

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on January 8, 2014 at 7:00PM at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

(Between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for the purpose of auditing bills)

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Gregg Semenetz – CEO entered at 7:35 p.m.
Eileen Hennessy—Tax Collector
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Michael Walter – SPO

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to re-open the Public Hearing regarding the unsafe buildings on CR 116 Time 7:03 p.m. All Board members voted in favor

Supervisor Maas mentioned that the CEO Gregg Semenetz told him the property owner said he would be sending a check to cover the cost of the legal and other expenses connected to this issue by the end of the week.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion to recess this Public Hearing until the February meeting at 7:00 p.m. All board members voted in favor. Time 7:05 p.m.

Regular meeting opened at 7:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 14

APPROVE RENT FOR DOG CONTROL OFFICER FOR USE OF HER FACILITIES

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board has had a past practice of paying rent to Town Officials when using their personal property for office space or conducting the Town's business on their premises, and
WHEREAS, since the New Town Hall has eliminated the need for this except in the case of the Dog Control Officer who conducts her duties at home and maintains a dog kennel to also be used in carrying out his/her duties, and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cochection Town Board authorizes the payment of \$600.00 per year for the use of the Dog Control Officers property and that the payment will be made annually. If the Dog Control Officer leaves before completing a year it will be prorated at the rate of \$50.00 per month

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 15

OFFICIAL UNDERTAKINGS

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, Gary Maas, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been elected to the office of Supervisor of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Hollye Schulman, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been elected to the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Eileen Hennessy, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been elected to the office of Town Tax Collector of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Steven Sauer, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been elected to the office of Town Justice of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Craig Fine, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been elected to the office of Town Justice of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Kevin Esselman, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been elected to the office of the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Michelle Albrecht, of the Town of Bethel, County of Sullivan, New York, has been appointed to the office of Town Court Clerk of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Thomas Hennessy, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been appointed to the office of Town of Cochection Deputy Tax Collector, and
WHEREAS, Edwin Grund, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been appointed to the office of Town of Cochection Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Gregg Semenetz, of the Town of Callicoon, County of Sullivan, New York, has been appointed to the office of Town of Cochection Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Sharron Cardone, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been appointed to the office of Town of Cochection Planning Board Chair of the Town of Cochection, and
WHEREAS, Jerold Yavarkovsky, of the Town of Cochection, County of Sullivan, New York, has been appointed to the office of Zoning Board of Appeals Chair of the Town of Cochection, and
NOW, THEREFORE, we as respective officers above, do hereby undertake with the Town of Cochection that we will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of our office, and will promptly account for and pay over all monies or property received as a Town Officer, in accordance with the law, and
This undertaking of the Town Supervisor is further conditioned upon that he will well and
duly keep, pay over and account for all monies and property, including any special district funds, belonging to the town and coming into his hands as such Supervisor, and

RESOLUTION # 15 continues:

This undertaking of the Town Clerk is further conditioned upon that she will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all monies or and property, including any special district funds, belonging to the town and coming into her hands as such Town Clerk, and

This undertaking of the Town Tax Collector, and her Deputy Tax Collector is further conditioned that she/he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all monies and property coming into her/his hands as such Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector, and

The Town does and shall maintain insurance coverage presently with NYMIR Insurance Company in the sum of \$992,450.00 plus thru (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. For the Town Clerk to indemnify against losses through the failure of the officers, clerks and employees covered there under faithfully to perform their duties or to account properly for all monies or property received by virtue of their positions of employment, and through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by the officers, clerks and employees covered there under.

ADOPTED – AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve the minutes of December 30, 2013, and be accepted as submitted. 4 Councilperson voted in favor. Councilperson Nearing abstained as he was not present at this meeting

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve the minutes of January 3, 2014, and be accepted as submitted. All board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was to approve the bills on abstract # 1 in the following amounts.

General Account	Voucher # 1-22	\$12,740.32
Sewer Account	Voucher # 23	\$20.57
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 24	\$616.97
Highway Account	Voucher #'s 25-28	\$9,905.48

Claim #'s 19and 21 split between funds/same voucher. All voted in favor.

Note: Total General Accounts for 2013 is \$6,397.32 expenditures

Total General Accounts for 2014 is \$6,343.00 expenditures

Supervisor mentioned that the water testing for the nutrition site downstairs will be slightly higher than the \$754.00 mentioned at an earlier meeting, as more testing is needed before the nutrition site can be moved to the downstairs at 74 Smales Road location

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYS Association of Counties: will hold a meeting January 14, 2014 at the Melville Marriot, 1350 Walt Whitman Rd. Melville, NY 11747: doing business with the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation(EFC)—group rate is \$189.00 If reservations were made by December 16, 2013

NYMIR: endorsement changes to the policy is \$122.10 for the new chipper added to the policy

Catskill /Delaware Publications thanking the town for being appointed the town official newspaper for f2014

John Keating: letter stating due to personal and health concerns he is unable to request reappointment for the coming year; and does not wish to be considered in the town’s selection of an attorney for 2014. He also thanked the board members for the pleasure of having served as attorney for the Town for the past 16 years.

NYS Local Retirement System: advising of overtime caps and reporting requirements for Tier 5 and 6 members

Sullivan County Division of Public Works: Regarding Sullivan County Hauler License/user permits renewal. The Town of Cohecton does not have a Sullivan County Hauler License/User permit

DOT Local Highway and Bridge Program Payment: On December 18, 2013 , a CHIPS payment to the Town of Cohecton in the amount of \$13,788.31 was deposited via EFT into the bank account as noted on the EFT Payment Authorization Form. This is the final payment for the CHIPS program

NYMIR: advising the 20th anniversary of the licensure of the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board - Councilperson Richardson – Nothing at this time

Youth Commission – Councilperson Grund mentioned to the Town Board some of the events that will be held this year. Hockey game at West Point March 1st, tubing January 26th and ice skating February 9th. There are a lot of events scheduled for this year. They are looking to fill a vacancy.

Office of the Aging - Councilperson Grund – no meeting yet

Fire District Liaison - Councilperson Story – Fire District will meet on Monday, Jan. 13.

Website – Councilperson Story - Added Dec. 11 agenda with links to upcoming meeting page, added e-code link to the Town Laws and News alerts. Added Planning Board and Town Board minutes. Added Dec. 30th and Jan. 3rd agenda and resolutions. Added legal notices Worked 4 ¾ hrs.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

- Submitted a written report, bank information:

1. Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$100.00 UDC check

Deposited \$1,064.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$1,129.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$2,137.64 Town Clerk fees

Deposited \$1136.81 Insurance refund

Deposited \$9,576.92 Mortgage tax

Made transfers and deposits as needed

2. Activity

Calls with Cooper Arias, Karen Mannino, Jane Bloom, George Walter, Justin McElroy, Kristt Company, Eric Hector, Association of Towns, Peter Grosser

Attended Supervisors Meeting – discussed Shared Services, worked on Basement Completion, Submitted contract for UDC grant, Deliver paperwork for Cooper Arias, Filled out paperwork for Jay Powell.

CONTRACTUAL \$5,000.00

Abstract # 1 \$ 0.00 \$5,000.00

Abstract # 2

Abstract # 3

Abstract # 4

Abstract # 5

Abstract # 6

Abstract # 7

Abstract # 8

Abstract # 9

Abstract #10

Abstract #11

Abstract #12

Abstract #12A

Worked 95 ½ hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

Submitted a written report:

- Went out with cold patch
- Had repairs on the trucks
- Out plowing and sanding as needed
- Received the chipper on the 23rd
- Diesel: 1,725.2 gals. Delivered / used 1,368 gals.
- Gas: No deliveries /used 165 gals
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance is \$233.63

Would like to purchase a pickup truck off of State Bid –last year they went for approx. \$23,000.00 – he would only take it out of his own contractual. Gave an example where a 2011 pickup sold for \$20,500 on the auction site –just about what was paid for it. He would like a crew cab as sometimes the men need to go someplace together. This was discussed Last week he was down a truck –one small plow truck, he used his own truck to plow the parking lot.

Highway Superintendent also had the Highway Agreement to spend town capital monies for the board to approve and sign. Councilperson Richardson asked about how long the tar and chip would last; HWY Superintendent said it extends the life of the blacktop approx 2 -3 years. State considers this a capital improvement.

RESOLUTION # 16

ACCEPT HIGHWAY AGREEMENT AS SUBMITTED BY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was to accept the Highway agreement as submitted by the Highway Superintendent.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

HWY Superintendent also wanted to purchase outside light by the gas pumps. And a portable generator CEO said the size would depend upon disconnect and wattage . HWY Superintendent needs to get quotes for the board to review. He also wants to sign the HWY workers up for annual physicals with Partners in Safety. They are all CDL holders.

Attorney asked how this would work with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. If someone doesn't pass the physical the Town would have no recourse.

Councilperson Richardson asked the HWY Superintendent to search out what other towns have done about this issue

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report; \$1,147.15 collected fees for December 2013
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- Attended the OSTCA meeting in the Town of Thompson on December 4th discussed the election and all newly elected and re-elected town clerks were sworn in by the Sullivan County and Orange County Clerks
- Legal notice was sent to The River Reporter for the re-org meeting and also to the Sullivan County Democrat for the re-org and the vendor notice
- UDC check # 3456 in the amount of \$100.00 received 12/23//2013 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I issued 2 temporary handicapped parking permit
- Helped Dee with some information on vouchers from abstract # 12and 12-A
- Answered questions regarding the Basic Star program, when the assessor and clerk were not in the office
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I have received telephone calls for the Tax Collector, Assessor, CEO, Bookkeeper and Justice Court, and several questions about the STAR program. Told them they could register on line at the State website.
- Worked a total of 127 ¾ hours
- Contractual balance: \$ 3,883.48 for 2013

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked 80 hours, traveled 663 miles, issued 4 building permits, no renewals
- 1 C of O's issued, 6 municipal search letters
- 1 Notice of disapproval
- No appearance tickets
- Revenues \$800.00, Expenses \$664.65
- Contractual Balance: \$281.71 for 2013

Pines property sold and demo being worked on, wires clipped and permits are in place. Had a couple of complaints against me 1 from the property owner on State Route 52, thinks I'm too aggressive with the violations re: the removal of garbage from the property. 2 Property owner on State Route 17B with a woodstove issue thinks I'm unqualified and I can't tell him what to do, asked me to leave his property. Building permits are quiet now. Unsafe structures on Stony Road and 2 trailers on New Turnpike yet to be taken care of. If anyone on the board sees others please let him know

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

Submitted a written report:

- Review of Share Service Agreement/email
- Draft Contract (Michael Walter) /email
- Board meeting
- Edit Contract/email
- Board meeting

Worked on leases, she will fix language on the three leases.

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

Submitted a written report:

- 2013 balance in checkbook \$0.28
- Credit Card Test \$1.00
- 2014 deposits \$29,603.81, Total \$29,605.09
- Worked a total of 11 hours in December
- Contractual balance: \$1,977.57

Power Pay payments can be made by credit card. Allan Tunnel only wanted the full amount paid with the credit card but working on allowing payments.

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present

Submitted a written report:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Data Collection project
2. Most of the issues with RPS software have been resolved, however we are still awaiting the install of the photos of the data collection project & the scans
3. All Basic Star taxpayers have until December 31st to sign up. I am making telephone calls to taxpayers who have over looked the letters that came from the State

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax bills are coming!

Hours worked Assessor: 30 1/4 hours, Clerk 39 ¾ hours

Data Collection Project

Dec. Terri 34 hours \$428.40

Linda 31 ½ hours \$401.94

Total spent \$830.34 Balance \$12,595.96

PLANNING BOARD: (Sharron Cardone) not present

Submitted a written report

- Meeting was opened by me at 7:30 - members present were – Earl Bertsch, George Walters, Joe Manaseri and myself. George Blaso, Neal Halloran and Jim Crowley were not in attendance.
- Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT continues:

- Correspondence – read letter from Sullivan partnership and the division of planning regarding a presentation to be held January 15th at Bernie's Holiday restaurant- this is a training event about the State Environmental Quality review (SEQR) basics and recent changes. Also presentation by Upper Delaware Council on Project review in the Upper Delaware River Corridor. Presentation is from 5PM to 9:30 PM. Contact Michele K. Resnick at 794-1110 if interested in attending. Need to contact her by 1/10/14.
- OLD BUSINESS – None
- NEW BUSINESS – None
- OTHER BUSINESS – zoning review – we discussed the definition of an RV Park as one of board members asked if we heard anything regarding an RV Park being built in our area.
- No other business was discussed and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 55,380 gallons per day for month of December
- Obtained 99.7% C.B.O.D. and 97.2 % T.S.S. removal for December
- Spent a total of 76 hours attending to sewer district affairs in December
- Expenditures: \$1,850.30
- Contractual balance \$1,096.15

Everything quiet and running smoothly had a 150 thousand gallons flow the day it rained

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted written report of her contractual balance, which is \$2,469.25 for 2013

Worked 6 hours in December

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

No report submitted

Contractual Balance: Not reported at this time

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

There was no meeting due to the weather.

TOWN BOARD:**(Councilperson Story)**

Nothing to report at this time

(Councilperson Grund)

Nothing to report at this time

(Councilperson Richardson)

Nothing to report at this time

(Councilperson Nearing)

Nothing to report at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement completion: Just need the water and well tested
2. Unsafe Buildings: discussed earlier
3. Internet Security: Completed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Unsafe Buildings: Discussed earlier
2. Shared Services: Discussed earlier
3. Well Testing: being worked on

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Attianese Pinewood Road, asked about cable for his road, was told the town hasn't had any information regarding where the cable company will be putting in cable this year

Councilperson Grund asked about what the policy will be for the use of the basement when it is finished. The clubs that meet at the Old Town Hall will meet in the New Town Hall basement, and there will be more discussion regarding this issue at the next Town Board meeting

CEO stated the water needs to be good before anyone is allowed to use the basement meeting room

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this meeting. Time 8:30 p.m. All voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk