

A recessed meeting of the Town of Cohecton was held on January 26, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Cohecton Town Hall with the following members present:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:08PM.

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
Gregg Semenetz –CEO

Reason for recessed meeting to discuss the unsafe building on State Route 52 in Lake Huntington, NY.

RESOLUTION: # 16

CORRECTION TO ABSTRACT # 1

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, due to a coding error on abstract # 1, Line H 1620.402 (Capital Account Town Hall) in the amount of \$1,181.25 should have been in Line A 1620.402 (Contractual New Town Hall) thereby making the Capital Account Town Hall read \$0.00, and

WHEREAS, there was an additional error in mileage reported at the wrong rate of reimbursement making a reduction in the General Funds of \$3.06 due to the error, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that to correct the General Funds by adding the \$1,181.25 and subtracting the \$3.06 the General Funds should now read \$7,614.14 correcting the errors

ADOPTED: AYES; 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

Attorney gave copies of the leases for the two ball fields to the Supervisor to be signed.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to authorize the Supervisor to sign the lease agreements for both ball fields, Douglas Heinle and the Cohecton Men's Club, to lease the ball fields for FY 2011 for recreational purposes. All voted in favor

CEO and Town Board members discussed the unsafe building on State Route 52 in Lake Huntington. The CEO and the Attorney suggested the board accept the lowest bid for the removal of the building, but will give the property owners some additional time –weather has been a factor –if the CEO is not satisfied with the project by the February 9, 2011 meeting. He will advise the town to move forward within one week (February 16, 2011) to remove the structure.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to accept the bid submitted by J. Hughson Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$6,200.00 for the removal of the unsafe structure on State Route 52 in Lake Huntington; with the above stated stipulations. All voted in favor

CEO spoke to Mike Popolillo from American Electric, and he will need a change of work order, as the wires specified in the original plans are reversed, where they had # 6 wire it should be # 12 wire and where they had # 12 wire it should be # 6 wire.

Councilperson Richardson suggested the Town Board document everything that was wrong with the plans from the Engineering firm.

New Town Hall –Electric Company completed hookup.

The Justices have decided on a clerk for the Justice Court, from the three names submitted and based on the interviews they have picked Elaine H. Loewe to fill the position; and have asked the Town Board to appoint her as their Court Clerk.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to appoint Elaine H. Loewe to the position of Town of Cohecton Justice Court Clerk as requested by the Justices. All voted in favor.

At this time the Town Board held a discussion re: the color of the shutters for the New Town Hall. After some discussion it was decided that the shutters would be burgundy.

Supervisor Maas is having 3 different companies giving him quotes to supply the telephone service for the New Town Hall. It has been suggested that there is a need to at least double up on the wiring. Bedik Communications, Inc. gave a quote of \$2,750.00 for 15 additional voice and/or data drops as a ball park figure. For the telephone system with automated attendant/voice mail and ten (10) telephones in the following locations: CEO/Building Inspector, Supervisor, Bookkeeper, DCO/Tax Collector, Assessor, Planning Board, Kitchen/Conference Room, Town clerk, Court clerk and lower level, the cost of such a system would be \$3,975.00. This system is built to

accommodate up to 8 lines and 16 telephones allowing plenty of room for future changes and/or expansion. The total cost in the proposal is \$6,725.00.

Supervisor mentioned that Superior said the same thing about the wiring, had a quote of \$1,650.00 for wiring and \$110.00 per line for the system for a total price of \$5,321.79.

Supervisor is meeting with Universal Communication tomorrow and should have a quote by Friday for consideration.

The web designer has submitted a bill in the amount of \$1,925.00 to begin to develop the website as per her contract. Plus \$102.00 for the URL's for one year; for a total of \$2,027.00.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to authorize the Supervisor to prepay W Design the \$2,027.00 to move the project forward.

Old Business:

1. New Town Hall latest update—discussed earlier
2. Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update (Shepstone) -- he did not send Dave Soete the information and he has stated he will have a reasonable amount of the new Zoning Law printed.
3. Town Web Site -- The Town Board members went over the different pages that Councilperson Story made for the proposed website as requested by the Supervisor, as to what the town would like on the different departments and other information for the web site. There were some changes made and Councilperson Story will make the changes/corrections and forward them to the Supervisor who in turn will advise Dorene Warner the web designer.
4. New Town Hall Furnishings –Blinds, refrigerator, microwave –this will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Public Hearing – Zoning Laws – need to wait until we have all the information before setting a Public Hearing
6. Phone service for the New Town Hall –discussed earlier

New Business:

1. Lumberland resolution # 150—will be on agenda for next time
2. Brian DuBois Highway Superintendent –truck # 22 has a broken rear; it will cost approx. \$4,000.00 to repair it. The truck is presently at Palmer & Sons to be repaired.

Councilperson Richardson mentioned that there will be Public Hearings on Feb. 22 from 6-9 or 9:30 p.m. at Liberty High School to present draft regulations for gas drilling if anyone wishes to attend.

Supervisor Maas mentioned that the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is looking for a name for the Pride of Sullivan County for the Town of Cochection, and asked the Town Board to put forth some names for consideration.

The Supervisor also had a hard copy of the MMTF road use agreements.

RESOLUTION # 26

OFFICIAL UNDERTAKINGS

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, 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, Brian DuBois, 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, Elaine H. Loewe, 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 Cochection, 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 # 26 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, Schulman and Story

MOTION: TO AJOURN

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this recessed Town Board meeting. All in favor. Time 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk
