

A recessed meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on January 23, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:25 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Richard Schulman
Councilperson Anna Story

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman –Town Clerk
John J. Keating --Attorney

Reason for the recessed meeting was to conduct interviews for the position of Data Collector, and ZBA members. Also the board received information from the Attorney regarding Article 78 which is pending

Between 6:30 and 7:25 interviews were conducted first with applicants for the data collector position Supervisor read the qualifications and responsibilities required for the position.

The first applicant was Linda Keesler. The board members had some questions for the applicant

The second applicant was Terri Fountain. The board members also had some questions for her.

The position could start early in February. Applicants will be notified within the next several days as to whether they were appointed to the position

At 7:00 PM interviews for the positions that are vacant on the Zoning Board of Appeals were conducted, Questions and answers were from both the board members and the applicants. Councilperson Richardson explained that there is a State requirement that Zoning Board members take 4 hours of training each year, if more hours are taken they can be banked toward the next year.

The first applicant was Adam Weinreich and the second applicant was Peter Grosser. All questions were answered, and both men wanted to give back something to the community.

At 7:25 PM the recessed meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag by the Supervisor.

There are two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals one from Joseph Wagner and one from Darryl Brasseale

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to appoint Adam Weinreich to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Wagner until December 31, 2015 and to appoint Peter Grosser to the unexpired term of Darryl Brasseale until December 31, 2013. All voted in favor

The Data Collector position was discussed. There was a roll call vote taken and is as follows.

Councilperson Story -- Terri Fountain
Councilperson Grund -- Terri Fountain
Councilperson Schulman -- Terri Fountain
Councilperson Richardson – Linda Keesler
Supervisor Maas – Terri Fountain

RESOLUTION # 18

ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following resolution was,

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection, with the assistance from Barton & Loguidice, P.C., has gathered information and prepared the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Sullivan County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Sullivan County, New York has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201; and

WHEREAS, Title 44 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 201.6(c)(5) requires each local government participating in the preparation of a multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Plan or Plan Update to accept and adopt such plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection, has reviewed the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, has found the document to be acceptable, and as a local unit of government, has afforded its citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input regarding the Plan Update and the actions in the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection, will consider the Sullivan County Hazard Mitigation Plan during the implementation and updating of local planning mechanisms, and will incorporate the hazard assessment data, hazard vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions in these mechanisms, where applicable;

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection, has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cochection, as a participating jurisdiction, adopts the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Sullivan County, New York, dated October 2012, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

RESOLUTION # 19

CORRECTION TO ABSTRACT # 1

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, there were several errors in addition on abstract # 1 in the General Fund the amount listed was \$4,456.34 when in fact it should be \$4,690.34 to correct the General Funds, and

WHEREAS, there was also an error on the Highway Fund as the amount listed was \$8,260.67 when in fact it should have been \$8,277.96 to correct the Highway Funds, therefore correcting the abstract for both the General Funds and Highway Funds

ADOPTED: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve the minutes of January 9, 2013 and be accepted as submitted. All voted in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sandy Hookers Triathlon Club Event –Split Second Racing – This race will be held on May 4, 2013 and run through three towns –Bethel, Cochection and Tusten. They are asking permission to hold a portion of the race in the Town of Cochection. They will provide insurance and paid safety police. Hopefully this event will take place every year.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract for the Sandy Hookers Triathlon Club and Split Second Racing to hold a portion of their event in the Town of Cochection. All voted in favor

2. Fuel Management – It will cost approximately \$6,000.00 - \$6,500.00 to purchase the equipment and approximately \$1,200.00 - \$ 1,500.00 for installation. The system can keep track of fuel used in each vehicle, mower and other town owned equipment. The system may be able to be purchased off state bid. Several other towns are using this system. This system can help track the usage and keep a better record of what it cost the town to run the highway department. It could possibly be utilized by other entities in the town as well. Councilperson Richardson asked if utilized by other entities could the town add a certain fee per gallon to recoup some of the cost. It is possible to add approximately 5 cents per gallon. It is worth looking into the fuel management system.
3. Front doors -- New Town Hall –Supervisor has called Sullivan County Glass to see what kind of quote the town could get to fix the moisture problem. Waiting for the quote.
4. Article 78 – received one bill for \$200.00 for work in December.

Town Board wants to speak to the Assessor re: the data Collector position being a contacted or employee position. This was discussed. The Board wants input from the Assessor and the Attorney as to which way to handle this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christopher Warner, Cochection Estates, mentioned he was invited to this area in February 2012 and fell in love with the area, has since purchased property and wants to build a home. Gas drilling an issue he is not against or for it, but if it can be done safely he would be OK with it.

Holly Dang, Cochection Estates, Fracking is in our face and the benefits don't outweigh the cost. Wants to raise a family here, would not want to if gas drilling comes here

No one else wished to comment.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time: 8:14 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk