Town of Cochecton Board Meeting was held on August 12, 2026, at the Cochecton Town Hall

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk	Michelle Casper-Deputy	Robert Smith Attorney
Eileen Hennessy	Isabel Braverman-S.C.D	Peter Grosser
Billy Boucher	Scott Goodman	Leanna Ballester
Tommy Cambridge	Jean Joachim	Michael & BarbaraJane

Work session 7 PM - 7:30 PM
David Bodenstein- Mike Preis Insurance Company : Reviewed the 2026 Insurance Proposal for the Town of Cochecton.

At 7:30 p.m., Supervisor Gary Maas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BID OPENING:
Town Clerk read aloud the ad placed in the local newspaper and the Town Website.

County Petroleum

	Diesel	#2 Fuel	Gasoline
OPIS Posted 7/28/2026	4.682	4.532	3.1439
Fixed Differential	0.	0.	0.17
Total Bid Price	4.6820	4.5320	3.31390

BLACK BEAR

	Diesel	#2 Fuel	Gasoline
OPIS Posted 7/28/2026	4.4339	3.879	3.54
Fixed Differential	0.0961	0.341	0.1975
Total Bid Price	4.530	4.220	3.7375

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	Diesel	#2 Fuel	Gasoline
OPIS Posted 7/28/2026	4.682	4.532	3.5400
Fixed Differential	-0.0750	-0.0250	-0.0500
Total Bid Price	4.6070	4.5070	3.4900

RESOLUTION #45

MOTION made by Councilperson Walter, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, to accept the submitted fuel bids for the Town of Cochecton as follows:

- **County Petroleum:** Gasoline at $3.3139 per gallon.
- **Black Bear:** Diesel at $4.530 per gallon and #2 fuel at $4.220 per gallon.

MOVED BY: Councilperson Walter
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Salzberg

AYES: Maas, Grund, Nearing, Walter, Salzberg.

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #46

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton, Sullivan County, New York, has been requested to grant authorization to Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers to prepare the bidding documents and all other necessary documents required to proceed with the bid process for the replacement of the sand beds at the Town of Cochecton Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers will prepare the necessary documents, advertisement for the project for bid, and establish a bid opening date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton, Sullivan County, New York, hereby authorizes Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers to proceed with the bidding process for the sand bed replacement project at the Town of Cochecton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Councilperson Salzberg and seconded by Councilperson Nearing.

Voting: Ayes – Maas, Grund, Nearing, Walter, and Salzberg.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #47

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town of Cochecton, Sullivan County, New York, to maintain insurance coverage for Town properties and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Mike Preis, Inc. Insurance Agency, through David W. Bodenstein, has prepared a proposal for the Town's insurance coverage for the period beginning September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the total annual premium for said insurance coverage is $43,808.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby approves the insurance proposal and coverage at an annual premium of $43,808.00 for the period of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.

Motion was made by Councilperson Nearing and seconded by Councilperson Walter.

Voting: All voting members voted **Aye**.

Motion carried.

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilperson Salzberg and seconded by Councilperson Nearing to accept the minutes of the meetings held on July 8, 2026, and July 28, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution No.48- 08.12.26
On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, to accept the bills on abstract #8 in the following amounts:
Abstract # 8
General Accounts: Claim #'s 429-433 and 436-439, are in prepaid's. Claim numbers 442-476 to be paid
Total General Funds: **$13,150.41**
Debit Card Account: Claim 477
Total Debit Card: **$3,468.11**
Sewer Accounts: Claim # 424-427 and 434-435 are in prepaids
Claim 478-483 to be paid.
Total Sewer Accounts: **$7,215.35**
Lighting District Accounts 428 in prepaid
Total Lighting District Funds: **$148.98**
Highway Accounts: Claim's 440 and 441 in prepaid
Claim #'s 484-496 and split 453 to be paid.
Total Highway Accounts **$29,087.43**
PREPAIDS were paid 7/11,7/23, 7/28
Audit 08/12/2026 by Councilmen Grund & Salzberg

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Correspondence:

- David Boffa: would like to come to next town board meeting regarding Historical Marker.
- Milage Reimbursement changed to $0.76/ mile

RESOLUTION NO. _49____

ADOPTION OF UPDATED MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton provides reimbursement for authorized mileage incurred by Town officials and employees while conducting official Town business; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has established an updated standard mileage rate for business use of a personal vehicle of **$0.76 per mile**, effective July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of the State Comptroller has adopted and published the updated standard mileage rate of **$0.76 per mile** for personal vehicle mileage, effective July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton wishes to adopt the updated mileage reimbursement rate for authorized Town business in accordance with the current applicable State and Federal mileage rate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby approves and adopts a mileage reimbursement rate of **Seventy-Six Cents ($0.76) per mile** for authorized use of a personal vehicle for official Town business, effective **July 1, 2026**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mileage reimbursement rate shall be subject to future changes to the applicable mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service and/or the New York State Office of the State Comptroller, as determined and approved by the Town Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all authorized mileage incurred on or after July 1, 2026, shall be reimbursed at the rate of **$0.76 per mile**, subject to applicable Town policies and procedures.

On a motion made by Councilperson Walter, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton.

Vote:

Supervisor Maas: Aye

Deputy Supervisor Grund: Aye__
Councilperson Nearing: __Aye_ _
Councilperson Walter: ___Aye_ _
Councilperson Salzberg: _Aye__

RESOLUTION NO. _50___

CHANGE IN TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Cochecton currently maintains regular office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to adjust the regular office hours of the Town Clerk's Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby approves changing the regular Town Clerk office hours from **9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, effective _____.

On a motion made by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Maas, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton.

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Vote:

Supervisor Maas: Aye

Deputy Supervisor Grund: Aye
Councilperson Nearing: Aye
Councilperson Walter: Aye
Councilperson Salzberg: Aye

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RESOLUTION #51

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the members of the Town of Cochecton Planning Board are authorized to receive compensation for attending Planning Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for Planning Board members is **Fifty Dollars ($50.00) per meeting attended**; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to have the compensation paid to Planning Board members on an annual basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby approves compensation of **$50.00 per Planning Board meeting attended** by each Planning Board member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Bookkeeper is hereby directed to calculate the total compensation due to each Planning Board member for meetings attended during the calendar year and issue **one annual payment at the end of the year**.

On a motion made by Maas, seconded by Salzberg, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton.

Vote:

Supervisor Maas: Aye

Deputy Supervisor Grund: Aye
Councilperson Nearing: Aye
Councilperson Walter: Aye
Councilperson Salzberg: Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Leanna Ballister: Voiced her gratitude to Kristina Snedeker for her hard work with the 250 Celebrations.
Eileen Hennessy: Made a public announcement regarding Pastor Phyllis- is now Cancer Free!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Unavailable currently
Upper Delaware Council-
UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-

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: $1915.00	Judicial Fees
Deposited: $243.00	Judicial Fees
Deposited: $8438.96	Town Clerk
Deposited: $3000.00	Tax Collector
Deposited: $25.00	Dog Donation
Deposited: $1184.57	Debit Card
Deposited $1500.00	Cell Tower Escrow

Worked 98 Hours July
Expenditure End Balance $ 2347.98

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

HIGHWAY: Jeffrey Daub
- Ditching
- Paving
- Worked 80 hours

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim
July 2026

To: Supervisor and Town Board Members

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

- Prepared Abstract #8 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for July 08, and 28th 2026
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- Made Deposits for Town Clerk and Code Officer.
- Ad placed in paper for Fuel Bid and distributed fuel bid info upon request.
- Worked on resolutions
- Responded to many inquires for Court Clerk.
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Dog Licenses- 6- Original 5 renewals
- Marriage Lic. 1
- Website Maintenance
- I worked a total of 98 **hours** in July
- **Contractual balance: $2,704.69**

TOWN CLERK ANNOUNCEMENT

Town Clerk **Maryann Oumrim** announced that she has appointed **Michelle Casper** as the new **Deputy Town Clerk** for the Town of Cochecton.

The Town Clerk welcomed Michelle Casper to the position and looks forward to having her assist with the duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Charles Nystrom
Submitted a written report:
- Worked 115 hrs.
- Mileage 141
- Permits issued 12
- Cert. of Occupancy issued -2 and C of C – 10
- Municipal search letters -3
- Violations- 6
- Revenues $3795.20

- Expenses $405.29
- Contractual Balance: $974.85

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
The Town Board is reviewing a **moratorium on package plants and short-term rentals within the Town of Cochecton** while the Town evaluates appropriate regulations, infrastructure impacts, and potential zoning requirements.

TAX COLLECTOR-
Monies in my checking account $3007.89

IMAS, LLC refund ck#2368 in the amount of $226.97

TOTAL $3,234.87

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
- 7/20- pump failure, Used Esselman Sewer to pump. Installed, spare pump we had on hand.
- Pear Power Annual Agreement in the amount of $824.
- **TOWN OF COCHECTON**
  SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK

  RESOLUTION #52
  PEAK POWER ANNUAL AGREEMENT – SEWER DEPARTMENT

  WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton Sewer Department requires an annual service agreement with **Peak Power**; and

  WHEREAS, Peak Power has provided an annual agreement in the amount of **$824.00**;

  NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby approves the Town Sewer Department entering into the **Peak Power Annual Agreement in the amount of $824.00**.

  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Bookkeeper is authorized to process payment for the annual agreement.

  On a motion made by Maas, seconded by Grund, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton.

ASSESSOR
Old Business
Field work continues
New Business:
Final Roll Complete

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present.
Discussion: New York State law now allows dog-license applications to include an option for residents to make a **voluntary donation** to support the municipality's dog shelter or contracted animal shelter services. The donation is separate from the required dog-license fee and is not mandatory.

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HISTORIAN: Kristina Snedeker-

TOWN BOARD:
Councilman Grund – no additional comments
Councilman Nearing – no additional comments
Councilman Walter – Spoke about the Broad Ban lines they are installing for fiber optics, Questions about Roads, ditches, and personal driveways that are being disturbed. Maas stated that he would make some phone calls.
Councilman Salzberg – no additional comments

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

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

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Oumrim
Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk