

A meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on August 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Cochecton Town Hall with the following members present: (Between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for the purpose of auditing bills)

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas Councilperson/Deputy Supervisor Edwin Grund
 Councilperson Sean Nearing Councilperson Paul Salzberg
 Councilperson/SPO Michael Walter

OTHERS PRESENT:
 Planning Board Chairman Earl Bertsch Margaret Richardson—Town Clerk
 UDC/UDSB Representative Larry Richardson
 Pine Meadow Farm Project Manager, Alan Lord
 Sarah Clark, SC Democrat Linda Drollinger, River Reporter

At 7:00p.m. Mike Preis Inc. Insurance Agency Representative Dave Bodenstein presented proposal for the Town of Cochecton’s Liability Insurance annual renewal beginning September 1, 2020. The policy is \$2,327.00 more than last year. \$1,700.00 of that is for Inland Marine coverage. Supervisor Maas thanked Mr. Bodenstein stating that the Board will discuss his offer. Time: 7:35p.m.

Supervisor Gary Maas opened the regular meeting with a pledge to the flag at 7:35pm. Supervisor Maas spoke kindly of past Highway Superintendent Brian Vincent DuBois who died July 26, 2020 and asked everyone to remain standing with a moment of silence. Due to a busy month the Town Board will have a Tribute Resolution for Brian next meeting, September 9, 2020.

Supervisor Maas called for the first order of business – Opening of sealed bids for Diesel Fuel, # 2 Fuel Oil and regular gasoline: Town Clerk read the Notice to Bidders.

BID OPENING FOR FUEL

There were 3 bids submitted and the Town Clerk read them in the order they were received

1. County Petroleum

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PRODUCT	POSTED	FIXED DELIVERY	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$1.4975	\$+.10	\$1.5975
#2 fuel	\$1.4475	\$+.10	\$1.5475
Regular Gasoline	\$1.282	\$+.20	\$1.482

2. Resnick Energy

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PRODUCT	POSTED	FIXED DELIVERY	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$1.4975	\$+.09	\$1.5875
# 2 fuel	\$1.4475	\$+.09	\$1.5375
Regular Gasoline	\$1.282	\$+.15	\$1.432

3. Mirabito Energy Products

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PRODUCT	POSTED	FIXED DELIVERY	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$1.4975	\$+.0875	\$1.5850
# 2 fuel	\$1.4475	\$+.0875	\$1.5350
Regular Gasoline	\$1.2820	\$+.2875	\$1.5695

RESOLUTION #32 MOTION: ACCEPT FUEL BID

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Walter, the following resolution was RESOLVED, to accept the Diesel and #2 Fuel Oil bid submitted by Mirabito Energy Products as highlighted above, And to accept the regular gasoline bid submitted by Resnick Energy Products as highlighted above.

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor Maas
 Councilmen: Grund, Nearing, Salzberg and Walter

RESOLUTION #33 MOTION: ACCEPT INSURANCE PROPOSAL by Mike Preis Inc for Town of Cochecton/Lake Huntington Sewer District to renew for September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

Motion moved by Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Walter. All were in favor.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the minutes of July 8th and be accepted as submitted.

Supervisor Maas and Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg, Grund and Walter voted in favor.

BILLS ON ABSTRACT # 8

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg the following resolution was to accept the bills on abstract # 8 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim #'s are 384 to 3397.A are to be paid.

Claim #'s 369, 370, 373, 375, 378, 381, 382, and 383 are in prepaids.

Total General Funds: **\$3,923.55**

Debit Card Account: no transactions for July 2020

Sewer Accounts: Claim # 398 to 404 to be paid.
Claim #'s 372, 376, 377, 379 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$2,129.78**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim # 371 & 374 are in Prepaid

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$ 521.65**

Highway Accounts Claim #'s 405 to 3420 to be paid.
Claim #'s 380 and 381 are in prepaids.

Total Highway Accounts **\$71,581.24**

Claim #381 for MVP Health Care is split between funds same voucher.

PREPAYS were paid on 7/17, 7/21 and 7/28 2020

Audit of Abstract #8, 08/08/2020 by Councilman Grund & Councilman Salzberg

Supervisor Maas and Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg, Grund and Walter voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Renewal of *Association of Towns*, \$800.00
- Letter from Williamson Law Books to confirm files are backed up.
- DCO kennel passed the Agriculture and Markets Inspection
- Constellation Energy
- Zakarin & Sons, Inc provided their janitorial supplies list including sanitizing supplies. The list will be given to Lorry King who does supplies purchases.

Supervisor Maas introduced Mr. Alan Lord, project manager for the Pine Meadow Farm Major Subdivision on Section 15 Block 1 Lot 36 (46.8 acres) and Section 15 Block 1 Lot 37 (46.46 acres):

- Seventeen (17) parcels, ranging in size from 3 to 7 acres is proposed.
- No new roads are proposed
- All new proposed parcels will have frontage on **Old County Road, Kelly Road or County Road 112/NYS Route 52.**
- Each parcel will have its own residential well and residential septic.
- **Deed restrictions will be in place to protect the aesthetics of the neighborhood.**
- Each parcel will remain as a single-family dwelling and abide by the rules and regulations of the Town.

The subdivision fee was determined at \$750.00 per lot. ($\$750 \times 17 = \$12,750.00$). Mr. Lord addressed the Board offering a piece of land in lieu of the \$12,750.00 fee. Planning Board Chair Earl Bertsch stated that in all his 12 years on the board he was never aware of the zoning law that requires a fee on subdivisions of 3+ acres parcel, no one ever questioned it. He also stated that the developers and Mr. Lord have been cooperative with the Planning Board and it is not fair to surprise them with a steep fee, plus they are offering the Town a parcel for recreation use.

Supervisor Maas stated that the Town is not interested in land for recreation use. The Town has three parks. Councilman Grund, liaison for the Cochecton Youth Commission mentioned that the Youth were hoping to build a Pickle Court near the Town Hall. Supervisor Maas stated that the Town may have needs to expand in the future and for now any funds agreed on should be used to enhance the parks we already have. The discussion led up to negotiating the fee.

Supervisor Maas called for a motion for **Resolution # 34** to decline the offer of a land dedication from Pine Meadow Farm in lieu of the \$12,750.00 major subdivision fee, and to adjust this fee to 17 lots at \$355.00 per lot, for a total of \$6,035.00, and this fee will be set up as a recreation park fund, which the Town Board will oversee to be used to enhance the three (3) existing Town Parks.

Motion moved by Councilman Grund; seconded by Councilman Walter.

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilmen: Grund, Nearing, Salzberg and Walter

PUBLIC COMMENT: -none-

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UDC REPORT: Larry Richardson

The Council held its regular meeting in person on Thursday August 6 at the Beach Lake Fire Hall to allow for social distancing.

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The members were introduced to **Shannon Cilento** as our new Resources / Land Use Specialist. When circumstances permit, she will be making introductions at Planning Boards and Commissions from participating towns/townships. Since she had worked for the County Planning Dept., she is familiar to many town officials.

Topics discussed in part:

Committee Reports: All Committee Meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Members were provided an opportunity to question Committee Chairs at this meeting.

Status Reports:

1. **Delaware Basin Commission** representative Kristen Bowman Kavanagh participated remotely.
2. **DEC Representative** was not present since state officials must get special permission to officially travel out of state.
3. **PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources representative Tim Dugan** participated remotely. Noted the Bureau of Forestry is celebrating 125 Years of Conserving Penn's Woods having been created in 1895. The Agency has acquired 2.2 million acres of land for public use. They are actively replanting forests, have an ongoing Forest Fire Protection Program, created a Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, have a Deer Management Program, and actively plug abandoned wells.
4. **NPS Acting Superintendent Darren Boch** made note of the very active summer season on the Delaware and the challenge of working with limited staff. He reported that the NPS personnel including his participation removed a pile of tires from the vicinity of the Damascus/Cochecton access and below the Callicoon Bridge. He is pleased to announce the passage of the *Great American Outdoors Act* that provides much needed funding to address backlogged maintenance issues in the nation's parks. Nationally the Air B & B Association is promoting a *Go Near the Park* Program to encourage people to visit certain parks and the Upper Delaware River is included among 5 areas named.
5. **UDC Executive Director Ramie** reported that progress is being made to make our Federal operating funds available in the first quarter even though the government payout system will be shut down. For the first time this will allow the UDC to continue to operate without using its own accumulated funds. The Annual Raft Trip was affected by the threat of bad weather. We had over 90 reservations but ultimately about 50 cancelled and as you might remember the bad weather avoided this area. The livery only charges for those who attend.

Actions taken:

- Approved an amendment to the Bylaws permanently allowing for Teleconference voting.
- Approved a recommendation from the Project Review Committee that 2 Town of Tusten Special Use Permits substantially conform to the RMP. That recommendation will be sent on to the NPS for final approval.
- Discussed and sent back to the Project Review Committee a proposal to add Utility Scale Solar Guidance as a minor amendment to the RMP. There seems to be some confusion with some representatives thinking the process would open the RMP. That is not the case.

The next meeting is tentatively planned to be held at the Union in Narrowsburg.

SCENIC BYWAY: Larry Richardson

The Committee held its regular meeting in person at Catskill Provisions in Callicoon on Monday July 27.

I chose not to attend that in person meeting being concerned about enough space to properly observe social distancing.

I provided a printed Treasurer's report prior to the meeting.

Actions Taken:

- Approved a one-time expenditure of \$10,000 from the *Vista Enhancement* line in our budget to the Delaware Company to begin a visual clearing program along the Canal in the Barryville area.

Next Meeting Date: Monday August 24. Location TBD.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Grund

Youth are working on projects online. For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: s_rod79@frontiernet.net

LAKE HUNTINGTON LAKE ASSOCIATION: Councilperson Salzberg

The Lake Huntington Lake Association will plan a general meeting – date TBA

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Monthly Financial Report

- Deposited \$511.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$631.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$2,229.00 Town Clerk fees

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- Deposited \$16,640.00 Auction sale of truck and sweeper
- Deposited \$11.27 Refund (overpayment on electronic purchases for years 1998-2002)
- Deposited \$1,592.22 Tax Collector refund from County

Made transfers and deposits as needed and given budget to actuals and distributed the Budget to Actual to Board Members.

Activity - meeting with Dave Bodenstein, Mike Preis Inc. agent on NYMIR renewal; talked with Pine Meadow Farm on Special Fees; talked with NYSEG on LED lights; attended Supervisors' meeting at the Government Center, talked about workers comp and Census.

CONTRACTUAL \$4,000.00

Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$ 71.27	\$3,828.73
Abstract #3	\$ 966.00	\$2,908.73
Abstract #4	\$ 166.13	\$2,742.60
Abstract #5	\$ 200.00	\$2,542.60
Abstract #6	\$ 65.00	\$2,477.60
Abstract #7	\$ 50.00	\$2,427.60
Abstract #8	\$ 61.00	\$2,367.60

Worked 93 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman, not present

- Was out mowing, patching, ditching, and cutting brush.
- Did most of our paving
- Had a few repairs
- Sent Legal Notice to the paper for fuel bids. Next month will be sand bids.
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance is – \$ 3,076.34

Councilman Nearing asked why the Highway Superintendent has not been reporting Diesel and Gasoline use monthly. Supervisor Maas will make sure this is included in the future reports.

Councilman Nearing questioned if the Highway Department needs truck #1 and #2 on the inventory list. Supervisor Maas stated that truck #1 can be let go but not sure about truck #2. This will be discussed with Superintendent Esselman.

TOWN CLERK: Margaret Richardson

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

- Prepared July 8, 2020 minutes.
- 12 dog licenses issued
- 10 copies death certificates (for one individual)
- Deposited Town fees including CEO fees
- I recalculated clerk's monthly expenditures from January through June and made a correction.
- The bank signature cards have been updated
- My Registrar of Vital Statistics registration is notarized and filed. The DOH told me to let them know when I appoint a Deputy Registrar. I will do Registrar training by phone.
- I have started a binder for Clerk and Registrar noting updated basics and hints.
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members
- Received three Fuel bids for August meeting
- I have begun to set up the Williamson Lawbook program for the monthly Abstracts. The *Fund Codes and the Account Codes* are entered. The next step is typing in all the Town Vendors creating a 7-digit code and then entering the vendor name and address. Supervisor Gary will see if Bookkeeper Kristin Lockwood has "Codes" for Town vendors already set up that I can copy.
- Worked a total of 75 ¾ hours in July

Contractual balance: \$2,313.39

Supervisor Maas called for a Motion to officially appoint Margaret Richardson as the Registrar of Vital Statistics. Motion moved by Councilman Grund; seconded by Councilman Walter, and all were in favor.

CEO: Gregg Semenetz, not present

Submitted a written report which the Supervisor reviewed.

Worked: 80 hours	Mileage 706	Permits issued: 10	Renewals: 0
C of O 's 1	0 notice of disapproval	Municipal search letters 10	Appearance tickets 0
Revenues \$1911.50	Expenses \$455.95	Contractual Balance: \$2544.46	

Supervisor Maas noted that the Assessor's Clerk, Terri Fountain had updated and properly filed all the activities of work done by CEO's prior current CEO Gregg Semenetz. The Board wish to thank her for completing this project.

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy, not present

TOWN ATTORNEY: Karen Mannino, not present

ASSESSOR: Lorry J. King - not present

Submitted written July report:

Old Business: Continuing Education Classes went well; I do believe my next several classes will be presented online. It was not easy staying connected due to internet issues.

Field work continues

New Business:

1. **Attended County Assessors Meeting via "Zoom"**

Assessor Hours: 42.5

Clerk Hours: 26

Account Fund A 1355.400

Total July expenditure \$ 00.00

Contractual Balance: \$1,437.23

SEWER PLANT OFFICER: Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average Flow 38,293; Percentage C.B.O. D. 97 %; Percentage T.S.S.84% for July 2020
- Worked 69.5 hours in July 2020

Expenditures were \$2,044.08

Contractual Balance: \$14,160.59

The heavy rains caused an increase of flow; he decided to hold off on ordering the new Flow Meter; the upper left bed ceramic pipes are failing perhaps collapsing , he will have 3 contractors look at it for quote; need to have SBJ check the pipe under the sewer main; it washed out after the storm.

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: Earl Bertsch - not present

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present

Written report of no expenditures for July; contractual balance is \$2,500.00

HISTORIAN: K. C. Garn - not present

No report

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Grund - none

Councilman Salzberg – none

Councilman Nearing – none

Councilman Walter – none

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe buildings 2020 discussed earlier in the year
2. Dog Bill – tabled
3. Solar Law- tabled
4. Spring Cleanup is Saturday 8/15 and Sunday 8/16 from 9a.m. to 2:45p.m. The Waste Management cancelled in the last minute. He was able to hire Hughson, but no laborers were available. Supervisor and Board members worked out a schedule to help at the site. The dumpsters will be for metal, Tires and furniture/mattresses etc. will be put in a pile to load in dumpsters later in the week.
5. **CENSUS 2020; Our Town Census response is 39%. Please do the Census survey!** Get the word out to tell people to do their Census Survey. Our town federal aid is determined by the number of people reported in the Census. You do not need any prior information or census materials to complete the census form. Just go to www.my2020census.gov. Also, if you lack internet access, the census can be completed by calling (844) 330-2020.

NEW BUSINESS: Street Lights change out to LED through NYSEG; OUR Town has 49 lamp fixtures; our buyout is \$1,542.00; ****The PAYBACK IS ESTIMATED TO BE 5 MONTHS (\$300/month saved on electricity).** The Board will decide whether to opt for 3,000 or 4,000 lumens.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing moved to accept the NYSEG LED light changeout proposal; Councilman Salzberg seconded.

Supervisor Maas and Councilpersons: Nearing, Salzberg, Grund and Walter voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to adjourn this meeting: Time 8:52 p.m. All Town Board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Margaret Richardson, Town Clerk