

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, MAY 14, 2014
OPEN BLACKTOP AND STONE BIDS**

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on May 14, 2014 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 7:34 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Karen Mannino --Attorney Eileen Hennessy --Tax Collector
Gregg Semenetz –CEO Michael Walter –SPO

During the work session Dr. Nancy Hackett, Superintendent of Sullivan West Central School gave a short synopsis on the school budget, the vote is on May 20, 2014 from 12:00- 3:00 p.m. The Board worked very hard to keep the budget under the tax cap. They were able to keep all positions and programs. She also explained” Common Core”

Regular meeting started

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	MORLYN ASPHALT CORP. MASTEN LAKE	
	FOB US Ton	DELIVERED US Ton
Type 3 Binder	\$57.45	\$68.95
Type 6 Top	\$59.00	\$70.50
Type 7 Top	\$63.25	\$74.45

BIDDER:	CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC BRIDGEVILLE (MONTICELLO)	
	FOB US Ton	Delivered US Ton
Type 3 Binder	\$58.50	No bid
Type 6 Top	\$60.25	No bid
Type 7 Top	\$64.25	No bid

\$85.00/hour Blacktop trucking services picked up at blacktop plant and delivered to various sites on the Town of Cochecton Roads; also FOB

RESOLUTION # 33

TO ACCEPT BLACKTOP BID FROM MORLYN

On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing the following resolution was WHEREAS, Morlyn Asphalt Corp. was the low bidder for blacktop, and NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the blacktop bid is hereby awarded to Morlyn Asphalt Corp. as stated above

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

HWY Superintendent if trucks are lined up can he use Callanan Industries in an emergency to keep the blacktop project moving forward

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to allow the HWY Superintendent to use Callanan Industries in an emergency if trucks are backed up so he can keep the blacktop project moving forward. All Town Board members voted in favor

Town Clerk read legal notice for the stone bids which were published in The Sullivan County Democrat. Bids were opened in order received

Open Stone bids.

BIDDER	DECKELMAN LLC BEDROCK QUARRIES	
TYPE Stone	Price/ton delivered to stock 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	\$12.64	\$4.00 per ton per hour

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BIDDER: R & H GORR INC. DAMASCUS, PA
 TYPE: Stone Price/ton delivered Trucking to alternate sites:
 to stockpile sites

Crushed Stone
(From Ledge Rock)

Crusher Run	\$9.33	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Stone # 2	\$11.58	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Stone # 3	\$11.58	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Stone # 4	\$14.38	\$0.25 per ton per mile
Surge Stone	\$1488	\$0.25 per ton per mile
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	\$13.20	\$0.25 per ton per mile
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	\$12.60	\$0.25 per ton per hour
Anti-skid	\$12.60	\$0.25 per ton per hour

BIDDER: BEDROCK QUARRIES, SR 1003, DAMASCUS, PA
 TYPE: Stone Price/ton FOB Bank or Plant Price/ton delivered to Stockpile site

Crushed Stone
(From Ledge Rock)

Crusher Run	\$5.75	\$9.75 per ton
Stone # 2	\$8.00	\$12.00 per ton
Stone # 3	\$8.00	\$12.00 per ton
Stone # 4	\$8.00	\$12.00 per ton
Surge Stone	\$11.00	\$15.00 per ton
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	\$9.70	\$13.70 per ton
PA 6-s (or equivalent)	\$9.10	\$13.10 per ton
Anti-skid	\$9.70	\$13.70 per ton

Trucking to alternate sites: Price per Ton/mile \$4.00 - \$0.20/mile
 Description of location: Cochecton Town Barn, 10 Mitchell Pond East Road, Cochecton, NY

BIDDER CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC. BRIDGEVILLE (MONTICELLO)
 TYPE STONE: Price /ton FOB Bank or Plant Price/ton stone delivered to stockpile site

Crusher Stone
(From Ledge Rock)

Crusher Run	\$8.50	\$\$14.25 per ton
Stone # 2	\$11.00	\$16.75 per ton
Stone # 3	\$11.00	\$16.75 per ton
Stone # 4	No bid	No bid
Surge Stone	\$11.00	\$16.75 per ton
PA # 8 (or equivalent)	\$16.50	\$22.25 per ton
PA 6-S (or equivalent)	No bid	No bid
Anti-skid	\$9.00	\$14.75 per ton

Trucking to alternate sites: Price per ton/mile \$0.40
 Description of location: Cochecton Town Barn, 10 Mitchell Pond East Road, Cochecton, NY

**RESOLUTIOIN # 34
TO ACCEPT PARTICAL BIDS FROM DECKELMAN, R & H GORR INC. , AND BEDROCK QUARRIES**

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was
 WHEREAS, that three of the four bidders had something to offer the Town regarding the stone bid, and
 WHEREAS, the Town Board has accepted partial stone bid as submitted by DECKELMAN LLC, for Stone # 2 and
 Stone # 3 and Crusher Run, and R & H Gorr Inc. for Stone # 4, Surge Stone, PA 8 (or equivalent), and PA 6-S and
 Anti-skid, and Bedrock Quarries Inc. to be picked up at plant or bank as stated in bids above

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
 Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

**RESOLUTION # 35
SULLIVAN COUNTY OFFERED COCHECTON RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF TRASH**

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, 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 17th and May 18th , 2014 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: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
 Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 36

COCHECTON TOWN BOARD DETERMINED MAY 17TH AND MAY 18TH, 2014 FOR CLEAN UP DAYS

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

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board has determined they will offer May 17th and 18th, 2014 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 \$225.00 per 30 yard container for trash and the town will receive up to \$125.00 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 \$225.00 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: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 37

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RS 2417-A

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, 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 Court 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 5 NAYS – 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 38

COCHECTON TOWN BOARD WAS UNAWARE OF THE EXACT AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR CHIPS

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

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board when adopting the FY 2014 budget was unaware of the exact amount allocated for the CHIPS Fund and until being notified could not accurately be stated so in the FY 2014 Budget, and WHEREAS, the town has been informed that the apportionment for 2014 will be \$135,743.10, increasing both the expense and revenues lines by \$41,243.10, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line DA 5112.400 (CAPITAL OUT -LAY CHIPS) instead of reading \$94,500.00 should read \$135,743.10 and revenue line DA 3501.00 (STATE AID-CHIPS CAPITAL) instead of reading \$94,500.00 should read \$135,743.10 to cover actual revenues and expenditures.

ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion accepts the minutes of April 9, 2014, and be accepted as submitted. Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Nearing and Supervisor Maas voted in favor. Councilperson Story abstained

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 204-253	\$11,942.42
Sewer Account	Voucher #'s 254-260	\$9,215.17
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 261	\$606.65
Highway Account	Voucher #'s 262-280	\$89,299.69

Claim #'s 211, 230, 236, 243, 245, 248 and 265 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.

Claim #'s 204-224 are noted as PREPAID on April 14th, 21st, 25th and May 2nd, 5th and 8th, 2014. All Board members voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

UDC: Workshop and River Cleanup. There is funding available for River Clean-ups in the amount of \$3,000.00 this amount is for distribution for all river towns.

Saratoga Casino and Raceway: has submitted a plan to build the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort, in the Town of Newburgh at the junction of I -84 and the New York State Thruway

Town of Liberty: They are in support of a casino to be located at Grossingers

NYMIR: regarding the proposed rate adjustment for 2014, our rates may be reduced

NYS DOT: advising the Town that there is an increase in the amount of CHIPS the town will receive. The amount is \$135,743.10

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Correspondence continues:

Office of the New York State Comptroller Office notified the Town that Walter Keesler has applied for retirement effective May 24, 2014. Can not complete his benefit calculation, until the Statement of Accrued Payments and Leave credits form are received.

NYS and Local retirement: regarding Frederick Nelson buying back time for his retirement

Sullivan County Pride awards: Town of Cochecton business for the award was Fosterdale Equipment, (18) people attended

Sullivan County Visitors Association: Will be holding its Annual Literature Exchange from 3-6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Mtn. Fun Park

Information received concerning the Law Suit: New Turnpike Road

Letter of complaint re: garbage at the intersection of Shortcut Road and Buff Road

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board –Councilperson Richardson –nothing to report

Youth Commission—Councilperson Grund: gave a report on the activities they have held and upcoming events.

Movies: Captain America 13 youth attended, Spiderman 2—9 youth attended, bowling – 13 youth attended, Coal Mine Tour cancelled, Great Wolf Lodge –sign up on Monday (over 30 families signed up. Zipline sign up on May 12th, Claws and Paws sign up June 3rd. Day at Villa Roma coming up

Office of the Aging –Councilperson Grund, Meeting held May 5th. Beginning Oct. 2014 the local Social Security Office will no longer provide duplicate benefit statements or replacement cards. Request may be made by calling the 800 #, by postal mail or by creating an online account with pin. Monticello hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 9-3. Office is not open to the public on Wednesdays. RSVP luncheon was held on May 12th at the Villa Roma –238 volunteers served 58,838 hours in 2013. Marie Zalesky was recognized for being the oldest RSVP volunteer, who is 106 years young. SLAC is back, they will hold their 2nd monthly meeting of 2014 on Friday May 30th in the legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello.

Website and Fire District —The **Fire District** held their meeting on Monday. They reviewed insurance. They had 2 quotes and went with David Bodenstein. There will be a coin toss in Fosterdale on Memorial Day Weekend on Friday evening and Saturday. Hoses and ladders on the fire trucks will be inspected in June.

Website regular maintenance work was done. Added agenda with links, Added planning board and town board minutes, added youth events. I archived the 2013 Town Board and Planning Board minutes. Placed stone and blacktop legal notices for bids, updated supervisor letter and several other maintenance items. Worked 5 ½ hours.

Litter Pluck – I was out of town during the month of April. I have no litter pluck information. Gary asked that I place a notice on the website informing residents of when litter pluck is. I received a few e-mail messages and responded with all the information. Gary will try to get a list from the transfer station.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

1. Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$100.00 UDC check

Deposited \$1,036.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$922.68 Judicial fees

Deposited \$659.07 Town Clerk fees

Deposited \$1,330.28 from IDA

Deposited \$3,000.00 from Tax Collector

Deposited \$100.00 to Debit Card

Made transfers and deposits as needed

2. Activity

Calls with Cooper Arias, Karen Mannino, Nicholas Pascale, NYS Health Dept., George Walter, Bipkin Ganhdi, Tom Bose, Ed Sykes, Engineering Properties, Mike Preis, school in regards to 5K run.

Worked on fee schedule, E-payments form for CHIPS, filled out retirement forms for Walter Keesler and Frederick Nelson, sat in on interviews for Court Clerk position. Served Rory Gerstler with violation notice

Contractual		\$5,000.00
Abstract #1	\$375.60	\$4,624.40
Abstract #2	\$716.78	\$3,907.62
Abstract#3	\$132.80	\$3,774.82
Abstract #4	\$170.65	\$3,604.17

Abstract #5

Abstract#6

Abstract#7

Abstract#8

Abstract#9

Abstract#10

Abstract#11

Abstract#12

Abstract#12A

Worked 90 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Had to go out one last time to sand roads
- Took all sanders and plows off trucks and put them away
- Out with sweeper
- Has sand, crusher run and stone hauled in
- Measured roads and checked pipes where we plan on paving
- Started grading our gravel roads
- Sent legal notice out for stone and blacktop bids. Advertised for the job opening
- Out patching and ditching
- Took scrap metal out and handed Hollye a check for \$1,732.49
- Called State Police on vandalism to two trucks that are parked outside
- Would like to thank the state legislatures for the increase in CHIP's fund. With the harsh winter the extra money will help
- Diesel – 616.1 gals. Delivered/used 643 gals.
- Gas – 304 gals delivered/used 150 gals.
- Worked 160 hours
- Contractual balance: \$2,256.07 HWY Superintendent was asked about the vandalism –reported a Fire Extinguisher was set off in one truck, one truck was marked with marking paint and the glove compartment was emptied out and left inside truck. HWY Superintendent reported it to the police. HWY Supt. thought he knew who did it, and the police spoke to that person or persons and it has not happened again. HWY Superintendent was also asked about where the guard rails were placed. He replaced a total of 1,000' of guard rails on two roads--Skinner Falls Road and Tyler Road

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report:
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk. Continue to help Dee when I'm able
- UDC check # 3651 in the amount of \$100.00 received 4/24 /2014 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I did not issue any handicapped parking permit
- Attended the OSTCA meeting in Middletown on April 16th had a round table discussion. There was also some discussion regarding DEC licenses and the problems the clerks are still having with the new software, in some cases it takes quite a bit of time and others not as long. This problem is statewide.
- I also help the girls in the office at the Town of Callicoon as their clerk will be out for the near future. Helped them with the monthly reports etc.
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I'm getting calls for the Justice Court, as they do not have specific hours at this time
- I would like to thank the board for allowing me to attend the NYSTCA conference in Saratoga Springs, as I have said in the past it is the most informative training for Town Clerks. I attended the opening ceremony; There was also a business meeting which I also attended where we learned about the Resolutions we support and the ones we don't. We opposed S.342 /A. 3611 an act to amend the ag & markets law in relation to the micro-chipping of dogs and the creation of a registry of dogs. Also Opposed A 3914 an act to amend the public officers law, in relation to expanding requirement for public notification of public meetings. Supported 4 resolutions. Re: general construction law and the municipal home rule law, in relation to the requirements for consolidating or dissolving certain local government entities. Amend the general construction law, in relation to allowing for online publication of public notices. Also supported an act to amend the state finance law, in relation to prohibiting the transfer of unexpended moneys from funds receiving moneys from a dedicated fee into any other fund. And supported an act to amend the Ag & Markets law in relation to limiting the animal dealers exempt under provisions of article 7 of such law relating to the licensing, identification and control of dogs. Classed I attended were FOIL with Robert Freeman, referendums elections (where John Jennings Esq. had a very nice handout and proceeded to read it to us). Referendums not held with the General Election are very expensive. Explained the difference with Mandatory Referendums: Municipal Home Rule Law Section 23 (2) and Permissive Referendum and the time frame for each. . Attended the Breakfast Meeting /County Associations with Officer, since DEC was the only class offered I sat in on that as well, they are working on fixing the problems with the software. I also attended a class on ABC's of Stress Reduction; how to deal with difficult people. The stress can affect your outlook for the entire day. Unfortunately I did not feel well after lunch (I was not the only one) on Tuesday and spent the time in my room. Some Clerks' were still not feeling well on Wednesday morning; I did attend the class on Wednesday morning re: stronger speaking. All in all it was a good training experience.
- Worked a total of 132 hours
- Contractual balance: \$4,060.70

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked 70 hours, traveled 459 miles
- Issued 9 permits, 0 renewals, 1 C of O, Notice of Disapprovals 5
- Municipal search letters 0, Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues \$1,100.00
- Expenses: \$304.75
- Contractual Balance: \$3,773.34

Activity: permits are getting busy now. Unsafe building on CR 114 need to notify the owner. Have had no response re: the 3 trailers on New Turnpike Road, 2 of the trailers are owned by the same property owner

ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

- Submitted an activity report;
- Attended the Town Board meeting
- Nothing new to add

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report: As of May 14, 2014 balance in check book \$3,478.50
- Check # 328 in the amount of \$2,000.00 given to the Supervisor
- Balance in checkbook \$1,478.50
- Contractual balance: \$1,442.18

The Tax Collector is in need of a new computer. She will get prices for the next meeting. She was cautioned to make sure the computer will be able to run the Tax Collector programs

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

Old Business:

1. Data Collection project: Terri has completed Sections 9 & 10 and is currently working on 15 this month. She is continuing to review the building permit data, and as necessary make another inspection if needed.

New Business:

1. I received our equalization rate for 2014 and it is 80% no change from last year
2. I have supplied the Board and our Town Attorney the information to disallow any 420B exemptions in our town. This is a Permissive exemption that allows (providing you don't opt out) an exemption for supporting groups to the Mandatory Class (See attached)
3. The tentative roll has been filed for 2014

April total expenditures \$21.97

Data Collection Terri 59.5 hours = \$759.22. Balance left in Data Collection \$22,605.84

Assessor hours worked 29

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: (Sharron Cardone) not present

No meeting---- No report

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow of 61,126 gallons per day for month of April
- Obtained 96% C.B.O.D. and 95% T.S.S. removal for April
- Spent a total of 66 hours attending to sewer district affairs in April
- Expenditures \$9,215.17
- Contractual Balance: \$11,624.78

All well at the plant, new pump station electric completed, sludge has been pumped out. Waiting to get quotes for grading around sewer plant. Will be able to take the State test in approx. 2 months –in Albany

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

While she was out with an injury from her other job, the Town of Bethel DCO covered for her; but did not need her as nothing happened. Had 2 found dog calls –both reunited with owners before being picked up by DCO. Follow up conducted by phone. Both dogs were licensed. Had numerous calls regarding cats – referrals given

Worked a total of 5 hours. No expenses

Contractual balance: \$2,845.30

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

Supervisor went over the report

There were no requests for information last month.

I filed a FOIL request with the County of Sullivan this past month asking for Board of Supervisors records that might shed some light on the creation of the Town of Delaware out of Cochecton in 1869. So far, there has been no response other than urging me to check the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, which I did, without success, on April 23rd.

That said, I include with this month's report, a copy of the minutes from the November 13th, 1868 Board of Supervisors meeting. Although the minutes give some limited detail as to the division of our Town, they don't give us the reasons for it. It's pretty clear that there was opposition presented to the Board. The research continues.

May your meeting be brief, yet productive.

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- Submitted a written report:
- Council held its regular meeting on Thursday May 1.
- At the start of the meeting we heard a presentation from NPS Biologist Jamie Myers reviewing how to deal with the spread of Japanese Knotweed. Caution should be used when cutting the plant since very small sections of stalk can not generate a new plant. Repeated cutting and then covering the new growth with clear plastic sheeting has proven to be affective. A possible biological control is being studied at this time. We were told that the very young red shoots can be a substitute for rhubarb in pies.
- The staff arranged to have a free extensive energy audit performed and is making recommendations to the Operations Committee on which of the suggested actions can create the biggest return on investment.
- The DEC has issued new regulations that now prohibit the hunting or trapping of Eurasian Boars. Studies have shown that the taking of a single animal from a group causes the rest to scatter and create new family groups. As of September 2015, no one will be allowed to possess these animals as they do now in hunting preserves.

UDC report continues:

- The Council is conducting a survey to see how it can help municipalities that would like to create or strengthen cell tower regulations.
- The annual Awards Banquet was a success with 81 paid attendees. Congressman Chris Gibson was a very positive Key Note Speaker and the council looks forward to working with him in the future. *Since the banquet, Congressman Gibson has called for NYC to reduce the water level in the reservoirs in an effort to lessen any impact from flooding.*
- NPS Acting Superintendent Malcolm Wilbur noted that only 1% of the rivers in the United States are listed as Scenic and Recreational under the National Program. The NPS has found \$3,000.00 as seed money for a municipal river cleanup program. Several towns and townships have been funding the program since federal funds dried up.
- Actions taken:
- Approved Resolution 2014-06: The Council going forward will suspend the monthly payment of \$100.00 from and town/township that does not have representation at the council for 3 consecutive months.
- Approved a letter to NYC Mayor de Blasio encouraging adoption of the *Flexible Flow Management Plan and Operations Support Tool*
- Approved a letter to NYS DOT supporting the Town of Tusten Pedestrian Links and Sidewalk Improvement Proposal.

TOWN BOARD

(Councilpersons:

Nothing to report: (Richardson, Grund and Nearing)

Councilperson Story --re: Pull-off, landscaping, crusher run to smooth up, clean up and fix up. There was some discussion re: this issue

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion –UV system may not be able to handle. Chlorine system has been approved by the Sullivan County Dept. of Health
2. Unsafe Buildings : discussed earlier
3. Sewer Dept. – Pump house and SPEIDES permit—pending
4. Litter Pluck and Clean-up Days –Councilperson Story will get some information on Litter Pluck for the next meeting. Clean-up Days –had 8 containers, 1 more than last year, everything went well

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assessor has asked for the Town to opt out or 4210-B.
2. HWY Superintendent has asked to have his term changed from 2 years to 4 years. Attorney will look into preparing the Resolution for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Attianese, Pinewood Road, asked about the bulletin Board. Was told it is being looked into, Jerold Yavarkovsky will be in to speak to the Supervisor. Ambulance Corp. will write a letter donating the bulletin board to the Town.

Nancy Hackett, Skinner Falls Road, mentioned that the Highway Crew did a great job keeping the roads clear and allowed for a successful winter for the school.

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 9:30 p.m. All Town Board members voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk