

A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on October 8, 2014 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)

Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Attorney –Karen Mannino
Eileen Hennessy –Tax Collector
Michael Walter –Sewer Plant Operator

During the work session the Supervisor explained the Town of Cochection Tax Cap Form and what it means

Regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge to the flag

RESOLUTION # 53

BUDGET CORRECTION

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board when adopting the 2014 budget did not budget \$1,000.00 in Line A 7989.400 (Rt. 97 Byway-Cul & Rec) and WHEREAS, the payment of \$1,000.00 was made to the Scenic Byway in January, and BE IT R\$ESOLVED, that budget line A 1990.400 (Contingency Acct.) in the amount of \$1,000.00 be transferred to line A 7989.400 (Rt. 97 Byway-Cul & Rec) so that line A 7989.400 shows \$1,000.00 and line A 1990.400 shows \$14,000.00

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

RESOLUTION # 54

TOWN OF COCHECTON REQUIRED BY NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM TO AUDIT JUSTICE COURT RECORDS

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection is required by the State of New York to have the local Justice Court records audited annually, and WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Cooper, Arias & Co. LLP under contract with the Town of Cochection conducted an annual audit F Y 2013, and WHEREAS, included in the annual audit was a review of the Town Justices’ Court records as required by the State of New York Unified Court System, and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the duly elected Town Board does hereby accept at annual audit FY 2013 preformed by Cooper, Arias & Co. LLP as fulfilling the requirement of the local justice records audit

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

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014, and September 24, 2014 and be accepted as submitted. All board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve the bills be paid on Abstract # 10 in the following amounts:

General Account	Voucher # 493-521	\$4,600.48
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 522	\$139.90
Sewer Account	Voucher # 523-527	\$708.03
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 499 & 535	\$568.81
Highway Account	Voucher # 528-534	\$19,502.33

Claim #'s 500 and 512 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.
Voucher #'s 493-504 are noted as PREPAID on September 12th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th and October 2nd, 2014. All board members voted favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Crystal Run Health Care: Stating Hollye Schulman can return to work but activity is restricted as follows – as per patient
Scenic Byway: The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway is legislatively designated as a component of the NYS Scenic Byways System on Aug. 6, 2002 following a two-year, grassroots process to draft an Enhancement Concept Plan for NYS Route 97 in Orange, Sullivan and Delaware Counties

Correspondence continues:

Cornell Cooperative Extension: Old Fashioned Chicken Barbecue and Barn Dance Sept. 6, 2014 (this event was cancelled)

Sullivan County Legislature –notifying the Filing Town Budget for 2015 County/Town Tax Levy by November 21, 2014 (three copies)

TWC: - program changes

State Comptroller: want to update the contact persons; There were no changes

State Comptroller: changes for password is about to expire need to log in within the next 2 weeks and change it

Choice Strategies: - Health Ins. Renewal information

NYS Unified Court System: -Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records to their respective town and village auditing boards, (this is done through our Independent Auditors at the end of each year)

Sullivan County: - Legislature beefs up the “Family Violence Response Team”

Cornell Cooperative Extension: - Invitation to Centennial Afternoon gala celebrating 100 years of service. Sunday Nov. 9th at 12-4 O’clock at Bernie’s Holiday Restaurant Cost \$75.00 per person

Comptroller Office: - Fiscal Stress Monitoring System Status Notification. For 2013 10% (which is environmental designation Low)

Preservation Society: - asking for permission to use the new community hall if necessary during a time of inclement weather

Comptroller Office: Property Tax Cap: New reporting requirements. Town did not override tax cap

Cornell Cooperative Extension: Senior safety Day Oct. 15, 10:00-1:00 at Ted Stroebel Center There will be no cost to person attending

SLAC: -Halloween Oct. 31, 2014 Republican and Democratic candidates for the 19th Congressional District Waiting for confirmation from Rep. Chris Gibson, Dean Eldridge has accepted this will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Hearing Room at the Gov. Center

Humane Society of Middletown: -extending their services to the town for FY 2015, rates will change. Supervisor will speak to the DCO

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Councilperson Richardson – Did meet with Travis O’Dell; UDC to present a power point presentation for all boards to sit in on; and to let the UDC know what actions are before them.

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund reported on events held and upcoming events, they are working on events for 2015. Have 34 signed up for the tricky trunk to be held on October 25th at the lower Town Hall Parking lot and the park. Movie had 16 in town and 3 out of town youths, Day at the Villa Sept. 6, 12 in town and 4 out of town. Bethel Speedway; free to Cochecton Youth only 5 went. We are close to having a new member to replace Joan Ernst when she retires at the end of the year

Pizza making at Angelina’s on the Hill. Christmas Party will be Dec. 6th. There was no use of the debit card this month. Working on the events for next year. Wanted to know about space in the kitchen for some of their things. Next meeting is on Nov. 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Web Site: Councilperson Story Website Report –September, 2014

- Added September 10 agenda
- Removed expired information from News Alerts
- Removed expired Legal Notices
- Removed expired youth events
- Added Town Board Minutes
- Added Fire Dept. Benefit Dinner to News Alerts
- Added Fire company Budget Hearing Notice
- Updated Supervisor Letter
- Worked on meeting minutes

Total Hours: 6.25 hours

Fire District: Councilperson Story - The October meeting was not held yet. It will be held on Monday Oct. 13. A reminder that the Fire Commissioner’s Public Hearing on the budget will be held on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 PM.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

1. Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$ 100.00 UDC check

Deposited \$636.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$1,449.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$1,172.07 Town Clerk fees

Deposited 4162.50 NYMIR refund

Deposited \$107,967.12 CHIPS

Made transfers and deposits as needed

Supervisor's report continues:**2. Activity**

Calls with Fulton Well Drilling, NYS Health Dept., George Walter, Engineering Properties, Mike Preis, Cooper Arias, NYSDOT, Time Warner to add two phone lines, also added one new phone downstairs for seniors.

Worked on water system, worked on budget for 2015, moved refrigerator and cabinets for Nutrition Site

CONTRACTUAL \$ 5,500.00

Abstract #1	\$000.00	\$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	\$260.00	\$2,934.68
Abstract#10	\$ 69.90	\$2,864.78

Worked 89 ½ hours

Attended a meeting at SWCS today was very interesting. Enrollment at SWCS is down the freshmen class has 65 students, and one of the lower grades has even less students, and there are so far only 57 students for entry next year; and that will have an impact on the Town of Cochecton. Also spoke about winter months with the HWY Superintendents. Tomorrow there will be an evacuation drill from 12:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

Submitted a written report:

- September Monthly Report 2014
- Finished up a ditch project on
- Johns road. Out with the mower cutting back the right away.
- Out patching on both gravel and paved roads.
- Hauled gravel out of the Callicoon Creek in Kolertown. Estimate we stock piled about a thousand ton.
- Out ditching throughout the town.
- Repaired blacktop on Bernas road. John Bernas supplied the blacktop for the repairs.
- Chipped brush on Buff. Started cutting trees down and taking the bank out.
- Diesel Fuel 917.9 gals del / Used 975 gals.
- Gas 0 Del / Used 115 gals
- Contractual Balance - \$ 1,019.14

Worked 160 HRS

Councilperson Nearing asked about the number of trucks listed on the inventory sheet. HWY superintendent replied there is an extra truck in case of a break down. There are 4 highway men and a part-time plus myself plowing. He also asked about the large maple tree that was cut down that required a bucket truck. HWY Superintendent replied it was a really large tree on Buff Road and the crew was afraid it would come down on the electric wires

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- Submitted a written report;
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- UDC check #3936 in the amount of \$100.00 received 9/26/2014 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I issue 1 permanent and 2 temporary handicapped parking permits
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I'm still getting calls for the Justice Court, the Assessor, and Planning Board
- Worked a total of 54 1/2 hours
- Contractual balance \$2,378.51

I would like to thank Dee and Anna for their help while I was out with my injury

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz) not present

- Worked 80 hours, total mileage 702
- Issued 5 permits, 0 renewals
- C of O's issued 8, Notice of disapproval: 1 Municipal search letters 3
- Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues in the amount of \$525.00
- Expenses: \$436.10
- Contractual balance: \$1,612.99

CEO would like to update his laptop. Kristt Co. has one for \$579.00 and to install XL it will be an additional \$129.00. Fees and municipal; searches steady, sent out 2nd notice letter on unsafe structure on Shortcut Road. Visited 2 sites with the town Supervisor with structures not on the assessment roll. No response from 2nd property, set for demolition on New Turnpike Road. Structures removed from Genco property on CR 116. Met with engineer for home owner on Cushetunk Rd. who built without a permit. Compiling new list of demo buildings, 1st is trailer on Stony Rd., however owner just passed away. Continued activity and calls for new construction

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

Submitted written report:

- Attended Town Board meeting

RESOLUTION # 55**AUTHORIZE CEO TO PURCHASE A NEW LAP TOP**

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the CEO is in need of updating his laptop to perform the duties of his office and to have the XL program installed, and

WHEREAS, Kristt Co. has provided a quote of \$579.00 for the laptop, and \$129.00 to install the program, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEO is authorized to purchase the laptop computer to perform his duties, from Kristt Co. for the above mentioned cost

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund Story, and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 56**RENEW CONTRACT WITH KRISTT CO.**

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

WHEREAS, the town can save money by renewing the contract with Kristt Co. for repairs on the copy machine when paying in advance for 10 hours, and

WHEREAS, there is only 1 hour left on the present contract, and now

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town will renew the contract with Kristt Co. for an additional 10 hours, and Supervisor is authorized to sign the contract

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund Story, and Nearing

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report
- Balance in checkbook is \$0.03 as of October 8, 2014
- Contractual balance: \$296.91
- Worked 4 hours in the month of September

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

1. Field review of sales and new construction continues
2. 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.

New Business:

1. Nothing new to report!

Hours

Assessor 29.75 Clerk 0

Sept: Data Collection

Terri 60 \$789.00

Linda 0

\$18,015.21

No expenditures for September

Contractual balance: \$ 2,904.58

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Sharron Cardone) not present

Submitted a written report: September 25, 2014. I was late so Earl opened the meeting

Minutes from March and December meeting were approved. **Old Business:** Badger Subdivision –Gary Packer – still need an additional \$75.00 fee from insured and also need documentation of the perc tests. Lauren will contact Gary and advise him of this. Need the above and then we can sign and stamp the maps.

New Business: Gary Packer was to come in and present a lot improvement for Erhley Road for George Oechsler.

Gary was unable to attend and Mr. Oechsler came into discuss this. Since no money received and no survey maps were presented –allowed Mr. Oechsler to advise the board what he was doing. Buying property from Patty Keesler and adding it to a parcel he already owns. No problems foreseen regarding this but can not do anything on this until next month as need fees paid and formal presentation and survey maps from Gary Packer. Mr. Packer will be at next months meeting. **Other Business:** No other business was discussed and meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Submitted a written report:
- 17,066 average flow
- 94% C.B.O. D. removal for month of September
- 97% T.S.S. removal for the month of September
- Worked 69 hours
- Expenditures \$708.03
- Contractual Balance: 1,754.59

Had a grease situation on the following dates: 9/13/14, 9/16/14 and 9/26/14 and again on Sunday morning.

SPO and Supervisor have a plan to see if they can find out where the grease is coming from

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

Had no expenditures

Worked 6 hours

Contractual balance: \$2,805.15

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

Submitted a written report which the Supervisor went over

There were no inquiries received from members of the public this past month. I've was contacted last month by a Sullivan West High School student who, as part of her studies, asked to be involved in a project related to the Town's history. She's agreed to share the task of contacting the NYS Historian and try to get assistance in researching Assembly/Senate records. The information we're seeking is records of information as to why (specific reasons) the Town of Delaware was formed out of Cochecton in 1869. Hopefully we'll soon have information on that subject to pass along to the Board. Here's hoping that you enjoy your meeting and that it's as productive as it is rewarding for all of you

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- **October 8, 2014:** The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday September 4
- Following the Roll Call, Jennifer Cristobal of Environmental Planning & Design gave an update of the draft review of the River Management Plan. As you probably know, this is the same consulting firm that is involved with the Delaware River access site enhancement plan. The purpose of the review is to identify places in the Plan that would need to be updated, should an action be started to do so.

Should any board members have an interest in commenting on the plan or the comments from the Planners, we have a two week deadline to respond. Responses should be directed to Laurie Ramie Executive Director of the UDC: laurie@upperdelawarecouncil.org. You may also send your comments to me and I will pass them along.

- Last week was the 46th anniversary of President Johnson signing the legislation that created the National Scenic and Recreational River System. We are blessed to have the Delaware River in our back yard. Interesting that according to the DRBC's Clarke Rupert less than 1% of the rivers nationally qualify.
- Talking about water, it was reported that as of Thursday's meeting, Sullivan County was almost 6" behind in rainfall to date, with most of the deficit occurring since August. This would equate to roughly 30bg of water in the NYC watershed area.
- At the October 21st WURM Committee meeting there will be a presentation discussing the recent trip made by the NPS, UDC and others to gas drilling areas in PA.
- The November 6, 2014 UDC meeting will begin with a report by Don Hamilton of the NPS on their recent "Acoustic Monitoring of Bats in the Upper Delaware" area program.
- Actions taken:
 - Approved the Tag Grant recommendations from the Project Review Committee (\$28,928.00 approved out of \$49,438.00 requested)
 - Approved a resolution authorizing signatures for New Bank Accounts with the Jeff Bank since Bank of America is no more.

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Story) Nothing to report at this time

(Councilperson Nearing) Nothing more at this time

(Councilperson Grund) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Richardson) mentioned Coffee Tea and History held at the Preservation Society was a success with 68 people present. Joe DeFalco gave a presentation his family settled in the area and has found a trunk with 100's of letters and he has offered to the people mentioned in them copies if they would like.

(Supervisor Maas) mentioned that he has spoken to the County (Marsha Fink) regarding Brigham Road sent two e-mails unsafe to make turn, several vehicles have gotten hung up when their GPS systems direct them to make the turn onto Brigham Road. He also contacted DEC re: Lake Huntington looking like pea soup. Bad algae bloom. He will be meeting with the DEC on Monday a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion –Facility Use –still need rules and regulations
2. Unsafe Building –addressed earlier
3. Sewer Dept.- SPEDIES permit –completed by the Town waiting on the State
4. Route 97 Historical Sign –have not heard back at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bulletin Board –have no gotten anything back from Ambulance Corps.
2. CEO Computer –discussed earlier
3. Contract with TWC --added 2 phone lines and made a decision to have the internet speed increased by 3 times for a small cost each month.
4. Humane Society of Middletown –will be discussed next month after speaking to the DCO.
5. Preservation Society – if inclement weather they would like to use the community room. The Town Board didn't see any reason that they could not use it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Drollinger, asked the HWY Superintendent about the materials that they helped dredge from the Callicoon Creek in Town of Delaware, was this the first time that the town participated in a project like this. Yes it was and the town hauled approximately \$5,000.00 worth of material to its stockpile.

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to recess this Town Board meeting until October 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for a budget workshop and any other business that may come before the board. Time 8:45 p.m. All board members voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk