

# TOWN OF COCHECTON REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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JANUARY 3, 2017  
AGENDA

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Gary Maas, Councilpersons: Anna Story, Sean Nearing, Paul Salzberg and Edwin Grund, Town Clerk Hollye Schulman, Highway Superintendent Kevin Esselman and Tax Collector Eileen Hennessy

**Date, time and place of regular monthly meetings:** Second Wednesday of each month: 7:00 pm Work Session; 7:30 pm Regular Business, at the Town Hall at 74 Smales Road, Cochection, New York 12726

**Official Depositories:** Jeff Bank, Catskill Hudson Bank, and other commercial institutions for considered investments.

**Mileage Reimbursement:** .535 cents

**Official Newspaper:** The River Reporter with The Sullivan County Democrat used for special entries on a per item basis.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE:** The Supervisor, when present, shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. In his absence, the Deputy Supervisor will chair the meetings. In the absence of both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor, the other members will select a member to act as Temporary Chairperson. A majority of the Board will constitute a quorum for transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn. The names of the members present and their votes shall be entered in the minutes. The vote on every question shall be taken by ayes and nays. Every act, motion or resolution shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of a majority of all members (3) of the Town Board. Meeting Agenda to address Public Comments and Special Issues. Minutes to be available to the Town Board Members and the Public within two weeks following the Town Board meeting (§63 T.L.) (T.L. Manual 2016, §3-10 and §3-11)

The Supervisor is authorized to pay the following categories of charges prior to being audited or receiving Town Board approval: Postage, Freight, Express charges, Justice Court Distributions and Public Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, fuel oil, cable, internet and telephone) (§118 T.L.). While not covered in Section 118 T.L., prepayment of employee hospitalization bills and health trust accounts are also authorized. The Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor are also authorized to administer and report regularly to the Town Board on the use of the debit card.

Due to the necessity for the Town to function between Town Board meetings, the Supervisor is delegated the day-to-day powers and duties to supervisor and administer the Town and/or Special District functions to be performed on behalf of the Town Board (T.L. Manual 2016, §2-17) (T.L. §29 (16)).

Whenever the Supervisor calls a Special Meeting, the requirement of a written notice to each Board Member and the Town Clerk shall be waived, however, the notice must be given either in person or telephonically.

Pursuant to General Municipal Law Sections 11 and 39, the Supervisor/Fiscal Officer is authorized to deposit or invest idle monies not required for immediate expenditures in interest-bearing accounts and in accordance with Town's adopted investment policy (Paragraph X of Investment Policy).

The Supervisor is authorized to commingle fund accounts for the sole purpose of obtaining better interest rates from investments with financial institutions, providing that the funds from each account be monitored and accounted for separately.

It is the policy of the Town of Cochection to impose a \$30.00 service charge for any check or other written order that is tendered as payment to the Town and returned for insufficient funds (§85 G.M.L.).

Alternating **Audit Committees**, comprised of two Board Members each, will audit bills and claims on a three-month rotating cycle. (Councilpersons Grund and Salzberg – first and third quarters of the year; Councilpersons Story and Nearing - second and fourth quarters of the year.) Additional committees and assignments will be created as needed.

**Procurement Policy** for 2017 is adopted without changes from the 2016 policy.

**Investment Policy** – Jeff Bank collateral to \$3,200,000.00. Other institutions collateral to be determined when deposits are made in those institutions.

**Schedule of Town Fees and Related Procedures** for 2017 are adopted without changes from the 2016 schedule.

**Town Clerk** is authorized to maintain a **petty cash account** in the amount of \$50.00.

The Town Board does approve as to form, manner and execution and sufficiency of sureties, the bond (National Grange Mutual Public Employee Blanket Bond #F415046Y) which covers all Town employees in the amount of \$15,000.00 each, with an excess of \$600,000.00 for the Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector and \$250,000.00 for the Supervisor. \$100.00 deductible – cost \$703.00.

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APPOINTMENTS

POSITION TITLE	PERSONNEL	TERM-EXPIRES
Justice Court Clerk	AnnMary Hallen	12/31/2017
Deputy Supervisor	Edwin Grund	12/31/2017
Supervisor’s Bookkeeper	Darlene Dumas (Appt. by Supv.)	12/31/2017
Deputy Town Clerk	Margaret Richardson (Appt. by T.C)	12/31/2017
Independent Auditor/Accountant	Cooper Arias, LLP (contract)	12/31/2017
Budget Officer	Gary D. Maas	12/31/2017
Town Assessor	Lorry King (6 Yr.)	09/30/2019
Assessor’s Clerk	Terri Fountain	12/31/2017
Bd. Of Assess. Review – Member	Grace DePasquale (5 Yr. Term)	09/30/2019
Bd. Of Assess. Review – Member	Pauline Johnson (5 Yr. Term	09/30/2020
Bd. Of Assess Review – Member	(TBA) (5 Yr. Term)	09/30/2021
Clerk/Bd. Of Assess. Review	TBA (Appt. by B.A.R.)	12/31/2017
Attorney for the Town	Karen Mannino	Services as needed
Engineering Firm	Engineering Properties	Services as needed
Maintenance & Groundskeeper	William Boucher	12/31/2017
Dog Control Officer & Enumerator	Rosemary Barile	12/31/2017
Safety Inspector/CEO	Greg Semenetz	12/31/2017
Health Officer	Dr. Paul Salzberg (4 Yr. Term-PHL322)	12/31/2017
Registrar of Vital Statistics**	Hollye Schulman (PHL 4123)	12/31/2017
Deputy Registrar of Vit. Stat. **	Jennifer Olsen (Appointed by Registrar)	12/31/2017
Historian	K. C. Garn (Appt. by Supv.)	12/31/2017
Deputy Higway Superintendent	Charlie Keesler (Appt. by Hwy Supt)	12/31/2017
ZBA Chairman	Jerold Yavarkovsky (267-2 Tn. Law)	12/31/2017
ZBA Member (5 Yr. Term)	Jerold Yavarkovsky	12/31/2019
“ “	Brett Lockwood	12/31/2020
“ “	Michael Attianese	12/31/2021
“ “	Pamela DeMan	12/31/2017
“ “	Peter Grosser	12/31/2018
ZBA Clerk	Sharon Erdman	12/31/2017
Planning Board Chairman	Earl Bertsch (271-8 Tn. Law)	12/31/2017
Planning Bd. Member (7 Yr. T)	George Blaso	12/31/2020
“ “ “ “	Earl Bertsch	12/31/2021
“ “ “ “	Jim Crowley	12/31/2022
“ “ “ “	Neal Halloran	12/31/2023
“ “ “ “	Peter Pierce	12/31/2017
“ “ “ “	Joseph Manaseri	12/31/2018
“ “ “ “	George Walter	12/31/2019
Planning Board Clerk	Sharon Erdman (Appt. by Plan. Bd.)	12/31/2017
UDC Representative	Larry H. Richardson (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2017
UDC Alternate Representative	Sean Nearing	12/31/2017
Upper Del. Scenic Byway Rep.	Larry Richardson (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2017
Upper Del. Scenic Byway Alt. Rep.	Jerold Yavarkovsky (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2017
Wastewater Treatment Plant Oper.	Michael Walter	12/31/2017
Asst. Wastewater Plant Operator	George Walter	12/31/2017 as needed
Liaison to Cochecton Youth Commis.	Edwin Grund (Appt. by Tn. Bd.)	12/31/2017
Liaison to Planning Board	Sean Nearing	12/31/2017
Liaison to Fire Commissioners	Anna Story	12/31/2017
Rep. – Sullivan County Youth Bd.	David Blaine	12/31/2017
Cochecton Youth Commission	Sue Rodriguez	12/31/2021
“ “ “ “	Michelle Birney	12/31/2022
“ “ “ “	Eileen Hennessy	12/31/2023
“ “ “ “	David Blaine	12/31/2017
“ “ “ “	Kristin Lockwood	12/31/2018
“ “ “ “	Julie Swendson	12/31/2019
“ “ “ “	Padriac McCarthy	12/31/2020

\*\*Four-year term if other than Town Clerk (PHL 4123);  
Appointments made by The Town Board unless otherwise noted:

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TOWN OF COCHECTON  
2016 Payroll for County Certification

POSITION TITLE	PERSONNEL	SALARY	PMNT. METH.	REG. #
Councilperson	Edwin Grund	\$ 4,342.62	M	4307982-1
“ “	Anna Story	4,342.62	M	
“ “	Sean Nearing	4,342.62	M	
“ “	Paul Salzberg	4,342.62	M	
Justice	Steven Sauer	12,085.40	M	3745786-8
Adm. Justice	Steven Sauer	659.64	M	3745786-8
Justice Court Clerk	AnnMary Hallen	15.00 PH	M	6046462-5
Justice	Craig Fine	12,085.40	M	
Supervisor	Gary D. Maas	20,400.00	M	4102794-7
Supervisor’s Bookkeeper	Darlene Dumas	9,381.97	M	
Ind./Auditor/Acct.	Cooper Arias, LLP	11,700.00	By Voucher	
Tax Collector	Eileen Hennessy	5,384.07	M	4180893-2
Budget Officer	Gary D. Maas	2,561.81	A	4102794-7
Assessor	Lorry King	20,073.26	M	4042656-1
Assessor’s Clerk	Terri Fountain	4,167.69	M	
Bd. Of Assess. Review Chm.	(1)	186.64	PD	
Bd. Of Assess. Review Mem.	(2)	159.99	each PD	
BAR Clerk	Appointed by B.A.R.	201.45	A	
Town Clerk	Hollye Schulman	35,018.34	M	3942474-2
Deputy Town Clerk	Margaret Richardson	15.00 PH	M(as needed)	
Town Attorney	Karen Mannino	175.00 PH	M	
Engineering Firm	Engineering Properties PC	125.00 PH	By Voucher plus other rates	
Grounds Maint. Worker	William Boucher	15.00 PH	M	
DCO	Rosemary Barile	4,194.30	M	
Building Insp./CEO	Greg Semenetz	28,171.72	M	4123717-3
Asst. Bldg. Insp.	T B A	17.00 PH	M (as needed)	
Health Officer	Dr. Paul Salzberg	500.00	A	
Reg. of Vital Statistics	Hollye Schulman	592.24	M	3942474-2
Deputy Reg. of Vital Stat.	Jennifer Olsen	N/A	N/A	
Highway Supt.	Kevin Esselman	43,591.26	M	3941673-0
Historian	K. C. Garn	1,248.21	M	
Website Maintenance	Anna Story	720.00	M	
ZBA Chair	Jerold Yavarkovsky	300.00	A ***	
ZBA Members (4)		150.00 each	A ***	
ZBA Clerk P/T	Sharon Erdman	204.40 PM	M (follow-up\$95.92 ea.)	
Planning Bd. Chair	Earl Bertsch	300.00	A ***	
Planning Bd. Members (6)		150.00 each	A ***	
Planning Bd. Clerk P/T	Sharon Erdman (PB Apt.)	215.81 MH-107.91NM	PMW	3874533-7
UDC Rep.	Larry Richardson	1,200.00	M *	3943033-5
Waste Water Plant Operator	Michael Walter	26,508.18	M	3876332-2
W/W Operator Assistant	George Walter	15.00 PH	M	
Hwy. Dept. Working Supv.	Charlie Keesler	(\$1.50 PH above base pay)	B	
HEMO	Michael Pomes	(\$23.39) PH per contract	B	6069126-8
	Charles Keesler	(\$23.39) PH per contract	B	3469831-6
	Brian Heinle	(\$23.39) PH per contract	B	6112467-3
	Kevin Nicoletti	(\$23.39) PH per contract	B	
MEO		(\$23.00) PH per contract	B	
LABORER		(\$19.40) PH per contract	B	
SEASONAL ON-CALL		(\$17.50) PH	B	

\*Reimbursed by UDC    \*\* until new contract is agreed    \*\*\*must meet credit requirements  
CODE: (A) Annually (SA) Semi-annually    (Q) Quarterly (M) Monthly (B) Bi-Weekly (PH) Per Hour  
(PD) Per Diem (PM) Per Meeting (PMW) Per Month Worked (NA) Not Applicable (PS) PerSet-up/Session  
(MH) Meeting Held (NM) Meeting not Held

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RESOLUTION #1 – 2017

**RESOLVED**, that all appointments, salary schedule and policy positions be adopted as read. Planning Board Clerk or Substitute Clerk will be paid \$215.81 on months he/she works and a regular board meeting is held and \$107.91 when meeting is not held. ZBA Clerk or Substitute Clerk will be paid \$204.40 for the original session he/she works and \$95.92 for each follow up session. When more than one issue is before either Board, only one fee will be paid for any given month or session. In those cases when the Clerks or the Substitute Clerks share the duties, the money may be prorated as determined by the respective Board. In no case will the combined salary/fee exceed the above allocated funds for either position.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

RESOLUTION: #2 – 2017

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk place a legal notice in the official Town newspaper to state that the bills received on or after the first of the month will not be audited/paid until the following month.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

RESOLUTION #3– 2017

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk notify any newly elected officials and employees as to their right to join the New York State Retirement System. The Town Clerk will insure that all documents from newly elected officials and employees are obtained and filed. (NYS & Federal Tax withholding forms, Oath of Office, Retirement System forms, and Policies).

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

RESOLUTION: #4– 2017

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk have a legal notice printed in both *The Sullivan County Democrat* and *The River Reporter* as well as on the town website that the regular monthly meetings of the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton will be held at the Town Hall at 74 Smales Road on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. A work session will be held between 7:00pm and 7:30pm and regular business will commence at 7:30pm.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

RESOLUTION #5 – 2017

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Attorney prepare documents to execute the Town’s options to renew the lease agreement with the Cochecton Men’s Club for the use of the Little League Field in Cochecton and with the Heinle’s Field, LLC. for the use of the Little League Ball Field in Cochecton Center and with the Cochecton Volunteer Ambulance Corp. for the Solly Katzoff Memorial Park. All locations are to be used for recreational purposes.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

RESOLUTION #6 – 2017

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to pay the National Grange Mutual Fidelity Bond Insurance in the amount of \$703.00 and the Town Clerk will carry this Claim on Abstract # 1.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

RESOLUTION #7- 2017

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to pay the Town’s Annual Dues to The Association of Towns in the amount of \$800.00 and the Town Clerk will carry this Claim on Abstract # 1.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

RESOLUTION # 8 – 2017

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to pay Partners In Safety in the amount of \$234.00 per contract for drug and hearing test and the Town Clerk will carry this Claim on Abstract # 1.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

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**RESOLUTION #9 – 2017**

**RESOLVED**, that Karen Mannino is appointed as the Attorney for the Town of Cochection and is to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

**RESOLUTION #10 – 2017**

**RESOLVED**, that Engineering Properties, P.C., Inc. is appointed as the Engineer for the Town of Cochection and is to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

**RESOLUTION # 11 – 2017**

**RESOLVED**, that Earl Bertsch is appointed Chairperson of the Planning Board and said term is to expire on December 31, 2017.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

**RESOLUTION #12 – 2017**

**RESOLVED**, that Jerold Yavarkovsky is appointed Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals and said term to expire December 31, 2017.

**MOVED BY:** Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAYS**

**RESOLUTION # 13 – 2017**

**ADOPT ABOVE RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was **RESOLVED**, that resolutions #'s 1-12 are hereby adopted as read and approved by the Town Board

**ADOPTED: AYES: 5      NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas  
Councilpersons: Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

There was some discussion re: the transfer station, most likely this will be the last year for the transfer station to be operated in the Town of Cochection

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion is to adjourn this meeting. Time 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk