

REGULAR COCHECTON TOWN BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 13, 2014

BID OPENING ICE CONTROL SAND

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on August 13, 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)  
Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Maas  
Councilperson Larry Richardson  
Councilperson Edwin Grund  
Councilperson Anna Story  
Councilperson Sean Nearing

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk	Gregg Semenetz –CEO entered at 7:44 p.m.
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent	Eileen Hennessy –Tax Collector
Karen Mannino –Attorney	Michael Walter --SPO

During the work session Dave Bodenstein rep: from Mike Preis Insurance gave a presentation on the FY 2014-2015 Insurance proposal for the town and explained same. The premium for this policy is higher than last year

AnnMary Hallon the Justice Court Clerk asked permission to attend the Unified Justice Court Clerk Training session held in Albany, September 28-Oct 1, 2014

Regular meeting opened:

Clerk read the legal notice for the Ice Control Sand bid which was printed in the Sullivan County Democrat on July 25, 2014

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There were 4 bids submitted and the Town Clerk read them in the order they were received

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| 1. Gary Myers Excavation Inc. | \$13.49 per ton delivered |
| 2. Deckelman LLC              | \$13.45 per ton delivered |
| 3. R & H Gorr Inc.            | \$13.59 per ton delivered |
| 4. Ellenville Sand & Gravel   | \$14.49 per ton delivered |

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the ice control sand bid submitted by Deckelman LLC for \$13.45 per ton delivered. All board members voted in favor

Supervisor Maas mentioned at the last meeting there would be put before the Town Board Local Law # 1 of 2014 to change the term of the Highway Superintendent from a 2 year term to a 4 year term. This was put forth and was turned down by the entire board by a vote of **5 NAYS**

RESOLUTION # 46  
SEWER CHECK DISPERSAL

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was  
WHEREAS, an arrangement was made with Jeff Nober in 1986 with the Cochecton Town Board, when an extension was made to the Lake Huntington Sewer District. His cost at the time was \$1871.00 and if anyone that hooked up to that extension would split the expense with him if they hooked into that extension. Since then two other parties have hooked-up, Mrs. Bossert and Nick Andrewski. Now Anna Kubenik has hooked up and her share is \$467.95, and therefore,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the check be divided evenly between Jeff Nober, Mrs. Bossert, and Nick Andrewski.  
**ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**  
Supervisor Maas  
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 47  
HIGHWAY MONEY TRANSFER DUE TO SNOW STORMS

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was  
WHEREAS, with the ice and snow storms early in 2014 the Highway Line for DA 5130.400 (MACHINERY CONTRACTUAL) and DA 5142.400 (SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTUAL) have become dangerously low and so as to enable the Highway Superintendent to purchase salt and sand for the remainder of FY 2014 the following transfers are needed, and therefore,  
BE IT RESOLVED that budget line DA 5110.400 (GENERAL REPAIRS CONTRACTUAL) in the amount of \$30,000.00 be transferred to line DA 5130.400 (MACHINERY CONTRACTUAL) and also the amount of \$20,000.00 from DA 5110.400 (GENERAL REPAIRS CONTRACTUAL) to DA 5142.400 (SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTUAL) so that line DA 5110.400 (GENERAL REPAIR CONTRACTUAL) shows \$75,000.00 and line DA 5130.400 (MACHINERY CONTRACTUAL) shows \$110,000.00 and DA 5142.400 (SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTUAL) shows \$102,500.00.  
**ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0**  
Supervisor Maas  
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

**RESOLUTION # 48**  
**ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM MIKE PREIS INC. INSURANCE FOR FY 2014-2015**  
On motion by Councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was  
WHEREAS, Dave Bodenstein a representative for Mike Preis Inc. has presented the 2014 Insurance Proposal for the Town of Cochection and Lake Huntington Sewer District in the amount of \$21,384.25 for coverage from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015, and  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the quoted insurance from Mike Preis Inc. in the amount of \$21,384.25 to have the Town and Sewer District covered for the above mentioned time period  
**ADOPTED:   AYES: 5           NAYS: 0**  
Supervisor Maas  
Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

**RESOLUTION # 49**  
**ALLOW ANNMARY HALLON THE JUSTICE COURT CLERK TO ATTEND THE JUSTICE COURT CLERK TRAINING SCHOOL**  
On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was  
WHEREAS, the Justice Court Clerk has asked permission to attend the Unified Justice Court Clerk Training Session to be held in Albany from September 28, through October 1, 2014, and  
WHEREAS, this training will benefit her in her duties as the Town of Cochection Justice Court Clerk, and  
NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve of AnnMary Hallon attending the Unified Justice Court Clerk Training Session from September 28 through Oct 1, 2014 in Albany  
**ADOPTED:   AYES: 5           NAYS: 0**  
Supervisor Maas  
Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Story and Nearing

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve the minutes of July 9, 2014 and be accepted as submitted. All voted in favor  
**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve for payment the bill on abstract # 8 in the following amount.

General Account	Voucher # 389-424	\$9,771.30
Sewer Account	Voucher # 425-431	\$1,395.38
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 432	\$919.00
Highway Account	Voucher # 433-445	\$63,817.05

Claim #'s 398, 419, 422 and 437 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.  
Prepaid claims were paid on July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
All voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
Letter : National Association of RSVP Directors; re having partnered with Green Piranhas, and put together a social media campaign to educate the public about the valuable services the RSVP volunteers provide, and make them aware of the threat that 2015 federal budget cuts pose, and call them to action to save this vital organization  
Letter: Hollye’s response to a very unprofessional letter from a certain attorney wanting a FOIL request  
Letter from Heather Jacksy, AICP regarding trying to get grant money for upgrading the Town of Cochection’s Waste Water Treatment System, grants are up to \$80,000.00 – \$90,000.00.  
Letter from Mary Allison Farley, Grant Writer: re: changing the chlorination system of the Lake Hunting sewage plant to a UV based system could be funded by a grant from the USDA’s Rural Utilities Service (Water and Waste Disposal Programs) Supervisor should speak with George Popp, Area Specialist at the Middletown USDA office.  
TWC: program changes  
General Code: eCode 360 enhancements that will provide those with administration level rights with easier user management control and useful data regarding your specific online Code activity  
Letter Dept. of Labor: inviting staff to an educational program regarding the Dept. of Labor’s enforcement of occupational safety and health regulations  
Cochecton Fire District: Sale of Surplus Property & Notice of Permissive Referendum

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
Claire DiSanto, State Route 52, presented to the board information re: the Generator at Gasko Meyer for the trailer for cooling their product. It is affecting their ability to rent their apartment. Feels Gasko Meyer has other options to alleviate the problem. She feels there is no change from last year regarding the noise.  
Ray Evans, State Route 52, asked if there was a permit needed for the storage trailer, CEO told him no permit required as it is part of the business  
Supervisor Maas asked how many people have inquired and not rented. Ms. DiSanto replied 10 persons. Supervisor asked the CEO if there was anything to be done. Reply no  
Claire DiSanto, State Route 52, people across the lake have also complained.  
Ray Evans, State Route 52, A New Use permit; CEO replied for the last 2 years Gasko Meyer has gotten a permit for everything they have done. This trailer does not require a permit as it is a part of the business  
Councilperson Richardson asked would Gasko Meyer need a permit if it was a building. CEO yes, not a trailer with license plates  
No one else wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Councilperson Larry Richardson; nothing to add

Youth Commission: Councilperson Edwin Grund reported on the events held; Lake Huntington Firemen’s Field Days –Bouncy House and snow cones July 10<sup>th</sup> Camel Beach -23 in town, 5 from out of town, Movie Guardian of the Galaxy 10 attended. Wayne County Fair 36 attended. There will be a trip to NYC, Pizza making at Angelina’s on the Hill, trip to Roba’s farm, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party and CYC planning a veggie garden- to teach children how to grow veggies etc.. For the Tricky Trunk, they would like to use the lower parking lot at the Town Hall.

Website and Fire District: Councilperson Anna Story – added final tax roll, removed information from Youth page, Corrected contact information, Added July 9 agenda as well as youth events and sign–up dates and Fire Company Permissive Referendum. Removed expired information from News Alerts. Added Town Board Minutes and added link for Property Assessment Data. Worked 4 ¼ hours.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

- Submitted a written report:
  - Monthly Financial Report
    - Bank Information:
      - Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
      - Deposited \$1,680.00 Judicial fees
      - Deposited \$288.00 Judicial fees
      - Deposited \$703.57 Town Clerk fees
      - Deposited \$467.95 Anna Kubenik
    - Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board
  - Activity
    - Calls or emails with Fulton Well Drilling, NYS Health Dept., George Walter, Engineering Properties, Mike Preis, Cooper Arias. Meeting with NYMIR, NYSDOT
    - Worked on water system, sent out budget requests

CONTRACTUAL		\$5,000.00
Abstract #1	\$	\$5,000.00
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
Abstract#7	\$109.49	\$3,372.07
Abstract#8	\$ 177.39	\$3,194.68
Abstract#9	\$	\$
Abstract#10	\$	\$
Abstract#11	\$	\$
Abstract#12	\$	\$
Abstract#12A		
Worked 91 hours		

Water down stairs is acceptable. We will need to keep a daily log of the chlorine

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Submitted written report,
- Finished up our paving around town.
- Rented a boom mower for a week and cleaned up some of our guard rails.
- Had a few minor repairs.
- Sent out legal notice to the Democrat, Hollye and Anna.
- Started to do some ditching around town.
- Diesel 499.9 gals del / 804 gals used
- Gas No del / 199.2 gals used
- Contractual Balance – 1,122.50
- Worked 160 hrs.

Councilperson Richardson asked the HWY Superintendent haw people can get in touch with him during the day. HWY said they could call his cell phone

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

Submitted a written report: Fees collected \$1,511.77 for the month of July

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- UDC check # 3816 in the amount of \$100.00 received 7/24/2014 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I issue 2 permanent handicapped parking permits
- Had several questions re: hours at the transfer station and what is allowed
- Also handed out a blank building permit; as well as logging permits to be filled out. And I also handed out filled out building permits, as the CEO had given me permission to give them to the property owners.

Town Clerk Report continues:

- I helped a citizen with getting a blank star application and the instructions for filling it out. I came in to make a correct to the abstract for highway before the meeting. Had a FOIL request –which I sent to the CEO he and I answered the request, have heard nothing since.
- There was no meeting for the OSTCA in July.
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I'm still getting calls for the Justice Court, the Assessor, and Planning Board. I also get calls asking for phone #'s for different services offered in this area, vets, churches, doctors and lawyers. (I never make recommendations)
- Worked a total of 119 3/4 hours
- Contractual balance: \$2,788.11  
Town Clerk reported her mouse keeps freezing and the Supervisor told her to order another one. Which she did, but it has not been delivered at this time

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Submitted a written report:
- Worked a total of 80 hours
- Total mileage 622
- Permits issued: 4 Renewals: 1, C of O's issued: 1 Notice of Disapproval: 0, Municipal search letters: 5
- Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues: \$1,300.00, Expenses: \$392.10
- Contractual balance: \$2,455.69

CEO – construction has slowed, C of O's up projects in the middle of everything. As far as the noise at Gasko Meyers goes it isn't running as much as last year. Unit runs during business off and on not steady. There is a property line dispute which needs to go before the Court; it is the property owners problem to work out with the Court

ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)  
Nothing to report for the month of July

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report: as of August 13, 2014
- Checkbook balance is \$0.03
- Contractual balance: \$337.28
- Worked 4 hours in month of July
- I just got the E Check application as of today

The Town Clerk has the E-Check information if anyone wants to review it  
The School taxes will be out soon and there will be questions that should go to the school tax collector, but people will call here anyway

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present  
Submitted a written report; Supervisor went over the report  
Old Business:

- Field review of sales and new construction continues

New Business:

- The Final roll was filed with the Town Clerk
- I have three small claims hearings, the first two will be Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM here at our Town Hall.
- Terri has completed the residential collection, and she is currently working on adding those photos into our system, and updating the property record cards. She will be working with me on the commercial properties.
- We received our final eq rate of 80%
- As per NYS, I have removed the Basic STAR exemption from approximately 44 parcels this year. These removals are mandatory, and I am not able to disclose why the State has rejected them at this time.
- Our disk has gone to Nexxlinx for processing of the school bills.
- I will be out of the office on Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>, but will be here on Thursday 8/28 for my small claims hearings. Then I'm off for vacation, my son is getting married!

Hours			
Assessor	27.5	Clerk	0
Terri	July 85.5		\$1,115.78
Linda	0		
			\$19,906.94
July	1355.4		\$ 3,188.17
Terri Mileage			\$ 109.18
Box rent			\$ 60.00
Balance:			\$ 3,018.99
Assessor Hrs. 28.25 Clerk Hrs.: 21.50			
Contractual balance: \$1,859.77			

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Sharron Cardone) not present  
No meeting no report

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Average flow of 50,736 gallons per day for month of July
- Obtained 97 % C.B.O.D. and 93 % T.S.S. removal for July

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### **Sewer report continues:**

- Spent a total of 82 hours attending to sewer district affairs in July
- Expenditures: \$1,395.38
- Contractual Balance: \$3,372.56

Had a good inspection report

Grease found in influent on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a problem as it will cost a lot of money to have the grease removed from the mat; if it gets in the filters it will be very costly. There is less grease –but this morning there was a great deal of grease

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

Submitted a written report; several calls to 707 County Road 115 re: animals loose and on the road

1 seized dog/ redemption fee of \$30.00 turned over to the Town Clerk in August

Worked 10 hours

Contractual Balance: \$2,820.55 Enumeration Contractual Balance: \$500.00

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

Supervisor went over the report.

There were a couple of inquiries by the public this past month. A fellow from Germany contacted me. As a teenager, he worked at “Camp Cochection” and wanted to know the address of the place. He said he’ll be taking a motorcycle trip through town this month and wanted to see the spot where the camp had been. I gave him directions to Brook Road location.

Another gentleman wanted some information on a Henry Riesdorph who apparently lived in our township in the early 1800’s and was included in the 1840 census. I gave him whatever information I had and looked for any deeds in the Clerk’s office. There was one in 1878 where Henry purchased 50 acres, but the property was in the Town of Thompson. I passed this information along. Please enjoy your meeting

### **UDC:** (Larry Richardson)

- August 13, 2014: The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday August 7.
- Chairman Boyar opened the meeting with a presentation from NPS Chief Ranger Joe Hinkes reviewing the NPS water safety program as well as emergency response procedures. He once again noted that since 1980 there has been no drowning of a person wearing a properly fitted life jacket. He stressed the need to wear a life jacket at all times while on the river. Ranger Hinkes also noted an interesting fact; that only 13% of the offspring of non-swimmers learn to swim.
- I asked how people on the river would be warned to get off in the event of an emergency such as toxic fumes or something on the surface of the water that might put them at risk. He said rangers and local emergency people would shout to them. I asked if a particular fire siren alarm could be used and educate the river users that should you hear this siren get off and away. The new representative from Westfall said that the fire departments are no longer using fire sirens because people complained about the noise during the night.
- Discussion continues about the NPS decision to remove garbage receptacles at access sites. The NPS says the problem was too much house-hold garbage was being deposited and that they are evaluating their “carry in, carry out” campaign. The NPS noted that Mile-A-Minute Vine, another invasive plant is spreading. It was first found along the Lackawaxen some years ago and had been confined to the Pa. side of the river until recently. Superintendent Heister noted that it has jumped the river and been identified in Cochection. She would like anyone who sees this plant to call the NPS at 570-729-8251. It has small triangular green leaves and produces bright blue berries in the fall. It can easily be pulled out of the ground. Since it can grow up to 6 inches per day, it grows over and smothers native plants.
- The WURM Committee is working on a draft letter advising towns in NYS that a law exists allowing municipalities to provide for a partial and gradual property tax exemption for the restoration of old agricultural barns.
- The DRBC is documenting water samples at all of the tributaries entering the Delaware in preparation of gas drilling activities. There are specific chemicals that can be detected if drilling wastewater is reaching the streams.
- Eighty people took part in the UDC annual raft trip with 16 being under the age of 12.
- We have a meeting set with Congressman Gibson on August 13 at 4:00 p.m.
- According to a report compiled by the NPS, visitors last year generated \$9,287,000 in economic benefits and supported 95 local jobs.
- Tag grant applications are due in the UDC office by August 29. A special UDC meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to review the applications.
- Actions taken:
  - Approved a contract with Wdesign to redesign the UDC Design Handbook for \$2150.00
  - Approved a contract with Environmental Planning & Design LLC, for a review of the River Management Plan for congruency with current state and federal laws, regulations, UDC Bylaws, work plans and associated documents for \$9,900.

### **TOWN BOARD:**

**(Councilperson Story)** – Nothing to report

**(Councilperson Nearing)** – Nothing to report

**(Councilperson Grund)** - Nothing to report

**(Councilperson Richardson)** - Thanked the Supervisor for providing the budget to actual to the board

**(Supervisor)** – At this time the Supervisor explained that he took \$250,000.00 from the General fund and put it into the Highway account temporarily, so the Hwy Superintendent is able to purchase ice control sand and salt for the winter months; and when the CD from the HWY comes due on August 20<sup>th</sup> he will reimburse the General fund the \$250,000.00.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Basement Completion – water system: almost complete, Councilperson Richardson mentioned there should be rules and regs. for the use of the basement.

**Old Business continues:**

2. Unsafe Buildings –spending
3. Sewer Dept. – Pump house and SPEIDES permit –engineering properties sent information re: the permit and should be good.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve sending a check in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Bipin Gandhi, P.C. to move the UV system forward for the Sewer Plant. All voted in favor

4. Route 97 Historical Sign: this new sign will be placed further down toward CR 114, to avoid (hopefully) having it knocked down again

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bulletin Board: Need paper work signed from Ambulance to give to the Town of Cochection

Councilperson mentioned there will be a chicken BBQ Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. take out only to benefit the Cochection Men’s Club. Councilperson Richardson mentioned Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, Coffee, Tea and History will be held at the Cochection Perseveration Society from 1-3 p.m. light refreshments will be served

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one wished to comment

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 8:59 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk