

## REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, April 08, 2020

A meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on Wednesday, April 08, 2020 beginning with a work session at 7:00 PM at the Cochecton Town Hall. Meeting was closed to the Public due to the COVID-19. The following members present:

Supervisor Gary Maas  
 Councilman Edwin Grund  
 Councilman Sean Nearing  
 Councilman/SPO Michael Walter  
 Councilman Paul Salzberg – absent for Passover

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Highway Superintendent Kevin Esselman Deputy Clerk Margaret Richardson

Supervisor Maas opened the regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: SEALED BIDS FOR STONE AND BLACK TOP****Open Stone bids**

BIDDER	<b>DECKELMAN LLC BEDROCK QUARRIES</b>	
TYPE Stone	Price/ton delivered to stockpile sites	Price per Ton/Mile
Crusher Stone (From Ledge Rock)		
Crusher Run	\$ 9.98 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Stone # 2	\$12.50 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Stone # 3	\$13.00 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Stone # 4	\$13.00 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Surge Stone	\$13.00 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour
PA #8 (or equivalent)	\$14.60 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	\$15.80 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Anti-skid	\$15.80 per ton	\$4.00 per ton per hour

Location of Plant: Bedrock Quarries, Damascus, PA

Description of location: Cochecton Town Barn, 10 Mitchell Pond East Road, Cochecton, NY 12726

**BIDDER:** **R & H GORR INC. DAMASCUS, PA**  
 TYPE: Stone Price/ton delivered to stockpile sites

Crushed Stone (From Ledge Rock)		
Crusher Run	\$9.99	\$2.50 per ton per mile
Stone # 2	\$12.55	\$2.50 per ton per mile
Stone # 3	\$13.05	\$2.50 per ton per mile
Stone # 4	\$13.05	\$2.50 per ton per mile
Surge Stone	\$15.45	\$2.50 per ton per mile
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	\$15.20	\$2.50 per ton per mile
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	\$17.95	\$2.50 per ton per hour
Anti-skid	\$14.00	\$2.50 per ton per hour

Location of Plant: Damascus, PA

Description of location: Cochecton Town Barn, 10 Mitchell Pond East Road, Cochecton, NY 12726

**BIDDER:** **BEDROCK QUARRIES, SR 1003, DAMASCUS, PA**  
 TYPE: Stone Price/ton FOB Bank or Plant Price/ton delivered to Stockpile site

Crushed Stone (From Ledge Rock)		
Crusher Run	\$6.25	\$10.50 per ton
Stone # 2	\$8.75	\$13.00 per ton
Stone # 3	\$9.25	\$13.50 per ton
Stone # 4	\$9.25	\$13.50 per ton
Surge Stone	\$8.75	\$13.00 per ton
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	\$10.70	\$14.95 per ton
	Price/ton FOB Bank or Plant	Price/ton delivered to Stockpile site
PA 6-s (or equivalent)	\$12.25	\$16.50per ton
Anti-skid	\$10.70	\$14.95 per ton

Location of Plant: Damascus, PA

Trucking to alternate sites: Price per Ton/mile \$4.25 - \$0.50/mile

Description of location: Cochecton Town Barn, 10 Mitchell Pond East Road, Cochecton, NY

**BIDDER** **CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC. 93 SULLIVAN RD> (MONTICELLO)**  
 TYPE STONE: Price /ton FOB Bank or Plant Price/ton stone delivered to stockpile site

Crusher Stone (From Ledge Rock)		
Crusher Run	\$9.50	\$16.95 per ton
Stone # 2	\$13.00	\$20.45 per ton
Stone # 3	\$13.00	\$20.45 per ton
Stone # 4	\$13.00	\$20.45 per ton
Surge Stone	\$13.25	\$20.70 per ton
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	No bid	No bid
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	No bid	No bid

Anti-skid \$7.50 \$14.75 per ton  
Trucking to alternate sites: Price per ton \$0.24 ton/mile over 20 miles.  
Description of location: Cochection Town Barn, 10 Mitchell Pond East Road, Cochection, NY

**Open Blacktop bids:**

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>MORLYN ASPHALT CORP. MASTEN LAKE</b>	
	FOB US Ton	DELIVERED US Ton
Type 3 Binder	\$51.50	\$59.50
Type 6 Top	\$54.00	\$62.00
Type 7 Top	\$56.50	\$64.50
Location: Morly Asphalt Corp.		

<b>BIDDER:</b>	<b>CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC 93 SULLIVAN RD. (MONTICELLO)</b>	
	FOB US Ton	Delivered US Ton
Type 3 Binder	\$61.00	\$74.00
Type 6 Top	\$62.00	\$75.00
Type 7 Top	\$64.00	\$77.00
Location: 93 Sullivan Road, Monticello, NY		

HWY Superintendent will review bids and have decision presented at the next regular Town Board Meeting, May 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** On a motion of Councilman Nearing seconded by Councilman Grund, and all in favor to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020. Put to a vote and carried 4-0

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** On motion of Councilman Walter seconded by Councilman Nearing the following motion was to approve the bills be paid on **Abstract # 4** in the following amounts:

Prepaid: Claim #'s 162-176

General Accounts: Claim #'s 177-198 and Prepay Claims #162, 164, 168, 171, 172, 174

Total General Funds: **\$6,203.97** including prepaid

Debit Card Account: Claim #199

Total Debit Card Funds **\$165.61**

Sewer Accounts: Claim # 200, 201, 202, & 203 and Prepay Claims #166, 167, 170, 175

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$1,484.59** including prepaid

Lighting District Accounts: Claim # **163 & 165** in Prepay

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$780.36** including prepaid

Highway Accounts Claim #'s 180 & 196, 204 - 215 and Prepay Claim# 169, 173

Total Highway Accounts **\$120,954.30** including prepaid

Claim #'s 173, 180, 184, 196 & 206 are split between funds same voucher.

PREPAYS were paid on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Audit 04/04/2020 by Councilman Nearing & Councilman Walter

Put to a vote and carried 4-0

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Maas

- The County has postponed Clean-up Days. Board members discussed possibly a date in June and that Tire returns will be accepted again for a fee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: no public**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Upper Delaware Council and UD Scenic Byway:** Larry Richardson

The Council held its regular meeting via teleconferencing on Thursday April 2.

The Council heard and approved a resolution I had drafted to accept voting via teleconferencing following the requirements set forth in the Bylaws.

The Standing Committee reports were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. The usual reading of committee summaries was suspended to reduce time on the phone. However, each participant was allowed time to question the committee chairs. No questions were asked.

**Topics discussed in part:**

Status Reports:

- Delaware Basin Commission (Kristen Kavanaugh)
- DEC Report (Bill Rudge): New fishing regulations for Striped Bass in the Delaware: one fish daily sized between 28">35" can be kept. Fred Peckham noted a 36" bass was caught in the upper Delaware closer to Hancock.
- PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources (Tim Dugan)
- National Park Service (Jessica Weinman); the offices are closed but law enforcement will respond to any emergency.
- UDC Executive Director (Laurie Ramie)

Other Topics:

- Upper Delaware Litter Sweep Postponed
- Five-Year Strategic Plan: Buck Morehead has been approved to be the facilitator and Plan coordinator for the future retreat.
- Annual Awards Ceremony is optimistically planned for June 7

Actions taken:

- Approved a letter in support of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy's Grant Application to purchase land in the Township of Berlin. *The Township is in support of the proposed action.*

**UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-**

The Committee held its regular meeting via teleconferencing on Monday March 23, 2020.

**Call to Order:** In light of the Governor's Executive Order preventing public gatherings due to the coronavirus pandemic, a **motion** approved by the voting membership affirming that this teleconference would count as a regular meeting.

Pontier offered a welcome to two newly appointed members participating in their first UDSB meetings, Josh Felderstein (Tusten) and Bianca Velez (Lumberland). Mr. Felderstein said he is now a permanent Narrowsburg resident and his company is Catskill Energy Homes. Velez said she too is excited to be on the committee. She has a Pilates business south of Barryville, and has an interest in preservation, history, and fishing.

**Topics of Discussion in part:**

The City of Port Jervis supplemented their initial contribution for a total of \$500.

The Treasurer reported the submission of the County voucher for the budgeted \$25,000, however we have been advised that there is a spending freeze in place. I have also advised the Committee to delay any unusual spending until we ultimately see what the county can provide.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Glenn Pontier, Ginny Dudko, and Heather Jacksy served on the Nominating Committee and developed a slate of officers that will be voted on at next month's annual meeting. Nominees are: John Pizzolato (Highland) for chairperson; Rosie DeCristofaro (Delaware) for vice-chairperson; and Larry Richardson (Cochecton) for secretary/treasurer

**Upper Delaware Watershed Litter Clean-up:** disappointingly the clean-up effort has been canceled and a new effort will be made next year. However, individuals can still take the time to be out in the air and do some good. It is not clear if the County transfer stations will be taking the bags at N/C. All safety procedures must be observed. *(Driving around the county now, it seems dirtier than ever.)*

**Actions Approved:**

**Grant Support Letter for The Delaware Company's Walking Trail in the Town of Highland** the Plan is to connect the Barbara Yeaman Eagle Observation Blind to the National Park Service's Towpath Trail at the Roebling Bridge

**Grants: Business & Non-profit Signs:** On a **motion** by Eisenberg, seconded by G. Dudko, a \$220 Signage Grant was approved for the Barryville United Methodist Church. The issuing of the funds was contingent on the applicant providing documentation as to how the 50% match was to be made. *(The information has since been provided; the designer is donating her time.)*

**Callicoon Train Depot and Visitor Center Project:** approved was a request from the CBA for the \$1,000.00 budgeted toward the Callicoon Visitors Center.

**Next Meeting Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, April 27, 2020

**Youth Commission:** Edwin Grund – Activities are suspended due to COVID-19. For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: [s\\_rod79@frontiernet.net](mailto:s_rod79@frontiernet.net)

**Lake Huntington Association:** Dr. Paul Salzberg – not present

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** Gary Maas

Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited	\$ 819.00	judicial fees
	\$ 934.00	judicial fees
	\$1,038.05	Town Clerk fees
	\$2,131.95	Debit Card
	\$4,961.25	Payment in lieu of Taxes

Made transfers and deposits as needed and have given budget actual to Board.

**Activity:** Audit FY 2019 by Cooper Arias has been mostly completed; Met with Senator Metzger on March 8<sup>th</sup> regarding Skinners Falls and Cochecton Bridges; worked on Sewer Tax corrections; put signs up regarding Corona Virus precautions and procedures for Town Hall operations during this time; DRBC permit filed by Engineering Properties. During this COVID-19 outbreak we have as of now, set procedures so that the Highway Department can function.

CONTRACTUAL \$4,000.00

Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$ 171.27	\$3,828.73
Abstract #3	\$ 966.00	\$2,862.73

Abstract #4                   \$ 166.13   \$ 2,742.60

Worked 95.5 hours \* The Budget to Actual will be sent to the Board members.

**Highway Superintendent:** Kevin Esselman –

Patching our paved and gravel roads.  
Ditched and started replacing pipes on roads to be paved.  
Hauled in crusher run.  
Had sand delivered.  
Plowed and sanded as needed.  
Cut brush.

Worked 160 hours   Contractual balance: \$3,076.34

- The Highway Crew is practicing physical distancing having one man to a vehicle.
- The Highway Department needs disinfecting cleaning supplies. Supervisor Maas gave him one of the Lysol sprays that came in a supplies order. He advised Kevin to hand in a list of what he needs ordered.
- Kevin requested authorization from the Board to accept the Auction bids for the 2012 diesel truck with plow and sander for \$14,001.00 and the sweeper at \$2,600.00.

**On a motion** by Councilman Grund seconded by Councilman Nearing, to authorize Highway Superintendent to accept Auction bids; Put to a vote and carried 4-0

- Highway Superintendent had to rent a sweeper for March work. The current sweeper in inventory is set up to go backwards on the rear of the truck. This causes the process to go slow. They tried mounting it on the front of the truck to be more efficient however, the change of direction allowed debris to build up and break the shaft, twice. He suggested that since the CHIPS money is the same as last year, he will be requesting authorization to purchase the front mount sweeper and auction the rear mount sweeper later.
- The stockpiles have been removed from the neighbor’s property. Over time the piles had drifted approximately 20 feet over the boundary. This recently came to everyone’s attention when the property owner prepared to sell his land.

**TOWN CLERK:** Hollye Schulman – on leave until April 20, 2020

Written activity report, Deputy Clerk Margaret Richardson:

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

- Recorded and transcribed March 11, 2020 minutes
- Checked town clerk email and responded to requests and forwarded SC Government information to Board members
- Recorded 11 dog licenses; HWY’s 1 driveway permit; CEO’s 7 Building Permits and 4 Municipal Searches
- Issued 1 Permanent Accessible Permit
- Two bank deposits
- Prepared abstract #4 for audit by Councilman Nearing and Councilman Walter on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Mailed out NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets \$13.00 share of license fees

Worked a total of 23 ¾ hours in March

Contractual balance   \$3,158.12

Monthly Report: Monies and fees for the month of March 2020 are turned over to Supervisor Maas for a total of \$1,691.00.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Gregg Semenetz

Worked: 80 hours, total mileage: 769  
Issued 7 permits, no renewals  
C of O’s issued none, Notice of disapproval: none  
Municipal search letters 4  
Appearance tickets: none  
Revenues in the amount of \$ 1481.00  
Expenses: \$ 492.18  
Contractual balance: \$4,158.56

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Eileen Hennessy – not present  
Submitted a written activity report

Monies collected	\$2,805,397.62
Paid to Supervisor	\$1,263,897.34
Paid to SC Treasurer	\$1,305,000.00
Balance in checking account	\$ 142,231.85

Hours worked in the month of February: Taxes – 29   Sewer – 28   Total: 57 hours  
Supervisor Maas commented that the unexpected 73 hours that Eileen did to do Sewer bill corrections will be charged back to the County.  
Contractual Balance for March is \$ 14.81 \* Councilman Nearing questioned if this balance is correct and will ask her.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Karen Mannino – not present

**ASSESSOR:** Lorry J. King

*Old Business:*

- Still looking for a Board of Assessment Review member!
- I attended the class in New Windsor NY on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

*New Business:*

- My class for April 14, 2020 in New Windsor has been postponed.
- A webinar will be offered to Assessors for changes in the STAR program in the near future.

Assessor Hours: 42	
Clerk Hours: 34 ½	
March A 1355.400	\$1,814.89
NYS Assessor Assn.	\$ 110.00
Quill, supplies	- 49.57
Lorry King	- <u>102.35</u>
Total expense	\$ 261.92

Balance: \$1,552.97

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

**SEWER OFFICER:** Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

35,993 average flow

90% C.B.O. D. removal for month of September

83% T.S.S. removal for the month of September

Worked 68 ½ hours

Expenditures \$1,484.59

Contractual Balance: \$26,028.58

- There has been an issue of Clorox hand wipes in the system. The wipes are not supposed to be flushed.
- Michael will be looking for quotes for removal of tree to clean up the ditch.
- Sludge bids: Lang and Esselman have not returned calls. Koberlein bid is same price as 2019.

**On a motion** of Councilman Grund seconded by Councilman Nearing, to authorize SPO to accept Koberlein bid; Put to a vote and carried 4-0

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** Tamara DePaolo- not present, no report

Contractual balance: \$ not given

**HISTORIAN:** K.C. Garn - not present, no report

**TOWN BOARD MEMBERS Comments:**

**Councilman Grund** -Nothing to report

**Councilman Nearing** - Nothing to report

**Councilman Walter** – Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Unsafe Buildings - ongoing

Dog Bill – Tabled -

Solar Law – Tabled –

Sewer Tax adjustments – completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Spring Clean-up Days is postponed

Litter Pluck is postponed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** no public

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Walter to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. Put to a vote, 4-0 and carried.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Richardson, Deputy Town Clerk