

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013
BID OPENING ICE CONTROL SAND**

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A regular meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on September 11, 2013 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
Karen Mannino --Attorney
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Michael Walter --SPO

During the work session Heather Jacksy gave a presentation re: NYS Scenic Byway and asked if anyone from the town wanted to be on the committee to make sure the Scenic Byway signs were uniform throughout, notifying the public of the river access in each town and also what each river town has to offer; more than just river access.. Supervisor Maas mentioned that Skinner Falls access is used most often in the Town of Cochection. Ms. Jacksy told the board that the Byway provides signs --- explained what is required and how to go about getting them the signs. Councilperson Richardson and the other board members thought will wait until Lumberland does theirs and see how that works out.

Supervisor Maas asked for a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11 at the beginning of the regular meeting

Town Clerk read the legal notice re: the Ice Control sand bid, placed in The River Reporter

There were two bids submitted:

1. Deckelman LLC their bid was \$13.75 per ton delivered. Sand is from 209 S&G
2. R & H Gorr Inc. their bid was \$13.98 per ton delivered. Did not mention where the sand was coming from

Highway Superintendent would like to go and inspect the sand to make sure it is what he wants

MOTION: On Motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the bid from Deckelman LLC at the bid price of \$13.75 per ton delivered upon approval from the Highway Superintendent. All board members voted in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Negative Declaration –Codification of the Code of the Town of Cochection—this will be taken up at the next town board meeting which will be September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 66

DECLARE LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR CODIFICATION PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT WITH RESPECT TO CODIFICATION OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF COCHECTON, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 240, ENTITLED ZONING

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board has entered into a project for the codification of local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions in the Town of Cochection for the purpose of increasing the effectiveness of Town governmental administration, providing for greater public awareness of an access to Town legislation and protecting the health, safety and welfare of Town inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the proposed codification includes changes to Chapter 240 of the Town Code of the Town of Cochection, entitled Zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cochection has determined itself to be the lead agency for purposes of SEQRA analysis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cochection Town Board is hereby determined to be the lead agency for the purposes of SEQRA analysis for the codification of local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions in the Town of Cochection (including Chapter 240, entitled Zoning).

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

RESOLUTION # 67

CORRECTION ABSTRACT #8

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was,
WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when it approved Abstract # 8 on August 14, 2013 as unaware that voucher # 362 should have been for the amount of \$208.90 instead of \$270.90 and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 1220.400 only be charged \$208.90 and the total expended by the General Fund including pre-paid on Abstract # 8 be decreased by \$62.00 and should read \$8,934.60 to correct this error

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was, to accept the minutes of August 14, 2013 and be accepted as submitted. All board members voted in favor

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MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to approve payment of bills on abstract # 9 in the following amounts.

General Account	Voucher # 396-426	\$26,595.24
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 427	\$1,088.63
Sewer Account	Voucher # 428-432	\$7021.97
Highway Account	Voucher # 433-439	\$11,922.46

Voucher #'s 403, 424, 427 and 434 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher

Voucher #'s 396-407 are noted as PREPAID on August 19th, August 21st and September 4th, 2013

All board members voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Association of Towns: Stating the Town of Cochection contribution for 2014 will be \$800.00

Pattern for Progress: Will hold the Annual Housing Luncheon on September 24, 2013 from 11:30- 2:00 P.P. at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, NY

Letter from Aileen Gunther; Thanking the Town for supporting the proposed Constitutional amendment to allow limited, Class III gaming in New York State

Letter from NYS OFFICE of the State Comptroller; Advising of the upcoming changes to the Property Tax Cap and Constitutional Tax Limit reporting websites

County Manager: soliciting interest in starting a dialog concerning potential shared service opportunities

SSA: They will merge with our corporate affiliated, EBS-RMSCO, Inc., effective September 28, 2013

RESOLUTION # 68

RE-APPOINT LORRY KING ASSESSOR FOR A 6 YEAR TERM

On Motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following resolution was

WHEREAS, the term of the Assessor is running out, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection needs an Assessor, and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby re-appoints Lorry King to the position of Sole Assessor for the Town of Cochection for a 6 year term starting October 1, 2013 and continuing until September 30, 2019

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

Councilperson Schulman asked about the tax on the debit card. He was told it is being worked on

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Attianese, Pinewood Road, asked about the Public Hearing for the Fire District. It is set for Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

No one else wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Route 97 Pull-off: Councilperson Richardson – he had nothing new to report. However Supervisor Maas said he still has not heard back from the County

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund reported on what the Youth Board has done and what they are planning for the future. He also mentioned they have 2 persons interested in serving on the Youth Commission, and he will have this information for the recessed meeting. They also had some suggestions for next year events

Office of the Aging: Councilperson Schulman – there was meeting so there is no report.

Web Site: Councilperson Story –added August agenda and resolutions with links to upcoming page, added Town Board Minutes. Added Fire District Public Hearing to news alerts, calendar and legal notices pages. Added Ice Control legal notice, and removed expired legal notices. Also added youth board events to youth page and calendar. Worked 4 hours

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

- Monthly Financial Report
- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$ 100.00 UDC check
- Deposited \$ 1343.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 150.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 1224.11 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited
- Made transfers and deposits as needed
- Activity

Supervisor's report continues:

- Calls with Cooper Arias, Karen Mannino, Dan Sturn, Travis Odell, UDC, Mike Preis, General Code,
- Got new page for codification noting UDC assistance with grant money.
- Attended Supervisors Meeting. Visited John Keating. Work on 2014 Budget.
- Worked on UDC grant for maps. Completed survey on SEMA performance on Hurricane Sandy
- **CONTRACTUAL** **\$ 5000.00**

Abstract #1	\$ 11.89	\$4,988.11
Abstract #2	\$ 287.91	\$4,700.20
Abstract#3	\$ 576.92	\$4,123.28
Abstract #4	\$ 154.12	\$3,969.16
Abstract #5	\$ 160.50	\$3,808.66
Abstract#6	\$ 174.60	\$3634.06
Abstract#7	\$ 119.65	\$3,514.41
Abstract#8	\$ 207.90	\$3,306.51
Abstract#9	\$ 122.90	\$3,183.61

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

Submitted written report:

- Continue to patch on roads.
- Did some paving on Long RD.
- Helped the Towns of Tusten, Highland and Callicoon.
- Had guide rails replaced on Mueller, Shortcut, Kelly and Mitchell Pond West.
- Worked on sand bid and gave to Hollye and Anna.
- Completed the F.E.M.A. repair on Cross RD.
- Had repairs on truck # 35 and #36. Also replaced the water pump on the Backhoe.
- Also did some ditching around town.
- Fuel
- Diesel – 267 delivered 412 used
- Gas – 145 delivered 94 used
- Contractual Balance -- \$ 1,302.64
- Worked – 160 HRS

Highway Superintendent also mentioned he has gotten quotes for 10' sander bodies from: Robert Green -\$7,380.00
Amthor-- \$10,923.00 and Henderson-- \$11,835

Councilperson Richardson asked if there was any value for the old sander. Highway Superintendent will look into this.

Highway Superintendent also mentioned he was not impressed with the bid for the 15" chipper, and would like to place a bid for a 12" chipper. There was some discussion re: this issue

RESOLUTION # 69

UNTABE 15" CHIPPER BID

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was
RESOLVED, that the Town Board will untable the bid for the 15" chipper from Marshall Machinery at the cost of \$49,453.25, which was held over from the last meeting

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to reject the bid from Marshall Machinery for the 15" chipper at a cost of \$49,453.25, as everyone felt the cost was too high. All Board members voted in favor

RESOLUTION # 70

PLACE LEGAL NOTICE BID FOR 12" CHIPPER

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was
RESOLVED, that a legal notice shall be placed in "The River Reporter for a 12" chipper as requested by the Highway Superintendent, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said bid shall be returned by 3:00 p.m. on October 8, 2013 to the Town Clerk's office

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0

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Councilperson Richardson asked about shared services. Attorney recommended that we change language to remove 1 year renewal and replace with 30 day written notice by both parties. Attorney explained this. Highway Superintendent will have to get information from all the towns he deals with or would want to deal with in the future, and agreement will need to be signed by both parties agreeing to share services

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report; \$1,1,773.55 in fees for August, 2013
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- Still dealing with the issue of the employee that wants to buy back time.
- Haven't heard anything regarding the FOIL application sent out last month
- There was no OSTCA meeting in August; our next meeting will not be until September
- Sent Legal notice for ice control sand to The River Reporter
- The UDC check # 3241 in the amount of \$100.00 received 8/29/2013 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I issued 1 handicapped parking permit
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I have received telephone calls for the Tax Collector, Assessor, CEO, Bookkeeper and Justice Court
- Worked a total of 122 hours
- Contractual balance: \$4,900.55

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz) not present

Submitted a written report: The Supervisor went over his report. Worked 80 hours, traveled 650 miles

Issued 9 permits 0 renewals

1 C of O's issued

2 Notices of disapproval

Municipal search letters 4

Appearance tickets issues: 0

Revenues \$1,610.00

Expenses \$395.29

Contractual Balance: \$2,265.66

CEO also sent a report that he would give orally if he were present. New Turnpike Rd. demo to be removed from the Public Hearing, property was sold and new owner is already cleaning up the site. No response from 2nd property set for demolition. Small improvement on clean up at trailer on Route 52. Nasar is cleaning out the interior of her building. Compiling new list of demo buildings for 2014 1st is a trailer on Stony Road. Continues activity and calls for new construction

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino acting)

- Submitted a written report
- Review of proposed resolutions and Local Law for Code review
- E-mails re: code review and updated unsafe buildings resolutions and notices
- Revision of Public Hearing Notice/email
- Attendance at Board meeting
- Draft Resolutions SEQRA, draft proposed IMA for Shared services, review proposed fireworks permit
- Mailing/Cert Mailing of Unsafe Building Orders/Notices

Will look over Shared Services agreement and will change language as per the Town Board

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

No report submitted: Did call Supervisor and reported she has \$0.28 cents in her account

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report:

Old Business:

1. **As of this writing, Terri has started Section 22 and surrounding areas. She has skipped a few map sections, to accommodate the fact that hunting season is coming upon us and she wanted to be out of the woody areas.**
2. **All Assessors and County Directors are up for reappointment prior to October 1, 2013. I am requesting that the Board reappointment me for the next term.**
3. **I am still on jury duty :)**

New Business:

1. **All basic star recipient's will be required to recertify for their STAR exemption before December 31, 2013, the State will be responsible for notifying all property owners who have been receiving this exemption.**

Assessor Hrs. 26 ³/₄ Clerk 18 ³/₄

Assessor report continues:
Data Collection project

August			
1355.4	\$2,821.90		
Terri Fountain	\$92.00	Postage	
Linda Schwartz	\$23.65		
Postmaster	\$58.00		
Lorry Kling	\$129.89	Postage & Dues	
Total Aug	\$303.54		
Balance	\$2,518.36		

	August		
Terri	65	829.4	
Linda	34	433.84	
		\$1,263.24	\$17,438.04

PLANNING BOARD: (Sharron Cardone Chairperson) not present
Supervisor went over the report
Meeting was opened by me at 7:30 – all members except George Blaso and Jim Crowley were present.
Minutes on the May and July meeting were approved and June minutes were tabled till September meeting as not enough present were at the June meeting.
CORRESPONDENCE – went through mail received regarding upcoming Planning events.
OLD BUSINESS- No old business
NEW BUSINESS Neal mentioned that there are new SEQRA forms coming out at end of September – over 200 questions on the new form. He is going to email me information on this.
OTHER BUSINESS – Asked last month that everyone review the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.
Also had a discussion on the plan – on Page 6 mentions airport and a convalescent home (was one now closed) and a Golf course. Wanted to know where is there an airport and golf club??
Page 7 & 8 is an old survey – wanted to know if any newer one done?
On page 6 mentions that year round residential uses are all single family. This doesn’t seem correct – we have apartment buildings in Lake Huntington and Cochecton.
Board felt that no major objective is in the plan – gives no guidance as to what should be in the Zoning laws.
If this latest plan is just an addition to the old plan then we need a copy of the old plan so can see what has changed.
No other business was discussed – next month will start going through the Zoning.
Meeting was adjourned by me at 8:10.

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)
Submitted a written report:

- Average flow 41,456 for the month of August, Percentage of C.B.O.D. removal 98.2% for the month of August and Percentage of T.S.S. removal was 99.2% for the month of August. Worked 72 1/2 hours, expenditures \$7,021.97

Contractual Balance: -\$35.11

SPO mentioned the bills for the repairs to the sewer plant have been submitted. There are still wipes coming in -- seems like more not less since the letter went out

RESOLUTION # 71
MONEY TRANSFER FOR SEWER PLANT OPERATOR DUE TO UNEXPECTED EXPENDITURES

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was
WHEREAS, Line SS 1830.400 (Sewer Plant Operator Contractual) is overspent due to unexpected expenditures, and
WHEREAS, there is a need to fund budget line SS 1830.400 (Sewer Plant Operator Contractual) due to unexpected expenditures, and
WHEREAS, \$2,000.00 will be transferred from Line SS 1930.400 (Judgment and Claims) to Line SS 8130.400 (Sewer Plant Operator Contractual) to cover the cost of the unexpected expenditures bringing Line SS 1830.400 (Sewer Plant Operator Contractual) will now read \$22,000.00 and Line SS 1930.400 (Judgment and Claims) will now read \$0.00

ADOPTED: AYES 5 NAYS 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

The motor at the sewer plant is tripping several times a day, and the Sewer Plant Operator was told if the motor is being tripped several times a day it is most likely the motor that is old and is in need of being replaced.

Sewer Plant Operator has 2 quotes to replace the pumps and motor at the Sewer Plant. The first quote was from American Electric – Option # 1 remove existing # 8 wire that is megged out and shown bad, clean out existing pipe to install new wire. Install new wiring in existing pipe to feed pump # 1. Make all terminations to existing disconnect feeding the pump. Turn pump on and make all test to correct operation; \$1,360.00. Option # 2 same as option # 1 but add new 3 Phase fusible disconnect for pump # 1 replace pump # 1 \$1,950.00. To replace all of the above the total quote would be \$3,900.00

Second quote was from Narrowsburg Electric to replace the motor on the pump \$987.00. Sewer Plant Operator would unwire and put the motor in place – to keep the cost down, and Narrowsburg Electric would rewire

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MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was, to have the Sewer Plant Operator order the motor from Narrowsburg Electric to move the project forward. All Board members voted in favor

Sewer Plant Operator will register for classes in November, and will start in January 2014 to get his certificate

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: The Supervisor went over the report. Worked 11 hours, had 1 dog at large call, 1 dog seizure call; Contractual Balance: \$2,620.74 contractual and Enumeration Balance: \$500.00

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

I had several requests for information recently. The first had to do with the location in our town of Albert and Agnes Miller's residence in the year 1897 or so. Wasn't able to answer that question since those folks didn't own property in our town at that time.

The second inquiry came from a gentleman who resides on Long Island. He's looking for information on a James Curtis, born in 1866, and his wife Francis who, he believes, lived in Cochection. Apparently, Francis may have been the sister of Paul L. Hartman who is believed to have been a dairy farmer in our town. The gentleman would like to know the location, if possible, where these folks lived and whether there are any relatives of these people currently residing here. I have yet to track down this information although the locations of their properties, if they did own property, should be pretty easy.

Hope you're enjoying the end of the beautiful Summer and... have a great meeting,

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- The Upper Delaware Council held its regular meeting on Thursday September 5. A little shorter meeting than usual took place since DRBC, the Pa. Dept. of Natural Resources nor the DEC had a representative present. Some printed information was provided however. The DEC made note that 2013-14 Sporting Licenses are available from the usual locations, but also via telephone or the internet: www.dec.ny.gov.
- There was much discussion about the length of some of the committee reports, and it was determined to limit those reports to approximately 5 minutes. It should be noted that all three committee minutes are provided to the public and the members in advance of the UDC meeting. Since the operations committee meetings seem to consistently run long, it was determined to flip the starting time with the Project Review Committee. The Project Review will now start at 6:30 and the Operations Committee will follow.
- The NPS now has an "e-newsletter" available on line. They are also progressing in an effort to transfer a quantity of oral history tapes to a digital format. The tapes will be indexed and hopefully at some point available to historical societies and perhaps others. One of the concerns is that some of the persons recorded are no longer alive and a formal release for their use was not obtained.
- There was some discussion about the proposed UDSB Visitors Center. As you are well aware, the original Federal funding was tied to the Cochection site. Although the county indicated differently, they would never move the project along even with a commitment from our board and the NPS. The UDSB organization was told that if it was agreed to move the center to the Fort Delaware site, the county could proceed. Still nothing happened.
- In recognition of the need for such a visitors' center, the Town of Lumberland is seeking a grant to purchase property in Lumberland. If the full funding can be secured; and if the project can move forward, the NPS is willing to explore a management arrangement.
- The UDC sponsored 5K run is scheduled for 9/28. If anyone is interested, the information is on the web site. At the WURM Committee meeting on 9/17, Jamie Meyer will be presenting the latest on Knotweed control. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
- September 10, at 6:30 will be a special UDC Project Review Committee meeting to review the tag grant proposals for next year. It is expected that someone will be present to explain the proposals. As always, we have far more money requested than is budgeted. It is very important the tag projects be completed on time as the contract specifies. The county had gotten approval for work at Minisink Battleground, but because the project was not completed, a request for partial funding was denied.

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Story)

Nothing to report

(Councilperson Schulman)

Nothing to report

(Councilperson Grund)

Nothing to report

(Councilperson Richardson)

Reported the Tag Grant request for the Town of Cochection was fully funded, Asked if the Codification was on a disc. Supervisor has one that he can use

(Supervisor Maas)

Nothing more to add at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion –still need quotes –Pending
2. Unsafe Building –will be addressed on Sept. 25th recessed meeting
3. Generator for Sewer Dept. –discussed earlier –on hold for this year
4. Re-levy –Lennox Bailey -- Town Clerk will check with the County to see if the Resolution passed in March will suffice
5. New Town Hall – Pending violation on Just In Time subcontractors

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Works permits –Day on the Lake –Board members would like to follow Delaware and Bethel procedures, the Attorney suggested that some language be included stating the parties need proof of insurance and must name the town as additional insured. Must also put a \$ amount of coverage

No new business at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allan Rubin, New Turnpike Road, mentioned that the former Highway Supervisor offered a chipper he had to the town for \$7,000.00. Was told it was a very old machine with a \$1500 value. There was some discussion

Joseph Manaseri, Smales Road, mentioned that on Sunday September 22, 2013 there will be a Coffee, Tea and History at the Preservation Society building on Route 97 at 2:00 p.m.

Councilperson Richardson, Mentioned that Art Hassis gave a presentation at the end of the last meeting that was very interesting. The last meeting of the year will be the 1st Tuesday in October

Peter Grosser, Mill Road, mentioned that the Cochection Men's Club will hold their Chicken Bar B Que on Sept. 21st from 2-4 take out only. Pick up at Cochection Mills by the scale house. This helps to support the ball field etc.

Sullivan County informed the Town that the Code adoption of Local Law # 1 of 2013 will have a positive impact

Councilperson Richardson asked if other towns need to be notified. Attorney doesn't think so re: Code (EAF) is an untitled action

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was that this Town Board will recess until Sept. 25th at 7:00 p.m. Time 9:00 p.m.

ADOPTED: - AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk