29**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY OFFERED COCHECTON RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF TRASH**

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan has offered the Town of Cochection an opportunity to allow its residents to dispose of trash and other permitted waste, and  
WHEREAS the Town of Cochection is allowed 16 tons of trash without any tipping charges, and the Town will pay \$95.00 per ton for that solid waste delivered in excess of its allotment, and  
WHEREAS the Town of Cochection agrees to the terms set forth in the Municipal Agreement, therefore  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the agreement with the County of Sullivan and inform the County of Sullivan that May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be the days that the Town of Cochection has set aside as its cleanup days and that trash will be delivered to the County Landfill as soon as possible thereafter.

Moved by Grund

Seconded by Nearing

Ayes: Maas, Grund, Nearing, Walter

**MOTION** made by councilperson Nearing Seconded by Councilperson Grund to go forward with sending out letters to property owners within the Lake Huntington sewed district, which are affecting the Sewer system with increased water from runoffs into the sewer system.

All in favor Walter Abstained. Motion Passed.

**MOTION:** made by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to approve the minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION 04102024\_#30**

**APPROVE BILLS ON ABSTRACT #4 TO BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS**

On motion of Councilperson Walter seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to approve the bills on Abstract #4 in the following amounts:

**Abstract # 4**

General Accounts: Claim #'s 158,163-165, 167-169, 174 179 and 197 are in prepaid's.

Clam numbers 175-196 are to be paid

Total General Funds: **\$21,951.35**

Debit Card Account: Claim #198

Total Debit Card: **\$293.37**

Sewer Accounts: Claim # 159,160172 and 173 are in prepaids

Claim #'s 199-201to be paid.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$2,112.00**

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Lighting District Accounts: 161 and 162

Total Lighting District Funds: 439.85

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 166 and 173 are in prepaid 202-213 to be paid.

Total Highway Accounts **\$39,109.55**

PREPAIDS were paid 3/14,3/18,4/8

Audit 4/09/2024 by Councilmen Nearing & Walter

Moved by Nearing

Seconded by Walter

Ayes: Maas, Grund, Nearing, Walter

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Dollar General -Fosterdale : Process will be approved and going forward.
- County wanted following information related to any outstanding debt for their annual report - Reply No
- Sullivan County Soil is doing a district Fish Stocking Program -Information on website. Or call 845-292-6552
- Letter from Frontier regarding emergency phone numbers

MOTION: for town clerk to place ad in the paper for Highway Stone bids.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL:** Larry Richardson

The regular meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a zoom option.

Cancelled (no-show) Presentation: "High-Definition Stream Survey of the Upper Delaware River: Identifying Trout Habitat and Conservation Opportunities" by James Parham, Ph.D., director of Research and Development, Trutta Environmental Solutions, LLC

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

- Project Review, (Larry Richardson)
- Operations, (Ginny Dudko)
- Water Use/Resource Management, (Bill Dudko in the absence of Ginny)

**Status Reports**

- **Delaware River Basin Commission** -oral report given
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation-** no report
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) Even though the ground is wet, the fire season will be here soon. Cautions it only takes a few warm breezy days to begin drying out. Once again PA will spray about 10,000 acres in NE PA for spongy moths. The PA DCNR website provides homeowner suggestions for controlling spongy (gypsy) moths.
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath) – close to finalizing the "Road Show" to present to towns/townships. It will introduce current players in the NPS/UDC who will work with municipalities in reviewing proposed projects within the corridor. Als review some of the assistance available from the UDC. A letter will be sent out requesting a convenient time (about 15-20 minutes) to address individual municipalities with a joint Town Board/ Planning Board meeting. Lindsey also noted that the NPS has purchased two Starlink systems to provide more reliable communications in the Milanville and Lackawaxen areas.
- **UDC Executive Director** (Laurie Ramie)- Provided an update on the Skinners Falls Bridge project. The UDC annual raft trip will be in August from Ten Mile River to Minisink, about 10 miles. She is still working to secure a keynote speaker for our Awards Banquet. Litter Sweep coordinator Stephanie Driscoll shared that all but 2 towns have designated leaders. (I have volunteered again). We will have new tee shirts with a new design. April 20-28.

**New Business**

- Approved the Substantial Conformance 2024-01: The Pavilion at the Flats, Town of Tusten \*
- Approved Resolution: Revising the Employee Leave Vacation Policy
- Approved the River and Shoreline Clean-up Grant Program
- Reviewed UPDE Decision Support Tool and UPDE Park Atlas interactive maps

**UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-Monthly Report**

March 13, 2024

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The Committee held a scheduled meeting on February 26, 2024

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Lowe called the meeting held at the Upper Delaware Council office in Narrowsburg and via Zoom to order at 7:04 p.m.

**A Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officer Candidates to Serve April 2024-25: elections will be at the April meeting.**

**Treasurers Report:** I provided a Financial Report and re-introduced the Draft Budgets for 2024. An increase in the Clerk Services line was presented and the budgets were approved.

Approved bills:

- second part of the UDSB's contract with Mid-Hudson Web for \$1,750.
- Mike Preis Inc. invoice of \$956 for renewal of the Directors & Officers insurance policy
- Callicoon Cooperative Insurance Co. invoice of \$471 for renewal of the liability insurance policy
- Dues from the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce-\$75.00

**Discussion items:**

- UDSB Program Manager Position continuing
- The solar-powered trash cans are still being pursued: Universal Instruments, a tech company based in Rochester is working on the technology
- UDSB Visitor Center at The Callicoon Depot update
- NYS DOT Regions 8 & 9 Capital Projects Monthly Report
- Major promotional events for this summer

**Next Meeting Date:** on March 25, at 7 p.m.

**Adjourn:** meeting adjourned at 8:45.

**Next Meeting Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, April 24, 2023

**Adjourn:** meeting adjourned.

**Youth Commission:** Councilperson Grund

The New Youth Commission is planning events for the coming year. For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: [s\\_rod79@frontiernet.net](mailto:s_rod79@frontiernet.net). Check out their **New Youth Commission Facebook** page to see all the creative activities that has been thoughtfully planned out by the volunteers in charge of the New Cohecton Youth Commission.

**Lake Huntington Lake Association:** Not Present

### DEPARTMENT HEADS

**SUPERVISOR:** Gary Maas

Submitted a written report:

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Submitted a written report:

Bank Information:

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Deposited | \$ 350.00   | Judicial fees |
| Deposited | \$ 475.00   | Judicial fees |
| Deposited | \$ 538.75   | Debit Card    |
| Deposited | \$ 1,331.01 | Town Clerk    |
| Deposited | \$26,536.81 | Time Warner   |

Made transfers and deposits as needed. Cooper Arias finished the audit. Meetings with Robert Smith and Earl Bertsch , Jeff Bank, Jeff Daub, Delaware Valley Opera, Dave Casey re: Old Town Hall roof

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| CONTRACTUAL |             | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Abstract #1 | \$ 0.00     | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Abstract #2 | \$ 1,809.49 | \$3,090.51  |
| Abstract #3 | \$ 258.46   | \$2,832.05  |
| Abstract #4 | \$ 224.96   | \$2,607.09  |

I worked 100 hours.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Jeff Daub

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- Two New Hires as HEMO
- Excavator bucket came in and will have it by end of the week
- Truck will be built at the end of June, should be ready with the body put on by Fall

Worked 160 hrs.

The contractual balance is 3,300.

**TOWN CLERK:** Maryann Oumrim

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

March 2024 – April Meeting

To: Supervisor and Town Board Members

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

- Prepared Abstract #4 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for March 10th Meeting.
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 4 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- CEO Report / deposit
- Dog – 0-New Licenses and 6- Renewals.
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Website Maintenance
- Death Certificate
- Genealogy Research
- I worked a total of 98 hours in March
- **Contractual balance: \$3,280.19**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Charles Nystrom

Submitted a written report: Worked 114.5 hrs.

- mileage 157
- permits issued -2
- renewals -3
- C of O's - 2
- C of C's - 2
- Closed -1
- Violations-10
- Municipal search letters -4
- Revenues \$1,002.19
- Expenses \$190.91
- Contractual Balance: \$3,549.58

**Approached Town Board regarding Fire Inspections and Fee Schedule**

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Eileen Hennessy

Total Money Collected \$2,983,809.88

Money paid out to Supervisor \$1,443,469.14

Money paid put to SC Treasurer \$1,540,000.00

Contractual Balance is \$1680.73

worked 73 hours in the month of March

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Robert Smith :

Drafted letter for Sewer department.

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**ASSESSOR:** Lorry King - not present

Old Business:

Field work continues

New Business:

Working on Valuation

Legal Notices

Hours: 33.25

Clerk: 27

Contractual Balance: \$1780.83

**SEWER OFFICER:** Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 61682 gallons per day for month of March
- Obtained 99% C.B.O.D. and 98% T.S.S. removal for March
- Expenditures \$2112.00
- Contractual Balance: \$29,269.89

Worked 87 hours.

**RESOLUTION # 31**

**MOTION** made by councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing to go forward with replacement switch Estimate to replace Transfer Switch –not to exceed \$7,500.

Councilperson Walter abstained.

Motion Carried

Supervisor Mass asked Walter about cost of new generator, due to parts being discontinued for current model Walter will investigate pricing and discuss it at the next meeting.

**MOTION** made by Councilperson Nearing Seconded by councilperson Walter for Town Clerk to place ad in the Local paper for Clean up day to take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 2:45 PM

All in favor Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 04102024 #32**

**Resolution to waive 30-day grace period for liquor license application for Maharjan Group LLC DBA Heinles General Store. 6 Old County Road, Cochection, NY 12726.**

**WHEREAS** Maharjan Group LLC DBA Heinles General Store. submitted a Notice of Intent to file a new application for an On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage License for beer, wine, and Spirits to be sold at 6 Old County Road, Cochection , NY 12726.

**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 Resolution to the applicant, Applicant to file with 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 Councilperson Nearing Seconded by Councilperson Walter

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| Ayes: | ✓ Maas                | Nays: | Maas    |
|       | ✓ Grund               |       | Grund   |
|       | ✓ Nearing             |       | Nearing |
|       | X Nober (Not Present) |       | Nober   |
|       | ✓ Walter              |       | Walter  |

**HISTORIAN:** Kristina Snedeker – not present

**PLANNING BOARD CHAIR** Earl Bertsch - not present.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** Tamara DePaolo - not present

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS:**

**Councilperson Nearing** -nothing currently

**Councilperson Salzberg** - nothing currently

**Councilperson Grund** - nothing currently

**Councilperson Walter** - nothing currently

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**MOTION** made by Grund seconded by Walter to move into executive session 8:45PM

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Walter, the following motion was to adjourn.

Time 9:02 p.m. All board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk