

RECESSED MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, OCTOBER 17, 2013 - 1 - BUDGET WORKSHOP

A Preliminary Budget workshop for the Town of Cochection was held on October 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:03 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Richard Schulman
Councilperson Anna story

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 77 BUDGET TRANSFER FOR 12” CHIPPER

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board when adopting the FY 2013 budget for the Highway Fund was unaware that it would be purchasing a new 12” chipper, and WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board authorized the Highway Superintendent to place a legal notice in the River Reporter for a 12” chipper at its September 11th Board Meeting, and WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board accepted a bid at its October 9th meeting from Marshall Machinery for a 12” chipper in the amount of \$37,742.50, and WHEREAS, unexpected revenue has been received from several FEMA projects that have been completed to cover the expense of the chipper, and now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that \$37,742.50 be transferred from Un-appropriated Fund balance from the Highway Fund, and placed in line DA 5130.200 (Machinery Equipment) so that line DA 5130.200 (Machinery Equipment) that read \$80,000.00 will now read \$117,742.50 in order to pay for the purchase of the 12” chipper

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

Councilperson Richardson asked about the FEMA funds to pay for the chipper. Money from FEMA projects completed was enough to pay for the 12” chipper with money left over

There was some discussion regarding the Power Pay credit card program for property taxes

RESOLUTION # 78 TAX COLLECTOR AUTHORIZED TO USE CREDIT CARD FOR PROPERTY TAXES

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided it will be helpful for the Tax Collector to provide property owners the ability to pay their property taxes by credit card, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector is hereby granted permission to participate in the Power Pay credit card system to be used for property owners when paying their property taxes

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion –3 quotes required, so far we have 1 verbal, and 1 written for carpentry, waiting on the last one

At this time Supervisor Maas brought up the subject of the temporary bookkeeper position. Bridget has been training Dee and Dee has been doing the inputting of the information into the computer. So far it is working out very well. Will have to add an additional line to the 2014 budget which will be 1220.103 as advised by Cooper Niemann to pay for this temporary position Supervisor will fund the line at \$1,000.00

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Workshop

Supervisor Maas went over the Preliminary Budget and explained the same to the board members as to what changes were made after the Tentative Budget and why they were made
Budget for 2014 -- lines in the General/Highway, Sewer, Lighting and Fire District were discussed and some small changes were made

Councilperson Richardson asked that line A 999.00 is adjusted from \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to help keep taxes down as there is a large fund balance

Councilperson Story wanted to keep the money in the bank for future needs. After some discussion she agreed to defer to the most experienced board members. Line A 999.00 will be adjusted to the \$100,000.00 level. It was also agreed to lower the Highway Appropriated Fund Balance from \$125,000.00 to \$120,000.00. This was agreed to by all board members

Town Clerk asked when the board wanted to hold the Public Hearing on the FY 2014 preliminary budget. There was some discussion. It was decided that November 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. would be best for the Public Hearing

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public here to comment

RESOLUTION # 79

**TOWN CLERK TO PLACE A LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2014 PRELIMINARY
BUDGET**

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was the RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will advertise a Public Hearing for the 2014 Town wide budget to be held on November 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in The River Reporter

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 recess this recessed meeting until November 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the 2014 budget. All voted in favor. Time 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk
