

RECESSED MEETING, TOWN BOARD, APRIL 1, 2011 GRAND OPENING

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A recessed meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on November April 1, 2011 at 6:00PM at the New Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 6:10PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk	Brian DuBois –Highway Superintendent
Gregg Semenetz - CEO	K.C. Garn - Historian
Lorry King --Assessor	Eileen Hennessy –Tax Collector
Rosemary Barile –DCO	George Walter --SPO

Meeting was held in the Meeting Room/Court Room in the New Town Hall located at 74 Smales Road, Lake Huntington and it was also the Grand Opening of the new building.

Supervisor Maas briefly went over how we got to the new town hall. Former Supervisor Jean McCoach started the fund and future Supervisor and boards continued to put money in the Capital Building Fund for this project; they were Former Supervisor Robert Grund, Former Supervisor Ralph Calkin, and Former Supervisor Salvatore Indelicato, during his terms put the most money in the Capital Building Fund toward this project. The current Town Board moved forward; Supervisor Maas and Councilperson Grund visited many other town halls. as well as the current board members to bring this project to fruition.

Supervisor Maas also thanked the Architect – Phil Higby, Engineer - Ross Winglovitz (a local boy), Gregg Semenetz – Clerk of the Works, Highway Superintendent Brian DuBois and his men for doing the site work, which saved the town a lot of money. He also thanked Sal Indelicato, Sullivan County Paving/John Bernas for the use of equipment. Justin McElroy – General Contractor. The first move was on March 10, 2011 and the Assessor, Town Clerk and Supervisor were moved in and the Code Enforcement Officer moved in later, as well as the bookkeeper, the other boards and department will also be moving in shortly.

Supervisor Maas explained that the furnishings for the meeting room/court room were purchased from a Judicial Grant, as well as the Judges chambers with a safe new desk, and bookshelves as well as a new copy machine and flag. Some furnishings were purchased new or used, and some were original furnishings from some of the offices.

Councilperson Richardson presented Supervisor Maas with a gavel on behalf of the board members and officers which will be passed to future Supervisors. Pictures were taken, and the meeting was recessed at 6:20PM, to be reconvened later in the evening; so community members have a chance to tour the new building.

Meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

Supervisor mentioned that a check in the amount of \$6,200.00 was received from the property owners for the unsafe building the town had removed. The Town only had \$5,000.00 in the unsafe building fund and this check will be accepted as revenue to replenish the line. Money was also received for the Justice Grant which was used as explained earlier to purchase furnishings for the new town hall.

Landscaping for the new town hall was discussed and will be taken up at a later date, Councilperson Grund has some ideas and plans that may make the grounds easier to maintain.

Supervisor Maas mentioned that money may need to be moved into the Capital Account, as there are still bills to be paid – phone, the remaining money due the contactor etc.

Councilperson Story said it was a great turnout for the grand opening, and asked the Highway Superintendent to thank his workers and give them our appreciation for all they did to help this become a reality.

Supervisor Maas asked the Highway Superintendent about the truck issue. Highway Superintendent would like to put out to bid as opposed to State bid to see if he can get a better deal.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following motion was to allow the Highway Superintendent to have the Town clerk place a legal notice for truck bid. All voted in favor.

Councilperson Richardson asked about the one ton truck, Highway Superintendent said the truck he is looking for is a little bigger than the one ton. Highway superintendent is looking for a Dodge or Ford truck which is heavier.

Supervisor asked about the overhead door at the highway garage. Highway Superintendent said he had the door repaired in January when the bottom came apart, and was told at that time he needed a new door, and he just had it repaired again, the door has a bent rail and does not close properly, and he was told again, he needs a new door. The door that needs replacement is 24 years old.

Highway Supervisor had three quotes for a replacement door. There were two quotes from Sullivan Overhead Doors one was for \$2,075.00 and one was for \$2,700.00. The other quote was from Forgatch in the amount of \$2,100.00.

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MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the overhead door from Sullivan Overhead Doors for the quoted price of \$2,075.00. All voted in favor.

Town Board members were asked if they had anything to add. Councilperson Schulman had nothing to add, Councilperson Richardson mentioned the Website, and we should use the e-mail addresses Dorene has for us. He also said there were two big bags of garbage at the end of his road. He went through it and found a name, which he turned over to the DEC (they take dumping of garbage very seriously). The DEC issued the person a violation which starts at \$1,500.00. Councilperson Richardson also mentioned that Judge Sauer would like the town to consider having a community service contract, as now if he had to sentence someone to community service they need to go to Liberty or Fallsburg. Councilperson Story mentioned she and her son picked four large bags of garbage from County Road 116 already. She will also be getting bags for Litter Pluck to hand out to whoever will be picking litter. Councilperson Grund mentioned that he has spent approx. \$800.00 on the new debit card.

The issue of the pull off on State Route 97 is state owned land, Dean Smith will be sending a map w/ a drawing of how much room we are talking about, and they need details. He has faxed permits to the Supervisor. Councilperson Richardson explained what was being discussed (sign for along the Scenic Byway. All towns need to erect a sign.

Supervisor has called Tom Shepstone re: changes to the website, and so far he has not done the changes requested.

During the open house Councilperson Richardson was asked to consider additional zoning regulations re: gas drilling; he explained that the Town Board in not going to ban gas drilling, parts could possibly be regulated. The Town has filed for the last extension, this Zoning change was started two years ago, and if the Town doesn't use the \$4,000.00 appropriated toward the changes in the Zoning we will lose the money.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following motion was to adjourn this recessed meeting. Time 8:28 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk
