

A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on July 8, 2015 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)

Regular 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 Anna Story
 Councilperson Sean Nearing
 Councilperson Paul Salzberg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk Lorry King –Assessor
 Karen Mannino –Attorney Eileen Hennessy—Tax collector
 Michael Walter –SPO Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
 Gregg Semenetz –CEO entered at 7:40 p.m

During the work session Heather Jacksy gave a presentation Ten Mile River Access: one to be at Skinner Falls and explained the same. There will be more parking spaces, a comfort station, boat launch, landscaping etc. She asked for a letter of support from the Town Board.

Regular meeting started

Supervisor mentioned that Ms. Jacksy made a presentation for the Ten Mile River Access to be at Skinner Falls and that she asked for a letter of support.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing the following motion was, to send a letter of support of the Ten Mile River Access at Skinner Falls Access to Heather Jacksy. All Town Board members voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to accept the minutes of June 10, 2015 and be accepted as submitted. All Town Board members except Councilperson Salzberg (abstaining since he was not present at this board meeting) voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve payment of bills on abstract # 7 in the following amounts.

General Account	Voucher # 308-345	\$7,443.31
Debit Account	Voucher # 346	\$500.00
Sewer Account	Voucher # 347-349	\$5,761.63
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 357	\$922.14
Highway Account	Voucher # 350-356	\$67,933.00

Voucher #'s 317 and 3332 split between funds, same voucher
 Voucher #'s 308-326 are noted as PREPAID on June 11th, 15th, 25th and July 2nd, 2015
 All Town Board members voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Women’s Community Club of Cochecton asking to use the downstairs Community Room on Wednesday afternoons from approx. 12:30 to 4:30 pm. to hold card games and other table games. There will be no fees involved with this activity

Councilperson Richardson asked who would be in charge. Town Clerk indicated that Pam DeMan did not want to be the one in charge. Town Board would like to know who the person in charge is going to be. This would be a test case and would be re-examined at the re-organizational meeting. Councilperson Richardson also mentioned that the downstairs is in need of attention (paint etc.)

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing the following motion was to allow the Women’s Community Club to use the downstairs for card and other table games, and will see how it goes. All Town Board members voted in favor

Letter from Adam Weinreich: tendering his resignation from the ZBA board –as he has moved out of the state
 Dept. of Public Service: commitment to telecommunications

Sullivan County Dept. of Solid Waste: bill for overage Clean –up

Notice: Paving on Route 17B and 52 A road restrictions from July 6 – 10th approx.

Letter from PA DOT re: Bridge work in Narrowsburg

Letter John Bonacic: 2015 \$180 million available for hazard mitigation grants

Received 2 letters of application for the BOAR –this will be discussed later in the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerold Yavarkovsky, Schmidt Lane, asked about the Bulletin Board.

Jed Saul, 61 Kelly Road, would like to have ATV use listed in the town zoning law. There has been some vandalism on his property

No one else wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Charter Commission: Councilperson Richardson

Sullivan County Charter Commission; The Commission held its meeting on June 17.

The meeting was taken up by discussion on the proper way to proceed in light of the fact that three commission members had declared as candidates for the Legislature. It was agreed that no substantive votes would be taken before the November election results are posted. A resolution was passed to have the County Legislature appoint three ex-officio members to attend meetings and be prepared to replace and of the successful member candidates. A second resolution was passed to request that the Legislature allow the commission to continue to operate as it has been. Since that meeting, two of the three announced candidates have resigned from the Commission and the third has quit the race.

The next meeting will be July 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Scenic Byway; The UDSB held a scheduled meeting on June 22.

Discussion items:

New Business: *(summary in part)*

- a. Introduction of Victoria Winchester, newly hires as Corresponding and Recording Secretary
- b. Promotional Video Project Proposals (2)
- c. Status of UDSB Website/Video Marketing NYS Grant Application and need for Support Letters
- d. DOT Response regarding Rte. 97 road conditions.
- e. Planned meeting 6/24 w/ Westfall Twp. Regarding motorcycle noise from the Hawks Nest
- f. Monarch Butterflies (how to protect and promote)
- g. AAA Car & Travel Magazine article, "Pothole Policy Falls Flat", re: state liability

Old Business: *(summary in part)*

- a. UDSB Points of Interest Chart and Enhancement Concept Plan Review
- b. Invitation Letters Sent to NYS DOT Regional Directors to Attend a UDSB Meeting
- c. "Take the Eagle Express to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway"
- d. "This Place Matters along the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway (encourage people to submit photos)"

Youth Commission: Ed Grund will continue to be the liaison for the Youth Commission

Meeting held on July 7th. Received \$500.00 donation from The Cochecton Men's Club. Bylaws have been updated a copy will be given to the Town Board. Car Wash and Bake sale netted \$705.00. also mentioned the other events that took place in June. Upcoming events: Bethel Speedway, Bethel Woods Moonlit Movies, Indoor water park, Museum Village Civil War Reenactment, Fort Delaware, Callicoon movies: Minions, Wayne County Fair, Camel Beach. Looking at West Point Football game, Back Brook Alpacas, The Carousel and Paddy McCarthy is working for the Park Service for the summer and giving Back Yard Biology along the Delaware River. The next meeting is August 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Website and Fire District: Councilperson Story

Website Report – June, 2015

- Added June agenda to the upcoming meeting page
- Added legal notice for zoning board
- Added Planning Board February and April Minutes
- Added Eagle Express Bus flyer to News Alerts
- Review and corrections to minutes for Hollye
- Added Town board minutes
- Added new youth events and removed expired events on youth page
- Added youth events on Calendar

Total Hours Worked: 3 ¼ hours

Fire District will have their next meeting on July 13.

Keep Cochecton Clean Jerold Yavarkovsky

First meeting was held on July 1st, all members of the committee were present: Jerold Yavarkovsky as Chair and committee members are Joan Glase, Carl & Eileen Bruetsch and Linda Pomes-- Meeting lasted approx. 2 hours.

There is great concern re: medical waste, etc. on Muller Road, 17B and elsewhere. We continue to search for identification and are considering use of cameras, special warning sign as well as interviewing neighbors, etc.

We have agreed on one Spring Litter pluck and one Fall Litter pluck. The Fall Litter pluck tentatively set for the first Saturday in October. We will contact the High School, Women's and Men's Clubs, Youth Commission, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to encourage teenagers to join their parents in this effort. We will also contact the DPW in Monticello for additional signage and suggestions where the signs should go. Next meeting will be beginning of August. We would like the Town Board to support our efforts with funds to purchase pick-up tools, reflective vests, gloves, plastic bags, safety signs and other supplies.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to approve \$500.00 for signs and tools for the Keep Cochecton Clean Committee, in an effort to help with the clean-up and Litter pluck. All board members voted in favor

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

- Monthly Financial Report
- Bank Information:

Supervisor’s report continues:

- Deposited \$ 100.00 UDC check
- Deposited \$1,161.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,786.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$686.06 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$825.80 from Tax Collector
- Deposited \$ 254.78 for Debit Card
- Deposited \$315.00 for scrap metal MOR-TONS
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board

Activity: Received approval from DEC on UV system for Sewer Plant. Received paperwork for Jay Powell’s retirement and completed. Meetings with Dave Bloodgood and David Bodienstien re: town insurance. Went to Supervisors Meeting. Calls to and from Association of Towns, Sheriff’s Dept., Ross Winglovitz, and Bipkin Gandhi. Notice of Claim received: board members, insurance Company Town Attorney notified.

• CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
• Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
• Abstract #2	\$271.17	\$ 3,728.83
• Abstract#3	\$662.68	\$ 3,066.15
• Abstract #4	\$212.50	\$2,853.65
• Abstract #5	\$433.43	\$2,420.22
• Abstract#6	\$108.99	\$2,311.23
• Abstract#7	\$187.49	\$2,123.74
• Abstract#8	\$	\$
• Abstract#9	\$	\$
• Abstract#10	\$	\$
• Abstract#11	\$	\$
• Abstract#12	\$	\$
• Worked 93 hours		

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

Submitted written report:

- Chipped sealed 6.5 miles of road.
- Out mowing right of ways.
- Out patching gravel and paved roads
- Replaced a few more pipes.
- Ditching
- Hauled millings from CR115
- Diesel: 934 gals del / used 919 gals
- Gas 100 gals del / used 77 gals
- Worked 160 hrs.
- Contractual balance – \$280.14

HWY Superintendent mentioned he needed to place a legal notice for fuel and ice control sand bids.

He also mentioned if he ordered the truck without the plow and lights the price would be \$31,900.00 leaving a balance of \$158,000.00 in the reserve fund

RESOLUTION# 31

TOWN CLERK TO PLACE LEGAL NOTICE FOR ICE-CONTROL SAND

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was RESOLVED, to have the Town Clerk place the legal notice in The River Reporter for fuel and ice control sand from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the bids shall meet Sullivan County Specifications and be returnable to the Town Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. August 11, 2015 at her office or mailed to P.O. Box 295 Lake Huntington, NY 12752

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Story, Nearing, and Salzberg

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report;
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk. Collected \$1,997.15
- UDC check #1419 in the amount of \$100.00 received 6/30/2015 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day.
- Attended the OSTCA meeting held in Monroe on June 17th, we had a round table discussion. There was discussion re: the OSTCA bylaws, to raise the dues. There will be election of officers within the next couple months. There was some discussion re: the Town of Blooming Grove changing the elected positions of the Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes and the Highway Superintendent. Their Supervisor is still pursuing this issue. Which seems no one else wants since it would take away the rights of the voters to choose whom they want to represent them.

Town Clerk report continues:

- Issued 1 permanent handicapped parking permit in June
- I provided telephone #'s for different departments. I'm still getting calls for the CEO, Assessor, Planning Board and Tax Collector. As well as the Justice Court. Several people needed building permits and I was able to help them get them off the web-site.
- Worked a total of 106 and ¼ hours in June
- Contractual balance \$2,035.35

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report : Worked 80 hours, traveled 456 miles
- Issued 5 permits. 0 renewals
- 0 C of O's issued 0 Notices of Disapproval
- Municipal search letters: 1
- 0 Appearance tickets
- Revenues: \$655.00
- Expenses: \$311.59
- Contractual Balance: \$2,869.40

CEO mentioned building permits are up; C of O's low, several new homes being built. Working on Demo on Shortcut Road, the property owners are close to signing the contract for removal of the unsafe building

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

- Submitted a written report
 - Attended Town Board meeting
 - Telephone call with Supervisor
- Notice of Claim –Insurance Co does the paper work

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report:
- Balance in checkbook: \$0.01
- Contractual balance: \$2,451.33

Mentioned the computer screen in her office was not working, but the Supervisor took care of the problem tonight

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present

- Submitted a written report
- *Old Business:*
 1. The County is looking at changing the Veterans exemption to include the Gold Star Parents. All towns are being asked to also adopt this exemption as well. I will provide any updates as they are available.
 2. Data Collection Project: Terri had photographed and entered all the pictures she had taken, however we know that some of the pictures are missing and I feel it was due to the issues we had with the deletion of older files. Pictures from the data collection are somewhere else on the computer, not where they should be. Terri and I are working on getting them back but I have directed Terri to review my list and try and recover or retake the photos.
 - After all pictures are on the file, I will send out copies of the inventory and photo collected to each property owner for their input as well.
- *New Business:*
 1. I have received two requests for appointment to the Board of Assessment Review (letters attached).
 - Assessor Hours: 33.25
 - Clerk Hours: 38.25
 - June: Data Collection – Terri 7 hours \$92.05
 - June: Expenditures \$39.28 Lorry & Terri mileage
 - Contractual Balance: \$3,201.53

There were 2 letters for the position open on the Board of Assessment review. Edna Calkin and Paul Furk. Assessor recommends going with Edna Calkin.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was, to appoint Edna Calkin to the position open on the Board of Assessment Review. All present Town Board members voted in favor.

PLANNING BOARD:

Report taken from the minutes of the June 2015 meeting

Approved the May 2015 minutes. Rosemary Barile Lot line (Improvement added 0.15 acres interior lines to SBL # 13.-1-19.3 (2.74 acres from Manaseri property SBL 19.-1.19.5. The Town Board will not reappoint Sharron Cardone as Planning Board Chairperson; A motion to recommend Earl Bertsch as chairperson for the remainder of the year. A motion was made to have the Planning Board Clerk pick up the mail.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to appoint Earl Bertsch to the position of Planning Board Chair for the remainder of the year. All present Town Board members voted in favor

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow 35,555 for the month of June, Percentage of C.B.O.D removal 96% for the month of June and Percentage of T.S.S. removal was 96% for the month of June
- Worked 75 hours, expenditures \$5,761.63
- Contractual Balance: \$12,221.03

Mat removed from Imhoff Tank, sludge pumped from pump station and Imhoff Tank for a total of 24,000 gal. removed. There was a fair amount of grease coming into the sewer plant over the weekend.

Supervisor mentioned that he received approval for the UV system. —recommended that the town advertise for bids to do the work on their own because it will be less expensive if we advertise. This was discussed.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: Traveled 65 miles, had 2 dogs at large and 2 dog bites worked 10 hours

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

Submitted a written report: There were no inquiries from the public to report this past month and no correspondence received. Please enjoy the Board meeting. Supervisor mentioned that we received a letter from Michael Tampone that would be forwarded to the historian.

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday July 2
- Following roll call, the council heard presentations from enforcement officers Kenesky (sp) from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and from Lt Clayton from the NYS DEC regarding regulations for PA and NY river access sites. Interesting to note that the PA sites are for fishing, boat launching, hunting with no swimming allowed. If a person uses the site for picnicking or just to sit and watch for eagles, the person is technically in violation. New York does not have such a restriction and swimming is allowed.
- Also electric motor boats launched from the PA sites are required to have a registration. PA honors other state registrations. NY does not require registrations. Fishing licenses are reciprocal. The NYS DEC is using the slogan if you see something say something. The NYS DEC telephone number to report violations is 877-457-5680.
- The UDC is continuing to gather information regarding the Reber River Trip operation that has established a business on what appears to be DOT property in Barryville. Although the Town issued a permit, there is a question whether the operation is permitted on State Land.
- The Operations Committee heard a presentation from our accountant Dick Eckersley explaining how much money the Council has of its “own”. Mr. Eckersley stressed the need to be prudent with the money and to keep it somewhat “liquid”. The council has had to use reserves numerous times when the Federal money was not readily available. As a follow up to the committee meeting, the Chairman and Executive Director met with an investment consultant from Sage Investments to discuss if there is any option to generate some interest on the fund balance. Some options were presented but no decision was made.
- NPS Superintendent Heister met with the Township officials from Buckingham and Manchester to clarify the required role that the Park Service must play in reviewing proposed projects within the corridor of towns/townships that are not UDC members.
- **Actions taken:**
- a. **Approved:** Resolution 2015-12: Adopting a NYS Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Policy
- b. **Approved:** Resolution 2015-13: Clarifying the Corridor Boundary in Lackawaxen Township
- c. **Approved:** Resolution 2015-14: Authorizing an Amendment of the UDC Medical Insurance Provision.
- d. **Approved:** A letter in support of a grant request for Marketing the NYS Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.
- e. **Approved:** A letter in support of the Schematic Design for the Skinners Falls River Access

TOWN BOARD:

Councilpersons: Story, Nearing and Salzberg had nothing to add

(Councilperson Richardson)

Mentioned the need for a proper exit out of the building from the kitchen area. Should get quotes to have it done

(Supervisor Maas)

Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe Buildings – discussed earlier on hold for now
2. Sewer Dept. –permit has not been received at this time. It was suggested in the letter from by Bipkin Gandhi that the town advertise for the bid to have the UV work done as it would be less expensive if the town bids the work

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ZBA appointment: Town Clerk to place a display ad in The River Reporter

MOTION: ON motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to have the Town Clerk place a display ad in The River Reporter for anyone interested in applying for the position on the ZBA. Returnable by 3:00 p.m. on August 11, 2015 to the Town Clerk’s office. All present Town Board members voted in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was this Town Board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing land purchase for sewer. Time 8:47 p.m. All present Town Board members voted in favor

Others present: Town Clerk, Attorney and Sewer Plant Officer

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was that this Town Board move out of executive session. Time 8:58 p.m. All present Town Board members voted in favor

While in executive session no decision was made.

Supervisor was asked to contact the property owner and offer him X amount of money for all the property, or try and purchase just one acre for X amount of money. Supervisor will let the Town Board know how it went at the next meeting

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 9:00 p.m. All Town Board members present voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk