

A recessed meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on December 30, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:
Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 6:31 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk Michael Walter --SPO

RESOLUTION # 49
FY 2015 SEWER TRANSFER

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board when adopting the FY 2015 budget was unaware of additional expenses, (additional pump on hand, new pump house and wiring, and generator, permit for DRBC, calibration of flo-meter and a seemingly never ending list of unexpected expenses) that could not be accounted for in line SS8130.400 (Sewer Operations Contractual) and needs to fund the line with additional funds for current and future bills, and therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line SS 9060.800 (Health Insurance) in the amount of \$1,500.00 be transferred to line SS8130.400 (Sewer Operations Contractual) so that line SS8130.400 shows \$26,500.00 and line SS9060.800 shows \$13,500.00

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

RESOLUTION # 50
ASSESSOR CLERK

On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Cochection Town Board when adopting the FY 2015 budget was unaware that the assessors clerk would be out for over 4 months, and therefore Terri Fountain did the work for the assessors clerk during that time and was paid out of the line for the data collector A 1355.112 (Assessor Data Collection) which was funded with \$3,056.74 and is now overspent, and therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that budget line A 1355.101 (Personnel-Assessor Clerk in the amount of \$1,100.00 be transferred to line A 1355.112 (Assessor Data Collection) so that line A1355.101 shows \$3,067.69 and line A1355.112 shows \$4,156.74

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

RESOLUTION # 51
TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR LOCAL LAWS # 1 AND 2 FOR 2016

On motion of Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following resolution was WHEREAS, there is a need to hold Public Hearings before any Local Laws can be passed, and WHEREAS, the town is planning on having two local laws on the books so far for 2016, and now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall advertise for the Public Hearings in the Sullivan County Democrat to be held on January 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at 74 Smales Road

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

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to approve the minutes from December 9, 2015 and be accepted as submitted. All Town Board members voted in favor

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

General Account	Voucher # 608-642	\$12,451.42
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 643	\$ 2,163.86
Sewer Account	Voucher # 644-646	\$ 1,862.32
Lighting District Account	Voucher # 611 & 613 in prepaid	\$617.50
Highway Accounts	Voucher # 647-658	\$7,359.69

Claim #'s 620, 625, 639, 640, 643 and 648 noted as splits between funds, same voucher.
Claim #'s 608-624 are noted as PREPAID on Dec. 14th, 15th, 22nd and December 29th, 2015
All Town Board members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Unsafe Buildings—CEO sent out 2 letters one to the Cochection General Store owners, and one to a garbage situation on CR 114

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reorganization meeting review – Town Board members went over the re-org meeting minutes
Supervisor will add a line for a deputy Town Clerk to the re-org meeting

Councilperson Richardson asked about trash bags found on Devils Road. Supervisor said it was foam and he thought it blew off a truck. Councilperson Richardson also mentioned that the Cochection Preservation Society now has a website The web address is cochectionpreservationsociety.com and e-mail address is cps12726@gmail.com

Councilperson Richardson read his memories during his tender with the town.

Trip down Memory Lane

As I step down from this seat I have occupied for twenty years, if you will indulge me for a couple of moments, I would like to share some memories of my time on the board.

I began serving the Town in 1988 by accepting a seat on the Planning Board at the urging of Supervisor McCoach. In 1995 I traded that position for a seat at the “big table”. Bobby Grund was Supervisor and Ethel Hulse, Dottie Schlegel and Daisy Healy were the other board members.

Since I started, I have had the pleasure to serve with wonderful people, all of whom have acted with the best interests of the Town in mind.

Other Board members were: Maria Sheppard- Joe Meyer- Sharron Cardone- Crystal Lauter- Gary Maas- Paul Peck- John Reggero-Ed Grund- Richard Schulman-Anna Story- Sean Nearing and the newest member Dr. Paul Saltzberg. Highway Superintendents: Herman Esselman- Joseph Manaseri- Brian DuBois and Kevin Esselman.

Tax Collectors: Penny Ackermann- Lauren Bunch- Anna Sauer- Eileen Hennessy

Town Clerks: Aileen Palmer- Rebecca Rhodes- Hollye Schulman

Supervisors: Robert Grund- Salvatore Indelicato- Gary Maas

I’ve experienced the long process of getting our Town Zoning in place that would conform to the River Management Plan and allow for a finding of Substantial Conformance; flooding and as a result closing the Town under a State of Emergency; the long and costly ordeal with getting Gloria Smith and her dogs issue resolved; the losing battle to save our tax dollars when the pipeline was replaced; the pride of getting this New Town Hall constructed, a result of a lot of dedication by a lot of people.

I sincerely thank all of my fellow board members and others past and present for the respect, cooperation and support that I have been shown over all these years.

THANK YOU

December 30, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to comment

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to move into executive session to discuss labor negotiations and assessor’s clerk. Time 7:18 p.m. All voted in favor

Others present: Town Clerk, Councilperson Elect Grund and Margaret Richardson, who will be the deputy town clerk.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was to move out of executive session Time 7:30 pm

While in executive session a decision was made to include a second assessor’s clerk

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Nearing, the following motion was that this Town Board meeting is adjourned. Time 7:34 p.m. All Town Board members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk