

A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on November 12, 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 absent
Councilperson Sean Nearing

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk
Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent
Karen Mannino – Attorney
Gregg Semenetz –CEO entered at 7:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 60

ADOPT FY 2015 TOWN WIDE BUDGET

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was RESOLVED, that this Town Board having reviewed the FY 2015 Town wide budget, and having held a Public Hearing on November 5, 2014, and

WHEREAS, they are satisfied with the preliminary budget they do hereby adopt FY 2015 Town wide budget as presented and the increase is 1.35% well under the state 2% tax cap

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 61

PREPAY NYS & LOCAL RETIREMENT

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection 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 2015 is \$110,722.00 if paid by February 1st, 2015 and the prepay amount is discounted if paid by December 15th, 2014, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cochection Board authorizes the Supervisor to prepay the invoice before December 15th, 2014 for the amount of \$109,726.00 for a savings to the Town of Cochection in the amount of \$996.00.

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, and Nearing

RESOLUTION # 62

WHEN ADOPTING FY 2014 BUDGET TOWN BOARD UNAWARE OF ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE SEWER DISTRICT

ON motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board when adopting the FY 2014 budget was unaware of additional expenses, (additional pump on hand, new pump house and wiring, and generator, engineer study on SPEDIES permit, circulating pump and a seemingly never ending list of unexpected expenses) that could not be accounted for in line SS 8130-.400 (Contractual Sewer Operations) and needs to fund the line with additional funds for current and future bills, and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line SS 1930.400 (Judgment and Claims) in the amount of \$1,500.00 be transferred to line SS 8130.400 (Contractual –Sewer Operations) so that line SS 8130.400 shows \$36,500.00 and line SS 1930.800 shows \$500.00

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, and Nearing

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve minutes of October 8th, and October 23rd, and November 5th, 2014 and are accepted as submitted. All present town board members voted in favor

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

General Account	Voucher # 536-574	\$7,224.88
Debit Account	Voucher # 575	\$716.28
Sewer Account	Voucher # 576-581	\$2,119.67
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 542 & 582	\$589.80
Highway Account	Voucher # 583-595	\$27,977.74

Claim #'s 544, 570 and 5571 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.

Voucher #'s 536-554 are noted as PREPAID on October 14th, 20th, 27th, 30th and November 5th, 2014

All present town board members voted in favor.

NOTE Voucher # 562 on abstract # 11 was not paid as it should have been a credit. Councilperson Richardson will look into this matter

CORRESPONDENCE:

SLAC: invites you to attend the monthly meeting November 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Hearing Room at the Sullivan County Government Center. Will look at the availability of senior housing in Sullivan County

US Dept. of Interior: Introduce Shannon Thol of Honesdale PA a GIS consultant with 5 years experience

Letter Crystal Run Healthcare: stating Hollye Schulman (Town Clerk) is allowed to return to work full time with no restrictions

Sullivan County Division of Public Works: Announcing the snow and ice watch starting November 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

Delaware Liquor License Services: 30 day waiver for Heinle’s Catering

Time Warner Cable: Advising new Business Class-Account Manager will be Michele Dickson

NYS AG & Markets: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on 10/20/2014 —“Satisfactory”

Letter from Mr. Joe Martens: NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation: PIN 980603, Interstate Bridge # 6 Bridge Rehabilitation Project –the State Environmental Quality Review Act Determination of No Significant Effect

Sullivan County Dept. of Risk Management and Insurance: No open claims this quarter

MVP Health Care: Contract renewal information

Lake Huntington Presbyterian Church: Asking permission to hold their Election Day Bake Sale and Raffle at the Town Hall as they have in the past

Unhappy neighbors: --complaint re: a dairy farm located at 752 Erhley Road

E-mail from Des Alexander: re a group that would like to clean the Old Cochecton Cemetery and also try to pursue grants or donations for restoration and upkeep

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Councilperson Richardson – agreed to the December 18th, UDC power point presentation regarding projects that need to be forwarded to the UDC for their review

Youth Commission: --Councilperson Grund – Was unable to attend the meeting, but gave information on some of the events that will be taking place in the near future. A possible replacement for retiring member

Web Site: Councilperson Story – There was no report as Councilperson Story was not present

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

- 1 Monthly Financial Report
- Bank Information:
- Deposited \$ 100.00 UDC check
- Deposited \$ 1036.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 1002.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 617.04 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$ 139.90 Debit Card
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to accruals to board

Activity

Calls or emails with DEC, Bob Anygal on Algae Bloom, Time Warner with upgrade on phones and internet, Engineering Properties, Mike Preis, Cooper Arias, NYSDOT.

Meeting at Jeffersonville with fellow colleague’s and school officials, sent out Justice Court Audit, worked on Basement for Grand Opening 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
Abstract # 11	\$101.66	\$2,763.12
Worked 95 ½ hours		

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Submitted written report,
- Worked on Buff Road removing trees. Rented a dozer and pulled stumps and graded banks
- Put all sanders in the trucks. Set plow sand wings inside
- Out patching paved and gravel roads
- Out chipping brush
- Diesel: delivered 743.5 gals /used –559
- Gas delivered –303.7 gals /used 106.2
- Worked 160 hours
- Contractual balance: \$883.41

Highway Report continues:

HWY Superintendent mentioned he needs to have a legal notice placed in the Sullivan County Democrat no winter maintenance

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall place a legal notice in the Sullivan County Democrat for publication on November 21, 2014 for no winter maintenance on Haase Road from Stony Road to R. Hasse's driveway, Stony Road from Rauch Road to Old Country Road, Mill Road after Sean Nearing driveway to H. Twyman's driveway and Trillium Trail as of December 1, 2014. All present town board members voted in favor.

HWY Superintendent mentioned that he and his wife were robbed of several chain saws. The thief's also stole a new chain saw from the Town of Cochection; this happened about 2½ weeks ago. He notified the police and also has serial numbers documented for the town's chain saw.

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- UDC check #1019 in the amount of \$100.00 received 10/30/2014 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I issue 5 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
- I helped a property owner get a copy of their property tax bill
- I have handed out blank building permits, when the CEO is not in the office
- Worked a total of 95 3/4 hours
- Contractual balance \$2,285.09

I have gotten permission to return to work full time from my doctor

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Worked 80 hours, total mileage 672
- Issued 9 permits, 0 renewals
- C of O's issued 0, Notice of Disapproval 0 Municipal search letters 2
- Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues in the amount of \$575.00
- Expenses: \$968.60
- Contractual balance: \$419.60

Permits steady; property on Devils Road a building was removed by the owner. Has his new laptop and it is working well. Can now print to the printer and scan docs. etc. Councilperson Richardson asked if he was linked to the Assessor RPS. He is not linked as he has access to her files when needed. There was some discussion re: the grease problem at the sewer plant.

Supervisor mentioned that the Judge will be getting a new computer through the Judicial Court Administration, at no cost to the town

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

No written report: She will submit one next month

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

She e-mailed her report: Has \$0.08 in her account.

She worked 5 hours in October

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report

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. Permission to attend the continuing education course in Middletown on December 10th. This is a new course offered locally on Internet & Related Technology. The cost is \$100.00

Hours: Assessor 36.75 Clerk 0

Data Collection Hours: Oct. Terri 44.5 \$602.98 Balance: \$17,412.23

October: A1355.400 \$2,904.58

Contractual balance: \$2,904.58

RESOLUTION # 63**ASSESSOR TO ATTEND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE**

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Assessor has requested permission to attend the Continuing Education Course in Middletown on December 10th, 2014 re: Internet & Related Technology, and WHEREAS, this course will help with her duties as Assessor, the Cochection Town Board does hereby grant permission for her to attend said course at a cost of \$100.00

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Story absent
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, and Nearing

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Sharron Cardone) not present

Councilperson Richardson mentioned that the Towns of Fallsburg and Bethel are addressing bungalows and summer camps to see if their zoning is satisfactory. Ask that a note be sent to the Planning Board asking them to look over our zoning and see if they find anything that can be changed regarding bungalows and summer camps.

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter) not present

- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow of 22,479 gallons per day for month of October
- Obtained 92% C.B.O.D. for October
- Obtained 95 % T.S.S. removal for October
- Spent a total of 76 1/2 hours attending to sewer district affairs in October
- Expenditures: \$2,119.67
- Contractual Balance: -\$221.38 Town Board added \$1,500.00 to his contractual by resolution at the beginning of the meeting thereby making his contractual balance \$1,278.52

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

No report, her contractual balance remains the same as last month
Contractual balance: \$2,805.15

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) absent

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

There was one inquiry received this past month. It was from a young lady inquiring as to the location of property in Cochection belonging to one of her husband's ancestors. I looked up the deed and provided her with the approximate location which was along the old Newburgh Cochection Turnpike west of Fosterdale.

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- Submitted a written report
- **November 12, 2014:** The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday November 6.
- Following the Roll Call, Dr. Howard Whidden from East Stroudsburg University presented a program on the "Acoustic Monitoring of Bats in the River Valley". Interesting to note that bats provide billions of dollars in benefits for agriculture and society. The population of bats has dropped drastically as a result of a disease called "white nose syndrome". This devastating disease apparently only kills hibernating species. The most prevalent bat in our area would seem to be the Large Brown Bat.
- NYS DEC representative Bill Rudge briefly discussed the State Open Space Conservation Plan. Public comments on the draft plan are being accepted until December 17. It was noted that there are priority areas designated around the state. Money to support the program comes from a property transfer fee.
- Since Pennsylvania has identified several cases of Chronic Wasting Disease, NYS now prohibits people from importing into the state certain parts of white-tailed deer, elk or moose taken in PA. or Ohio.
- Even though tight restrictions are being imposed on the taking of eel in coastal waters and tributaries, a UDC appeal has allowed for an exemption in the Upper Delaware River. Although no new permits will be issued, the existing permit holders will be able to harvest eels through this next year.

Actions taken:

- Chairman Boyar appointed a Nomination Committee FY2015 Officers: Pat Jeffers, Jeff Dexter, and Larry Richardson

TOWN BOARD:

(**Councilperson Grund**) Mentioned the chronic wasting disease is also in other states besides PA.

(**Councilperson Nearing**) Nothing at this time

(**Councilperson Richardson**) Nothing at this time

(**Supervisor Maas**) Nothing at this time

RESOLUTION # 64**TOWN CLERK TO PLACE LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

ON motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk place a legal notice in the Sullivan County Democrat for a Public Hearing on December 10, 2014 regarding Rules and Regulations for the Community Room

ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Story absent
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, and Nearing

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion; --Facility Use --this was discussed and will be addressed at the next Town Board meeting
2. Unsafe Buildings --Property on Stony Road owner just passed away, will try and contact family to see if the property is going to be transferred or what. The town might have to remove the building if the family does not want to have it removed themselves
3. Sewer Dept. --SPEDES permit: One more question re: flow pump
4. Route 97 Historical Sign --this was discussed earlier. The did come to get the sign, but no one knew where the post was; Supervisor will contact them again to see when they can come back for the sign and post

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bulletin Board --Ambulance Corp. offered their bulletin board to the Town

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to accept the Bulletin Board from the Cochection Ambulance Corps. All present board members voted in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Attianese, Pinewood Road, asked about TWC coming to his road. It is up to the Cable Company, not the town

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 8:34 p.m. All present board members voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk