

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, OCTOBER 11, 2017  
RECESSED PUBLIC HEARING – UNSAFE PROPERTY**

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on October 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Cochecton Town Hall.  
(Between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for the purpose of auditing bills)

The following members present:

Supervisor Gary Maas  
Councilperson Anna Story  
Councilperson Sean Nearing  
Councilperson Paul Salzberg  
Councilperson Edwin Grund

Others present: Hollye Schulman -Town Clerk      Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent  
Karen Mannino --Attorney                      Gregg Semenetz – CEO entered at 7: 36 p.m.  
Michael Walter – SPO entered at 7: 39 p.m.

**MOTION:** On Motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to reopen the Public Hearing regarding the Falk property. Time 7:01p.m. All board members voted in favor

Supervisor mentioned that the property has not yet changed hands at this time.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to recess this reopened public hearing until November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Time 7:02. All board members voted in favor

**RESOLUTION # 45**

**ACCEPT ICE CONTROL SAND BID PRESENTED BY R & H GORR, INC.**

On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has looked over the sand bid proposal by R & H Gorr, Inc. and has determined that the ice control sand meets his needs, and

NO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ice control sand bid presented by R & H Gorr, Inc. is hereby accepted at the price of \$12, 97 per ton delivered.

**ADOPTED:    AYES: 5                      NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

**RESOLUTION # 46**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

On motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was

WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs additional funding in two of its contractual lines so that it will have sufficient funds for the coming winter in DA 5130.400 (Machinery Contractual) and DA 5142.400 (Snow Removal Contractual) and therefore, to fund the lines sufficiently for FY 2017 an additional \$20,000.00 will be needed for each of the above mentioned lines and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line DA 5110.400 (General Repair Contractual) in the amount of \$20,000.00 be transferred to line DA 5130.400 (Machinery Contractual), and additionally from budget line DA 5110.400 (General Repair Contractual) in the amount of \$20,000.00 be transferred to line DA 5142.400 (Snow Removal Contractual) so that line DA 5110.400 (General Repair Contractual) shows \$75,000.00 and line DA 5130.400 (Machinery Contractual) shows \$105,000.00 and line DA 5142.400 (Snow Removal) shows \$112,500.00

**ADOPTED:    AYES: 5                      NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to accept the minutes of September 13<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and be accepted as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve bills on Abstract #10 for payment as follows:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 487-524	\$6,961.17
Debit Card Account: No Claim	\$0.00
Sewer Accounts: Claim #'s, 525-528	\$1,489.62
Lighting District Accounts: Claim # 529 and 494	\$543.93
Highway Accounts Claim #'s 530-539	<u>\$128,555.62</u>

Claim #'s 499, 509, and 534 split between funds same voucher.

PREPAIDS were paid on September, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

US Census Bureau: Boundary and Annexation Survey

Jeff Bank: Employment verification- Supervisor submitted info

Association of Towns: Info regarding dues for FY 2018

Sullivan County Association or Supervisors: revenue sharing sales tax, meeting will be held on October 19, 2017

NYS DEC: Hudson Valley ReLeaf 2017 Urban Forestry Workshop

Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation: Skinners Falls - Milanville Bridge, maintaining of the existing bridge as opposed to building a new structure

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one wished to comment

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Upper Delaware Council and Byway - Larry Richardson

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday October 5.
- The meeting began with a presentation from Karen Henry, UDS&RR Administrative Officer on how the annual UDC funding moves through the government approval process. The biggest concern now is that the funding allocation is a spend-and-reimburse program. The Council has been able to accumulate about \$127,000 in unrestricted funds over the years and it is that money that pays the bills while we wait for reimbursement. It also has allowed the council to continue to operate during the interruptions of government funding. It is hinted that the government is looking for a way to reclaim these funds. Dick Eckersley who has performed our audits since the beginning was present to remind everyone that all audits performed and submitted to the government over the years have been accepted. There is a conference call planned for October 19, to discuss the existence of these funds.
- Executive Director Ramie noted that the Decree parties are close to signing a document to replace the recently expired Flexible Flow Management Agreement.
- DEC Representative Bill Rudge provided copies of an announcement authorizing New York's Annual Youth's Big Game Hunt set for Columbus Day weekend from October 7 through ninth. Licensed 14 and 15 year olds were able to use a firearm to hunt deer and bear while accompanied by an experienced licensed adult hunter.
- The Council was told that efforts are continuing to have the Milanville-Skinners Falls Bridge listed on the National Register Of Historic Places.
- Actions taken:
  - a. Approved resolution 2017 – 12: excepting three Technical Assistance Grants for 2018:
    - Town of Tusten-Codify Local Laws And Ordinances (phase two); \$6,000.00
    - Damascus Township-Comprehensive Plan Update; \$5,583.33
    - Berlin Township-Inventory Of Townships Signs For Base Map; \$3,516.67The awards total \$15,100. It should be noted that I did not vote for this resolution because the NPS determined in advance of the vote that the Berlin project would not meet the criteria the UDC established with input from the NPS. Should the NPS refuse to reimburse the Council for the \$3,516.67, the contract would have to be fulfilled with unrestricted UDC funds.
  - b. Approved the recommendation from the Project Review Committee that four of the Town Of Tusten Zoning changes after being reviewed were determined to be in Substantial Conformance with the River Management Plan.
  - c. Approved a snow plowing contract with K&D Enterprises of Narrowsburg.

**Scenic Byway:** The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday September 25.

**Topics of Discussion in part:**

**Discussion Items:**

- a) **Presentation: Callicoon Train Station Community Use Proposal** – Freda Eisenberg explained that Central New York Railroad has removed their equipment that was in storage at the Callicoon Train Station, which is now sitting empty. A group of interested citizens has been established to develop a public use proposal for the property. The space has potential for a visitor information center for tourism promotion and economic development purposes. Architects Buck Moorhead and Michael Chojnicki have been retained to provide estimated restoration costs. The Town of Delaware is very supportive of the concept.
- b) **NYS DOT Rt. 97 Attractions Sign Status** – Kris Gilbert from NYS DOT provided a progress report. She is hopeful that the signs will be in place before year's end.
- c) **Documenting UDSB Scenic Views** – Richardson referenced a handout of a list he compiled based on the Enhancement Concept Plan's Points of Interest appendix. He reduced the list down to nine groups that fall into geographically concise areas. These locations are mapped in the Plan. The list covers from Hancock to Port Jervis, skipping over non-participating towns with the exception of the Basket Bridge panorama in the Town of Fremont.
- d) Discussion took place concerning securing permission to use the any images in any forum that might be submitted. Eisenberg suggested including a map on the website keyed to the locations of these identified views. This item will be carried over for discussion.
- e) Town of Lumberland Selective Clearing Site: Project planning continues.

**Follow-up Actions and Committee Reports:**

- a) Redesigned Mobile Website is now active.
- b) Awaiting Lumberland's Reaction to Emergency Call Boxes on Rt. 97. The
- c) Sullivan County 2018 Discretionary Funds Grant Application –submitted
- d) PennDOT Reply: Milanville-Skinners Falls Bridge – A copy of a letter dated Aug. 30 from Susan Hazelton, Assistant

District Executive for PennDOT, was handed out stating that current 4-ton posting status will continue through the long term revue process.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, October 23, 2017

**Adjourn:** On a motion by DeCristofaro, seconded by Eisenberg, the UDSB, Inc. meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** Councilperson Grund

- Aug. 27, Went rafting- Skinners – to Narrowsburg
- Aug. 13, Air show – Scranton- Wilkes-Barre Airport
- Aug. 9, Wayne County Fair
- Sept 30 West Point football game
- Oct. 14, Roba's Farm Family
- Oct. 28, Tricky Trunk
- Dec. 15, Holiday Party

**WEBSITE & FIRE DISTRICT:** Councilperson Story

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- Telephone conversations with Dorene about website
- Had photoshop training session with Dorene

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- **Website & Fire District report continues:**
- Updated youth events and sign-ups
- Changed Terri's picture
- Added legal notices
- Added agendas and meeting minutes
- Did regular website maintenance

Total Hours Worked: 8 hours

**Fire District** – Had a meeting on Monday, October 9

- Bills were paid
- Regular maintenance on trucks was performed
- Physicals are done
- Cadet Program – 2 youth members were accepted – If anyone else is interested, contact Ed or Jason or show up to a meeting on Mondays at 7 PM
- Forestry equipment was purchased and \$1500 will be reimbursed from a forestry grant
- Budget hearing is Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm at the fire house.

**SENIORS:** Councilperson Salzberg nothing at this time

**KEEP COCHECTON CLEAN:** Jerold Yavarkovsky – not present No report

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** (Gary Maas)

Monthly Financial Report

- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
- Deposited \$ 607.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,079.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,565.51 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$29,602.00 State Aid
- Deposited \$0.00 Debit Card
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board
- Activity:
- Attended Legislature Meeting, Notified Insurance Company of a claim that was served. Provided Earl Bertsch a letter in reference to Nearing request to be in the Sewer District. Called Ross Winglovitz on plan for hooking up Nearing sewer line. Meeting with Jessica Taylor on Health Insurance renewal. Calls to and from Congressman Faso's office on DRBC regulating Waste water plants. Filled out NYSDEC dispute form to lower license fee. Called Rob Eagleton in regards to Rocklands additional costs for Waste Water Plant upgrade. Sent out proof of Insurance to County for Youth Group. Meeting with County on transfer Station. Worked on FY 2018 budget

• CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
• Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
• Abstract #2	\$413.66	\$ 3,586.34
• Abstract#3	\$920.67	\$ 2,665.67
• Abstract #4	\$606.75	\$2,058.92
• Abstract #5	\$99.00	\$1,959.921
• Abstract#6	\$76.75	\$1,883.17
• Abstract#7	\$731.74	\$1,151.43
• Abstract#8	\$ 52.87	\$1,049.56
• Abstract#9	\$152.50	\$897.06
• Abstract#10	\$ 86.38	\$810.68
• Abstract#11	\$	\$
• Abstract#12	\$	\$
• Abstract 12 A	\$	\$

Worked 82.5 hours

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Kevin Esselman

- Out patching, ditching and cutting brush.
- Services the dump trucks
- Cutting brush, ditching and patching
- Hauled millings off of the state's project on 97
- Picked up the Boom Mower rental and started cutting back along guard rails and high banks
- Diesel –357.8gals del / used 722.6 gals
- Gas –115 gals del / used 101.5 gals

Worked 160 hrs

Contractual Balance is \$769.14

HWY Superintendent also mentioned that he has ordered signs

**TOWN CLERK:** Hollye Schulman

Submitted a written report

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- UDC check # 2832 in the amount of \$100.00 received 9/29/17 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day.
- I attended the OSTCA meeting September 20th. We had a round table session about the upcoming election, FOIL request, and scams that are happening across the area most by phone some people are targeting bank accounts.

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**Town Clerk report continues:**

- Issued 1 permanent handicapped and 2 temporary parking permits in September
- Had received several inquiries re: death and marriage records. Some I could help and others I could not
- I have had several calls related to the Justice Court, also people coming in to pay tickets, and I cannot help them unless they know what the fine is and have a money order or cashier's check; which I can put under the door for the Clerk
- I provided telephone #'s for different departments. I hand out building permits, when the CEO is not in the office. I have had several residents wanting to pay their school taxes, and some that said they did not receive their bill, I suggest they go to taxlookup.net. I also am getting calls wanting to know if the town is having a fall cleanup
- Worked a total of 110 1/2 hours in September
- Expenditures \$48.76
- Contractual Balance: \$1,525.25

Collected fees for th4e month of September \$1,762.03

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Gregg Semenetz

- Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hours traveled 684 miles
- Issued 9 permits; 0 renewals, 14C of O's, Notices of Disapproval 0, 4 Municipal search letters, 0 appearance tickets
- Revenues of \$1,441.00, and expenses of \$415.94
- Contractual Balance: \$1,328.08

September was a busy month; all properties that were slated for demo are in compliance. Also issued a building permit for a single family house today. Working on unsafe structures for FYU 2018

Supervisor asked the Town Board members to be on the lookout for buildings that may need to be demoed next year; and report their findings to the CEO

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Eileen Hennessy – not present

The checking account has 1C, Worked 4 hours in September, Contractual balance : \$ 1,734.99

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Karen Mannino

Review of NOC Bunch/email to Supervisor

Attendance at Board meeting\

Nothing more to add

**RESOLUTION # 47**

**TOWN CLERK TO PLACE A LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was resolved and WHEREAS, the Town Clerk will advertise a Public Hearing for the 2018 Town wide budget to be held on November 8, 2017 at 7:20 p.m. in The River Reporter, and now BE IT RESOLVED, she shall also advertise a Public Hearing Notice for the Sewer project regarding the Nearing property for November 8, 2017 at 7:10 p.m.

**ADOPTED: AYES: 4**

**NAYS: 0** Councilperson Nearing abstained from the Sewer PH

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Story, Salzberg, and Grund

**ASSESSOR:** Lorry J. King - not present

Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report

**Old Business:**

1. Small Claims petition from 59C Meyer Road was dismissed due to my request resulting from the Petitioners failure to properly serve

**New Business:**

1. I will be attending a continuing education course on Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Windsor, NY

September

1355.400            \$2,077.22

NYS Assessor        \$110.00

Terri mileage        \$28.67

Total Sept.            \$138.67

Contractual Balance: \$1,938.55

Assessor Hours: 40.25

Clerk: 26.50

**SEWER OFFICER:** Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 19,280 gallons per day for month of September
- Obtained 96 % C.B.O.D. and 95 % T.S.S. removal for September
- Spent a total of 72 hours attending to sewer district affairs in September
- Expenditures: \$1,489.62
- Contractual Balance: \$10,611.42
- Also mentioned there are no problems at the sewer plant at this time. He will be able to turn off the UV system at the end of the month and the electric bill should go back to normal

**PLANNING BOARD:** Chair Earl Bertsch

No report

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** Rosemary Barile not present

Submitted a written report: Worked 6 hours            Contractual balance: \$1,914.48

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**HISTORIAN:** (K. C. Garn) not present

Submitted a written report

This past month I did not receive request for information from members of the public. Attached is a copy of a recent article in the Sullivan County Historical Society's newsletter regarding the Republican Watchman preservation project that is ongoing at the Sullivan County Museum. This month I donated \$100.00 towards that project since it will do much to preserve local history, including the history of our township. As I recall, the Museum recently received a complete collection of the newspaper that began to publish in the 1820's. Once digitized, it will provide invaluable information on our town's history. More information is available on the Society's website. Have a productive Board meeting

**TOWN BOARD:**

Councilperson Salzberg

Mentioned there was a meeting of the Lake Huntington Association, they decided they would appoint an eight member board. Does not yet know who will be on the board. Also there was a speaker that had experience in cleaning up lakes etc. . Blue green algae is toxic and people should not be swimming in the lake if this condition exist. Wanted the Town Board to participate in this project. Supervisor Maas said the town could not ask all the people in town to take this project on as only the property owners around the lake would benefit.

Councilperson Nearing mentioned the benefit the Lake Huntington Fire Dept. put on for the Burlingame boy was a success, and they Raised approx. \$6,000.00

Councilpersons: Story and Grund had nothing more to add, nor did Supervisor Maas have anything to add

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Unsafe Buildings 2017—discussed earlier
2. Basket ball Court, Pickle ball, Ball Field and Exercise Park – are being worked on
3. Zoning on Summer Camps – Supervisor presented a draft (Town of Liberty) and asked the board to review it
4. Sewer – Nearing – discussed earlier
5. Transfer Station – pending

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Back Deck – Supervisor has one quote and wants to get at least one or two more

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one wished to comment

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg the following motion was to recess this meeting to October 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for budget workshop and whatever else might come before the board. Time 8:25 p.m. All board members voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk