



**RESOLUTION # 42**

**BUDGET TRANSFER HIGHWAY**

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

WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when adopting the FY 2016 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 2016 Budget, therefore

WHEREAS, the town has been informed that the apportionment for 2016 will be \$149,116.68 increasing both the expense and revenues lines by \$28,116.68

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line DA 5112.400 CAPITAL OUTLAY – CHIPS instead of reading \$121,000.00 should read \$149,116.68 and revenue line DA 3501.00 STATE AID-CHIPS CAPITAL instead of reading \$121,000.00 should read \$149,116.68 to cover actual revenues and expenditures.

**ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Story, Nearing Salzberg and Grund

**RESOLUTION # 43**

**BUDGET TRANSFER PERSONNEL**

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

WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when adopting the FY 2016 budget was unaware of a new position that would be required and needed to conduct business for the FY 2016. Previously \$1,500.00 had been funded to line A 1410.101, but it is now necessary to increase that amount since the Town Clerk will be unable to perform for the next 6 to 8 weeks, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line, A 1410.101 PERSONNEL – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK is additionally funded in the amount of \$1,500.00 from line A 1990.400 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, so that line A 1990.400 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT reads \$10,500.00.

**ADOPTED – AYES 5 NAYS – 0**

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Story, Nearing Salzberg and Grund

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to accept the minutes of June 8 and June 22, 2016 as submitted. All Town Board members voted in favor.

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

Prepaid	Claim # 316-333	Please note Claim #317 is in the lighting district.
General Account	Claim # 334-358	\$ 9154.29
Debit Card	Claim #359	\$ 25.79
Sewer Account	Claim #360-365	\$ 2,226.56
Lighting District Account	Claim #366 (and 317)	\$ 769.54
Highway Account	Claim #367-379	\$ 46,397.96

Claim #325, 350, 367 and 369 are split between funds, on same voucher. Prepays were paid on June 14, 20, 28, 30 and July 5, 2016.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

UDC: will be holding a meeting tonight with information about bridge renovations and openings

CHARTER has acquired Time Warner Cable. Time Warner will now be called Charter.

SHELTER INSPECTION: all is good

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jerold Yavarkovsky, Catskill Regional Medical Center Grover Herman Division Auxiliary Member had asked at the June meeting if they can hold Yoga and Tai Chi classed in the community room. Supervisor Maas checked with the insurance company. There is insurance provided if the teacher is not paid and no charge to the participants Otherwise insurance needs to be provided. Dr. Salzberg noted it was an excellent idea. Mr. Yavarkovsky asked about the Community Bulletin Board and when the outside decks will be installed for safety reasons.

No one else wished to comment

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION:** Larry Richardson

The Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday June 15, 2016. The meeting was chaired by Peggy Harrison.

Ms. Harrison introduced JJ Hanson who was an original appointment to this commission but had resigned for health reasons. Mr. Hanson had worked in the Ulster County Executive's office as Deputy. He was also in charge of the budget.

We were then connected through Skype with the Ulster County Atty. Bea Havranek. She provided a lot of background on why Ulster County chose to move from a board of legislators to an elected county executive. She was involved with writing the charter. She's very familiar with the workings of the current government and the benefits that have been achieved by making the change.

As noted in the press the commission members have come to the conclusion that the county would be better served by having an elected county executive. The members have not made a formal resolution and are continuing to gather background information on what the changes would mean.

Our aim is to hold a meeting remote from Monticello at a time and place that would be convenient to the public to present our findings and support our conclusion and gather public input. We have reviewed Ulster County's charter and Suffolk County's charter and others to gauge how such a change in the form of government might benefit Sullivan County residents.

The next scheduled meeting will be July 20 at 6:00 PM at the government center.

As always should anyone have comments or suggestions for the commission, they can call me or email me through my town email address: [lrichardson@townofcochectonny.org](mailto:lrichardson@townofcochectonny.org).

**SCENIC BYWAY:**

The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday June 27, 2016.

A presentation on Commercial Solar Energy Arrays was made by Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart  
(Many were in attendance including most of the Town of Delaware Board)

Items under discussion:

- Website Re-design Proposals
- Add an Authorized Signatory to the UDSB Jeff Bank Account (done)
- Sullivan County Probation Community Services available
- Visit by Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway Delegation (showed presentation)
- Litter Bag Distributions at 100-Mile Paddle Days
- Documenting NYS Route 97 Roadside Attractions
- NY-PA Interstate Bridges Meeting: July 13 at Tusten Town Hall
- Litter Strategies Subcommittee: NYS DOT Adopt-a-Highway discussion (Ed Mall & Paul Hahn from DOT- present)

**The next meeting is scheduled for July 25th at 7:00 PM.**

**UDC REPORT:** Larry Richardson

The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday July 7.

Heather Jacksy associate planner for Sullivan County Division of Planning presented an update on the local Waterfront Revitalization Plan for the upper Delaware corridor.

It is interesting to note that Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez said at recent meeting that 26 people at a recent event held at the Villa Roma Hotel expressed that they were there because of the Trailkeeper website. They were interested in hiking trails in the area.

Executive Director Ramie presented a short PowerPoint program of Governor Cuomo's visit to the Delaware area. Tag grant applications have been mailed out and are available on our website. The amount budgeted this year is \$35,000. Since the start of the Tag Grant Program the UDC has funded 240 projects amounting to \$809,325. There was a brief executive session after which the board accepted the proposal from the Personnel subcommittee: for a 2% percent salary increase for the permanent employees.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** Councilperson Grund

- Looking for a youth member to serve on the board
- Movies on July 8<sup>th</sup> – The Secret Life of Pets
- Coal Mine Tour is planned for 8/24
- Wayne County Fair Tuesday, 8/9 with approximately 50 kids
- Dorney Outdoor Water Park 8/17 – rain date 8/25. 29 have signed up so far.
- Camel Back Day Trip August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- Indoor Water Park Fundraiser tentatively set for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 35 rooms are booked. Will possibly make \$800 profit.
- We are doing a Raffle with great prizes being drawn on the day of Tricky Trunk, 10/29. Prizes include: 1 week at Villa Roma; 1 night at Aquatopia; \$100 Walmart gift card; dinner for two at the Club Villa Roma; Landers River Trip for Two; plus many more prizes.

Next meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM.

**WEBSITE AND FIRE DISTRICT:** Councilperson Story

- Added June agenda
- Review and corrections to June 1 and June 8 Minutes for Hollye
- Added May 11 and June 1 minutes to board page
- Removed expired youth events
- Removed Expired Legal Notices
- Added Fuel Bid legal notice
- Removed expired information in News Alerts Box

Total Hours Worked: 3 hours

**Fire District** – The meeting was held on Monday, July 11, 2016.

- Bills were paid.
- Fire hoses, ladders and heat sensors were tested and inspected at a cost of \$2,225
- KME fixed a siren on truck 31 and programmed a remote for the truck deck on truck 32
- Parts for the old fire truck have arrived and work will continue
- Backpack Company upgraded their packs. The packs we have are 5 years old but will be replaced with new ones at no cost.

The county emergency services tower is up and the equipment is working. Jason believes they will be ready to switch sometime early this coming year. Trucks are ready but pagers have to be purchased for the firemen. Nine pagers will be supplied by the county.

**SENIORS:** Councilperson Salzberg

He attended a meeting for the Senior Action Group and a program to draw more nurses to our area is moving forward. Farmer's Market Coupon Books are available at the Office for the Aging from 9AM – 4:45PM, Monday through Friday. It is based on income levels: 1 person household - \$1,832.00/ month; 2 person - \$2,470.00/month; 3 person - \$3,108.00/month or SSI, public assistance, food stamps or Section 8.

**KEEP COCHECTON CLEAN:** Jerold Yavarkovsky

Biodegradable bags are available for use in your vehicles for trash.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**SUPERVISOR:** (Gary Maas)

Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$ 100.00 UDC check

Deposited \$ 849.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$ 836.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$ 989.32 Town Clerk fees

Deposited \$158.03, 4.03 health Trust refund

Deposited \$ 4,005.20 Tax Collector

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

**Activity**

Have visited construction site at Sewer Plant; work being done by WITTCOM, INC. for Sewer UV project; Have replied to DEC on Lake Huntington; Also called in regards to Access area needing attention to 2 foot high grass; Worked on Zoning Law draft after town board meeting. Anna then organized and corrected so that Planning Board could review.

CONTRACTUAL		<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
Abstract #1	\$ 97.11	\$ 3,902.89
Abstract #2	\$ 723.32	\$ 3,179.57
Abstract#3	\$ 180.00	\$ 2,999.57
Abstract #4	\$ 189.60	\$ 2,809.97
Abstract #5	\$ 124.00	\$ 2,685.97
Abstract#6	\$ 192.78	\$ 2,493.19
Abstract#7	\$	\$
Abstract#8	\$	\$
Abstract#9	\$	\$
Abstract#10	\$	\$
Abstract#11	\$	\$
Abstract#12	\$	\$

Worked: 93.5 hours

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** (Kevin Esselman)

- Was out ditching and patching
- Took care of downed trees
- Cut brush
- Started mowing right of ways
- Had a few repairs
- Worked on Brigham Road entrance to CR 114
- Attended School for Highway Superintendents in Ithaca. They offered several new classes. Roadside safety where they focused on guiderails. They touched on when to replace them, what to look for and what to replace them with. Another class went over cost of a repair project to determine if it should be contracted out or if it is something to do in-house. Then that information is used to develop a budget. There was a Legal Panel class and a Pavement Preservation class. They provided pavement demonstrations in the parking lot.

Diesel – 683.7 gals del / used 925  
Gas - 115 gals del / used 165  
Worked 160 hrs  
Contractual balance is 2,112.28

**TOWN CLERK:** (Hollye Schulman) not present

- Submitted a written report.
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.

UDC check # 19972050 in the amount of \$100.00 received 7/1/16 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day

I attended the record management class on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Villa Roma. There were classes on how to retain records and what time frame is required for retention. There was also a class on judicial records and how to file and the retention periods. I also received 4 CEU for the training.

I attended the OSTCA meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the speaker was Jim O’Conner from the NYS Dept. of Health, he gave a presentation regarding EDRS (which is for electronic filing of death records). He also touched on birth and death records in general and also marriage licenses. He is always a great speaker. I asked when the smaller towns could expect to have the EDRS in our towns, and he replied they have started rolling out the new system in several large cities. There have been some glitches, and they are working on getting them fixed. It will be quite a while until the system gets to the smaller towns.

Issued 3 permanent handicapped and 5 temporary parking permits in May

I provided telephone #'s for different departments. I’m still getting calls for the CEO, Assessor, Tax Collector, as well as the Justice Court, people wanting to pay their fines and wanting to know where to send their payments etc.

Worked a total of 107 1/2 hours in June  
Contractual balance \$1,674.05

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report: Worked 80 hours traveled 740 miles
- Issued 8 permits; 0 renewals, 2 C of O’s, Notices of Disapproval 1, 3 Municipal search letters, 0 appearance tickets
- Revenues of \$775.00, and expenses of \$504.88
- Contractual Balance: \$2,733.78

CEO - New construction is in line with last year’s pace. He mailed notices to homeowners regarding unsafe building issue. Councilperson Nearing asked CEO to notify him about the timeframe for his next step.

**TAX COLLECTOR:** (Eileen Hennessy)

Submitted a written report  
Balance \$0.14  
Contractual Balance \$2,366.23  
Worked 4 hours in June.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** (Karen Mannino)

Submitted a written report.  
She reviewed the Solar Energy Generating System Zoning Law draft and made a few changes. All the legal paperwork has been done to schedule a Public Hearing for an unsafe manufactured home.  
Nothing more to add

**ASSESSOR:** (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report

*Old Business:*

1. I attended a class in New Windsor on June 7. The class was very informative.

*New Business*

1. I have been receiving calls requesting ta information for future homes to be constructed. This is a welcomed request, and I do my best to accommodate our future taxpayers with their new homes or newly purchased properties.
2. The State has reported that they have had a fantastic response to the Assessors mailing of the STAR letters last month. Each week they report to the community on the number of STAR registrants and over 40,000 have signed up thus far.

Assessor Hours: 32.50

Clerk Hours: 37.00

My contractual balance: A 1355.400 \$2,654.65

**SEWER OFFICER:** (Michael Walter)

Submitted a written report:

- Expenditures were \$2,225.56
- Contractual Balance: \$9,973.12

**PLANNING BOARD CHAIR:** (Earl Bertsch)

The Board has no new projects. The campground project is months away because the Engineer, Tom Ward has a lot of work to do. The Board reviewed the Draft Solar Farm zoning that was supplied by the Town Board. The only comment was a question as to why we would allow it in the Hamlet District, he feels it should not be there. He suggests that it might be best on Fosterdale Corners property, on Route 52 and 17B. Abandonment and disposal of damaged panels might be subject to an Abandonment Bond or some financial way to insure proper disposal. He noted that the area might want to support the influx of new businesses.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: traveled 82 miles

Worked 12 hours

Contractual balance: \$930.62

**HISTORIAN:** (K. C. Garn) not present

No report

**TOWN BOARD:**

Supervisor Maas

- Spoke about residents interested in internet and TV programming that is not available for them now.
- The Sewer Project is continuing as scheduled.
- The algae situation of Lake Huntington is still continuing but the water quality seems to be improving.
- Volunteers are welcome to help spruce up the town's banners.
- He asked the Board members to consider selling the 6 acre town lot on Nearing Road. The attorney is looking into the deed.

Council members Grund, Story, Nearing and Salzberg had nothing more to add

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Unsafe Buildings: Emergency Clean-up at the old Rembish house. It has become a health hazard. The cost will be re-leived onto taxes in September. A motion was made by Councilperson Nearing and seconded by Councilperson Grund to perform an Emergency Clean-up at the property located at the Old Rembish House on the corner of Shortcut Road and Route 52. All Town Board Members voted in favor.

2. Sewer Dept. – UV System: Gary will be making the first payment to the contractor.
3. Lake Huntington Algae Bloom: Samples have been collected and sent to the DEC. SUNY Oneonta was also on the lake doing a study on mercury levels in the fish. We are NOT saying there is any mercury, SUNY is just doing a study.
4. Solar Energy Farms: Zoning is being reviewed by Town and Planning Boards

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Deck:
2. Banners – Lake Huntington: Gary will look into cost for new banners
3. Land – Nearing Road: Someone is interested in purchasing the 6 acres the town owns. Karen will look into the necessary steps to take for a sale.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one wished to comment

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Salzberg to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilperson Nearing and all were in favor. Time 9:35p.m. All Town Board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_

Richardson, Deputy Town Clerk transcribed the minutes as taken by Planning Board Clerk, Sharon Erdman