Town of Cochecton Board Meeting was held on July 08, 2026, at the Cochecton Town Hall

With the following members present:
PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor /Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson/SPO Michael Walter
Councilperson Dr. Paul Salzberg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk	Robert Smith Attorney	Jeffrey Daub, Hwy. Supt.
Charles Nystrum -CEO	Eileen Hennessy	Larry Richardson
Billy Boucher	Scott Goodman	Leanna Ballester
Tommy Cambridge	Johanna	Kratz

Work session 7 PM - 7:30 PM

At 7:30 p.m., Deputy Supervisor Edwin Grund opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 39 07.08.2026
Budget Transfer – Tax Collector Contractual Account

Moved by: Councilperson Salzberg
Seconded by: Councilperson Walter

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton, when adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, did not appropriate sufficient funds to Budget Line **A1335.400 – Tax Collector Contractual**; and

Whereas, an additional **$2,000.00** is required to adequately fund Budget Line **A1335.400 – Tax Collector Contractual** for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026; and

Whereas, the necessary funds are available in **Budget Line A1990.400 – Contingency**;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby authorizes the transfer of **$2,000.00** from **Budget Line A1990.400 – Contingency** to **Budget Line A1335.400 – Tax Collector Contractual**.

Be It Further Resolved, that upon completion of this transfer:

- **Budget Line A1335.400 – Tax Collector Contractual** shall have a total appropriation of **$5,000.00**.
- **Budget Line A1990.400 – Contingency** shall have a remaining balance of **$13,400.00**.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, with the following results: AYE- Grund, Nearing, Walter, and Salzberg NAY-(0)

Resolution No. 40 07.08.2026

Budget Transfer – Sewer Contractual Account

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton, when adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, did not appropriate sufficient funds to Budget Line **SS8130.400 – Sewer Contractual**; and

Whereas, an additional **$37,979.78** is required to adequately fund Budget Line **SS8130.400 – Sewer Contractual** for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026; and

Whereas, the necessary funds are available in **NYCLASS Sewer Capital Reserve Account**

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby authorizes the transfer of **$37,979.78** from **NYCLASS Sewer Capital Reserve Account** to **Budget Line SS8130.400 – Sewer Contractual**.

Be It Further Resolved, that upon completion of this transfer:

- **Budget Line SS8130.400 – Sewer Contractual** shall have a total appropriation of **$79,979.79**; and

- **NYCLASS Sewer Capital Reserve Account** shall have a remaining balance of **$83,682.70**.

Moved by : Councilperson Salzberg

Seconded by: Councilperson Nearing

Abstained: Councilperson Walter

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, with the following results: AYE- Grund, Nearing, and Salzberg NAY-(0) Abstained-Walter

Resolution No. 41 07.08.2026
Establishing Budget Line A3510.402 – Dog Shelter Donations

Moved by: Councilperson Walter
Seconded by: Councilperson Salzberg

Whereas, the Town of Cochecton is required to comply with the new New York State provisions regarding voluntary dog shelter donations; and

Whereas, the Town wishes to establish a budget line to account for donations collected by the Town Clerk on behalf of the local dog shelter with which the Town has a contractual agreement;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby establishes **Budget Line A3510.402 – Dog Shelter Donations**, effective immediately, to allow the Town Clerk to collect and account for voluntary donations for the Town's contracted local dog shelter in accordance with New York State requirements.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

- **Councilperson Walter** – Aye
- **Councilperson Nearing** – Aye
- **Councilperson Salzberg** – Aye

Resolution duly adopted.

MOTION made by Councilperson Salzberg seconded by Councilperson Nearing the following motion was to accept the minutes of 06/10/2026 and 06/17/2026 by Councilperson Nearing and Walter for Minutes of 05/27/2026.
Deputy Supervisor Grund and Councilpersons, Nearing, Walter and Salzberg voted in favor.

Resolution No.42- 07.08.26
On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to accept the bills on abstract #7 in the following amounts:
Abstract # 7
General Accounts: Claim #'s 366-3369, 373-376 and 3379, are in prepaid's.
Claim numbers 380-399 to be paid
Total General Funds: **$9,133.24**
Debit Card Account: Claim 400
Total Debit Card: **$1,184.57**
Sewer Accounts: Claim # 361-365and 372 are in prepaids
Claim 401-409 to be paid.
Total Sewer Accounts: **$43,514.32**
Lighting District Accounts 370-371 are in prepaid
Total Lighting District Funds: **$468.22**
Highway Accounts: Claim's 377 and 378 in prepaid
Claim #'s 410-423 to be paid.
Total Highway Accounts **$397,326.09**
PREPAIDS were paid 06/16, 06/23, 6/30 and 7/6
Audit 05/10/2026 by Councilmen Grund & Salzberg

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Correspondence:

- Lake Association: RE: mural they will like to display at the Town Hall once it is complete.
- Verizon: Noticer of intent for a public Notice regarding the cell tower.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Upper Delaware Council-*Monthly Report*

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July 8, 2026

On June 2, 2026 Chairperson Jeffrey Dexter called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Presentation: "Roebling, Before the Brooklyn Bridge" by Professor Paul C. King . Dr King drove up from NYC to make a presentation about John Roebling's evolution into building sustainable bridges and his legacy carried on by his offspring. No John Roebling designed bridge has ever fallen down. The key to his durable bridges is his development of wire rope. Roebling found that if you take two wires and put them together, you have a flat cable, if four wires are put together it forms a box shape, but if you put seven wires to tightly together it forms a circular shape that repels water and can easily be protected. *NOTE*: Although John Roebling studied bridge building, he never attained an Engineering Degree.

Committee Reports -*previously distributed meeting minutes,*

- Water Use/Resource Management, June 16 (Evan Padua, Chair)
- Project Review, June 23 (Larry Richardson, Chair)
- Operations, June 23 (Jeff Dexter, Chair)

Status Reports

- Delaware River Basin Commission (Kristen Bowman Kavanagh)-zoom, reviewed a written report
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation* (**Ryan Coulter**) zoom-early signs are predicting a heavy infestation of Tent Caterpillars in the Upper Delaware Region next year.
- PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources * (Tim Dugan) (absent)
- National Park Service * (**Lindsey Kurnath**) zoom- a tree in the Delaware in the Skinners Falls area is proving difficult to remove. Alerts are on the river and it is verry visible so boaters are able to get safely around it. The tree is in fast moving water and to reach it, access is necessary from private property. Permission is being sought.
- UDC Executive Director **(Laurie Ramie)** Pleased to announce that the Jeff Bank has awarded the UDC a grant of $5,000 dollars to support our missions.
  The deadline to register for the annual UDC Family River Raft Trip is July 24.
  The rafting will be on August 2 from Narrowsburg to Ten-Mile River access.

New Business:

- Draft Letter: UDC Comments on Draft Section 106 MOA for the Skinners Falls-Milanville Bridge
- Personnel Subcommittee Report -two applications have been received to fill the Land Use/ Resource Specialist position.

Next meeting is Thursday August 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

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UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-*Monthly Report* *July 8, 2026*

Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. – Meeting Summary

Call to Order Meeting called to order on June 22 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson DeCristofaro

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report was presented and approved unanimously.

Discussion items:

- Approved a Partners' MOU for Callicoon Depot Phase 1 Scope of Work (work should begin late fall)
- Approved Use of $1,500 Sullivan County Tourism Grant from SCVA
- Approved Program Manager David Krantz Activities; 10/6-8 National Conference projected expenses.
- UDSB Visitor Center at The Callicoon Depot Update; 7/18 The Birds and The Bees Event
- NYS DOT Capital Projects Report; Status of NY Byways Interactive Maps Project
- Skinners Falls Bridge Historic Mitigation Meeting Report
- UDSB Letters to DOT: Hawk's Nest Contract (Region 8) and Rt. 97 Guiderails (Region 9)

Public Comment- none
Next Meeting: 4th Monday, July 27, 2026 @ 7:00 pm.Adjourn

Motion to Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Motion made by Councilperson Nearing, **seconded by** Councilperson Salzberg, to appoint **Tommy Cambridge** to the **Town of Cochecton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilperson Walter – Aye
- Councilperson Nearing – Aye
- Councilperson Salzberg – Aye

Nays: 0

Motion carried. Tommy Cambridge was duly appointed to the Town of Cochecton Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

- The Youth Board has set up some events all are posted on our website.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:
SUPERVISOR: Edwin Grund (Deputy)

Deposited: $516.00	Judicial Fees
Deposited: $1,335.00	Judicial Fees
Deposited: $3,891.53	Town Clerk
Deposited: $1,184.57	Debit Card
Deposited $ 13,464.59	Mortgage Tax
Deposited $ 3,500.00	Insurance Lawn Mower
Deposited $ 251.54	CINTAS Class Action Lawsuit

Worked 96 Hours June
Expenditure End Balance $ 3,448.39

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- Transfers were made as necessary between Town accounts at Jeffersonville Bank.
- Doetsch- Sewer Project
- Mike Preis Sewer for Mower
- Chris Decker on Highway contract

HIGHWAY: Jeffrey Daub
- Ditching
- Paving
- Worked 160 hours

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim
June 2026

To: Supervisor and Town Board Members

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

- Prepared Abstract #7 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for June 10, and 17th 2026
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- Made Deposits for Town Clerk and Code Officer.
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Organizing files and weeding out old files
- Dog Licenses- 8- Original 12 renewals
- Marriage Lic. 1
- Sewer Bond ad ran in paper, and filed with County Clerk in Monticello
- Website Maintenance
- I worked a total of 124 **hours** in June
- **Contractual balance: $2,907.88**

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Charles Nystrom
Submitted a written report:
- Worked 110 hrs.
- Mileage 59
- Permits issued 18
- Cert. of Occupancy issued -0 and C of C – 8
- Municipal search letters -9
- Violations- 16
- Revenues $7,923.70
- Expenses $348.75
- Contractual Balance: $1,380.14

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith
DG Market- Drain pipe, Discharge pipe draining onto Franko land. Been in tough with current property owner "Broadway group" Franko obtained a Lawyer and Smith has been reviewing documentation to ensure his knowledge of lawsuit.
Millennium Pipeline- Discussion of proposal.
Working with CEO / and Town Court to address violations

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TAX COLLECTOR-
July 7, 2026
Balance in my checking account $231,175.39
Amount to be paid to the SC Treasurer $258,761.54
Amount short $27,586.15
After weeks and weeks of looking for my error, I came up with nothing. The manager in Jeff Bank, one of the accountants from the county, the Tax program guy was all on board trying to help me, we came up with nothing. I was looking at the credit card deposits and realized that there were no deposits into my bank account since Feb 2nd. I called John the credit card vendor and he found out that my account was frozen, because he did not pay his bank fee to the company he used. He got me the money back into my account, $33,593.94. The amount was short, $226.97, the amount of his fee. I called John and told him they had shorted me the money and he said I should have it in my account at the beginning of week.
The money I still must give to the Supervisor is for
Penalties $6,690.85
2nd Notice $272.00
Bad ck fee $60.00
Total $7022.85.
I only have $6007.79 in my checking account short $1015.06-$226.97=$788.09
The SC Treasurer closes all books out on April 30th, 2026, and the public can start paying on May 1st, 2026. My books were not closed out till May 15th, 2026, which left 15 days of penalties to be paid by the town of Cochecton in the amount of $191.59. I must pay the $191.59 out of the Penalties, today I am giving the Supervisor $3,000.00 in Ck#142.

I am still working on finding the $788.09 and getting the $226.97 to be put back into my account.

If anyone has any idea, I will take all the help I can get.

Eileen Hennessy

SEWER PLANT OFFICER: Michael Walter
Submitted a written report:
- Average Flow 20519 Percentage C.B.O. D. 99 %; Percentage T.S.S. 99% - June 2026
- Worked 101 hours
- Expenditure $ 15,675.80

Casey completed the remodel work at the plant
Kitson- completed the electrical work
Inspector was sent photos and is content with work that has been completed.
Kristt Kelly Office System- Quote $ 1,028.00

Resolution No. 43 07.08.2026
Purchase of New Computer and Scanner Equipment for Sewer Department Cybersecurity Compliance

Moved by: Councilperson Nearing
Seconded by: Councilperson Salzberg

Whereas, the Town of Cochecton Sewer Department is required to comply with new New York State cybersecurity standards applicable to wastewater facilities; and

Whereas, Sewer Department Operator Michael Walter has requested the purchase of a new computer and scanner equipment necessary to meet these cybersecurity requirements and properly perform required reporting and operational duties; and

Whereas, a quote has been received from **Kristt Kelly Company – Kristt Kelly Office Systems** in the amount of **$1,028.00** for the required equipment;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby approves the purchase of a new computer and scanner equipment for the Sewer Department from

Kristt Kelly Company – Kristt Kelly Office Systems in the amount of **$1,028.00** to assist the Town in complying with New York State cybersecurity standards.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

- Councilperson Walter – **Abstained**
- Councilperson Nearing – **Aye**
- Councilperson Salzberg – **Aye**

Nays: 0

Resolution duly adopted.

ASSESSOR

Old Business
Field work continues

New Business:
Final Roll Complete

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present.

HISTORIAN: Kristina Snedeker- Discussed the opening of the time capsule to take place on 08/09/2026 and displayed the new Patches that were made for the Town of Cochecton.

TOWN BOARD:
Councilman Grund – no additional comments
Councilman Nearing – no additional comments
Councilman Walter – no additional comments.
Councilman Salzberg – no additional comments

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION: On a motion by Councilperson Nearing seconded by Councilperson Walter, to move into executive session at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Oumrim
Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk