

A recessed meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on May 4, 2011 at 7:00PM 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 7:12PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Brian DuBois – Highway Superintendent  
Steven Sauer and Craig Fine entered at 7:20PM

Reason for the recessed meeting was to review the changes to the comprehensive plan, sub-division laws, and the zoning laws that were suggested by the county.

**RESOLUTION # 28**  
**CORRECTION TO ABSTRACT # 4**

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was  
**WHEREAS:** on a Verizon bill on Voucher # 144 paid on March 15, 2011 in the amount of \$42.05, and  
**WHEREAS:** the bill should have been \$3.14 not \$42.05 causing an overpayment of \$38.91 out of line A3620.400 (CEO Contractual), and

**WHEREAS:** the Town received check #0005903852 from Verizon in the amount of \$38.91 on April 11, 2011 for then overpayment, and therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that line A3620.400 (CEO Contractual) be reimbursed in the amount of \$38.91 which was the overpayment to correct the error.

**ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYES: 0**

Supervisor Maas  
Councilpersons: Grund, Richardson, Schulman, Story

Councilperson Richardson mentioned that we need a resolution to correct Abstract #4 if this is not correct on abstract #4. We will wait with the other resolution until the regular board meeting on Wednesday.

**OPENING BIDS:**

Supervisor Maas read the advertisement that was placed in the Democrat for the truck and equipment.

Five bids were received. They were from:

- 1 – RTS Truck Center Incorporated** – bid on equipment only. Total was \$21,635.00  
Option of a larger body of 9ft. 6in. add \$350.00. Option of a heavier spreader, add \$650.00
- 2 – John Bonham, Honesdale, PA** – bid on equipment only. Total was \$25,989.28
- 3 – Robert Green, Monticello, NY** – equipment bid \$24,791.00  
2011 Dodge Truck bid: \$42,729 Trade value: \$6,500.00. Total: \$36,229.00  
Truck and equipment total: \$61,020.00
- 4 – Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Warwick** – Enclosed information in his bid on all the equipment.  
2011 Dodge Ram: \$39,393.00. Trade value: \$6,000.00. Total: \$33,393.00  
Equipment: \$27,904.00 Truck and equipment total: \$61,297.00

This does not include taxes or tags.

- 5 – Interstate Ford Truck Sales, Hartford, Connecticut** – Bid on 2012 Ford F550 V8 Diesel truck with all equipment: \$67,889.00. Trade Value: \$15,000.00 Total: \$52,889.00  
It would take 12 to 15 weeks for delivery.

Councilperson Richardson stated that the Ford truck was a very good price and that there was a big difference in the other prices. The difference in trade values was discussed. Brian DuBois mentioned that if this went out to state bid, he was told that the best price we would have been offered is \$70,000.00. Supervisor Maas and Councilperson Richardson both said that we did the best thing by putting it out to bid. This was quite a bit of information to absorb, so Supervisor Maas said he would make a copy of all the bids and give them to Brian DuBois to review. Brian will then give the Board his opinion and suggestions at the next Town Board meeting..

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Honorable Steven Sauer addressed the board and mentioned that the court clerk handed in her resignation and this week will be her last week. He asked if there is some type of procedure or law in place as to re-advertising or are they required to fall back on the other applicants. Councilperson Richardson said there is no law but being it was advertised in the paper twice with not much response would it be at all possible for the Judges to fall back on the previous applicants. Honorable Sauer felt it was mandatory to post an opening in the town but Councilperson Richardson said it is not if we just advertised it. We can go to the number 2 choice in the original pool of applicants. Both Honorable Sauer and Honorable Fine said that they were not comfortable with either of the two applicants and wanted to re-advertise.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the motion was to re-advertise for the court clerk position. All voted in favor. The Judges will review and change the wording in the ad.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update – Public hearing - The Board Members reviewed the Comprehensive plan, the sub-division laws and the zoning laws with all the corrections that the county suggested. They noted that almost all of the changes have been made but Supervisor Maas addressed a few points that were either not addressed or needed clarification. All the questions addressed the zoning laws. Page 30 Section 100-27C no change, Supervisor Maas will check with Mr. Shepstone  
Page 64 section 100-38 change all extraction wording to excavation  
Page 38 the last sentence on the page has the word existing twice. Remove one of them.

Councilperson Richardson mentioned that Mr. Shepstone promised to place all of this on a disk so that we have it in our possession and suggested not making final payment until we have the disk. Supervisor Maas will contact Mr. Shepstone to give a summary of the issues that were not addressed so that we can give feedback to the county as to why we chose not to take the county's suggestions. Councilperson Richardson said that after the public hearing, we could always amend the zoning laws if the town feels it is important.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to set a date for the public hearing on the zoning laws for June 16, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. All voted in favor.

2. Town Website – Councilperson Story said that Dorene Werner is out of town for a few days but will be in touch upon her return to set a date for the website training. Councilperson Richardson feels that Bridgette will also need an e-mail address. Councilperson Story will make note of this.
3. Transfer Station Lease – Supervisor mentioned that the lease will be extended at the current rate for 3 years but he will get back to us. He also mentioned that the county will be filling and patching the low spots in the road rather than re-paving roads. They will only oil, chip and fill this year probably due to the expense.
4. MMTF update – nothing to report
5. Pull-off on RT. 97 for byway – Councilperson Richardson presented a rough sketch design for the pull-off and explained it to the board. It looked very good and can be submitted with all of the information to the county. Supervisor Maas received information from the by-way asking for a photo to be placed on the sign. Councilperson Richardson suggested a picture of the public access overlooking Lake Huntington. Supervisor will look into this. The by-way also asked for a 150 word narrative of the location. We want to try to peak people's interest in driving into Lake Huntington. Councilperson Story will see if she can find information that would be suitable from the town website. This information is due by May 16, 2011.

Supervisor Maas addressed the Highway Superintendent regarding two issues with signs.

1. Mr. Nearing would like to know if a Child Playing sign could be placed near his home. This was discussed.
2. Mr. Passarelli on Skipperene Road addressed the supervisor regarding lots of trash being thrown on the road. He wanted to know if we could place a No Littering sign on that road. This was discussed. Highway Superintendent will place a No Littering sign on Skipperene Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Revisions from county on Zoning, Sub-division laws, and Comprehensive plan – this was discussed earlier.  
Public Hearing was set for June 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM.
2. Parking Lot and Landscaping – Supervisor had \$55,000 set aside for landscaping. He spoke to Jay Powell and received some "rough" estimates for blacktopping the driveway. Two coats of blacktop would cost approximately \$75,000 for both upper and lower driveways. One coat is approximately \$50,000. If we were to just pave the upper driveway with two coats it would cost approximately \$50,000. Discussion went on about the ground settling and will the blacktop crack. Brian DuBois said that if it is paved after placing 8 inches of crusher run, there should not be a problem. Brian will finish the crusher run for the driveway to the drawing that Councilperson Grund presented. Councilperson Grund also suggested culvert pipe to cover the lights in the driveway. We can possibly place a bumper-type edging around the lighting and possibly decorate it with some flowers. Councilperson Grund will also get some prices for the retaining wall.
3. Bill Boucher – Shelves and lawn Seeding - The grate in the front of the building needs to be raised and filled in and fill needs to be set so work can be done on the steps. When this is completed, Bill Boucher will be able to begin seeding the lawn. Councilperson Grund will purchase shelving for the vault area. We will begin with 6 sets of shelves. When they arrive, Bill Boucher can begin putting them together and setting them up.

Councilperson Grund asked Councilperson Richardson which water filter would be best for the New Town Hall. Councilperson Richardson suggested a home filter with a taste and odor cartridge, basically a carbon filter.

Supervisor Maas said that Bob Beatley donated an American Flag to the town and a flagpole will need to be discussed at a future meeting.

4. Road Closure – Letter will be sent requesting to close the road
5. \$1000.00 to Day on the Lake – Councilperson Richardson said the Chairperson needs to write a voucher so that money can be transferred for the Day on the Lake event donation.
6. Network Protection and Assessor's Computers – We need to purchase some type of firewall for our computers and the Assessor wants both of her computers networked so that they are more efficient.

7. Supervisor Maas spoke to Kristt Co. and they will give an estimate for firewall protection. Councilperson Richardson suggested we also get an estimate for a whole office network if Kristt is able to do this.
8. Lawn Mower – the purchase of a lawn mower was discussed. It was also discussed if the purchase of a small shed to hold the mower would be needed. Councilperson Story has some shed estimates and will bring them to the Supervisor.

Supervisor Maas mentioned that Bill Boucher brought over a cigarette bin. He did not like having to pick up all the cigarette butts in the driveway. Councilperson Story said that people who smoke are more likely to dispose of cigarettes in an ashtray if they see one. If not, it automatically goes on the floor or driveway. Councilperson Richardson said that we should have a no smoking policy in place and this was discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nobody wished to comment.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to recess this Town Board meeting until our next regular Town Board Meeting on May 11, 2011 at 7:00PM. All voted in favor. Time: 9:38PM

Please note the Town Clerk was absent and the minutes were taken by Councilperson Story, who also transcribed them and submitted them to the Town Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk