

A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on January 11, 2023, at the Cochection Town Hall

With the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Deputy Supervisor /Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson/SPO Michael Walter
Councilperson John Nober

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk	Robert Smith Attorney
Kevin Esselman, Hwy. Supt.	Eileen Hennessy / Tax Collector
Michael Attianese / Ambulance	Peter Grosser / Ambulance
Liam Mayo / River Reporter	Larry Richardson/UDC/Scenic Byway
Bill Boucher/ Grounds Keeper	Sheila Schultz

Between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM is a work session, to review budget to actual.
Tom Shepstone – Comprehensive Plan Review

Supervisor Gary Maas opened the regular meeting with a pledge to the flag at 7:30pm.

Supervisor Maas called for the first order of business –

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nober, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the minutes of December 14, 2022.

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

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the minutes of December 29, 2022.and January 3rd, 2023, Reorganizational meeting as submitted.

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

(Nober abstained from 12/29 minutes)

Resolution #15

MOTION: made by councilperson Grund seconded by councilperson Nober to approve Public Hearing regarding Comprehensive Plan Update for February 8, 2023, at 7pm Town Hall Located at 74 Smales Road, Cochection, NY

All Board members voted in favor.

Resolution #16

Motion made by Councilperson Walter seconded by councilperson Nearing. To authorize Supervisor Maas to go forward with the purchase of 2 AED's One for Highway and One for Town Hall.

Resolution #17

BILLS ON ABSTRACT # 1

On motion of Councilperson Nober, seconded by Councilperson Grund to accept the bills on abstract # 1 in the following amounts:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 10-24 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 2-4, 6 and 7 are in prepaid's.

Total General Funds: \$2,869.47

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 25-28 and 23split are to be paid.

Total Highway Accounts \$8,451.56

PREPAIDS were paid 1/6

Audit 1/10/23 by Councilmen Grund and Nober

Correspondences:

➤ NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: -Grosser offered education course regarding AED. Stating that someone from the Ambulance could hold a training course how to use the AED.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Larry Richardson extended his gratitude of Board for re appointing him as Liaison for UDC and Scenic Byway.

UDC REPORT: Larry Richardson

On January 5, at 5:30 the Personnel Committee met to discuss a personnel issue. Then at 6:00 p.m. the Committee for Emergency Communications met to further discuss the evolving UDC position on telecommunications within the corridor.

The regular meeting opened with a zoom option and election of officers: Aaron Robinson (Shohola Rep), Virginia Dudko (Deer Park Rep)-Vice Chair, Alan Henry (Berlin Rep) Secretary-treasurer.

We then heard a presentation: "Water Resource and Environmental Considerations with Shale Gas

Development in the Appalachian Basin" by David Yoxtheimer, Ph.D., P.G., assistant research professor and Extension associate with the Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research at Penn State University.

Reports- Asked for questions regarding previously distributed minutes from the three standing committees.

- Project Review, Nov. 22 & Dec. 13th (Larry Richardson)
- Operations, Nov. 22 & Dec. 13th (Andy Boyar)
- Water Use/Resource Management, Nov. 15 & Dec. 13th (Ginny Dudko)

Status Reports

- Delaware River Basin Commission * (Kristen Bowman Kavanagh)
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (Jeff Rider)
- PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (Tim Dugan)
- National Park Service (Kara Deutsch) (acting Superintendent)
- UDC Executive Director * (Laurie Ramie)

Actions Taken

- Approved Resolution 2023-01: Authorizing Signatories for UDC Bank Accounts in 2023 *
- Approved Resolution 2023-02: Reaffirming Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy for 2023 *
- Approved the annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement **

SCENIC BYWAY: Larry Richardson

The Committee held a re-scheduled meeting on January 9, with a zoom option. There was no December meeting.

Prior to the meeting a select committee met to review resumes from 10 people who responded to our search seeking a project manager to work under a contractual agreement. The UDSB has secured a \$40,000.00 grant from NYS to fund the activities for a 6-month period. Unfortunately, that time period expires the end of March. We plan on holding an initial "in person" interview with some responders via zoom.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Grund

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

- Youth are working upcoming events: Posting on the Town Website

Maas – asked John Nober if he would be the Liaison for the Fire Department

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DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Bank Information:

Deposited	\$ 0.00	Judicial fees
Deposited	\$ 175.00	Judicial fees
Deposited	\$124.20 & 145.34	Debit Card
Deposited	\$ 2704.67	Town Clerk
Deposited	\$ 800.00	Sullivan West
Deposited	\$ 649.28	Stumpage

Made transfers and deposits as needed.

CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00

Worked 98 hours.

Maas- Briefly discussed the large decrease in fee's received from the Judicial in our town, also discussed that other towns have decreased to 1 judge and suggested that we look into this further.

HIGHWAY: Kevin Esselman

Plowed and sanded as needed.

Cut Brush

Patched Potholes

Had few repairs.

Worked 160 hours.

Contractual Balance \$2,504.15

Resolution #18

MOTION by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nober to authorize Highway Superintendent Kevin Esselman to purchase a stainless-steel body for our 2012 Tandem truck.

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim

To: Supervisor and Town Board Members

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

- Prepared Abstract #12A and 1 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for December Regular Meetings and Year End
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 4 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- CEO Report / deposit
- Dog -- New 1 Licenses and 4 Renewals.
- Marriage License -0
- Parking Tags- 0 P and 0 T
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- DECALS- Hunting & Fishing Licensing -2
- Website Maintenance
- Updated minutes book.
- I worked a total of 96 hours.
- **Contractual balance: \$794.94**

TAX COLLECTOR Eileen Hennessy

Money Collected \$413,175.35

Paid out to Supervisor Maas \$185,509.17

Refund Checks (2) \$83.37

Worked 29 Hours Contractual Balance \$900.14

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Supervisor Gary Maas Introduced Robert Smith as our new Town Attorney

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith- Present

Discussion Re: Sewer district to incorporate renters located on Crestwood Road. Total of 2 rentals.

MOTION made by councilperson Nearing seconded by councilperson Nober For Supervisor and town Attorney to incorporate renters into the sewer district.

ASSESSOR: Lorry J. King - not present - Submitted written report:

Old Business:

1. Field work continues.
2. Senior Citizen exemption increase

New Business:

1. The final file for the Town and County tax bills had gone to the printer.

December

	1355.4	\$852.78
Lorry King		\$ 28.13
Terri Fountain		\$ 5.00
Total		\$33.13
Balance		\$819.65

Town board members given a packet to review the Senior Citizens exemptions to review and further discussion to be made.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Jim Crowley

Worked: 80 hours Mileage 137

Permits issued: 9

C of O's -0 C of C's issued 2

Logging Permit- 1

Municipal search letters 1

Revenues \$881.24 Expenses \$135.63

Contractual Balance: \$1463.06.

SEWER PLANT OFFICER: Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average Flow 43,473 Percentage C.B.O. D. 98 %; Percentage T.S.S. 99% - December 2022
- Worked 84 hours in December 2022.

Expenditures were \$ 398.83.

Contractual Balance: \$ 8,144.87

MOTION made by councilperson Nober Seconded by councilperson Grund for Supervisor to write a letter to the Planning board chairperson Earl Bertsch to go forward on the Gabriele subdivision.

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: Earl Bertsch - not present.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present.

HISTORIAN: K. C. Garn - not present

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Grund – no additional comments

Councilman Nearing – no additional comments

Councilman Walter – no additional comments.

Councilman Nearing – no additional comments

RESOLUTION #19

MOTION made by Councilperson Walter Seconded by Councilperson Nearing to adjust the milage reimbursement from .626 to .655 as set by federal government .

All Board members voted in favor.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Grosser:

- The Sullivan BOCES has a 2-year Curriculum for 11 & 12th Grade, and Grosser requested to hang the Brochure on the Town bulletin.
- Ambulance District looking for Volunteers.

Larry Richardson:

- Suggested that Michael Attianese or Peter Grosser be a Liaison between the Ambulance district and the Town. Michael and Peter agreed and will be at upcoming meetings.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, to Adjourn meeting

All Town Board members voted in favor. Time 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Oumrim
Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk