A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on December 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Cochecton Town Hall The following members were present (Between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for the purpose of auditing bills) Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:38 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Anna Story
Councilperson Sean Nearing
Councilperson Paul Salzberg
Councilperson Edwin Grund

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman –Town Clerk
Kevin Esselman –Highway Superintendent
Gregg Semenetz-CEO
Karen Mannino –Attorney
Michael Walter –SPO
Eileen Hennessy—Tax Collector

During the work session Louise Gava representative from CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) gave a presentation regarding Supplying Electricity to municipalities and community members, and explained same. They can offer a fixed rate and most likely it would be less than NYSE&G. NYSE&G would be responsible for delivery, power outages and maintenance, and CCA would supply the electricity.

Regular meeting stated, Supervisor Maas asked for a moment of silence for Glenn Swendson Sr. who passed, he was member of the Planning Board for many years and also a Town Board member.
The Supervisor will have a tribute ready for the next meeting

RESOLUTION # 62
NEW POSITION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board when adopting the FY 2016 budget was unaware of a new position that would be required and needed to conduct its business for the FY 2016. The new position was titled, Deputy Town Clerk, and was funded by budget line A 1410.101 initially for $1.500.00 and later on another $1,500.00 from the contingency line A 1990.400 (Contingency Account). At this time the Personnel- Deputy Town Clerk needs to have two additional transfers to be properly funded, and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line, A 1410.101 (Personnel- Deputy Town Clerk) be funded in the amount of $2,696.25 from line A 1990.400 (Contingency Account), and be funded $322.50 from Personnel-Town Clerk so that line A 1410.101 (Personnel- Deputy Town Clerk) reads $6,018.75 and that line A 1990.400 (Contingency Account) reads $2,099.80 and Personnel – Town Clerk reads $33,336.03
ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons, Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

RESOLUTION # 63
HIGHWAY GARAGE ROOF REPAIR
On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board when adopting the FY 2016 budget was unaware of an emergency repair that would be needed for the Highway Maintenance Building that would need to be funded for line A 1620.401 (Contractual – New Town Hall), therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 1930.400 (Judgement and Claims) in the amount of $5,000.00 be transferred to line A 1620.401 (Contractual- New Town Hall0, that line A 9010.800 (NYS Retirement System), in the amount of $20,945.00 be transferred to line A (1620.401(Contractual- New Town Hall) that line A 9050.800 (Unemployment Insurance) in the amount of $1,000.00 be transferred to line A 1620.401(Contractual –New Town Hall so that line A 1620.401 shows $26,945.00 and line A 1930.400 (Judgement and Claims)_ reads $0.00 , so that line A 9010.800 (NYS Retirement System reads $1,055.00, and so that line A 9050.800 (Unemployment Insurance reads $1,000.00
ADOPTED: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

RESOLUTION # 64
CORRECTION TO ABSTRACT # 11
On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the COCHECTON TOWN BOARD when it approved Abstract 11 on November 9 , 2016 was unaware that Claim # 552 in the amount of $246.12 was a duplicate of Claim #'s 550 and 551 combined therefore claim # 552 is hereby removed from abstract # 11 and this corrects the General Account total from $12,410.88 to the correct amount of $12,164.76
ADOPTED- AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons Story, Nearing, Salzberg and Grund

Highway Superintendent mentioned he has a letter regarding shared services in case of an emergency in the state or municipality to share personnel or equipment. This can be a 1 year 2 year or 4 year contact; however the Attorney said that this Town Board cannot put in place a contract that would affect a new Town Board, which would happen with the General Election in 2017.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was that this Town Board will enter into a 1 year agreement for shared services with the State in case of an emergency to share personnel or equipment. All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to enter into a 1 year contract with the Town of Bethel for Kennel Services if needed**.** All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was that Larry Richardson and Jerold Yavarkovsky will continue in 2017 to be the representative and alternate for the Scenic Byways. All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund and seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve the minutes from November 9, 2016 and be accepted as submitted. All Town Board members voted in favor

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve the bills on Abstract # 12 in the following amounts:

General Account	Voucher #'s 587-637	$68,614.71	
Debit Account	Voucher # 638	$1,356.72	
Sewer Account	Voucher #'s 639-641	$14,619.53	
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 592,601 and 610	$992.89	these claims are in prepaid
Highway Account	Voucher #'s 642-673	$186,728.38	

Claim #'s 603, 629, 634, 638 and 644 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.
Prepaid claims were paid on November 7, 10, 14, 15, 18, 21, 28 and December 5th, 6th and 8th 2016
All Town Board members voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:
Sullivan County IDA – regarding Tax Abatement Policies
Public Service Commission - energy in winter
NYS EPA – Recommendation for Supplemental Emergency Public Notification System
Sullivan County - Regarding Bungalow Count Burgh Schoenenberger: results of the Lake Huntington WWTF Calibration Services on the ISCO Model 4210 Ultrasonic Flow Meter

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Jerold Yavarkovsky –Tai Chi for Arthritis Program. Help prevent falls to seniors. This class is free but requires a $10.00 commitment fee (which should be returned when class is completed) Looking to have 20 -25 participants

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg the following motion was to allow residents to participate in the Tai Chi classes in the downstairs room. All Town Board members voted in favor

Larry Richardson mentioned that the presentation by Louise Gava, representative for CCA would most likely not be the last energy program

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
County Charter Commission (Larry Richardson)
Sullivan County Charter Commission; The Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday November 16. I was once again asked to Chair the meeting.
The commission members voted to elect JJ Hanson as a third –Chair to replace Paul Burckard. Paul is staying on as a participating member but can no longer devote the time required of a Chairman.
The Committee heard from William Reiber Jr. Supervisor from the Town of Thompson. He shared his views on the workings of county government and reports that he has good relationships with the government in general but appears to feel strongly that the County could benefit from an Elected County Executive; someone who could be the voice and the face of the County.
The Committee is continuing to refine the supporting documentation for an Elected County Executive and next meeting will begin a discussion about having an Elected Comptroller and abolishing the position of Treasurer.
The Commission has suggested to the Legislature that all work should be finished no later than June 2017.
There is no scheduled meeting in December therefore the next meeting will be at 6:00 PM at the government center on January 18, 2017.
As always should anyone have comments or suggestions for the commission, they can call me or email me through my town email address: lrichardson@townofcochctonny.org

UDC report: (Larry Richardson)
The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday December 1.
At the January meeting will be a presentation from Shippensburg University discussing GIS mapping and the capabilities.
There has been some controversy concerning the accuracy of the GIS discs distributed by the NPS. In an effort to help users better understand its use and originality, I have asked the NPS to present a demonstration and discussion on the topic at a dedicated Project Review Committee meeting in January.
All three standing committees will meet on December 19; Project Review at 6:30, Operations at 7:00 and WURM at 7:30.
DRBC Executive Director Steve Tambini initiated a lengthy discussion about the very dry conditions being experienced throughout the Basin and what steps were being taken to protect the water flowing down the Delaware. The following is a partial list of topics discussed:

Executive Director Ramie advised the Board that funding from the NPS was only through December as a result of the last Continuing Resolution legislation. *As you know now, the Congress "kicked the can" down the road.*
The Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers for 2017:

- Jim Grier (Fremont) Chairman
- David Dean (Deerpark) for Vice-Chairman
- Al Henry (Berlin) as Secretary/Treasurer

Note: The UDC does try to alternate Chairs between NY and PA, but between new representatives and those who do not wish to make the commitment, it is not always doable.

Elections are held in January with taking of the Oath of Office in February allowing the member municipalities time to confirm their appointments.
The next scheduled meeting of the full Council will be Thursday January 5 at 7:00 P.M.

Scenic Byway: (Larry Richardson) The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday November 28, 2016.
Topics of Discussion:

1. Working with a firm: Vibrant Creative for the mobile website development.
2. A review of the signage plan that was prepared for the Upper Delaware River Corridor Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
3. Looking into what steps to take to assist with the development of a hiking trails brochure.
4. Our Marketing Committee –charged with finding out details, costs, and contacts to request the addition of the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway to the attraction signs on Interstates 84 and 86.
5. Seeking input from Sullivan County Historian John Conway to discuss ideas to develop a history trail or coordinate museum programs along the byway.
6. Will be discussing forming subcommittees and explore options to focus attention on two groups of priority projects to pursue in 2017:
   A) **Promotion & Marketing** – developing a plan, byway beautification day, hiking brochure, heritage trail concept; and
   B) **Facilities** – bike lane feasibility; public restrooms; visitor center and satellite information centers; selective clearing to open up vistas; improving pull-off areas.
7. Brainstorm over developing an educational workshop on techniques and examples to protect scenic byway values, perhaps to be preceded by an outreach and survey to municipalities to ask what topics are of most interest to them regarding Rt. 97.
8. Investigate producing pollinator plant seed packets for fundraising and habitat restoration purposes.
9. Investigate the option of setting up a temporary visitor center at the Narrowsburg Union.
10. Consider possible funding sources for a project to improve the Hawk's Nest vistas.

Public Comment: None
Next Meeting Date: No meeting is scheduled in December; the next UDSB, Inc. meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2017.

WEB SITE AND FIRE DISTRICT: (Councilperson Story)

Website Report – November, 2016

- Composed Nov. 2 minutes
- Added November agenda
- Added October (approved) TB minutes (3) to board page
- Removed expired youth events and added new events
- Removed Expired Legal Notices
- Added Fire District Annual Election to Legal page
- Removed expired information in News Alerts Box
- Added Adopted Budget to News Alerts and Budget page
- Added Facilities Use policy to Policy page

Total Hours Worked: 6 hours
Fire District – The meeting was held on Monday, November 12

- November Minutes were approved
- Bills were paid
- All radios for the vehicles have been ordered and are in but haven't been installed yet because they have to be programmed to the correct frequency.

Fire District Report continues:

- The county has been testing the new emergency system and it seems like they have worked out most of the kinks. They believe the new system should be up and running by spring.
- Dix Hills (Long Island) donated a 2002 Ford Expedition to the fire company. New Tires are being placed on this vehicle and it will be used for minor calls where a fire truck is not needed but a vehicle and manpower is needed on a scene.
- Just a reminder that Hortonville also donated a Fire Police vehicle, a 1999 Tahoe – which is also being used for calls.
- Commissioner's election was held last night from 6-9 pm. Walter Keesler was elected to the position.
- Reminder – The Fire Company New Year's Day Chicken BBQ will be Sunday, Jan. 1, from 3 pm until sold out…come early to get your BBQ chicken dinner, with potato salad, baked beans, Cranberry Sauce, roll and Dessert. Dinner is still a low $10 and it will be take out only.

YOUTH COMMISSION: (Councilperson Grund) Roller Skating 10 in town 5 out with 2 adults. Christmas Party there was 45 participants. Disney on Ice --23 in town youth and 21 adults participated. Next year events will include Hockey, skiing, tubing movies. Eileen Hennessy term is up December 31, 2016. She has stated she will be interested in continuing for the next 7 years.

SENIORS: (Councilperson Salzberg)
Nothing to report at tins time

KEEP COCHECTON CLEAN: (Jerold Yavarkovsky)
Nothing to report at this time

Supervisor mentioned that the Transfer Station will stay open thru 2017 and the County will pay the Town of Cochecton $10,000.00 for this site

DEPARTMENT HEADS:
SUPERVISOR: (Gary Maas)
Submitted a written report:

- Bank Information:
- Deposited $100.00 UDC check
- Deposited $293.00.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited $1293.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited $615.00 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited $ 47.00 for Debit Card
- Deposited
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave board members budget to actuals.

Activity

- Meeting with Supervisors and also a meeting with Legislatures regarding Transfer Station. Ordered Brochure Rack and I put it up. Made adopted Budget for County and reported to State Comptroller on Budget and Tax Cap

CONTRACTUAL		$ 4,000.00
Abstract #1	$ 0.00	$4,000.00
Abstract #2	$97.11	$ 3,902.89
Abstract#3	$723.32	$ 3,179.57
Abstract #4	$180.00	$2,999.57
Abstract #5	$189.60	$2,809.97
Abstract#6	$124.00	$2,685.97
Abstract#7	$ 192.78	$2,493.19
Abstract#8	$119.31	$2,373.88
Abstract#9	$210.99	$2,162.89
Abstract#10	$90.21	$2,072.68
Abstract#11	$128.50	$1,944.18
Abstract#12	$104.00	$1.840.18
Abstract 12-A	$	$

Worked 87.5 hours

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman)
Submitted a written report:

- November Report 2016
- Ditching, patching and cutting brush
- Finished up with boom mower
- Picked up new backhoe
- Had stone hauled in
- Finished getting plow trucks ready
- Plowed and sanded as needed
- Put up road closed signs
- Diesel 950 gals del / used 858 gals

HWY Report continues:
- Gas 225 gals del / used 202 gals
- Worked 160 hrs.
- Contractual balance – $87.00

The Highway I am self-teaching, under the contract supposed to train but it would cost more money. There is a lot of information to input, and I am working on do this.

Councilperson Story asked if the HWY Superintendent would be able to give the Town Board a monthly or quarterly report when the program is set up. HWY Superintendent said quarterly.
HWY Superintendent need to remind people they should not be pushing snow into the roadways. He also wanted to thank Brian Heinle for putting Christmas lights on the plow in front of the Old Town Hall.

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)
Submitted a written report:
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk
- I returned to work part-time November 14 working from 9:30 am through 1:30 pm Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday
- UDC check # 2328 in the amount of $100.00 received 11/28/16 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day
- I attended the OSTCA meeting on November16, the speaker was from the Times Herald Record and she spoke about legal notice and when they needed to be submitted, some Sullivan County Clerks use the Times Herald Record for their legal notices.
- Woodbury Town Clerk spoke about how she does dog enumerations and had some handouts, it was an interesting meeting.
- Issued 1 permanent handicapped and 2 temporary parking permits in November
- I provided telephone #'s for different departments. I'm still getting calls for the CEO, Assessor, Tax Collector, as well as the Justice Court, people wanting to pay their fines and some saying they sent their tickets in to the Court and have heard nothing back.
- Worked a total of 46 hours in November
- Contractual balance $459.92

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)
Submitted a written report:
- Worked 80 hours, issued 6 permits, 0 renewals, 1 C of O's,
- 0 notice of disapproval, 0 municipal search letters, and 0 appearance tickets.
- Expenses $413.96
- Contractual Balance: $670.46

Things are slowing down, 2 more homes coming next year. Sent several violation letters. Verizon has an application in to work off AT & T Towner on Muller Road, possibility ready in 2018

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)
Submitted a written report
- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Draft MOA, review of solar law; emails to Supervisor
- Review of re-levy resolutions and email to Supervisor /Deputy Clerk
- Draft letter RE; transfer station lease; conv. With Supervisor and email

PIOLT Program re: solar farms, funds would be split between County, School and Municipality. The Town is in the 3rd month of the moratorium

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)
Submitted a written report:
- December 14, 2016
- Balance in checkbook $0.14
- Worked 4 hours in November
- Contractual Balance: $2,319.79

At this time the Tax Collector mentioned there was an oops –seems that when she returned her books back to the County on April 5, 2016 the program was not closed, and someone made a payment in May—(although her account should have been closed). She also mentioned that she needs to have CHROME loaded into her computer for the tax program; and the Town Board gave her permission to have Ryan from Kristt Co install the program

ASSESSOR: (Lorry King) not present
Supervisor went over her report:
Old Business:
1. Nothing to report.

New Business:
1. I will be out of the office attending training in Albany the week of December 4-10th 2016.
2. New York State is sending out rebate checks to qualified homeowners this month. Several towns have reported that they are receiving their checks. I have no idea how they are computed. However I was told that these checks are only being sent to primary residents who have the STAR exemption.

Assessor Hours: 21.00 Clerk Hours: 23.5
Expenditures: Terri Fountain $43.69 Lorry King $27.00
Contractual Balance: $2,404.36

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter)
- Submitted a written report:
- Average flow of 14,387 gallons per day for month of November
- Obtained 96% C.B.O.D. and 98% T.S.S. removal for November
- Spent a total of 72 hours attending to sewer district affairs in November
- Expenditures $2,552.11
- Contractual Balance: $791.27

Nothing new, everything quiet

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Earl Bertsch) Not present
No report. Supervisor mentioned that the Planning Board would like Sharon Erdman to remain as their Clerk

DCO (Rosemary Barile) Not present submitted a report;
Supervisor went over the report: 11/5/16 --2 dogs at large Pinewood Road- Negative dog located at Lake Huntington Garage spoke to owners and reminded them of local law licensing requirements. 11/11/16 -- County Road 116 dog at large, negative results. 11/12/16—2 dogs at large on County Road 116 by fire house –negative results. 11/29/16 564 New Turnpike –Public Health dog bite. Lynn from Public Health will handle the quarantine

HISTORIAN (K. C. Garn) Not present
No report

TOWN BOARD:
Councilperson Story mentioned she needed the Planning Board minutes for the year so far to put on the website, Town Clerk has them and will get them to her.
Councilperson Salzberg- nothing to report
Councilperson Nearing –mentioned he attended the Right to farm meeting
Councilperson Grund – nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Alarm and Security for Town Buildings – hopefully it will be installed by next month
2. Commercial Solar Zoning Law – will hopefully have something by December 28, 2016 year end meeting
3. Contract for Transfer Station – discussed earlier

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Jerold Yavarkovsky, Schmidt Road, he stated he gave the Town Board a grade of B+. How to improve your grade
1 Build steps and /or ramps outside emergency exits to Town Hall,
2. Reconsider regulations for use of the Community Room to allow rentals for birthday parties, graduation parties, anniversary parties, Bar Mitzvahs, etc.
3. Put up an electrify bulletin board.
4. Consider the construction of an outdoor basketball court. Speak to the Fire Company about their portable basketball hoop and make it permanent outside the Firehouse or Town Hall
5. Continue work on Zoning Regulations regarding Solar Farms
6. Consider Zoning Regulations for Summer Camps

No one else wished to speak.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was that this Town Board meeting is recessed until December 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. year-end meeting. Time 8:45 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk