

A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on November 13, 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)

Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Richard Schulman
Councilperson Anna Story

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk

Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent

Sharron Cardone –Planning Board Chair

Karen Mannino – Attorney

Gregg Semenetz –CEO

Michael Walter –SPO

RESOLUTION # 83

PREPAY NYS & LOCAL RETIREMENT

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, 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 2014 is \$86,747.00 if paid by February 1st, 2014 and the pre pay amount is discounted to \$85,967.00 if paid by December 15th, 2013, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWN OF COCHECTON BOARD authorizes the Supervisor to prepay the invoice before December 15th, 2013 for the amount of \$85,967.00 for a savings to the Town of Cochection in the amount of \$780.00.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

RESOLUTION # 84

FUND SEWER RETIREMENT

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board when adopting the FY 2013 budget was unaware of additional expenses in the New York State Retirement in the Sewer Budget that could not be accounted for in line SS 9010.800 (NYS Retirement system) and needs to fund that line with additional funds for the current bill, and therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line SS 9060.800 in the amount of \$142.00 be transferred to line SS 9010.800 (NYS Retirement) so that line SS 9010.800 shows \$5142.00 and line SS 9060.800 shows \$15,578.00

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

RESOLUTION # 85

FUND GENERAL RETIREMENT

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board when adopting the FY 2013 budget was unaware of additional expenses in the New York State Retirement in the General Budget that could not be accounted for in line A 9010.800 (NYS Retirement system) and needs to fund that line with additional funds for the current bill, and therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line A 1990.400 in the amount of \$1,473. 76 be transferred to line A 9010.800 (NYS Retirement) so that line A 9010.800 shows \$39,473.76 and line A 1990.400 shows \$12,526.24.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

RESOLUTION # 86

WORKERS COMPENSATION DISABILITY

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board has been advised by its new disability carrier, National Benefit Life, that the Workers Compensation Board needs an updated resolution and letter stating that the Town approves disability benefits for the Highway Dept. and therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Cochection has an agreement with CSEA and the Highway Department to provide disability benefits for its four employees.

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 approve minutes of October 9, and October 17, and November 6, 2013 and are accepted as submitted. All voted in favor

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

General Account	Voucher # 474-516	\$7,850.52
Sewer Account	Voucher # 518-523	\$2,694.72
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 524	\$589.07
Highway Account	Voucher # 525-538	\$42,869.57

Claim #'s 480, 489, 491, 501, 511, 512, 513 and 515 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.
Voucher #'s 474-482 are noted as PREPAID on October 16th, 22nd and November 4th, 2013. Voucher #517 has been voided. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Newly Elected Officials 2014 training school;--Jan 8-10 in Rochester, and January 15-17 in Albany
Chris Gibson: broadband symposium Monday Oct. 21st 9:00 at SCCC
Letter: regarding the animal shelter in Bethel, warning letter (they are now in compliance)
M&T Bank notifying of the merger with Wilmington Trust
Sullivan County Division of Public Works: snow and ice watch starts Nov. 16, 2013 at 12:00 a.m.
MVP -- Required docs. for the renewal of health insurance for HWY workers etc.
E-mail re: Climate Smart Community pledge: this one is much simpler model for community adoption
UDC: funds are available that were put on hold during the Federal Gov. Shutdown
NYMIR: Risk Management re: Lost and hacked sensitive electronic files
MVP --health care changes --no change to the policy
Humane Society of Middletown --renewal of contract for 2014 --fees have gone up

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection is in need of a shelter for dogs picked up in the Town of Cochection, and WHEREAS, the Humane Society of Middletown had agreed to extend their services for FY 2014 with a slight increase in cost to the town, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cochection hereby agrees to the terms and conditions put forth by the Middletown Humane Society to continue using the shelter for FY 2014. All voted in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Route 97 Pull-Off: Councilperson Richardson -- nothing to report. He asked the Supervisor if the sign has been put back up --was told not at this time

Youth Commission: --Councilperson Grund -- Went to Robas 31children, Tricky Trunk held Oct 26, 2013 at the Ambulance Park 27 cars and 60 children. Nov. 3rd Movies "Free Birds" 19 children, holiday party 46 signed up will be held Dec. 1st. The youth group is setting up the calendar of events for 2014. There will be an opening at the end of the year to replace Jenna Sayers.

Office of The Aging: Councilperson Schulman, there was no meeting. Nothing to report

Web Site: Councilperson Story -- Added Sept. 11 and 25th agenda and resolutions with links to upcoming meeting page. Added Planning Board minutes, added building permit application to CEO page, added legal notices, board minutes. Changed Supervisor's letter on home page, and added Oct 17 agenda with links. Removed expired youth events, legal notices and news alerts. Added the August Planning Board minutes; as well as Town Board minutes. Added budget ad Public Hearing to news alerts box. Also changed the Supervisor's message. Worked 5.5 hours for September and 3.5 hours for October

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

1. Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$100.00 UDC check

Deposited \$205.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$1,042.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$696.09 Town Clerk fees

Deposited \$612.50 NYMIR Refund

Made transfers and deposits as needed

1. Activity

Calls with Cooper Arias, Karen Mannino, Glen Adycki, George Walter, Called DEC about bill for discharge, got bill reduced

Supervisor's report continues:

Picked up knocked down sign, Sent in workers comp injury report for Phil Grisafe, Meeting at school with other town officials, meeting at school for evacuation drill evaluation, worked on final budget, MVP renewal forms submitted

CONTRACTUAL		\$5,000.00
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	\$3,634.06
Abstract#7	\$ 119.65	\$3,514.41
Abstract#8	\$ 207.90	\$3,306.51
Abstract#9	\$ 122.90	\$3,183.61
Abstract#10	\$ 65.00	\$3,118.61
Abstract#11	\$ 85.21	\$3,033.40
Abstract#12		
Abstract#12A		

Worked 95 hours. Spent \$85.21. On November 8th submitted tax cap forms 1.26% budget decrease over last year.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Submitted written report,
- Patched on both our paved and gravel roads. Also cleaned up some ditches around town.
- Removed two dead deer from town roads.
- Rented a dozer and worked on Erhley Rd. Cut the banks down, put in a new pipe to divert the water, graded the ditches and mulched areas where we worked. Would like to thank the Town of Fremont who brought there Gradall down for two days.
- Finished fabricating the new sander to truck 27. Also put the plows inside and installed two other sanders.
- Sold the old sander on the auction and gave Hollye a check for \$1,600.00
- Diesel Fuel 310 gals delivered, 615 gals used
- Gasoline 126.1 gals delivered, 109 gals used
- Worked 160 hrs.
- Due to a mistake of \$346.00 my contractual balance is \$377.61

Also mentioned he needs to have a legal notice put in the newspaper re: no winter maintenance on specific town roads

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 River Reporter for publication on November 21, 2013 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, 2013. All voted in favor

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- Attended the Sullivan Town Clerk meeting in the Town of Delaware October 16th, had a round table discussion regarding Town budgets, DEC licenses etc.
- Legal notice was sent to The River Reporter for the Public Hearing on the 2014 budget, and also to Anna for the website
- UDC check # 3366 in the amount of \$100.00 received 10/25/2013 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I issued 3 handicapped parking permit
- Had questions regarding old birth and marriage records in the mid 1800's our records start in Oct. of 1882.
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I have received telephone calls for the Tax Collector, Assessor, CEO, Bookkeeper and Justice Court, there are still people wanting to pay their School Taxes, and many question about the STAR program.
- Worked a total of 120 hours
- Contractual balance: \$ 4,276.92

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Worked 80 hours, total mileage 643
- 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 \$750.00
- Expenses: \$449.65
- Contractual balance: \$1,455.86

The unsafe structures on CR 116 will be removed by Klein when he receives a check for the amount due for the demo, and also the Town needs to send a bill to the property owner for the legal fees incurred for this project. The debris on the corner of CR 116 and State Route 52 is being cleaned up. Have 3 proposals for the basement

completion. Completed the unsafe buildings for this year. There are a couple of owners that own trailers that received letters but so far no response, will send a 2nd letter to them.

Attorney Mannino advised the board to postpone the Public Hearing that was set for November 13, 2013 regarding the unsafe structures on CR 116

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to postpone the Public Hearing from November 13, to December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to cover themselves in case the property owner does not send a check for the demo of the 2 structures on his property know as tax map SBL # 13.-1-55. All voted in favor

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

- Submitted written report
- Review of Local Law Resolution/e-mail
- Draft of Certification/DOS filing
- Draft correspondence to file local law
- Travel and meeting with Town Clerk for certification of local law
- Postage for mailing local law to State

The attorney had presented an update to the fee schedule for the board's review. After discussion regarding the update it was decided the fees in the code were sufficient at this moment.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to keep the fees intact as they are for the following sections: 75-10 (D) Enumeration, 71-11(C) Replacement dog tag, 80-8 Public Assembly application fee, 125-4 Outdoor wood furnace permit fee, 130-6 Games of Chance license fee, 130-7 Games of Chance Lease, and 170-3 Peddling and Soliciting application fee, all now to be set by resolution. All will be included in list of fees. All voted in favor

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy) not present

Submitted a written report as of November 8th, 2013

Supervisor went over the report. Balance in checkbook \$.28, worked 4 hours in the month of October and Contractual balance³ is \$3,067.22

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report: Supervisor went over the report

Old Business:

1. *Reminder for all Basic Star recipients to sign up for their STAR exemption before December.*

New Business:

1. *Our data collector has started Map section 17 this week; she said it's a small section with not very many homes. She expects that section to be completed in a few days.*
2. *We have received the school tax rates for the County; I have selected the Sullivan West rates to show you how we faired this year.*

*SULLIVAN WEST	RATE	LIB	SCHEDULE	
Bethel	21.775151	.749341	9/1-9/30 - 0%	*9/1-11/4
Callicoon	21.774692	.749324	10/1-10/31 - 2%	
Cochecton	18.781251	.646292	11/1-11/4 - 3%	
Delaware	22.426168	.771692		
Fremont	18.780705	.646292		
Liberty	19.267166	.595113		
Tusten	26.954921	.927446		

October
1355.4 \$2,429.48
Lorry King \$26.64
Terri Fountain \$184.00
Quill \$86.94
Linda Schwartz \$23.65
Total \$321.23
Balance \$2,108.25

Data Collection project

	Oct		
Terri	66	842.16	
Linda	15.5	197.78	
		1039.94	\$14,644.88

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Sharron Cardone)

- No meeting so there isn't any report
- The meeting for November will be on November 21st because Thanksgiving falls on the regular meeting night.

Planning Board report continues:

- She asked about the Association of Towns February 2014. You now need to reserve the room and apply on your own. Was told the board decided they don't get much back from the classes. Most information can be obtained on the internet, and classes held locally or by calling the Association of Towns. Planning board chair feels education is important.
- The April Planning Board minutes still have not been approved, she was told to reach out to the members at that meeting to attend the next meeting so they can be approved.

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)

- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow of 22,860 gallons per day for month of October
- Obtained 96.3% C.B.O.D. for October
- Obtained 96.2 % T.S.S. removal for October
- Spent a total of 71 hours attending to sewer district affairs in October
- Expenditures: \$2,694.72
- Contractual Balance: \$4,059.87

Flow meter and paper for flow chart are expenses for this year but has not received the bill at this time

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

Opening budget \$1,200.36

Worked 8 hours

2 calls for lost dog

3 dog at large calls – negative results

Contractual balance: \$2,602.74

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) absent

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

On October 20th, I gave a talk before the Tusten Historical Society at the Town Hall in Narrowsburg, concerning the Civil War exploits of two local men who fought for the preservation of the Union. The talk went well and their meeting was enjoyable.

I also received an inquiry from a local gentleman who is interested in cemetery records of the Dougherty family and I'm in the process of getting him that information. Enjoy your meeting and have a wonderful Thanksgiving

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- Submitted a written report.
- The Upper Delaware Council held its regular meeting on Thursday November 7. Following the roll call, Jeff Skelding & Garth Pettinger presented a power-point program addressing the water needs of the Upper Delaware River and how they can be met entitled "Getting Our Fair Share of Water: An Equitable Apportionment Plan for the NYC Delaware Water Supply System". In summary the report shows how NYC could meet its needs and still have plenty of water left for our needs here in the Upper Delaware River if it would more fully use the water available from the Catskill and Croton Reservoirs.
- The Council has been advised that it will be re-reimbursed for funds drawn down during the government shutdown based on a formula calculating an 8% reduction from the \$300,000 dollars normally received.
- A meeting is planned with the Town of Hancock to review some issues that may not allow them to be found in Substantial Conformance and how the town might incorporate some safe guards. The meeting is planned for November 11.
- Bill Rudge from DEC presented copies of two agency documents: "Emergency Measures Restrict Importation of Certain Deer Species" and "New General Permits For Temporary Stream Crossings For Timber Harvesting". Among other things, the deer importation measure bans bring deer from Pa into New York unless it has been butchered first. They cannot be brought over for weighing or measuring and the heads are not allowed into NYS unless they have been mounted. The temporary stream crossing is designed to eliminate running vehicles across narrow streams. One can apply for a temporary stream crossing (limited to 30' or less) and if you do not have a response from the DEC within 5 business days, you are good to go. For longer crossings (30-50'), the applicant must receive a positive response from DEC to move forward.
- NPS Superintendent Sean McGuinness has announced his retirement at the end of January 2014. He has been in residence for 4 years. He also distributed visitor statistics (222,472) that shows a drop of about 10% from 2012. The NPS will review how they collect visitor data
- Actions taken:
 - Appointed a Nominating Committee for 2014 Officers
 - Passed Resolution 2013-17: Approving FY 2014 Newsletter Printing Quote
 - Passed a letter to Town of Fremont: Assistance with Development of Windsor School Site

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Story) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Grund) Mentioned deer from PA are not allowed in NY unless they meet certain guidelines set forth by the DEC. On two different occasions, two different DEC officers were in his shop. One said he was not there to enforce PA deer, the other said he was. Ed said that he has a sign up at his shop stating that PA deer are not allowed unless hunted in NY.

(Councilperson Schulman) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Richardson) Nothing at this time

(Supervisor Maas)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement Completion; there are three quotes. 1. Eric Hector Contracting for a total of \$10,500.00
2. Kuebler Construction, Inc. for a total of \$21,370.00 and 3. Bob Laarmann Construction for a total of \$20,450.00

RESOLUTION # 87**ACCEPT QUOTE FROM ERIC HECTOR CONTRACTING**

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was RESOLVED, that after looking over the three quotes submitted and discussing the same, it was decided to accept the quote from Eric Hector Contracting as his was the lowest quote for the walls ceiling and trim work in the Town Hall basement for the agreed price of \$10,500.00 to complete this phase of the Town Hall basement

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

There were also 3 quotes for the wiring in the basement. 1. Thomas Electric Inc. for a total of \$3,395.00 2. J&S Electric for a total of \$3,800.00 and 3. American Electric for a total of \$3,800.00

RESOLUTION # 88**ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM THOMAS ELECTRIC INC.**

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was RESOLVED, to accept the quote from Thomas Electric Inc. for completion of the electric in the Town Hall basement in the amount of \$3,395.00

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

2. Unsafe Building –discussed earlier, CEO asked the town board members to look for unsafe structures to be addressed next year
3. Generator for Sewer Dept. –pending for next year
4. RE-levy Lennox Bailey –will be taken care of when 2014 budget is submitted to the County. (Resolution with re-levy information was submitted to the County in March)

RESOLUTION # 89**NEW MODEL COMMUNITY PLEDGE**

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was RESOLVED, to accept the new model pledge for Climate Smart Community, and as it is much simpler than the one recently proposed this Town Board do hereby adopt the Model Pledge

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fireworks permits –pending
2. Fees and penalties --

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sharron Cardone asked what the results were from the election. There are still 24 absentee ballots to be counted as well as military ballots that still have time to get to the Board of Elections. Right now Ed is 15 votes ahead of Dr. Salzberg and there were 70 absentee ballots opened. There are still contested ballots that need to be addressed

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 8:30 p.m. All voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk