

REGULAR COCHECTON TOWN BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 12, 2015

BID OPENING ICE CONTROL SAND AND FUEL

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on August 12, 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)
Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:37 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson Paul Salzberg

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Karen Mannino –Attorney
Gregg Semenetz –CEO
Michael Walter --SPO

During the work session Dave Bodenstein rep: from Mike Preis Insurance gave a presentation on the FY 2015-2016 Insurance proposal for the town and explained same. The premium for this policy is higher than last year

Regular meeting opened:

Town Clerk read the legal notice for the Ice Control Sand bid which was printed in the River Reporter on July 16th, 2015
BID OPENING ICE CONTROL SAND:

There were 2 bids submitted and the Town Clerk read them in the order they were received
1. R & H Gorr Inc. \$12.74 per ton delivered
2. Deckelman LLC \$13.52per ton delivered
Neither bidder told where the sand was going to be coming from. HWY Superintendent will question them about this, and a decision will be made at the recessed meeting

Town Clerk read the legal notice for fuel bids which was printed in the River Reporter on July 16th, 2015
BID OPENING FUEL

There were 2 bids submitted and the Town Clerk read them in the order they were received

1. Ultra Power			
Journal of Commerce July 31, 2015			
PRODUCT	POSTED DELIVERED	FIRM PRICE DIFFERENTIAL	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$1.8580	\$.095	\$1.9505
# 2 Heating Oil	\$1.8580	\$.095	\$1.9505
Unleaded			
Regular Gasoline	\$1.7885	+\$1170	\$1.9055
2. Mirabito Energy Products			
Journal of Commerce July 31, 2015			
PRODUCT	POSTED DELIVERED	FIRM PRICE DIFFERENTIAL	TOTAL BID
Diesel	\$1.8580	\$.0895	\$1.9475
# 2 Heating Oil	\$1.8580	\$.0799	\$1.9379
Unleaded			
Regular Gasoline	\$1.7885	\$.1111	\$1.8996

RESOLUTION # 32

ACCEPT FUEL BID FROM MIRABITO ENERGY PRODUCTS

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was
RESOLVED, to accept the fuel bid submitted by Mirabito Energy Products as stated above
ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Richardson, Story, Nearing and Salzberg

RESOLUTION # 33

BUDGET TRANSFER HIGHWAY

On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, with increased cost for TWC and the purchase of a computer and word program have depleted the Highway Line for A 5010.100, (HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTUAL), so for the remainder of FY 2015 the following transfer is needed, and therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 5132.400 (HIGHWAY GARAGE CONTRACTUAL), in the amount of \$1,500.00 be transferred to line A 5010.400 (HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTUAL) so that line A 5010.400 (HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTUAL) shows \$4,500.00 and line A 5132.400 (HIGHWAY GARAGE CONTRACTUAL) shows \$16,000.00.
ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Story, Nearing and Salzberg

RESOLUTION # 48
ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM MIKE PREIS INC. INSURANCE FOR FY 2015-2016

On motion by Councilperson Richardson seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, Dave Bodenstein a representative for Mike Preis Inc. has presented the 2015 Insurance Proposal for the Town of Cochection and Lake Huntington Sewer District in the amount of \$22,038.49 for coverage from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the quoted insurance from Mike Preis Inc. in the amount of \$22,038.49 to have the Town and Sewer District covered for the above mentioned time period

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Richardson, Story, Nearing and Salzberg

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve the minutes of July 8, 2015 and be accepted as submitted. All voted in favor

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to approve for payment the bill on abstract # 8 in the following amount.

General Account	Voucher # 358-389	\$5,691.81
Debit Account	Voucher # 390	\$162.76
Sewer Account	Voucher # 391-392	\$255.93
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 362 & 393	\$526.30
Highway Account	Voucher # 394-404	\$187,416.75

Voucher # 366, 375, 380, 386, 397 and 398 are split between funds same voucher
Prepaid were paid on July 10th, 14th, 23rd, 27th and August 6th, 2015

CORRESPONDENCE:
NYS DEP; Emergency Action Plan for Cannonsville Dam July 22, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Best Western Hotel in Matamoras, PA
Letter: NYS DEC’s Skinners Falls River Access this has been put off until next year
Letter: NYS Ag. And Markets re: Dog Control Officer Inspection Report – passed
Letter: Association of Towns: re: dues for next year –they will remain the same at \$800.00
Letter: SunShine Group –re: 2 parcels on Lake Huntington and part of one of the parcels is ¾ underwater. Wanted to request that the town cease granting permits for docks that fall within the property lines of SBL 15.-1-1.1. The town does not issue permits for docks
SLAC: re; an invitation to their meeting on August 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gov. Center in Monticello

PUBLIC COMMENT:
No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
County Charter Commission Councilperson Larry Richardson
Discussion items:

Sullivan County Charter Commission;
The Commission did not have a meeting in July to allow for the selection of three new members and to allow those people to get somewhat up to speed.
The next meeting will be August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Scenic Byway
The UDSB held a scheduled meeting on July 27
New Business: (summary in part)
a. Support letter for a “Marketing the NYS Upper Delaware Scenic Byway” grant
b. Support letter to Town of Lumberland for their proposed Upper Delaware Heritage Walking Trail
c. NYS DOT proposed work and timeline for Rte. 97
d. Narrowsburg Bridge Rehabilitation update
e. Sullivan County 2016 budget request for support

Old Business: (summary in part)
a. Westfall Township noise complaint in Hawks Nest area
b. Eagle Express results
c. Monarch Butterflies presentation by Ed Wesley
d. Skinners Falls access site project dropped from grant application. (It was decided to wait until next year when the work is completed on and around the bridge and apply at that time.)

Youth Commission: Edwin Grund had the Bylaws for the Youth Commission which he gave copies to the Town Board members. For the Tricky Trunk, on October 31, 2015 they would like to use the lower parking lot at the Town Hall.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to allow the Cochection Youth Commission to use the lower parking lot for their Tricky Trunk on October 31, 2015, as they have done in the past. All voted in favor

Website and Fire District: Councilperson Anna Story –
Handled regular maintenance on the website including

- Added July agenda to the upcoming meeting page
- Created an e-mail address for Paul
- Added Paul’s information to Board page
- Added Planning Board May Minutes and Town Board June minutes
- Added Earl’s information to Planning Board page

Website report continues:

- Added Board of Assessment Review new member Edna Calkin
- Added Final Tax Roll to home page and assessor’s page
- Added Legal notices with links
- Review and corrections to minutes for Hollye
- Removed expired and added upcoming youth events to youth page and calendar
- Added Keep Cochection Clean flyer with email link to News Alerts

Total Hours Worked: 7 ¼ hours

Fire District: There were not enough for a quorum at the August 10 meeting. Outstanding bills were paid and I know that the Fire Chief was working on setting up the “I Am Responding” program. It was partially up and running when they received a fire call on Sunday afternoon but they were doing the finishing work to the program on Monday evening.

KEEP COCHECTON CLEAN: Jerold Yavarkovsky
Sings are in (25). Will have a meeting next couple months; where to place the signs, will not put them all out at once. Information can be found on the website. Also planning another litter pluck day, sometime after school opens, hoping to get students and their parents involved

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

1. Monthly Financial Report
 - Bank Information:
 - Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
 - Deposited \$420..00 Judicial fees
 - Deposited \$1,067.00 Judicial fees
 - Deposited \$1,997.15 Town Clerk fees
 - Deposited \$500.00 for Debit Card
 - Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board
 - Activity: Sent single audit to DHSES. Received more paperwork for Jay Powell’s retirement. Call to David Bodenstein in regards to town insurance. Went to Supervisors Meeting. Calls to Sheriff’s Dept. Communications with Keith Eisenstarck and Karen on Land Purchase. Also with Karen Mannino discussions about other matters. Call from Tim at NYMIR in regards to claim. 2 meetings with labor on contract. Received letter from the Sunshine Group
 - 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 \$ 165.00 \$1,958.74
 - Abstract#9 \$ \$
 - Abstract#10 \$ \$
 - Abstract#11 \$ \$
 - Abstract#12 \$ \$
 - Worked 100 hours

Supervisor also mentioned that the original 2% tax cap has shrunk to .73% for FY 2016. In 2015 it was 1.56%. Does not think any municipality will be able to stay under this cap

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Submitted written report,
- Tractor out mowing right of ways.
- Cut rebates on roads to be paved.
- Paved roads that were scheduled.
- Few repairs on equipment.
- Out patching gravel and paved roads.
- Fixed a few pipes.
- Diesel: 130.1 gals del / used 448 gals
- Gas: a50.4 gals. Del./used 99 gals.
- Worked160 hrs.
- Contractual balance - \$868.59

HWY Superintendent also presented the town board members with a proposed spending plan. Also wants to surplus truck # 22 dump truck, feels he can do better on the auction site along with a sander

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to allow the HW Superintendent to surplus truck # 22 and sander. All voted in favor

HWY Superintendent at this time went over his proposed replacement plans for the next few years and equipment he hopes to replace This was discussed

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

Submitted a written report: Fees collected \$12,052.33 for the month of July

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- UDC check #1475 in the amount of \$100.00 received 8/3/2015 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day.
- Attended the OSTCA meeting held in Crawford on July 15th, we had a round table discussion. Again we discussion the OSTCA bylaws, and raising the dues. There will be election of officers within the next couple months. The Tow of Blooming Grove has put on hold the idea of changing the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Receiver of Taxes. We were discussing different speakers for our meetings etc.
- Issued 2 permanent handicapped parking permit in July Issued 1 marriage license
- Handed out several building permits when the CEO was not in his office, along with 1 logging permit application
- 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
- Worked a total of 130 hours in July
- Contractual balance \$1,640.11

At this time the Town clerk mentioned that she cannot change her message. She was told to call Mike from Tele-connections to fix the problem

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked a total of 80 hours
- Total mileage 703
- Permits issued: 10 Renewals: 0, C of O's issued: 2 Notice of Disapproval: 0, Municipal search letters: 5
- Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues: \$1,846.68, Expenses: \$436.85
- Contractual balance: \$2,432.55

CEO – busy month –new construction. Building permits for house that was built without plans or permit has been taken care of, and the property owners are in compliance. Have heard nothing about the unsafe structure on Stony Road

ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

- Submitted a written report:
- Attendance at Board meeting
- Draft contract for purchase of land/email to Supervisor
- Telephone call with Supervisor re: contract
- Telephone call with Supervisor re: Highway issue and Workers Compensation issue
- Edit of Contract and email to Supervisor

There was some discussion re: land purchase. SEQRA land purchase and Sewer Plant upgrade untitled action. This was discussed

CEO was asked about an exit from the kitchen area. He has a deck scope of work ready. This was discussed

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to place a notice for the exit from the kitchen in the newspaper for quotes or bids. All voted in favor

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

Supervisor mentioned she called and said she would not be able to attend the meeting, but she has \$0.01 in her checking account

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present

Submitted a written report; Supervisor went over the report

Old Business:

1. Data Collection Project: We are about 99% complete in the recovery effort of the photos. Terri has been diligent in recovering them, and she has noted that she has approximately 25 more +/- to enter.

New Business:

1. I attended the Sullivan Co Assessors Luncheon Meeting on Thursday July 23rd we discussed the Aged exemption increase (copy attached).
2. Linda will be having back surgery on August 24th, She will be out of the office for an undetermined amount of time. I have asked Terri to help out during this busy time, if the Town board approves.
3. My husband will be having open heart surgery at Albany Medical within the next few weeks. I will keep everyone informed of his progress.

Assessor Hours: 31.50

Clerk Hours: 26.75

Data Collection Hours Terri 38.5 \$1,115.78 Balance: \$2,245.60

July 1355.400 Contractual Balance: \$3,220.61

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to have Terri Fountain cover some of the hours Linda Schwartz will be out of the office. All voted in favor

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Earl Bertsch -Acting) not present

There was no Planning Board report. Draft minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's office if anyone wishes to review them

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SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Average flow of 34,994 gallons per day for month of July
- Obtained 93 % C.B.O.D. and 97 % T.S.S. removal for July
- Spent a total of 71 1/2 hours attending to sewer district affairs in July
- Expenditures: \$255.93
- Contractual Balance: \$11,965.10

There are no problems at the sewer plant at this time

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report; Supervisor went over the report

Inspection from NYS Ag. And Markets –completed and passed. 3 calls (1 abuse and 1 neglected). And 2 at large dogs.

Worked 10 hours

Contractual Balance: \$1,222.03 Enumeration Contractual Balance: \$500.00

HISTORIAN: (K. C. Garn) not present

Supervisor went over the report.

This past month, I received an inquiry from a woman in Damascus PA, for information about the old cemetery that used to be behind the church in Cochection. I provided her with the records in my possession, although they are of stones that were removed from the cemetery and placed in the basement of the church, sometime around 1991. She voiced displeasure that that had been done, so I told her to contact the Cochection Men's Club for information. I try to stay out of disputes over graveyards. There were no other inquiries.

Have a productive Board meeting, enjoy what remains of summer and, for goodness sakes, be kind to one another.

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday August 6. The Council is once again wrestling with the committee reports part of the meeting. I was not able to attend the Project Review and Operations Committee meetings and no reports were given. Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have a two month trial of condensed reports that should not run more than 5 minutes. All committee and regular meeting minutes are posted on the UDC website.
- Pennsylvania DCNR representative Tim Dugan said that Pa is operating without a budget in place so that
- travel and project expenditures are being kept to a minimum. They have witnessed considerable signs of Gypsy Moth infestation in some locations. Since the budget is not in place and much of the money for spraying comes from the Federal Government, landowners may be left to themselves to fund any spraying on private lands. It is estimated to cost \$25.00 to \$60.00 dollars per acre. They have not seen any new locations of Emerald Ash Borers. In an effort to combat this invader, the state has begun to release a small number of biological control insects and will monitor the results.
- The annual UDC sponsored raft trip was a success with 88 people taking part.
- The UDC has contracted with Wdesign to remake the web site and it should be ready for a launch in early October.
- The staff is soliciting bids to design and build a permanent stair access to the attic storage area. We currently have a pull-down stairway. If you know of anyone who might be interested, contact Cindy Odell at 252-3022.
- The NPS is looking for volunteers to help clean up trash in the Skinners Falls area.
- There was a long discussion about the recent problem at the Cannonsville Dam. (I attended the DEP public hearing on what the issue was, the potential threats and the remedial action to be taken on July 15) The most distressing fact is that in the event of a dam failure at Cannonsville, it would take as little as 5 hours to inundate the Cochection hamlet area.
- At the September meeting, there will be a presentation regarding *National Geographics'* effort to explain and promote Geo Tourism. They will be working with Pa on this program that will cover the Upper Delaware to the Middle Delaware.

Actions taken:

a. **Approved:** The Council agreed to cover the increase in staff's health insurance premium (just under 11%).

b. **Approved:** Payment for completed tag grants for Highland and Tusten

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Richardson) – Nothing to report

(Councilperson Salzberg) - Nothing to report

(Councilperson Story) - Nothing to report

(Councilperson Nearing) Mentioned the Cochection Men's Club Chicken Barbeque September 26, 2015 –pick up at the Old Fire House

(Supervisor) Nothing to add at this time

MOTION: ON motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to appoint Brett Lockwood to the unexpired term of Adam Weinreich on the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voted in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe Buildings –discussed earlier
2. Sewer Dept.- Property purchase and UV system –being worked on
3. Lake Huntington Algae Bloom –DEC has not gotten back to the Supervisor at this time. The Lake has cleaned up somewhat

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ZBA appointment -- This was done earlier
2. BOAR appointment –on hold at this time
3. Partners in Safety –Kelly Edwards is willing to do the DOT physicals as well as drug and hearing testing. Supervisor will find out more information and get back to the board—cost etc.
4. Blood Drive –There will be a blood drive in the downstairs room on August 28th from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
5. Duffy Paving – to reseal and paint lines on the parking lots. Supervisor only has one quote, but will attempt to get others

PUBLIC COMMENT:
No one wished to comment

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to move into executive session: to discuss Land purchase, Labor negotiations etc. Time 9:08 p.m. All voted in favor

Others present: Attorney and Town Clerk

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing tie following motion was to move out of executive session. Time 10:02 p.m. All voted in favor

While in executive session not decision made

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Story the following motion was to recess this Town Board meeting until August 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Time 10:03 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk