

Regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on July 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Cochection 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
Councilperson Anna Story

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Gregg Semenetz –CEO entered at 7:51 p.m. Eileen Hennessy – Tax Collector

RESOLUTION # 32

CORRECTION TO ABSTRACT # 6

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, Town of Cochection Abstract # 6 dated June 13, 2012 page 1 contained one entry error, and
WHEREAS, claim # 240 line A 1620.400 (Town Hall Contractual) is charged \$147.31, and
WHEREAS, the correct amount charged should be \$147.58, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that under General Accounts listed claim # 240 is corrected to read \$147.58 and that the “Total General Funds” is adjusted to read \$8,124.59 thereby correcting the error

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story
Supervisor Maas

RESOLUTION # 33

GASB 54 STATEMENT NO. 54 FUND BALANCE REPORTING

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, GASB has issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions (GASB 54). The objective of this statement 54 is to enhance the usefulness of the fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied, and
WHEREAS, The Town Board hereby desires to implement the objectives of said Statement 54, and
NOW BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the annexed Town of Cochection Fund Balance Policy

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story
Supervisor Maas

Councilperson Richardson read the policy (the policy is on file in the Town Clerk’s office if anyone wishes to review it)

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Municipal Agreement with the Town of Bethel to act as the Town of Cochection’s secondary animal shelter. All voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve the minutes of June 13, 2012 and be accepted as presented. All voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following motion was to approve the bills on abstract # 7 for payment as follows:

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| General Account | Voucher #'s 284-310 and # 322 | \$4,363.58 |
| Sewer Account | Voucher #'s 311-314 | \$2,488.05 |
| Lighting District Account | Voucher # 321 | \$495.00 |
| Highway Account | Voucher #'s 315-320 | \$111,772.07 |

Voucher # 285, 286, 293, 295, 307 and 317 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.

Voucher #'s 284-292 are noted as PREPAID on 6/15, 6/18, 6/26 and 7/6/2012. All voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response to Supervisor inquire from Sullivan County Risk Management 5 year loss run
Town posted Standard work day resolution for 30 days; Supervisor needs to return to the state
UDC memo re: grants. Projects must be submitted by August 31, 2012
Planning and Zoning Boards classes being offered
Millennium – Wetland monitoring and reclamation work
TWC letter stating work completed in the Town of Cochection
Sullivan County Visitors Center –office in Ferndale

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eileen Hennessy asked if the cable co. would provide a list of roads they are working on.

Supervisor said they did a lot more roads this year, but he does not have a list of future roads they will be working on

No one else wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

97 Pull off: Councilperson Richardson —nothing to report
Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund gave a report re: made \$212.05 on car wash, \$120.00 on bake sale, 20 Cochection Youth attended the Day at the Villa. July 22, is the rafting trip. At the Day on the Lake they will have a bounce house, snow cones and water. Wayne County Fair is August 8th; and Radio City on November 17th

Office of the Aging: Councilperson Schulman had a meeting on July 2nd. Volunteer drivers needed to pickup seniors for doctor visits and drivers are needed for meals on wheels. When admitted to a hospital, Medicare picks up the bill if you are a patient, but not if you are there for observation. Food stamp coupons are accepted at the farmers markets for the three counties of Orange, Ulster and Sullivan. For low income seniors, air conditioners are available, but only for medical necessity and must have a note from the doctor stating this is so.

Town Website: Councilperson Story put agenda and links to the Upcoming Meeting page, added Town Board Meeting Minutes. I added Permissive referendum to the Legal Notice page. Removed information from the Youth board page and added a meeting date change to calendar. I added Planning Board minutes, and Clerk’s office closing to news alerts. Worked 5 ¼ hours

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report

- 1. Monthly Financial Report
 - Bank Information:
 - Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
 - Deposited \$1,160.00 Judicial fees
 - Deposited \$600.00 Judicial fees
 - Deposited \$1,010.04 Town Clerk fees
 - Deposited \$5,419.48 Tax Collector interest and penalties
 - Deposited \$9,448.43 Mortgage Tax
 - Made transfers and deposits as needed
- 2. Activity
 - Calls with Loren Pratt, Dave Bodenstein in regards to Workers Comp.
 - Attended Supervisors meeting
 - Meetings & calls with CEO, Attorney, Tom Bose, Dan Sturm, Michael Richardson, Edna Calkins, Doug Deihl, DCO, Mrs. Nasar and Christina Passeralla
- 3. CONTRACTUAL
 - Abstract # 1 \$ 0.00 \$5,500.00
 - Abstract # 2 \$456.88 \$5,043.12
 - Abstract # 3 \$634.15 \$4,408.97
 - Abstract # 4 \$225.08 \$4,183.89
 - Abstract # 5 \$655.07 \$3,528.82
 - Abstract # 6 \$ 58.00 \$3,470.82
 - Abstract #7 \$106.60 \$3,364.22

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Submitted written report: continues ditching on roads and repaired a couple of culverts
- Attended Highway School in Ithaca. Watched a few demonstrations on paving and sealing roads. Went and sat in on the Legal panel where numerous Superintendents had questions about operations in their Town or Village
- Milled our rebates to prepare for paving. We paved the rest of the roads in town throughout the month
- Received our blank signs and took them out to the Town of Thompson to get lettered. Did put up a few of them but waiting on more hardware
- Worked 160 hours
- Contractual Balance: \$891.06

Councilperson Richardson asked the Highway Superintendent if he was keeping an inventory of the work he is doing. Kevin replied he is. The Highway Agreement also has a record of what roads were done in the town.

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report; collected \$1,166.56 in fees for June
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- Attended the OSTCA meeting held at the Quickway Diner. Bruce Cadman was the guest speaker – he is the representative from General Code. He gave an update of e-code360; which is part of the services provided by General Code. He would be willing to make a presentation to the board if interested in learning more about General Code and how it works.
- General Code is the company that the County and most towns and villages use for codification of their laws etc. Something the Town of Cochection should look into. The Town of Lumberland has just started with General Code to codify their laws etc. I have information he passed out if anyone is interested in reviewing it.
- The UDC check # 2497 in the amount of \$100.00 received 7/3/ 2012 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- There were no handicapped parking permits or renewals issued in the month of June.

- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I have received telephone calls for the Tax Collector, Assessor, CEO, Bookkeeper and Justice Court and the Highway Superintendent
- Worked a total of 119 ¼ hours in June
- Contractual balance: \$4,808.55

Councilperson Richardson felt perhaps the Town could make the Codification of the laws a UDC Tag Grant request

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report: worked 80 hours, traveled 585 miles
- Issued 10 permits, no renewals, no C of O's issued, 2 municipal search letter, no appearance tickets
- Revenues: \$1,050.00; Expenses: \$385.86
- Contractual Balance: \$2,714.50

Busy; lots of little projects. There are also big projects starting to come in. For the most part the property owners with unsafe buildings are taking care of the demolitions. Three structures are being removed from the Nasar property by Jim Hughson excavating. He will then move to the Schalck property on Daub Road. CEO spoke to Giglio's son and his father will have a two week reprieve to take down the unsafe structure on his property -- this is to be taken down by Jim Hughson Excavating also.

There was some discussion regarding how once removed structures are handled by the Assessor; unless there is a demo permit from the CEO to the Assessor nothing will change. Most of the unsafe buildings have very little value, and the property owner can check with the Assessor to see what change is made in the assessment of the property.

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

- Balance in checkbook is \$0.13
- Worked 4 hours in the month of June
- Contractual Balance: \$3,255.43

HISTORIAN: (K. C. Garn) not present

Submitted a written report, a fair amount to report this month. First was a request for information (by a Samuel Sheard) regarding a "John Sheard" who supposedly died in 1844 in "Tylertown". Our cemetery records do not list anyone by the name of Sheard buried in this town. No one by that name was listed as residing here in either the 1830 or 1840 census. I did locate an 1842 deed to a John Shear for 100 acres of land along the New Turnpike and, it turns out, that was the fellow. He wasn't a Cochection native, just bought property here. Samuel was pleased since the deed listed the Albany address of his ancestor.

I received an email from a lady in Port Jervis who has a "second hand/art" shop in that town. She had acquired a number of ledger books belonging to the O'Reilly family in Cochection which were from the 1800's and she wanted me to take a look in case the Town wanted to buy them. I went down there to look them over and, to make the story shorter, she wound up donating them to us. They contain a lot of details about floods during the late 1800's and the loss of buildings and crops along the river. Lots of old Cochection Mills receipts.

Finally, Richard Schulman contacted me with a question regarding the age of the Fosterdale Grange hall. Looking up a couple of deeds, I learned that the original piece of property the Grange Hall sits on was donated to the Grange by the Rohmann and Bingham families in 1915. The Fosterdale Grange donated the property to the Methodist Church in November, 1978. The 1978 deed lists Thomas McCoach, (Master) Jean McCoach (Secretary) and Charles Morgan (Treasurer) as the Grantors.

I replaced the broken glass covering a frame of photographs taken in 1934 of the Cochection Airport. I will deliver it to the Supervisor so that, hopefully, it can be displayed in the Town Hall.

Hope you're enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

TOWN ATTORNEY: (John J. Keating) not present

- Submitted written report:
- Prosecute Justice Court matters (two evenings)
- Prepared various resolutions, orders, notices etc. for monthly meeting
- Attended monthly meeting
- Prepare Fund Balance Policy and resolution

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present

Submitted a written report:

Old Business:

1. Continually reviewing of all sales and related inventory

New Business:

1. Linda and I will be attending the blue print and construction course in New Windsor, NY on Sept. 10th
2. I will be attending the cell tower valuation seminar on Friday Oct. 17th in Fishkill, NY
3. The final roll has been filed and a copy of such is located on our website and with the Town Clerk
4. Contractual Balance: \$2,697.89

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Sharron Cardone) not present

Submitted a written report:

Planning Board meeting of June 28th 2012

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM – all members except Earl were present

Minutes of May 31st meeting were approved.

Planning Board continues:

Read correspondence from Assoc. of Towns regarding summer seminar classes. Also received correspondence about Pipeline Safety and final letter was from Sullivan County Dept. of Public Works regarding Coffee Creations Site Plan. DPW felt site plan is unacceptable as problem regarding parking spots – they also stated clients engineers need to make an appointment with their engineers to go over proposal with them as Dept. of Public Works needs to give them a permit before Coffee Creations can open. – Further discussion of this will be held during the regular meeting.

Public Hearing on Coffee Creations was opened - there was no public response. Public Hearing was closed and regular meeting was opened.

OLD BUSINESS:

Special use permit for Coffee Creations was discussed – Map was updated to show 4 parking spaces as per our zoning... Went over letter sent from Dept. of Public Works and their need for approval so that a permit from them can be issued. A discussion was held that the Planning Board put off issuing a final approval until clients meet with Dept. of Public Works and any issues with them can be taken care of. A motion was made to this effect and it had three in favor and three opposed. – Motion did not carry – Motion then made by Joe for approval based on DPW giving the clients the OK – three voted in favor and three opposed. Motion did not carry.

Nothing more to be done on this until clients meet with DPW. Clients will come back in July.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wagner simple subdivision was presented by George Fulton. Lots are located on Skipperene Road – subdividing lot into two lots – one will be 5.32 acres and the other remaining 177 acres. A motion to hold a public hearing was made and will be held at the July meeting.

No other business was discussed.

Meeting was closed at 8:45

SEWER OFFICER: (George Walter) not present

Submitted a written report:

Average flow of 35,774 gallons per day for month of June

Obtained 88.8% C.B.O.D. and 87.9% T.S.S. removal for June

Spent a total of 77 hours attending to sewer district affairs in June

Expenditures \$923.21

Contractual Balance: \$16,505.61

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report.

1 Dog at large complaint filed (Court date 7/16/2012. 1 seized dog from May to Middletown shelter 6/4/12

2 lost dog calls

Contractual balance: \$535.70

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

No report submitted. Gave an oral report. There is \$30,000.00 available for tag grants Held a ½ day retreat went over their five year plan.

TOWN BOARD

(Supervisor Gary Maas)

Nothing more to add

(Councilperson Richardson)

Nothing more to add

(Councilperson Grund)

Nothing more to add

(Councilperson Schulman)

Nothing more to add

(Councilperson Story)

Nothing more to add

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MMTF update – Need to pass a resolution adopting the final generic impact study - pending
2. Pull-off on RT 97 for Byway – still don't have a permit, which we were suppose to have two months ago. Sign is up
3. Basement Completion – discussed – CEO will meet with the Supervisor to get things started
4. Old Town Hall – Paint Exterior – completed this week
5. Unsafe Buildings – discussed earlier – things are moving forward
6. NIMS – New Superintendent just took over. Pending
7. Phone Service – Call into Universal Connections – Still haven't gotten any references – will give him another month
8. Operation of Sewer Plant – Pending
9. Workers Compensation – Working on it and need to know by end of June 2013
10. Day on the Lake – 20 Fire Companies, 22 vendors, parade all set

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to discuss

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pauline Johnson-Hofer, question re: Office of the Aging Transportation

Public Comment continues:

Peter Grosser, Invited everyone to the meeting at the Hortonville Fire Company to watch a film “Truth Land”, there will be several speakers available. He also had a petition signed by 190 land owners who are oppose to having the Town place a moratorium on gas drilling at this time. Will present the petition at a later date

No one else wished to comment.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to move into executive session to speak about labor negotiations. Time 8:45 p.m. All voted in favor

Others present: Town Clerk

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story the following motion was to move out of executive session. Time 9:11 p.m. All voted in favor

While in executive session no decision made

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was that this Town Board meeting will be recessed until July 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. All voted in favor. Time 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk