

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, MAY 8, 2013
OPEN BLACKTOP AND STONE BIDS

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on May 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM 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 7:30 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Gregg Semenetz –CEO
Eileen Hennessy --Tax Collector
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Michael Walter –SPO

During the work session Sue Zieres gave an update re: the 5 K run/walk event that will take place on May 19th at 10:00 a.m., she handed a copy to the board showing the start and finish lines along with a map or the route to be followed. The road will be closed for a short period of time by the Sheriff’s Dept. There are now 20 -30 signed up but she is anticipating about 100 participants. This race is for PTSO, SADD and Student Council. The Town Board wants the event advertised in the newspaper. She will place the ad in the Sullivan County Democrat. She will also try and get the sign used for other events put on State Route 52 to announce the road closure. The Town Board also asked her to contact emergency services to advise them of the event. She was given the Ambulance Corp. contact information.

Regular meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

Town Clerk read legal notice for the stone bids which were published in The River Reporter. Bids were opened in order received

Open Stone bids.
BIDDER CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC. BRIDGEVILLE (MONTICELLO)

There was no bid for Price/ton FOB Bank or Plant from Bridgeville (Monticello) Plant

TYPE STONE:	Price /ton delivered to Stock Pile sites	Price/ton/per/mile Alternate sites
Crusher Stone (From Ledge Rock)		
Crusher Run	\$10.75	\$0.25
Stone # 2	\$11.75	\$0.25
Stone # 3	\$11.75	\$0.25
Stone # 4	No bid	N/A
Surge Stone	\$11.75	\$0.25
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	\$19.75	\$0.25
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	No bid	N/A
Anti-skid	\$14.75	\$0.25

BIDDER: R & H GORR INC. DAMASCUS, PA

TYPE: Stone	Price/ton delivered to stockpile sites	Trucking to alternate sites:
Crushed Stone (From Ledge Rock)		
Crusher Run	\$8.75	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Stone # 2	\$11.00	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Stone # 3	\$11.00	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Stone # 4	\$11.00	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Surge Stone	\$14.00	\$0.25 per ton per mile
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	\$13.70	\$0.25 per ton per mile
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	\$13.10	\$0.25 per ton per hour
Anti-skid	\$13.10	\$0.25 per ton per hour

BIDDER DECKELMAN LLC BEDROCK QUARRIES

No bid for Price/Ton FOB Bank or Plant

TYPE Stone	Price/ton delivered to stockpile sites	Price per Ton/Mile
Crusher Stone (From Ledge Rock)		
Crusher Run	\$9.29	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Stone # 2	\$11.54	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Stone # 3	\$11.54	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Stone # 4	No bid	\$4.00 per ton per hour

Surge Stone	\$15.54	\$4.00 per ton per hour
PA #8 (or equivalent)	\$13.24	\$4.00 per ton per hour
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	\$12.64	\$4.00 per ton per hour
Anti-skid	No bid	\$4.00 per ton per hour

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to accept a partial stone bid as submitted by Callanan Industries, Inc. for Surge Stone at \$11.75 per ton and if delivered to alternate sites at \$0.25 per ton per mile, and accept partial bid from R. H. Gorr, Inc. for Crusher run, # 2's # 3's #4's and Anti –skid at \$13.10 per ton, delivered to alternate sites at \$0.25 per ton per mile and to accept a partial bid from Deckelman LLC for PA 8 (or equivalent) for \$13.24 per ton and delivered to alternate sites at \$4.00 per ton per hour, and PA # 6-S or equivalent at \$12.64 per ton and delivered to alternate sites at \$4.00 per ton per hour

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

Opening of Blacktop Bids:
Town Clerk read the legal notice for the blacktop bid which was published in the Sullivan County Democrat

Town Clerk opened the bids in the order they were received. Blacktop bids were read first

BIDDER:	CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC BRIDGEVILLE (MONTICELLO)	
	FOB US Ton	DELIVERED US Ton
Type 3 Binder	\$57.50	\$69.50
Type 6 Top	\$59.25	\$71.25
Type 7 Top	\$63.25	\$75.25

BIDDER	MORLYN ASPHALT CORP. MASTEN LAKE	
	FOB US Ton	DELIVERED US Ton
Type 3 Binder	\$56.80	\$67.55
Type 6 Top	\$58.85	\$69.60
Type 7 Top	\$62.75	\$73.50

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was, To accept the Black Top bid presented by Morlyn Asphalt Corp for Type 3 Binder FOB at \$56.89 per US Ton and delivered US Ton at \$67.55, Type 6 Top FOB US Ton at \$ 58.85 and delivered at \$69.60 US Ton and Type 7 Top FOB US Ton at \$62.75 and delivered at \$73.50 US ton

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

RESOLUTION # 44
SULLIVAN COUNTY OFFERED COCHECTON RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF TRASH

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, 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
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 18th and May 19th, 2013 will be the days that the Town of Cochecton has set aside as its cleanup days and that the trash will be delivered to the County Landfill as soon as possible thereafter

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

RESOLUTION # 45
STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RS 2417-A

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was resolved that the Town of Cochecton, location code 30683 hereby establishes the standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body, and a standard work day of 6 hours is hereby established for the Town Clerk, both Town Justices, Tax Collector, Board members and Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent as well as the SPO, bookkeeper and CEO, Planning Board Clerk, Assessor, Assessor Clerk and Justice Clerk, and therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that hours worked will determine how many days a month will be reported to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on record of activities.

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

RESOLUTION # 46

COCHECTON TOWN BOARD DETERMINED MAY 18th AND MAY 19th, 2013 FOR CLEAN UP DAYS

On Motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board has determined they will offer May 18th and 19th, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. as clean up days for the town residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Maas to enter into an agreement with Sullivan County First Recycling and Refuse of Woodbourne, New York to provide containers for the town residents to place trash and debris, and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County First Recycling containers will be supplied to the town at a cost of \$210.00 per 30 yard container for trash and the town will receive up to \$145.00 per ton for metal/iron, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Sullivan County First Recycling and Refuse will be hired for the fee of \$210.00 per 30 yard container for trash and no charge per 30 yard container for metal/iron and that Sullivan County First will also provide the town with a certificate of insurance

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Schulman absent

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund and Story

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve the Sullivan West Central School 5 K run/walk that will take place on May 19th at 10:00 a.m.; there will be a short period when the sheriff's dept. will close State Route 52. The race will take place along State Route 52, Nearing Road and Shortcut Road. All Town Board members present voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion accepts the minutes of April 10, 2013, and be accepted as submitted. Councilpersons Richardson, Grund and Supervisor Maas voted in favor. Councilperson Story abstained and Councilperson Schulman was absent

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to accept the minutes of April 24th 2013 and be accepted as submitted. All Town Board members present voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to accept the bills on abstract # 5 in the following amounts:

General Account	Voucher #'s 189-221	\$14,542.77
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 222	\$319.90
Sewer Account	Voucher #'s 223-225	\$1,349.86
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 226	\$542.12
Highway Account	Voucher #'s 227-239	\$63,389.13

Claim #'s 193, 219, 222 and 228 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.

Claim #'s 189-199 are noted as PREPAID on April 17th, 22nd, 25th and 29th, 2013. All Town Board members present voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Time Warner Cable –Program changes

NYSE&G –Hurricane Sandy recovery information

County Legislatures –County of Sullivan State Address—May 23 at 5:00 p.m.

DPW –advising the town it has a 10 ½ ton allotment for cleanup days

Sullivan County Conservative Party –Dinner will be May 23rd at the Sullivan in Rock Hill at 6:00 p.m. Cost \$35.00

Sullivan County Association of Supervisors –passed resolution in support of the Monticello Motor Club

Sullivan County Youth Bureau –seeking funding for the programs

NYMIR –advising policy holders rates to renew –same or lower than last year's rate

Sullivan Public Library Alliance--will hold a brunch on May 16th at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library

Attorney Alexandra Bourne—notifying what her rates will be to prosecute traffic violations

Sullivan County Litter Pluck –April 27th – May 4th

Time Warner Cable –programming notice

Card received from the Cochection Youth Commission thanking the town for the \$2,600.00 in support of their programs this year

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Route 97 Pull-off –Councilperson Richardson: He and his wife picked up the tires at the Route 97 Pull-off and took them as part of Litter Pluck. Nothing new to report

Youth Commission—Councilperson Grund: gave a report on the activities they have held and upcoming events. . They will hold horse riding June 8th at Bridle Hill farm, June 15th Day at the Villa, July 18th trip to Camel Beach, there will also be a car wash/bake sale at Gasko Meyer on June 30th.

Office of the Aging –Councilperson Schulman, not present –no report

Litter Pluck /Website—Councilperson Story said there were 44bags and 10 tires collected. It’s much better than last year where we had only 28 bags collected along with 6 tires and a few larger items. In 2011 we had 94 bags and 19 tires along with some other strange items. While litter plucking she came across a few Yoo-hoo cans on CR 116. Collected at least 3 cases and by the following Tuesday saw 4-5 Yoo-hoo cans just passed Biagi’s driveway. I believe I know who is doing this and will tell them about it when I see them.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

1. Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$ 100.00 UDC check
Deposited \$ 545.00 Judicial fees
Deposited \$ 250.00 Judicial fees
Deposited \$ 983.53 Town Clerk fees
Deposited \$ 3467.50 Tax Collector fines and fees
Made transfers and deposits as needed

2. Activity

Calls with Cooper Niemann, Karen Mannino, Steve Sauer, Alexandra Bounrne, John Keating, George Conklin, American Electric, Dean Smith, Dan Briggs, Ira Cohen

Attended Supervisors Meeting

Meeting with Karen Mannino, Don Bellotti, Bob Deman

Contractual		\$5,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 11.89	\$4,988.11
Abstract #2	\$287.91	\$4,700.20
Abstract#3	\$576.92	\$4,123.28
Abstract #4	\$154.12	\$3,969.16
Abstract #5	\$160.50	\$3,808.66

Abstract#6
Abstract#7
Abstract#8
Abstract#9
Abstract#10
Abstract#11
Abstract#12
Abstract#12A
Worked 102 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Took maintenance signs down.
- Swept our paved roads.
- Took sanders out of the trucks.
- Graded the dirt roads.
- Replaced culvert pipes.
- Ditched on Buff, Fred White and Mohn.
- Had sand and crusher run hauled in.

HWS was asked how many miles of roads he would like to do this year. He replied 6-7 miles to be paved; he would like to replace some guard rails

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report:
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- I would like to thank the Board for allowing me to attend the NYSTCA Conference/Training School in Buffalo, as I have said in the past, it is the best school for Town Clerks. Everyone attends the opening ceremony and Banner Parade. This was followed by the Annual Business Meeting. The first class I took was Excelling in Excel, the information presented was excellent. I also attended a class on Crime and Fidelity—Susan O’Rorke, Director of Marketing from NYMIR explained the official undertakings, which some clerks were unaware this needed to be done. She gave an example of a town in IL where a clerk had about 5 different duties, the town had an eight million dollar budget, and over the course of many years she embezzled 53 million dollars and no one took notice. Everyone said what a nice person she was and always very helpful. I also attended the NYS DOH class on Birth and Death records. That took care of Monday classes. On Tuesday I took Back to Basics which is always interesting with new tips to save time and deal with all that Section 30 of the Town Law places on the clerk. I attended a class on Planning Federation and Land Use which dealt with the basics of the SEQR process and review the town clerks duties in posting legal notices and how to deal with litigation. These changes are coming in October. After lunch there was a session with Bob Freeman Executive Director – Committee on Open Government. He addressed FOIL request, executive sessions, open meeting and posting information on the web-site. The last class I attended on Tuesday afternoon was with NY State Gaming (formerly Racing and Wagering) Most of the class was spent going over Raffles, and Games of Chance, there are not that many towns that have Bingo, so I was disappointed that Bingo was not covered. I will have to get information off the web-site with the rules and regulations. On Wednesday morning I attended the class on

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Town Clerk report continues:

- DEC, as it was the only one presented. I have received my Certificate of Training. Received RMC Credit of 10 ½ hours, which can be used toward renewal of my RMC.
- The UDC check # 3033 in the amount of \$100.00 received 4/25/2013 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- Issued 2 handicapped parking permits
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I have received telephone calls for the Tax Collector, Assessor, CEO, Bookkeeper and Justice Court as well as other tax questions. Also questions regarding the Spring Clean-up
- Worked a total of 105 hours
- Contractual balance: \$5,464.66

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked 80 hours, traveled 512 miles
- Issued 2 permits, 0 C of O, Notice of Disapprovals 2
- Municipal search letters 3, Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues \$475.00
- Expenses: \$334.16
- Contractual Balance: \$3,928.10

Activity: starting to pick up, permit for 1 new house on Bernas Road. There may be 3 new homes on Bernas Road by the end of the year. Cochecton Center Country Store has received their liquor license. The unsafe building on Nearing Road (Szabo property) has been taken down. NO one else has responded. I sent 4 notices out –trailer on New Turnpike Road, 2 on CR 116, 1 on Mohn Road and the Pawelic property CR 116. The Pines –no response would cost approx. 30-40 thousand to have the town remove the unsafe structures. This property is in foreclosure; Councilperson Richardson feels the town should move forward at some point in time. The CEO mentioned there are 6-7 new constructions for 2013

ACTING ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino) not present

Submitted an activity report; Met with Supervisor Maas re: Code Review, reviewed code/memo/e-mail several times. Reviewed Code (fees)/e-mail. Attended Town Board meeting. Prepared Code Review for Board, also attended the recessed meeting. Worked 12 + hours

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report: As of May 8, 2013 balance in check book \$106.77
- Refund checks waiting to be cashed Ck. # 297 \$36.00 –113 POOJI LLC Ck. # 298 \$70.76 –Vicente Gonzalez
- To keep account open \$0.01 for a total of \$106.77
- Contractual balance: not reported

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

Old Business: Data Collection project is underway. As of the first week in May the data collector will be in the field verifying data and interviewing homeowners and taking photos. The training for the Board of Assessment Review was held on Wednesday, May 1st, 2013. Our town members were not required to attend, however they could attend if they so desired

New Business: Nothing new to report as of this time

Hours worked: 31; clerk 60

Contractual balance: \$3,064.07

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: (Sharron Cardone) not present

Submitted a written report; Supervisor went over the report

There was no formal Planning Board meeting for April 25th as there was no Quorum. Only George Walter, Lauren and I were present. Will have a meeting next month as the Sheppard Sub-division is being presented

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow of 43,544 gallons per day for month of April
- Obtained 98.9% C.B.O.D. and 97.9% T.S.S. removal for April
- Spent a total of 74 1/2 hours attending to sewer district affairs in April
- Expenditures \$1,349.86
- Contractual Balance: \$17,165.99

Sludge has been removed. American Electric came and took care of the problem with the pump not working. It was a simple reset. American Electric also needs to order and replace float---This was done today

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

2 dogs at large, 1 dog redemption, 1 dog bite Nelson Road as per Public Health

Paperwork and maintenance -- worked 2 hours.

Worked a total of 13 hours. Expenses \$9.35,

Contractual balance: \$2,935.10

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HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

Supervisor went over the report

There were no emails for information this month. I got a call from an historian out of Salt Lake City who had me on the phone for at least 15 minutes. What she wound up asking to look at are any historical records we have that precede the Civil War. I told her that at present there were none that we know of and that if any were found, I'd contact her.

Picked up 7 bags of litter from the electric substation on down to Karen Healy's residence on Shortcut Road. The folks at the dump don't have my name on their list, so I added it.

Any questions, give me a call.

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- Submitted a written report:
- The Upper Delaware Council held its regular meeting on Thursday May 2.
- A group of students from Lackawanna College presented an overview of their college course dealing with sustainability and how the Principles of the Upper Delaware Land and Water Use Guidelines could be applied for the next 50 years.
- The Project Review Committee continues work on a short form to be used by local planning boards when notifying the Council of proposed projects that are located in or projected to affect the River Corridor.
- Executive Director Laurie Ramie advised that she is beginning work on the FY2014 UDC budget. She was advised to create two budgets; one if full funding (\$300,000.) is restored and one with a projected reduction of 10%.
- The UDC has nice t-shirts available for \$15.00 each that has the UDC logo on the front and a map of the River Corridor on the back. These are blue with white lettering.
- The DEC representative Bill Rudge advised that the Federal Government is re-assessing the Atlantic Eel harvesting regulations with the possibility of closing the season due to low populations. The DEC is taking a position that the eels harvested in the Delaware are of a different species (Silver Eels) and that the numbers harvested do not affect substantially the Atlantic population. Eel fishing is an important part of the economy in this area since it draws visitors, and generates income. The eel harvesters also contribute important information to the DEC.
- It is reported that Shad fishing in the lower sections of the Upper Delaware is better than in recent years.
- The need to generate a detailed list of desirable river corridor properties that might be included in the NYS Open Space Program was discussed. The River Management Plan provides some guidance on where river accesses should be and the need for river rest stops for boaters. If NYS Open Space funds for purchasing are available, they cannot be used on properties that have not first been included in the plan. Mr. Rudge pointed out that in rough numbers about 75% of state owned properties generate some taxes for the local community. The Neversink Gorge area and the Bash-kill are examples.
- The UDC was pleased with the Awards Banquet with 87 people in attendance. Congratulations to Jerry Yavarkovsky who is the recipient of this year's Volunteer Award.
- Actions taken:
- Approved a letter in support of the PA townships protesting the proposed PA DEC policy of on lot sewage systems.

TOWN BOARD

(Councilpersons:

Nothing to report: (Richardson, Grund and Story)

Supervisor Maas: reported Sullivan County Pride Award –For the Town of Cochection was Cochection Mills, nice turnout had 19 people present

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion –coming along, kitchen and bathroom completed; 2nd phase of building will be advertised, CEO will prepare specs for bids
2. Unsafe Buildings : discussed earlier
3. Codify Local Laws – Tag Grant—pending—will recess until May 16th at 6:30 p.m.
4. Generator for Sewer Dept. –discussed –on hold –need new building
5. Re-levy –Lennox Bailey—just a reminder

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Computer server security –pending
2. Clean up days: May 18th and 19th at the old Town Hall from 9:00 – 2:45 both days
3. Bank scanner for deposits –waiting to have it installed, --will be in the Bookkeepers' office

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joan Glase, Cross Road, mentioned that there were several people on Cross Road who litterplucked. Councilperson Story said that Jane Roth was her contact person for litter pluck on Cross Road and she received an e-mail with all the names of the people who helped. She asked if Ms. Glase wanted the names to be read aloud but Ms. Glase said it was not necessary. Ms. Glase also thanked the Highway Superintendent for trimming the trees at the stop sign. Ms. Glase also mentioned that it is difficult to see to the left at the stop light at the four corners; bush in the way. That is a state road and a County road intersection.

Nancy Hackett, Skinner Falls Road, mentioned the great response from the Lake Huntington, Callicoon and Cochection Fire Departments for the situation at the Sullivan West High School—with the battery backup.

No one else wished to comment

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MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to recess this Town Board meeting to May 16th at 6:30 p.m. Time 8:58 p.m. All Town Board members present voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk