

A meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on June 11, 2014 at 7:00 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)

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
 Karen Mannino –Attorney
 Gregg Semenetz –CEO entered at 7:36 p.m.

Lorry King --Assessor
 Eileen Hennessy –Tax Collector
 Michael Walter –SPO entered at 7:36 p.m.

During the work session Assessor Lorry King explained Real Property Tax law 420B re: exemptions. The board members decided not to do anything about this at this time.

Supervisor Maas opened the regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:31 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 39

BUDGET TRANSFER FROM SS 9060.800 (Health Insurance) TO SS 8130.400 (SEWER CONTRACTUAL)

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when adopting the FY 2014 budget was unaware of additional expenses, (additional pump on hand, new pump house and wiring, and generator, engineer study on SPEIDES permit) that could not be accounted for in line SS 8130.400 CONTRACTUAL – SEWER OPERATIONS and needs to fund the line with additional funds for current and future bills, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line SS 9060.800 HEALTH INSURANCE in the amount of \$10,000.00 be transferred to line SS 8130.400 CONTRACTUAL-SEWER OPERATIONS so that line SS 8130.400 shows \$35,000.00 and line SS 9060.800 shows \$10,000.00

ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0

Supervisor Maas
 Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 40

TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ENACT A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN OF COCHECTON HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FROM A TWO YEAR TERM OF OFFICE TO A FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE, COMMENCING WITH THE NEXT BIENNIAL TOWN ELECTION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was, WHEREAS, the current term of the Town of Cochecton Highway Superintendent is two years but said term is subject to modification by local law to be approved by public referendum; and WHEREAS, this Board is in support of a local law extending the term of office of the Town of Cochecton Highway Superintendent, subject to the public referendum approval. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on July 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. a public hearing be conducted in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law Sections 10(1)(ii)(a) and 23(2)(e) to enact a local law changing the term of the office of the Town of Cochecton Highway Superintendent from a two year term of office to a four year term of office, commencing with the next biennial town election, for a term beginning January 1, 2016, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall place a legal notice in the Sullivan County Democrat advertising a Public Hearing to change the term of the Highway Superintendent from a two year term to a four year term beginning January 1, 2016

ADOPTED – AYES 4 NAYS – 1 Councilperson Richardson

Supervisor Maas
 Councilpersons: Grund, Story and Nearing

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the minutes of May 14th as submitted. All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve bills on abstract # 6 for payment as follows:

General Account	Voucher # 281-312	\$9,318.86
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 313	\$417.00
Sewer Account	Voucher # 314-326	\$15,050.03
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 338	\$570.64
Highway Account	Voucher # 327-337	\$78,191.74

Claim #'s 288, 295, 306 and 311 split between funds, same voucher.

Claim #'s 281-291 are noted as PREPAID on May 15th, 22nd, 29th and June 5th, 2014

All Town Board members present voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

E-mail from UDC:--UDC Technical Assistance Grants are available, and applications are due by Aug. 29, 2014
Councilperson Richardson asked about having our Zoning maps put on a disc.

Letter Dept. of State: Announcing the fourth year of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative

Letter John J. Bonacic office: Funding for the State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program

NYMIR: Will be here July 19 to look over town sites—to update building values

NYSE&G –They will be inspection their poles from Mid-June to Mid-July

TWC: --Program changes

Sullivan County Conservative Party: They will be honoring Sullivan County Treasurer Ira Cohen. June 22, 2014 at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant from 12-2 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerold Yavarkovsky, Schmidt Lane asked about the bulletin board. Attorney will write up a proposal and the Ambulance Corp. will sign it over to the Town of Cochection

No one else wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Councilperson Richardson asked for contact information and has gotten it from Lauren. He saw where they will not hold a meeting if there is nothing on the agenda. But he feels there is much that they can discuss even if there is nothing on the agenda

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund reported on the activities that the Youth Commission has planned. He also mentioned that the Youth Commission now has a debit card and will transfer funds into that account as needed. Town Board members asked for an accounting of the debit card when it is used. Eileen Hennessy the treasurer will provide a report to the Town Board.

Fire Dept. and Website: Councilperson Story **Website:** Added May 14 agenda and resolutions with links to upcoming meeting page. Updated Supervisor's letter on home page, added Tentative Tax Roll to Assessor's page and front page. Added Grievance information to front page. I added youth events to youth page and calendar. Removed expires info from news alerts box and legal notices pages. Changed Court clerk's information and added Town Board minutes. Worked 4 ¾ hours **Fire District:** Fire hoses and Ladders will be inspected on June 21 and 22: cost will be approximately \$2500. Firemen's Physicals need to be scheduled because their doctor is being deployed to Afghanistan for 9 months. Cost will be approximately \$2800. New Fire Truck is being built and the district is looking to bond less than what they originally wanted. Looking to sell 2 fire trucks, one is in negotiation at this point in time. The funds from truck sales will go to pay down the debt for the new truck.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:**SUPERVISOR:** (Maas)

Submitted a written report:

1. Bank information

Deposited \$100.00 UDC check

Deposited \$1,811.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$1,150.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$3,133.58 Town Clerk fees

Deposited \$2,000.00 Tax Collector

Deposited \$1,478.55 from tax Collector

Deposited \$3,742.38 Mortgage Tax

Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board

2. Activity

Calls with Cooper Arias, Karen Mannino, Nicholas Pascale, NYS Health Dept., George Walter. Engineering Properties, Mike Preis, Fulton Well Drilling and Valley Water.

Worked on filling out retirement forms for Walt Keesler and Frederick Nelson again, water system.

Got a call that the sign will be here shortly from Catskill Casting. (sign and pole came today)

CONTRACTUAL \$5,500.00

Abstract #1

Abstract #2 \$375.60 \$4,624.40

Abstract #3 \$716.78 \$3,907.62

Abstract #4 \$132.80 \$3,774.82

Abstract #5 \$170.65 \$3,604.17

Abstract #6 \$122.61 \$3,481.56

Worked 84 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman) Not present

- Had guard rail installed on Skinner Falls Rd and Tyler
- Finished grading our gravel roads
- Out patching on both gravel and paved roads
- Chipped sealed Smales, Mitchell Pond East and West, Johns, Stony, Rauch and part of Brook RD
- Diesel – 592 gals delivered / 576 used
- Gas – 102 gals delivered / 175 used
- Worked 160 hrs.
- Contractual Balance –\$ 1,698.73

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report;
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk. Continue to help Dee when able
- UDC check # 3716 in the amount of \$100.00 received 5/29/2014 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I issue 5 permanent and 2 temporary handicapped parking permits
- I had many calls re: cleanup days and questions about burn permits. Burn permits are no longer needed in towns that are not part of the Adirondack and Catskill Parks
- Attended the OSTCA meeting in Monroe on May 21st, the guest speaker was Richard Sullivan from the Funeral home of Smith Seaman and Quackenbush. He spoke about the new electronic Death Records program that is expected to go live in 2015. He is not sure the state will have everything in place in a year. Funeral Directors at this time must submit to the state for every burial permit they have a fee of \$20.00, this fee cannot be passed on to the families
- I also continue to help the girls in the office at the Town of Callicoon as their clerk will be out for the near future
- I also worked with the State Police and the NYS DOH regarding a live birth in our town that was never recorded here or on the State level. The person wanted to get a job with the State Police, and needed a copy of the birth record. The parents will have to do a delayed birth record, and the State will mail a copy to the Town and it will then be on file in both places
- I also handed out blank building and logging permits along with helping a person that wanted to purchase a home in Lake Huntington. I gave her Gregg's phone # so he could answer her questions re: the sewer hookup
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I'm still getting calls for the Justice Court, the Assessor, Planning Board, and there are some questions about taxes (where to pay them etc.). I also get calls asking for phone #'s (which are in the phone book) but perhaps they don't have one in front of them
- Worked a total of 120 ½ hours
- Contractual balance: \$ 3,313.41

The Town Board discussed the property known as SBL 15.-1-8 and felt it would not charge for the sewer hookup as this parcel has been part of the sewer district for a lot of years

RESOLUTION # 41**WAIVE SEWER FEE HOOK UP**

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was
 WHEREAS, SBL 15.-1-8 needs to be hook into the sewer district line, and
 WHEREAS, the persons wanting to purchase said parcel have to document that the hookup has been completed, and
 WHEREAS, the property owner will be paying the contractor for hooking them into the sewer system; it is hereby decided by the Town Board that the Sewer hookup fee is hereby waived

ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hours traveled 610 miles
- Issued 11 permits; no renewals, 1 C of O's, 0 Notices of Disapproval, 3 Municipal search letters, no appearance tickets
- Revenues of \$1,275.00, and expenses of \$388.55
- Contractual Balance: \$3,384.79

CEO mentioned getting busy, mostly with additions or repairs, no new construction at this time. There has been no news re: unsafe structures. He will send a letter to the property owners on CR 114 re: the unsafe structure on their property; and on New Turnpike Road he will send out another letter. The unsafe structure on Stony Road will be addressed

Councilperson Nearing asked about the property re: the house that needed to be hooked up to the sewer district. Was told the property owners have been paying into the sewer district for years, and because the parcel was over 2 acres it was not required to be hooked up to the sewer district. However the persons wanting to purchase the parcel need to let the lending institution know they are hooked into the sewer district, before the sale can go through

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

- Submitted a written report:
- Conversation with Supervisor
- Review of materials submitted /email to supervisor
- Review of statutes/emails on RPTL 420B
- Attended Town Board meeting
- Ext. of term of Highway Superintendent: proposed resolution for public hearing; proposed local law; email

TAX COLLECTOR (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report
- Balance as of June 11, 2014 \$0.03
- Contractual balance \$1,245.28
- Worked 6hours in May

Computer for her office – has 2 quotes. 1. Kristt Co. and 1 from Staples. The Staples quote is \$25.00 lower than Kristt Co. But Staples would not trouble shoot for her, and Kristt Co. will. The quote from Kristt Co. is \$779.00, and Staples is \$754.00. Town Board members discussed this issue.

RESOLUTION # 42**PURCHASE COMPUTER FOR TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was
 WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is in need of a new computer for her office to perform her duties as tax collector, and
 WHEREAS, of the 2 quotes received, Kristt Co. was higher by \$25.00, but Kristt Co. is willing to trouble shoot and
 issues the tax collector may have, and
 WHEREAS, Staples will not trouble shoot any problems, and therefore
 BE IT RESOLVED, that the computer will be purchased from Kristt Co. for the sum of \$779.00

ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) No longer present

- Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report
- Old Business:
- 1. Field review of sales and new construction continues
- 2. Grievance Day was May 27th from 4-8PM
- *New Business:*
- 1. Terri has completed section 18 and has started section 13A and then on to section 13. This will complete the initial review. She will be going back in the field to address the recent new construction, and other questions I have.
- 2. I have received a doctor's note extending Linda's recovery time. She will be out until further notice.
- 3. Information regarding the names and addresses of every taxpayer in our town was requested from two different companies. I contacted Bonnie Hubert our Association president, and she informed me that she will be bringing it up at our meeting this month
- Hours worked 40.5
- Data Collection Project – Terri Hours 52
- Data Collection Balance: \$21,942.32
- Spend \$51.69
- Contractual Balance: \$3,217.87

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Sharron Cardone) not present

Supervisor went over her report

- Meeting was opened by me at 7:30 p.m. –all members except Neal Halloran, George Walter and Jim Crowley were present
- Minutes for March 2014 were approved --Minutes from December 2013 still pending and there are no minutes from April 2014 as there was no quorum and therefore no meeting was held
- No correspondence
- Old Business –updated contacts list was looked at and Lauren to forward to Hollye
- New Business –George Blaso mentioned he spoke to Gary Maas regarding if no agenda, why the Planning Board still has to meet. Gary told him it is up to us to decide. A decision was made, if nothing on the agenda then we will not hold a meeting. We will know within a few days of the meeting if there is an agenda or not.
- Earl mentioned that we have noting in our zoning for continuous garage sales –seems to be a problem in our area with individuals having garage sales that go on all year round. I will look into other towns to see if they have any type of zoning for this type of exposure. Also, Joe Manaseri mentioned that there are so many big for sales signs all over the area and in some communities for sale signs are all the same size and they are small so that when you drive through a community you don't see big signs –felt they take away from the area and seems to show a distressed area if so many for sale signs are up. Felt we should have a standard size –something small so not to distract from the area
- No other business was discussed
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00

There was some discussion about the Planning Board and why they should hold meetings if nothing on the agenda. Councilperson Richardson mentioned --Examples from the above report, yard sales year round, and for sale signs. They could always look over the zoning and sub-division laws to see if something needs to be changed.

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 52,723 gallons for month of May; Obtained 93% C.B.O.D. and 97%, T.S.S. removal for May
- Spent a total of 99 hours attending to sewer district affairs in May
- Expenditures were \$15,050.03
- Contractual Balance: -\$3,425.25 before Town Board transferred money into my contractual

Pump station complete. Sludge has been removed. Sign with phone # should be posted by the Nearing Road Pump Station in case the light and siren go off, so people know who to call. There are a lot of wipes and grease coming into the sewer plant. Town Board thinks maybe letters need to be sent out to the property owners in the sewer district again. Supervisor, CEO and Sewer Plant Operator will speak to the potential offenders re: the grease going into the sewer plant

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: worked 10 hours, and had \$8.80 in mileage

Contractual balance: \$2,836.50

HISTORIAN: (K. C. Garn) not present

A written report was submitted. Supervisor went over the report;

I did not receive any inquiries from the public this past month. My research into the division of our town, and the creation of the Town of Delaware, has continued. Attached for your consideration is a copy of the New York State Law (Chapter 921), "filed February 8, 1869" which appears to endorse the Board of Supervisor's resolution that I included last month. It suggests the division was approved by our state Legislature and leaves open the possibility that records of that endorsement may be available. I'll contact the State Historian and see if he'll assist in locating more information. Please enjoy a fruitful meeting and, if there are any questions, just let me know.

UDC (Larry Richardson)

- Submitted a written report
- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday June 5.
- At the start of the meeting Chairman Boyar introduced the soon to be NPS Superintendent Kris Heister. Ms. Heister offered that she was born and grew up in Pennsylvania and like many long-time National Park Service employees she has lived and worked across the country. This will be her first Superintendent position.
- The Operations committee report stated that with some of the restored sequestered money from the Park Service, we will be making energy efficient improvements to the office. Twenty thousand dollars has been budgeted.
- The Council is planning on a Public Hearing on July 16th or 17th to review the roles of emergency responders in the event of an accident in or near the Delaware River corridor. The office has asked that we provide them with key contact information so that invitations can be sent out.
- The NPS now has a GIS map of the River Corridor online. We will have a demonstration next month at the Project Review Committee showing how it can be used in conjunction with a local zoning map.
- Travis O'dell has done two Project Review Workbook presentations to joint Town, Planning and Zoning Boards in both Lumberland and Highland. We will try to schedule a meeting with Cochecton later in the year. The presentation takes about 20-30 minutes.
- The Council will be opening the next round of Tag Grants shortly.
- Actions taken:
- Approved FY2014 River Cleanup funding in the amount of \$750.00 each to four Council members (Damascus, Highland, Lumberland, Lackawaxen)
- Approved the three committees FY2015 work plans
- Accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee dealing with salary adjustments
- Approved the FY2015 Budget

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Story)

Nothing to report

(Councilperson Nearing)

Nothing to report

(Councilperson Grund)

Nothing to report

(Councilperson Richardson)

Reported that on Saturday June 14, at 10:-- 12:00 there will be a re-dedication of Woody the Bear at The Cochecton Preservation Society. There will be a short history of Woody the Bear. There will also be light refreshments

(Supervisor Maas)

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement **Completion** –water system quote. There were 2 quotes submitted. 1. W. Fulton & Son Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$4,800.00. 2. Valley Water in the amount of \$4,800.00. After some discussion the Town Board members decided to use W. Fulton & Son Well Drilling, Inc.

RESOLUTION # 43

ACCEPT QUOTE FROM W. FULTON & SON WELL DRILLING, INC.

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was WHEREAS, there were 2 quotes exactly the same for completing the water system in the basement of the Town Hall at 74 Smales Road, and

WHEREAS, the town has done business with W. Fulton & Son Well Drilling Inc. in the past and have been satisfied with the work completed, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the quote from W. Fulton & Son Well Drilling Inc. in the amount of \$4,800.00 to complete the water system in the Town Hall basement at 74 Smales Road,

ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

2. Unsafe Buildings – discussed earlier
3. Sewer Dept. –Pump house and SPEIDES permit: Completed

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eileen Hennessy, Mohn Road, said she was asked by the Women's Club when they could move into the town hall at 74 Smales Road. Was told we are waiting on the water system to be completed, and the DOH OK

Michael Attianese, Pinewood Road, asked about when the internet would be getting to his road. Supervisor said he has not heard anything for this year.

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to adjourn this meeting. Time 8:45 p.m. All Town Board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk