

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on April 13, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Cochecton 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 7:53 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk                      Lorry King –Assessor  
Brian DuBois – Highway Superintendent                      Gregg Semenetz – CEO  
Eileen Hennessy –Tax Collector                      Sharron Cardone –Planning Board Chair entered at 8:00pm

During the work session the Town Board members interviewed the applicants for the Maintenance/cleaning position.

The following persons were interviewed, Joseph Wagner, William Boucher, Linda Schwartz, Victor Castro and Mary Psaurdakis. Most were willing to do both cleaning and outside maintenance. They were all told how much the job pays \$12.00 per hour; hours need to be reported to the Supervisor. The hours have not at this time been set, could be more in the beginning and less later on. Only one person stated they were not interested in doing the outside work. One was looking for a full time job, one has a flexible schedule. All applicants had good qualifications. There was another applicant, Xhemile Lushaj, but she could not be here this evening, her daughter came on her behalf. She was only interested in doing the cleaning. The board will make a decision later.

Supervisor Maas opened the regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:54 pm

**RESOLUTION #23**

**COCHECTON TOWN BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE UDRB'S DRAFT REGULATIONS**

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

WHEREAS, the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and

WHEREAS, a large part of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is contained within the boundaries of the Town of Cochecton, and

WHEREAS, the 1986 River Management Plan was written to protect and enhance this national treasure, and

WHEREAS, the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) is a non-profit organization charged with the coordinated implementation of the River Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Upper Delaware Council has reviewed the Delaware River Basin Commission's (DRBC) Draft Natural Gas Development Regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board has also reviewed the DRBC's draft regulations as well as the written comments submitted by the UDC in correspondence dated March 3, 2011 and found the comments to be just and appropriate, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton does hereby strongly support the UDC comments and consider them as our own

**ADOPTED: AYES: 5                      NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

Councilperson Richardson mentioned that the cover letter needs to be included. The resolution will need to be sent overnight, as it needs to be there by April 15, 2011.

**RESOLUTION # 24**

**COCHECTON TOWN BOARD PUT \$5,000.00 INTO LINE A 3650.400**

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board when adopting the 2011 budget only budgeted \$5,000.00 in line A 3650.400 (Demolition/Unsafe Building Contractual), and

WHEREAS an unsafe building was demolished on Route 52 in Lake Huntington and the cost was \$6,200.00, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 1990.400 (Contingency Account) in the amount of \$1,200.00 be transferred to line A 3650.400 (Demolition/Unsafe Building Contractual), so that line A 3650.400 shows \$6,200.00 and line A 1990.400 shows \$13,800.00

**ADOPTED: AYES: 5                      NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

**RESOLUTION # 25**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY OFFERED COCHECTON RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF TRASH**

On motion of Councilperson Schulman, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was, WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan has offered the Town of Cochecton an opportunity to allow its residents to dispose of trash and other permitted waste, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton is allowed 10.50 tons of trash without any tipping charges, and the Town will pay \$76.00 per ton for that solid waste delivered in excess of its allotment ,and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton agrees to the terms set forth in the Municipal Agreement, therefore

**RESOLUTION # 25 continues:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the agreement with the County of Sullivan and inform the County of Sullivan that May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 will be the days that the Town of Cochecton has set aside as its cleanup days and that trash will be delivered to the County Landfill as soon as possible thereafter

**ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

**RESOLUTION # 26****NYS JUDICIAL COURT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town board when adopting the 2011 budget was unaware that it would receive a grant from the NYS Judicial Court Administration Program (JCAP) for the purchase of equipment, furniture and robes, and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 1110.400 (Town Justices Equipment) increased by \$18,577.00 for the expenditure side of the grant and for the revenue side budget line A 2189.00 (NYS JCAP GRANT) reads \$18,577.00

**ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

**RESOLUTION # 27****DEMOLITION/UNSAFE BUILDING CONTRACTUAL**

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

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board when adopting the 2011 budget it was not anticipated to receive revenue for charges in demolition of an unsafe building and,

WHEREAS, and unsafe building was demolished on Route 52 in Lake Huntington and the cost was \$6,200.00, and

WHEREAS, the town notified and billed the owners for the demolition, and

WHEREAS, the town has received payment, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 1570.000 charges for Demolition of unsafe building be added to the budget for 2011, and the payment will be entered in that line.

**ADOPTED: AYES: 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 March 9, 2011 and April 1, 2011 and be accepted as submitted. All voted in favor.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Schulman the following motion was to approve for payment the bills on abstract # 4 in the following amounts.

General Account	Voucher # 141-189	\$38,289.62
Capital Town Hall Account	Voucher # 190	\$42,775.00
Sewer Account	Voucher # 191-194	\$2,332.27
Lighting District	Voucher # 195	\$1,121.01
Highway Account	Voucher # 196-208	\$23,730.47

Voucher #'s 143, 148, 168, 182, 183 and 187 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.

Voucher #'s 141-154 are noted as PREPAID on 3/10/11, 3/15/11, 3/21/11 and 3/29/11. All voted in favor

Councilperson Richardson asked the Highway Superintendent about the bill from John H. Eschenberg Inc. the Highway Superintendent said that bill was for chainsaws; one needed a new bar, one a new clutch and other repairs, but the bill was for a total of four chainsaws.

Councilperson Schulman stated that he mentioned to Highway Superintendent DuBois before about Christopher Darling's business located just off Route 17B where Reddy Trucking used to be located. They charge \$75.00 per hour as does Palmer's. Councilperson Schulman also just heard that when Palmer's can't fix something they call Christopher to do the job. Roche's charge \$120.00 per hour; and when your spending tax payer money you need to be prudent.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter on how to respond if the Census is challenged

Time Warner Cable – notice channel changes

Sullivan County Action will be holding a meeting on April 29, 2011 in the legislative room at 10:00 a.m. re:

Advocate matters

NYSE&G – new person assigned to take care of the town's electric accounts

Attended Supervisor's meeting where he was given a map that showed the mobile coverage area for our town which was colored in orange

Letter from Joseph Manaseri, re: the park the Ambulance Corp. is making and asking that the town waive the driveway permit fee, and also asked if the town would be willing to put the park property on their insurance policy.

Councilperson Richardson said he did not see why the driveway fee could not be waived, but didn't want the town to be responsible for the insurance unless it was set up the way the two ball fields are.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following motion was that the town agrees to waive the driveway permit fee for the Ambulance Corp proposed park. All voted in favor.

Joseph Manaseri also mentioned that his daughter received a grant from Sullivan Renaissance for the Garden Projects in Category B which is \$1,500 plus \$250.00 in flower dollars (with support from Thunder 102) for the Ambulance Corp. park project. This grant will be awarded tomorrow night.

UDC grant money received for the town hall parking lot lights

Ed Krause sent a letter congratulating the town on the impressive building. The tribute to Sal for his efforts was very moving

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jane Roth, voiced her concerns re: gas drilling and the damage that will be done to roads, fracking requires a lot of water and 60 to 70% that comes back to the surface needs to be trucked off site, and the 8,000 -14,000 gallons per truck load per well will be doubled.

Supervisor said a group of towns have been addressing the concerns re: road damage thru the MMTF and they having been working on this issue for more than 2 years with engineers and lawyers. There will be a trigger mechanism in place, and the drilling companies will be responsible for any damage to the town roads.

Jane Roth asked about road use does the MMTF regulate how much traffic will be allowed. Councilperson Richardson explained what the MMTF has worked toward

Grace Van Hulsteyn wanted to know if they could put a limitation on traffic. Councilperson Richardson explained that the applicant can not move forward until an agreement is in place they can not do anything. They can't tell the company how often they can move trucks or how many trucks can be used in the operation. Grace would like to float a moratorium with possible zoning changes. Most likely sometime in June the DEC will be ready. Councilperson Richardson said more likely the end of summer or later before anything gets started.

No one else wished to comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund – monthly meeting was April 5, 2011; they went to the movies and there was a good turn out. There will be horseback riding held at Bridle Hill Farm Horse Station on Saturday May 21, with a rain date of May 22, time will be 12:00 - ????. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a car wash, bake sale and ?????

Office of The Aging: Councilperson Schulman –there was no meeting since last time, there will be a legislative meeting at the end of the month

Planning Board: Councilperson Richardson – mentioned that Zoning, Comprehensive and Sub Division Law's incorporated most changes recommended from the County in them. If the County recommendations are not accepted, the town will have to fill out a form stating why not and it needs to be adopted by a Super majority (4) of the board. This will be addressed at the recessed meeting May 4, 2011

Litter Pluck: Councilperson Story – she has been contacting people and has bags for them to use. She is getting a good response. She also has contacted the SWCS re: the Adopt a Road program – no one seemed to know anything about it. But the Town Clerk had information – the contract was started in 2007 and is good for two years. She will see if she can get them to make another contract; if not the signs should be removed. Litter Pluck is April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>, bags can be taken to the transfer station at anytime, but should note that they are from Litter Pluck. The garbage can be picked up anytime before April 30<sup>th</sup>

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**SUPERVISOR/ DEPUTY SUPERVISOR** (Gary Maas) present

- Submitted written report:
- Monthly Financial Report
  - Bank Information:
  - Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
  - Deposited \$1,330.00 Judicial fees
  - Deposited \$900.00 Judicial fees
  - Deposited \$3,580.60 Town Clerk fees
  - Deposited \$383.43 for sewer rent
  - Deposited \$18,577.00 JCAP Grant
  - Deposited \$2,238.32 IDA CHECK
- Activity
  - Meetings & calls with contractor, Highway Supt., Engineer and Tom Shepstone
  - Verizon phone hookup
  - New furniture delivery
  - Set meter for parking lot lights
  - Made deposits and transfers as needed
  - Daily checkup on new town hall
  - Made calls for moving service and Time Warner
  - Attended Supervisor's meeting
  - Pride of Sullivan County Nominee – Gasko & Meyer

**Supervisor's report continues:**

Meeting MMTF - Attended  
 Meetings on vault – Justin and Ross  
 Numerous e-mails and calls to Dorene Warner on website – almost ready to launch  
 Parking lot lights – set on and off times  
 Ed and I did the lettering on front of Hall and signs on doors  
 Called Middletown regarding Dog Contract  
 Budget to Actual submitted

• CONTRACTUAL		\$5,500.00
Abstract #1		\$5,500.00
Abstract #2	\$ 701.54	\$4,798.46
Abstract #3	\$ 457.34	\$4,341.12
Abstract # 4	\$ 250.71	\$4,090.41

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** (Brian DuBois) present

- Submitted written report: Repairs and maintenance as needed
- Plow and sand as needed
- Dept. of Labor – back for a compliance check
- Town wide – cold patching pot holes
- Tyler Road – one driveway permit issued
- Town wide – started brooming of roads
- Contractual Balance: \$1,138.08

HWS wants to put out a bid for blacktop and stone.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to have Town Clerk place legal notices for blacktop and stone bids for the Highway Dept. Bids returnable by May 10, 2011 to the Town Clerk office and they will be opened at the regular town board meeting on May 11, 2011

All voted in favor.

Highway Superintendent mentioned he has had some people interested in the truck bid returnable by April 26, 2011. The door for the Highway Garage has been ordered and will be installed when it comes in. Also mentioned that the gauge for the diesel fuel does not work. Last week there was approx. 30 gallons put into a truck and the gauge only read 1/10 of a gallon. This was a new pump last year, and was told at that time it was not calibrated. Highway Superintendent was told to contact the vendor to look into the problem. CEO said to dip the tank everyday and keep a record; would work to keep track of gallons used. Highway Superintendent also mentioned that the Old Town Hall is using a lot of fuel, just had a delivery of 500 plus gallons whereas, the Highway Garage only used 200 gallons for the same period. He has checked and there are no leaks. He also has the tonner back, was told to treat it carefully as we would like it working for the trade in for the new one.

**TOWN CLERK:** (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report; \$6,921.23 in fees for March
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- I attended the OSTCA meeting held in Blooming burg, NY on March 16<sup>th</sup>. It seems everyone is making out ok with the new dog licensing. There will be a vacancy in the District Directors position for District 2. There was some discussing re: the training school May 1-4 in Buffalo, who would attend and what classes are offered. There was also discussion re: FOIL request and how they are handled in other towns. The next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The UDC check # 1690 in the amount of \$100.00 received 3/23/2011 turned over to the Supervisor 3/24/11
- I issued one permanent and two temporary parking permits, as well as one renewal handicapped parking permit.
- I received telephone calls which were for the Assessor, Justice Court, CEO, Planning Board, and people wanting to know about burning permits.
- My new hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 – 3:00.
- As you know my office was moved to the New Town Hall on March 10<sup>th</sup>. I'm still getting settled, waiting for shelves in the vault and in my office. Everyone that comes into the new building remark what a beautiful building we now have for our town.
- Contractual balance: \$5,641.39

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Issued 2 permit, no renewals, 10 C of O's and 4 municipal search letters, 0 notice of disapproval
- Worked 80 hours
- Traveled 533 miles
- Revenues: \$450.00
- Expenses \$438.96
- Contractual Balance: \$3,896.36

Two large building permits issues, there are also two unsafe buildings on CR 116 at 640 and 649, there is also one on State Route 52 near Fosterdale. There will be violations letters sent out to the property owners, hopefully they will take care of the removal.

**TAX COLLECTOR:** (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report:
- Collected Taxes = \$2,141,461.78, Penalties = \$5,507.94, Interest = \$ 88.57 for a total of \$2,147,058.29
- Paid out to Supervisor Gary Maas \$1,127,520.00, paid to County Treasurer Ira Cohen \$1,013,623.28
- Balance \$5,915.01
- Balance in checkbook \$5,912.83
- \$2.17 plus .01 to keep checkbook open off by \$2.18 (she explained that one property owner rounded up from what his taxes were).
- Contractual Balance: \$3,123.78

Eileen asked about the phone system in the town hall and should she be put on the system, also will there be a sign to direct people to her office. There will be a sign to direct people and she will be put on the phone system.

**HISTORIAN:** (K.C. Garn) not present

Submitted a written report: His report is on file at the Town Clerk's office if anyone wishes to view it.

Contractual Balance not reported:

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** (John J. Keating) not present

Submitted written report: Attended monthly meeting. Prosecute Justice Court matters

**ASSESSOR:** (Lorry J. King)

- Submitted written report:
- **Old Business:**
- 1. Field review of sales and new construction continues.
- 2. Packed, moved unpacked and enjoying the new office
- **New Business:**
- 1. Permission to change my Friday office hours from 2:30-5:30 to 10:00 – 2:00. I feel that the taxpayers would be better served with me here earlier, and as always I make appointments for other dates and times. I would start these hours in May. The Clerk's hours would not change
- 2. I will be attending a few conferences this year in order to maintain certification. As of this year we will no longer be reimbursed for training
- 3. The Board of Assessment review training will be at the Government Center on Wednesday May 4, at 6:00 PM. I will be attending a County Assessors meeting prior to the Board of Assessment review class, so I will not be at the office that evening
- 4. The Website looks great, I have emailed the Supervisor my additions and also a link to the County website so our Assessment data can be available according to the new RPTL 1591.1 I have attached a copy for your enjoyment!
- Contractual Balance: \$3,153.21

**PLANNING BOARD CHAIR:** (Sharron Cardone)

- Submitted a written report:
- Reported on her attendance at the Association of Towns Training School, and the 10 classes she attended and what she gained from them.

The complete report is on file at the Town Clerk's office if anyone wishes to view it.

Councilperson Richardson mentioned in re: to the proposed Cell Tower on the Ackermann Farm; sometimes the Planning Board can say 195' is not acceptable and perhaps 185' would work, most of the time the applicants will work with the Planning Board to use the lower height. He also asked about Home Rule and if it was addressed at the Association of Towns Training School. The Planning Board Chairperson said it was not addressed.

**SEWER OFFICER:** (George Walter) not present

Submitted a written report

Average flow of 123,965 gallons per day for month of March

Obtained 88% C.B.O.D. and 84% T.S.S. removal for March

Spent a total of 73 ½ hours attending to sewer district affairs in March

Expenditures \$816.17

Contractual Balance: \$18,467.78

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: 1 found dog call, 2 dog at large calls.

Yearly inspection was done and the Town passed

Please note that mileage voucher includes the months of January, February and March

Worked 12 hours

Contractual Balance: \$1,468.69

**UDC:** (Larry Richardson)

- Submitted a written report: The Upper Delaware Council held its regular meeting on Thursday April 7. Various committee reports were presented. It was noted that the Annual Awards Banquet will be at the Central House in Beach Lake on April 17.
- The DRBC reported that a 1 year consent agreement between the Decree Parties will allow for better use of water releases but more importantly for us, it will provide for a 10% void in the reservoirs in anticipation of flood control.

**UDC report continues:**

- The DRBC rep. Kenneth Najar reported that any comment letters must be received in their office by April 15.
- It was noted that a new Knotweed Brochure is available funded in part through the UDSB along with the Sullivan County Renaissance and a Town of Lumber land environmental group.
- The DEC reported that it is anticipated that a new set of draft gas regs will be available for another round of public comment at the end of the summer. I asked Bill Rudge if any instruction is given to people who are helping with stocking our streams. He says that he thinks there is but will take my comment back to the Fisheries Dept.
- NPS reported that a meeting was held with the Boy Scout organization concerning rumors that the area around Ten Mile River access is for sale. Sean McGuinness said that there is no truth to the rumor, and that the NPS may work out a permanent access agreement. He also stressed the severity of a possible government shutdown. The viability of the UDC would be affected immediately since our funding comes direct from the NPS.
- Actions taken:
  - Approved sending a letter to the DRBC addressing their Water Release Plan.
  - Approved sending a letter to EBI Consulting concerning a proposed cell tower in the Town of Fremont
  - Approved sending a letter to Pa Fish & Boat Commission: Draft Delaware River Management Plan
  - Approved sending a letter to Damascus Township: Proposed zoning amendment concerning Oil & Gas Wells and Pads
  - Accepted the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that Larry Richardson be considered to fill the vacancy as Chairperson. (Vote will be taken at the May meeting).
- An emergency meeting of the Operations Committee was held following the regular meeting to deal with a possible government shutdown. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for Thursday April 14 if the shutdown actually took place.

**TOWN BOARD:**

No Town Board members had anything to add at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Town Hall – landscaping, dumpster – Councilperson Grund addressed the parking lot issue, he recommended taking out the corners and eliminating the sidewalks and steps to the lower level, providing for more parking spaces and less maintenance. As for the dumpster the town board will wait and see how much garbage is accumulated before making a decision
2. Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update –Public Hearing – will be set at the recessed meeting
3. Town web Site – covered earlier Dorene Warner wants to speak to the board
4. New Town Hall Furnishings – Blinds – have been ordered and when they arrive they will be put up. Councilperson Story had a 30% discount for the blinds, the original cost for 8 blinds was \$645.00 with the discount the town saved \$193.00 the final cost was \$457.00
5. Transfer Station lease – Supervisor heard it would be \$15,000.00 for the next three years, but this has not been confirmed
6. MMTF update- Councilperson Grund will attend the meeting tomorrow night in Narrowsburg
7. Pull off on Route 97 for the byway – discussed earlier, it has been requested that the town make a sketch of the area they want to use, with plantings etc.
8. Uncompensated payroll – Bridget did a chart to let the Town Board members know what would be needed if everyone of the highway workers left at the same time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Levy garbage pickup**
2. Waterfront Revitalization alternate – no decision made
3. Cleaning/maintenance person – Councilperson Story feels one person can do both, Councilperson Richardson if only one person can offer more hours, Councilperson Schulman – if one hired now you can always hire an additional person later, not so easy to fire someone; Councilperson Grund –feels it limits choice of who can be hired, but he could do it either way but would like 2. At this time the supervisor polled the board, Councilpersons, Richardson, Schulman and Story all voted for hiring one person to do both Cleaning/maintenance. The board members votes were as follows for the person to do the Cleaning/maintenance—Councilperson Richardson, Linda Schwartz was his choice since she already works here. Councilperson Schulman said Linda Schwartz would be his choice, as he finds her very conscientious, Councilperson Story was thinking about 2 people, William Boucher and Joseph Wagner and her concern with Mr. Wagner was he is looking for a full time job. Councilperson Grund would pick William Boucher and Supervisor Maas would pick William Boucher. It was up to Anna to break the tie. She than picked William Boucher for the position.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to hire William Boucher to fill the Cleaning/Maintenance position at \$12.00 per hour, and the position shall be reviewed in 30 days. All voted in favor.

4. IDA – grant money – Supervisor did not get a call back, he will continue to pursue this issue
5. Clean-up Days – Sullivan First – discussed earlier
6. Capital Account – there is a balance of \$441.16 in the account; still owe \$43,840.75 to pay for the Town Hall. Supervisor asked permission to transfer money to pay the remainder of the bills

**RESOLUTION # 28****TRANSFER MONEY FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE**

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was RESOLVED, that since Line H 1620.402 (Capital Outlay) is under funded, and therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that \$44,000.00 from General Un-appropriated Fund Balance Line A9950.900 (Inter-fund Transfers) be transferred to line H 391 due from other funds then increase H 5031 (Inter-funds Transfers) and increase H 1620.402 (Capital Outlay) by \$44,000.00 to pay for completion of the New Town Hall

**ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

7. William Brenner – Form of County Government – the town is not going to respond
8. Supervisor Maas mentioned that this year the Town of Cochecton will honor Ethel Hulse as the senior of the year at the Villa Roma on May 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. luncheon.
9. Debit Card for the town – Voucher and break down will be provided to the Town Board members for the next monthly meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brenda Seldin, owns property in Fosterdale; lives in Narrowsburg. She also offered to drive the members of the Town Board to Dimock, PA so they could consider it a fact finding mission. She feels the town needs more protection and she is also in agreement that there is a moratorium needed. She mentioned that she has traveled there several times and her eyes water and she has difficulty breathing when she get within 5 miles. The Town Board members said they can not all travel together, and some would be willing to take the trip on their own.

Chris Martinek, Route 97, she recently became a full time resident, and noticed everything about gas drilling –also that there are no laws to prohibit gas drilling. Councilperson Richardson mentioned the MMTF if trying to protect the municipalities re: road use. No proven way for town's to protect themselves -- it is up to the DEC. We don't have an answer. The town is not willing to put its neck out for laws that are not proven. Ms. Martinek than asked if gas drilling comes into town does the town get compensated. She was told no they don't.

Joseph Manasari, Smales Road, thanked the board for waiving the driveway permit fee for the Ambulance Corp. for the park they are building.

No one else wished to comment.

**MOTION:** O motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to recess this Town Board meeting until May 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. All voted in favor. Time 10:46 p-m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk