

A meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on November 14, 2012 at 7:30 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 John Keating – Attorney
 Kevin Esselman – Highway Superintendent Gregg Semenetz –CEO Entered at 7:45 p.m.
 Sharron Cardone –Planning Board Chair George Walter –SPO

RESOLUTION # 50

PREPAY NYS & LOCAL RETIREMENT

On motion of Councilperson Grund, 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 2013 is for \$70,458.00 if paid by February 1st, 2013 and the pre pay amount is discounted to \$68,494.00 if paid by December 15th, 2012, therefore,
 BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWN OF COCHECTON BOARD authorizes the Supervisor to prepay the invoice before December 15th, 2012 for the amount of \$68,494.00 for a savings to the Town of Cochection in the amount of \$1,964.00.

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
 Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

RESOLUTION # 51

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY GENERAL CODE 25% FOR CODIFICATION OF COCHECTON LAWS

On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was
 RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay General Code 25% of project to codify Town of Cochection Town Laws in the amount of \$3,6581.25, as per contract with General Code

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas
 Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve minutes of October 10, and October 16, and October 24, 2012 and are accepted as submitted. All voted in favor

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

General Account	Voucher # 459-489	\$14,275.68
Debit Account	Voucher # 490	\$50.06
Sewer Account	Voucher # 491-494	\$2,396.00
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 495	\$567.23
Highway Account	Voucher # 496-510	\$15,784.34

Claim #'s 459, 462, 485, 490 and 496 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.
 Voucher #'s 459-470 are noted as PREPAID on 10/15/12, 10/23/12 and 10/26/12. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

General Code: reminder regarding bill
 SLAC: re meeting 11/30/12 at 10:00 a.m. at Legislative Hearing Room, Gov. Center-- Speaker will be Michael Burgess
 Emerald Ash Borer-meeting Dec. 5, 2012 at 8:30 registration at Orange County Community College, Kaplan Hall in Newburgh
 Annual invoice for NYS & Local Retirement
 Letter re: changes to Medicaid
 Sullivan County Public Works –offering free debris cleanup from Hurricane Sandy
 Sullivan County state of emergency proclamation
 Letter Mike Preis –re: employee dishonesty Bond
 Time Warner Cable –program changes
 Wendy Kraack stating her intention to resign at the end of her term on the Youth Commission
 Sullivan County Manager's Office: re: Emergency Operation Center: Limited State of Emergency
 E-mail from Laurie McFadden: Thanking Kevin and the Highway men for a good job
 Sullivan County Youth Bureau: re: funding amount available for 2012 is \$1,000.00
 Upper Delaware Scenic Byway: annual contribution reminder
 Sullivan County Legislators: Robert Freeman to speak on Open Government—this was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy
 NYS Dept of Ag and Markets: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report has been completed on 10/11/2012 passed

Bond Schoeneck & King –Sullivan West Central School District –Negative Declaration re: projects the school is undertaking

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Route 97 Pull-Off: Councilperson Richardson – nothing to report

Youth Commission: Oral report--Councilperson Grund reported on the Tricky Trunk held Oct 27, 2012 at the Ambulance Park went well. Christmas event booked. The youth group is setting up the calendar of events for 2013. There will be an opening at the end of the year to replace Wendy Kraack

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

Web Site: Councilperson Story – Added August Planning Board minutes, Added Oct. 10th agenda, minutes, and resolutions with links to upcoming meeting page. Made corrections to the Gas Drilling meeting notification. Added Town Board minutes to board page. Removed Burn Ban and Preservation Society notice from News alert. Added agenda for Oct. 16 and Oct. 24 meetings. Added youth events to youth page and calendar. Added Lake Huntington and White Lake Firehouse info to news alerts. Added preliminary budget with links to news alerts and added public hearing to legal notices. Worked 6.5 hours on the website

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)

Submitted a written report:

1. Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

Deposited \$ 100.00 UDC check

Deposited \$235.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$ 800.00 Judicial fees

Deposited \$2511.06 Town Clerk fees

Made transfers and deposits as needed

2. Activity

Calls with County Personal Dept., Chris Decker, Tom Bose, Dan Sturn, Dick Martinkovic, Ethan Cohen, Danette Mall, Scott Haberli, George Conklin, Cochection Oil, Earl Birch, Dan Hust, Steve Israel, Kevin Esselman, George Walter, Fire Dept., Thunder 102, numerous calls to and conference calls NYSEG.

Meeting with Tina Mole from Bonacic's office, George Walter, CEO, Aileen Gunthers office (pre storm meeting), contacted everyone in NIMS pre-storm with contact info.

Worked on Budget and Tax Cap to submit to state comptroller.

Worked on receiving Findings Statement

CONTRACTUAL		\$5,500.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	
Abstract #2	\$ 456.88	\$5,043.12
Abstract#3	\$ 634.15	\$4,408.97
Abstract #4	\$225.08	\$4,183.89
Abstract #5	\$655.07	\$3,528.82
Abstract#6	\$ 58.00	\$3,470.82
Abstract#7	\$106.60	\$3,364.22
Abstract#8	\$139.50	\$3,224.72
Abstract#9	\$150.60	\$3,074.12
Abstract#10	\$ 162.00	\$2,912.12
Abstract#11	\$239.12	\$2,673.07

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)

- Submitted written report,
- October Monthly Report 2012
- Continue to ditch and patch on roads.
- Set up a couple of sanders and installed them into their trucks
- Paved apron on the route 97 pull off.

HIGHWAY REPORT CONTINUES:

- Went with Gary and picked up the new truck. We have installed the side boards on and are set to go with it.
- Have started to get sand delivered
- Put truck 28 and the Gradal on an internet auction and believe we received good bids on them. Handed Hollye a check for \$6,300 for the equipment

- Started our tree project on Nearing RD. Unfortunately the weather hasn't cooperated with us to continue.
- We prepared for Hurricane Sandy. Luckily did not see the rain they were predicting but did sustain significant tree damage. The next day the men and I cut all the trees off the lines and had all the Town roads passable. The following two days we rented a chipper and cleaned up the brush from the storm. Although we were charged for two days we only put 6 hrs. on it. This cost us \$730.00 dollars. I will be asking for the purchase of a chipper in 2013, which would be a one-time investment for something that always has to be done.
- Have enclosed the bay in the salt shed and are waiting on the garage door.
- My contractual balance \$251.94
- Worked 160Hrs

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was that the Town Clerk place a legal notice Sullivan County Democrat advertising no winter maintenance on the following roads: Haas Road from Stony Rd. to Haase's driveway, Stony Rd. from Rauch Road to Old County Road, Mill Rd. after Shawn Nearing driveway to H. Twyman's driveway, Erhley Rd. after the former William Shumanski property to Intersection of Schalck Rd., and Trillium Trail, Town Clerk to also place a help wanted ad for part-time help winter months as well

ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Richardson, Grund, Schulman and Story

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- There was no OSTCA meeting held in Oct.
- There is 1 FOIL request in September regarding Coffee Creations— All information given to me by the Planning Board Clerk on Oct. 5, 2012 was copied and turned over to the applicant that made the request
- The UDC check # 2740 in the amount of \$100.00 received 10/26/2012 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- Issued one marriage license
- Issued 2 handicapped parking permits
- I provide telephone #'s for different departments. I have received telephone calls for the Tax Collector, Assessor, CEO, Bookkeeper and Justice Court as well as school tax questions. People think the town collects the school taxes.
- Worked a total of 123 hours
- Contractual balance: \$4,334.70

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

- Worked 80 hours, total mileage 586
- Issued 6 permits, 0 renewals
- C of O's issued 2, Notice of Disapproval 1 Municipal search letters 1
- Appearance tickets: 0
- Revenues in the amount of \$1,005.12
- Expenses: \$397.35
- Contractual balance: \$765.43

Issued 10th permit for house -- demo and new construction. Things are starting to wind down, working on unsafe structures for next year.

Councilperson Schulman asked about Coffee Creations—that haven't gotten anything from the CEO.

Supervisor mentioned that Robert Stanzoni is bringing an article 78 against the Planning Board re: Coffee Creations and wants the Planning Board decision reversed

CEO mentioned the supplies for the basement have been ordered and the construction should start soon.

TOWN ATTORNEY: (John J. Keating)

- Submitted written report
- Prepare and prosecute Justice Court matters (one date)
- Attended monthly meeting
- Prepare resolution and order V&T 1660
- Complete Davidson unsafe building matter

SEQRA Findings Statement for Local Road Preservation Law and Program –Pending for next month

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

- Submitted a written report as of November 14, 2012
- Balance in checkbook is \$0.09
- Contractual balance: \$2,881.94

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report:

Old Business:

1. Field review of sales and new construction continues

New Business:

1. I will be out of the Country on November 4th -16th
 2. I expect that ORPS will be here sometime this month to update our software on the server
 3. Received several address changes and new 911 house numbers from the County
- Total expenditures \$52.81
 Contractual balance: \$2,363.40
 Worked 30 ¼ hours
 Clerk worked 27 hours

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Sharron Cardone)

- Submitted a written report:
- PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 25TH 2012
- Meeting opened by me at 7:30 – all members except Jim Crowley and Neal Halloran were present
- Minutes of September meeting were approved.
- CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence
- OLD BUSINESS: No old business
- NEW BUSINESS: Sheppard simple subdivision - Client cancelled as engineering report not yet finished and ready for submission to us.
- OTHER BUSINESS: Went over with members what happened at the special Town Board meeting held October 16th at the Lake Huntington fire hall.
- Members of public both town residents and non residents allowed to give their views regarding fracking. There was a large turn out and with the exception of a few speakers most attendees wanted the Town Board to ban fracking. Town supervisor Gary Maas thanked everyone for their attendance and statements and advised that the Town Board will take everything under consideration. They are not making any decision yet regarding this issue
- Nothing else was discussed and meeting was closed at 8:00 PM

Planning Board Chairperson Cardone at this time asked permission to attend the Association of Towns in February 2013. This will be addressed at the regular meeting in December

Planning Board Chair asked what are people supposed to do during an emergency? Go to the Town Hall or what.

She was told to have them contact the Supervisor

Councilperson Richardson said the NIMS program is in place and the Supervisor is the lead for NIMS. He also asked what the telephone # was for people to reach her. Her phone # is 845-252-7162. Councilperson Richardson also asked about the Cell Tower on Mueller Road. –will have to wait for the CEO to answer that question

SEWER OFFICER: (George Walter)

- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow of 58,773 gallons per day for month of October
- Obtained 94.4% C.B.O.D. for October
- Obtained 93.1 % T.S.S. removal for October
- Spent a total of 71 hours attending to sewer district affairs in October
- Expenditures: \$8531.16
- Contractual Balance: \$1,529.76

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: \$11,200.36

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) absent

Submitted a written report:

No important news to report this month. I did receive an email from a former resident who wished to meet with me to talk about Cochection history. I responded and agreed to meet, but haven't heard back yet. I spoke at the County Historical Society dinner a few weeks ago. They had requested that I speak on the subject of Cochection Civil War history and I did so in my allotted 6 to 7 minutes.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT CONTINUES:

Attached to this report is a list of Town of Cochection roads as they were known in 1934 and as they were named as of 1999. Hopefully, this will be of some interest to residents. The original 1934 list is still not framed, but I hope to have it done soon. I'm having some minor difficulty finding a proper frame system for it.
 Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

UDC: (Larry Richardson)

- No report. Electric was out, due to Hurricane Sandy and when it came back on he was too sick to attend

TOWN BOARD:

(Councilperson Story) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Schulman) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Grund) Nothing at this time

(Councilperson Richardson) Mentioned he will have a response re: the Gas Drilling meeting and will make a presentation at the December meeting

CEO came back into the meeting room. He was asked about the Cell Tower on Muller Road. Sent an e-mail got no response. There was no C of O issued as there is a drainage problem with the driveway that has not been addressed. CEO and Attorney looked over the zoning re: the Bakery and it is a home based business and she does not have to go before the Planning board for a special use permit. It is here primary residence

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MMFT update – Local Law # 1 - Adoption? This will be taken up at the December meeting
2. Basement completion and Generator – Generator has been ordered; it will take about 3-4 weeks. Basement completion—supplies have been ordered and work should start shortly
3. Unsafe Buildings—Contractor will finish cleaning up the building on West Shore when the weather gets dry or freezes
4. NIMS – meeting was held already
5. Phone Service –Spoke with Brenda Parks from Time Warner Cable - 3 items -- 1. Future lines in Cochection—map by # of homes 2. Phone service someone from the company will contact the Supervisor re: phone service thru the internet and 3. The contract for the franchise is due in April of 2013 and will be getting a renewal for 10 years
6. Operation of Sewer Plant – taken care of at the recessed meeting Oct. 24th.
7. Health Ins. MVP – set up client #'s and cards should be here within the week
8. Codify Local Laws – Tag Grant—in the process already

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wendy Kraack letter of intent to resign her position on the Youth Commission at end of December
2. Bookkeeper - unable to attend to her duties for the foreseeable future
3. Article 78 – mentioned earlier

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one else wished to comment

Attorney mentioned: Property on Nearing Road (town owns) if someone wants to purchase they will need to purchase both 3 acre parcels can not be split

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Labor Negotiations) completed

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to adjourn this Town Board meeting. Time 8:38 p.m. All voted in favor

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk