

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, NOVEMBER 8, 2017
PUBLIC HEARINGS

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A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on November 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Cochection Town Hall for the purpose of Public Hearing for the 2018 Preliminary Budget.

The following members present:
Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson Paul Salzberg
Councilperson Edwin Grund

Others present: Karen Mannino –Attorney
Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
CEO Gregg Semenetz (7:47)
Michael Walter - SPO

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to reopen the Public Hearing regarding Unsafe Property. Time 7:03 pm. All Town Board members voted in favor

No one here to address this issue for the Public Hearing. Public Hearing was recessed again. Time 7:10pm

Town Clerk read legal notice for the Public Hearing re: Nearing Sewer petition that was published in The River Reporter on November 2, 2017

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to open the Public Hearing re: petition to be in Sewer District – Nearing. All Town Board members voted in favor. Time 7:13 pm
No one here to address this issue.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg the following motion was to recess this Public Hearing until November 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm. All Town Board members voted in favor. Time 7:20 pm

Town Clerk read the Legal Notice Public Hearing on 2018 Preliminary Budget published in The *River Reporter* on October 26, 2017

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story the following motion was to open the Public Hearing for the 2018 budget. All Town Board members voted in favor. Time 7:22 pm

Supervisor mentioned there is a .08% increase which is approx. \$0.01 per thousand. There was some discussion

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to close the Public Hearing. All Board members were in favor. Time 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:31 PM.

Supervisor congratulated all the newly elected officials

RESOLUTION # 48
TOWN BOARD TO ADOPT THE FY 2018 TOWN BUDGET

On motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to adopt the FY 2018 town budget.

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 October 11, 2017 as submitted. All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve bills on Abstract #11 for payment as follows:

General Accounts: Claim #'s 540-570	\$6,464.27
Debit Card Account: No Claim	\$0.00
Sewer Accounts: Claim #'s 571-573	\$801.08
Lighting District Accounts: Claim # 543	\$152.27
Highway Accounts Claim #'s 574-585	\$9,000.18

Claim #'s 548, 566 and 570split between funds same voucher.
PREPAIDS were paid on October 12th, 16th, 19th and 30th, 2017

CORRESPONDENCE:
SLAC: Meeting October 27, 2017 in Legislative Hearing Room
Spectrum: Service agreement. Supervisor mentioned that the bill went up approx. \$300.00 and he made a phone call to find out why. The contract ran out thus the increase. After speaking with them the price was back down and slightly lower than what we were paying.
Lake Huntington Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid Society: asking permission to hold their annual Election Day bake sale. Permission was granted
NYS Dept. of Financial Services: Re; Vacant and Abandoned Properties where sessions will be held with times and dates
NYSERDA: Sharing the NYSERDA's 2017 New York Solar Guidebook for Local Governments, and a one page overview is also enclosed
Ag & Markets: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report: The Town passed
Catskill Castings: Looking for business (Roadside Historical Markers)
Comptrollers Office: The new Retirement Online (New York State Local retirement System)will be introduced next year
Assessor: Provided a list of exemptions in the town to the Supervisor

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Correspondence continues:

NYS DEC: Notice of Violation for failure to submit 2016 Annual Flow Certification. The town provided proof it was filed the end of March
Sullivan Renaissance: 2018 Municipal Partnership Grant program

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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 534split between funds same voucher.
PREPAIDS were paid on September, 14th, 18th, and October 4th, 2017

UDC: Larry Richardson

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday November 2. The meeting began with a presentation from Dr. Claire Janz and Antonia Price of Shippensburg University on the status of their multi-year computer program designed to visually project what the Delaware River Basin area might look like in years to come.
- Executive Director Ramie informed the board that the NPS is asking for financial records from 1988. Any records that may be connected with the growth of the “unrestricted fund balance” account are to be provided to the NPS by November 13, 2017. Since our accountant says the normal look-back time is 3 years, we are asking for an extension to December 1, 2017 and we will provide all financial documents for the last three years. A response is pending.
- DRBC Representative Clarke Rupert said that staff is working on a draft position paper for gas extraction within the basin. He said that 15,000,000 people in and out of the basin rely on Delaware River water. I asked him about what appears to be duplication of the review and permitting of municipal sewer plants within the basin and specifically where the DRBC authority comes from. He said the authority comes from the Compact that was signed into law by President Kennedy. He said he would look into the permitting process and get back to me. He said the permitting process is supposed to work and mesh with the state’s regulations.
- The UDC is seeking funding from the State of New York through the Department Of Environmental Conservation. A sample letter of support to that end was sent out to the member towns and township. Cochection should have received that correspondence. The DEC Representative Bill Rudge suggested that such letters of support would carry weight with the DEC evaluation. Executive Director Ramie is collecting the letters and they will be sent in a packet.
- A meeting is being arranged with U.S. Senator Pat Toomey in his Wilkes Barre Pennsylvania office. The purpose of the meeting is to inform him about the workings of the Upper Delaware Council and the importance of the River Management Plan.
- Chairman Greier has asked me to once again serve on the nominating committee.
- Actions taken:
 - a. Approved the Project Review Committee recommendation of Evaluation Of Cideries In The Upper Delaware Corridor

SCENIC BYWAY: Larry Richardson

The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday October 23. I was unable to attend the meeting but here are some of the topics discussed from the minutes:

Topics of Discussion in part:

- **Discussion Items:**
- **a) Nomination to Sullivan County Visitors Association Board of Directors** – I am pleased to have been considered as a representative from the Scenic Byway however since I have accepted a Trustee position on the Catskill Regional Medical Foundation Board I respectfully declined. A motion was approved to submit Debra Conway’s name.
- **b) Support Letter for Callicoon Train Station Lease Proposal by Nov. 1** – A draft letter to support community use of the Callicoon Train Depot, was approved.
- **c) Solicitation of Photos to Create an Archive of Scenic Byway Views** – The committee reviewed the draft contract for photographers granting UDSB the right to use their provided image while retaining its copyright. A Dropbox folder will be created on the website where people may upload their images. The contract language will be added to the website photo gallery to encourage the public to upload photos.
- **d) Town of Lumberland Selective Clearing Site** –Nothing has been determined yet.
- **e) Proposal for UDSB Litter Bag Re-order** –fact finding in progress
- **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, November 27, 2017

CHARTER COMMISSION: Larry Richardson

The County Legislature scheduled two public hearings to introduce and ask questions about the final report submitted by the Charter Commission. I’d like to thank Supervisor Maas for his presentation. It was both informative and thought provoking. Neither hearing was well attended. Of the administration, only Ira Steingart of the legislators was present at the evening session along with AnneMarie Martin and the County Attorney. The Charter Commission members continue to stress that the proposed change to an Elected County Executive should be left up to the voters to decide.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Grund

He was not able to attend the meeting. He did have a resignation letter from Kristin Lockwood

WEBSITE & FIRE DISTRICT: Councilperson Story

Website Report – October, 2017

- Added agendas and meeting minutes
- Updated youth events and sign-ups
- Added legal notices for both town and fire district
- Found a few issues on website and contacted Dorene for fixes

Website & Fire District report continues:

- Did regular website maintenance
- Total Hours Worked: 7 hours

FIRE DISTRICT: Councilperson Story
Fire District – Will have their next meeting on Monday, November 13.

SENIORS: Councilperson Salzberg Nothing to report

KEEP COCHECTON CLEAN: Jerold Yavarkovsky – not present
No report

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Bank Information:

- Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
- Deposited \$1,438.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$536.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,762.03Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$4.40 Refund Insurance
- Deposited \$0.00 Debit Card

Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board (budget to actuals not given to Town Board members)

Activity:

Attended Legislature Meeting, Meeting and letter to and with County on Transfer Station. Worked on FY 2018 budget.

Worked on DRBC reply. Phone and Internet contract changed to service agreement with a \$300.00 savings. Worked on CHIPS bills with Kevin

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	\$ 163.20	\$647.48
Abstract#12	\$	\$
Abstract 12 A	\$	\$

Worked 90.5 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman not present

Supervisor went over his report

- We were out ditching, patching and cutting brush
- We used the Boom Mower we rented.
- Hauled millings off of 97 job.
- Had trucks inspected.
- Started to put sanders in.
- Diesel-1,246.8 gals del /used 981.5
- Gas -100 gals del used 171.3
- Worked 160 hrs.
- Contractual balance is \$598.46

TOWN CLERK: Hollye Schulman

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- There was no OSTCA meeting in October
- Issued 1 permanent handicapped and 1 temporary parking permits in October
- Have searched for some oaths from 1993-1995 and they are not to be had.
- I attended the breakfast meeting at the Sullivan West campus in Jeffersonville on October 25th, as did the Supervisor and HYWS.
- I have had 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 slide under the Clerks door.
- Worked a total of 119 1/2 hours in October
- Expenditures \$71.98
- Contractual Balance: \$1,453.27

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Gregg Semenetz

Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hours traveled 720 miles

- Issued 8 permits; 0 renewals, 1 C of O’s, Notices of Disapproval 0, 4 Municipal search letters, 0 appearance tickets
- Revenues of \$1,163.00, and expenses of \$435.20
- Contractual Balance: \$892.88

CEO report Continues:

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October was a busy month, and November will be also, 4 or 5 homes are being built in the Cushetunk area. Grass is being mowed on the corner of CR 116 and state Route 52. There is another storage unit going up, concrete has been poured. I have not gotten a response from the unsafe building on CR 114. Camp issue someone has been inquiring about this issue.

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy not present
Supervisor mentioned that she has 1¢ in the checking account

TOWN ATTORNEY: Karen Mannino
Attendance at Board meeting, review, **research and email re: Nearing ext.** Review transfer station /email
Review /email transfer station. **Draft Nearing sewer ext. notice/email, Draft Nearing sewer ext. resolution/notices; research SEQR; research Audit notice; email. Email sup. Re: Nearing sewer ext. Research re: Nearing sewer ext. Email to Sup. Re: SEQR Nearing sewer ext.**
Exemption issues: January 1, 2018 for wind and hydro

ASSESSOR: Lorry J. King - not present
Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report
Old Business:

1. I will be attending a continuing education course on Friday November 3rd New Windsor, NY
New Business
1. On Wednesday November 1st I will be attending the class on the new County Geoportal. This class is being offered to Assessors and to others. It is a new application to view tax maps, aerial photographs and other useful information. This course is being offered by Sullivan County 911 and Real Property. I have attached the information for you to review

October A1355.400 \$1,938.55
No expenses for October
Contractual Balance: \$1,938.55
Assessor Hours: 29 Clerk Hours: 29

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter
Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 21,305
- Obtained 97% C.B.O.D. for October and 97% T.S.S. for October
- Spent a total of 71 ½ hours attending to sewer district affairs in October
- Expenditures: \$801.08
- Contractual balance: \$9,810.34

No problems to report, had sludge removed today.

PLANNING BOARD: Chair Earl Bertsch – not present
No report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Rosemary Barile not present
No report submitted

HISTORIAN: K. C. Garn – not present
Supervisor went over his report. This past month I received an email from, or on behalf of, the new owners of Heinle’s. They requested information on the history of the store’s ownership by the Heinle family.
Although I referred them to the various members of the Heinle family who reside nearby and are very familiar with the store’s history, they were more interested in hearing from me. I provided them with a copy of the article on the store contained in the “Cochecton Papers” (edited by Douglas Heinle as well as others) and some additional details provided to me by Mr. Brian Heinle. I hope you have a productive Board meeting

TOWN BOARD:
Councilperson Salzberg mentioned the Lake Huntington Home owners Association meeting, he is a member on that board. They are looking for all property owners around the lake to become part of the association
Council members Grund, Story, and Nearing had nothing to add

- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Unsafe Buildings 2017 – this was discussed earlier, the Supervisor asked the Town Board members to let the CEO or himself know if they are aware of any unsafe buildings to be addressed for FY 2018
 2. Basketball Court, Pickle Ball, Ball Field and Exercise Park –Pending, will most likely be addressed in the spring
 3. Zoning on Summer Camps – will be discussed later – after new business
 4. Sewer – Nearing –being worked on
 5. Transfer Station – spoken about earlier, still have not received the contract or payment

- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Back Deck – there were 2 quotes; 1. Reeves Mtn. Construction \$1,567.00 2. STJ - \$1,850.00

RESOLUTION # 49
ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM REEVES MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION

On motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was to accept the quote from Reeves Mountain Construction in the amount of \$1,567.00 for construction of the back deck

APPROVED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Grund, Story, Nearing and Salzberg

At this time the Town Board discussed the Zoning for Summer Camps: The Attorney mentioned that the Town of Bethel was better defined than the one from Liberty and the moratorium was based on the Town of Bethel’s definition. There was more discussion regarding what language the Town Board wants to incorporate into the town zoning regarding Summer Camps

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Drollinger asked for the figures from last year’s budget and the FY 2018 budgets town wide

Larry Richardson asked Councilperson Salzberg if he checked the DEC website to see if Lake Huntington was listed for no fishing. He also mentioned that perhaps the Town Board might consider putting money aside for the Transfer Station as the Town would be responsible for reclamation of the site if the County abandoned the property

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess this meeting until November 21st at 6:30 p.m. Time: 9:01PM

APPROVED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Grund, Story, Nearing and Salzberg

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk