Town of Cochecton Board Meeting was held on September 09, 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 (Not Present)
Councilperson Dr. Paul Salzberg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk	Michelle Casper-Deputy	Robert Smith Attorney
Jeffrey Daub	Charles Nystrom	Eileen Hennessy
Isabel Braverman-S.C.D	Larry Richardson	Peggy Richardson
Peter Grosser	Michael Attineise	Pam DeMann
Scott Goodman	Jean Joachim	Bob Meyer
Kristina Snedeker		

Work session 7 PM - 7:30 PM

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

RESOLUTION 09092026 #55

WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when adopting the FY 2026 budget did not fund enough for the CONTRACTUAL - TAX COLLECTOR A1335.400 and therefore,
To fund the following line A1335.400 sufficiently for FY 2026 an additional $500 from the line A1990.400 Contingency Acc will be needed to fund line A1335.400 and therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that after transfers stated above, budget line A1335.400 Tax Collector will have $5,500 and budget line A1990.400 Contingency will have the amount $12,900 remaining.

Moved by _Salzberg__ Seconded by __Nearing___

RESOLUTION 09092026 #56
WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when adopting the FY 2026 budget did not fund enough for the CEO CONTRACTUAL A3620.400 and therefore,
To fund the following line A3620.400 sufficiently for FY 2026 an additional $2500 from the line A1990.400 Contingency Acc will be needed to fund line A3620.400 and therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that after transfers stated above, budget line A3620.400 CEO CONTRACTUAL will have $7500 and budget line A1990.400 Contingency will have the amount $10,400 remaining.

Moved by _Nearing_____ Seconded by __Salzberg____

RESOLUTION 09092026 #57
WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when adopting the FY 2026 budget did not fund enough for the CLEANUP CONTRACTUAL A8160.400 and therefore,
To fund the following line A8160.400 sufficiently for FY 2026 an additional $900 from the line A1990.400 Contingency Acc will be needed to fund line A8160.400 and therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that after transfers stated above, budget line A8160,400 CLEANUP CONTRACTUAL will have $5900 and budget line A1990.400 Contingency will have the amount $9,500 remaining.

Moved by _Grund_ _____ Seconded by _Salzberg_____

RESOLUTION 09092026 #58

WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when adopting the FY 2026 budget did not fund enough for the DEPUTY SUPERVISOR A1220.104 and therefore,
To fund the following line A1220.104 sufficiently for FY 2026 an additional $7500 from the line A1990.400 Contingency Acc will be needed to fund line A1220.104 and therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that after transfers stated above, budget line A1220.104 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR will have $12,100 and budget line A1990.400 Contingency will have the amount $2,000 remaining.

Moved by _Salzberg_ _____ Seconded by _Grund_____

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MOTION was made by Councilperson Grund and seconded by Councilperson Salzberg to accept the minutes of the meetings held on August 12th and August 24th, 2026

Resolution #59- 09.09.26
On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to accept the bills on abstract #9 in the following amounts:
Abstract # 9
General Accounts: Claim #'s 505-515 are in prepaids.
Claim numbers 519-596 to be paid
Total General Funds: **$15,056.46**
Debit Card Account: Claim 597
Total Debit Card: **$255.28**
Sewer Accounts: Claim # 497-502 and 516 are in prepaids
Claim 598-562 to be paid.
Total Sewer Accounts: **$2,153.82**
Lighting District Accounts 503 and 504 in prepaid
Total Lighting District Funds: **$185.02**
Highway Accounts: Claim's 517 and 518 in prepaid
Claim #'s 563-577 and split 538 to be paid.
Total Highway Accounts **$68,623.33**
PREPAIDS were paid 8/7, 8/13 and 9/1
Audit 09/09/2026 by Councilmen Grund & Salzberg

Correspondence:

- Letter to the Planning Board and ZBA- RE: Cell Tower still pending, requesting determination letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
David Boffa: regarding Historical Marker: Handed out literature regarding a Historical Marker for Abe Strong and his building an airplane and taking his first flight in 1934 on the property which David Boffa is in ownership. Requesting Towns support.
Maas stated that he would discuss it with the Board and next month a decision would be made,

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: $1631.00	Judicial Fees
Deposited: $6531.25	Town Clerk
Deposited: $3468.11	Debit Card

Worked 80 Hours July
Expenditure End Balance $ 1735.87

- Transfers were made as necessary between Town accounts at Jeffersonville Bank.
- Worked with Supervisor with online banking
- Started working on 2027 Budget
- Called Darin Doetsch on Sewer Project

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HIGHWAY: Jeffrey Daub

- Ditching
- Paving
- Jeff Daub requested to have a separate line for Fuel in the upcoming Budget
- Brook Road, trees cut and road widened
- Fiber Optic cable has been installed and been in contact about them fixing the roads they may have disrupted.
- Worked 50 hours

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim
August 2026

To: Supervisor and Town Board Members

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

- Prepared Abstract #9 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for August 12th and 24th 2026
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- Made Deposits for Town Clerk and Code Officer.
- Responded to fuel bids and notification of bidders.
- Responded to many inquiries for Court Clerk.
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Dog Licenses- 2- Original 10 renewals
- Marriage Lic. 0
- Website Maintenance
- Training Michelle Casper as Deputy
- I worked a total of 96 **hours** in August
- **Contractual balance: $2,591.50**

*Request for the Sullivan West High School Football team to use the basement of the town hall for their 10/22/26 Team dinner.

Motion made by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Salzberg to allow the Team to use Town Hall basement.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Charles Nystrom
Submitted a written report:

- Worked 105 hrs.
- Mileage 109
- Permits issued 13
- Cert. of Occupancy issued -4 and C of C – 8
- Municipal search letters -6
- Violations- 0
- Revenues $2698.05
- Expenses $405.29
- Contractual Balance: $834.80
- Court gave a date of October 5th and we will be sending cases for arraignment.

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TAX COLLECTOR-
September 9,2026

Monies in my checking account $3,234.91

Ck#139 Cochecton Supervisor in the amount of $2000.00

Leaving $1,234.91 in my checking account, waiting on the final bill from county.

Went to Tax Collector meeting, new tri fold Tax Bill introduced.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith
Completed combined parcel for Highway department, Deed has been drafted and needs to be filed with the County.
Been working with CEO for residents who have a violation and are challenging for interoperation will go before the ZBA.
Plaza Corner project, still waiting on approvals from NY State, Supervisor Maas stated that maybe we could possible get in touch with them to speed up the process.

SEWER PLANT OFFICER: Michael Walter
Submitted a written report:

- Average Flow 24835 Percentage C.B.O. D. 99 %; Percentage T.S.S. 99% - June 2026
- Worked 98 hours
- Expenditure $ 6,152.44

ASSESSOR
Old Business
Field work continues
Board of assessment review member opening
New Business:
Update Final Roll upon the Pipeline settlement for School Tax bills
Mandatory education classes next month

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.

HISTORIAN: Kristina Snedeker-
Maas offered praise to Kristina and Thanked her for all the hard work she has extended with the Cochecton Bicentennial celebrations. A round of applause by audience was extended.

Short discussion about what we would like to use for a time capsule moving forward, and where we will be burying it.

TOWN BOARD:
Councilman Grund – no additional comments
Councilman Nearing – no additional comments
Councilman Walter – Not Present
Councilman Salzberg – no additional comments

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Larry Richardson: Stated that the town should retrieve our Dove from the property located at Fosterdale corners.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, to recess meeting to 9/ 23 @ 6:30 pm for tentative Budget for 2027 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Oumrim
Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk