

A recessed meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on April 24, 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 6:30 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent Karen Mannino – Acting Attorney
Lorry King --Assessor

Reason for the recessed meeting was to discuss language changes for codification of Town of Cochection Local Laws. Also, to discuss with the Highway Superintendent a chipper and FEMA money

Highway Superintendent would like to place a legal notice for a Morbark 18 RX chipper it would do the job without too much failure, would last 30 + years. Cost is \$54,600.00 due to the upgrade from 3 tier to 4 tier engine. Right now it cost \$1,400.00 per week to rent a chipper, and it would save the town money over the long run

Councilperson Schulman stated he knows all about rentals, and how expensive it can be

Highway Superintendent said the one he is looking at has a 18" throat, but can take 15" logs. The chipper could fit under the Old Town Hall and would be out of the weather. The highway dept. received from FEMA \$60,000.00 for repairs from hurricane Irene, \$6,000.00 for pipe scrap \$1,200.00 and surplus equip. \$6,300.00

Councilperson Schulman said he could see a 12" chipper -- that is what the Town of Delaware has.

Highway Superintendent said the Town of Delaware has more men to work with

Councilperson Story asked the Highway Superintendent to explain the Morbark RX chipper. He said it has an 18" throat, but can fit 15" logs

Highway Superintendent said a year ago he came before the board and ask for a new truck , --that truck saved 2 ½ hours when plowing, and saved 1 hour when sanding, never needed chains which cost \$175.00. The other trucks went thru 4 sets of chains

Councilperson Richardson 12" chipper for a town our size would be enough

Highway Superintendent said the cost has gone up from 2012 to 2013 by \$6,000.00

Councilperson Richardson could vote for a 12" chipper tonight, just because the money is there does not mean you have to spend it

Councilperson Grund if the town purchased a 12" chipper, they would most likely wish they had purchased a larger one

Councilperson Story rented a chipper last fall, and knows what the chipper can handle.

Delaware has a 6" chipper

Highway Superintendent 12" trees have a 20' top, and it takes more time for the men to cut the branches. He has rented 12", 15" and 18" chippers. There was an 18" chipper that cost less but was made from cheaper materials

Supervisor Maas would defer to the highway Superintendent. Highway Superintendent stated the 18" chipper would save time and money. He could stockpile the chips.

Acting Attorney Mannino can give away -- did not see an issue as there is no value

Councilperson Schulman said blow downs are not an every day occurrence

Highway Superintendent said there are a lot of beech trees on some roads that need to come down.

Councilperson Grund said the trees along Haas Road need to be cut, and he drives on that road nearly everyday

RESOLUTION # 41

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO BE ALLOWED TO PLACE BID FOR MORBARK 18" CHIPPER

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was, WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent would like to place a bid for a Morbark 18 RX chipper, to assist the highway department in doing its job more efficiently, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is hereby allowed to place a legal notice in The River Reporter for the Morbark 18 RX chipper

ADOPTED: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 2 Councilpersons Richardson and Schulman
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Grund, and Story

Highway Superintendent mentioned he has received FEMA money for Cross Road repairs in the amount of \$2,320.01

Supervisor has received FEMA money for sewer and highway

Highway Superintendent would like to replenish DA 5112.410 (Capital Outlay – Town Funds)

Councilperson Richardson asked that this request be run by the Accounts. Fund extra money from FEMA if this is proper

Highway Superintendent would like to purchase a load of crusher run to be used at the Route 97 pull-off and spread it; before the new bid comes in, as the price may go up

Councilperson Richardson said the Route 97 pull-off property should be marked (the physical property.) Highway Superintendent stated the width is marked but not the depth.

Assessor Lorry King - Update on Data Collection. Terri Fountain (Data Collection field officer) has the record cards from sections 1-24 updated and ready to work with in the field. Letters are stuffed, stamped and ready to be mailed. She will work sections in a manner that will be cost effective for mileage

Councilperson Richardson asked the Assessor to read the letter that is going to be sent out. She did read the letter and there was some discussion regarding the language. Some language was changed. The letters will be sent out by sections. Assessor explained the property record cards which will be used to make any updates; along with a cover letter with the code which will show the change and history of the parcel

Supervisor would like to know what % of response is. Assessor will meet with Councilperson Story for information to be put on the web-site. Town Board would like another update in June from the Assessor

Susan Zieres – 5K event: Not present, no other information available – not sure if the event will take place

Councilperson Anna Story—Litter Pluck –she has made phone calls to all that participated in litter pluck last year, has had very little response. It is always the same people doing the work, not much cooperation from the community. She will do CR 116 and part of State Route 97 to the underpass Jerold mentioned to Councilperson Story that perhaps the Youth Group could get involved. Councilperson Grund, most parents don't want their children to pick up what is on the road side. Councilperson Story thought perhaps she would reach out to the SWCS district, senior Government Class has to do community service. Litter pluck is from April 27th thru May 5th, but you can pick up anytime. The workers at the transfer station have a sign in sheet which asks for your name and the number of trash bags collected.

Assessor needs additional envelopes for the data collection process. She would like to order 400 envelopes

RESOLUTION # 42

ASSESSOR ALLOWED TO PURCHASE ENVELOPES FOR DATA COLLECTION

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Assessor is in need of additional envelopes for the Data Collection projects, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assessor is hereby authorized to purchase envelopes needed to complete the Data Collection project

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

WORK SHOP: Codification of Local Laws—suggestions from Acting Attorney Karen Mannino, and from Engineer Ross Winglovitz. Town Board discussed language changes as presented by the Acting Attorney and also language suggested by the engineer. With all the changes suggested and changes; which will take a good amount of time. It was suggested to have the Acting Attorney rewrite the changes to the Fee Schedule

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to have the Acting Attorney address the fees for the Fee Schedule. All voted in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion –maintenance man has a good half painted, still need ceiling tiles, walls need to be insulated and sheet rocked etc.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUES:

2. Unsafe Buildings –Gasko 4 story chicken coop has been removed
3. Codify Local Laws – Tag Grant – discussed earlier
4. Building for Sewer Dept. – pending, may need to build something different
5. Article 78 – completed
6. Re-levy—Lennox Bailey--pending

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Computer server security – pending
2. Attorney for Traffic Court – in place
3. Heat Pump for Court Room – Quote for repair from Don Bellotti

RESOLUTION # 43

ACCEPT QUOTE FROM DON BELLOTI FOR REPAIR TO HEAT PUMP

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
 WHEREAS, the heat pump in the Court Room is not working and is in need of repair, and
 WHEREAS, Don Bellotti has presented a quote in the amount of \$7,000.00 to do the work, and he is the person that installed it in the first place, and
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the quote presented by Don Bellotti for the emergency repair of the heat pump for the court room is hereby accepted as presented with several inspections during the summer months

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Richardson abstained
 Supervisor Maas
 Councilpersons Grund, Schulman and Story

4. Clean up Days: discussed earlier
5. Abstract – Health Insurance --deductibles –Supervisor explained what this was about

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one present wished to comment

Supervisor advised that the cell tower on Muller Road may have an additional carrier. There is a \$300.00 fee for additional carriers, and the Code Enforcement Officer will do an inspection in conjunction with additional carriers (which may be Verizon). The tower has been operational for approx. 2 weeks.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time: 8:58 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk