

A meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on November 11, 2015 at 7:30 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)

Supervisor Gary Maas
 Councilperson Larry Richardson
 Councilperson Anna Story
 Councilperson Sean Nearing
 Councilperson Paul Salzberg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
 Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
 Earl Bertsch—Planning Board Chair
 Karen Mannino – Attorney
 Gregg Semenetz –CEO entered at 7:47 p.m.
 Michael Walter—SPO

Supervisor asked for a moment of silence in honor of all Vets

RESOLUTION # 40
PREPAY NYS & LOCAL RETIREMENT

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board has always made it a practice to pre pay the NYS & Local Retirement System invoice by December 15th of the preceding year to save on the interest incurred for 45 days by paying earlier. The invoice for FY 2016 is \$71,308.00 if paid by February 1st, 2016 the prepay amount is discounted if paid by December 15th, 2015, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cochecton Board authorizes the Supervisor to prepay the invoice before December 15th, 2015 for the amount of \$70,666.00 for a savings to the Town of Cochecton in the amount of \$642.00

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

RESOLUTION # 41
TOWN CLERK TO PLACE A LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS AND AGED EXEMPTION INCREASE

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, there is a need to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Tax Exemption for Gold Star Parents and Aged exemption increase, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Clerk shall place a legal notice in The River Reporter advertising a Public Hearing for December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at 74 Smales Road

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

RESOLUTION # 42
TOWN CLERK TO PLACE A LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND AND UPGRADE FOR SEWER PLANT

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, there needs to be a Public Hearing regarding land purchase and upgrading of the Sewer Plant, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Clerk shall place a legal notice in The River Reporter Advertising a Public Hearing for December 9, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. at 74 Smales Road

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

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve minutes of October 14th, and October 22nd, and November 4th, 2015 and are accepted as submitted. All present town board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to pay the bills on Abstract # 11 be paid in the following amounts:

General Account	Voucher # 500-537	\$6,316.72
Debit Account	Voucher # 538	\$1,140.40
Sewer Account	Voucher # 539-542	\$9,360.30
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 503 & 543	\$572.41
Highway Account	Voucher # 544-560	\$42,944.65

Claim #'s 505, 523, 546 and 547 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher. PREPAIDS were paid on October 16th, 19th, 22nd and November 4th and 9th 2015 All present town board members voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter Middletown Humane Society: Regarding the new contract for FY 2016

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to authorize the Supervisor to sign the FY 2016 contract with the Middletown Humane Society, to take care of dogs picked up in the Town of Cochection if the need arises. All Town Board members voted in favor

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission: In an attempt to address the economic disparity that exists in this county, they are launching a Community-to-change Initiative with funding from a small grant. Startup meeting will be on Nov. 12, 2015 at 4:30 at the YMCA in Rock Hill, NY

Dept. of Public Service: To keep community leaders informed of the Dept. actions and proceedings that may impact you and your constituents

Letter from Farr Engineering: asking for consideration to provide the town with their services

Letter from NYMIR: letting the town know of the rate adjustment which should average 3.5%. The public officials and automobile policy may see a premium increase of more than 10%, depending on your municipality's exposure

MVP Health: Renewing the health care plan, this is due on Dec. 1st

Letter from April White: Regarding Ambulance Corp.

SLAC: meeting will be held on Nov. 20th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Hearing Room at Gov Center

Letter from Jane Bloom: Notification of reversal of decision

Letter from Town of Tusten: Giving notification of Public Hearing conducted by the Town of Tusten Planning Board re: the application for a two lot subdivision which borders on the Town of Cochection

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sullivan County Charter Commission: Councilperson Richardson

The Commission held its regular meeting on October 21. It was my pleasure to Chair the meeting.

Michelle Huck, Executive Assistant to the county manager was introduced as our new Recording Secretary.

I reviewed the rules of conduct for the meeting and then introduced County Treasurer Nancy Buck.

Following Ms. Buck's presentation, Angela Chevalier who supervises the Audit and Control Department presented. It is worth noting that Audit & Control is one of only a few departments that do not fall under the purview of the County Manager, rather she reports directly to the Legislature. Both people shared the responsibilities of their respective departments and how they interact with other government agencies.

Next month's meeting will be Wednesday November 18th in the conference room at the government center.

Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Scenic Byway: Councilperson Richardson

The UDSB held a scheduled meeting on October 26.

Discussion items:

New Business: (summary in part)

- a. Letter to the Editor re: 10/20 *Times Herald-Record* Article to Cite UDSB Economic Impact
- b. Letter supporting Hancock Partners' Cultural Programming Grant Applications
- d. Availability of Narrowsburg Property – Rosie DeCristofaro

Old Business:

- a) Discussed the USA Today's "Best Autumn Scenic Drive" Contest
- b) Geotourism Stewardship Council for "Scenic, Wild Delaware River"
- c) Revitalizing Monarch Butterfly brochure to be produced with a UDC Grant
- d) Report from 10/2 UDSB-NYS Dept. of Transportation Rt. 97 Issues Workshop
- e) Presentation to the Leadership Sullivan Class by UDSB
- f) "Local History Books Benefit the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway"

Youth Commission: Ed Grund

Meeting was held on Nov. 3rd. Indoor water park mandatory meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19th at 7 pm, 27 rooms booked. Christmas Party is Dec. 12 at Angelina's. Sign up is Nov. 19th at 7:30 pm

There will be movies in Dec. and January. Tricky trunk was Oc. 31st and about 50 kids attended and about 20 trunks. Movies were on Nov. 8th –The Peanut Movie. Planning on doing Bird houses at Jerry's in March. Working on events for 2016

Website and Fire District –Councilperson Story

Website Report

- Added September agenda to upcoming meeting page
- Review and corrections to October 14 and October 22 minutes for Hollye
- Added September 9 and 24 meeting minutes to Town Board page
- Added Fire District Budget Public Hearing with links to News alerts and Legal Notices
- Downloaded each section of the Town Budget to the website
- Removed Fire Budget Hearing and added Town Budget Public Hearing with links to News Alerts
- Removed Fire Budget notice and added Town Budget notice to Legal Notices.
- Made a correction on the Tax Roll and on the School page
- Updated Supervisor Letter
- Removed expired youth events and add upcoming youth events to youth page and calendar

Total Hours Worked: 4 ¾ hours

Fire District - Meeting held November 9, 2015

- New tires were purchased and installed on truck 15-31
- Pump tests on all trucks were done and any necessary repairs were made
- Physicals for all active firefighters were being done that day
- Fire Commissioner election will be December 8, 2015 from 6-9 pm. At the firehouse.

Keep Cochecton Clean: Jerold Yavarkovsky

There was no meeting. But have heard people saying the roads are much cleaner. The Court appearance for person that was littering will be on Monday Nov. 16th at 6:00 pm

Ambulance Corp.: Councilperson Salzberg

Ambulance Corp. informal meeting and are willing to have a joint meeting with Town Board, Fire District and Mr. Martinkovic.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

Monthly Financial Report

- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
- Deposited \$621.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,290 .00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$1,769.77 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$668.24 Debit Card
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave board members budget to actuals.

Activity

- Calls to Danette Mall in regards to health insurance rates for coming year. Went to Supervisors Meeting. Emergency work completed at Sewer Plant. Calls to Karen in regards to land purchase and Keith Eisenstark. Call to sheriffs Dept. on liter. Had George Walter do water tests for Health Dept. on failed test. Meeting with Dan Sturm. Worked on final Budget

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	\$103.50	\$1,855.24
• Abstract#10	\$ 178.92	\$1,676.32
• Abstract#11	\$ 299.70	\$1,376.62
• Abstract#12	\$	\$

Worked 89 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

Submitted a written report:

- October Report 2015
- Had stone and sand delivered
- Had trucks inspected
- Put some sanders on
- Had a few repairs
- Repaired a couple of pipes
- Been out patching, ditching, cutting brush
- Rented a Boom Mower for a week
- Had meetings in Monticello with County Officials
- Diesel--256.6 gals del / used 309 gals
- Gas --150 gals del / used 193 gals
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance --\$366.35

Councilperson Nearing asked the HWY Superintendent about the stone pile by Bunches. He was told it will be used next year for paving

HWY Superintendent would like permission to hire 3 seasonal workers as needed. Most storms only require 1 seasonal worker. Only cost to the town would be for drug and alcohol testing. Supervisor mentioned that Kelly Edwards has offered her services for the physicals. Williamson Law Book – program for HWY. Prices are same as quoted last year, \$2,650.00 and annual support is \$720.00. HWY Superintendent would like a hands on training session at a cost of \$250.00 also would like program to be set up in Dec. with all the new information from the 2016 budget.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to have the HWY Superintendent move forward with the purchase of the program for his dept. from Williamson Law Book. All Town Board members voted in favor

RESOLUTION # 43

TOWN CLERK TO PLACE LEGAL NOTICE FOR WINTER ROAD CLOSINGS

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall place a legal notice in the The River Reporter for publication on November 19, 2015 for no winter maintenance on Haase Road from Stony Road to R. Haase's driveway, Stony Road from Rauch Road to Old Country Road, Mill Road after Shawn Nearing driveway to H. Twyman's driveway and Trillium Trail as of December 1, 2015.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Story, Nearing and Salzberg

Truck that he put out to auction brought \$4,550.00 which is better than he would have gotten for scrap metal which would only be about \$2,500.00

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was that the HWY Superintendent should move forward with the price quoted at auction for the truck. All Town Board members voted in favor

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- UDC check #1651 in the amount of \$100.00 received 11/2/15 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- There was no OSTCA meeting held in October, as the Orange Clerks were meeting with the Orange County Board of Elections.
- Issued 2 temporary handicapped parking permit in October
- I handed out blank permits when the CEO was not in his office, as well as the permits that the CEO had filled out.
- I have had people calling that want to purchase property asking about sewer and water for said properties. Most properties are not in the sewer district.
- 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, people wanting to pay their fines and wanting to know where to send their payments.
- Collected fees for month of October \$1,420.09
- Worked a total of 120 hours in October
- Contractual balance \$1,384.28

I will be out of the office sometime during January and February, not sure of the dates at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Worked 80 hours, total mileage 634
- Issued 9 permits, 0 renewals
- C of O's issued 1, Notice of Disapproval 1 Municipal search letters 5
- Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues in the amount of \$1,075.00
- Expenses: \$401.87
- Contractual balance: \$1,078.18

Busy month, November so far is busier than usual. 2 new constructions and 2 pending (don't have all the info at this time). Contractor for the demo on Shortcut Road moving along. Old ambulance building will be coming down, and a new structure will be put in its place. Nutshell roof is being replaced

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

Submitted a written report:

- Reviewed Correspondence received from Supervisor re: Corduroy Road
- Attended Board meeting
- Draft letter to Attorney for Seller of Vacant Land; email to Supervisor, email to Attorney
- Research public notice of land purchase/sewer plant improvement; email to Supervisor
- Attendance at Board meeting
- Complete EAF; Draft Notice of Public Hearing; emails to Supervisor

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

She e-mailed her report: Has \$0.01 in her account.

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report

Old Business:

1. Data Collection Project: The scan process is continuing.
2. Linda is still out of the office from back surgery, pneumonia and other health issues
3. Gold Star Parents and Aged exemption increase

New Business:

1. I will be on a much needed vacation for two weeks 11/13-11/27 ~ Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Assessor Hours: 32.5

Clerk Hours: 0

Data Collection-Oct.	Terri	15.5 hours	\$210.02
October: A 1355.400			\$3,138.63
Quill			\$85.56
Lorry King			\$15.15
Total Balance			\$3,053.08

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Earl Bertsch)

Oral report given: They needed to hire a new Attorney—they hired Bill Chellis on a per diem basis. The Stanzoni project is on hold waiting for additional information. The Old Rec. farm –persons wanting to put in a motel and summer camp. This request has been withdrawn. There is nothing in the zoning addressing this issue. The CEO mentioned that the proper procedure is to contact his office first, he rejects and it goes to Zoning Board of Appeals, they reject it and it would go to the Town Board. There was some discussion regarding this topic. Councilperson Richardson feels something should be put in the zoning code to address this issue. CEO mentioned it would need a special use permit. All town Board members were in favor of getting additional information from other towns that already have some information on summer camps. Solar Power farms were also mentioned and Planning Board will also look at wording for our Zoning Laws.

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow of 28,603 gallons per day for month of October
- Obtained 95% C.B.O.D. for October
- Obtained 98 % T.S.S. removal for October
- Spent a total of 72 hours attending to sewer district affairs in October
- Expenditures: \$9,360.30
- Contractual Balance: \$1,704.02

SPO mentioned that all the repairs have been completed at the sewer plant, good for now. Councilperson Richardson asked if this type of repair was ever done before. SPO said –no. Town Board asked if SPO would make up a map of the sewer plant to show where the lines are.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over her report

Had 2 dog at large calls, had 4 follow up calls worked 10 hours and her expenditures were \$12.65 for mileage

Contractual balance: \$1,265.08

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) absent

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

There were no inquiries by the public regarding Town history this past month. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- Submitted a written report
- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday November 5. Following the roll call Dick Comi, a consultant from the Center for Municipal Solutions presented an update on what's is being done within the telecommunications industry. We heard that the industry cannot keep up with demand. Although the government's goal is to provide broadband service Nationwide the activities at present are being driven by economics. Mr. Comi stated that there is a program in Vermont to provide service along more than 400 miles of rural state roads. This extension of service is not being provided by those huge erector type steel towers. Rather by a linear expansion system. The system is accomplished by installing 4' antenna on existing telephone poles. Each antenna can provide service up to ½ mile (insight distance) or 200 to 300 feet from either side of the road. Mr. Comi's presentation came about as a result of internal discussion within the Upper Delaware Council as to how best to provide cell tower service in the river corridor without being aesthetically intrusive.
- The Center for Municipal Solutions provides free consulting to municipalities to help create affective cell tower ordinances. The organization makes its money by reviewing applications for municipalities. It should be noted that the applicant would pay the fees for the review process. Mr. Comi can be reached at 518-439-3079.
- There was a work-shop presented by Shippensburg University and hosted by the upper Delaware council on Tuesday, November 10. The workshop was to look at possible development scenarios in the future within the river corridor.
- This is a reminder that a workshop entitled the future of history is being held Saturday November 14 at the college. This is a program for town and county historians as well as non-profit historical society's. Anyone who is interested should contact Debra Conway immediately registration date was Friday the 6th.
- A major task of the Upper Delaware Council is to make an effort to have all towns and townships within the river corridor to come into and stay in Substantial Conformance with the River Management Plan; and to review those determinations periodically when zoning and local laws change or are added. The Project Review Committee went through an informal exercise in reviewing Cochecton's Zoning Ordinances. I worked through the Project Review Workbook and the town Zoning Ordinance noting those sections in the Zoning Ordinance that meet the 6 Principles and 22 objectives of the River Management Plan. If those Principles and Objectives are met as determined by the Upper Delaware Council, the recommendation for a determination of Substantial Conformance then is forwarded to the National Park Service who reviews the submission for the Secretary of the Interior.
- **Actions taken:**
 - a. **Approved:** A contract with Courier Printing Corp. for printing the FY2016 Newsletter
 - b. Appointed a Nominating Committee for 2016 Officers

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Salzberg) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Nearing) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Story) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Richardson) Mentioned the Preservation Society will be holding their Souper Sunday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or until the soups run out

(Supervisor Maas) Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe Buildings –discussed earlier
2. Sewer Dept. – Property purchase—discussed earlier
3. Lake Huntington Algae Bloom –Supervisor went over the latest report. Waiting for a final report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deck –Supervisor has 1 quote. We can proceed because it is in the realm of the procurement policy but he wants to get at least one additional quote to move this project forward
2. Grant Program-- Councilperson Nearing, spoke to person in charge, there are 4 areas that need to be included. Caring and Public space, improve the code department, build healthy community, and main street gateway to community. This was discussed. Did not think the town would qualify, but he will get the paperwork in just the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Earl Bertsch, Bertsch Road, mentioned that the Town of Liberty hired someone to take care of main street projects (plants etc.)

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to move into executive session to discuss Sewer, and Labor Negotiations. Time 8:45 pm. All Town Board members voted in favor

Others present: Town Clerk

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to move out of executive session. Time 8:56 pm. All Town Board members voted in favor

While in executive session - no decisions made

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 8:57 p.m. All present board members voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk