

A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on January 12, 2022, at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryann Oumrim- Town Clerk	Karen Mannino, Attorney
Kevin Esselman, Hwy. Supt.	Jim Crowley / CEO
Eileen Hennessy / Tax Collector	Michael Attianese / Ambulance
Liam Mayo / River Reporter	Larry Richardson/UDC/Scenic Byway
Peggy Richardson	Bill Boucher/ Grounds Keeper
Mitra Behroozi	Chris Renaud

Between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM is a work session, to review budget to actual.

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 –  
Cooper Arias- Notified by Maas that 2022 Budget 1 line needed to be added.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to accept the minutes of December 8th, 14<sup>th</sup> and 30th 2021 January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Reorganizational meeting as submitted.

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

**BILLS ON ABSTRACT # 1**

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

General Accounts: Claim #'s 10-24 and 26-27 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 3-5, and 9 are in prepaids.

Total General Funds: **\$9,127.74**

Debit Card Account: Claim # 25

Total Debit Card: **\$23.81**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #'s 28 and 29 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 1,2, and7 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$831.46**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim's #6 in prepaids

Total Lighting District Funds: **\$20.90**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 30-39 and split 17 to be paid.

Claim #'s 8 in prepaid

Total Highway Accounts **\$6,425.90**

PREPAIDS to be paid 1/10/22

Audit 1/10/22 by Councilmen Grund & Nober

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

**Correspondences:**

- Annual letter from state comptroller- Audit will be sent out once our Town audit is complete.
- Letter from Ambulance- Further discussion late in meeting
- Dan Stern- DEC looking to purchase large amount of land from the Boy Scouts.
- Letter from John Walter- Regarding "Do Not Litter" road sign needing to be removed as the sig letters are faded away, located across from the Cochection Post Office. : Informed by Kevin Esselman that sign is a County Sign, Will be addressed by Maas. County Historical Marker in Cochection Center is not painted blue and gold to correspond with other town signs, this will be addressed. Larry Richardson offered to paint the sign.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: -none-**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**UDC REPORT:** Larry Richardson –

The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday January 6 via zoom. The first order of business was announcing the results of an online vote for officers. Andy Boyer was voted Chairman; Aaron Robinson of Vice Chairman Alan Henry returns as secretary treasurer. Virtual Presentation: "DRBC Microplastics Study" by Jacob Bransky, Aquatic Biologist from the Delaware River Basin Commission. It was reported there microplastics as small as 5 millimeters or the size of a sesame seed were found in samples taken in the Delaware River and in some tributaries. Common sources are toothpaste and facial products among many others. Alarmingly some aquatic species see these microplastics floating in the water and take them for food and fill their stomachs. Since 2012 it is estimated that the US recycles about 9% it's plastic Europe recycles 30% and China 25%. By the year 2025 is estimated that there will be more plastic in the sea than fish.

**Topics discussed in part:**

**Status Reports:**

- DEC Representative Bill Rudge announced the start of the annual NYS TREE AND SHRUB SEEDLING SALE. Mr. Rudge also announced that the Town of Delaware was awarded 2 million Dollars toward their sewer treatment project from the CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY Projects Program.
- Pa DCNR Tim Duggan noted that there are employment openings now and for the first-time applications from people living outside of Pa will be accepted.

**Actions taken:**

Approved :

- a. Letter to DRBC: Proposed Rulemaking for Amendments to Special Regulations, Part 440-High Volume: Hydraulic Fracturing
- b. Draft Resolution 2022-01: Contract with Eckersley & Davis, LLP for Fiscal Year 2022 Audit
- c. Draft Resolution 2022-02: Authorizing Signatories for UDC Bank Accounts in 2022
- d. Draft Resolution 2022-03: Reaffirming Sexual Harassment Policy for 2022
- e. Draft Letter to PennDOT: Skinners Falls, NY-Milanville, PA Bridge Draft Purpose and Need Document
- f. Draft Letter to NPS: Heron Hill Hunt Club, Damascus Township confirming a finding of substantial conformance
- g. Approved the annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements —members should return by 2/3/22

**SCENIC BYWAY:** No meeting was held in the month of January.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** Councilperson Grund

Youth are working upcoming events:

- Keep look out in e-mail or on Facebook for Upcoming Skiing / Tubing events.
- Electric City Aquarium
- February 1<sup>st</sup> Train ride wit the Easter Bunny.
- Hockey Game -more info to follow

For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: [s\\_rod79@frontiernet.net](mailto:s_rod79@frontiernet.net)

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** Gary Maas

Monthly Financial Report

Deposited	\$ 1,800.00	Judicial fees
Deposited	\$ 1,504.00	Judicial fees
Deposited	\$ 3,634.66	Town Clerk fees
Deposited	\$ 739.84	Debit Card
Deposited	\$ 44,370.00	Auction money for trailer /tractor /sweeper.
Deposited	\$ 5,000.00	Transfer Station Lease fee.

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- Made transfers and deposits as needed and have given budget actuals to board  
SUPERVISOR'S CONTRACTUAL \$4,000.00

Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$4,000.00
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Worked 98 hours.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman**

- Out plowed and sanded as needed.
- Had a few repairs.
- Cut brush.
- Patched potholes
- Worked 160 hours.
- Contractual balance is – \$ 3,676.99

**RESOLUTION # 13**

**WHEREAS** current order for Truck- 47000 Western Star is no longer in production the company is replacing with a Western Star model 47X AND

**WHEREAS** there is an increase of 12,000. in the original price

**THEREFORE, A MOTION** made by Grund seconded by Nearing to go forward with purchase. In order for the Town Highway dept. to receive new truck before September

**Be IT RESOLVED** The Town Board approves Highway Superintendent Kevin Esselman to follow through with the purchase of the Western Star 47X in the amount of 135,865.

Moved by Grund Seconded by Nearing

Ayes:	✓ Maas	Nays:	Maas
	✓ Grund		Grund
	✓ Nearing		Nearing
	✓ Nober		Nober
	✓ Walter		Walter

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

- Prepared Abstract #1 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for December 29th Year end Meeting.
- Prepared Minutes for December 14
- Reorg Minutes Prepared by Maas
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 2 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- Dog -1- New Licenses and 3 Renewals.
- Marriage License -0
- Parking Tags-2
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- DECALS- Hunting & Fishing Licensing -1
- I worked a total of **96 hours** in December.
- **Contractual balance: \$46.38**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Jim Crowley**

Worked: 80 hours    Mileage 220    Permits issued:5    C of O's -0

Municipal search letters 8    Revenues \$2,891.76    Expenses \$486.97

Contractual Balance: \$2,745.81

Discussion regarding properties which are deemed unsafe.

Advised by Town Lawyer Karen Mannino requirements for the town to go forward with removal of structures.

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**TAX COLLECTOR:** Eileen Hennessy

Deposits \$377,886.41

Checks have been cashed:

CK# 539 Supervisor \$4,945.80 – Kenoza Fire

CK#540 Supervisor \$7,945.80 Lk Huntington Light

CK# 541 Supervisor \$10,000.00 Lk Huntington Sewer

Worked 27 hours December 2021

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

**Old Business:**

1. Field work continues.
2. County/Town file sent for January

**New Business:**

1. Nothing new to report at this time

**December**

	1355.4	\$1,461.96
Postage		\$580.00
<b>Total</b>		\$580.00
<b>Balance</b>		\$881.96

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Karen Mannino- Present

**SEWER PLANT OFFICER:** Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average Flow 32,869; Percentage C.B.O. D. 98 %; Percentage T.S.S. 99% - December 2021
- Worked 89 hours in December 2021.

Expenditures were \$ 503.64

Contractual Balance: \$ 31,496.36

**WHEREAS** The coolant system is over 20 years old discolored, and degrading advised by Peak Power Systems the current unit needs to be replaced,

**WHEREAS** Peak Power Solutions has given a quote in the amount of \$824.00 this quote in approximate

**THEREFORE**, Peak Power Systems will install new coolant system and complete all repairs as needed.

**BE IT RESOLVED** on Motion by Nearing seconded by Grund all board members approve (Michael Walter Abstained) for Michael Walter to go forward with Peak Power Solutions to move forward with necessary work.

Moved by Nearing                      Seconded by Grund

Ayes:	✓ Maas	Nays:	Maas
	✓ Grund		Grund
	✓ Nearing		Nearing
	✓ Nober		Nober
Abstained:	Walter		Walter

**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 Salzberg – no additional comments

Councilman Nearing – no additional comments.

Councilman Walter – no additional comments

**MOTION** By Nearing seconded by Walter to authorize Gary Maas to contact Jenn Powell designs in the event of unsuccessful contact to Doreen our current Web master.

All in Favor : Maas, Grund, Nearing Walter, and Nober

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Board discussion with Michael Attianese / Ambulance Regarding creation of an Ambulance district. Discussed making a committee , (Sean Nearing Volunteered )to have further discussion with Mr. Pinsky via zoom meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Roof for old Town Hall -
2. Addition for Town Barn- is a general expense
3. Comprehensive & Zoning Law Update first meeting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Website update and security
2. Roof for old Town Hall
3. Planning Board position open. Ad to be placed in Democrat.

Board approved Town Clerk to place ad into the Democrat for the open position on the Planning Board. Anyone interested is to send in a letter of interest to the Board prior to 2/4/22

**Robert Smith** will take over Dick Pomes position on the Planning Board and, will be our new Town Prosecutor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nober, to Adjourn meeting  
All Town Board members voted in favor. Time 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Oumrim  
Maryann Oumrim Town Clerk