

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

January 1, 2014 — Town Board Organizational Meeting — 9:30AM

A Town Board Meeting was held Wednesday, January 1, 2014 9:30am at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of four Town Board members present and the absence of Councilman Dolan.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Organizational Meeting.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

**NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS TOWN BOARD
2014 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at 9:30am. The meeting will be held at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Supervisor Flach wished everyone a Happy New Year and added that there were quite a few resolutions to go through to establish dates and employees for the first of the year and added that there were two new members of the Board, Councilmen Burns and Langdon and then welcomed them.

AGENDA

- Resolutions
 - Establish Town Board Meeting Dates for 2014
 - Establish Town Board Workshop Dates for 2014
 - Establish Planning Board Meeting Dates for 2014
 - Establish Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates for 2014

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- Establish Holiday Observance for 2014
- Authorize Supervisor to Execute Union Contracts
- Designate Depository of Funds
- Approve Investment Policy
- Authorize Payment in Advance of Claims
- Designate Official Town Newspaper
- Authorize Association of Town Pre-Registration
- Re-Appoint Administrator of Public Access
- Re-Appoint Alternate Member of Planning Board
- Re-Appoint Alternate Member of Zoning Board
- Re-Appoint Civil Defense Director
- Re-Appoint Emergency Management Committee
- Re-Appoint Ethics Board
- Re-Appoint Bingo Inspector
- Re-Appoint Marriage Officer
- Re-Appoint First Deputy Clerk
- Re-Appoint Town Prosecutor
- Re-Appoint Town Historian
- Authorize Undertaking
- Appoint Budget Officer
- Appoint Clerk to Supervisor
- Appoint Association of Towns Delegate
- Re-Appoint Deputy Supervisor
- Re-Appoint Planning Board Chairman
- Re-Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman
- Re-Appoint Planning Board Member
- Re-Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Member
- Appoint Highway Equipment Operator I
- Appoint Deputy Superintendent of Highways
- Establish Mileage Rate for 2014
- Appoint Liaison Representatives
- Authorize 2014 Employee’s & Rates

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #001-14 ESTABLISH TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby set the following dates for Town Board Meetings for 2014. Please note that Town Board Meetings start at 7:00pm

January 1 st (Organizational)	June 23 rd
January 13 th	July 28 th
January 27 th	August 25 th
February 10 th	September 8 th
February 24 th	September 22 nd
March 10 th	October 14 th – Due to Columbus Day
March 24 th	October 27 th
April 14 th	November 11 th
April 28 th	November 24 th
May 12 th	December 8 th
May 27 th -- Due to Memorial Day	December 22 nd

RES. #002-14 ESTABLISH TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP DATES

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, it has been determined that one Town Board Workshop meeting per month is deemed necessary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board establishes the following dates in 2014 as Workshop Meetings. These meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings, commencing at 6:00pm.

January 21 st	July 15 th
March 18 th	August 19 th
April 22 nd	September 16 th
May 20 th	October 21 st
June 17 th	November 18 th
July 15 th	December 16 th

RES. #003-14 ESTABLISH PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby set the following dates for the Planning Board Meetings for 2014. Please note that Planning Board Meetings start at 7:00pm.

January 6 th	July 7 th
February 3 rd	August 4 th
March 3 rd	September 2 nd – Due to Labor Day
April 7 th	October 6 th
May 5 th	November 3 rd
June 2 nd	December 1 st

RES. #004-14 ESTABLISH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING DATES

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby set the following dates for the Planning Board Meetings for 2014. Please note that Planning Board Meetings start at 7:00pm.

January 15 th	July 16 th
February 19 th	August 20 th
March 19 th	September 17 th
April 16 th	October 15 th
May 21 st	November 19 th
June 18 th	December 17 th

RES. #005-14 ESTABLISH HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE FOR 2014

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby set the following dates for holiday observance for 2014.

January 1 st	New Year's Day
January 20 th	Martin Luther King Day
February 17 th	President's Day
May 26 th	Memorial Day
July 4 th	Independence Day
September 1 st	Labor Day
October 13 th	Columbus Day
November 4 th	Election Day
November 11 th	Veteran's Day
November 27 th	Thanksgiving Day
November 28 th	Day after Thanksgiving

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December 25th

Christmas Day

RES. #006-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE UNION CONTRACTS

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute all agreements between the Town of Coeymans and contractual employees, CSEA and Council 82.

Supervisor Flach stated that the resolution authorizes him to sign the agreements and when they get to the point of going into negotiations they will discuss who will negotiate along with counsel and he wanted them to know that it is not a carte blanche type of thing.

RES. #007-14 AUTHORIZE DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, pursuant to Town Law, Section 64 (1), 20 and 35, that National Bank of Coxsackie, Key Bank, First Niagara, Citizens Bank, Bank of Greene County or any other bank or depository authorized by the State of New York, be designated as the depository of funds of the Town of Coeymans. In addition, the Town Board directs that all Town officials responsible for monies are hereby required to deposit said monies into said depository.

RES. #008-14 AUTHORIZE INVESTMENT POLICY

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has previously adopted a Model Investment Policy supplied by the State Comptroller's office on April 29, 1996, and

WHEREAS, all towns must adopt an Investment Policy according to the State Comptroller's Office, and General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, that Investment Policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis and shall be adopted at the Annual Organizational Meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby adopt the Investment Policy for the year 2014.

Councilman Burns asked for an explanation of the Investment Policy.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is something that is done by the State and it is a law to make sure that the money is going to a proper account.

Councilman Langdon asked if it is money that is sitting in investment somewhere.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is money that they have sitting in the Bank of Greene County and National Bank of Coxsackie that is in their savings.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it is savings accounts and not really investments.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town does not invest in different companies and reiterated that it is their savings.

RES. #009-14 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF CLAIMS

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, telephone, postage, freight and

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express charges, lease and maintenance agreements, and any other prepayments that would result in penalties against the Town of Coeymans. In addition all payroll and employee benefits payable and due at specific times.

Councilman Langdon asked for an explanation of payment in advance of claims.

Supervisor Flach stated that for as an example, utilities are pre-paid and do not have to wait for Town Board approval for payment.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that they are included in the abstract resolution.

RES. #010-14 DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans pursuant to Section 64, Subdivision 11 of the Town Law, designates The News Herald, a newspaper regularly published in the Town of Coeymans, County of Albany, the official newspaper of the Town of Coeymans.

Councilman Burns asked if there is another newspaper that they can use.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is but they choose the News Herald because it is a local paper.

RES. #011-14 AUTHORIZE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS PRE-REGISTRATION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Association of Towns has developed an in-office pre-registration procedure for the 2014 Annual Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Association of Towns has offered a preferential pre-registration rate of \$100.00 per person, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the Supervisor to take advantage of the preferential pre-registration rate of \$100.00 per person,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Elected Officials and employees specifically authorized by the Town Board may attend the Association of Town's Annual Meeting & Training School in New York City, February 16-19, 2014, and that the Town will reimburse them at a per-diem of \$75.00 per day.

RES. #012-14 RE-APPOINT ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC ACCESS

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby have an agreement with Mid-Hudson Cablevision to provide public access programming directly from the Town building located at 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint William Horton, Administrator of Access for the purpose of coordinating, programming, and overseeing individuals involved in the telecasting of approved programs at the rate of \$50.00 per televised meeting.

RES. #013-14 RE-APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBER OF PLANNING BOARD

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the term of Linda Ziegler as alternate member of the Town of Coeymans Planning Board has expired on December 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined her service to be of value to the Town, and

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WHEREAS, Linda Ziegler has expressed an interest in retaining a seat as alternate member of the Planning Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby re-appoint Linda Ziegler to a one-year term as alternate member of the Planning Board to expire on December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that she is also the secretary for the Planning and Zoning Boards and it made sense because she is already there.

RES. #014-14 RE-APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBER OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the term of Linda Ziegler as alternate member of the Town of Coeymans Zoning Board of Appeals has expired on December 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined her service to be of value to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Linda Ziegler has expressed an interest in retaining a seat as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby re-appoint Linda Ziegler to a one-year term as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to expire on December 31, 2014.

RES. #015-14 RE-APPOINT CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint William Bruno as the Civil Defense Director for the Town of Coeymans and Chairman of the Emergency Management Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014. Compensation for this position is \$1,500.00 a year.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a whole team in case of an emergency, which includes several members of the fire companies and the Chief of Police who is the Director.

RES. #016-14 RE-APPOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans, Village of Ravena, Emergency Management Committee has an Emergency Management Plan to be implemented at the same time of specific incidents of events that may result in severe or extensive damage, loss of property, casualties, deaths and/or disruption of the normal everyday routine of our specific geographic area, and

WHEREAS, the success of this plan depends on the cooperation and coordination of a number of individuals and organizations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following will be participating and contributing agencies: Coeymans Fire Company, Coeymans Hollow Fire Corporation, Town of Coeymans Police Department, Ravena Hose Company, Ravena Rescue Squad, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall consist of the following for a period ending December 31, 2014:

Bill Bruno, Chairman, Town of Coeymans
Chief Greg Darlington, Emergency Operations Director
Mark Deyo, Coeymans Fire Company #1
Steven Payne, Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation

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Travis Whitbeck, Ravena Hose Company
Marvin Powell, Ravena Rescue Squad
William Bailey, Village of Ravena, Ad Hoc Member

RES. #017-14 RE-APPOINT ETHICS BOARD

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board is advised that the terms of office for the members of the Ethics Board expired December 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to continue the work of the Ethics Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Harry A. Sturges, Gary Bogardus, and Delores Martinez to the Ethics Board with terms to expire December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Ethics Board is for when there is a question of ethics of an employee or Town official and in turn it is brought up before the Ethics Board to look into it.

RES. #018-14 RE-APPOINT BINGO INSPECTOR

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans requires a Bingo Inspector to ensure that the games being run in the Town are in compliance with New York State regulation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Edward J. Domanico as Bingo Inspector, at the yearly rate of \$1,700.00, with a term to expire December 31, 2014.

RES. #019-14 RE-APPOINT MARRIAGE OFFICER

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Mi-Lyn Dolan as Marriage Officer for the Town of Coeymans with the responsibilities as determined by Town Law. This appointment expires December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that are a few people within the Town that can perform marriages.

Town Clerk Millious stated that a Marriage Officer can only marry people within the Town of Coeymans but judges can marry outside the Town.

RES. #020-14 RE-APPOINT FIRST DEPUTY CLERK

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Lucinda Vatalaro, pursuant to Chapter 280 of the Laws of 2007, was appointed the First Deputy Town Clerk position, and

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Millious desires that Ms. Vatalaro continue in this position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby acknowledges the Town Clerk's appointment of Lucinda Vatalaro as First Deputy Town Clerk. This appointment is for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

RES. #021-14 RE-APPOINT TOWN PROSECUTOR

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby reappoint Ken McGuire, Jr. Esq. to serve as Prosecutor for Town related matters at an annual rate of \$12,800.00.

These services shall be payable by monthly voucher submissions by Mr. McGuire.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town Board hired Mr. McGuire last year and he is the Town's Prosecutor for traffic court, he has done a great job and the clerk and judges are very happy with him.

RES. #022-14 RE-APPOINT TOWN HISTORIAN

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Harry A. Sturges, Town Historian for the Town of Coeymans, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014. Compensation for this position is \$650.00 a year.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Sturges is a pillar in the community and has done a phenomenal job with the history of the Town and they are pleased to have him.

RES. #023-14 AUTHORIZE UNDERTAKING

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Public Officer's Law Section 11 and Town Law Section 25, require that the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justices, Superintendent of Highways and such other officers and employees as the Town Board may identify, execute and file in the office of the Town Clerk, County Clerk and/or the Office of Court Administration, as appropriate, an official undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a surety company authorized to transact business in the State of New York, should execute the aforementioned undertaking and the expense thereof shall be an authorized charge against the Town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the acquisition of such undertaking pursuant to the above stipulations.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious explain the Undertaking.

Town Clerk Millious stated that when new officers are elected they have to take an undertaking, which is done through Stolz Agency and filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Flach stated that it guarantees that as Officers of the Town, they are going to pay the bills and it is a Town Law, everyone has to do it no matter what office they hold.

RES. #024-14 APPOINT BUDGET OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 (Flach) – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Town Law Section 103(2) establishes the position of Budget Officer, which is defined as the Town Supervisor, or any person other than a member of the Town Board, as appointed by the Supervisor to serve at his pleasure, and

WHEREAS, the position of Budget Officer is hereby created, and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Adopted Budget includes funds for this position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Stephen D. Flach is hereby appointed to the position of Budget Officer for the year 2014 at an annual salary of \$15,000.00.

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Councilman Burns interjected that it is a smart move.

Councilman Langdon stated that currently the Supervisor's position pays \$30,000.00 a year and his duties include Budget Officer and with this additional it would bring his salary up to \$45,000.00 a year, which is much more comparable to what should be paid to someone running a 6 million dollar organization.

RES. #025-14 APPOINT CLERK TO SUPERVISOR

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Albany County Department of Civil Service previously advised the Town that the Bookkeeper is no longer an exempt position, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted the title of Clerk to the Supervisor, which is in the exempt class for all towns, on January 24, 2011, and

WHEREAS, this position has the flexibility to perform the same duties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby, at the request of the Supervisor, appoints Matthew Weidman to the position of Clerk to the Supervisor, at a rate of \$20.00 an hour.

RES. #026-14 APPOINT ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS DELEGATE & ALTERNATE

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Supervisor Stephen D. Flach as Delegate for the Town of Coeymans at the Association of Town's Convention, February 16-19, 2014 and Councilman Peter E. Masti as an alternate.

Supervisor Flach stated that at the Association of Town's Annual Meeting, Supervisor's vote on Association of Towns resolutions and this resolution authorizes him as Supervisor to represent the Town of Coeymans.

RES. #027-14 RE-APPOINT DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor hereby re-appoints Peter E. Masti, to the position of Deputy Town Supervisor, effective immediately, with no additional compensation for services performed while serving this position.

RES. #028-14 RE-APPOINT PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby appoint Winthrop M. Irwin as Chairman for the Town of Coeymans Planning Board. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire on December 31, 2014.

RES. #029-14 RE-APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Stephen Schmitt as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire on December 31, 2104.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Irwin and Mr. Schmitt are doing a great job and he appreciates them.

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RES. #030-14 RE-APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

On motion Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the term of Michael Beachler on the Planning Board expired on December 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined his service to be of value to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beachler has expressed an interest in retaining a seat on the Planning Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby re-appoint Michael Beachler to fill the term of Cynthia Kunz on the Town of Coeymans Planning Board to expire December 31, 2017

RES. #031-14 RE-APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the term on Daniel T. Harris on the Zoning Board of Appeals expired on December 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined his service to be of value to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris has expressed an interest in retaining a seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby re-appoint Daniel T. Harris to a five-year term on the Town of Coeymans Zoning Board of Appeals, to expire December 31, 2018.

RES. #032-14 APPOINT HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Searles is desirous of filling a part-time, per-diem position for Equipment Operator I in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has advertised for the position and found a candidate who meets the minimum qualifications, and

WHEREAS, the position is pending the Albany County Civil Service review and approval of the candidate's qualifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Albert J. Deering to the position of Equipment Operator I, effective January 6, 2014, at the rate in effect in the current Bargaining Agreement.

RES. #033-14 APPOINT DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board appropriated funds in the 2014 Adopted Budget for the position of Deputy Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is desirous of filling this position, and

WHEREAS, Section 65 of the Civil Service Law authorizes provisional appointment when there is no appropriate eligible list available,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint provisionally, Guy Weidman, to the position of Deputy Superintendent of

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Highways subject to the approval of Albany County Department of Civil Service, at a rate of \$21.61 per hour, effective January 1, 2014.

RES. #034-14 ESTABLISH MILEAGE RATE

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, pursuant to Section 102, Subdivision I of Town Law, establishes the rate of 56 cents per mile for the authorized use of personal vehicles by Town employees in the performance of their duties based on the Internal Revenue Service rate.

RES. #035-14 APPOINT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Supervisor wishes to appoint Council Members to serve as liaison representatives to the Town’s various boards and organizations, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor wishes to appoint Council Members to serve in various assignments for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Council Members are hereby appointed to serve in the designated assignments.

Councilman Peter E. Masti – Justice Court, Police Department, Ravena Rescue Squad, Fire Departments

Councilman George E. Langdon – Information Technology, Police Department, Planning Board, Economic Development, Zoning Board of Appeals

Councilman Thomas E. Dolan – Assessor, Zoning Board of Appeals, Fire Departments, Sewer Department

Councilman Kenneth A. Burns – Highway, Building, Sewer, Town Clerk

RES. #036-14 AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEES AND RATES FOR 2014

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously approved the 2014 Annual Budget for the Town of Coeymans, and

WHEREAS, that budget included appropriations for personal services for contractual and non-contractual employees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the following employees for 2014 in accordance with labor contracts in effect and budgeted amounts for positions outside the scope of negotiated contracts. (See attached list).

Name	Position	Annual Pay Periods	Rate/Hourly or Salary
Stephen Flach	Supervisor	26	1153.84
Lisa Cirillo	Confidential Secretary	26	15.81
Matthew Weidman	Clerk to the Supervisor	26	20.00
Susan King	Clerk I	26	16.41
Linda Ziegler	Clerk I p/t	26	11.76
Kenneth Burns	Councilman	26	461.54
Thomas Dolan	Councilman	26	461.54
George Langdon	Councilman	26	461.54
Peter Masti	Councilman	26	461.54
George Dardani	Justice	26	686.54

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Philip Crandall	Justice	26	686.54
Linda Eissing	Clerk to the Justice f/t	26	24.25
Kevin Reilly	Clerk to the Justice p/t	26	11.44
Diane Millious	Town Clerk	26	1,588.85
Lucinda Vatalaro	First Deputy Clerk	26	19.38
Michelle Conte	Clerk I p/t	26	11.44
Bonnie Keyer	Clerk I p/t	26	11.44
Laura VanValkenburg	Assessor	26	1,114.43
Dawn DeRose	Clerk I p/t	26	13.49
Anthony DiAcetis	Clerk I p/t	26	11.40
Roger Sevilla	Assessment Aide p/t	26	11.40
John Kerr	Chief WWTP Operator	26	23.15
Keith Geraldson	WWTP Operator	26	22.08
John Lennon	WWTP Operator	26	22.08
Scott Searles	Highway Superintendent	26	1,961.54
Guy Weidman	Deputy Highway Super.	26	21.61
Tom Bennett	Equipment Operator II	26	21.94
Ed Barrett	Equipment Operator I	26	20.05
Michael Coons	Equipment Operator I	26	19.92
P. Deluke	Equipment Operator I	26	19.58
George LaMountain	Equipment Operator I	26	20.16
Don Merrill	Equipment Operator I	26	19.92
Larry Southwick	Equipment Operator I	26	19.92
Ursula Millett	Clerk I p/t	26	11.44
Gregory Darlington	Chief of Police	26	3,191.58
Dan Contento	Police Sergeant	26	29.78
Ryan Johnson	Police Sergeant	26	29.48
Jason Albert	Police Officer	26	27.10
Nicholas Westfall	Police Officer	26	26.80
Danielle Crosier	Police Officer	26	20.13
K. Cuddeback	Police Officer	26	18.30
Ryan Cross	Police Officer p/t	26	21.93
Gerald DeLuca	Police Officer p/t	26	23.79
J. Dunn	Police Officer p/t	26	22.79
J. Gallagher	Police Officer p/t	26	21.93
Robert Griffith	Police Officer p/t	26	22.79
Henry Klein	Police Officer p/t	26	21.93
J. Laviano	Police Officer p/t	26	18.13
Peter McKenna	Police Officer p/t	26	21.93
Barbara McMullen	Police Officer p/t	26	21.93
J. Myers	Police Officer p/t	26	21.93
Todd Polverelli	Police Officer p/t	26	21.93
Steve Prokrym	Police Officer p/t	26	23.79
Brian Rinaldi	Police Officer p/t	26	22.79
G. Rivituso	Police Officer p/t	26	22.79
M. Card	Police Officer p/t	26	18.13
G. Leone	Police Officer p/t	26	18.13
W. Stockman	Police Officer p/t	26	18.13
M. Sylvester	Police Officer p/t	26	18.13
Jeffrey Hoose	Police Officer p/t	26	16.47
Nick LaMountain	Police Officer p/t	26	16.47
Matthew Mueller	Police Officer p/t	26	16.47
Dawn LaMountain	Sr. Telecommunicator	26	22.94
Nicola McMullen	Telecommunicator	26	21.00
Mike VonSchenk	Telecommunicator	26	21.32
J. D'Ambrosio	Telecommunicator p/t	26	19.40
B. Dunican	Telecommunicator p/t	26	19.40
Randy Hotaling	Telecommunicator p/t	26	19.40
R.J. Hotaling	Telecommunicator p/t	26	19.40
Kyle Kearney	Telecommunicator p/t	26	19.40

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Nick LaMountain	Telecommunicator p/t	26	19.40
K. Turek	Telecommunicator p/t	26	19.40
D. Darlington	Telecommunicator p/t	26	16.66
T. Thompson	Telecommunicator p/t	26	16.66
T. Young	Telecommunicator p/t	26	16.66
Terry Maddage	Automotive Mechanic p/t	26	25.00
James Shear	Dog Control Officer p/t	26	11.35
Larry Conrad	Building Inspector/CEO	26	24.34
Sante DeBacco	Asst. Building Insp. p/t	26	18.49
Cathy Anderson	Clerk I	26	16.41
Nelson Perry	Parks & Rec. Main. Super.	26	21.82
Jeffrey Hoose	Laborer	26	18.87
David Mergendahl	Laborer	26	19.11
Edward Domanico	Bingo Inspector	26	32.00
William Bruno	Civil Defense Director	12	125.00
Harry Sturges	Town Historian	12	50.00
Danyel Crowley	Recreation Leader p/t	Seasonal	13.00
Winthrop Irwin	Planning Board Chairman	10	100 per mtg./50 per workshop
Ernest Quinto	Planning Board Member	12	80 per mtg. 40 per workshop
Michael Beachler	Planning Board Member	12	80 per mtg. 40 per workshop
Robert Nolan	Planning Board Member	12	80 per mtg. 40 per workshop
David Ross	Planning Board Member	12	80 per mtg. 40 per workshop
Vacant	Planning Board Member	12	80 per mtg. 40 per workshop
Vacant	Planning Board Member	12	80 per mtg. 40 per workshop
Stephen Schmitt	Zoning Board Chairman	12	125 per meeting
Daniel Harris	Zoning Board Member	12	75 per meeting
Michele Maddage	Zoning Board Member	12	75 per meeting
J. Shear	Zoning Board Member	12	75 per meeting
TenEyck Powell, Jr.	Zoning Board Member	12	75 per meeting
Linda Ziegler	Planning & Zoning Board Secretary & Alternate Member	12	100 per meeting/workshop

RES. #037-14 RE-APPOINT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER, RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER, & REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS
 On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Council, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the term of Diane Millious as Freedom of Information Officer, Records Management Officer, & Registrar of Vital Statistics has expired,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby re-appoint Diane Millious as Freedom of Information Officer, Records Management Officer and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, January 6, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, January 13, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, January 15, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, January 21, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, January 27, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to congratulate the reelected as well as welcome the newly elected and added that she is looking forward to working with them. She added that the property bills are out and then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Supervisor Flach congratulated Scott Searles, the newly elected Superintendent of Highways and then asked if he had anything to add.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wished everyone a Happy New Year and he also is looking forward to working with everyone.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Councilman Burns stated that he is glad to be on the Board and he is going to try and do the best he can do and then thanked everyone for helping.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he appreciates the opportunity to serve in this capacity and he encourages the residents to give the Board input on how they are thinking.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he is looking forward to a new year and added that sometimes change is very good as well as looking forward to working with the new Board Members and Highway Superintendent.

Councilman Burns interjected that the election is over, there are no more Democrats and Republicans and they are all there to work together to make some changes and do some good things.

Supervisor Flach thanked the Board Members for getting through a very long list of resolutions as well as thanking them for their support of the new positions that have been filled and then welcomed anyone new coming in. He continued by saying that it is going to be a great year and he is looking forward to a lot of great things. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Organizational Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Time – 10:20am

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, January 13 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Presentations
 - Village of Ravena 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Public Announcement
 - Town Offices Closed, January 20, 2014, Martin Luther King Day
- Approval of Minutes
 - Public Hearing, December 9, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, December 9, 2014
- Resolutions
 - Amend Resolution, Town Board Meeting Dates
 - Authorize C.T. Male to Prepare I&I Report for 2013
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Contract with Ravena Rescue Squad
 - Accept Resignation/Retirement of Part-Time Investigator
 - Amend Employee Rates
 - Amend October 2013 Abstract
 - Amend November 2013 Abstract
- Correspondence
 - E-Mail, Animal Safety During Winter
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, January 15, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, January 21, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, January 27, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session

PRESENTATION

Village of Ravena 100th Anniversary Celebration

Supervisor Flach stated that Mrs. Cathy DeLuca and Mayor Bruno were present to give a presentation about the Village of Ravena's 100th Anniversary and then invited them to the microphone.

Mayor Bruno thanked the Town Board for giving them their time and added that the Village of Ravena will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary of their incorporation and they are planning a yearlong series of activities to mark the momentous occasion because a celebration occurs like this only once in a lifetime. He continued by saying that it is important that they mark this

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anniversary properly and it is his desire that the events provide Village residents as well as their friends and neighbors to participate in the festivities and he is present to formally invite them to join in the Village celebration of its 100th Anniversary. He concluded by saying that Cathy DeLuca would bring them up to date as she is the Chairperson for the festivities and added that if anyone wants to join them in the planning they will take any and all ideas. He then invited Mrs. DeLuca to the microphone.

Cathy DeLuca introduced herself and added that she wanted to give them an overview of what they have done and continued by saying that they have pulled a Centennial Committee together and they would like to celebrate the whole community and not just the Village and a calendar will be going out in the Village Fire calendars of which Travis Whitbeck is allowing them to do. She went on by saying that the first event will be commemorating the R-C-S Community Library who will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on April 27th and on May 17th, with a rain date of May 18th, with the help of her husband Gerry and Travis Whitbeck, they are putting together a parade and car show, which happens to be the 100th Anniversary of the Model-T and they are hoping to get some Model-T enthusiasts to come. She added that in June they have the Village-Wide Garage Sale, in August there will be the Train Festival in conjunction with the Town and in October, which is closest to the date of the actual incorporation, and Columbus Day weekend on Saturday the 11th, they will close down the streets surrounding Village Hall and have a celebration with some old-time street music and food vendors. She continued by saying that October 12th is their big event and they will have a gala in a tent will be put up in the parking lot of Village Hall and they are looking at having the Georgie Wonder Orchestra, which is a wonderful group that some R-C-S teachers play in and more details will follow on this, their biggest event and they would like everyone to attend. She added that in December they will have their tree lighting and they would like to make it more than just the regular parade and tree lighting and have a Victorian Stroll and getting a choir together of all of the community churches making it special to mark the anniversary. She went on by saying that they are looking to do some other events and as they do they will come to the Town to roll them out and as the Mayor said; if anyone has any ideas or is interested in helping out they would appreciate it. She concluded by saying that they will be looking for corporate sponsorship and would love for the Town to have a float in the parade and they will be sending letters out to businesses, fire companies, churches and any other community group that they can think of and reiterated that any feedback would be appreciated and she will be sending them all of the information as well as the calendar once it is finalized as well as a formal invitation and then asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Flach stated that it sounds great and they congratulate the Village on their 100th year and that it's going to be a great year with what they have planned and he is excited for the whole town.

Councilman Burns interjected that if there is anything that the Town Board can help them with to please ask.

Mrs. DeLuca stated that she would be more than happy to take them up on the offer.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has a couple of ideas for her.

Mrs. DeLuca stated that he could get in touch with her because they are ready to roll.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mrs. DeLuca.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Town Offices Closed – January 20, 2014

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices would be closed on January 20th for observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting on December 9th and then offered for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Request for Full-Time Mechanic

Supervisor Flach stated that the topic of a request for a full-time mechanic was not on the agenda but Highway Superintendent Searles had requested that they discuss his need.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that since they lost their part-time mechanic and their equipment is in desperate need of help, he is requesting a full-time mechanic and in talking with the Police Chief, they want it to be someone who will do all of the Town vehicles including police cars.

Supervisor Flach stated that as far as the budget is concerned, he has seasonal help in his budget.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he has seasonal help in the budget that he won't be using and he will put that toward the full-time mechanic and he already has money in his budget for a part-time mechanic for a full year.

Chief Darlington interjected that it is his understanding that his current part-time mechanic that works on police vehicles will remain on as a supplement.

Supervisor Flach stated that the current part-time mechanic is per-diem so it is as needed and they call him when they need something done and there is always a possibility of a need for an extra set of hands after hours if something happens. He then asked if the Town Board had any comments.

Councilman Dolan asked if it would be a union position because it is full-time.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was represented to them during the budget meetings that it would not be a full-time mechanic and then asked if he recalled the conversation.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he did recall the conversation.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was not a fan of a full-time mechanic during the budget meetings and Highway Superintendent Searles spoke with him within the last week requesting a full-time mechanic because he lost his part-time mechanic and he has said that he would bring it to the Board to see how they felt about it.

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Councilman Burns stated that his opinion is that they don't have money for new equipment and Highway Superintendent Searles showed him a great plan that really encouraged him and like the Village who has a great system in place, until they can start replacing equipment, right now they have to maintain what they have and a mechanic is worth his weight in gold, especially when there is someone there and available. He added that if something breaks during the day he can get it going again and he is a big fan of a mechanic who is the heart of it and holds everything together and if you have something that needs to be done and something breaks and there are several guys standing around waiting, if you have a good mechanic he will get you going as soon as he can and he thinks that it is a great move.

Councilman Langdon asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he was looking to eliminate some seasonal positions to off-set the cost.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was and he has two seasonal for summer and two for winter in the budget.

Councilman Dolan asked what the rate of pay was for the position.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he believes that starting pay is \$18.33 per hour.

Councilman Masti interjected that it would also include benefits.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be the first year rate per the Union Contract.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a Workshop Meeting next week and if the Board decides that it is something that he can do, it is something that needs to be posted.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it has to be posted through the union for 10 days first.

Supervisor Flach stated that there might be someone already there who would rather be a full-time mechanic and they would have the opportunity first.

Councilman Langdon asked if he was referring to current union employees.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was.

Councilman Burns inquired as to whether they have to meet certain qualifications.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they do.

Councilman Burns stated that he didn't mean to knock anyone but you have to be a mechanic and you have to know what you are doing, especially with today's technology.

Highway Superintendent Searles reiterated that it still has to be done through the union first where it has to be posted in all buildings for 10 days.

Councilman Masti inquired about advertising after that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that you can advertise after that.

Councilman Dolan stated that Supervisor Flach had said that they have a Workshop next week and then asked where he was going with his thought.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a Workshop and he didn't know if the Board would like to think about it or make a decision now and maybe they could make a motion to advertise it in house.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not have a problem with it if it is going to be a union position paid at union scale.

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Chief Darlington stated that he realizes that it is going to be under the Highway Department but he would also like to be involved with the review process because they are going to be working on police vehicles.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he does not have a problem with that.

Chief Darlington stated that he didn't think that he would.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have a problem with it and added that within the next week he will check the budget and the numbers with the benefits to make sure that there is money there and if he has any questions, he will ask Highway Superintendent Searles and the Board.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if he is authorizing him to do it or not.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks they can offer a motion to authorize him to post the position.

Councilman Masti stated that he had a question and continued by asking if someone out there wants to go for the position and are making more per hour, will they get the same rate or will they have to start out at the mechanic's rate.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they would start out at the mechanic's rate.

Chief Darlington stated that the highway union is separate from the police union and then asked if it was going to be an issue that Terry Maddage is not a union person because he is part-time or if he would be working for every part of the Town except the Highway Department.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would not be a problem because they have had a mechanic out there that was non-union.

Chief Darlington asked if the highway union was going to have a problem with that person working on highway vehicles because he thought it was an issue in the past because Mr. Maddage was not allowed to touch highway vehicles.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would leave that up to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Chief Darlington stated that he understands that but they have a union who can sometimes supersede what the Highway Superintendent would like and this is what he is asking because he wants to make sure that Mr. Maddage, who has bailed the Police Department out for many years, isn't going to get pushed out from a union.

Councilman Masti interjected that he shouldn't because he is not going to be under Highway Superintendent Searles but rather under Chief Darlington and the Police Department.

Mr. Langdon stated that the previous part-time mechanic was not union so he does not see how they could stop it at this point.

Supervisor Flach stated that as far as he is concerned, there is not a problem and he will deal with the union if it comes up.

Chief Darlington stated that the intention that they had discussed was a central garage where everything is done in one location and not him buying five gallons of oil and Highway Superintendent Searles buying 100 and it would be for a cost savings to bulk order and things like that.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not foresee the part-time mechanic working a lot of hours.

Chief Darlington stated that they are going to have a full-time mechanic working the day shift and when the guys are out plowing, are they going to pay a full-time mechanic overtime or a

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part-time mechanic straight time to do the work on a highway vehicle. He continued by saying that he thinks this is when the union will step in and this is his concern.

Councilman Masti asked if Mr. Maddage is qualified to work on highway vehicles.

Chief Darlington stated that he works for Lafarge as a mechanic.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he is a diesel mechanic.

Chief Darlington stated that they are trying to do it as a cost savings and if they are going to be paying a full-time person overtime to come in when a truck breaks down rather than call Mr. Maddage it won't be a savings.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have not used him for highway vehicles anyway.

Chief Darlington stated that it was his understanding that the union didn't allow it and this is why he is asking.

Councilman Langdon stated that the struggle that he has with the union is that they permitted a part-time person to come in and work on the Town trucks all along and it wasn't necessarily after hours and there is already precedence in his mind that they permitted it and he thinks that they would have a bit of a discussion with the union if they wanted to fight it.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to allow Highway Superintendent Searles to advertise for a full-time mechanic position.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Highway Superintendent Searles to advertise for a full-time mechanic position at the Union's starting wage per their contract.

Councilman Langdon suggested that they add to the resolution that if within 10 days no one steps forward, he can advertise in the paper.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Supervisor Flach called for a vote.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #038-14 AMEND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans held its Organizational Meeting and adopted the resolution to Establish Town Board Meeting dates,

WHEREAS, the resolution must be amended to reflect the correct meeting dates for May 28th and November 10th,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby set the following dates for Town Board Meetings for 2014. Please note that the Town Board Meetings start at 7:00pm.

January 1 st (Organizational)	June 23 rd
January 13 th	July 28 th

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January 27 th	August 25 th
February 10 th	September 8 th
February 24 th	September 22 nd
March 10 th	October 14 th – Due to Columbus Day
March 24 th	October 27 th
April 14 th	November 10 th
April 28 th	November 24 th
May 12 th	December 8 th
May 28 th -- Due to Memorial Day	December 22 nd

RES. #039-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE WITH C.T. MALE FOR I&I REPORT

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the New York Department of Environmental Conservations (NYSDEC) requires the Town of Coeymans to do an Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Report based on the moratorium that occurred in the Sewer District in 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has to report to NYSDEC on an annual basis the improvements that they have made in addition to the amount of I&I Report that they have removed from the system, and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm of C.T. Male Assoc., P.C. has provided the service of preparing the I&I Report in the past, and the Town of Coeymans is desirous of C.T. Male Associates compiling the report for 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to engage with C.T. Male Associates for the purposes of preparing an I&I Report for 2013.

Councilman Masti inquired as to if they know what is going to be charged.

Supervisor Flach stated that they charge the same each year and he wished he had included it in the resolution because he does not remember what it is. He added that they do it for the Town every year and the Town has been using them since the early 70's and it is something that they have to do because of the Consent Order.

RES. #040-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2014

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town is required by permitted virtue of Section 122-B of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York to provide emergency ambulance service for the purpose of treating and transporting sick and injured persons found within the boundaries to an acute care hospital, and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of entering into an agreement providing such ambulance service to the Town of Coeymans pursuant to said provisions of law, and

WHEREAS, the Ravena Rescue Squad has trained and experienced personnel and is certified by the New York State Department of Health as an ambulance service, and

WHEREAS, the Ravena Rescue Squad is desirous of furnishing emergency medical services to said Town under the terms and conditions set forth in the Emergency Medical Services Agreement, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute said Emergency Medical Services Agreement 2014 this date January 13, 2014.

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Councilman Dolan asked if there was an amount.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is under General Provisions on page 2 of the contract.

Councilman Langdon asked if it is the same amount that was in the budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is \$144,960.00, which is the same amount as last year.

Councilman Dolan asked if the Town is required under Section 122-b to provide it and added that he thought that 122-b gives them the authority but does not require them.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes he is correct and added that it could say rather than required by virtue it could say “permitted by virtue” and then thanked Councilman Dolan for catching the error.

RES. #041-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME INVESTIGATOR

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Investigator DeLuca has submitted his letter of resignation as part-time Investigator in the Town of Coeymans Police Department for purposes of retirement, and

WHEREAS, Investigator DeLuca has served the Coeymans Police Department for more than 30 years, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans would like to thank Mr. DeLuca for his years of service and the contribution he has made to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation/retirement of Gerald DeLuca as part-time Investigator be accepted effective January 31, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Mr. DeLuca the best on his retirement.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Dolan to read Mr. DeLuca’s letter of resignation.

Dear Chief Darlington,

It is with a bit of regret and sincere thanks that I am writing to offer my resignation as a member of the Coeymans Police Department for purposes of retirement, effective January 31, 2014.

When I was first appointed to the department on February 4, 1982, I never imagined that this day would one day come. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as an officer of both the Coeymans and Ravena Police Departments. Through nearly 32 years I have seen many officers come and go and have seen the department and the job change significantly. I have been proud to serve this community and hope that my efforts have made some small contribution and a difference to the people that I have served.

As we have discussed, I would welcome the opportunity to continue to make a contribution to the department and the community by continuing to serve as the Department Public Information Officer, as well as working with the Emergency Management Committee and as a member of the Department’s Fire Investigation Team.

Thank you for the opportunities that you and the Coeymans Police Department have given me.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. DeLuca
Investigator

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank Mr. DeLuca for his near 32 years of service and it goes without saying that he has been a faithful officer/employee and 32 years is a long time for anyone to be in one place and he thanks him as well as his wife Cathy.

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Councilman Langdon interjected that he also appreciates his willingness to continue to serve in the other capacities and with his experience it will be very helpful.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has been in public relations and public information and he is very good with talking to people, he then asked if anyone else had anything to add.

Chief Darlington stated that 32 years is an amazing feat and when he himself came on, Gerry was a Sergeant who helped train him and has been a huge contributor to where he is today and has helped with guiding the younger ones through the years and added that just last week he was sitting in his office telling him that maybe the way he did something was not right. He continued by saying that he hopes he will be able to continue to serve in other capacities and he wishes him well in his years of retirement.

Councilman Burns stated that he means it as a great compliment that he is the closest thing that they have had since Frank McCabe left them, who is like a father figure.

RES. #042-14 AMEND RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMPLOYEES & SALARIES
On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously approved the 2014 Annual Budget for the Town of Coeymans, which included appropriations for personal services for contractual and non-contractual employees, and

WHEREAS, the resolution which was approved at the Organizational Meeting must be amended to read as follows:

Name	Position	Annual Pay Periods	Rate/Hourly or Salary
A. Roehr	Part-Time Officer	26	\$ 18.13
G. Darlington	Chief of Police	26	\$3,129.00
J. Shear	Part-Time Dog Control	26	\$ 10.35
L. Conrad	Building Inspector /CEO	26	\$ 25.77
M. Weidman	Clerk to the Supervisor	26	\$ 20.40

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the following employees for 2014 in accordance with labor contracts in effect and budgeted amounts for positions outside the scope of negotiated contracts.

Supervisor Flach stated that the changes were necessary due to typographical errors in the original resolution. He continued by saying that the next two resolutions were to correct the abstracts from October and November. Town Clerk Millious stated that in the October Abstract there was duplicate payment with a couple of vendors and it was brought to her attention by Sewer Administrator Conrad and \$160.14 & \$184.50 came out of the Sewer.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would get the Board copies of the original abstract for them.

RES. #043-14 AMEND OCTOBER 2013 ABSTRACT
On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the October 2013 Abstract as follows: (indicated in red)

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	2025-2089	\$191,561.90
General	2149-2204	\$ 39,770.64
	General Total	\$231,332.54

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POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Prepay	2090-2092	\$ 1,100.70
Police Forfeiture		
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 1,100.70
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2093-2108	\$ 12,885.80
Part-Town	2205-2208	\$ 481.40
	Part Town Total	\$ 13,367.20
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2109-2120	\$ 40,344.40
Highway	2209-2248	\$ 14,270.52
	Highway Total	\$ 54,614.92
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2121-2140	\$ 14,923.64
Sewer	2249-2264,2267-2277	\$ 29,365.61
	Sewer Total	\$ 44,289.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS (H30)		
Capital Projects	2278	\$ 25,962.90
	Capital Projects Total	\$ 25,962.90
CAPITAL PROJECTS (H38)		
	2279-2281	\$ 23,738.64
	Capital Projects Total	\$ 23,738.64
CAPITAL PROJECTS (H39)		
Capital Projects	2282	\$ 184.50
	Capital Projects Total	\$ 184.50
	Total for all Funds	\$394,590.65
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2141-2148	\$212,596.80
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$212,596.80

RES. 044-14 AMEND NOVEMBER 2013 ABSTRACT
 On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	2283-2336	\$184,687.93
General	2385-2433,2500-2501	\$ 37,828.52
	General Total	\$222,516.45

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POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	2337	\$ 50.38
Police Forfeiture	2434-2435	\$ 636.00
	Police Forfeit. Total	\$ 686.38
CONSOLIDATED (A)		
Consolidated Pre-Pay	2338	\$ 27,797.37
	Consolidated Total	\$ 27,797.37
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2339-2352	\$846,085.59
Part-Town	2436	\$ 105.50
	Part Town Total	\$846,191.09
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2353-2360,2499	\$ 36,010.61
Highway	2437-2470	\$ 20,250.91
	Highway Total	\$ 56,261.52
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2361-2377	\$ 13,193.67
Sewer	2471-2495,2497	\$ 10,923.87
	Sewer Total	\$ 24,117.54
SPECIAL WATER (SW)		
Special Water Pre-Pay	2378	\$ 82,931.55
	Special Water Total	\$ 82,931.55
CAPITAL PROJ. (H30)		
Capital Projects	2496	\$ 66.94
	Capital Proj.Total	\$ 66.94
CAPITAL PROJ. (H38)		
Capital Projects	2498	\$ 2,619.65
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 2,619.65
CAPITAL PROJ. (39)		
Capital Projects	2502	\$11,046.00
	Capital Proj. Total	\$11,046.00
	Total For All Funds	\$1,274,234.49
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2379-2384	\$208,181.38
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$208,181.38

Councilman Dolan asked that Town Clerk Millious explain the reason for the amendment.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that there was no change in the total for all funds and the error was that there was a voucher that should have been included in the H39 Fund, which was paid out of the Sewer Fund so it had to be moved.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-Mail – Dog Safety During Extreme Weather

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of an e-mail from Heather Thomas asking that her letter be read and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor;

I am writing to request that your political office use its ability and compassion to encourage and/or require your residents to bring their domestic animals inside during inclement weather conditions. Your political office also has the power to authorize authorities to confiscate animals left to face adverse weather unprotected, at the owner's expense. New York winters are no place to be left unprotected, especially when the temperature drops below freezing (30F).

St. Louis, MO, our role model, is definitely leading by example. They are requiring people to bring their animals inside during extreme weather conditions. Any animals found out in the weather will be confiscated, and the owners will be fined.

Recently, the Troy Police Department, Troy NY, rescued a dog tied outside in below zero temperatures and is proceeding to charge the owner under the law.

The past week, a very serious situation in Sprakers, NY became headlines everywhere as concerned citizens fought to rescue the 70+ dogs and puppies that were left outside 24/7 with inadequate shelter. Since this story spread worldwide, many government officials have spoken publically about the safety of animals, as well as implementing regulations for the benefit of the animals.

I am asking that you replicate this standard throughout your jurisdiction. In doing so, you will be providing your police officers the ability to protect the animals whose owners do not. Please help us keep these companion animals safe while we fight to strengthen the NY laws.

You are in the position to make a difference for the animals here in New York State. Please consider being a leader in animal welfare by helping us make the needed changes that keep animals safe.

Sincerely,

Heather Thomas
Proud Member of Laniney's Army

Supervisor Flach stated that he knows that the Police Officers are always on the lookout in the community.

Chief Darlington stated that the e-mail was forwarded to him and if anyone reports dogs or other animals left out they investigate it and enforce the Agriculture and Markets Law where there are requirements.

Councilman Burns stated that other communities do rabies shots for animals and continued by asking how they organize something like that.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they use to have them here and it is Albany County who determines where they are going to be and it is based on how many people show up and added that it is down to 4 places where you can go.

Councilman Burns stated that he has been asked by quite a few people.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she can double check it for him.

Supervisor Flach asked if she posts where there are clinics.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she does post it and she is not sure if it is posted on the website but she would check into it.

Supervisor Flach asked if she has that information in her office.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she gets the information off the Department of Health's website and in turn posts it.

Councilman Masti asked Chief Darlington what he considers a domestic animal and if it is just cats and dogs.

Chief Darlington stated that it is just cats and dogs and even under Agriculture and Market Law they don't consider cats as being domestic animals and added that his department does not handle cats because they do not fall under Agriculture and Markets.

Councilman Masti asked if it is just dogs.

Chief Darlington stated that it could be other certain things such as rabbits.

Letter from Planning Board Chairman

Supervisor Flach stated that he was also in receipt of one more correspondence and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Flach,

This letter is to inform you that at the Planning Board's January 6, 2014, Mr. Ernest Quinto was unanimously elected to the position of Vice-Chairman. Please allow Mr. Quinto all of the respect that this position requires.

Respectfully,

Winthrop "Buddy" Irwin
Chairman

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, January 15, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, January 21, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, January 27, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she is sorry that the handicap accessible door has been unavailable and she is willing to come out to the parking lot to meet anyone that can't make it up the stairs and they can call her office at 756-2100. She continued by saying that she wishes Gerry DeLuca well and she herself has been with the Town 22 years and he has been a pleasure to work with.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he also wanted to wish Gerry well in his retirement. He added that they made it through the storm with only a couple of break downs and he wanted to thank the Town Board for allowing him to hire a full-time mechanic.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that during the last storm no cars were towed in the Town outside of the Village and 5 were towed in the Village, which means that most residents are abiding by the Snow Emergency. He added that he wanted to welcome the new Board members and he is looking forward to working with them.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief Darlington if there was an update on the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Chief Darlington stated that there is not.

Councilman Burns stated that he has been asking everyone about it and he was told that as soon as possible they will take a walk up the creek and they will explain the project.

Councilman Masti inquired as to who everyone was.

Councilman Burns stated that it was a number of people from EnCon and another from the Army Corp of Engineers.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to what happened to the door.

Supervisor Flach stated that last Friday morning at approximately 5:00am, a van came down the hill in the snowstorm and took out the whole corner of the building and added that the roof is going to be okay but it took out the pillars that hold it. He continued by saying that the van was actually through the door and inside the building so the metal door was ruined, which was a \$1,000.00 door.

Councilman Dolan asked if it was someone stopping at the stop sign.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they slid right through the stop sign.

Supervisor Flach stated that they came right down the hill and it seems to him that they panicked and let the wheel turn to the left and there was no way to stop.

Councilman Dolan asked when the new door would be done.

Supervisor Flach stated that the new door was installed earlier in the day and it can be used and the brick is going to be finished when it gets a little warmer and added that it has been an inconvenience, especially at tax time but now people can start using the new door.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is covered by insurance.

Supervisor Flach stated that the insurance company came and took pictures and said to go ahead and get it fixed as soon as possible because of the cold, which is what they have done.

Councilman Langdon asked if the Town's insurance company was paying for it or if the vans insurance company would be paying for it.

Supervisor Flach stated that the insurance companies will be working it out.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to who is doing the work.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he called someone that he knew, Brian Morris, and he called him at 6:00am Friday morning and he came right down and sheltered it and since then replaced the door, which took approximately a week to get.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he had a chance to go out to the Highway Garage and spoke with Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Conrad and he got really encouraged by the resources that they have to work with to make things better and he sees so many good things that can happen here. He added that they all have to ban together and everyone has to be kind and compassionate and wherever the biggest need is, that is where the help has got to go and there are some really smart people on the Board working with finances and he thinks that there will be a great change in 2014 and beyond. He continued by saying that the ideas that Highway Superintendent Searles has are fantastic as well as Chief Darlington having big plans and he thinks if they can all keep level heads and start to trust each other, he thinks they are going to do great things in 2014.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he agrees with Councilman Burns and he is looking forward to the change, which he believes will be a good change for the Town and the people will benefit from it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss some personnel issues and added that they would be returning to formally adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:52pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting. In addition to the entire Town Board, Chief Darlington, Building Inspector Conrad, and Town Clerk Millious were present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions were made.

Time – 9:45pm

RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order immediately following Executive Session and asked for a motion to formally adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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Time – 9:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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January 21, 2014 – Town Board Workshop – 6:00pm

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, January 21 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- National Endowment for the Arts Grant Program
- Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law – Repeal Chapter 88, Environmental Quality Review
- Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law – Modification of Planning Board Members
- Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law – Repeal Environmental Conservation Board
- Transfer of Property to Coeymans Recycling Center
- New Sign for Town Hall
- Merging Sewer Plant Properties
- Transfer of Bruno Blvd. Properties
- Alcove Preservation Association
- Executive Session

DISCUSSIONS

National Endowment for the Arts Grant Program

Supervisor Flach stated that he gave Councilman Dolan a memo asking that he look into a grant opportunity in which the Town may be qualified to receive and then asked for an update.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is a Federal National Endowment for the Arts Grant Program and Supervisor Flach asked that he look into it specifically for the Evenings on the Green Program, which some years has been paid for by the Town and other years Lafarge paid for it. Key points he discussed were:

- It can be applied for twice a year; the first deadline is February 20th.
- He signed up for the webinar but it didn't happen because the government was closed due to inclement weather and he will keep the Board informed as to the rescheduled date.
- Last year the Town spent \$3,000.00, which was 10 acts for \$300.00 a piece but 11 acts actually took place.
- A suggestion to make it 8 acts and raise it to \$400.00 per act based on what other municipalities are doing.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke with Mike Kralik at Lafarge and he advised that he should put it in for last year and he will see what he can do and added that it may still be coming. He continued by saying that there were not charged for the 11th band because Councilman Dolan's band plays pro-bono in addition to arranging the Evening on the Greens Program.

Councilman Dolan stated that if anyone knows of a band that might be interested, they should call him.

Supervisor Flach stated that he knows of a couple from within the last couple of weeks.

Councilman Dolan stated that Confidential Secretary Cirillo sent him a couple via e-mail.

Collectively the Town Board agreed to Councilman Dolan setting up the schedule as well as agreeing to 8 paid performances at \$400.00 each and the 9th for free by his band.

Transfer Station (Not on Agenda)

Supervisor Flach stated that he and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Conrad went to the Town of New Scotland and looked at their Transfer Station, which is basically 3 dumpster with two for C&D and one for metal recycling and a building where they keep a container for garbage where they charge per bag. He added that he has not contacted the Department of Environmental Conservation but he was thinking that the Jarvis Road Landfill would be a good location where there is plenty of shale, a flat area and a building that they don't use. Key points discussed were:

- Possibly having to have pads for the dumpsters to sit on if the shale was not enough.
- Making ramps for vehicles.
- Days and hours of operation & staff.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Collins was present and continued by asking if shale would be sufficient as a base for the dumpsters.

Mr. Collins stated that shale would be fine and the biggest thing would be that they would have to put a roof over it and cover it because of moisture from rain and snow.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Mr. Collins relative to covering the dumpsters, possible location sites, building ramps and material needed, liability, sizes of dumpsters, what other municipalities are doing, fees to charge, price for the dumpsters, possible need for a front end loader, and the possibility of trespassing/vandalism.

Supervisor Flach stated that they should consider it and try to get something going and asked that Councilman Burns look further into the cost of scales and he would talk with Highway Superintendent Searles about having it at the Highway Department.

Town Clerk Millious was asked if she has received calls inquiring about it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she has received several calls about a Transfer Station as well as leaf and brush pick-up.

Discussion ensued regarding possibilities of establishing a program or possibly working something out with the Village

No decisions were made.

Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law – Repeal Chapter 88, Environmental Quality Review

Supervisor Flach stated that the Environmental Quality Review is the something that has been in the Town's law books since the early 70's and the Environmental Quality Review that they have now is the SEQRA process that pretty much everyone has to go through whether they are building a bridge or putting up a new building. He added that it is already done and it is like a duplicate review.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW, WHICH DEALS WITH THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 88 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall be known as the “Repeal of the Environmental Quality Review Law”.

§ 2 AUTHORIZATION

This Local Law (Chapter) is adopted pursuant to the provisions of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

§ 3 INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law (Chapter) to repeal Chapter 88 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans as unnecessary and superseded by state law.

§ 4 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) repeals Local Law #3 of 1977, also known as the Environmental Quality Review as adopted on September 13, 1977, now Chapter 88 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

§ 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law – Repeal Environmental Conservation Board

Supervisor Flach stated that there are three individual Boards in the Town, the Town Board, who is usually Lead Agency on a SEQRA Review if it is for the Town, the Planning Board that has Site Plan Review, which is pretty extensive and then the Zoning Board of Appeals who would issue variances if need be and the three Boards are actually doing the work of an Environmental Conservation Board.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW, WHICH DEALS WITH THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as the “Repeal of the Environmental Conservation Board”.

§ 2 AUTHORIZATION

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

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§ 3 INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law (Chapter) to repeal Chapter 14 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans as unnecessary.

§ 4 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) repeals Local Law #1 of 1973, also known as the Environmental Conservation Board as adopted on April 8, 1975, now Chapter 14 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

§ 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law – Modification of Planning Board

Supervisor Flach stated that the Planning Board is a seven member Board and they currently have six members and in checking with other towns such as Bethlehem, they have 5 member Boards and he went to a Village Planning Board Meeting and they also have 5 members. He added that the one thing that he noticed is that the Village has a lawyer on hand and there have been some meetings where it would have been nice to have a lawyer here for answering questions rather than having to wait a month later when they have a meeting. He continued by saying that it would save some money and with the money that it saves, if the Planning Board knows of an issue that is coming up, they can hire an attorney.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW INTENDED TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS PLANNING BOARD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall be known as “The Modification of Planning Board Membership Law”

§ 2 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

The Town of Coeymans Town Board is hereby authorized pursuant to Town Law, §271(7) Decreasing Membership, and the Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

§ 3 INTENT

The purpose of this Local Law (Chapter) is to amend §34-5 Continuation; Appointment; Terms; of Town Codes to change the Planning Board membership from 7 to 5 members and their terms to 5 years as follows:

There shall be a continued Planning Board of the Town of Coeymans, appointed by the Town Board. Each member of the current Planning Board was appointed based on the seven members, of which one member expires per year for the next seven consecutive years. There are currently two vacant positions on the existing board. The next members term is to expire on December 31, 2014 shall be appointed to fill the remaining vacant term to expire on December 31, 2019 each member thereafter shall be appointed for five year terms consecutively. This is intended to meet the requirements of Town Law §271 for decreasing membership.

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§ 4 SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of this Local Law (Chapter) are held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the Chapter shall remain in effect.

§ 5 CONFLICTS OF LAW

Whenever any Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation of the Town of Coeymans, County of Albany, State of New York, or United States of America is inconsistent with this Local Law (Chapter), whichever Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation is more stringent shall supersede the less stringent Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation.

§ 6 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) shall repeal and replace Chapter 136 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

§ 7 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would like to set Public Hearings for the three and have members of the community come and express their opinions, which he would like to do on February 10th starting at 6:00pm. He then asked if the Town Board had any questions, hearing none he offered a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, setting Public Hearings on February 10, 2014 at 6:00pm, 6:20pm and 6:40pm.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious publish notices in the paper.

Transfer of Property to Coeymans Recycling Center

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a piece of property in front of Dick Tracey's, which is the piece of road that goes to the gate of the Recycling Center, currently plowed by the Town in addition to there being sewer. He added that Mr. Laraway's intentions are to put a bridge across from his south entrance to just above the Tracey Welding property and there are some road modifications that he would like to be able to do and if the Town were to turn the property over to Mr. Laraway, he would need to take care of a couple sewer issues that need to be fixed, which he would be responsible to do. He continued by saying that if and when that happens, they discussed it a bit and they would like to see Riverview Drive closed as a dead-end by the church, which he personally feels would stop a lot of the truck traffic going past the houses and church and his understanding is that the bridge project is a go. He concluded by saying that technically it is not Mr. Laraway's property, it is Mr. Trickey's and there is a lease with Mr. Laraway and in the transfer Mr. Tracey would also have any easement that he would need, and he is the only person that would be affected by the transfer.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to Mr. Trickey wanting a gate by the church for access, no cost to the Town, saving money on sewer repairs, bringing sewer across the bridge and to some other homes currently without sewer.

Councilman Masti stated that he is in favor of it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he was in favor, didn't see any negatives to do it and possible negatives to not doing it.

Councilman Burns stated that he agreed.

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Councilman Dolan stated that personally he thinks it is premature and would like to see what is going to happen with the bridge first.

Supervisor Flach stated that his understanding is that there was a historical archeology study done, the Army Corp of Engineers gave their okay and DEC told him that they were waiting on DOT and he has now heard that they are all set. He concluded by saying that he will find out where the Bridge Project stands and they can discuss it at the next Town Board Meeting.

No decisions were made.

New Sign for Town Hall

Supervisor Flach stated that they had talked about a sign for Town Hall over a year ago and they need to decide where to put it. He continued by saying that he can get the board made fairly cheap and he has a friend that prints out the vinyl and Nelson Perry had said that he has a lot of the material to build it.

Discussion ensued relative to location and wording as well as handicap signs and parking lines, and a barrier to prevent vehicles from hitting Town Hall.

No decisions were made.

Merging of Sewer Plant Properties

Supervisor Flach stated that there was an oversight with the sewer properties and there are 0065 two parcels that should be merged and then asked if anyone had any thoughts.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that it was a good idea.

No decisions were made.

Transfer of Bruno Boulevard Properties

Supervisor Flach stated that the parking lot on Bruno Boulevard next to Senior Projects and basketball court, which are next to the Ravena Firehouse, Orchard Avenue and Bruno Boulevard, the Village has three easements and they need to dig up a line and the Town currently plows it and mows it. He continued by saying that the Village asked some time ago if the Town would be willing to turn it over to them and in turn they would maintain it by plowing and mowing it and they might do some kind of an ice rink on the basketball court. He added that he spoke with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and he said that it is not a big deal to transfer it and at this point it is costing the Town money to plow and mow it.

Town Clerk Millious asked if the Senior's owned the parking lot.

Supervisor Flach stated that they do not and the parking lot would be transferred to the Village and he does not see a problem with the Village letting them continue to park there and it will not be an issue.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if it is just the Mayor's desire or the whole Village Board.

Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke with Trustee Bailey and he said that the Village would be willing to take it.

Councilman Dolan stated that Trustee Bailey told him something different and they should check with him as well as it being a stipulation that there be a continuation of the senior's parking in the lot.

Supervisor Flach agreed that it should be a stipulation in the transfer that the parking lot needs to remain a parking lot for the Seniors Project.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he would check with the entire Village Board and if they wish to do so, the transfer can be a resolution for the next meeting.

No decisions were made.

Alcove Preservation Association

Supervisor Flach stated that no one was present to talk about the Alcove Preservation Association and they need to locate the folder in order to discuss it.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he went to a Zoning Board Meeting last week and scheduling came up because of the County having their meetings once a month and the Town's Meetings a day or two before, which means when the Town has something they need to put before the County for some feedback, it has to be presented to the County 10 days prior to get on their agenda. He added that as a result of that, instead of things being done the following month it now takes two months for feedback and then asked if there was any opposition to possibly changing what week they meet per month because Building Inspector/CEO Conrad thought it was a good idea and he would sit down and with Mr. Conrad to try and come up with dates that would be more appropriate with the timing of the County.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to what dates make sense and whether or not it would throw off the Planning Board's timing.

Councilman Dolan suggested that Mr. Langdon work with Mr. Conrad on working out a new schedule.

Supervisor Flach suggested that Mr. Langdon speak with Planning Board Chairman Irwin to make sure that he was okay with it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he would speak with Mr. Conrad and Mr. Irwin.

Supervisor Flach asked if the Town Board if they had gotten his memorandum about the train.

Collectively the Town Board said that they had.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to make sure that they knew what he was doing and then asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to remind the Board of the voucher process, which has to be done prior to the last Town Board Meeting each month. She continued by saying that they were given a schedule of dates to look at the vouchers, which is from Friday to Monday prior to the Workshop and if they see anything that they want to question they should put a note on it and turn it sideways.

Councilman Masti inquired about a voucher that had been marked pulled from the abstract.

Town Clerk Millious explained that it was pulled by Bookkeeping Clerk King because the check got reimbursed to where it needed to go right away, which means the Town was bypassed and the money went to where it needed to go and because it was numbered, it was a part of the abstract and had to be left in the abstract. She continued by asking if the Town Board was going to be going to the Association of Towns Meeting in New York because they have a Workshop scheduled for then and would be gone from Sunday to Wednesday.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are going to the Association of Towns Meeting.

Councilman Masti suggested that they cancel the Workshop.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion to cancel the Workshop on February 18th.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, to cancel the Town Board Workshop scheduled for February 18, 2014.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he noticed in the vouchers that there was one advertising for something with the Hannacroix Creek and then asked if it was for the advertisement for the bids.

Town Clerk Millious stated asked if it was for a newspaper ad.

Councilman Burns stated that it was.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it was an ad that was run twice for bids on the project.

Councilman Burns stated that he has been talking to a lot of people about the Hannacroix Creek and getting it taken care of and the biggest advocate for it, Jerry Hall is moving from the Town of Coeymans. He added that a lot of the local contractors are very interested in doing the job and will do it for the material and not charge for the labor.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be great but there are certain things that have to be done.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that there are many regulations when you are talking about a creek.

Councilman Dolan stated that they would have to respond to the bid.

Supervisor Flach stated that they legally have to put it out to bid, which has already been done and the lowest bid was \$325,000.00 and if they would do it only for the materials, which is what they would bid.

Councilman Burns stated that it baffles him because it is such a simple solution and it has dragged on for so long but he understands.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:15pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Workshop with the entire Town Board present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel issue, no decisions were made.

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Time – 8:20pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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January 27, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Workshop was held Monday, January 27 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent Searles
Attorney for the Town Wukitsch
Chief of Police Gregory Darlington

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Cancellation of Town Board Workshop, February 18, 2014
 - Town Offices Closed, February 17, 2014, President's Day
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Workshop, December 18, 2013
 - Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2014
- Supervisor's Report – December 2013
- Department Reports
 - Building Department, November 2013
 - Building Department, December 2013
 - Town Clerk, December 2013
- New Business
 - Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement
 - Camping at Joralemon Park
 - Transfer Station
- Resolutions
 - Approval of Abstract
- Correspondence
 - November/December Update from Chief Operator Kerr
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, February 3, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Public Hearing, February 10, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Public Hearing, February 10, 2014, 6:20pm
 - Public Hearing, February 10, 2014, 6:40pm
 - Town Board Meeting, February 10, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, February 19, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Board Workshop Cancelled

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town Board Workshop scheduled for February 18, 2014 at 6:00pm has been cancelled due to the Town Board’s attendance at the Association of Town’s Meeting.

Town Offices Closed – President’s Day

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on February 17th in observance of President’s Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on December 18, 2013 and the Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2014 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the minutes were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

December 2013

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$553,704.41	\$ 31, 406.28	\$285,652.34	\$299,458.35
Part-Town	\$215,569.80	\$ 13,475.91	\$216,669.30	\$ 12,376.41
Highway	\$150,317.91	\$ 5,152.26	\$ 69,250.68	\$ 86,219.49
Bridge Const.	\$ 28,980.55	\$ 16.85	-0-	\$ 28,997.70
Sewer	\$101,206.36	\$599,191.86	\$656,358.92	\$ 44,039.30
Special Water	\$ 12,060.24	\$ 0.51	-0-	\$ 12,060.75
Police Forf.	\$ 8,126.36	\$ 0.33	\$ 686.36	\$ 7,440.33
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 12,970.00	\$320,599.13	\$316,441.69	\$ 17,127.44
H-Fund	\$198,561.99	\$ 811.69	\$ 19,051.50	\$180,322.18
Section 8 HUD	\$ 23,048.61	\$ 40,434.70	\$ 45,694.52	\$ 17,788.79

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			Total Rec. Bal.	\$705,830.74
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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.13
Grove Cemetery	\$40,927.67
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$13,426.00
Sewer-Dedicated	\$_____.24
Total	\$55,057.04

**COLLATERAL
COVERAGE**

Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$2,329,526.38
National Bank	\$250,000.00	-0-

FDIC

COLLATERALIZED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – November 2013 & December 2013

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Reports.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the reports.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Building Department Reports were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – December 2013

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Clerk Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement

Supervisor Flach stated that the Time Warner Franchise Agreement is up for renewal and he just received the new agreement, which he had not had a chance to look at.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to how many people within the Town have Time Warner.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he didn't know and his understanding is that it goes from north of the Hamlet up Rte. 144 and also on Rte. 101 for a little ways.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it's from the high-school then up Rte. 9W.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is mainly the northern part of town. He added that it is the same as the Mid-Hudson Cable Agreement in that they don't have exclusive rights to the telephone poles and where it goes and that people still have the ability to choose. He continued by saying that Time Warner asks for a Franchise Agreement for further development and it helps them get financing to develop more south in the town.

Councilman Dolan asked if they carry the Town Board Meetings.

Supervisor Flach stated that to his knowledge they do not and Mid-Hudson Cable is the only carrier as far as he knows.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they solicit through the News Herald as to whether the people with Time Warner have any complaints or issues and if they feel as though they are fairly treated and represented.

Supervisor Flach asked Mr. Rowzee if it could be published in the News Herald.

Mr. Rowzee stated that it could and would be the following week.

Supervisor Flach asked that Mr. Rowzee do a piece in the News Herald.

Mr. Rowzee stated that he would.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to put the topic before the Board and added that they did not have to decide right away.

Councilman Masti inquired as to when it has to be done.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks that there is a date but he does not recall and he does not think that it is time sensitive.

Camping at Joralemon Park

Supervisor Flach stated that they had previously discussed camping at Joralemon Park and just recently Chief Darlington brought it up and he has done a little research. He continued by saying that it is a beautiful park and people use it for all sorts of things and he was thinking about a small loop for primitive camping where people could tent for a small fee, which would be done through the Town Clerk's Office. He added that it would not be a big money maker and it would be for tenting only with parking in the lot and then walking a short distance on the trail and continued by saying that it is something for the Board to think about and he just wanted to put it out there because he thought it was a great idea. He went on by saying that there is also acreage in the back that they do nothing with and it has not been cleared but eventually they could do something there as well. He concluded by saying that it is something for the residents to be able to do and it could possibly grow into something bigger.

Councilman Langdon asked Chief Darlington if he has any concerns for possible abuses out there.

Chief Darlington stated that there is always a potential for possible abuse but he thinks it is definitely worth researching.

Councilman Langdon asked Chief Darlington if it would be within the realm of his department to periodically monitor out there.

Chief Darlington stated that they would most definitely do that.

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Councilman Burns stated that if they get a deposit and if people don't clean up or if there is damage they can use the money toward it and he thinks it is a great idea and it can grow.

Councilman Masti interjected that it would be nice to have people out there.

Councilman Burns stated the Boy and Girl Scouts may take advantage of it.

Councilman Masti stated that they have had trouble with ATV's and if it is a little more populated it might deter them.

Transfer Station

Supervisor Flach stated that they had discussed a Transfer Station and he spoke with Highway Superintendent Searles about having it at the Highway Garage and Councilman Burns had been out there earlier in the day and then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if there is room to do it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there is room for two dumpsters.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is already a dumpster there for metal.

Councilman Langdon asked if there would be the ability to put ramps going up to them that they had discussed.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they could.

Supervisor Flach stated that he and Highway Superintendent Searles had talked about putting them at a 90 degree angle to each other with one ramp going to both.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to what the two dumpsters would be for and if one would be for metal.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they already have a metal one and the two would be in addition to that one.

Councilman Dolan asked what the other two dumpsters would be for.

Councilman Masti stated that one would be for recycling and one for garbage.

Supervisor Flach stated that they thought about C&D and they are not sure about it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wouldn't do C&D right away.

Supervisor Flach stated that they were thinking appliances and they are not sure about household garbage because there has to be some sort of cover and he did see that there are some with covers and they had also thought about taking tires because he does not think that there would be that many and they have a place to get rid of them. He continued by saying that they currently have an 8 yard dumpster that is approximately \$80.00 a month that is picked up bi-weekly and they could get another one to begin with for bags of garbage, which they have started to look at prices for and Cocksackie charges \$2.00 for a small one and \$4.00 for a 55 gallon one. He concluded by saying that they will continue to look into it and he thinks that it is something that can happen.

Salt from the County

Supervisor Flach stated that this item was not on the agenda and then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he wanted to talk about it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they have run into an issue this past weekend with the small storm and he got a call from the County that they were not getting any salt delivered to them because of the cold weather, which is shipped in to their supplier by train and the boxes were freezing up. He added that they were out of salt but the Town trucks were already loaded, which they used and in turn he got some from the Village, which was enough to keep them going

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and earlier in the day he got some from Carver and the State Contract price is \$45.00 a ton but had to pay \$60.00 a ton to Carver to load the trucks. He went on by saying that they have some mixed material, which they loaded the rest of the trucks with and hopefully the County is going to get something

Councilman Langdon asked if it is a temporary thing because their supply line shut off.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated it is and it happens every year and for the past eight years they have asked for a salt shed, which they really need to look into getting.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if ordinarily they would be buying it at State Contract price.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they do ordinarily.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the Board should offer a motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent on an emergency basis to purchase salt for the best price, which might not be State Contract.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, authorizing the Highway Superintendent on an emergency basis, to purchase salt for the best price, which might not be State Contract.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is for the public's safety and there was a snow burst earlier in the day where all the hills were covered and he had to send the trucks out again.

Councilman Burns stated that Highway Superintendent Searles had mentioned that they were able to get grants in the past and asked if it was still an option.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it isn't and there are none out there right now.

Supervisor Flach stated that Deputy Highway Searles had approached him in the past about a salt shed and they have permission to build one at the Jarvis Road site and he had a cost for that using concrete blocks and for putting a canopy over it. He then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he still had the numbers for that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he does from then and it is not a current price, which he could get.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is all for shared services but there have been emergencies where they have had to get it somewhere else.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they don't have the option of going to other places like the County has because they have so many other divisions where they can go to.

Councilman Langdon asked if there were potential suppliers if they built a salt shed of their own.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he would have to do the paperwork to get the State Contract pricing because now they piggybank on Albany County's.

Supervisor Flach asked what happens next as far as delivery.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he just has to make a phone call and then they deliver and they use to have 1,000 ton and they had to buy 70% of it for the year and even when they were with the County, whenever they ran out they would order a couple hundred ton and it would get delivered and they keep track of every drop that goes out of there.

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Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to clarify that Supervisor Flach had indicated that it was not actually Carver's salt but rather a company that rents from him.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is a company called Appalachian Marine and they got 8.16 ton on one truck today, which was \$489.60.

Councilman Dolan asked if they would be subject to the same supply problems that the County is having.

Supervisor Flach stated that if they can't supply the County, they won't be able to supply the Town.

Councilman Burns stated that he could call ahead of time.

Supervisor Flach stated that we would have our own salt is what he is saying.

Councilman Dolan asked if the Town would be at the same mercy with the suppliers that the County is.

Supervisor Flach stated that they would not be sharing the salt.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it could possibly be that way but he had someone come in today who he knows very well who works for the State and he said that they have been getting salt all along.

Councilman Burns interjected that if the Town had its own facility and knew that they had 200 ton of salt sitting there and then get down to 100 ton, he could make a phone call and keep them supplied.

Supervisor Flach stated that they could unless it froze in the containers like Councilman Dolan had said and he understands why he is questioning it.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that he would always have some there.

Councilman Burns reiterated that he could call ahead of time and not wait until the last minute.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is something for them to think about.

Councilman Dolan asked if they know roughly what it would cost for a salt shed taking into account what it was a while ago.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be right around \$48,000.00.

Councilman Burns asked if that would be a floor any everything.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would not include the floor and it would be for the block and the E-Z top.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would have to be blacktopped.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the salt shed that they are looking at, because they use straight salt in the Hamlet and a mixture over the hill, would have to be a split the shed, it would have to be 55 X 60 with a divider in the middle.

Councilman Masti asked if it is a mixture of sand and salt for the Hollow.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is and they can't use it in the Hamlet because it goes into the catch basins.

Councilman Dolan stated that in the Supervisor's Report, for collateral coverage, under FDIC coverage both banks have \$250,000.00 but collateralized for the Bank of Greene County is \$2,329,526.38 and for National Bank of Cocksackie it is zero.

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Supervisor Flach stated that the Town's money in savings is in the Bank of Greene County and the National Bank of Coxsackie is who they use for their bonds and loans.

Councilman Dolan continued by asking why they have all of their money in the Bank of Greene County.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was a great question and added that National Bank of Coxsackie was in the other day to renew Bonds and they asked the same question. He continued by saying that the reason that it was done is because they gave the Town a better rate at that time and since then the rates have actually gone down and National Bank of Coxsackie said that they would give a better rate and guarantee that the rate would not change if they are willing to move some of their accounts, which he is very happy about and wanted to bring it before the Board but he forgot about it.

Councilman Dolan asked what he is waiting for.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that he forgot about it.

Councilman Dolan asked what they have to do to do it and does it make sense because he probably has looked at it closer than he has.

Supervisor Flach stated that the information that he gave the Board is everything he got and they would have to do it by a motion or resolution.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that he would suggest a resolution as well as getting something in writing from National Bank of Coxsackie.

Supervisor Flach stated that they would also have to speak to Bank of Greene County who may want to counter offer.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was not on the Board at the time that they moved to their office on Rte. 9W and they offered a lower rate but it was a limited fixed time and when he was first on the Board they had discussed it because they were in some sort of potential law suit and at that point the Board asked why they were giving the Town's money to them.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that they need to do a resolution in addition to getting a document quoting what they are willing to offer and the term and it is up to them if they want to give Bank of Greene County an opportunity to counter offer.

Councilman Langdon asked what the law suit was.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it was an assessment reduction case, which is a law suit.

Councilman Langdon asked if it was over their property.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they were seeking a reduction on the assessment of the property.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would agree but he feels as though they should use both banks equally and when he was first elected they took two Bonds out and National Bank of Coxsackie gave them a great rate and has been willing to carry the Town's Bonds and BANS's.

Councilman Dolan asked that Supervisor Flach explore it and if it makes sense, have a resolution for the next meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would talk to National Bank to see if they can give them something in black and white and then have a resolution for the February 10th Town Board Meeting and added that he will put the information in the Town Board's mail boxes.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it would be great if the Bookkeeper could break down the numbers for Bank of Greene County and National Bank of Coxsackie and maybe they will decide to move either some or all.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #45-14 APPROVE JANUARY 2014 ABSTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for January 2014, Abstract.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1-86,145	\$289,966.90
General	146-213,307-308	\$130,916.11
	General Total	\$420,883.01
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	87-88	\$ 750.36
Police Forfeiture	214-215	\$ 257.40
	Police Forfeit. Total	\$ 1,007.76
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	89-99	\$ 16,421.96
Part-Town	216-221	\$ 5,690.70
	Part Town Total	\$ 22,112.66
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	100-111	\$ 74,249.93
Highway	222-273	\$ 33,373.90
	Highway Total	\$107,623.83
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	112-133	\$ 38,868.08
Sewer	274-300	\$ 15,434.89
	Sewer Total	\$ 54,302.97
SEWER DEDICATED (SS)		
Sewer Dedicated Pre-Pay	134	\$ 10,145.39
	Special Water Total	\$ 10,145.39
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Capital Projects H35 Pre-Pay	135	\$ 350.00
	Capital Proj.Total	\$ 350.00
CAPITAL PROJ. (H38)		
Capital Projects H38 Pre-Pay	136	\$ 12,713.36

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	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 12,713.36
CAPITAL PROJ. (H39)		
Capital Projects	301-306	\$ 80,439.16
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 80,439.16
	Total For All Funds	\$709,578.14
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	137-144	\$360,793.33
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$360,793.33

CORRESPONDENCE

November / December Update – Waste Water Treatment Plant

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of a correspondence from Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Kerr and then asked that Councilman Dolan read it.

Councilman Dolan continued by reading the following:

November 2013

- ISCO flow meter at the point was repaired/installed by John Petranek of Burg Schoenberger.
- Radiator for the Caterpillar was repaired by Francisco.
- Electrical line to the sludge thickener was repaired by J. Hall.

December 2013

- Walkway for tanks delivered and installed with the assistance of the Highway Department and set by Dan Burns.
- Boiler unit was repaired by Crisafulli Brothers.
- 1992 Chevy dump truck was reconditioned by the Town Highway Department and Cliff Lawson painted it.

WPCF:

- SPDE’s Permit exceeded parameters for flow and Biological Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) due to rain events.
- Call in for Keith Geraldson and John Lennon throughout the month due to high flow alarms during wet weather events.

Collection System:

- No overflow events occurred during this reporting period.
- ISCO flow meter at the point is not recording data and Burg Schoenberger has been notified to troubleshoot the reason.

Leachate

- No discharge during this reporting period.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I am not in the view of everyone each day so please contact me to answer questions or concerns. I am still learning about the facilities and out system, with the assistance of Larry Conrad, Keith Geraldson and John Lennon and the Town

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staff the transition has been very enjoyable and easier. I am still gathering data to help make this report easier to understand and more comprehensible in a short format.

I will sit down with C.T. Male and discuss some projects that can save some expenditure throughout our system and plans for the future. The Wastewater Plant is a very beautiful facility but is in need of some repairs, most of which we can accomplish ourselves in-house. I have worked with New York Rural Water Association and believe they are a great asset for information and assistance. I have discussed with their Wastewater Technician, Steve Grimm, about performing some more work on our collection system to better assess its condition. Hopefully, when warmer weather comes we can get started. The old landfill Leachate facility has equipment that has not been operated in several years and neither Keith nor John really knows why. I need to research this before moving forward on repair/replacement or elimination. A landfill changes chemistry as it ages and there is a possibility what was needed in the start of remediation is no longer necessary.

Thank you very much for allowing me to be a part of this beautiful community and again I wish all a very prosperous and joyful year.

Sincerely,

John Kerr
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

Supervisor Flach stated that he is happy to have him on board.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, February 3, 2014, 7:00pm
- Public Hearing, February 10, 2014, 6:00pm
- Public Hearing, February 10, 2014, 6:20pm
- Public Hearing, February 10, 2014, 6:40pm
- Town Board Meeting, February 10, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, February 19, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that they are looking to do some date modifications which will work with the County schedule a little better.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Public Hearing Notice will make the paper this week and added that DECALS is up and running but takes a little longer. She continued by saying that she is in her busiest week of collecting taxes and to let the public know, taxes without a penalty must be received in her office by Friday, January 31st for walk-in or postmarked and on February 1st a 1% penalty is added and in March it will become 2%. She added that if anyone has any questions regarding exemptions on their taxes, they should call the Assessor's Office at 756-8927 and anyone wishing to come in should call first because there is no one in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he will be attending the Town Board Meeting on February 10th.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Chief Darlington stated that he was advised earlier by Crossroads that the new police car was delivered and he is in the process of getting the purchase order together for the equipment that needs to be installed. He continued by saying that for anyone that is not aware, on Friday afternoon his department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency, New York State Police and Greene County DA's Office executed a Search Warrant on Schuyler Avenue and both home owners were arrested for heroin dealing within the Town of Coeymans as well as Greene County and as he is speaking, his department with assistance of the Drug Enforcement Agency and New York State Police Canine are executing a Search Warrant in the Hamlet of Coeymans where two homeowners will be arrested for selling heroin out of their residence and they have confiscated heroin in excess of \$12,000.00. He continued by saying that he will be contacting Section 8 because the resident is a Section 8 recipient and this will be the third time for these people and she claimed to not have any knowledge of it but they were able to prove this time that she does.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief Darlington if the first arrest that he mentioned was the one that was on the news but it just mentioned Greene County.

Chief Darlington stated that it was and it actually involved a Search Warrant and arrest made on Rte. 9W and they along with the Drug Enforcement Agency and State Police have been looking at them for 6 years and it was his department's investigation that got everyone into it and they were able to get them.

Councilman Dolan stated that he appreciates what his department is doing and added that it exists throughout the entire town and added that as someone who lives in the Hamlet, you don't want your grandchildren walking down the street while someone is dealing heroin or crack.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that his hat goes off to Highway Superintendent Searles and the Sewer Department for running their departments as well as they are and they are very good jugglers because there is no money in their budgets and they are cut to the bone but they are still doing a great job. He continued by saying that the Highway Department is like a well-oiled machine with many projects going on and everyone seems very happy and added that he does not think that you could make Chief Operator Kerr discouraged as well as Larry Conrad having so much knowledge and is very smart. He concluded by saying that they are all assets to this town and he did not realize that they have such a reservoir of talent and it impresses him.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that for anyone who had not attended the Informational Meetings at the Coeymans Hollow Firehouse about their new station, there is going to be a vote on January 26th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and added that he thinks they have a very good proposal. He went on by saying that members will be on hand prior to that if anyone has concerns or has any questions and anyone residing in the Coeymans Hollow Fire District who is a registered voter is able to vote.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he had one other item, which was supposed to be on the agenda and continued by saying that at the last meeting they accepted the resignation of Mr. DeLuca who had also put in a request and they discussed it at a Workshop. He continued by asking if they were going to move forward with it.

Supervisor Flach stated that they can discuss it again in Executive Session.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that it is a personnel issue and they should discuss it in Executive Session.

Supervisor Flach asked if he wanted to go into Executive Session to discuss it.

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Chief Darlington stated that they discussed it at the last meeting during Executive Session and he had not heard anything.

Supervisor Flach stated that they would adjourn to Executive Session.

Councilman Dolan asked if they have another Executive Session item besides this.

Supervisor Flach stated that they don't need to discuss what they had previously planned on discussing.

Councilman Dolan stated he thinks that they need to be clear on what they are doing in Executive Session.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was a personnel issue that was planned and this is a personnel issue and continued by making a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:52

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting. The full Town Board was present as well as Chief Darlington and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. Discussion ensued regarding personnel issues, no decisions were made.

RECONVENE MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach called the Town Board Meeting back to order and asked for a motion to formally adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time –

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Public Hearing was held Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Larry Conrad, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Ravena News Herald and posted in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of Town of Coeymans, on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY on Proposed Local Law#1 of 2014 as follows:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW, WHICH DEALS WITH THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 88 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall be known as the “Repeal of the Environmental Quality Review Law”.

§ 2 AUTHORIZATION

This Local Law (Chapter) is adopted pursuant to the provisions of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

§ 3 INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law (Chapter) to repeal Chapter 88 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans as unnecessary and superseded by state law.

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§ 4 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) repeals Local Law #3 of 1977, also known as the Environmental Quality Review as adopted on September 13, 1977, now Chapter 88 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

§ 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach read the following:

When SEQR became a law it established a process that requires the consideration of environmental factors early in the planning stages of any action directly undertaken, funded or approved by a local, regional or state agency. By incorporating a systematic approach to environmental review in the early planning stages, projects can be modified as needed to avoid adverse impacts on the environment. The basic purpose of SEQR expressed by the legislature was to declare a state policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and enhance human and community resources; and to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems, natural human and community resources important to people of the state. All agencies of government at the state, county and local level within New York, except the State Legislature and the courts, must comply with SEQR.

Supervisor Flach stated that he read from the Town Law Manual and added that each legislative board including the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board must comply with SEQR and an Environmental Quality Review Board is a redundancy of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and it is just a matter of cleaning up the Town Code and repealing a law that is already covered by SEQR.

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment and added that anyone wishing to speak must come to the microphone and state their name.

Mr. Larry Conrad stated that he is a resident and employee of the Town of Coeymans and added that for the record he wanted to point out some reasons why he supports the law being repealed. He continued by saying that he was appointed to the Town of Coeymans Planning Board in 1984 and served on the Board until 1991 and again became a member in 1993 until 1996 when he became the Building Inspector but had to resign that position and from 1996 to 1999 he served as Building Inspector and then served on the Town Board from 2004 until September 2006 when he became Building Inspector again. He went on by saying that at no point had the Environmental Conservation Board ever had a member during his history on those Boards and the last appointment to that Board was in 1979, which expired in December and the Board was not used because of the fact the SEQR was administered through Environmental Conservation Law and it was a State law, which was enforced by New York State. He added that since that time it has been amended to allow the towns to have a more restrictive law and in reading the law it refers to Environmental Conservation Law, which is the current SEQR Law and it allowed the towns to develop further lists called Type I and Type II Actions, which most people don't understand unless you are or have been a member of the Town, Zoning or Planning Board. He went on by saying that the Town authorized this commission at that time and found out that it was nothing more than duplication and rather than clean up the law and getting rid of it, they stopped appointing people to that Board and in actuality the law had been enhanced in 2013 and continued by saying that SEQR is a mandatory step that is used commonly in lawsuits

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to upset any law that is passed without undergoing an environmental review, which is designed to look at the environmental impact and how it will affect the community and it is what they refer to as an action. He added that it would be any action that comes before the Board or any local law type of situation where you have to go through SEQR, which in this case happens to be a Type I Action and most the Building Department business is Type II Action with the issuance of Building Permits and in that case it means that no further action is required. He concluded by saying that he commends the Board for trying to clean up a law that has been on the books since the 70's and has not been used as far as he knows in the history of the Town and they have not appointed anyone to it and he hopes that the Board continues on and repeals the law because as it is, it is nothing more than a duplication of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Councilman Burns asked if the Department of Environmental Conservation would supersede any decisions the Environmental Conservation Board made.

Mr. Conrad stated that the Environmental Conservation Law allows for what they call a review by all involved agencies and the basic process allows the Town Board in their own local business to become the principal agency and if in DEC chooses, like they have in a couple actions within the Town, most recently P&M with the bridge project where they want to put across the creek, they have become the Lead Agency and everyone else is subservient to them and they make the choice and if they want to be it, they are it. He continued by saying that the Town has an opportunity to comment and they have to give a 30 day opportunity for an attempt to become the Lead Agency but if they choose to be Lead Agency, they are it. He concluded by saying that no one is left out and for anyone that does not like it there is a 30 day window for a substantial flaw in following the law and then there is a four-month process if there are other good reasons such as the challenge to their current case of the Zoning Law.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Conrad and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and added that she does not all-together disagree with Mr. Conrad and she sees where he is coming from but SEQR seems to be ever changing and its fairly complex and a complicated law and the advantage of having an Environmental Quality Review Board might be that they could keep themselves apprised of this and they could ask some citizens of the legal profession to serve on the Board. She added that she does not think that it is taking that much room up on the books and one thing that she would like to ask is that they schedule a Workshop with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch present so they could discuss it a little further before they vote on it because there might be a real benefit to having a group of citizens who keep themselves up to speed on SEQR because it is something that attorneys are forever having to confer with their colleagues about because it is rather complicated and an ever changing fluid kind of law.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Lawler and then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to read into the record a letter from Ms. Barbara Heinzen and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Flach and Board Members:

I am unable to attend the Town Board Meeting and Public Hearing tonight as I have another engagement at the same time. However, I would like to comment on the proposals being discussed and ask that my letter be read out loud to all attending. There are three issues on the table:

1. Repeal of Chapter 14: Environmental Conservation Board
2. Repeal of Chapter 88: Environmental Quality Review
3. Amendment of Chapter 34: Planning Board to Reduce Membership to 5 People from 7

I understand that the justification for repealing Chapters 14 and 88 is that the Planning and Zoning Boards already have responsibility for environmental care. However, the word "environment" does not appear in the Town Code chapters on the Planning and Zoning Boards, except by reference to Chapters 14 and 88 (Environmental Conservation Board and Environmental Quality Review). If these chapters of the Town Code are removed, the Town would be explicitly removing all attempts to safeguard the environmental quality of the Town of Coeymans. Is that the Board's intention? If so, it is not consistent with the long-term aims of the Town as stated in the Comprehensive Plan and other documents.

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It is also argued that the 2013 New York State SEQR procedures offer adequate protection of environmental resources. However, SEQR is still a very general format for thinking about environmental issues at particular sites. It cannot substitute for local peoples' more intimate, long-term knowledge of the area. This knowledge would be available through an Environmental Conservation Board charged with Environmental Quality Review.

The proposal to reduce Planning Board membership from 7 people to 5 people makes it even harder to discuss the environmental impact of planning proposals. Inevitably, a small committee is likely to include people with diverse and useful knowledge, including any environmental knowledge relevant to the long-term impacts of planning decisions. Once again, it looks as if the Town Board wants to eliminate all environmental safeguards. Is this wise?

Ultimately, all human life depends on a healthy environment with clear air, water and soils. So long as human activity supports the natural world, the natural world will continue to support us. For that reason, rather than eliminating an Environmental Conservation Board, the Town would be supporting its creation and giving it responsibility to conduct all necessary Environmental Quality Reviews. This is most likely to ensure a healthy life for all residents of the Town of Coeymans and will also attract high value businesses that need clean air and water to function.

Many thanks for reading this letter out at the Public Hearing tonight.

Barbara Heinzen

Ms. Lawler stated that she also had some letters to submit to the Board and continued by giving them to Supervisor Flach.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he wanted to weigh in on the topic and added that he thinks the way that it works is that the SEQR Law sets up a legal standard that would apply to a Lead Agency and Lead Agencies in the Town of Coeymans could be either the Town, Zoning or Planning Board and they are required to comply with SEQR and its implementing regulations. He added that the body of law and the case law interpreting it is already in place and there is no need for a separate Town Environmental Board or separate Environmental Review Law and reiterated that they are already in place and the three Boards are compelled to comply with those laws so to have a separate Board is inconsistent because it would have no power to direct what the Lead Agency does because the responsibility falls on the Lead Agency and there would be conflicting Boards. He added that while the law can become complex, it generally requires the Lead Agency to take a hard look at actions that have an impact on the environment and to consider all of the possible environmental ramifications and all of the standards are set up under State Law already and are evolving all the time over court decisions and all of the standards apply. He reiterated that there is no need for separate Boards and review laws and if you had a local Board you could develop inconsistencies with State Law, which would supersede on those types of issues and it is not advisable. He concluded by saying that the Board and law may have predated SEQR at the State level and it was an attempt before SEQR even went on the books to get some control over environmental issues but now it is unnecessary and obsolete because they have a body of law and guidance that the Boards need to do what they need to do.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had another letter and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Flach and Members of the Town Board,

The Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Coeymans was prepared with the active participation of numerous residents of the Town, heralding from all of our varied communities, as well as our elected officials. Open space, our rural and small-town character, and communion with the Hudson River were cited as leading positive characteristics which make our community a good place to live.

In recognition of the value of these essential characteristics leading to a high quality of life for all residents, the Town established a mechanism for citizen participation in an Environment Conservation Board, which would provide important community input to the Town Board and related Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Within the past two years, a number of citizens have advocated to the Town Board, the establishment of the Environmental Conservation Board, including member of the business

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community and those with experience in environmental matters. A number of experienced residents volunteered to serve on the Board. It might be worth noting that all our surrounding communities have established active Environmental Boards, which provide important assistance to town planning activities, SEQR reviews, etc.

We respectfully request that the Town Board maintain the statues and code related to the Environmental Conservation Board and providing for Environmental Quality Review, and consider the appointment of community residents will and capable of service. The Board should also consider the important legal and statutory basis for these sections of the Town Code and New York State environmental quality benefits in the maintenance and active engagement of an Environmental Conservation Board.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. I would ask that this letter be read during the open hearing on February 10, 2014.

Sincerely,

Paul Lawler

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 6:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Public Hearing was held Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:20pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Larry Conrad, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Ravena News Herald and posted in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

**NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of Town of Coeymans, on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:20PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue on Proposed Local Law #2 of 2014 as follows:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2014

**A LOCAL LAW, WHICH DEALS WITH THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 14
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF
COEYMANS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS
FOLLOWS:**

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as the “Repeal of the Environmental Conservation Board”.

§ 2 AUTHORIZATION

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

§ 3 INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law (Chapter) to repeal Chapter 14 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans as unnecessary.

§ 4 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) repeals Local Law #1 of 1973, also known as the Environmental Conservation Board as adopted on April 8, 1975, now Chapter 14 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

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§ 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

SUPERVISOR’S OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that there were comments were made at the previous Public Hearing pertaining to this and the previous Public Hearing dealt with the Environmental Quality Review and this deals with the Environmental Conservation Board. He continued by asking if anyone wished to comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that the description of the Environmental Conservation Board is a very interesting one because there are so many ways that a group of citizen volunteers and people from the business community and industry could work together and do a lot of important leg work for the Planning, Zoning and Town Boards, which would be serving in an advisory capacity. She continued by saying that she has been in contact with Lafarge and they would be willing to have someone on such a Board as well as speaking to Mr. Laraway, whom she gave information because they thought while most Environmental Conservation Boards in other towns comprise of citizenry, they thought, especially given the fact that they are trying to attract small businesses to the area and with the Port of Coeymans, which is a major industry in our town, that it would be novel to have a Board of citizens, industry and business. She added that maybe it would give them the opportunity for the type of dialog that would solve some of the problems that they have had because they seem to be butting heads sometimes and sitting down at a table together has worked beautifully with the Watershed Council where they have had CSX, SABIC and Lafarge participating in conversation and it has been great being on the same side of the aisle. She concluded by reading the following:

Dear Members of the Board,

During the summer of 2012 the Coeymans Town Board considered the repeal of the Town’s provision for an Environmental Conservation Board. In response, a group of Coeymans’ citizens requested that before eliminating this provision of Town Code, the Board should consider establishing an Environmental Conservation Board. At the request of the Town Board, we contacted a number of individuals and businesses that were willing to serve on an Environmental Conservation Board. However, nothing further was done.

In light of this recent history, and given that people were willing to serve, would it be reasonable to appoint an Environmental Conservation Board to serve for a limited period of twelve months? At the end of that time, the Planning, Zoning and Town Boards could meet jointly to assess the merits of the Environmental Conservation Board. They could also determine whether or not such a Board should be permanently appointed or eliminated.

Ms. Lawler stated that she understands based on Attorney for the Town Wukitsch’s comments that the other Board is redundant but she thinks that there is some real opportunity there. She added that she will read the other part of the letter when they get to the next Public Hearing and that she respectfully asks that they reconsider and try it out because they have people that are willing to serve, which they want to be industry, business and citizens and not just a group of citizens. She concluded by saying that there would be no harm done.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Lawler and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

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Mr. Larry Conrad stated that he previously stated for the record his area of expertise and why he feels comfortable with speaking. He added that Supervisor John T. Biscone put this law into effect and he also appointed him to the Planning Board originally and since that time he was superseded by Supervisors Irwin, Chmielewski, Whalen, Powell, Caark, Fisk, McHugh, Scalzo, Hotaling, Traver, and Youmans and not one of them saw the need to reconvene that Board. He continued by saying that it was a wide variety of personalities and Boards, Democratic and Republican over the years and Councilmen Boehm and Dolan also asked that it be looked at and neither one of them brought it to the Board or to the public to suggest an appointment to those positions. He concluded by saying that he once again would respectfully ask that the Board do away with the Environmental Conservation Board, which is basically another way to thwart any kind of business from coming to our town in his opinion.

Councilman Dolan stated that since he mentioned his name he will correct him and continued by saying that it is not true that he and Councilman Boehm did not bring it to the Board.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he agrees with Mr. Conrad to the extent of saying a Board, which could be a Town, Planning or Zoning Board, implies that it has decision making authority to approve various actions. He continued by saying that many towns have Advisory Committees that are set up so if there is a need for advice and counsel to different Boards on environmental issues, they would not need a Local Law to do something like that and it could be done by resolution. He added that they could establish a Committee to advise any Board and provide public input and it would not have the connotation of having a Board with the authority of making decisions, yes or no for different types of actions.

Ms. Lawler interjected that in the Environmental Conservation Board description, it is referred to as Committee and it says a number of times that it would be to act in an advisory capacity and reiterated that it would be an incredible amount of leg work and maybe it would behoove them to read through it again and maybe amend it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is somewhat contradictory because it mentions areas where it says it is advisory but it does vest it as being the body that makes the SEQR decisions and that might be the problem with the law. He added that he thinks the more input from people, the better and if people are willing to do the research or offer their opinion in a structured manner, he thinks it would be useful and reiterated that the only part of the law that seems contradictory is the part where it says they are responsible for the SEQR Review.

Ms. Lawler asked if this is something that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch could look at and maybe rewrite so it is acceptable to the Town Board and could be in some way useful and possibly they could wait until he looks at it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he does not see the need for a separate Board and if the Town, Planning or Zoning Boards feel the need for advice, it can always be solicited and if they want to formalize it they can set up some sort of Citizen's Committee. He added that the problem that he has with the law is exactly what Councilman Dolan said in that it is basically inconsistent with State Law because it authorize the Board to act as a Lead Agency in instances where it would not be the Lead Agency, so it is basically illegal the way that it is set up now. He continued by saying that Lead Agencies are the various Town Boards and they don't need a separate Board and if he is a business person looking to come into the Town of Coeymans and is reviewing the Codes and sees an Environmental Board, he would think that this is another Board that he has to go through to get his project approved because he would think there was only a Planning Board, Zoning Board and Town Board.

Ms. Lawler interjected that in talking to other towns, they find exactly that reaction and yet because a Committee has done research and taken inventory, it actually reduces the time that it takes and reiterated that she thinks that it is worth taking a look at and in talking to some other towns that have it and possibly taking the SEQR away and instead of a Board make it a Committee. She concluded by saying that there should be some kind of Environmental Committee.

Councilman Langdon stated that Councilman Dolan had said that he brought it before the Board previously and then asked what nothing was done.

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Councilman Dolan stated that there were only two people on the Board that were in favor of it.

Councilman Burns asked what the actual purpose of it is and what would be an example of how it would benefit the Town.

Councilman Dolan asked if he was talking about a Committee or a Board as it stands.

Councilman Burns stated that it would be the Board as it stands.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is not sure that a Board as it stands is workable based on what the Attorney for the Town said but he thinks a place where it would be useful would be if the Town wanted to apply for a grant, rather than scrambling and trying to get data to figure out how to apply, with many grants there is a section for the environmental assets of the Town, which could be copied and pasted out of the Comprehensive Plan but it is better if they have an active, vibrant document that you can plug into, which may or not be active after 20 years.

Councilman Burns asked whether they have something like that in place and continued by saying that if there was a business that wanted to come in and go in a certain area, EnCon, as the Regulatory Agency would have to approve it no matter what they wanted to do.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have taken the bridge project out of the Town's hands and EnCon is controlling it and he thinks that it would be the scenario in any case like this.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not see what the harm is if people are willing to do some leg work and bundling information for them, which would be advisory and then asked why they would not be willing to accept that.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thinks that part of the harm can be, like Mr. Conrad explained, is where they have already seen that there have been conflicts with the Zoning Board and County where minor scheduling issues were throwing some of the projects 6-8 weeks where they have been in limbo because of conflicts in scheduling. He added that if you are trying to attract business and as a business owner, if you tell him that he has to wait two months until the Boards can come to a consensus, there are too many minds involved in the process and he thinks it muddies it up.

Ms. Lawler interjected that if he checks with the Towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland to find out how much grant money they have received for all sorts of town activities, he would find that most of those grants were written by people on their Environmental Conservation Committee and she is talking tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. She continued by saying that the Town, Planning and Zoning Boards are so busy with the business of running the Town that they don't have the time to write a Small Cities Grant and they have citizens such as Barbara Heinzen, John Bonafide and herself who have some experience in grant writing and would love to do it for the Town and they are not asking to interfere in the business of the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Councilman Langdon stated that she has the freedom he believes to write a grant for the Town and she does not need a Board to do it from his understanding.

Ms. Lawler interjected that they would need a group that is willing to do it.

Councilman Dolan stated that if it is only available to municipalities and you can't just ad hoc and write a grant.

Ms. Lawler stated that it would not be a paid Board and it would be purely volunteers and they would call it a Committee.

Councilman Dolan stated that he also thinks that a value of it would that they can have citizens that are willing to write grants and with people doing things at the Port of Coeymans and Trickey property, if they can do some environmental things in other parts of town, it can help take some of the pressure off what is going on there and it does not have to and should not be adversarial but rather something where they complement each other.

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Supervisor Flach stated that Lafarge has a Citizens Liaison's Panel and they invite him, Council Members and other people in the community to come and discuss things and if there are citizens that want to do that, he thinks it is fine but as far as having a Board, he agrees with repealing the Conservation Board because it is different from a Citizen Liaison Panel. He reiterated that if there are citizens that want to have their own panel and bring things before the Boards, he thinks it is great and reiterated that for the purpose here, there is a difference.

Councilman Dolan stated that he acknowledges that but they are talking about something totally different.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he was making a statement and not talking back to him.

Councilman Dolan stated that Lafarge is a great example because they conduct their business but set aside a certain amount of land and have a very nice nature trail and these things can co-exist with some planning, work and effort.

Ms. Lawler stated that Lafarge would be the first to tell them that they would love to participate in an Environmental Conservation Board in this town.

Supervisor asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 6:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Public Hearing was held Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:40pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Larry Conrad, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Ravena News Herald and posted in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

**NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of Town of Coeymans, on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:40PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY on Proposed Local Law#3 of 2014 as follows:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2014

**A LOCAL LAW INTENDED TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE
TOWN OF COEYMANS PLANNING BOARD**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS
FOLLOWS:**

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall be known as “The Modification of Planning Board Membership Law”

§ 2 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

The Town of Coeymans Town Board is hereby authorized pursuant to Town Law, §271(7) Decreasing Membership, and the Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

§ 3 INTENT

The purpose of this Local Law (Chapter) is to amend §34-5 Continuation; Appointment; Terms; of Town Codes to change the Planning Board membership from 7 to 5 members and their terms to 5 years as follows:

There shall be a continued Planning Board of the Town of Coeymans, appointed by the Town Board. Each member of the current Planning Board was appointed based on the seven members, of which one member expires per year for the next seven consecutive years. There are currently

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two vacant positions on the existing board. The next members term is to expire on December 31, 2014 shall be appointed to fill the remaining vacant term to expire on December 31, 2019 each member thereafter shall be appointed for five year terms consecutively. This is intended to meet the requirements of Town Law §271 for decreasing membership.

§ 4 SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of this Local Law (Chapter) are held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the Chapter shall remain in effect.

§ 5 CONFLICTS OF LAW

Whenever any Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation of the Town of Coeymans, County of Albany, State of New York, or United States of America is inconsistent with this Local Law (Chapter), whichever Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation is more stringent shall supersede the less stringent Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation.

§ 6 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) shall repeal and replace Chapter §34-5 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

§ 7 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that they currently have a seven member Planning Board but at this time they only have five members and added that the Village of Ravena and Town of Bethlehem are two examples of Boards that have five members. He continued by saying that one of the things that they were thinking is that without two other members there is some money left and if a situation comes up where they would need an attorney to attend a Planning or Zoning Meeting for a controversial issue or legal advice, it would help there as well as allowing those on the Board to serve for 5 years instead of 7. He went on by saying that the five members currently on the Planning Board are in favor of making it a five member Board. He then invited the public to comment at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nita Chmielewski stated that she lives in Alcove and is against making the Planning Board a five member Board and added that it has been a seven member Board for many years since its inception when it was a joint Town/Village venture. She continued by reading the following:

The Planning Board had been working very well up until last year when Town Board members put pressure on Planning Board members to circumvent proper procedures concerning TCI. Because of this interference you lost two very good, knowledgeable Planning Board members. That Board under the leadership of Chairman Foronda followed the rules and regulations. At the present time you have two new members on the Planning Board and you also have a new Chairman. I think you have to give these people time to digest the rules and regulations and make sure they do what is legal for the Town of Coeymans. I think the people of the Town of Coeymans should ask the Town Board members, why do you want to stifle the Planning Board, why not let them do their job. I think you should reconsider changing this law, seven minds are

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better than 5. I see that you have on the Town Board Meeting agenda to pass all three of the laws; I would hope that you would take the time to digest what people have said here tonight before passing these three laws.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that Supervisor Flach had said that there would be money left in the budget for attorney fees and added that attorney fees were always put in the budget in the Part-Town account and they were there for legal advice for the Planning Board. She continued by saying that she didn't know if Supervisor Flach put them in the budget for this year or not and reiterated that they were always there.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she was going to read the remainder of the letter that she started at the last Public Hearing, which addresses the Planning Board and read as follows:

During the spring of 2013 the Planning Board lost four of its seven members in rapid succession. This left a three-member Board, and their replacements were put in the position of decision making without the training that the State of New York recommends and provides for Planning Board members. Again, we would ask that a Town Workshop be scheduled to give citizens an opportunity to discuss this change before the Town rules on a reduction from a seven to a five member Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann-Marie Bonafide
John Bonafide
Barbara Heinzen
Cynthia Kunz
Paul Lawler
Sylvia Lawler
Rich Touchette
Dennis Whalen

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to apologize that he had to leave right after the Public Hearing and won't be present for the Town Board Meeting but he would agree that seven minds are better than five and he thinks the better diversity on the Board, the better decisions they will make. He added that obviously there is a majority of the Board to do what that Board wants to do probably anyway, but two more people on the Board will be helpful and he has said at other Public Hearings, regardless of what side he was on, he thinks it is bad public policy to vote on repealing or passing a law on the same night that you hold a Public Hearing. He continued by saying that you can't really take a person's comments under advisement and do any research that you may need to do if you are not going to reflect on what they had to say and he does not think that any three of the laws being repealed are such a pressing nature that that if they wait one more meeting it would hurt or prejudice anyone in any manner.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Public Hearing was adjourned.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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Time – 6:54

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Workshop was held Monday, February 10 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Attorney for the Town Wukitsch

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board, with the exception of Councilman Dolan who was absent.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed, February 17th, Presidents Day
 - Town Board Workshop Cancelled, February 18th
- Presentation
 - National Bank of Coxsackie
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, January 13, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop, January 21, 2014
- Resolutions
 - Adopt Local Law 01-14, Repeal Environmental Quality Review
 - Adopt Local Law 02-14, Repeal Environmental Conservation Board
 - Adopt Local Law 03-14, Modification of Planning Board Members
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Agreement with EmUrgent Care, PLLC
 - Accept Resignation of Telecommunicator
 - Amend Resolution Establishing ZBA Meeting Dates
 - Amend Budget, Highway Fund
 - Amend Budget, Part-Town
 - Budget Transfer, General Fund
 - Create Line Item in 2013 Adopted Budget, Engineer
 - Authorize Employees to Attend Seminar
 - Authorize Supervisor to Sign Lafarge PILOT Agreement
 - Amend January 2014 Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Meeting, February 24, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Zoning Meeting, February 26, 2014
- Executive Session

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed – President’s Day, February 17, 2014

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Supervisor Flach stated that Town Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for President's Day.

Town Board Workshop Cancelled – February 18, 2014

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town Board Workshop scheduled for February 18th has been cancelled due to Town Board attendance at the Association of Town's Annual Meeting.

PRESENTATION

National Bank of Coxsackie

Supervisor Flach stated that representatives from National Bank of Coxsackie were in attendance to give a presentation to the Town Board and then invited them to the microphone.

Mr. Jim Carriero stated that the reason why they were present was that they wanted to discuss their banking services for the community and tell them a little about the bank and their tradition.

Key points of the presentation were:

- National Bank of Coxsackie was first chartered in 1852 and has been a very active member of the community since then.
- They have expanded to a number of new communities and they do particularly well in the public sector and offer the traditional checking accounts with no service charges and for municipalities, they offer free checks with no service charges associated with the accounts.
- They offer cash management, which would help the Town put in a system that prevents fraud as well as providing information online about what is going on in the account on a daily basis.
- Of the banks 280 million dollars, 60 million dollars of their assets are invested in General Obligation Bonds, which means that they are active supporters of government in that they buy the debt of government in a very aggressive manner and of 10 bids that town's put out for projects in their communities, the banks will win 6 out of 10 times.
- Traditionally they have bought the debt of the Town of Coeymans, which has been a good investment because of the Town good credit and has a reputation for paying back.

Mr. Carriero concluded by saying that they are looking to bring some of their other services to the Town as well as wanting them to consider bringing back to the bank some of the depository relationship that has left over the past 5-6 years. He then asked Ms. Mandia to go over some of the services that they can and do provide.

Ms. Jane Mandia stated that they could provide tax collecting and would deposit tax payments right away into an account and provide information to the Tax Collector the same day as far as who paid, how much was paid and how it was paid in addition to providing on-line banking, which provides a two-year history with images of checks, and transfers can be made; all for no fee. She continued by saying that National Bank will offer the Town's employees free checking and savings accounts, on-line banking and direct deposit as well as if you obligate your mortgage through a checking or savings account with them they give a privilege to have 40% less on your mortgage as well as car loans and bill payments on-line.

Mr. Carriero stated that with on-line banking there have been a lot of problems with stolen information and added that NBC is very security oriented with double security on deposits with FDIC covering up to \$250,000.00 as well as collateral, mandated by law to cover the deposits as well and in addition there is a security number that changes every seven seconds, which means that the number is only good for one time and good for seven seconds. He continued by saying that if you want to do a wire, you will initiate it but the bank will actually execute it, which is the old fashioned way keeping the liability on the bank. He added that in terms of tax collecting, it is really an assistant to the Tax Collector with the bank having hours on evenings and Saturday, which extends the period of time that people are able to pay their taxes and meets the

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Comptroller's requirement that the money is deposited immediately. He went on by saying that their rates on Money Market Accounts are above market right now compared to their competition and are very consistent with it, aggressive on the borrowing side and very good on the deposit side.

Councilman Langdon asked if with on-line banking, it would be possible to be able to upload and export into bookkeeping software that the Town has or if security would not make that possible.

Mr. Carriero stated that he thinks yes but it is a technical question that the person in cash management would have to answer but he is pretty confident that the answer is yes.

Councilman Langdon stated that he knows that a lot is being done manually and to modernize some of it would be wise.

Mr. Carriero stated that it is a great point that he made and they have visited several towns within the last two weeks where they are evaluating new systems and they brought in their systems people to consult with the towns and explained what they are using comparative to what the towns are considering and gave their input, which they don't bill for and they don't tell them who to buy it from but they tell them what hardware and software they would need.

Councilman Masti asked about what happens with bad checks.

Mr. Carriero stated that normally with a business client, when a bad check is deposited, you have to take the money back from the business client and charge a fee for handling but they reverse the service charge, they still bounce the check and send it back.

Supervisor Flach stated that a personal experience with the bank was that his wife had her identity stolen and because the bank knew who he was; the person who called used a telecommunication line for the deaf and knew that his wife was not deaf, questioned it and caught it so nothing happened.

Councilman Burns stated that personally for the past 30 years they have taken very good care of him and have called to tell him how to do something better and they have gone over and above what they had to do.

Mr. Carriero stated that Mr. Warren takes a personal interest in the communities that he serves and when he suggested putting in the proposal the organizations that they contribute money to, Mr. Warren protested and said that he did not think that they should be bragging. He concluded by saying that they are a simple community bank and there is nothing flashy about it and they are committed and stands by their community.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Carriero and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Regina Palmer stated that she lives at 72 Main Street in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that after Assemblyman Lopez came to visit he graciously met a group of people at her house and they went down Main Street, Rte. 144 in the Hamlet, which is not in very good condition and there is a lot of truck traffic and she sent to Supervisor Flach an e-mail stating what went on at the meeting in her home. She continued by saying that she has only lived in the Hamlet a couple of years but it sounds like the truck traffic has been an on-going complaint and personally she thinks that it is necessary to do business but it would be nice for the truckers and the community if there was a dedicated truck route. She asked that they Board discuss and look at ways that they might get a dedicated truck route somewhere between Route 144 and Route 9W, which would be beneficial both industrially. She went on by saying that the Town maintains a nice website and keeps it up with some nice data and she came across the Economic Development Strategy of 2007, which contains some really good information and even though

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they received money from a grant, nothing was ever put into place and a committee was never established to move forward with the ideas that were in the proposal. She continued by saying that she would like to see that brought back to the table and maybe they could appoint a Chairperson who could find people in the community from the Hamlet, Village and Coeymans Hollow to look at ways that they can build the economy locally and bring the agricultural sector into the community more and how they can build infrastructure into the industrial area to promote businesses wanting to come into the area. She concluded by saying that she would like to see if they could get a proposal of the floor to get a committee together and move forward in that direction.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Palmer and added that he spoke with Assemblyman Lopez who in turn stated that he was going to talk to the Department of Transportation regarding the condition of the road.

Councilman Burns stated that everything has been in place for so long and it will take some time to change those things but he does believe it can be changed and when he bought his house he knew what he was getting into with trucks going by his house.

Ms. Palmer stated that she does not think that it is something that needs to happen overnight and she does not expect it but if it is something that they could move forward towards doing because if they had a truck route through there where they could build infrastructure, it would be nice to develop here.

Councilman Burns stated that he totally agrees.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks that there definitely should be some talks between the Port and Lafarge about that because they do have a lot of property from 9W to the river.

Councilman Burns interjected that it would benefit them as much as anyone else.

Ms. Palmer stated that they are looking to the Town to give them tax breaks, which is actually asking the taxpayer to take on more of a burden and in turn they should help the community.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Palmer and then asked if there were any other public comments.

Ms. Nita Chmielewski stated that she lives in Alcove and continued by saying that it was brought to her attention that the Public Hearings were not being televised and because of that she wanted to repeat her comments from the Public Hearings so people are aware of what is going on with the Planning Board and continued by reading the following:

I am against making the Planning Board a five member Board; this Board has had seven members for many years since its inception when it was a joint venture between the Village and the Town. The Planning Board had been working very well up until last year when Town Board members put pressure on Planning Board members to circumvent proper procedures concerning TCI. Because of this interference you lost two very good, knowledgeable Planning Board members. That Board under the leadership of Chairman Foronda followed the rules and regulations. At the present time you have two new members on the Planning Board and you also have a new Chairman. I think you have to give these people time to digest the rules and regulations and make sure they do what is legal for the Town of Coeymans. I think the people of the Town of Coeymans should ask the Town Board members, why do you want to stifle the Planning Board, why not let them do their job. I think you should reconsider changing this law, seven minds are better than 5.

Ms. Chmielewski reiterated what she had said at the Public Hearing and asked that they not pass the laws tonight so that they can digest everything that was said from the people that spoke at the microphone.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Chmielewski and then asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Bill Better stated that he is an attorney from Kinderhook and is the attorney for TCI and is there with Brian Hemlock who is the Manager of TCI and added that they received Site Plan approval for their new production facility in September 2013, have broken ground and they are

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working to move forward with the completion of their project. He continued by saying that he wanted to let them know and that they are happy to be part of the community and as many of them might be aware, TCI made a significant financial contribution to the Ravena Library enabling them to purchase much needed furniture. He reiterated that they are happy to be here and look forward to being a member of the community and they have added new employees to their temporary location and are happy with the way that things are progressing. He concluded by saying that they were happy to participate in the very thorough review that the Planning Board gave their project and they were happy to pay for the engineering services of an outside consultant for the Town, which he thinks was unprecedented and when it is warmer they will have a ground breaking, which he is happy to invite them.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Better and then asked if anyone else wished to speak, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for approval, a Town Board Meeting on January 13th and a Town Board Workshop on January 21st and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #046-14 ADOPT LOCAL LAW #01-14 REPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW LAW

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law “Repeal Environmental Quality Review Law” of 2014 has been introduced by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town; and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly held on February 10, 2014 at 6:00pm at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to adopt said Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts Local Law “Repeal Environmental Quality Review Law” of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Coeymans and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that there had to be a Roll-Call Vote.

Town Clerk Millious continued with the Roll-Call Vote as follows:

Stephen D. Flach – AYE, Peter E. Masti – AYE, George E. Langdon, IV – AYE, Kenneth A. Burns – AYE, ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

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VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

LOCAL LAW #01 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW, WHICH DEALS WITH THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 88 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall be known as the “Repeal of the Environmental Quality Review Law”.

§ 2 AUTHORIZATION

This Local Law (Chapter) is adopted pursuant to the provisions of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

§ 3 INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law (Chapter) to repeal Chapter 88 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans as unnecessary and superseded by state law.

§ 4 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) repeals Local Law #3 of 1977, also known as the Environmental Quality Review as adopted on September 13, 1977, now Chapter 88 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

§ 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

RES. #047-14 ADOPT LOCAL LAW #02-14 REPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law “Repeal Environmental Conservation Board” of 2014 has been introduced by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town; and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly held on February 10, 2014 at 6:20pm at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to adopt said Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts Local Law “Repeal Environmental Conservation Board” of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Coeymans and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Town Clerk Millious continued with a Roll-Call Vote as follows:

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Stephen D. Flach – AYE, Peter E. Masti – AYE, George E. Langdon, IV – AYE, Kenneth A. Burns – AYE, ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

LOCAL LAW #02 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW, WHICH DEALS WITH THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as the “Repeal of the Environmental Conservation Board”.

§ 2 AUTHORIZATION

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

§ 3 INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law (Chapter) to repeal Chapter 14 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans as unnecessary.

§ 4 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) repeals Local Law #1 of 1973, also known as the Environmental Conservation Board as adopted on April 8, 1975, now Chapter 14 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

§ 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

RES. #048-14 ADOPT LOCAL LAW #03-14 MODIFICATION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law “Modification of Planning Board Membership” of 2014 has been introduced by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly held on February 10, 2014 at 6:24pm at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to adopt said Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts Local Law “Modification of Planning Board Membership” of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Coeymans and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke with the current Planning Board of 5 members and they are unanimously in favor of the law.

Town Clerk Millious continued with the Roll-Call Vote as follows:

Stephen D. Flach – AYE, Peter E. Masti – AYE, George E. Langdon, IV – AYE, Kenneth A. Burns – AYE, ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW INTENDED TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS PLANNING BOARD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1 TITLE

This Local Law (Chapter) shall be known as “The Modification of Planning Board Membership Law”

§ 2 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

The Town of Coeymans Town Board is hereby authorized pursuant to Town Law, §271(7) Decreasing Membership, and the Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

§ 3 INTENT

The purpose of this Local Law (Chapter) is to amend §34-5 Continuation; Appointment; Terms; of Town Codes to change the Planning Board membership from 7 to 5 members and their terms to 5 years as follows:

There shall be a continued Planning Board of the Town of Coeymans, appointed by the Town Board. Each member of the current Planning Board was appointed based on the seven members, of which one member expires per year for the next seven consecutive years. There are currently two vacant positions on the existing board. The next members term is to expire on December 31, 2014 shall be appointed to fill the remaining vacant term to expire on December 31, 2019 each member thereafter shall be appointed for five year terms consecutively. This is intended to meet the requirements of Town Law §271 for decreasing membership.

§ 4 SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of this Local Law (Chapter) are held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the Chapter shall remain in effect.

§ 5 CONFLICTS OF LAW

Whenever any Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation of the Town of Coeymans, County of Albany, State of New York, or United States of America is inconsistent with this Local Law (Chapter), whichever Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation is more stringent shall supersede the less stringent Local Law (Chapter), Ordinance or Regulation.

§ 6 REPEALER

This Local Law (Chapter) shall repeal and replace Chapter 136 of the Codes of the Town of Coeymans.

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§ 7 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon the proper filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

RES. #049-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH EMURGENT CARE, PLLC

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has determined that EmUrgent Care, PLLC, located in Cossackie, New York, is a well suited site for the Town employee's new hire and random drug screening tests; and

WHEREAS, EmUrgent Care has presented an agreement to the Town of Coeymans for said Occupational Medicine Services for a period beginning January 1, 2014 and continuing on a year by year basis, until such notice of change is given by the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, EmUrgent Care will mail to the Town each December a new Occupational Medicine Services Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute the Letter of Agreement with EmUrgent Care, PLLC.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town is currently using Concentra for this service, their price is a bit more than EmUrgent Care and it was taking employees several hours to have it done and they had to travel twice as far to have it done.

Councilman Langdon interjected that from being in the trucking industry he knows that Concentra was taken over by another company and the service is falling apart.

RES. #050-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, Kelsey Turek has submitted her letter of resignation as Part-Time Telecommunicator in the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Kelsey Turek as Part-Time Telecommunicator is accepted effective January 22, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Ms. Turek the best in her future endeavors.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank her for her hard work as a Telecommunicator and he believes that she got a full-time job.

RES. #051-14 AMEND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ZBA MEETING DATES

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans established meeting dates for the Zoning Board of Appeals at its Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2104; and

WHEREAS, the resolution is to be amended as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby set the following dates for the Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings for 2014. Please note that the Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings start at 7:00pm.

February	26	August	27
March	26	September	24
April	23	October	22
May	28	November	25*

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June	25	December	23*
July	23		

*Moved to Tuesday due to holiday.

RES. #052-14 AMEND BUDGET – HIGHWAY FUND

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Highway Fund has overspent in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of correcting the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective amounts:

Amount	From Account	To Account
\$2,770.90	DB5110.4 – General Repairs	DB1640.4 – Central Garage
\$ 270.00	DB5110.4 – General Repairs	DB4189.4 – Mandatory Testing
\$ 993.38	DB5110.4 – General Repairs	DB5142.1 – Snow Removal, Pers.
\$9,573.07	DB9050.8 – Unemployment Ins.	DB5142.1 – Snow Removal
\$ 89.00	DB5110.4 – General Repairs	DB6410.4 – Publicity
\$2,563.55	DB9060.8 – Health Insurance	DB9030.8 – Social Security
\$4,326.47	DB9050.8 – Unemployment Ins.	DB9040.8 – Workers Compensation

RES. #053-14 AMEND BUDGET – PART-TOWN

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Part-Town Fund has overspent in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of correcting the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts.

Amount	From Account	To Account
\$5,000.00	B1990.4 – Contingency	B1680.1 – Shared Services, Pers.
\$ 631.40	B3620.4 – Safety Inspector, Cont.	B1680.1 – Shared Services, Pers.
\$ 499.84	B3620.4 – Safety Inspector, Cont.	B1680.4 – Shared Services, Pers.
\$ 198.00	B3620.4 – Safety Inspector, Cont.	B3620.2 – Safety Inspector, Equip.
\$ 128.84	B3620.1 – Safety Inspector, Pers.	B9030.8 – Social Security

RES. #054-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER – GENERAL FUND

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans General Fund has overspent in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts.

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Amount	From Account	To Account
\$.16	A1990.4 – Contingency	A1010.1 – Town Council, Pers.
\$ 234.45	A1110.4 – Justice Contractual	A1110.1 – Justice Pers.
\$ 55.96	A1990.4 – Contingency	A1010.4 – Town Council, Cont.
\$ 1,173.23	A1990.4 – Contingency	A1220.1 – Supervisor, Pers.
\$ 280.00	A1990.4 – Contingency	A1220.2 – Supervisor, Cont.
\$ 227.60	A1310.4 – Finance, Cont.	A1310.1 – Finance, Pers.
\$14,762.40	A1430.1 – Human Resource, Pers.	A1310.1 – Finance, Pers.
\$ 28.58	A1410.1 – Town Clerk, Pers.	A1410.2 – Town Clerk, Equip.
\$14,159.10	A1990.4 – Contingency	A1420.4 – Attorney, Cont.
\$ 445.50	A1410.4 – Town Clerk, Cont.	A1460.4 – Records Management
\$ 5,445.42	A1620.4 – Town Hall, Cont.	A1650.2 – Central Comm., Equip.
\$ 896.26	A1620.4 – Town Hall, Cont.	A1650.4 – Central Comm., Cont.
\$11,226.95	A1450.4 – Elections, Cont.	A1650.4 – Central Comm., Cont.
\$ 2,412.20	A1355.1 – Assessor, Pers.	A1650.4 – Central Comm., Cont.
\$ 2,970.49	A1640.4 – Central Garage, Cont.	A1660.4 – Central Storeroom, Cont.
\$ 2,001.58	A3020.4 – Communications, Cont.	A3020.1 – Communications, Pers.
\$10,989.67	A1990.4 – Contingency	A3020.1 – Communications, Pers.
\$ 2,323.04	A8090.4 – Leachate Facility, Cont.	A3020.1 – Communications, Pers.
\$ 757.15	A3010.4 – Public Safety, Admin.	A3020.2 – Communications, Equip.
\$ 500.00	A3315.2 – TSD, Equipment	A3120.1 – Law Enforcement, Chief
\$ 420.51	A3311.2 – STEP, Equipment	A3120.1 – Law Enforcement, Chief
\$ 6,000.00	A3312.2 – STEP, Equipment	A3120.4 – Law Enforcement, Cont.
\$ 2,002.48	A3310.1 – BUNY, Pers.	A3120.4 – Law Enforcement, Cont.
\$ 1,887.89	A3311.1 – STEP, Pers.	A3197.4 – Police Forfeiture, Cont.
\$ 257.70	A3510.4 – Dog Control, Cont.	A3510.1 – Dog Control, Pers.
\$ 900.00	A5010.4 – Highway Admin., Cont.	A5010.1 – Highway Admin., Pers.
\$ 685.80	A1355.2 – Assessor, Equip.	A5010.1 – Highway Admin., Pers.
\$ 4,232.32	A1430.4 – Humans Res., Cont.	A5132.4 – Highway Garage, Cont.
\$ 269.22	A9050.8 – Unemployment Ins.	A5132.4 – Highway Garage, Cont.
\$ 142.92	A1430.2 – Human Res., Equip.	A5132.4 – Highway Garage, Cont.
\$ 188.64	A8810.4 – Cemeteries, Cont.	A6410.4 – Publicity, Cont.
\$ 65.51	A7310.1 – Youth Services, Cont.	A7310.4 – Youth Services, Pers.
\$ 2,834.77	A9040.8 – Workers Comp.	A8510.4 – Community Beaut.
\$ 2,894.34	A9055.8 – Disability Ins.	A8510.4 – Community Beaut.
\$ 87.10	A9089.8 – Employee Benefits	A9045.8 – Life Insurance
\$ 812.90	A9089.8 – Employee Benefits	A9060.8 – Health Insurance
\$ 3,730.78	A9050.8 – Unemployment Ins.	A9060.8 – Health Insurance
\$ 219.78	A9055.8 – Disability Ins.	A9070.8 – Dental Insurance
\$ 175.92	A8810.4 – Cemeteries, Cont.	A9070.8 – Dental Insurance

Councilman Masti stated that he didn't recall doing all of the transfers last year.

Supervisor Flach stated that one of the main reasons that they do it is because there is money not spent in funds that they transfer to funds that have overspent.

RES. #055-14 AUTHORIZE CREATION OF LINE ITEM IN 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET – ENGINEER

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of establishing a line item for Engineer Costs in the 2013 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is required to create a budget for such line item;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby create the line item B1440.4 Engineer, Contractual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2013 Adopted Budget is amended as follows:

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Decrease Line Item	B1420.4 Legal Services	\$5,000.00
Increase Line Item	B1440.4 Engineer	\$5,000.00

Supervisor Flach stated that they didn't have an engineer line for the B-Fund and they had to add it because they have some engineer costs.

RES. #056-14 AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND SEMINAR

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the 2014 Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference, a Training Seminar sponsored by New York State Building Official Conference will be held April 23-25, 2014 in Poughkeepsie, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspectors of the Town of Coeymans have requested to attend said Seminar, which will provide the mandatory continuing education credits required for in-service training for Code Officials; and

WHEREAS, a pre-registration fee of \$300.00 per person for classes is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Larry H. Conrad and Sante DeBacco, Building Inspectors, may attend the 2014 Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference to be held on April 23-25, 2014 in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorize pre-payment for the registration as well as reimbursement for travel to and from the conference center for use of personal vehicles upon submission of a voucher.

RES. #057-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LAFARGE PILOT AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, Lafarge Building Materials Inc. (the "Company") has presented an application (the "Application") to Albany County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), a copy of which was presented at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of real estate located at 1916 Route 9W in the Town Coeymans, Albany County, New York primarily identified as tax parcel 156.-2-1.11(the "Land"), together with an approximately 190,000 square foot cement manufacturing plant, with an annual capacity of 1.67 million tons, and the existing improvements located thereon (collectively, the "Existing Facility"), (2) the reconstruction of the Existing Facility, (3) the construction of new improvements on the Land consisting of the replacement of two existing long wet kilns with a dry process cement-making kiln, including a preheater/precalciner tower/stack structure, a single, inclined cylindrical rotating kiln and clinker cooler operation with an annual capacity of 1.9 million tons, (collectively, the "New Facility") (the Existing Facility and the New Facility hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (4) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery and equipment, including substantial pollution control equipment required to meet U.S. EPA and New York DEC regulations (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company as a cement manufacturing plant and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the undertaking of the Project, the Company will execute and deliver a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility; and

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WHEREAS, the Agency desires that Albany County, the Town of Coeymans (the “Town”) and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District, as the affected tax jurisdictions with respect to the Project Facility, adopt resolutions approving the terms of the PILOT Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans as follows:

Section 1. The Town Board of the Town hereby (A) approves the terms and conditions of the PILOT Agreement, including but not limited, to the payment terms, and (B) waives the receipt of any notice from the Agency provided for under the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy with respect to any deviation by the Agency from its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy with respect to the PILOT Agreement. The payment terms to be contained in the PILOT Agreement are substantially described in Schedule A attached hereto.

Section 2. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the PILOT Agreement, said PILOT Agreement to contain the payment terms substantially in the form thereof presented at this meeting with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Town Supervisor shall approve, the execution thereof by the Town Supervisor to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 3. The officers, employees and agents of the Town are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Town to do all acts and things required or provided for by the applicable provisions of this Resolution in order to ensure compliance with such provisions as they relate to the execution and delivery of the PILOT Agreement, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Langdon inquired as to if they made sure that the parent company is signing on to this obligation.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is not signing it immediately and there is time to go over everything as well as there is going to be a Public Hearing on February 13th at 7:00pm.

RES. #058-14 AMEND JANUARY 2014 ABSTRACT
On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby Amend the January 2014 Abstract as follows **and indicated in red**.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1-86,145	\$289,966.90
General	146-213,307-308	\$130,916.11
	General Total	\$420,883.01
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	87-88	\$ 750.36
Police Forfeiture	214-215	\$ 257.40
	Police Forfeit. Total	\$ 1,007.76
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	89-99	\$ 16,421.96
Part-Town	216-221	\$ 5,690.70

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	Part Town Total	\$ 22,112.66
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	100-111	\$ 74,249.93
Highway	222-273	\$ 33,373.90
	Highway Total	\$107,623.83
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	112-133	\$ 38,868.08
Sewer	274-300	\$ 15,434.89
	Sewer Total	\$ 54,302.97
SEWER DEDICATED (SS)		
Sewer Dedicated Pre-Pay	134	\$ 10,145.39
	Special Water Total	\$ 10,145.39
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Capital Projects H35 Pre-Pay	135	\$350,000.00
	Capital Proj.Total	\$350,000.00
CAPITAL PROJ. (H38)		
Capital Projects H38 Pre-Pay	136	\$ 12,713.36
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 12,713.36
CAPITAL PROJ. (H39)		
Capital Projects	301-306	\$ 80,439.16
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 80,439.16
	Total For All Funds	\$1,059,228.14
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	137-144	\$360,793.33
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$360,793.33

Town Clerk Millious stated that a correction had to be made because of a typo and when the numbers change they have to amend the abstract.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting – February 24, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting – February 26, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for a personnel matter.

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ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

Time – 8:02pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor’s Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting to discuss a personnel matter. The entire Town Board with the exception of Councilman Dolan was present in addition to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions were made.

Time – 9:00pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

Time – 9:01pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk

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A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, February 24, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent Searles
Attorney for the Town Wukitsch
WWTP Chief Operator, Kerr
Chief of Police, Darlington

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Presentations
 - Present Fire Department Real Property Tax Checks
- Public Announcement
 - Assessor's Office Closed
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, January 27, 2014
- Supervisor's Report
- Department Report Review
 - Building Department, January 2014
 - Sewer Department, January 2014
 - Town Clerk, January 2014
- New Business
 - Town Vehicle Use Policy
- Resolutions
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Police Officer
 - Accept Resignation of Town Justice
 - Appoint Full-Time Auto Mechanic
 - Amend 2013 Adopted Budget, H38 Capital Project
 - Close Capital Project H31
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Contract for Cleaning Services
 - Close Capital Project H37
 - Close Capital Project H38
 - Close Capital Project H36
 - Close Capital Project H35
 - Amend 2013 Adopted Budget, Sewer Billings
 - Amend 2013 Adopted Budget, Sewer Fund
 - Amend 2013 Adopted Budget, Sewer Fund Overspending
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Stop DWI Contract with Albany County
 - Approval of Abstract

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- Correspondence
 - Village of Ravena 100th Anniversary
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, March 3, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, March 10, 2014, 7:00pm
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- Executive Session
 - Personnel Matter

PRESENTATION

Present Fire Department Real Property Tax Checks

Supervisor Flach stated that he had the annual tax checks to present to the Coeymans Fire Department and Coeymans Hollow Fire Department and invited members to come forward for the presentation and added that he thanks them for their service to the community.

Supervisor Flach presented the Coeymans Fire Department check to Mr. John Frangella and noted that no one was present from Coeymans Hollow Fire Department because they were holding their own meeting.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assessor's Office Closed

Supervisor Flach stated that the Assessor's Office will be closed on March 12, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Regina Palmer asked if the meeting with Lafarge that was supposed to happen actually happened because there was a big snow storm, and if so, were there any notes from the meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that it did and it was actually the IDA's (Industrial Development Agency) Meeting, which was held in Town Hall and added that he believes that he could get the minutes for her because there was a stenographer present.

Ms. Palmer thanked Supervisor Flach.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Richard Devries stated that he had a prepared statement and continued by reading the following:

My name is Richard Devries I live on Stanton Road in Coeymans Hollow. I'm here tonight to request a specific enforceable policy relevant to the discharge of firearms in the shale pit on Mud Hill Road, which is on Town property. I would request that this policy be in the form of a Town Ordinance if possible. This has been a very long-standing problem, I have lived on Stanton Road for over 20 years and it has progressively, yearly, gotten worse. I am not talking about an occasional gun shot or the sighting-in of a hunting rifle, but for hours on end the frequent discharge of dozens to hundreds of rounds of small arm and large caliber ammunition. There are frequent times when it sounds like there is an active fire fight going on. Over the past several years I have sought to remedy the situation by requesting local police to intercede, two years ago I spoke directly to Chief of Police Darlington about the matter and he assured me that it was not

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policy to allow the use of the shale pit for public firearm discharge. At that time he advised me to call the Police Department when I noted an on-going problem. My multiple calls over the subsequent two years have been met with varied responses, on one occasion a police car was dispatched and the shooting ceased, on several subsequent calls I was told by responding officers that there was not an official, specific prohibition against shooting in the shale pit and consequently those involved could not be forced to desist. There are three specific issues that have provoked my request: 1. As a Town resident I cannot believe that the Town would willingly assume the liability involved in allowing public shooting at that location. I cannot believe that the Town Council would knowingly condone this. 2. It has become a massive disturbance of the peace and quiet of the local community having the Battle of Paluja relived several times weekly. 3. The total environmental disregard by the shooters characterized by mountains of discarded brass and shotgun shells on the premises. As a long-time hunter and a previous competitive pistol shooter, I understand and appreciate the need to have a legal and safe place to fire my weapons. To that end I would suggest that there already exists within the Town a Gun Club where hand gun and long gun shooting can be legally and safely done. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Devries and then asked Chief Darlington if that is what they do when someone complains.

Chief Darlington stated that as far as his Department is concerned, there is no policy and if it is the Town's property and not desirous of it, obviously they should be advised to cease and if that is the Board's wishes he will put out a memorandum advising all officer's that it is to be enforced and continued by suggesting that they put up No Trespassing signs.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has been up there and it is actually pretty steady and he does not know the legalities but if there is a liability concern they need to address it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that if it is Town property, they can limit the use of firearms on it.

Mr. Devries interjected that he had it looked into and it is definitely Town property.

Supervisor Flach asked if there is liability.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that if someone discharges a weapon and is injured or something happens, there is a liability because if the Town is the property owner, they are responsible for safe use of the property. He added that if it is going to be used for discharge of firearms, they have to insure that it is done safely and he does not think that they would want to take on that responsibility.

Councilman Langdon stated that when he spoke with the group of guys shooting the day he was there, they were actually not even Town residents but had lived in the Town in the past and they knew of it and they come down to shoot on a regular basis so it is not local taxpayers that are doing it.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not know if in fact it is Town property.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he would have to look at a map to see what they are talking about.

Mr. Devries reiterated that it is Town property; he came down to the Clerk's Office and was advised that it is definitely Town property.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will double check it and then discuss whether they want to do an Ordinance and put up No Trespassing signs.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that they don't need an Ordinance and they can simply pass a motion or resolution stating that they are going to ban the use of firearms on that property and added that if you live in the country you are going to hear guns going off.

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Mr. Devries stated that the issue is not the occasional gun shot.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he lives in the country and it is more than occasional gun shot and in the fall it is non-stop during hunting season. He added that they can deal with the issue that he raised to the extent that it is Town property and it is a reasonable request and reiterated that the idea of living in the country and not hearing gun shots is not going to happen.

Chief Darlington stated that if Mr. Devries has an issue where it is not enforced, he should let him know and he will speak with the officers to make sure that they are aware of what the expectation is.

Mr. Devries stated that the last time that he and Mr. Richard Miller came to the Police Department; they were told that it is not enforceable because there is not a specific regulation banning it and that people could just refuse to leave because it is public property.

Chief Darlington stated that they can't refuse to leave and the issue that he came up with is whether or not it is prohibited.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that if the Town owns it, the Town can place reasonable restrictions on the use of the property.

Chief Darlington stated that for years it has been used for that and it has not been an issue for anyone in the past and the Police Department used to use it at one point for a firing range but now they have another location that is more secluded. He continued by saying that if the Board is desirous to say that they don't want it going on there, that is what they will do and it won't necessarily have to be a policy, it just has to be something that the Board has to say. He added that hunting used to be allowed in Joralemon Park and when Frisbee Golf came to the park and the players complained when they encountered hunters, they made it so no hunting is allowed and if he is directed to disallow firearms, they will put up the necessary signage and reiterated that if he does not get the appropriate responses from his officers, he should let him know.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there was one set of Town Board Minutes that needed approval a Town Board Meeting on January 27, 2014 and then asked for a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

January 2014

FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$299,458.35	\$1,907,903.82	\$685,355.95	\$1,522,006.22
Part-Town	\$ 12,376.41	\$ 433,922.57	\$193,380.02	\$ 252,918.96
Highway	\$ 86,219.49	\$ 156,923.22	\$148,876.66	\$ 94,266.05
Bridge Construction	\$ 28,997.70	\$ 10.22	-0-	\$ 29,007.92

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Sewer	\$ 44,039.30	\$ 65,517.83	\$ 73,930.23	\$ 35,626.90
Special Water	\$ 12,060.75	\$.51	\$254,206.12	\$ 12,061.26
Police Forfeiture	\$ 7,440.33	\$ 4,141.35	\$ 1,334.21	\$ 10,247.47
Trust & Agency	\$ 17,127.44	\$ 254,206.12	\$256,145.30	\$ 15,188.26
Capital Projects	\$180,322.18	\$ 324,519.11	\$430,439.16	\$ 74,402.13
Section 8 HUD 76 Units	\$ 17,788.79	\$ 44,373.66	\$ 45,249.52	\$ 16,912.93
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,062,638.10

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>		<u>COLLATERAL COVERAGE</u>	<u>FDIC</u>	<u>COLLATERALIZED</u>
Unemployment	\$ 703.16	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$2,631,526.95
Grove Cemetery	\$40,929.41	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 964,379.66
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$13,426.57			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$.24			
Total	\$55,059.38			

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORT REVIEWS

Building Department – January 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Dolan continued by reading the report.

Sewer Department – January 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Operator Kerr give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Mr. Kerr continued by giving the report.

Town Clerk – January 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the reports

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Monthly Reports were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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NEW BUSINESS

Town Vehicle Use Policy

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to table the Town Vehicle Use Policy and then offered a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the New Business topic Town Vehicle Use Policy was tabled.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan interjected that he would refer to read it before they discuss it.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #59-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, David Card has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Police Officer for the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of David Card as Part-Time Police Officer be accepted effective February 11, 2014.

To: Chief Darlington

From: David Carr

Subject: Resignation

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me with the Town of Coeymans Police Department. It was a good learning experience to work with the Coeymans Police Department for the time that I have. However, at this time I feel it is best for me to part ways and resign from my position as a Police Officer for the Town of Coeymans. I have come to this conclusion through much thought and consideration of my own interests as well as the interests of your department. Through the few months I've been here, my availability has been very thin and I do not anticipate that changing in the future. I feel that for this reason it is best to part ways with the department. Again, I appreciate the opportunity you have given me.

David Card

RES. #60-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TOWN JUSTICE

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Philip A. Crandall has submitted his letter of resignation as Town Justice to the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans regretfully accepts this resignation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Philip A. Crandall as Town Justice be accepted effective February 28, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wished Philip A. Crandall the best in his endeavors.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to read the letter of resignation into the record.

Town Supervisor's Office
18 Russell Avenue
Ravena, NY 12143

RE: Resignation

Town Supervisor Flach and Town Board Members

This is my notification that I am resigning as Town Justice as of February 28, 2014. I am stepping down for personal reasons. It has been my privilege to serve the people of the Town of Coeymans. I appreciate the opportunities I have been given here and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Philip Crandall

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank him for his service to the Town and added that any elected position is not always an easy one to fulfill and Mr. Crandall had some personal issues that he was dealing with and felt as though he needed to resign. He continued by saying that he spoke with him on the phone and thanked him for his service to the Town and added that he's sorry to see him go.

Councilman Dolan stated that he also wanted to wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Supervisor Flach stated that he also thanks David Card for his time as a part-time Police Officer to the Town and asked that Chief Darlington convey that to him.

RES. #61-14 APPOINT FULL-TIME AUTO MECHANIC HIGHWAY

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways is desirous of filling the full-time Automotive Mechanic position at the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has advertised and interviewed a number of applicants for the position and found a candidate who meets the minimum qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has confirmed the candidate meets minimum qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the position is pending the Albany County Department of Civil Service review and approval of the candidate's qualifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the appointment of Jason Rauf to the position of full-time Automotive Mechanic at the rate in effect in the current Bargaining Agreement (\$18.33 per hour) and contingent upon a successful drug screening report, effective March 10, 2014.

Councilman Dolan stated that his recollection of the discussion was that Chief Darlington was going to have some input on this because some police cars were going to be involved.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that eventually they are going to get him into doing police cars but not right away.

Councilman Dolan asked if his recollection was faulty that the Chief was going to have some input.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that Chief Darlington did ask to have some input.

Councilman Dolan asked if he had any input.

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Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he didn't.

Councilman Dolan asked if there was a reason for that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there is no reason.

Supervisor Flach asked if Chief Darlington had anything to add.

Chief Darlington stated that he realized it when he saw the resolution was on the agenda and his last conversation with Highway Superintendent Searles was just after the posting for the 10 days when they did not have anyone in-house interested. He continued by saying that he does not know this person and before he starts working on the police cars he would like to have some information into his background.

Supervisor Flach asked Highway Superintendent Searles to give Chief Darlington his information.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that due to the storms and going away for the Association of Towns Annual Meeting, Chief Darlington was not involved.

Councilman Dolan stated that in looking at his resume it does look like he is qualified but he would rather that it be someone in Town.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that right now he is an Albany County DPW mechanic.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is not faulting him for that and was only stating that he would like someone in Town and reiterated that it looks like he is qualified.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that of all the applicants, he was the most qualified.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks before it gets approval, under certain circumstances they should try to meet those conditions because it was pitched to them that he was going to work on police vehicles.

RES. #62-14 AMEND 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET – H38 CAPITAL PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need of amending the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has paid off a BAN for Capital Projects H38 using funds from the Part-Town Fund. These funds were paid to the National Bank of Coxsackie in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans did not budget for such expense in the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans amends the 2013 Adopted Budget as follows:

Increase B599 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$135,800.00
Increase B9730.6 BAN – Principal H38	\$134,000.00
Increase B9730.7 BAN – Interest H38	\$ 1,800.00

Supervisor Flach stated that this was a Storm Water Capital Project and there was no money to pay off the BAN after the budget was put out so they had to do an amendment to the budget.

RES. #63-14 CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT H31

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans, pursuant to Highway Law Section 10(27) entered into a Betterment Agreement on January 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans created H31 Capital Project on January 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Capital Project was to create a Water and Sewer District for Martin's Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans made application to NYS to create such Water District in an effort to recoup money expended on such project in the form of Water Rents. Said application was denied by NYS; and

WHEREAS, the H31 Capital Project has been completed and the Town of Coeymans does not expect any further receivables; and

WHEREAS, the H31 Capital Project has a deficit in the amount of \$45,284.50 with no further receivables to pay the indebtedness,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will close the H31 Capital Project and forego the deficit effective December 31, 2103.

Councilman Dolan stated that this came up last year when the State Comptroller's Office recommended that they close some H Projects and he spoke specifically with the auditors that were auditing the Town at the time and they told him that they should close out projects by the end of each year whenever possible and if it seems likely that they will not be receiving any additional funds, and they also advised that the cost of the project should be borne by any future users in the Water and Sewer District. He continued by saying that they have competing suggestions from the Comptroller's Office and he is of the opinion that because it was funds that were spent to create a Water and Sewer District, any future Water and Sewer District users should bear the cost of that and not the general taxpayer.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are no future receivables and back when it was done the Board could have taken debt and if they had, A Fund would be paying the debt anyway and basically A Fund would be paying back A Fund. He continued by saying that A Fund has already paid for the cost of the improvements because it is an A Fund Project and they can't create a Water District because there are not enough people and it was denied because they would not allow the Town to charge those amount of users that much money. He concluded by saying that the Accountant for the Town and Comptroller said, especially with the AFR coming up, that because it is A Fund to A Fund they should forgo the deficit.

Councilman Langdon stated that his understanding is that the likelihood of getting a Water District is slim to none.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is both water and sewer.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have to create a Sewer District at some point in time because of the State denying the application for those few users because of water rents and added that it needs to be cleaned up.

Councilman Langdon asked if there is a reason why they ran sewer up there if they didn't know whether they would be able to set something up.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they do have sewer there and people are using it.

Councilman Burns stated that Martin's Hill is a very tough place to get water, everyone has wells but no one has good water, so they were really pushing to get water up Martin's Hill.

Councilman Dolan stated that NYS DOT was doing work on Martin's Hill and it was easier to do it then.

Councilman Langdon stated that the crux of it is that it will be stuck on the books for years if they don't do something about it now.

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RES. #64-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR CLEANING SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is desirous of hiring an individual to clean the Town Hall Offices; and

WHEREAS, the Town has accepted a proposal from Donna Alberts for the purposes of cleaning the Town Hall Offices and Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute the necessary contract with Donna Alberts for cleaning services at a rate of \$145.00 per week, payable on a monthly basis upon submission of voucher.

Supervisor Flach stated that this amount is in the budget and she will be cleaning Town Hall as well as the Police Department and because of the sensitivity in the Police Department, Chief Darlington knows Mrs. Alberts and is comfortable with her.

Chief Darlington stated that Mrs. Alberts came to him earlier in the day because she was told that he would be telling her exactly what she was supposed to do and she had a voucher and said that cleaning the Highway Department was mentioned. He added that he was not aware that this was officially moving forward and then asked who she should report to if she has questions about anything other than cleaning the Police Department.

Supervisor Flach stated that she should report to his office and as far as the Highway Department, they did not put it in her scope of duties.

Chief Darlington stated that he didn't know what they were doing and his Secretary Dawn LaMountain didn't know either.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will meet with him and Mrs. Alberts to discuss exactly what they want her to do and how many hours they want her.

Councilman Langdon asked why the number of hours were not spelled out.

Supervisor Flach stated that they figured out hourly and she felt as though \$145.00 was a fair amount based on the number of hours it would take her.

Chief Darlington stated that she realizes in the beginning she will be putting in far more hours because the Police Department has not been cleaned in quite some time and they operate 24/7 and added that he has faith that she will do a good job.

Councilman Dolan asked if they advertised for this position.

Supervisor Flach stated that they had spoken to a couple other people and basically it came down to the Police Department doing background checks.

Chief Darlington stated that some of the applicants would not be authorized to roam his department.

Councilman Dolan inquired how it was decided that they would do it on a voucher basis as opposed to a salary basis and whether or not it was her proposal.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not know why they decided on a voucher.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is in her contract.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was wondering how it was decided to do it that way.

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Councilman Langdon stated that they run into issues paying by the hour with things like Worker's Compensation if she is considered an employee as opposed to a contractor.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it goes back to the old question of employee vs. independent contractor and if the Town is exercising supervision and control over her job, the Town is her employer, even if they try to call her a 1099 or independent contractor. He added that they would treat her as a voucher 1099 and basically they have say that they want her to clean and give her general parameters and let her do her job without a supervisor, which would be like a painter who you tell what to do and then leave alone to do their job.

Councilman Langdon stated that if they tell her how many hours she has to report, it increases their liability with the State deciding that they are an employee and no longer a contractor.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the more they control her duties, the more she would be considered an employee.

Supervisor Flach stated that they basically told her that they wanted her to come in a few days a week and this way she is a contractor.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they should keep it at that and then they can legitimately say she is a 1099 contractor and they can establish that it is a weekly project at \$145.00 a week so they don't have to pay her on an hourly basis and they would have to give her a scope of work.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is a general list of cleaning duties attached to the contract and added that she will actually be a 1099.

RES. #65-14 CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT H37

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Capital Project H37 was designated as a Town Only Collection System Project to repair and replace sewer lines at Colvin Avenue, Church Street and Route 9W north and south; and

WHEREAS, this Capital Project was completed in the year 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby close Capital Project H37 with the understanding that the Bond Note for the debt taken in 2011 will continue to be paid as per the terms and conditions of the Bond Note.

Councilman Dolan asked that Supervisor Flach explain what the H37 Capital Project was.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was an H37 Capital Project for the Collection System Project, which has been completed and they have to continue to pay for the BAN but they can close the H37 Account.

RES. #66-14 CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT H38

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Capital Projects H38 was established as a Part-Town Capital Project to make repairs to the storm water drainage pipes in the Hamlet of the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, this Capital Project was completed in the year 2013 and debt which was taken in the form of a BAN was paid in full December 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby wish to close Capital Project H38.

Supervisor Flach stated that this was a Capital Project for storm water from Colvin to Blaisdell and the Highway did the work and did a great job.

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RES. #67-14 CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT H36

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Capital Project H36, which was a shared Sewer Project to install new meters for the sewer reading to aid in determining the Town Vs. Village flows; and

WHEREAS, this Capital Project was completed in the year 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes to close Capital Project H36 with the understanding that the debt taken per a Bond Note will continue to be paid as per the terms and conditions of the Bond Note.

Supervisor Flach stated that this was for the three meters that were installed, one at the point by Pieter B. Coeymans, one by Dunkin' Donuts and one by First Niagara Bank on Rte. 9W and they were installed because the Town has sewer pipes that come into the Village via those meters and they needed to know how much flow is going from the Town to the Village so they can determine the percentage of the flows.

RES. #68-14 CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT H35

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Capital Project H35 was established to make repairs at the Town of Coeymans Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, this Capital Project was a shared project with the Village of Ravena and said Capital Project was completed in the year 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby wish to close Capital Project H35 with the understanding that the Bond Note for the debt taken will continue to be paid as per the terms and conditions of the Bond Note.

Supervisor Flach stated that this was for repairs made to the Waste Water Treatment Plant for a generator, roof replacement, heater, etc. and added that the plant is 40 years old and needed some updating.

RES. #69-14 AMEND 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET – SEWER BILLINGS

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has billed the Village of Ravena for year-end adjustments to the 2013 Sewer Billings, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need of amending the 2013 Adopted Budget for such increase in revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby amends the 2013 Adopted Budget as follows:

Increase Sewer Services – other Govt's	SS2374	\$9,980.35
Increase Sewer Contractual	SS8130.4	\$9,980.35

Supervisor Flach stated that at the end of the year they did some calculating with the percentages and they estimated \$264,000.00 but it was actually 274,000.00 that the Village owed.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is unusual that the Village had to pay more.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is not and this year it may have been a little different because they went from 65/35 – 60/40.

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RES. #70-14 AMEND 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET – SEWER FUND

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has transferred monies from the Sewer Dedicated account to Sewer Fund in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans did not budget to use such funds to pay down on a BAN – Principal Capital Project H37; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to amend the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby amends the 2013 Adopted Budget as follows:

Increase SS511 Appropriated Reserved Fund Balance	\$10,145.00
Increase 9730.6 BAN – Principal (Town Only)	\$10,145.00

Supervisor Flach stated that there was a BAN taken out for \$320,000.00 and they budgeted \$22,000.00 to pay the principal but they actually paid \$36,000.00 because they had that little bit extra in the Dedicated Sewer so they paid it on the principal and added that they moved the excess.

RES. #71-14 AMEND 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET – SEWER FUND OVERSPENDING

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Sewer Fund has overspent in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

Amount	From Account	To Account
\$2,906.75	SS8120.4 Collection System	SS9730.6 (H27) BAN – Principal
\$ 281.25	SS8110.4 Administrative Fees	SS9730.6 (H27) BAN – Principal
\$2,182.98	SS9060.8 Health Insurance	SS9040.8 Worker’s Compensation

Supervisor Flach stated that the From Account were monies that were appropriated to those funds and it was not necessary to spend all of the money and the To Accounts overspent so they transferred the money.

RES. #72-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE STOP-DWI CONTRACT WITH ALBANY COUNTY

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the County of Albany requires a Service Agreement with a qualified contractor regarding the expenditure of STOP-DWI Program Funds, under circumstances to expand the STOP-DWI effort in accordance with the spending plan approved by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans (contractor) is able to provide the services to ensure that the aforementioned requirements are met efficiently and effectively,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute a contract with the County of Albany.

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Supervisor Flach asked Chief Darlington if he had anything to add.

Chief Darlington stated that it is for last year because the County is a year behind and basically you sign it after you do the work but they do give them the money on time.

RES. #73-14 APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the following claims of vouchers for the February 2014 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	309-362,427-428	\$1,259,212.44
General	422-426,429-473,526	\$ 148,205.19
	General Total	\$1,407,417.63
POLICE FORFEITURE		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	363-364	\$ 326.45
	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 326.45
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	365-385	\$ 197,588.44
Part-Town	474-478	\$ 143.66
	Part Town Total	\$ 197,732.10
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-pay	386-398	\$ 132,243.68
Highway	479-507	\$ 14,886.13
	Highway Total	\$ 147,129.81
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	399-414	\$ 56,315.64
Sewer	508-525,527,529	\$ 3,666.53
	Sewer Total	\$ 59,982.17
CAPITAL PROJECTS (H39)		
Capital Projects	528	\$ 28,856.00
	Capital Projects Total	\$ 28,856.00
	Total for all Funds	\$1,841,444.16
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	415-421	\$252,440.45
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$252,440.45

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CORRESPONDENCE

Village of Ravena 100th Anniversary

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of a correspondence from the Village of Ravena and continued by reading the following:

The Village of Ravena will mark the 100th Anniversary of its incorporation this year. To commemorate this momentous occasion, the Village of Ravena has established a Centennial Celebration Committee to develop and plan a yearlong series of activities and anniversary celebration events.

Among the numerous events being planned is a community parade and antique car show, which will take place on Saturday, May 17th, and old fashion baseball game on July 19th, a birthday celebration on October 11th, a Century Gala on October 12th featuring the Georgie Wonder Orchestra and a Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5th.

As you can imagine, planning and coordinating all of these activities require a lot of effort on the part of a number of volunteers. In addition to the effort needed to provide these activities it also requires that some additional money is spent to bring this celebration to our community. The Village Board has made provision in its budget to meet some of these costs, but we cannot let all of the money fall to the taxpayers. Some of the events, such as the Gala will allow us to charge a ticket fee to attend. However, others such as the parade are true community events and no fee can be or will be charged. With this in mind, we are seeking sponsors to assist us in meeting the costs of this once in a lifetime celebration.

I have included a flyer listing all of our Anniversary events. We would welcome your assistance by becoming a Ravena Centennial Sponsor. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact me at the Village Hall at 756-8233. All of our sponsors will be appropriately recognized and thanked at each of our events.

For additional information on the events or if you are interested in working with the Committee on any of the other events, please contact Committee Chair Cathy DeLuca at the Ravena Health and Fitness Center at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, NY 12143, (518) 756-5544 or ravhf@mhicable.com.

Sincerely,

John Bruno, Mayor
Village of Ravena

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, March 3, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 10, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, March 18, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 24, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wanted to thank the Highway crew for all that they have done in the past weeks with the snowstorms, trying to remove the snow and keeping everyone happy, which he knows they can't, but they have been trying. He added that bringing the Beautification Department to the Highway Garage was a good move, it has been a smooth transition and everyone is happy and getting along. He concluded by saying that he has prices for a salt shed when the Board is interested in discussing it.

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Councilman Dolan suggested that they discuss it at the Workshop on the 18th.

Supervisor Flach stated that there have been some issues with getting salt, which has been in short supply and they may need to get their own salt shed at some point.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that all of the salt has been bought and paid for and no one else can get it.

Councilman Dolan asked if residents are cooperating with the snow plowing.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they have been and there have been a couple of complaints. He added that there were quite a few mailboxes taken down by the plow because of the heavy snow and they are starting to replace them.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to thank the public for cooperating with the No Parking during the major storms and they only towed 1-2 vehicles and people are catching on. He added that he has four vehicles that he would like to surplus on Auction International, a 2008 Dodge Durango Unit 924, 2003 Pilot used by the investigators for years that now has 210,649 miles and was a drug seizure vehicle, a 2007 Ford Edge that was also a drug seizure vehicle and a 2004 Honda Accord that was a drug seizure vehicle.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion authorizing him to surplus the vehicles.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Chief Darlington to surplus the police vehicles on Auctions International.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to congratulate Officer Crosier who successfully completed her School Resource Officer certified training as well as D.A.R.E. Officer training and hopefully they will be starting the D.A.R.E. Program back up again soon. He continued by saying that they now have four certified Car Seat Inspectors and anyone wishing to have one installed or to see if it is installed properly can stop Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm, Tuesday-Saturday 4:00pm – 12:00am and anyone wishing to stop in should call first to make sure that someone is available and there is no charge for the inspection. He added that he has received some complaints about parking on Westerlo Street and recently a vehicle was about to be towed when the owner came and moved it and he along with Highway Deputy Searles had some discussions and new signs and in turn No Parking signs were made and installed because the old signs disappeared. He went on by saying that he would like to request authorization to canvas for three part-time Telecommunicators to replace Williams and Turek and the potential of losing LaMountain once he completes the Academy for Law Enforcement as well as moving forward with replacements for DeLuca and Card.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need a motion to canvas for those positions.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not need a motion and that he needs direction from the Board as far as what they want him to do.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch agreed and continued by saying that he thinks that it should be a resolution to surplus vehicles and added that he could state one and then someone could offer it.

RES. #74-14 AUTHORIZE CHIEF DARLINTON TO SURPLUS VEHICLES THROUGH AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Chief Darlington has requested that certain Police vehicles be categorized as surplus vehicles, and

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WHEREAS, the Town will auction the vehicles off with Auctions International,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes that the vehicles listed on the attached, be placed in a surplus category and auctioned off as soon as possible through Auctions International.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the Comptroller, in looking at this type of thing, would probably want a resolution.

Chief Darlington stated that he has been receiving complaints about the truck traffic on Rte.144, Main Street, Coeymans for speeding vehicles and on separate dates they did traffic surveys with unmarked Police cars and on one date in particular they were there for 1 hour, 50 vehicles were observed and of the 50, 7 were trucks and the average speed was 28 MPH in a 30 MPH zone, there were 43 passenger cars with the average speed of 34, some tickets were issued but none of the trucks were in violation. He added that they went down and spoke with the companies that were hauling out of the Port and they politely agreed to go up Church Street to Main Street and down Rte. 9W as opposed to that tight corridor and hopefully it helped solve those perceived issues.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti asked Chief Darlington if he had anything to report on the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Chief Darlington stated that he met with Councilman Burns and gave him a copy of the plans and they have heard nothing from the Federal Government as to if they are approving the time extension, which they are beyond, as well as F.X. Browne e-mailing him back in reference to the questions that the Corp of Engineers had. He added that John Do, the Engineer that they were working with is no longer with F.X. Browne so they are assigning a new one but have addressed the questions and are waiting to hear back from the Corp of Engineers and ENCON as far as if the permits are going to be approved.

Councilman Langdon asked if there was any indication from them as to what they think as far as the approval or not.

Chief Darlington asked if he was asking about the time extension or permits.

Councilman Langdon stated that he was referring to either/or.

Chief Darlington stated that they met with the Corp of Engineers and ENCON prior to the application and went over what they wanted so he is confident that they are going to get the permits he added that for a brief time he was getting a lot of calls from the FEMA representatives, which he thinks was because some pressure got put on them but it has all faded away and he is just waiting to hear.

Councilman Langdon asked if more pressure is now warranted because of the effect it had before.

Chief Darlington stated that he can't see that it would hurt and it would come from the Town Board.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Councilman Burns stated that the Hannacroix Creek Project has gotten far too complicated for what really needs to be done out there and they are trying to go with the common sense answer for the problem, which gives him great hope. He continued by saying that he did not want to say any more about it at this time and it was not a big issue, but the Federal Government turned it into a big issue and there is only a certain amount of money that you can spend out there and there is probably not going to be any FEMA money that they can depend on and reiterated that there is a simple solution to the whole thing, they just have to jump through some hoops to be able to get it, which looks very promising. He concluded by saying that with Highway

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Superintendent Searles and the Police out there he is really impressed for taking what they have gotten and making it work and they are doing a great job and it is only going to get better.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had a question and then asked if the work that was going on just north of the Hamlet Bridge was Carver Laraway's work and if it is where the new bridge is going.

Supervisor Flach stated that his understanding is that he had to clear it for the new power lines that are going through there.

Councilman Dolan asked if the power lines were part of the bridge project.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not believe he has the permit yet for the bridge.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is where the bridge is going or if it is going to be further north.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is the location if and when it happens.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thought the location had been moved further north.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is just a corner of the property of JAT at the northern most part where the trees were cleared.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:21pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting. The entire Town Board was present in addition to Chief Darlington and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions were made.

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to formally adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 9:25pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, March 10, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Peter E. Masti, Deputy Supervisor, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent Searles
Attorney for the Town Wukitsch
WWTP Chief Operator, Kerr

Deputy Supervisor Masti opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the record should reflect the presence of four Town Board members and the absence of Supervisor Flach.

AGENDA

- Presentation
 - National Eye Donor Month
- Public Announcement
 - 3rd Annual R-C-S Community Wellness Walk
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Public Hearing, February 10, 2014
 - Public Hearing, February 10, 2014
 - Public Hearing, February 10, 2014
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- Old Business
- New Business
- Resolutions
 - Appoint Town Justice
 - Authorize Transfer of Property
 - Authorize Chief WWTP Operator to Addend Conference
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, March 18, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, March 24, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, March 26, 2014, 7:00pm

PRESENTATION

Proclamation of National Eye Donor Month

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that March is Eye Donor Month and continued by reading the following:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Eye Donor Month was first declared by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, and

WHEREAS, one of our most important senses is that of sight and restoration of this sense, to those not so endowed, is the goal of the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Eye Bank in this area is supported by the Lions Club, a member of the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. seeks to raise awareness of the need for cornea, tissue and organ donation, and

WHEREAS, the Lions Eye Bank at Albany treats over 5,000 children and 30,000 adults every year, and

WHEREAS, the success of the Eye Bank Program is dependent on eye donors, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to urge our community to consider participation in the Eye Donor Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, proclaim the month of March as “Eye Donor Month” in the Town of Coeymans for the year 2014.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he had a plaque in memory of Lion Pat Downes, Knight of the Blind from the Lion’s Eye Institute, Lion’s Foundation at Albany, New York, Inc., which was presented 09-01-13 and his wife Ann asked that it be hung in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Millious stated that his wife Ann brought it to her office and asked that it be hung in Town Hall and she thought that it was an appropriate time to share it.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that they will find a suitable place to hang it.

Councilman Burns stated that he spent many years in Town Hall and was a great guy.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked how long he was with the Town.

Mrs. Ann Downes stated that he was the Building Inspector for 7 years and a resident of the Town his whole life.

Deputy Supervisor Masti thanked Mrs. Downes and added that they will honor Pat by hanging it up and then presented Mrs. Downes the Proclamation.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

3rd Annual R-C-S Community Wellness Walk

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there will be a 3rd Annual RCS Wellness Walk and continued by reading the following:

Come support the community, please join us for the 3rd Annual RCS Wellness Committee, sponsored Wellness Walk. Everyone is invited to come and show support for wellness and the local community. Sunday, April 27, 2014 at Joralemon Park from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone wished to comment.

Mr. Andrew Brick stated that he is with the Law Firm Donald Zee, PC and he was present to address a number of items on the agenda but first he wanted to offer his acknowledgment of Pat Downes. He continued by saying that he used to be the Town's Prosecutor for Code violations and he worked extensively with Pat with some particular property owners that were somewhat troublesome for him and they would probably recognize the names if he mentioned them, that he spent years trying to get them to come into Building Code compliance and he was great to work with and he misses him. He continued by saying that one item on the agenda is a transfer of property on Riverview drive and they represents Coeymans Recycling Center LLC and they have offered to acquire the terminal end of Riverview Drive, which he understands has been discontinued by the Highway Superintendent by Order and his client would be willing to acquire that property, and he believes there would be a number of benefits to the Town to transfer that particular portion that is no longer for Town purposes. He went on by saying that even though it has been discontinued as a road, as long as it remains as Town property they would have insurance costs and the potential for liability, and the requirement to maintain and repair it as necessary and transferring it over to his client, who could utilize the property to benefit his adjoining properties, would eliminate all of those costs and potential liabilities to the Town. He reiterated that it would be a benefit to the Town if no longer needed as a Town road and they would be willing to acquire the property and ask that they consider the petition that was filed. He continued by saying that he is also present on behalf of Coeymans Recycling Center, LLC and late last week they submitted to Supervisor Flach, which he hopes they were given copies, a request for rezoning certain parcels, some owned outright by his client but also some that they are under contract to purchase from Don Trickey and they are the properties that have been identified since at least 2004, as suitable for rezoning to an Industrial Zone. He added that he has in his file a memorandum from Mr. Peter Foronda, Planning Chairman in 2004, recommending to the Town Board that the parcels they are requesting, be rezoned as Industrial and the reason for it back in 2004 was Economic Development and if anyone had read the front page of the business section of the Times Union, there is potential for hundreds of jobs and they already have a potential for 100 jobs coming to the Port as a result of the New York Bridge Project on the Port side. He continued by saying that should the area across the street be rezoned Industrial relatively quickly, there is a potential for several hundred more jobs in conjunction with the Bridge Rehabilitation Project coming to that portion of the property and this is why they immediately filed the request for the rezone and they recognize that there was a Town rezone that a Judge said that there were some procedural defects, but they don't want to wait for the Town to rezone on an entire town-wide basis again and if you know the history of it, it took close to 10 years the last time to do it and if they want those jobs to come to Coeymans they have to do it relatively quickly and they are asking that they consider their property individually rather than as part of a town-wide rezone. He reiterated that he was asking that they consider the request, and asked that they take a number of procedural steps at this point and refer it to the Planning Board for an opinion, which is required by the Zoning Code, declare SQRA Lead Agency and schedule a Public Hearing as soon as procedurally possible so they can further explain why they believe it is proper to rezone. He added that he has reviewed the Judge's decision extensively and he pointed out the fact that there were certain elements of the Environmental Review Process that he didn't feel were properly contained in the record to explain where they were coming from when they did the rezone so they are prepared as they go to the process to supplement the record and provide ample evidence to them of addressing potential environmental impacts which they can only do for their property and not town-wide and this is why they are asking them to consider their rezone application at this time. He concluded by saying that he noticed on the agenda that there is a proposed resolution to appoint Kevin Reilly Justice and as the former Code Prosecutor who appeared before Judge Reilly in the Village as well as the Town on occasion, as a former Town Justice he has worked extensively with Judge Reilly and he would highly recommend him for the position.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there were four sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing on February 10, 2014, a second Public Hearing on February 10, 2014, a third Public Hearing on February 10, 2014 and a Town Board Meeting on February 10, 2014 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they consider the Public Hearings as a group and then consider the Town Board Meeting separate and then offered a motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the minutes for the three Public Hearings on 02-10-14 were approved as presented and read.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Town Board Meeting on 02-10-14.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Masti, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 (Dolan) – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

Councilman Dolan stated that he was absent from the Town Board Meeting and would abstain from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there were no Old Business topics at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Local Law

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that late Friday Supervisor Flach received a request from Attorney Brick to rezone his client's property and then read the following prepared by himself and Supervisor Flach:

The Town Board has received a request from property owners to rezone their properties on Riverview Drive to Industrial. We all know that the properties involved have had industrial uses on them for years. Since the Judge last week determined that there was a technical, procedural problem with the town-wide rezone passed last year, we think that we should proceed with this request to rezone these specific properties and to bring them and the other surrounding properties as shown on the map for a new Local Law of 2013 in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan that indicates that they should be industrial. I would propose tonight that we accept the request for the rezone, refer to the Planning Board for an advisory report, and declare ourselves as Lead Agency under the SEQR Law. We will schedule a Public Hearing, at 6:00pm on April 28, 2014, which will give us time because the Albany County Planning Board meets on April 17th so it will go to the Town's Planning Board as well as their Planning Board and then have the Public Hearing before they make any decisions on it and it gives them all enough time to hear about it.

Deputy Supervisor Masti continued by reading the Proposed Local Law into the record.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES INTO THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE: TAX MAP PARCELS SBL#156.-4-6.1, 156.-4-12, 156.-4-5, 156.-4-6.2, 156.-4-8.2, 156.-4-9, 156.-4-10, 156.-4-13 AND 156.-4-14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: AUTHORITY

This Local Law is hereby enacted pursuant to authority conferred by §10 of New York Municipal Home Rule Law, Article 16 of the New York State Town Law and Chapter 165 of the Town Code of the Town of Coeymans.

Section 2: PURPOSE AND FINDING

Properties known as Tax Map Parcels SBL#156-4-6.1, 156-4-12, 156.-4-5, 156.-4-6.2, 156.-4-8.2, 156.-4-9, 156.-4-10, 156.-4-13 and 156-4-14 located in the Town of Coeymans, most of which have been utilized for many years for industrial uses by previous owners and through the issuance of various Special Use Permits and Zoning Variances. This amendment to the Zoning Code and Zoning Map will bring the Code and map into conformity with the manner in which these properties have been utilized for years. This Amendment also implements the express recommendation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan to classify these properties to allow for Industrial Uses.

Section 3: AMENDMENT OF ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP

The zoning classification for properties known as Tax Map Parcels SBL#156-4-6.1, 156-4-12, 156.-4-5, 156.-4-6.2, 156.-4-8.2, 156.-4-9, 156.-4-10, 156.-4-13 and 156-4-14 is hereby amended to Industrial (I-1).

Section 4: VALIDITY

If any part of provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part of provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Deputy Supervisor stated that he would entertain a motion.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that he would suggest that they do a resolution, which he had written out and can read and added that it should be in the form of a resolution.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked how they would go about doing that.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he could read it into the record, which they can consider and vote on and continued by saying that it would actually be Proposed Local Law #04-14.

RES. #075-14 PROPOSE LOCAL LAW #04-14 AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 1 (Dolan) – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

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WHEREAS, Proposed Local Law #04-14 has been distributed to the Town Board members and read into the minutes of this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law rezones certain listed property to Industrial under the Town's Zoning Coding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Proposed Local Law #04-14 is referred to the Town Planning Board for an advisory opinion under the Town Code.
2. The Town Board hereby declares itself Lead Agency for consideration of this Proposed Local Law under SEQR.
3. The Proposed Local Law is referred to the Albany County Planning Board under the General Municipal Law.
4. The Town Board hereby sets a Public Hearing to hear all those interested in this law, both for and against to be held at 6:00pm on April 28, 2014. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post Notice of this Public Hearing in accordance with the law.

Councilman Dolan asked if they have a map identifying the parcels.

Attorney Brick stated that the reference is to the tax map 6.1 parcel, which is the 185 acre Trickey parcel, otherwise known as the mushroom/Frangella parcel and the other two are much smaller parcels with one being at the very end of Riverview Drive where currently there is a scrap metal recycling facility right at the turn-around and the other is a very small triangular piece of property that is currently vacant and not much more than an acre in the middle of things, which was acquired by his client so they added it in because it is his anyways.

Councilman Dolan asked if it includes more than his client's properties.

Attorney Brick stated that it includes two properties owned by his client and the third property where his client is a Contract Vendee to purchase the property conditioned upon the rezone and is authorized by the property owner to make the application.

Deputy Supervisor Masti passed the maps that he had and passed them to Councilman Dolan and stated that he does not have the actual tax parcel map.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that there is a Tax Map that shows all of the parcels.

Councilman Dolan stated that he didn't get the map and is confused because he was told that it includes more properties than Attorney Brick represents.

Councilman Masti asked if he represents all of the properties that he just named off.

Attorney Brick stated that he represents Coeymans Recycling Center who owns two of the three properties and the third are in contract to purchase conditioned upon the rezone, which is currently owned by Mr. Trickey and they are authorized as the Contract Vendee by the property owner to make the application. He concluded by saying that there are only three properties involved, two that they owned outright and one that they have the authority to make the application.

Councilman Masti stated that it is the three that he requested and represents.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there are nine properties.

Attorney Brick stated that if there are nine properties, it is a Town version of the Proposed Local Law and what he suspects may be a proposal from Town staff or Supervisor Flach to include all of the properties that were originally planned to be rezoned and if that is the case, there are a number of parcels that he does not represent and he has no knowledge that there are people not in favor of it. He continued by saying that when it was part of a town-wide rezone, all of the property owners were in favor of going to Industrial, which is a benefit to them because it increases the value of their property and it also brings the Zoning Map into conformity to what is going on, on those properties and his suspicion is that it is JATT Construction, Billy Biers, and probably Tracy Welding, and all of the ones that were part of the Industrial in the town-wide and reiterated that he did not request that and if it is part of the Proposed Local Law, it is probably a Town initiative.

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Councilman Burns stated that it is what they are doing and then asked if April was going to give them enough time to still get the jobs in there if they pass the Proposed Local Law.

Attorney Brick stated that they will make it work and added that April is just the Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would be voting no because he does not know all of the properties.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he would suggest that they send the property owners the Notice of Public Hearing so if any of the nine are opposed, they can come in and say that.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thought sending it would be automatic.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they could modify it if any of the property owners do not want their property rezoned and this way it at least gives them the opportunity to say it.

Councilman Langdon stated that when someone is requesting a variance or Special Permit, the property owners around them are notified so he would assume that it is the same kind of scenario.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it really isn't for a Town Law change.

Councilman Langdon stated that it should be done as a courtesy.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch agreed and then asked Town Clerk Millious if doing the Notice would be a problem.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to clarify that the date was April 28th at 6:00pm.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that was correct.

Councilman Langdon asked if they can make part of it that they are going to notify all those involved.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there are not that many and Attorney Brick represents three of the nine.

Attorney Brick stated that the three requesting it may own more and they can notify them if that is what they want to do but he suspects he will be able to obtain consents from all of the property owners and he is reasonably confident that he can do that.

Councilman Dolan stated that his point is that at least in the letter the properties were identified and they may know but he does not know by seeing a tax map number what property it is and he was handed it five minutes prior to the meeting and in voting on a Town Law, they should be given identified properties, which Attorney Brick identified his.

Attorney Brick stated that he does not know if they can hold the Public Officials to the level of knowing properties by their tax map number.

Councilman Dolan interjected that when you come to a Public Meeting and you are asked to vote on something, it should be identified for you.

Councilman Langdon stated that they are not voting to change it, they are voting to start the process and open up a discussion.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #076-14 APPOINT TOWN JUSTICE

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

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WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of Town Justice was created by the resignation of Town Justice Philip Crandall, and

WHEREAS, a Special Election will be held in November 2014 and a newly elected Justice shall take the bench on January 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to appoint Kevin Reilly to the position of Town Justice at this time.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints Kevin Reilly to fill the vacant position of Town Justice for the Town of Coeymans through 12-31-14,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is effective immediately.

RES. #077-14 AUTHORIZE WWTP CHIEF OPERATOR TO ATTEND TRAINING

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

WHEREAS, the New York State Rural Water Association (NYRWA) will be holding its 35th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibit 2014, and

WHEREAS, John Kerr, Chief Sewer Treatment Plant Operator is desirous of attending this conference, which will provide 16 credit hours required by NYS DEC to maintain licensing, and

WHEREAS, a prepaid registration fee for class is required, meals and lodging, travel to and from the conference shall not exceed \$1,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John Kerr is hereby authorized to attend this conference in Verona, New York, April 14-17, 2014.

RES. #078-14 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent, as authorized by NYS Highway Law Section 207 has filed an Order discontinuing a portion of Town owned roadway no longer needed for Town purposes, and

WHEREAS, the portion of roadway that is the subject of the Order constitutes the terminus of Riverview Drive and is no longer needed for Town purposes,

WHEREAS, an adjoining property owner has expressed an interest in acquiring this portion of land not needed for any Town purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Town would benefit by transferring this land to a private party due to placement of the land back upon the tax rolls as taxable property as well as elimination of maintenance, insurance and liability costs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute documents, subject to approval by the Town Attorney as to form and content, to transfer and convey that portion of Town owned land no longer needed for Town purposes as described in the attachment hereto, to an interested adjoining property owner.

Councilman Dolan asked if this is part of the bridge project.

Attorney Brick stated that actually it is not and that project can occur without this and the bridge will be entering on Riverview Drive at the very end of where the discontinuance takes place, which is anything to the right of that up to the salvage yard.

Councilman Dolan asked if it will be just north of Riverview Baptist Church.

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Attorney Brick stated that he was correct and added that Riverview Baptist Church will result in a cul-de-sac once the bridge is there and the public road would terminate at the fence line that is there now.

Councilman Dolan stated that in previous discussions they mentioned the possibility of a berm being built there and asked if it is still on the table.

Attorney Brick stated that his understanding of the discussions with Rev. Booth was that it will be a berm with landscaping, which will end up being a landscaped parking lot with a berm so it is buffered from the traffic on the bridge side. He added that he has seen correspondence and Rev. Booth is in favor of the bridge project so he can have the cul-de-sac, which will eliminate the truck traffic from the front of the church.

Councilman Dolan asked if they will be taking down the spray painted Riverview Drive sign down.

Attorney Brick stated that he knew what sign he was referring to and it will be taken down and added that he does not believe that it is a Town sign.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the Town did not put it up.

Deputy Supervisor Masti interjected that it was to let the power company know where it was because the Town's sign is small.

Attorney Brick added that he knows that Central Hudson had surveyors in the area because they are going to be running transmission lines in the same area where the bridge is going to be located and that sign might have gone up so they can locate it.

Councilman Dolan asked in summary if Riverview Baptist Church is in favor of a berm and landscaping.

Attorney Brick stated that it is correct and reiterated that he has seen correspondence from Rev. Booth stating that on behalf of the church, he is in favor of the bridge project and it is his understanding that his client had discussion with him and worked out with him how the berm and the landscaping that will separate the new terminus of Riverview Drive at the church and the cul-de-sac turn-around area from where the bridge and the truck traffic will be taking place.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETING

- Town Board Workshop, March 18, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 24, 2013, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, March 26, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any additional comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there is another storm coming and added that people should be very careful because they are saying 6-12 inches of snow with some mixed precipitation. He continued by saying that if you don't have to be on the road, please don't because they will be on the roads and they will do their best like they always do.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if he has salt.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there is a limited amount of salt.

Councilman Masti asked if there were any other comments.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to let the public know about the Rabies Clinics coming up and read the following:

- Saturday, March 22nd – Town of Berne Highway Garage, Cats 1:00-2:30pm, dogs 2:30-4:00pm.
- Tuesday, June 3rd – Town of Bethlehem Town Park, Cats 4:00-5:30pm, dogs 5:30-7:00pm
- Saturday, September 13th – Village of Colonie Municipal Garage, Cats 1:00-2:30pm, dogs 2:30-4:00pm
- Saturday, November 15th, Village of Green Island Public Works Garage, Cats 1:00-2:30pm, dogs 2:30-4:00pm

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is State Law to license your dog and you must have an updated rabies shot to do this. She added that if your dog is picked up without a license tag it is taken to the Town's Kennel, which is \$100.00 for the first three days and \$20.00 for each additional day as well as having to pay a redemption fee. She continued by saying that she is going to be sending out the reminder notices for the unpaid taxes, which she collects until the end of March.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that his hat is off to all the Department Heads who are doing a great job.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAY 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
George Dardani, Justice
Tammy Eissing, Justice Clerk
Matthew Weidman, Bookkeeper
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Dawn LaMountain, Senior Telecommunicator/ Secretary to Chief

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Presentations
 - Apex Solar Power
 - Blue Rock Energy
- Income Survey for the Hamlet, EFC Grant
- Annual Audit
 - Justice Court
 - Supervisor
 - Police Department
 - Town Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

Blue Rock Energy

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two presentations on the agenda and continued by inviting Deborah Fairchild from Blue Rock Energy to the microphone.

Key points of the presentation were:

- The vast majority of people have little or no understanding of the energy industry.
- Energy is a commodity, which is bought and sold every five minutes on the NY Stock Exchange.
- Blue Rock Energy has brokers on the trading floor who buy and sell energy throughout the day.
- Public utilities, i.e., National Grid, Central Hudson, by Federal Law are not allowed to make a profit on the commodity, which is the actual gas or electric but have associated fees that are on your bill and that is their way to make money on the commodity without breaking the law.
- Because they make no profit on the commodity, they have no incentive to shop on the customer's behalf and they buy it whenever they need it no matter what the price is.

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- There is an organization called the NY ISO, which is like a large bank where energy is literally deposited and it is a Corporation of people who oversee it.
- All energy, whether it is created by Niagara Falls, solar, hydro or nuclear is all deposited and where they all go to buy energy, which is a central bank for energy in New York State.
- The NY ISO is the governing body that sets the prices of energy, which is global and everything that happens globally affects the price of energy and electric bills for the last couple of months have doubled and in some cases tripled because of the weather and there is a lot more involved in creating, sustaining, delivering, transporting and transmitting than just the energy itself.
- Electricity has to be consumed the moment it is generated, it can't be stored like gas and there has to be the ability to generate electricity very fast and in looking at the country and the weather pattern over the past few months, because of supply and demand, the demand goes up and the supply goes down. The demand for all that energy has risen so greatly that as a nation they can't meet the supply and they are struggling because the infrastructure in the country is horrible in the energy industry, which makes it difficult in a lot of ways to supply enough energy.
- All of these factors contribute to the significant rise in prices and for these reasons you can't blame the public utilities because it is global.
- Energy has to be brought from the ISO to city gates, which is any one of the public utilities and there are fees associated with getting the energy there, which are not delivery charges on your bill. The delivery fees are what the public utility charges to bring energy to you because they own the pipes and lines and are the only ones allowed to work on those things and the only one allowed to bring energy to you, no one else can, they have the monopoly on it.
- Someone has to get the energy from the ISO or the source to the public utilities and there are fees associated with that as well such as line lost charges, capacity charges, transmission charges and most people don't realize or know what it takes and the jobs that are involved.

Ms. Fairchild stated that she had given them a crash course on the energy industry as a whole, what affects prices, where energy comes from and how it is bought and sold and would continue by giving them some reasons why she feels as though they should entertain using Blue Rock Energy.

- Blue Rock Energy has a wonderful reputation with the Public Service Commission, which is their governing agency as well as with the Better Business Bureau.
- They are a company that is 100% on the customer's side in the sense that they go above and beyond for their clients to help them out and they partner with their accounts and don't sell them energy.
- They participate in their clients events and participate in them to the best of their ability as often as they can.
- They have great prices and are proud of the fact that they are one of the lowest priced ESCO (Energy Supply Company) in the state because of how they buy and sell energy.
- There are well over 200 ESCO's licensed to do business in New York State, which does not mean that they are in New York State and approximately 85% of them are telemarketers doing cold calling.
- Blue Rock Energy is a local, small business located in New York based out of Syracuse and they don't want tax dollars to support another state's economy, they want to keep it within our state to help keep business here and hold taxes down.
- They are known for having very good customer service and credibility.
- Their CEO, Mr. Van Horn was the CEO for National Grid for approximately 35 years and knows the industry inside and out.
- She is local and this would be her territory and knows she is good at what she does, her customers like her because she cares about them and is always there when she is called and if they need to see her to come and see them, no matter how far away they are she goes.
- Blue Rock offers many types of products and her professional recommendation, because she does it all the time and she gets a sense for things, would be a 100% custom program because she does not feel that any one product would be sufficient to meet their needs,

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which would mean that certain months of the year they would get the benefit of a variable rate and variable is where you always save money.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Ms. Fairchild relative to how the process of transition would start, how they would determine an approximate savings and what kind of program would benefit the Town.

Ms. Fairchild concluded by saying that they have her business card and they can call or e-mail her with any questions that they may have.

Supervisor Flach stated that they would discuss it as a Board and added that they can e-mail to her the information necessary to determine the savings and thanked Ms. Fairchild.

Supervisor Flach stated that there was no one present from Apex Solar to give their presentation and added that they would continue on with the next item on the agenda.

DISCUSSIONS

Income Survey for the Hamlet – EFC Grant

Supervisor Flach stated that for the EFC Grant they have to do an income survey because at this point they are at a rate where they can get the loan at 2% but if they do the survey, it could be considered a hardship and they can get a loan at 0%. He added that they found only one person that could do it for them and the cost is \$6,200.00 and Confidential Secretary Cirillo is looking to see if she can come up with more. He continued by saying that it has to be done by June and if they get the grant it will be rolled into the H41 Project and then asked that the Board look it over so they can discuss it at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued between Supervisor Flach and the Town Board relative to the estimate, what the requirements for the grant are and what they are proposing to be done, what has been done, the approximate cost in addition to on-going problems and negotiations with the Village.

ANNUAL AUDIT OF DEPARTMENTS

Supervisor Flach stated that the objective of the audit is to complete the requirements of an Annual Audit of certain Town Officials in accordance with Section 123 of Town Law and added that there is a check list of questions that they ask each department representative.

Audits were conducted by the Town Board for the Justice Court, Town Clerk, Police Department and Supervisor's Bookkeeping. Judge Dardani, and Court Clerk Tammy Eissing represented the Justice Court, Town Clerk Millious represented her office, Chief Greg Darlington represented the Police Department and Bookkeeper Matthew Weidman represented the Supervisor's Office.

Upon conclusion of the Court and Police audits Supervisor Flach stated that they would continue with a presentation for Apex Solar Power because a representative had just arrived.

PRESENTATION

Apex Solar Power

Mr. Gordon Cochran introduced himself and added that he offers solar energy to residents, businesses, municipalities and schools and he has been going to all of the municipalities in Greene County and has proposals in place.

Key points of the presentation were:

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- There are new programs with three choices, you can buy it, lease it or have a Power Purchase Agreement and if you buy it you get roughly 35% off the whole cost and then you get a 30% tax credit, which municipalities and schools cannot use so they go with a lease or Power Purchase Agreement where an investor buys, installs and takes care of the equipment and the municipality gets a discount on their utility, which is usually anywhere from 10-25% depending on how easy or hard the installation and connection is.
- There is remote net metering where it does not have to be at the property where you use the power and for example you can have it at a landfill or vacant property.
- Prospective buyers would give him their usage information or would sign a release for him to get the information and in turn he would do a proposal outlining what the savings would be and a layout over 20 years.
- Because the cost of electric goes up every year, you would actually save more every year.
- Small users such as Jewett or Durham who use a 50 kilo watt system, saves 25% the first year and a little more each year after that and with a Lease Agreement for 20 years, at the end of 20 years you would save approximately 40-50%.
- Investors have done their due diligence and scrutinize the system to make sure that it works properly and everything is inspected.
- He has approached installers on municipality's behalf and made an agreement that they don't have to send a sales person out to collect data, usage, meter locations or properties and they will hire him as their sales person so he will be like a broker on the Town's behalf.
- He can arrange bids for the Town if that is what the Board desires.
- It has been done all over New York State.

He added that people are deceived about their electric bill and cost per watt because of the delivery and demand charges.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Cochran and the Town Board relative to price per kilo watt, estimates from installers, investors, delivery and connect charges, concern with panels producing less over time, monitoring the equipment and costs.

Supervisor Flach stated that the next step would be for the Town Board to discuss it and in turn give Mr. Cochran a letter of intent to audit.

POLICE BUSINESS (Not on the agenda)

Chief Darlington stated that he was present for three topics and added that he had been authorized to canvas for part-time Telecommunicators and he initially asked for 3 but Senior Telecommunicator Dawn LaMountain expressed some concern with them being behind on the number of people that they have. He continued by saying that he asked Senior Telecommunicator LaMountain to help explain what is going on, what the requests are and to see what the Board would be willing to approve.

Senior Telecommunicator LaMountain stated that they are currently down three part-time dispatchers and she anticipates that in the next month or two they will be losing at least two more and she is requesting that they hire three now, canvas for two extra, which would be five all together so they can get the trained and would be ready to go when she gets the resignations from the other two dispatchers. She continued by saying that this way everyone will be trained and ready to go in a two month time frame and it will put them back up where they need to be, which will keep the overtime down and in case of emergencies they will have enough people.

Discussion ensued amongst Chief Darlington, Senior Telecommunicator LaMountain and the Town Board relative to their request for two additional part-time Telecommunicators, the interview process, candidates residing in the Town of Coeymans, availability of existing part-time communicators because of full-time positions elsewhere, cutting down on overtime, the budget and salary.

Supervisor Flach asked the Board how they felt about it.

Collectively the Board agreed that it is warranted.

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Supervisor Flach asked if they are ready to hire.

Senior Telecommunicator LaMountain stated that they are.

Chief Darlington stated that they can provide the Board a list of the candidates they are recommending for review and hopefully at the next Town Board Meeting they can decide how many.

Supervisor Flach stated that they should decide now and then asked how the Board feels about it.

Collectively the Town Board agreed to the additional.

Senior Telecommunicator LaMountain stated that they had discussed the consoles in the past and there was a problem with one of the mother boards, which was fixed but if it continues, it will probably have to be shipped back to the factory, which will put them down one console. She continued by saying that she would like to put some feelers out there to find out how much they cost because the consoles are 15 years old and they are getting harder to repair.

Chief Darlington stated that the advantage that they have is that they have two consoles and if one breaks you are still up and running but if the broken one gets shipped out, which can take weeks, if the other console goes down, they cannot dispatch any police, fire companies or rescue squad and there is no real backup after that.

Discussion ensued amongst Chief Darlington, Senior Telecommunicator LaMountain and the Board relative to the cost of a new console, the need to expand to include Highway, possibly purchasing one for now and one later, using funds from the communications tower, upgrading the communications bus and possible grants.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they can start to look at some prices for a console as well as appointing the Telecommunicators.

Chief Darlington stated that they have previously talked about canvassing Police Officers and they didn't decide whether it should be part-time or full-time.

Discussion ensued amongst Chief Darlington and the Town Board relative to full-time pay vs. part-time pay, retirement contributions, overtime, availability, resignations, dedication, productivity, possible candidates, and hours per shift 8 vs. 12.

Officer Ryan Johnson gave his input on 8 vs. 12 hour shifts.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they should look at the numbers presented and have it on the agenda for the next Town Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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March 24, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, March 24, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent Searles
Attorney for the Town Wukitsch
Chief of Police, Darlington

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcement
 - ZBA Meeting Cancelled, March 26, 2013
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, February 24, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, March 10, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop, March 18, 2013
- Supervisor's Report – February 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Town Clerk, February 2014
 - Building Department, February 2014
- Old Business
 - Mud Hill
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Town Clerk and First Deputy Clerk to Attend Conference
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Officer
 - Approve Annual Audit of Town Officials
 - Approve Annual Audit of Justice Court
 - Amend January Abstract
 - Approve February Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, April 7, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, April 14, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2014
 - ZBA Meeting, April 23, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Public Hearing, April 28, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, April 28, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session
 - Personnel Matter

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and added that she wanted to address something that happened at the last Town Board Meeting and she believes that it was the Friday before the Town Board Meeting that Mr. Brick came to the Town Office to ask to be put on the agenda proposing a resolution in light of Judge Lynch’s ruling that the rezoning of the Town of Coeymans was null and void and he wanted to purport the possibility of rezoning the 9 parcels to the west of Rte. 144. She continued by saying that it should not matter what side of the aisle you are on with the issue and to purposefully omit something from an agenda that you knew was going to be on the agenda, which say on-line are tentative and subject to change, is wrong and they know that it is wrong. She added by saying that to not publish an agenda, which has happened many times in recent months, and to not have the agenda come online until the day after the Town Board Meeting is also wrong and they know it is wrong because they have plenty of time to publish an agenda and you don’t purposefully leave something off, which happens when it is something that people might want to attend the meeting for something like zoning. She concluded by saying that these are important issues and the beauty of a small town is that you can participate so it should not matter what side of the aisle you are on with the issue, they need to get the agenda out and to not omit things that they know are going to be on the agenda because it is not fair to their public.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on February 24th, a Town Board Meeting on March 10th and a Town Board Workshop on March 18th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the minutes were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Flach stated that there is an amendment to the January 2014 Supervisor’s Report in the Police Forfeiture Account and reported the change as follows:

Police Forfeiture	\$ 7,440.33	\$ 4,141.35	\$ 1,283.76	\$ 10,297.92
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February 2014

FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,522,006.22	\$ 808,688.54	\$1,074,701.08	\$1,255993.68
Part-Town	\$ 252,918.96	\$ 1,134.19	\$ 21,566.26	\$ 232,486.89
Highway	\$ 94,266.05	\$ 221.76	\$ 90,539.24	\$ 3,948.57
Bridge Construction	\$ 29,007.92	\$ 6.75	-0-	\$ 29,014.67
Sewer	\$ 35,626.90	\$ 85,809.16	\$ 34,911.45	\$ 86,524.61
Special Water	\$ 12,061.26	\$ 46,856.89	-0-	\$ 58,918.15

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Police Forfeiture	\$ 10,297.92	\$ 3,667.40	\$ 50.45	\$ 13,914.87
Trust & Agency	\$ 15,188.26	\$ 250,795.10	\$ 252,147.32	\$ 13,836.04
Capital Projects	\$ 74,402.13	\$ 4.59	\$ 26,856.00	\$ 47,550.72
Section 8 HUD 76 Units	\$ 16,912.93	\$ 44,885.64	\$ 44,036.52	\$ 17,762.05
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$ 1,759,950.25

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>		<u>COLLATERAL</u>	<u>FDIC</u>	<u>COLLATERALIZED</u>
		<u>COVERAGE</u>		
Unemployment	\$ 703.19	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$2,809,107.75
Grove Cemetery	\$40,930.98	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,956,265.34
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$13,427.08			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$.24			
Total	\$55,061.49			

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the amended January and February 2014 Supervisor’s Reports were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – February 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Clerk Monthly Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Building Department – February 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Building Department Monthly Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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OLD BUSINESS

Mud Hill

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti speak to the Old Business topic of Mud Hill.

Councilman Masti stated that it was brought up at the last Town Board Meeting and then asked if they wanted to put up No Trespassing signs so the Police can enforce it so they don't have people shooting up there. He then asked Chief Darlington the best way to do it.

Chief Darlington stated that it is the Board's desire to post No Trespassing signs and he does not believe that they need to do a resolution to make it a rule.

Councilman Masti asked if they should also put up a barricade or a chain.

Chief Darlington stated that they could but he thinks it would be a waste of money and it would probably be stolen and with some No Trespassing signs up there, they can start to enforce it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes that one of the issues that they are looking at is because it is Town property and the Town is liable if something happens but you certainly have every right to shoot your weaponry on your own property or have permission to shoot on someone else's. He reiterated that because it is Town property, the Town itself is liable if something happens and they need to protect the interest of the Town.

Councilman Burns stated that he believes putting a cable across the road might deter someone from going in there regardless of the signs.

Chief Darlington stated that an issue with that is that the cables are disappearing all over.

Supervisor Flach asked Highway Superintendent Searles if they use the shale pit.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they have stock piles up there.

Councilman Langdon stated that if there are people in there shooting, they are going to know about it because residents will make them aware of it and spending money on a cable to have it stolen does not make sense.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if Chief Darlington will write tickets for trespassing if someone disregards the sign.

Chief Darlington stated that initially they will notify and warn them but if it continues it would be a trespassing violation.

Supervisor Flach asked Highway Superintendent Searles if the Highway Department would hang the signs.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they could put them up and then asked if they would be metal or paper.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes that there is a specific way that they have to be put up and they have to be posted every so many feet in order for it to be legal and added that he will work on it with Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Searles.

Chief Darlington interjected that once they are put up, even if they are torn down, they can still enforce it with direction from the Board.

Councilman Dolan stated that he feels as though they should post it and if it continues to be an issue they should consider some sort of barricade and if it gets stolen they should try to figure out who did it.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion authorizing No Trespassing signs to be posted.

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MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns authorizing the hanging of No Trespassing signs on the Town's Mud Hill property and authorizing the Police to enforce it.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #079-14 AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK AND FIRST DEPUTY CLERK TO ATTEND TRAINING

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES – NAYS – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the New York State Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference will be held in Saratoga, New York, April 27 – April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk desire to attend the Town Clerk's Conference; and

WHEREAS, a registration fee in addition to prepayment for meals and classes is required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk are hereby authorized to attend the Town Clerks Conference in Saratoga, New York, April 27 – April 30, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes pre-payment for registration, meals and classes and round-trip mileage reimbursement upon submission of voucher.

RES. #080-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES – NAYS – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Alan J. Roehr, Jr. has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Alan J. Roehr, Jr. as Part-Time Police Officer be accepted effective April 1, 2014.

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti read the letter of resignation into the record.

Dear Chief Darlington,

With this letter, I hereby submit my resignation from the Coeymans Police Department, effective April 1, 2014.

I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with the Coeymans Police Department for the past 8 months; however, recent departmental memos have indicated certain requirements that I can no longer fulfill.

Due to my now full-time employment with another department, my availability no longer satisfies the demand that is placed on part-time Officers within the Coeymans Police Department.

Sincerely,
Alan J. Roehr, Jr.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief Darlington if the requirement in the second paragraph explains the requirement in the third paragraph to be available for a certain amount of time.

Chief Darlington stated that it does and is per Union Contract.

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RES. #081-14 APPROVE TOWN OFFICIAL’S AUDIT

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES – NAYS – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board must complete or have completed an audit, in accordance with section 123 of Town Law, of all Town Officials that handle cash and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has adopted an audit procedure, based on the Local Management Guide, Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities, published by the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller, on May 14, 2007, to be applied to the records of each Town Official that handles cash and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed the audit on March 18, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the records of the Town Supervisor have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

The records of the Town Clerk have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Stephen D. Flach	See attached checklist/comments
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

The records of the Receiver of Taxes have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Stephen D. Flach	See attached checklist/comments
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

The records of the Town Clerk’s collection of Water receipts have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Stephen D. Flach	See attached checklist/comments
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

The records of the Town Clerk’s collection of Sewer receipts have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Stephen D. Flach	See attached checklist/comments
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

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The records of the Police Chief’s collection of bail and other cash receipts have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Stephen D. Flach	See attached checklist/comments
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

The completed checklists, which include the reviewer’s comments and conclusions, are made part of this resolution.

Res. #082-14 APPROVE JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES – NAYS – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board must complete or have completed an audit, in accordance with Town Law § 123 and Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, of all Town Justices and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has adopted an audit procedure, based on the Local Management Guide, Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities, published by the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller, on May 14, 2007 to be applied to the records of each Town Justice and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed the audit on March 18, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the records of the Town Justice Dardani have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Stephen D. Flach	See attached checklist/comments
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

The records of the Town Justice Crandall have been reviewed by the following reviewers and have concluded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Stephen D. Flach	See attached checklist/comments
Peter Masti	See attached checklist/comments
George Langdon	See attached checklist/comments
Thomas Dolan	See attached checklist/comments
Kenneth Burns	See attached checklist/comments

The completed checklists, which include the reviewer’s comments and conclusions, are made part of this resolution.

RES. #083-14 AMEND FEBRUARY 2014 ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	309-362,427-428	\$1,259,212.44
General	422-426,429- 443,445 -473,526	\$ 147,269.07
	General Total	\$1,406,481.51
	Total for all funds	\$1,840.508.04

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Councilman Dolan asked what the reason for the amendment was.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it was brought to her attention that a voucher was paid twice and the money was sent back and it was amended to reflect the correct figure.

Councilman Dolan asked the dollar figure change.

Supervisor Flach stated that the figure was \$148,205.19 and is now \$147,269.07.

RES. #084-14 APPROVE FEBRUARY ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES – NAYS – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the March 2014, Abstract.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	530-584,637	\$185,228.30
General	638-671	\$ 69,749.95
	General Total	\$254,978.25
GEN. CONSOLIDATED (A)		
Gen. Consolidated Pre-Pay	585-586	\$ 794.00
	Gen. Consolidated Total	\$ 794.00
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	587-600	\$173,096.77
Part-Town	672-674	\$ 1,533.62
	Part Town Total	\$174,630.39
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	601-612	\$ 61,572.71
Highway	675-700	\$ 64,946.72
	Highway Total	\$126,519.43
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	613-627	\$ 23,155.06
Sewer	701-719	\$ 9,960.84
	Sewer Total	\$ 33,115.90
	Total for all Funds	\$590,137.97
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	628-636	\$252,627.38
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$252,627.38

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TOWN BOARD MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

- Planning Board Meeting, April 7, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, April 14, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2014, 6:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, April 23, 2014, 7:00pm
- Public Hearing, April 28, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, April 28, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that residents have until Monday, March 31st to either pay your taxes in person or have it postmarked and mid-April they will go to Albany to be settled and added that she wanted to mention that fishing licenses go on sale April 1st, which went from \$29.00 to \$25.00 and no longer expires September 30th, they are now good for a full year.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he had a couple of things and continued by saying that he had submitted a request for part-time Telecommunicators to be placed on the agenda.

Supervisor Flach stated that he did not get a resolution done in time and they could talk about it now.

Chief Darlington stated that as a Department Head he had never been asked to do a resolution.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he was not asking him to do a resolution.

Chief Darlington stated that he was asked to do one earlier today and he replied that he could give the names, which he normally does.

Supervisor Flach asked if his secretary requested it.

Chief Darlington stated that she said she was waiting for a resolution from him.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was not the correct procedure and continued by asking the Board if they had gotten the list of names and added that the positions are for part-time Telecommunicators.

Chief Darlington stated that there are no additional hours and it is just to fill in schedules for vacations and such.

Councilman Burns stated that they all have to be trained, so the sooner the better.

Councilman Masti asked of background checks had been done.

Chief Darlington stated that they had.

Supervisor Flach stated that he apologizes for not having a resolution and then asked the Board if they were alright with moving forward.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they were.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked what the starting rate of pay would be.

Chief Darlington stated that it would be based on the Contract Agreement.

Supervisor Flach asked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch to introduce a resolution from the floor.

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RES. #085 AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE TO HIRE FIVE PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATORS

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of part-time Telecommunicators, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received applications from the following individuals: David DeBacco, Dylan Keyer, Susan Leonardo, Amanda Mueller and Justin McMullen, and

WHEREAS, background checks have been completed on all of the individuals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the hiring of David DeBacco, Dylan Keyer, Susan Leonardo, Amanda Mueller and Justin McMullen at the rate of pay set forth in the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement to work flexible hours as needed, effective immediately.

Supervisor Flach stated that for some background, Chief Darlington and the Senior Telecommunicator discussed this at the last Workshop and the Board was given his final list of candidates who all live within the Town of Coeymans.

Councilman Masti asked if it was a list of twelve that was narrowed down to five.

Chief Darlington stated that the stacks of applications were enormous for both the part-time Police and Telecommunicators and the first preference went to Town residents, which narrowed it down to 10 potential candidates and then they narrowed it down to five. He added that there are two alternates that they added in case there was any issued with the five.

Chief Darlington stated that his second item is that he had received a request from the Coeymans Fire Department, in September they will be hosting the Albany County Fireman's Dinner and they have asked to have permission to close Westerlo Street from Main Street to Civill Avenue so they can have additional parking. He added that he didn't see an issue with it and told them that he had to bring it to the Board and Highway to see if this would be allowed.

Supervisor Flach asked what time the dinner would be.

Chief Darlington stated that it would probably be 5:00 or 6:00pm

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if there is an alternative route.

Chief Darlington stated that there is and the only residence that would be affected by it and they didn't want to park at Pieter B. because of the flow of traffic through there. He added that he told them that he would bring it up for discussion with the Board.

Supervisor Flach asked if the one resident will be able to get through.

Chief Darlington stated that they will.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they should let that person know.

Councilman Dolan asked what the date is.

Chief Darlington stated that they are not sure of the definite date but it will be sometime in September and in line with the Albany County Fireman's Parade. He continued by saying that during the last Workshop they discussed the consoles and he has an estimate, which is a newer model of the current one that will allow them to put Highway on the console. He added that the current price is \$11,925.00 and he suggests that they go with this one because it is compatible with the ones that they have and if there is any mechanical issue during the install, they will still have the one console to put back in. He went on by saying that he will provide the Board with a copy of the estimate for review and discussion, which is not State Contract pricing and it would be 10% less but by the time that they move forward with State Contract pricing, it is going up by 10%.

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Councilman Langdon asked if they will have to bid it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that if it is \$10,000.00 or over they have to put it out to bid if they are not going to purchase under State Contract.

Chief Darlington stated that the estimate is preliminary numbers from the radio company that he works with.

Councilman Burns stated that if he sends out an existing console for repair, when it comes back they will have three consoles available and if one goes down there will be a spare.

Chief Darlington stated that was correct and added that the current one is working but the parts are becoming more and more obsolete so they would have back-ups as long as parts are available and he did say during budget discussions that it is time for them to be replaced because there is a point where you have to stop sinking money into bad equipment

Councilman Langdon asked if he has any allocations somewhere in his budget to help with this.

Chief Darlington stated that with the new Police car he is equipping, it will be tight.

Supervisor Flach stated that they talked about tower funds.

Chief Darlington stated that Verizon Wireless is going on the Town's tower on Gedney Hill so hopefully those in the Hollow will get better service as well as it generating more revenue.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if it will be a 50/50 split.

Chief Darlington stated that it will and then asked if there had been any notification from Verizon because they have already applied for a Building Permit and they don't have an Agreement signed.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that Crowne should take the initiative to get it moving so he assuming that there is something in place with Verizon.

Chief Darlington asked if the Town is required to be part of the Agreement.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they usually are and then asked that Chief Darlington have Crowne call him.

Chief Darlington stated that he would.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that it is the same as always and everyone is doing a great job and with the weather getting nicer they don't have to worry about salt.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he continued by saying that he had a couple of announcements and added that on April 11th, Lafarge will be having their Ground Breaking Ceremony, which he believes is 10:00am for their new Dry Process Plant, which environmentally is a big thing for our community because it does away with a lot of emissions. He continued by saying that they signed a P.I.L.O.T. (payment in lieu of taxes) Agreement with Lafarge a few weeks ago, which is a public document for anyone to see, it is for 20 years and their taxes will go up 2% every year so regardless of what their budget is, they will increment every year for 20 years based on a \$100-\$150 million assessment. He added that the Town is also getting a Host Benefit Package, which will be a check to the Town in the amount of \$350,000.00 a year, which is above and beyond the taxes that they pay as well as the school receiving \$150,000.00 as a Host Benefit. He went on by saying that they are pretty excited about it and they hope to use it for the Town's benefit to appropriate it properly and it is a big deal for the Town and they were given a bit more because they have the Police Department, take care of the roads and Lafarge is in their Town and he wanted to also thank the Town Board for moving ahead with it. He continued by saying that on April 27th the R-C-S Community Library is celebrating their 20th Anniversary from 2-6:00pm. He added that he wanted to thank the Town

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Board for when he was away for the last meeting and then apologized to those who didn't get an agenda, which Ms. Lawler had mentioned earlier and went on by saying that he did not realize that it did not go on the website because he and his Deputy and other Board Members had spoken about trying to have the agenda out by Wednesday so they could keep everyone informed. He concluded by saying that he wanted to congratulate Mr. Misuraca, Mr. Mahler and Mr. Coye on the election to the Village Offices as well as thanking Mayor Bruno, Trustee's Case and Persico for their service to the Town and he appreciates that when he came into office a couple of years ago and he felt that they worked together as a Town and Village, which has not always been the case and he was happy that they were able to begin moving forward and working together as one community.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:50pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting with the entire Town Board present as well as Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions were made, and no formal action was taken.

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
April 14, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, April 14, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent Searles

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Summer Work Program Applications
 - Alcove Community Yard Sales
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, March 24, 2014
- Resolutions
 - Accept Resignation of Police Officer
 - Appoint Summer Recreation Leader
 - Amend Resolution #085-14
 - Budget Amendment, General Fund
 - Budget Amendment, Sewer Fund
 - Budget Amendment, Part-Town Fund
 - Budget Amendment, Highway Fund
- Correspondence
 - Starr Ross, Town Code Section 60-2C
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, April 23, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Public Hearing, April 28, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Board Meeting, April 28, 2014, 7:00pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Work Program Applications

Supervisor Flach stated that applications for the Summer Work Programs are now available and can be picked up in the Supervisor's Office or by download on the web-site and they need to be completed and turned in by May 31, 2014

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Alcove Community Yard Sale Day

Supervisor Flach stated that the Alcove Community Yard Sales will be April 26, 2014, which a yearly event and Stephanie Hamilton is the contact for it if there are any questions and she can be reached at 756-2708.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she had an application and continued by reading the following:

The Alcove Preservation Association invites you to participate in the 20th Annual Alcove Community Yard Sales, April 26, 2014. Registration fee of \$10.00 please to offset the cost of advertising and printing. Monies left will go to benefit community projects of the Preservation Association. Treasure maps will be available at the Coeymans Hollow Firehouse at 8:00am the morning of the sale. Please submit your registration by April, 19, 3024. Contact Stephanie Hamilton at 756-2708 or shamilton27@gmail.com for any questions, additions, or cancellations. After a survey of applicants and careful consideration of the cost involved in preparing advertising and printing, it was decided that after 20 years, the fee needed to be increased to \$10.00.

Foot Note: APA Luncheon is in full compliance with NYS and Albany County Health Department regulations under Section 14-1.190, therefore there will be no other sale of food advertised. Check or money orders should be made payable to Alcove Preservation Association Community Yard Sale and mailed to PO Box 81, Alcove, NY 12007

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on March 24th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Flach stated that the resolutions that are read at each meeting are available at the Town Clerk's Office for anyone that may want a copy.

RES. #086-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Nicholas R. Westfall has submitted his letter of resignation as Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Nicholas R. Westfall as Police Officer be accepted effective May 1, 2014.

Councilman Masti continued by reading the letter into the record.

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Dear Chief Darlington,

Please accept this letter of resignation from the position of Police Officer. My last day at Coeymans Police Department will be May 1, 2014.

I have accepted this position with another organization and though I have enjoyed working at Coeymans Police Department and will miss my colleagues, I am hopeful this new position will challenge my growth and further my career.

During the next couple of weeks, I am willing to help you in any way to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please let me know if there is anything specific that you would like me to do.

Again, it has been a pleasure working as part of your organization.

Best regards,

Nicholas Westfall

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank Officer Westfall for his service.

Councilman Burns stated that he wishes him the same.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thanks Officer Westfall, a great Officer who is moving on to other things and he appreciates his service to this town and community. He added that he and has been with the Police Department for quite a while and concluded by wishing him well as he moves on.

RES. #087-14 APPOINT PART-TIME SEASONAL RECREATION LEADER

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena established a Summer Recreation Program to be based at Mosher Park, and

WHEREAS, both the Town Board and Village Board have agreed to equally fund this program; and

WHEREAS, a seasonal part-time staffer is need to organize and operate the program to run from July 7th to August 10, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints Eric Norris as part-time Seasonal Recreation Leader at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective May 1, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that Eric Norris has been doing this for 3-4 years and does a great job.

RES. #088-14 AMEND RESOLUTION #085-14

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, resolution #085-14 was adopted by the Town Board on March 24, 2014, and

WHEREAS, this resolution appointed five (5) part-time Telecommunicators to the Police Department,

WHEREAS, the effective date of hire was set in error.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the correct date of hire for (5) part-time Telecommunicators should be April 1, 2014.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they did the resolution from the floor that night and the correct date of hire for all part-time Telecommunicators should be April 1, 2014.

RES. #089-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans General Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 531.10	A1110.4 Justice-Contractual	A1110.1 Justice-Personal Services
\$ 840.00	A1110.4 Justice-Contractual	A1315.4 Accountant
\$ 209.09	A1640.4 Central Garage	A1620.4 Town Hall-Contractual
\$ 547.56	A7110.4 Parks-Contractual	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$1,526.49	A7310.1 Youth Services-Personal	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$ 250.00	A7510.4 Historian-Contractual	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$ 624.58	A8090.1 Leachate-Personal Services	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$ 24.65	A7510.1 Historian-Personal Services	A3020.4 Communications-Contract.
\$ 504.40	A3010.4 Public Safety-Contractual	A3120.4 Law Enforcement-Contract.
\$ 110.35	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	A5132.4 Highway Garage-Contract.
\$3,665.81	A8510.1 Community Beaut.-Pers. Serv.	A5132.4 Highway Garage-Contract.
\$1,300.58	A1640.4 Central Garage-Contractual	A4589.4 Other Health
\$2,251.64	A1430.1 Human Resource-Pers. Serv.	A4589.4 Other Health
\$1,547.61	A9030.8 Social Security	A4589.4 Other Health

Supervisor Flach stated that they needed to move some money from accounts where there was money left over to accounts that were overspent in 2013 and it was from A Fund accounts to A Fund accounts and there are 14 transfers, which are available at the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone wishing to review them.

RES. #090-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

On motion Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Sewer Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 179.58	SS8130.1 Sewer-Personal Services	SS9010.8 Retirement
\$2,430.00	SS8130.1 Sewer-Personal Services	SS9050.8 Unemployment
\$5,812.29	SS9060.8 Health Insurance	SS8130.2 Sewer-Equipment
\$ 171.76	SS9055.8 Disability Insurance	SS8130.2 Sewer-Equipment

RES. #091-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Part-Town Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$5,000.00	B1420.4 Legal Services	B1440.4 Engineer Contract.
\$4,197.74	B8020.1 Planning Board-Personal Services	B5182.4 Street Lighting-Contract.
\$2,039.33	B3620.1 Safety Inspections-Personal Serv.	B9010.8 Retirement

RES. #092-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANFER

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Highway Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$3,719.08	DB5110.1 General Repairs-Personal Serv.	DB5110.4 General Repairs-Contract.
\$4,207.19	DB5110.1 General Repairs-Personal Serv.	DB1640.4 Central Garage-Contract.
\$ 571.65	DB5112.4 Special Improvements	DB5130.4 Machinery-Contractual
\$2,007.80	DB9050.8 Unemployment	DB9010.8 Retirement

Councilman Dolan stated that they are from 2013 and then asked why so many are being done now.

Supervisor Flach stated that some of those things don’t get paid until later on and were just billed in December and it may take a couple of months and it can be done anytime during the year and they are trying to get things caught up.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Code Section 60-2C

Supervisor Flach stated that there was a concern from a couple of residents in the Hamlet and in Town Code Section 60-2C and Section 60-9, which has to do with dog control, there have been some complaints about dogs not being properly supervised as well as not picking up their waste at the parks. He continued by saying that if you have a dog, make sure that you supervise it, it is not running on other people’s property and asked that they pick up their dog’s waste because it is important to keep the parks nice for each other.

Councilman Dolan stated that it came up as a topic for discussion at one of their Neighborhood Association Meetings and one of the problems is that people let their dogs out and they wander anywhere they want to defecate and then there are those that walk their dogs and allow them to defecate and the owner’s don’t clean it up, which quite often is on other people’s property or in one of the parks, which is troublesome because it is where people bring their children to play. He added that it is happening at the parks, baseball and soccer fields where people let their dogs run and it is disturbing to those that step in it when playing on the fields.

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Supervisor Flach asked that people be considerate and pick up their dog's waste and there are waste cans that are supplied at the parks.

Councilman Dolan stated that the majority of people who walk their dogs pick up their dog's waste, including his wife and neighbors and he does not see why other people don't do the same.

Town Clerk Millious stated that back in the early 2000's they did the Pooper Scooper Law, which is for throughout the whole Town of Coeymans but the leash law only applies to those in the Hamlet of Coeymans and Village of Ravena, which is hard when dogs are running at large and added that it might be helpful if they put some signs up.

Supervisor Flach asked that Highway Superintendent Searles look into if there are signs and if not could he look into having some made.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he would.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2014, 6:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, April 23, 2014, 7:00pm
- Public Hearing, April 28, 2013, 6:00pm
- Board Meeting, April 28, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she took the taxes to Albany last week to settle and anyone wishing to pay now needs to contact the County of Albany at (518) 447-7070 and should call before going to make sure of the correct amount due and they are located at 112 State Street, Albany.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was requesting to be on the April 22nd Workshop to discuss the salt shed.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a very important topic and issue that they have at the Highway Department and there was a lack of salt this past winter, through no fault of Highway Superintendent Searles.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to mention a survey that he received in the mail for Coeymans Waste Water District households, which was an income survey to try to help secure a lower rate of financing for some of the projects that they need to do in the Sewer District. He continued by saying that it only asks one thing, which is total household income, and there is no name on each individual questionnaire, a self-addressed envelope was provided for its return and concluded by saying that hopefully it will help them secure a lower rate.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will help residents in the Hamlet if they can get it reduced and to do that they have to know that the true income is lower than the mean average, which they are pretty sure that it is. He continued by saying that when sewer rates are discussed at the end of the year, if they can get it a 0% interest they won't have to worry so much about raising rates as much and the number at the bottom corner of the survey is informational for the company doing the survey.

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Councilman Dolan stated that it's so they can track who returned it and so they can follow-up on people that don't return it and the Town Board has no idea who did or did not return it.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that there are no names on it, it is very private and he would encourage residents of the Hamlet to return it.

Councilman Dolan stated that the deadline to return it is May 1st.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that everyone is busy in the Highway Department every time he sees them and he does not know how the girls in the office do what they do and he always leaves out the Police Department, who do a very good job as well and added that anyone needing an attitude adjustment should visit Mr. Kerr at the Sewer Department. He added that he hopes that everyone appreciates those who work throughout the night rather than being home with their families and it is awesome to have people who will serve that way.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to congratulate Lafarge on their groundbreaking, which was a good turnout, their progress is moving forward and he believes that it is going to be what is best for the Town.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti asked if the posted signs were up at the Town's Mud Hill property.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the signs are all up and they put big rocks across the entrance because when they go up there they have to take a loader anyway and they will use it to move them when they need to get in there.

Supervisor Flach stated that he did have a resident come to him with a concern about walking their dog when there is shooting there and added that it is not about walking your dog, it is about keeping people from shooting on Town property because it is a safety and liability issue.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to compliment Deputy Clerk Vatalaro who for the last few days has been going through and organizing cemetery records.

Town Clerk Millious stated that her office now handles three cemeteries and it started off with her just having Indian Fields Cemetery but now she has Grove and Coeymans Hollow Cemeteries as well. She added that they did get some records from Tony Wolfe and they are trying to put pieces to everything together for every lot, which is project.

Councilman Masti stated that this way they won't be burying someone where they should not be buried and Town Clerk Millious and staff are doing the best they can with what they have been given and he appreciates the fact she is tending to the dead and buried and it is important to know where they are buried.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there is always something to do and there is never a dull moment in her office because there is always something going on.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he added that he went to the Swearing In of the new Village of Ravena Mayor and two Trustees last week and he wanted to offer his congratulations as well as being honored to go to the Lafarge Ground Breaking Ceremony and some in attendance were Senator Tkaczyk, Senator Breslin, Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, Assemblyman Lopez and many others and he was honored to be asked to say a few words. He added that Lafarge is in their home town, have provided jobs for a long, long time, over 50 years, and another 50 would be wonderful and he is grateful that they are moving forward with the plant, which he is very happy about.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- 2014 Capital Bicycle Racing Club Race
- Highway Department – Salt Shed
- EAF – SEQRA Amend Zoning Map

DISCUSSIONS

2014 Capital Bicycle Racing Club Race

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Paul McDonnell was present to discuss the 2014 Capital Region Road Race, which has become a yearly race/event in the Town of Coeymans.

Mr. McDonnell presented to the Town Board the flyer for the events, Coeymans Hollow Time Trials on Wednesday, June 18th and June 25th and the Capital Region Road Race on Saturday, July 12th and continued by explaining each event.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious check the dates for the use of the pavilion on June 18th and June 25th.

Town Clerk Millious checked the dates and advised that they are open and gave Mr. McDonnell an application for use of the pavilion.

Collectively the Town Board agreed to waive the fee for the use of the pavilion in Joralemon Park because any proceeds are donated to the local fire company and ambulance as well as paying the police forces that assist them.

Supervisor asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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Highway Department – Salt Shed

Supervisor Flach stated that Highway Superintendent Searles was present to discuss his request for a Salt Shed at the Highway Department.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there have been some issues with the County of Albany, who they have a “hand shake” agreement with, which is that they will provide salt for the Town and there have been three incidents this past winter where he had to go to other vendors and buy salt because they ran out and he paid \$20.00 more a ton. He continued by pointing out the following:

- The Town paid \$22,990.00 for salt for January, February and March, the County received 5 loads since January of 100 tons each, when rounded up it is a total of \$25,000.00 that the County paid for salt, which was basically the Town’s money and he ran out three times so basically the Town paid for the salt for Town and County roads.
- The salt is supposed to be mixed at a 1-3 ratio, which is 80% sand and 20% salt but the County has been mixing it at a 1-5 ratio but they are getting charged for the 1-3 ratio.
- The County has accused the Town of stealing salt.

Discussion ensued between Highway Superintendent Searles and the Town Board relative to price for a Salt Shed, the current agreement with the County and the fact that the Town paid for most of the salt used by the County, location of the Salt Shed, accusations from the County that the Town is stealing salt, size of building, funds to do it by BAN, appropriations or grants, time limit for getting back on State Contract, the possibility of sharing services with the Village and school.

Supervisor Flach asked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch if he had anything to add.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it sounds to him that having their own Salt Shed is the way to go and it makes more sense even though there is an up-front investment of the cost of the shed.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that he needs to know by May 30st for ordering salt and added that they have time to think about it but he has to know before then if he is going to be ordering salt or if they are going to piggy back with the County again.

Supervisor Flach asked that the Town Board think about it and added that they have plenty of time and then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he had anything else to discuss.

Highway Superintendent Searles continued by discussing the fact that money has to be transferred to reflect the relocation and merging of the Beautification Department to the Highway Department. He added that the contractual and personal services would be put in the DB Fund but the Parks and Cemeteries would remain in the A Fund and as soon as it is done they can start shared services.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be a budget amendment.

Highway Superintendent Searles continued by discussing the uniform vendor, which is currently Uni-First and between Highway and Parks they were charged \$14,374.00. He continued by saying that he obtained a quote from J.K. Services who bought out Tri-State and they quoted a price of \$5,229.64, which includes extras such as sewing emblems on the shirts.

Discussion ensued amongst Highway Superintendent Searles, the Town Board and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch relative to the procedure for changing vendors and it was decided that in order to do so, there had to be three quotes, which Highway Superintendent Searles has.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they will do a resolution at the next meeting to change from Uni-First to J.K. Services, the lowest quoter.

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EAF – SEQRA Amend Zoning Map

Supervisor Flach stated that there is an Environmental Assessment Form that has to be completed for Proposed Local Law #4 – Zoning Map Modification and continued by asking that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch explain the procedure.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that Part I lays out a description of the project and the Town Board's job is now to complete Part II by analyzing each question and added that for the record, Attorney Brick is present and the Attorney for the applicant. He continued by saying that so the record is clear, the Town Board received a letter dated April 4, 2014 from Mr. Brick, basically addressing some of the issues in the SEQRA review as well as an attachment relating to the proposed rezoning, which contains exhibits A-J. He added that for now they should go through and take a look at each of the items under Part II, analyze them and see if they have a consensus in terms of how they would answer them. He went on by saying that on page 2 under Coastal Resources it looks like Code Enforcement Officer Conrad made a notation and then asked if it was in fact him.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wrote it, it was his original copy and he had a question about it and added basically his thought at that point was that it is not actually on the Coastal Area Map and it is not on the list but when you do the calculation of the area, it comes up as a coastal waterway even though it is not on the map and then asked Attorney Brick for an explanation.

Attorney Brick stated that he and the project engineers filled out the full Environmental Assessment Form and the State Department of Environmental Conservation recently adopted a new long form and when they implemented the new form they also rolled out on their website what is called the EAF Mapper Application. He continued by saying that they have collected from various data bases from State agencies, information about every property that they have information on in the state and now with the Mapper Application on their website, when you go in it brings you to a tax map where you draw a circle or a line around the project area, which in this case it is the 9 parcels that they want to rezone and plug it in and in turn they take information from the project area and apply it to all the data bases that they have in the Mapper Application and some of the questions are answered. He added that he had gone through and answered every question but after going through the Mapper Application a number of questions had already been answered by DEC's website and that is one of them and for the Coastal Resources section, it is DEC's answer.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he didn't think that they had to go any further than that because the answer is yes.

Attorney Brick stated that he believes it is and he can provide supplemental explanatory information why DEC said that it is and in looking at the last two pages of the EAF, they are new and are pages that DEC adds into the EAF and they explain those questions that they answer and in looking at B.1.1 it says that it is a coastal or waterfront area and his understanding is because it is in proximity to the Hudson River, which is a coastal area and added that he should provide the Board with an application that is just DEC's answers.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the last two pages tell you exactly what was pre-answered and added that they can continue on to page 4 line "a" where it asks if the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both and the answer is no. He then asked if anyone disagreed, hearing no disagreement he moved to the next item, "will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated material".

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is important to note that this is a zoning map change and not a project.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that it is a zoning map change and it is not a project where there is construction, manufacturing or some other activity going on.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the map is being changed for a reason, which is to allow certain activities and it is not just a change in the map for the sake of changing the map, it is a change in the map to allow or disallow certain activities.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it would be to allow industrial uses and he does not think that there are any specific uses sought through the application and then asked Mr. Brick if he was correct.

Attorney Brick stated that he was correct and added that there is some difficulty in filling out an EAF for a rezone application because SEQRA says that you have to look at all of the potentialities that can occur as a result of your action so you do, to a certain extent have to look at future uses of the property. He added that another question is, “will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants” and the action is the rezone, and a rezone can never create air pollutants, so it is not a perfect marriage between the way the questions are phrased when you are dealing with a rezone application.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there are some broader questions toward the end that would address a rezone specifically but all questions have to be answered in terms of the proposed action being the rezone itself and not any specific industrial use.

Councilman Masti interjected that each parcel would have to do an EAF and all they are doing is saying that industrial would be allowed but ultimately whatever company wants to propose it, would have to fill out and answer questions like whether or not they will cause pollution, etc.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that was correct and they individually would have to fill out an EAF.

Councilman Dolan stated that the rezoning is being sought because there are ongoing activities that don’t necessarily coincide with the zoning and how it may be if the law is overturned or to ultimately be withheld.

Attorney Brick stated that from his client’s perspective and they originally requested the three parcels that they control, was to bring the zoning into conformity with the Comprehensive Plan as well as the historic and existing uses on the property, which are industrial in nature. He added that it is bringing the zoning into conformity with the previously issued Special Use Permits and it is trying to bring the color on the map in conformity with what the Comprehensive Plan says it should be as well as what traditionally happened there, what is happening now and what they hope will happen in the future.

Councilman Dolan asked if it would be legitimate to take into account activities that are going on there as they speak.

Attorney Brick stated that you could.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not just the changing of the law itself, it is activities that would also be going on at this particular.

Attorney Brick disagreed and interjected that any of the activities going on at this particular moment are permitted, grandfathered and have already gone through the SEQRA process and there is no other activity taking place on the property that would be subject to SEQRA right now and everything is in a holding pattern. He added that there are no new proposals, the subdivision has been approved and other than TCI, who is permitted and approved, and have gone through the SEQRA process, there is nothing else taking place.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that what he is saying is that they don’t re-SEQRA the SEQRA that has already occurred.

Mr. Bill Better stated that he represents TCI and he wanted to make it absolutely clear, and he is not trying to project but he is interpreting what Councilman Dolan is saying, that there is nothing that the EAF does with respect to his approval and one of the reasons that he is present is to make sure that there is not some effort to try and re-open something that is long decided and approved months ago.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was not suggesting that and he wanted to make that clear.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they continue with the EAF and asked where they left off.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is Page 4, Project Operations item a. “does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both”.

Supervisor Flach agreed that the answer is no.

Councilman Dolan stated that if the action is strictly the zoning change, he would agree.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following:

- Will there be on-site dewatering or processing of excavated materials?

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is no.

- Will the excavation require blasting?

Collectively the Board agreed that there is no excavation.

- Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, water body, shoreline, beach or adjacent area.

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is no.

- Will the proposed action cause a result in disturbance to bottom sediments?

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is no.

- Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation.

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is no.

- Will the proposed action use or create a demand for water?

Councilman Dolan stated that he would say yes to that because as far as he knows there have been requests for water on that property and not just for TCI.

Supervisor Flach stated reiterated that it is for the zoning action.

Councilman Masti interjected that whoever proposes to build would request that.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is important to focus on the zoning because if they answer yes to it, the next question is the total anticipated water usage/demand for water would be per day and they want to know the exact amount. He added that it supports what the majority of the Board is doing in treating it simply as a rezone and not any specific project because if they had a specific project before them, they would have an expert telling them how much water demand would be needed per day and they don't have that information and if they check yes, they would not be able to answer the second part, which they are required to do.

Councilman Masti reiterated that it would be whatever company was proposing a specific project because they would have a specific answer.

Councilman Dolan asked if it was a majority vote.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it was.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that he believes that the answer is yes.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the vote would be 4 saying no and 1 saying yes.

Councilman Dolan stated that his understanding is that specific amounts of water were requested.

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Councilman Burns stated that it would be if another company like TCI came in and built a factory and required a certain amount of water, even if it were for just restrooms.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he understands that.

Supervisor Flach asked if the supply of water is specific to municipal water.

Councilman Dolan stated that he believes that question is how much water would be coming into the property because once it comes in, something needs to happen with it, whether it is used or discharged in some manner.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is a different viewpoint on that and he can understand it and continued by reading the next question.

- Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing water supply?

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is no.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that they have to remember that they the Town are asking to do a rezone and answering the questions as the Lead Agency and they are not going to require water to rezone a piece of property.

- Is a new Water Supply District proposed to be formed?

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is no.

- Will the proposed action generate liquid waste?

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is no.

- Will the proposed action use any existing wastewater treatment facilities?

Councilman Dolan stated that somewhere in the information that Attorney Brick gave them there is a letter from Mr. Conrad talking about potential waste water being generated and how the Sewer District could handle it because of waste water taken out previously.

Attorney Brick stated that pursuant to the Town's Consent Order with DEC, the Town Engineer does an annual I&I Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Report, which basically reports to DEC every year the Town's effort to reduce the I&I getting into the system and he provided a copy of the report from 2013 where they credit his client in doing work on his property to repair the sewer lines that were already in existence there and he reduced the I&I according to C.T. Male, the Town's Engineer, by 53,000 gallons per day, which is 19 million gallons annually. He added that reduction alone is beneficial to reducing the I&I as well as increasing capacity in the plant because it is no longer processing that I&I and they wanted to point out that figure to show that there is a capacity as well as there being over 350,000 gallons per day reduced through I&I since 2001, which means that rain water is no longer being processed through the facility.

Councilman Dolan stated that he didn't know that this was on the agenda and then asked what the context is of him bringing up that documentation if it is not an issue at all.

Attorney Brick stated that irrespective of the language of the wording of the EAF and how you have to answer it when the rezone is the action, he wanted to provide additional information for the Board's consideration because Judge Lynch, in his decision regarding the town-wide rezone said that in his review of the record he could not find enough documentation to justify some of the decisions that were made under SEQR and based on that, for their particular rezone, he didn't want it to be a problem and he wanted the Board to have as much information as the various aspects of potential environmental impacts that would be impacted by this particular rezone. He added that with the hand-out he went through the generic environmental aspects that are usually looked at during a rezone process, which are water, sewer, traffic, etc. and he wanted to provide information on each to the Board and it is above and beyond the questions in the EAF.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the EAF.

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- Will a new Waste Water Sewage Treatment District be formed to serve the project site.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he would say no and if it is to be, it would be the existing Sewer District.

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer would be no to the following:

- Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create storm water runoff, either from new point sources or non-point sources during construction or post construction?
- Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations?
- Will any air emission sources named in D.2.F, require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit?
- Will the proposed action generate methane?
- Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants for open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations?
- Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services?
- Will the proposed action generate new or additional demand for energy?
- Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels
- Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting?
- Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day?
- Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum with a capacity of over 1,100 gallons or chemical product 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage?
- Will the proposed action use pesticides during construction or operation?
- Will the proposed action involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste?
- Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste facility?
- Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste?

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the next part is to check existing land uses on and surrounding the project site and the following were checked, Industrial, Commerical, Residential Rural, and Forest.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued to ask the following.

- Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer would be no.

- Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities within 1500 feet of the project site.

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer would be yes, Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary.

- Does the project site contain an existing dam?
- Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial Solid Waste Management Facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a Solid Waste Management Facility?
- Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin any property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste?
- Has there been a reported spill at the proposed site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site?

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it would be for the 9 parcels included in the proposed rezone and to their knowledge the answer is no and continued with the following.

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- Is the project site within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the answer is yes and it is one of the questions that was pre-answered.

Attorney Brick stated that it was and the map application picked yes and gave the number and he in turn researched the number and provided the explanation in Part IV.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is something that came out of their database and they don't really have anything to say about that.

Councilman Masti if the dredging for PCB's was considered within 2000 feet.

Attorney Brick stated that his understanding is that in reviewing the Spill Summary or the Remediation Site Summary is that the entire Hudson River from the New York Harbor to the dam north of Troy has been designated as a Remediation Site.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following and collectively the Board agreed that the answers would be no.

- Is the Project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses?
- Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site?

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the predominant soil type is silt loam, the average depth of water is 0-5 feet as well as there being information on drainage and approximate proportion of the project with slopes and then continued with the following.

- Are there any unique geologic features on the project site?

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer in no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the next item is surface water features and continued with the following.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer would be yes to the following and that they were pre-answered.

- Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other water bodies?
- Do any wetlands or other water bodies adjoin the project site?

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the entire Section h. was pre-answered and it was not necessary for them to address it and continued with the following.

- Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site.
Deer, rabbit, birds, typical small mammals and birds.

Attorney Brick interjected that he filled in that information and he wanted to identify what they know is on the site.

- Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community?

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the answer would be no.

- Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the Federal Government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species?
- Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern?
- Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing?

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the questions were pre-answered.

Attorney Brick stated that they were pre-answered and there were two things that he was able to learn and he would supplement them with the research that he has developed. He continued by saying that there is a potential spawning ground at the base of the creek where it meets the Hudson River for the Short Nosed Sturgeon and also a type of plant that was identified in the vicinity back in 1960 by a geologist doing a geological survey.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is at the mouth of the creek and then asked if it is within the rezone.

Attorney Brick stated that the spawning ground is where the creek and Hudson River have a confluence and it is at the bottom side of the falls and the industrial area proposed to be re-zoned is above the falls so there is no chance of the spawning ground ever moving into this area and the concern would be what takes place in the area in the future having an impact upon the stream that flows into the spawning ground. He added that from their perspective it would be addressed by the SPDES Permit where the State DEC regulates discharges into the stream to prevent those types of impacts and continued by saying that there are currently 50 point discharges along the Onesquethaw Coeymans Creek authorized by DEC.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following.

- Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing?

Collectively the Board agreed that the answer is yes.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following.

- Is the project site, or any portion of it located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304?
- Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present?
- Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it contiguous to a registered National Natural Landmark?
- Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area?

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answers would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following.

- Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on, or has been nominated by the NYS Board of Historic Preservation for inclusion on the State or National Register of Historic Places?
- Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to the area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office Archaeological Site Inventory?

Attorney Brick interjected that the State pre-answered and the answers were yes.

Councilman Dolan stated that in the packet that Mr. Brick provided them, it referenced an archaeological inventory and it mentioned a lot of attachments, etc. and then asked if there was any way he could get a copy of them.

Attorney Brick stated that he provided the Executive Summary, which is 500 pages long and he will get a copy for the Town.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thinks that it would be important for the Town to have this information.

Attorney Brick stated that it was created for the large parcel as a result of the bridge project.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following.

- Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer was no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated he is assuming that the answers were pre-answered from the data base.

Attorney Brick stated that some were and some were not.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if anyone knew of any archaeological or historic resources that have not been identified.

Attorney Brick stated that the archaeological study determined no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following.

- Is the project site within five miles of an officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they answer is yes and it is Schodack Island State Park and it is approximately 1 mile away and continued with the following.

- Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666?

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the answer is no and added that it concluded the Environmental Assessment Form. He continued by saying that unless anyone had any further discussion, they can give the public an opportunity to address the Board.

Attorney Brick asked if they were going to fill out the Part 2 decision and added that he didn't bring any copies for them because he didn't know that they were going to fill it out now.

Supervisor Flach stated that he guessed they would not be able to do it if they didn't have any copies.

Attorney Brick stated that they could download it directly from the website.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked what Part 2 covers.

Attorney Brick stated that Part 2 is the analysis where it asks specific questions and the Town as the Lead Agency determines if there will be no/small impact or moderate/large impact from each individual type of environmental consideration.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that they could do that.

Attorney Bill Better stated that those boxes that were checked yes, you would now ask those questions of the boxes checked yes and you don't go back to every box that is no and continued by saying that only to the yes answers do you say if it will be a small or large impact.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there are only a couple that are checked yes and they can go over it now and then convert it to a form. He continued by saying that the first that he see is Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary.

Attorney Better stated that it is because it is within 1500 feet of the rezone and then the question is if there will be a significant environmental impact on that facility.

Collectively it was agreed that they needed the Part 2 Form to follow, Attorney Brick downloaded the form from the website, Town Clerk Millious made copies and distributed them to the Town Board.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that impact on land is the first question and added that they had already covered most of the questions and then asked if anyone feels as though it should be anything other than no.

Councilman Dolan stated that the answer to the very first one, the proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.

Supervisor Flach interjected that this is a zoning action and they are not actually talking about constructing anything.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is like trying to pound a square peg into a round hole and he would suppose that you could say that if you are zoning it to industrial, you could conjecture any possibility and answer yes to every one of the questions if you take that view.

Councilman Dolan quoted from the form as follows:

“When answering a question, consider all components of the proposed activity that is the whole action. Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.”

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would start with 1- Impact on Land, which would be yes and then asked if it would be a small or moderate to large impact.

Collectively the Board agreed that it may possibly have a small impact.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued with the following.

- The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.

Supervisor Flach interjected that they don't really know so they would say no.

Councilman Dolan stated that 50% of the site is 15% or greater.

Attorney Brick stated that under State Building Code he does not believe that you could build on it.

Attorney Better interjected that he believes that they need to go back to the first question regarding the impact on land and added that he does not think that the answer yes is correct and he would ask the Board if they believe it would be yes or no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Land – Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. the Board if the answer to whether there would be an impact on land would be yes or no and voted as follows:

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Geological Features – Proposed action may result in modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that it would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Surface Water – Proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

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Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Groundwater – Proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer.

Collectively the Town Board agreed the answer would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Flooding – Proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding.

Collectively the Town Board agreed the answer would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Air – Proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Plants and Animals – Proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Agricultural Resources – Proposed action may impact agricultural resources.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Aesthetic Resources – The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Historic or Archeological Resources – Proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic archaeological resource.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Open Space and Recreation – Proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Critical Environmental Areas – Proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area.

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Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Transportation – Proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes - Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Energy – Proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Noise, Odor and Light – Proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, outdoor lighting.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Impact on Human Health – Proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Consistency with Community Plans – Proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.

No – Flach, Masti, Burns, Langdon

Yes – Dolan

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by asking if the following would be yes or no:

- Consistency with Community Character – Proposed action is inconsistent with the existing community character.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the answer would be no.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they had now completed Part 2 and then asked if they wanted to do a resolution adopting Part 2.

Attorney Brick stated that he had promised the Board some additional information regarding the research that he found relating to the archaeological and the threatened plant as well as the full Archaeological Report so they have it and he would ask that they review it and take it into consideration before they adopt a resolution on the SEQRA.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would be leaving it open for now.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that he wanted to thank Attorney Brick for providing the material, it was compiled and laid out nicely and easy to follow.

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Attorney Brick stated that the exercise that they just went through is time consuming and can be boring but it is extremely important to the project itself and it is important in their role to make sure that anything they do down the road, they have looked at all of the potential environmental impacts and addressed them. He concluded by saying that he thanked them for taking the time to go through it and he was speaking for his client as well.

Councilman Dolan stated that if the goal is to have the rezone happen, some of those questions could have been answered in a different way and explored more fully and they probably would have ended up with the same results especially based on the Judge's ruling about the care that the Board gave the last time to some of the questions and added that answering some of the questions without reading through them could be a disservice.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that reasonable minds can disagree and the way the questions are framed are open to debate and then asked if there was anything else that anyone wanted to add.

Hearing none, Supervisor Flach moved to the next item on the agenda.

PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Flach stated that a Proclamation was requested by the R-C-S Community Library for Mary Lou Youmans and continued by reading the following:

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Youmans was responsible for helping to shape the RCS Community Library; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Youmans was appointed to the Ravena Free Library in 1990; and

WHEREAS, she secured and increased the funding for the Ravena Free Library in 1991; and

WHEREAS, she pushed the library to be a Special District in the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans, and this was approved by voters in 1991; and

WHEREAS, she successfully led the effort to transform the library into a School District Library in 1994; and

WHEREAS, she was honored twenty years ago by the Upper Hudson Library System as Trustee of the Year, and

WHEREAS, "her vision guided her Library through turbulent times and transformed it from Ravena Free Library into the RCS Community Library. She overcame disappointments and persistently negotiated the legislative labyrinth to achieve her goal of a School District Public Library for an expanded service area"; and

WHEREAS, the RCS Community Library will be celebrating in 20th Anniversary on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby proclaim April 27, 2014 as Mary Lou Youmans Day in the Town of Coeymans.

Dated: April 22, 2014

Supervisor Flach signed the Proclamation and passed it to the other Board members to sign and thanked Councilman Dolan for writing the Proclamation.

Councilman Dolan stated that Rev. Antonio Booth, President of the Library Board of Trustees provided the information.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he is a big advocate of the library and he uses it quite often and he is personally thankful for Mrs. Youmans in keeping a library in the community.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Public Hearing was held Monday, April 28, 2014 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Kenneth Burns, Councilman
George Langdon, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Conte, Clerk for Town Clerk
David Wukitsch, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Flach asked that Clerk Conte read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk Conte read the following Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Town's Official Newspaper, the News Herald.

NOTICE TOWN OF COEYMANS TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of Town of Coeymans, on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue on Proposed Local Law #4 of 2014 as follows:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES INTO THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE: TAX MAP PARCELS SBL#156.-4-6.1, 156.-4-12, 156.-4-5, 156.-4-6.2, 156.-4-8.2, 156.-4-9, 156.-4-10, 156.-4-13 AND 156.-4-14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: AUTHORITY

This Local Law is hereby enacted pursuant to authority conferred by §10 of New York Municipal Home Rule Law, Article 16 of the New York State Town Law and Chapter 165 of the Town Code of the Town of Coeymans.

Section 2: PURPOSE AND FINDING

Properties known as Tax Map Parcels SBL#156-4-6.1, 156-4-12, 156.-4-5, 156.-4-6.2, 156.-4-8.2, 156.-4-9, 156.-4-10, 156.-4-13 and 156-4-14 located in the Town of Coeymans, most of which have been utilized for many years for industrial uses by previous owners and through the issuance of various Special Use Permits and Zoning Variances. This amendment to the Zoning Code and Zoning Map will bring the Code and map into conformity with the manner in which these properties have been utilized for years. This Amendment also implements the express recommendation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan to classify these properties to allow for Industrial Uses.

Section 3: AMENDMENT OF ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP

The zoning classification for properties known as Tax Map Parcels SBL#156-4-6.1, 156-4-12, 156-4-5, 156-4-6.2, 156-4-8.2, 156-4-9, 156-4-10, 156-4-13 and 156-4-14 is hereby amended to Industrial (I-1).

Section 4: VALIDITY

If any part of provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part of provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the Public Hearing was to hear comments from the public regarding the rezoning of 9 parcels of land from R/A-R/1 to I-1 Industrial and continued by reading the following:

Most of the uses of these parcels are already commercial/industrial and are adjacent to the zoned industrial of the Port of Coeymans and Lafarge. The zoning change was asked for in 2003 by constituents and the letter from the Planning Board in March 2004 was sent to the Town Board asking that this section of parcels be zoned industrial. The Comprehensive Plan was largely done as a result of this letter. As we are a Blue Collar Industrial based town, the economic development goals of the Comprehensive Plan was to develop a business friendly environment, promote development to stabilize the tax base while providing jobs and retain and improve the Town's commercial and industrial base as well as foster the development of tourism resources. We have recently signed a P.I.L.O.T. Agreement with Lafarge that ensures the building of a 400 million dollar more environmentally friendly plant and part of the new Tappan Zee Bridge will be built at the port of Coeymans, providing jobs, growth and adding to the history of our town. Ten years later the current Planning Board has recommended to the Town Board that this section of town be zoned industrial. As we endeavor to rezone this section of town, we will, along with State agencies and our Site Plan Review, monitor the future developments on this property. We will not be taking any action tonight so that we will have time to look through the minutes and make a decision at a later date.

I will call your name, please state your name and where you live for the record and if you would try to keep your comments to 3 minutes so that everyone who wants to, has the opportunity to speak. Once you are done speaking we would ask you to be seated so the next person has that opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that he has a document from Scenic Hudson that he would have the Town Clerk enter into the record and added that a copy is available.

Councilman Dolan suggested that he read the document while they are waiting for people to sign in to comment.

Councilman Dolan continued by reading the following:

April 25, 2014

By email: supervisor@coeymans.org

The Honorable Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor and Members of the Board

Dear Supervisor Flach and Town Board Members,

Re: Public hearing on the proposed local law to amend the zoning code and zoning map to place the following properties into the industrial zone: Tax map parcels SBL #156-4-6.1, 156-4-12, 156-4-5, 156-4-6.2, 156-4-8.2, 156-4-9, 156-4-10, 156-4-13 AND 156-4-14

Scenic Hudson, Inc. is a 51-year-old nonprofit environmental organization and separately incorporated land trust dedicated to protecting and enhancing the scenic, natural, historic, agricultural and recreational treasures of the Hudson River and its valley.

We are writing to provide comments on Local Law # 4 of 2014, which proposes to rezone nine parcels along Coeymans Creek for industrial use (I-1). We regret that we are unable to attend the April 28th public hearing. We respectfully request that, as part of the public hearing, this letter be read into the record.

Positive Declaration

Due to the environmental sensitivity of Coeymans Creek, Scenic Hudson urges the Town Board to issue a positive declaration and require a full Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed rezoning. A positive declaration and proper SEQRA review is necessary to ensure that the requisite hard look will be given to all potential environmental and community impacts of the proposed action, including the rezoning's consistency with the Town's adopted Comprehensive Plan.

According to the Comprehensive Plan, the Town seeks to "Preserve and protect the Town's water bodies and land that serve as important natural drainage channels, provide drinking water and function as wildlife habitats." The Coeymans Creek corridor is an aesthetic, recreational, natural, and economic asset to the community that is worthy of protection. The Comprehensive Plan expressly proposes to "Explore land use regulations to protect the Town's water resources, including but not limited to the Hannacroix Creek and the Onesquethaw/ Coeymans Creek." Further, it proposes land use regulations that may include overlay protection districts and/ or setback requirements for future development adjacent to the creek.

Natural Resources

The proposed rezoning area lies immediately upstream from the Coeymans/ Hannacroix Creek Complex, identified by New York State Department of State as a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Area, which is critically important component of the Hudson River Estuary.

(http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/consistency/Habitats/HudsonRiver/Coeymans_Hannacroix_Creeks_Complex_FINAL.pdf)

This Area is noted in *Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats* (NYS Department of State) for its particular importance as spawning habitat for several Hudson River migratory fish species:

The Coeymans and Hannacroix Creeks Complex offers significant spawning habitat for coastal migratory and resident freshwater fishes in the upper Hudson River. The sheltered nature of the lower creek channels and tidal coves provides favorable habitat conditions for a variety of fish species. The habitat is a valuable spawning area for alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*), blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*), and white perch (*Morone americana*). The shallows are a valuable nursery area for larval fish moving into estuary from upstream spawning areas. In

addition, the shallow sub-tidal areas at the mouth of the Coeymans and Hannacroix Creeks serve as spawning sites for American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*), which concentrate in such areas between mid-April and June, as well as yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*), white suckers (*Catostomus commersoni*) and spot tail shiner (*Notropis hudsonius*).

Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats cautions that upstream development, inappropriate riparian buffer degradation, and storm water runoff have the potential to significantly degrade this critical habitat area and should be avoided wherever possible. The Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Area designation specifically lists the following as impacts that would be inconsistent with maintain the habitat and NYS Coastal Policy:

- Any activity that would substantially degrade water quality, increase turbidity or sedimentation, alter flows, temperature or water depths in the Coeymans/Hannacroix Creeks Complex would result in significant impairment of habitat. All species may be affected by water pollution, such as chemical contamination (including food chain effects resulting from bioaccumulation), oil spills, excessive turbidity of sediment loading, nonpoint source pollution, and waste disposal. Discharges or runoff of sewage effluent, pesticides, or other hazardous materials into the creek could result in significant impairment of the habitat. Eutrophication caused by runoff from fertilizers, roads, and lawns is of considerable concern, as over-enrichment of waters may contribute to the establishment of invasive, non-native plants and concurrent displacement of the native flora.
- Substantial alteration of the stream channel, such as impoundment or creation of barriers to fish passage should be prohibited. Impediment to movement and migration of aquatic species, whether physical or chemical (e.g., dams, dikes, channelization, bulkheading, filling), should be prohibited. Plans to reduce or eliminate the impacts of existing hydrological modification should be developed, including improvements to fish passage, and /or the removal of obstructions or barriers. Habitat disturbances would be most detrimental during bird nesting, and fish spawning and nursery periods, which generally extend from March through August.
- Construction of shoreline structures, such as docks, piers, bulkheads, or revetments, in areas not previously altered by human activity would result in the loss of productive areas which support the fish and wildlife resources of the Coeymans/ Hannacroix Creek Complex. Construction of structures in areas previously altered may result in direct loss of valuable habitat. Elimination, disturbance, or alternation of riparian areas, wetlands, littoral zones, or mudflats associated with creeks, through the loss of tidal connection, excavation, filling, or bulkheading could result in the direct loss of valuable habitat. In addition, bulkheading or other shoreline modifications could indirectly result in loss of intertidal and sub tidal habitats by scouring habitats, and/ or precluding the gradual natural upslope migration of these habitats as sea level rises. Existing areas of natural vegetation and existing bordering woodlands should be maintained and where possible restored to provide bank cover, stabilize soil, maintain or improve water quality and provide buffer areas from development.
- The presence of invasive species and the expansion of their range within the habitat may result in changes in native plant, vertebrate and invertebrate species composition and abundance. In particular, expansions of common reed (*Phragmites australis*) have been correlated with reductions in populations of several marsh-breeding birds and declines in avian biodiversity. Effective control of invasive plant species, through a variety of means, may improve fish and wildlife species use of the area. Control methods, including biological controls and regulated use of herbicides must only be implemented, if other methods of control have been explored, and then only under permit with strict adherence to all precautionary measures to avoid impacts to non-target species.

The primary goals of such efforts must be recovery and maintenance of habitat for native fish and wildlife species.

Conclusion

Given the importance of the lower Coeymans Creek area the potential that industrial activities just upstream could result in the adverse environmental impacts listed above, we strongly recommend the Town Board issue a positive declaration in order to examine all the potential impacts the rezoning may have of Coeymans Creek and the surrounding community.

Please include Scenic Hudson as an interested party in the SEQRA review in order that we can participate in the environmental review for this action.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Anzevino, AICP
Director of Land Use Advocacy.

Supervisor Flach invited the first speaker to the microphone, Mr. Rick Touchette.

Rick Touchette – stated that he lives on Church Street in Coeymans and added that he sees in the “Purpose” of the Proposed Local Law that they mentioned special use permits for this property and last August he did a F.O.I.L. for any Special Use Permits for these properties and he found that there were none issued. He continued by saying that it also says a purpose will be to bring the map and Town Code in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan, which says in the first sentence:

“Throughout the planning process, residents continually focused on high a quality life in the town. For the most part, residents want to maintain the current land use patterns, preserve architectural diversity, create a stronger sense of place and continue to promote a separate, but solid balance between the residential, commercial and industrial areas.”

He added that it goes on to say:

The most positive feature of the town is the small town feel, open space and river front. The land use & zoning goals for the Comprehensive Plan is:

1. Preserve and enhance Coeymans existing rural, small town character while accommodating a balanced mix of agricultural, recreational, residential, commercial and industrial uses.
2. Encourage future development that minimizes negative impacts on natural resources, infrastructure, and neighboring uses in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
3. The final goal for land use and zoning is to protect the community’s visual character and esthetics, especially along corridors and at prominent gateways.

He concluded by saying that he does not feel that this proposed law is in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan and he would urge the Town Board to take a long hard look at the negative impacts that the rezoning would have on the people that live in the Hamlet.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Touchette and then invited the next speaker to the microphone, Rev. Antonio Booth

Rev. Antonio Booth – stated that he is Co-Pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church in the Hamlet of Coeymans on Riverview Drive and he and his wife, Reverend Dr. Roxanne Joan Booth are opposed to having the parcels converted to industrial, which have been used industrially for quite a while. He added that their first concern is that the industrial parcels are encroaching upon the property of the church as well as the houses on

Riverview Drive and they want to make sure that there is some type of a berm or some type of extension of green space that will preserve the quality of housing on that street so that they maintain their property values. He continued by saying that his second concern is they want to make sure that a bridge is put across and going into the Port because during the week those property owners on Riverview Drive watch trucks pass by their houses and the church every five minutes, which is a lot of heavy use that they think can be avoided with a bridge. He went on by saying that his third concern is that they want to make sure that they hold the industries coming in accountable and make sure that they are not bringing in solid waste and his fourth concern is that they want to make sure that the Town Board continues to oppose the City of Albany from even thinking about bringing in a dump to this area because they own property pretty close by. He continued by saying that lastly he feels as though the Town should hire a part-time City Planner, because he feels as though they need a professional who can help develop the housing stock in the Hamlet and develop the Hamlet as a viable economic Hamlet because it has a wealth of resources with the Marina and Yanni's and the number of boats that dock there. He concluded by reiterating that they need to hire a part-time City Planner who would be a professional and help them get on board with developing the Town and maintain the architectural housing stock as well as developing economically.

Supervisor Flach thanked Rev. Antonio Booth and then invited the next speaker to the microphone, Mr. Andy Brick.

Andy Brick – stated that he is from the Law Firm of Donald Zee, P.C. and they represent the original applicant for the rezone, Coeymans Recycling Center L.L.C. and they had originally applied for the rezone for the three parcels controlled by their client and the Town in its wisdom decided to add in the six additional parcels that were the subject of the rezone to an industrial area as part of the town-wide last year and it is how they got to this point. He continued by saying that he would first like to thank the Town Board for the effort that they made last week on Tuesday, when they went through, line by line the Long Environmental Assessment Form and debated the form, which was a nearly two hour exercise and he appreciates their effort. He added that the property, which is subject of the rezone, has probably been the most extensively analyzed property for potential environmental impacts in recent years and it was analyzed thoroughly as part of their client's application for a bridge across the Coeymans Creek, which was eventually signed-off on by the Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Conservation as well as SHIPO after an extensive review comment period by those agencies. He went on by saying that it was also extensively reviewed as part of TCI's Site Plan Process last summer and also as part of the 2013 rezone there was an analysis provided for this particular section of town in the Environmental Review of that Proposed Local Law and as part of their application for the rezone, he submitted a number of detailed documents providing analysis of various aspects of environmental review that could be potentially impacted by the rezone in question and he wanted to quickly go through them briefly. He continued by saying that first they touched upon demographics and in summary they showed that the Town's population is declining but the unemployment level is rising, which is going in the wrong direction both ways and in terms of water they demonstrated that the need for water and the demand for water has been decreasing over the last seven years and they provided data from the Village's Annual Water Report that showed gallons pumped, number of connections and average daily usage, average maximum use and they showed that demand has reduced, which is likely tied into the population decline. He added that it is their understanding that the well pumping facility is operating far below its permitted capacity so there is water capacity available for any eventual development of the properties to be rezoned and in terms of sewer the same is true and they provided a section of the Town Engineer's Inflow and Infiltration Report, which demonstrated that their client alone, has saved through his reconstruction efforts of existing sewer lines, has reduced I&I into the system by 19 million gallons annually and 53,000 gallons a day have been reduced by their client's effort to reduce I&I and overall since 2001, the Town has reduced I&I significantly. He went on by saying that as you reduce I&I out of the system, it makes available capacity at the Sewer Plant and they believe that there is sufficient capacity based on the I&I reduction efforts alone to allow for potential development of the properties to be rezoned. He added by saying that in terms of an archaeological study, he had given the Town Board an Executive Summary of their Phase 1A and 1B that was conducted as part of the

bridge project and as requested by Councilman Dolan he has now given the Board a full copy of the report for the Town's records and in terms of historic resources they obtained a letter of no effect from SHIPO, relating to the bridge project and clearly the bridge is much closer in proximity to the Hamlet than any historic aspects than the rezone properties that are further away so if the bridge is going to have no effect that is right next to the Hamlet, they are moving further away.

Mr. Alex Lawler from the audience interjected loudly that he was well over his time.

Supervisor Flach stated that if he could not control himself, he would be asked to leave.

Mr. Lawler stated that he was in complete control.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that when someone is speaking, he was to remain silent, just as if he were speaking and they would remain silent and then asked him to extend the courtesy.

Andy Brick continued by saying that the Lafarge modernization project was subject of a letter of no effect from SHIPO and it was his understanding that they are structured to be much taller than anything that would ever be allowed in the Industrial District. He continued by saying that in terms of traffic, the Capital District Transportation Committee, through DOT, has a section capacity analysis for Route 144, which he obtained from their website, and the section analysis for Route 144 from the intersection of Rte.143 to Rte. 396 in Selkirk is average annual daily traffic of 4,230 trips a day and the type of road that it is, it is recognized standard by DOT volumes and capacity that thresholds for that type of road is 5,000 trips per hour, which would be 120,000 trips a day and right now they have 4,230 and this would mean that clearly there is capacity on this road for traffic from the industrial properties.

Supervisor Flach asked that Mr. Brick conclude his comments.

Mr. Brick continued by saying that in terms of water resources, he provided to them a copy of the Onesquethaw-Coeymans Creek Water Study and he hopes that they take it in to consideration for their environmental analysis of this project. He concluded by saying that as someone had mentioned earlier, it has been over 10 years since the Planning Board in 2004 sent a memo to the Town Board recommending that the properties be rezoned to industrial and added that Mr. Touchette had read some goals of the Comprehensive Plan and he wanted to read some others and continued by reading as follows:

1. Foster the development of a vital business-friendly environment, both for existing businesses and new business enterprises.
2. Promote economic development that will expand and stabilize the Town's tax base while providing for a range of employment opportunities.
3. Retain and improve the Town's commercial and industrial base to expand the availability of goods and services to residents and tourists alike.

Mr. Brick thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Brick and then invited Ms. Elyse Kunz to the microphone.

Elyse Kunz – stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and continued by reading the following:

I believe this proposal is improper, I think it is very likely illegal and not in the Town's best interest. It is my understanding, and it was referenced earlier that this zoning change came at the request of the Port of Coeymans, that it refers to lots that form essentially one parcel of land and it's clear that the only benefit is to allow more development at the Port. However, according to New York State Law, when you rezone a parcel like this to the benefit of a single owner or a single development interest, it's known as spot zoning and

it's against the law. In addition the law stipulates that any changes as people have discussed, have to be consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, I don't believe that it is. One example in the Comprehensive Plan is that it "encourages new housing development and small tourism and service-oriented businesses on undeveloped lands near the riverfront". This land is definitely near the riverfront, but creating a zone for heavy industry is not a zone for new housing, it will discourage small tourism and drive out service oriented businesses. So it's not consistent, that also makes it improper and illegal. I also object to the Town Board's role as Lead Agent for SEQRA. Your finding of a Negative Declaration, in my opinion has no basis in fact, when you look at what is being proposed and where it is sited. You clearly fail to take the requisite hard look and do your due diligence. From what I understand, when voting on the EAF, most of you with the exception of Mr. Dolan barely read the questions and were directed on how to answer by representatives from TCI. That is irresponsible, and I'm sorry to say illegal. Last year you proposed other zoning measures that also tried to change this land to industrial. Many people, including myself came here and told you what you were doing was not in compliance with the law and the New York State Supreme Court agreed, and here we are again with another zoning change. I'm sorry, it's still improper and it's still illegal, it doesn't matter if you think it is a good idea, I think it's a bad idea and you have to obey the law. If you proceed with this, there's only going to be more lawsuits as we've had already, more time, more money and more tax dollars wasted. To continue in that fashion, I believe is a disservice to the hard-working, law-abiding citizens of this community and I do think it is a bad idea. There are already, as someone who lives on one of the roads going to the Port, way too many trucks. Just the other night I lay awake in bed, two, three, four o'clock in the morning, listening to noise from the Port, people should be allowed to sleep in their homes. It's too close to the residential neighborhoods and the Hamlet, it is too close to Ravena, and it's too close to Pieter B. You are drawing companies to our Town like TCI that handle toxic materials; their safety record is so poor they blew up their last plant, that's not a positive step for the Town. It's all good to have business but you have to look at what businesses you are bringing here, this is not creating a zone to attract good business, it's creating a zone to attract the businesses that nobody else wants, and that's not a good step forward for this community. It's also going to hurt the property values. If you add up the property values of the residences in the Hamlet at the current assessments, it is rated based on your assessments at more money than you have the Port assessed at, so by the current tax assessments, most of the value in the Hamlet is in the residential housing stock. When you cause harm to that, you are hurting people personally and you're hurting the whole community, and that really hurts the School District. This is a very bad idea. Please, let's move in a different direction. Thank you.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Kunz and continued by inviting Jo-Ann Segal to the microphone.

Jo-Ann Segal read the following:

I've been aware that over the last three years or so, most every change proposed for the industrialization of Coeymans has been by Mr. Laraway for the benefit of his businesses, or those that sublease from him. None of those actions over the past few years seem to be for the Town of Coeymans' general welfare, and nothing in this new zoning is for the benefit of the Town or its residents. There has been no compliance with our Comprehensive Plan; there is only compliance with the plan of the very industries that our Comprehensive Plan wants to avoid. I applaud Mr. Laraway in his business acumen and his talents for public relations, the results though, don't always help promote the image of how we want to be perceived as a town, and therein lays one of the problems. The Town Comprehensive Plan clearly states that we want to promote its small town feel and maintain our greatest asset, the waterfront, which should be protected and enhanced. It also states that one of the goals is to protect the community's visual character and aesthetics, especially along the corridors and prominent gateways. Anyone driving through the dust and debris out of the Hamlet, north on State Route 144, can see how the Comprehensive Plan is being totally ignored by those industries that care little for what we residents nearby are enduring. We are bombarded by noise and dust and dirt that we breathe every day that coats our cars and homes and seeps into our homes daily. Nothing is being done to mitigate this, but they continue on without caring that the Zoning Law

was overturned and the permit for a new Coeymans bridge has not yet been approved. They forge ahead because they know that this Board will approve whatever it is they request, at whatever cost to those of us residing nearby. Are we getting appropriate tax money for these industries? No, because of the backward way they are assessed. Are we getting good jobs or any jobs for that matter? No, because census statistics show that the majority of townspeople are in white-collar jobs, so these types of industries will do little for employment here. About a year ago, a meeting was held with some Hamlet residents, a couple of Board Members and Mr. Laraway, it was at this meeting that Mr. Laraway said that there were very few Coeymans' residents employed by him. Probably because there are very few Coeymans residents that do the jobs that his industry needs, so we won't even get jobs for those looking for them, and probably ones offered will not be permanent, full-time jobs with benefits. Another reason not to expand the Industrial Zone is that the Town can hardly afford to increase heavy industry and decrease its attraction to families, home buyers, and those businesses needed by residents. The Comprehensive Plan talks about the perception that we have in this area of the State, it calls for, in its economic development strategies, the Town's identity as a Hudson River Riverfront Community, the development of a proactive business attraction program that first identifies how we want to be perceived and includes pursuing businesses that correlate with its future vision. It also clearly states that we should promote the development of light industrial, commercial and warehousing, as well as computer and high tech businesses in appropriately identified locations. The plan calls for preserving the Riverview Shed, for 144 to be maintained as an attractive, undeveloped green space. Has that been adhered to recently? Have our property values gone up in the last six years? Have more and more families been buying homes in the Hamlet and Village of Ravena since these businesses have been here? I could go on and on quoting the Comprehensive Plan, to show how nowhere does it agree with this type of spot-zoning for a wealthy, politically connected few, nowhere does it state that we want to increase heavy industry. I am pretty sure you will not find anything in this plan that states we should give our most valuable resources over to a few businessmen by zoning in our Town for their benefit and ignoring the needs of homeowners and residents who will be most negatively impacted by this rezoning. I encourage all Town residents and the Board to read and reread the Plan in full, it is easy to understand and it is most informative. I ask the Town not to rezone these nine parcels as industrial. Thank you.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Kunz and invited the next speaker, Ms. Cynthia Kunz to the microphone.

Cynthia Kunz – stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans at the bottom of the hill and added that with all of the rezoning, it reminded her of the Comprehensive Plan, which she had the opportunity to sit in on all of the meetings and it was a fascinating experience. She continued by saying that she does not know if anyone else present was there or not but it was wonderful and it was residents from the entire town, every area of the town was recognized and one of the most important things for her was that it was a broad base of people and they had one of the high-school classes that participated in it. She added that it was a real interesting perspective of our town and what is the dream for our town, which is basically what the Comprehensive Plan is, it's an approved plan for the future and one thing to remember about the Comprehensive Plan, is that it was a balance, no one goal was more important than the other, it was a balance. She went on by saying that they looked at all different aspects of life in the Town Of Coeymans and they looked at the natural resources and in sitting on the Hudson River, it's one of the greatest natural resources in the United States and they sit on it and have riverfront on it in addition to two beautiful creeks, the Coeymans Creek and the Hannacroix Creek and they look at those things. She continued by saying that they look at the economic needs, housing stock, history, which most towns would die to have with the entrance into Rensselaerswyck and they also looked at the topographical area in the Town of Coeymans, which is wonderful. She added that the viewshed that you get in Coeymans Hollow right down to the river along the Hudson, is what made the Hudson River painters famous such as Thomas Cole and they talked about these things when discussing the Comprehensive Plan and all of these parts made up the whole, there was no one thing that was more important than the other. She went on by saying that they recognized the footprint of heavy industry and they would pour over the maps, and once you see a map and see how much the cement industry has, and the quarries, it's a tremendous footprint

in our town and one of the things that they talked about is what you do with the footprint of heavy industry, which is basically an intrusive use and they asked how you blend this with the less intrusive, which is our homes and then how to make our homes a sanctity, which is important. She continued by saying that one of the ways that they talked about doing this, was to use light industry so you would have heavy, light and they you would have a buffer of green space and then less intrusive uses, which would be our homes, our schools, etc. and this would be the pattern and an example of light industry that they have in the Hamlet is Dick Tracey's welding, a perfect light industry and this should be the type of industry in the band between heavy and residential, or the schools, etc. She added that she senses from what she is hearing is that this balance seems to be ignored and she wanted to give a memorandum to the Board and she wanted to read it for the record and continued by reading the following:

This is submitted to the Town Board in opposition to the proposed zoning change to the designated certain lands from RA to Industrial. This submission is filed with the Town Board as part of the public comment and is requested to be part of the Town's official file in the pending rezoning proposal. The proposal by the Town of Coeymans is spot zoning; it's taking vacant land as industrial. This is not keeping with the Town of Coeymans Comprehensive Plan, which recommends that these lands be rezoned for light industrial use, because the proposed Zoning Law fails to define light industrial use. A limitation for light industrial use is to allow land uses, which can be integrated next to preexisting residential neighborhood. This is precisely the situation in Coeymans, where the proposed area of zoning abuts residential neighborhoods in the Village of Ravena and the Hamlet of Coeymans. The Town's Comprehensive Plan directs that industrial use permitted on lands must not adversely impact the abutting residential property, and hence the reason to use light industry. As has been stated, and I quote, "the primary use of a Light Industrial Zone is to provide high quality, light industrial development that operates in a manner that there is no nuisance factor created or apparent outside the enclosed building", it is for this reason that light industry is permitted near residential areas. A nuisance has been described, and I quote, as the right thing in the wrong place; like a pig in the parlor, instead of the barnyard, and that's Euclid vs. Ambler Realty Company, US Supreme Court, 1926. The uses allowed in a Light Industrial Zone cannot impact any surrounding properties through loud noise, vibration, noxious fumes or hazardous byproducts. An example of the right use in the wrong place is the Port of Coeymans, which clearly adversely impacts surrounding properties through noise, vibration, 24-hour operations and undue truck traffic. If the proposed rezoning fails to define this land as permitted for light industrial use, it violates the Coeymans Comprehensive Plan. It is submitted the proposed rezoning should limit the land use to "Light Industry", which should be defined as follows:

"Industrial uses that do not require heavy machinery, produce finished products from partially processed materials, produces products with high value per unit, weight, require minimal raw materials, require limited power, have no adverse environmental impacts, produce no noise or vibrations or fumes outside the building in which it is located, require limited truck traffic and do not adversely impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood."

An example of a light industry in this area could be found in Coxsackie with the Seely Plant or right here in Coeymans with Dick Tracey's Welding.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Kunz

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Kunz and invited the next speaker, Ms. Bonnie Shufelt to the microphone.

Bonnie Shufelt – stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans on South Main Street and continued by reading the following:

Forty-two years ago my husband and I moved to Coeymans. We were looking for a house, which would embrace both rural and small town elements. We didn't mind the daily commute; it was a pleasant drive along Route 144. Unfortunately, that changed with

the recent rezoning and development of the Port of Coeymans didn't it? Today, instead of enjoying the natural beauty along the Hudson River, we see berms, towered over by huge piles of dusty construction materials, which are proving to be horrible for my asthma and allergies. When I drive through that area, I usually have to take a puff. Today, Route 144 is all torn up with additional traffic of those 10 – 18 wheelers, loaded to the gills with heavy construction or recycling materials from the Port of Coeymans, and/or the other companies within the zone. Be concerned about the safety of the citizens of the Hamlet of Coeymans, take into consideration that underneath Main Street lays water and sewer pipes that are over 42 years old, as well as a natural gas line. And we have heard of towns that blow up, haven't we, with natural gas lines. As those heavy construction trucks and other trailers are going through the Hamlet, when they reach South Main Street, Route 144, their speed picks up, and neither houses nor children are safe. In this 341 year-old Hamlet, houses were built before the roads were, and my house is a pre-1840 house, which actually shakes when trucks go by. We're built on a hill, the hill going down to the marshland to the river, treasured antique windows in my house have been cracking and this winter, cracks appeared above the door of a room facing the road. Could it be an indication of shifting foundation? Which just three years ago passed inspection when I had a homeowner's inspection. As a grandmother and former elementary and early childhood teacher, I am quite concerned about the children in our hamlet, those visiting, my own grandchildren on the streets, especially those I said. Our sidewalks are totally inadequate to serve as any barrier, or even as a marking for the sidewalks. Many teens and older people walk right in the streets because the sidewalks are such a wreck. It has nothing to do with traffic, but what I'm trying to say is that we're completely inadequate for this heavy traffic on our streets. It's not even safe for citizens going to the post office for their mail. I would say, let's make Coeymans a safe community that would attract people, who as people like myself get older, will bring their families here, as my husband and I did in 1972. Let's deal with current problems that we have with truck traffic, safety and air pollution caused by the previous changes to our zoning, rezoning properties for more properties for heavy industry is completely unreasonable for the citizens of this hamlet who are adversely affected by many unresolved issues with its current zoning. Please do not rezone an additional nine properties for heavy traffic. Thank you.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Shufelt and invited the next speaker, Mr. Donald Zee to the microphone.

Donald Zee – stated that he is the attorney for, like Andy Brick, several property owners which are seeking the rezone and added that he wanted to point out a couple of misstatements made by members of the public with regard to calling the request for a rezone to be illegal because it is spot zoning. He continued by saying that he respectfully disagrees in light of the fact that with regard to the Comprehensive Plan of the Town, that the mapping and the proposed rezone maps that were submitted in part, that were prepared after the Comprehensive Plan, is part of the plan that the Town adopted some years ago and that voids the argument with regard to spot zoning. He went on by saying that secondly he wanted to point out that a lot of people talked about the Port of Coeymans and the Port of Coeymans is not seeking to be rezoned because it is already zoned Industrial and he begged to differ with the last speaker who said when they came here, there wasn't all of this industrial development because P&M Brick was a brick plant for well over 100 years, along the Hudson River and along Rte. 144 probably long before most of us were born here or came to this area and it was zoned industrial, it has been industrial and it continues to be industrial. He added that with regard to one of the members talking about the good use with regard to the Tracey property and they agree that the Tracey property is a nice use but that parcel is not zoned Industrial, it is a non-conforming use and this is one of the reasons why he believes this Town Board and various applicants have said to rezone it so if Mr. Tracey ever stops his operation, or wanted to sell his operation or even expand his operation, he could because under the current provisions he can't under the current zoning. He continued by saying that one of the other persons talked about the Comprehensive Plan and the desire for housing and he wanted to give a little history that Carver Laraway and himself have been involved in various projects representing him or representing builders, which he put in infrastructure for, for over 25 years and Carver Laraway and Elias Weiss, who bought the P&M Brick Plant were not industrial developers and they had no interest in developing the land for the Port of Coeymans. He went on by saying that he remembers sitting for several years

talking to home builders and land developers throughout the Capital District and for those who don't know him, he represents approximately over the past several years, 20-25 home builders and he works for Charlew Construction, Traditional, Amadore, Marini, Michaels Group, etc. and he showed them all this piece of property and Carver in addition, does work for Masullo Brothers, Bordeau Development, Rosetti and all these people looked at the Port of Coeymans for housing, which is what the residents wanted and no one wanted to build homes in the Town of Coeymans. He added that they also know that the Trickey property has been vacant, Frangella Mushroom was operating there for a substantial period of time and then ceased their operation and that property has been vacant and not utilized for 20 plus years. He continued by saying that there was a big housing boom during the 2000's and he recalls a subdivision just less than 15 miles north of here in Bethlehem called Dowerskill and one of his clients, Charlew Construction Company built and sold 215 homes in two years and they were looking for land but nobody ever wanted to come down to Coeymans and when people stand there and talk about wanting housing, they had an opportunity to come to Coeymans but nobody came. He went on by saying that when you talk about the balance that is requested and called for in the Comprehensive Plan, in looking at a chart, which is labeled Table 1, Land Use Coverage in the Town of Coeymans including the Village of Ravena, it should be pointed out that the zoning uses that include housing of the variety of housing types, constitutes 63% of the parcels in the Town of Coeymans and Ravena, the industrial zone properties constitute 1.54% of the parcels and if you look at the vacant land, that constituted 21.24% of all the parcel in the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena so when you are talking about balancing, based on the number of parcels, there is really an imbalance. He continued by saying that he thinks the Town Board, when preparing the Comprehensive Plan, looked at that issue and this is why in part, they talked about increasing or promoting these industrial type uses.

Supervisor Flach asked that Mr. Zee wrap up his comments.

Mr. Zee continued by saying that the only other thing that he wanted to point out, and one of the gentleman had indicated that he couldn't find the information, or they didn't receive it from the Town with regard to all the Special Use Permit Variances, he did want to point out to the Town that they prepared a tax map of the parcels that they are looking to and subject to the rezone and they pointed out where the Port of Coeymans is, which is already industrially zoned. He added that on the tax map they listed the various uses, which would be in violation of the Zoning Code but for use variances that were granted in 1988, 1999, the Special Use Permit granted in 1996, the Use Variance granted in 1985, the fact that the adjoining property in the Village of Ravena was used as its compost and brush dump. He concluded by saying that for these reasons, he believes that with the existing uses or the permitted Special Use Permits and Use Variants that are in existence, this is really just putting into effect what has been previously approved by the Town and its various Boards and he wanted to enter that for the record, which they were able to find in the Town Hall records.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Zee and continued by inviting the next speaker, Ms. Barbara Heinzen to the microphone.

Barbara Heinzen – stated that she brought along and prepared for their consideration a bundle of material to look at but she would go through it first and she wanted to add to some of the points that have already been made. She added that as many people had stated, their reason for asking for this zoning amendment is that they believe that this area has been an industrial use for many years and its conformance to the Comprehensive Plan, which people have already addressed, which she will also make a few comment on and the third point that she wanted to make was that there has been work already on the Environmental Assessment Form and they have been busy ticking boxes all over the place but she is not sure that they have had a serious discussion or a hard look. She continued by saying that she believes that it is a zoning change that will require an Environmental Impact Statement and it should be given a Positive Declaration and zoning modifications for land as much as this is, are automatically assumed to be a Type I action so therefore, a Positive Declaration should be their first decision. She continued by saying that on previous industrial uses, first they rely on this collection of Special Permits and Zoning Variances but she wanted to know what portion of the land area of

these parcels was actually an industrial use and for how long it was industrial use because some of those uses fell out and stopped and when you look at an aerial photograph, the satellite image of this area is covered in trees and in her experience, trees take a very long time to grow and then asked how they have all those trees on a place that's been an industrial use and there is reason to doubt that this area has been industrial for a very large number of years and she questions their conclusions. She went on by saying that with consistency of the Comprehensive Plan, there is a 2005 existing zoning map that was attached in Appendix A of the Comprehensive Plan, which covers the area to be rezoned, or would like to rezone and that area, as they know, is currently zoned as residential and agricultural and having studied the Comprehensive Plan she sees no text that calls for this particular area to be rezoned for heavy industry nor does the Comprehensive Plan increase the total area under industrial zoning, or convert any non-industrial areas into the Industrial Zones. She added that perhaps they had read the Plan more closely than she had and they can point out her mistake but she had not seen any text that is consistent with what they are claiming and in fact as many people had pointed out, the Comprehensive Plan makes numerous references to goals that are completely contrary to the impact of this new zoning and many have already been mentioned. She continued by reading the following:

Land Use and Zoning Goal 3 – Protect the community's visual character and aesthetics, especially along corridors and at prominent gateways, which includes this area on Route 144.

Land Use and Zoning Strategies, Hudson River Viewshed – Consider land use regulations to preserve the Hudson River Viewshed.

Ms. Heinzen asked where that applies to what they are proposing and continued reading the following:

Natural Resources, Strategies and Scenic Byways – Designate Route 144 as a scenic byway. This would make additional funding available to the Town for preservation and revitalization efforts and attract tourists to the community.

Ms. Heinzen stated that in fact there is a major emphasis in the Comprehensive Plan on using a tourist industry as one of our major economic development strategies and when you trash the riverfront, you make that almost impossible. She continued by reading the following:

Economic Development – Promote the development of light industry, commercial and warehousing, as well as computer and high tech businesses in appropriately identified locations.

Explore Land Use Regulations – To protect the Town's water resources, including, but not limited to the Hannacroix Creek and the Onesquethaw/Coeymans Creek.

Ms. Heinzen continued by asking how building heavy industry along the lower reaches of the Coeymans Creek protect the watershed and added that they must be dreaming. She went on by saying that as she understands it, a number of residents contributed to the Comprehensive Plan and to say that the proposed law being debated here will encourage economic development, is to misread the Comprehensive Plan and the Plan saw the economic future of the Town as one where existing heavy industries would be allowed to stay, but new economic activities would be based on light industry, high tech services and tourism. She added that the Comprehensive Plan also called for the creation of a riverfront community, including the development of the former P&M Brickyard as part of that riverfront community and she can accept that Mr. Donald Zee is correct in saying that nobody wanted to build houses here and then said that she wanted to know why they did not want to build here and possibly it was because the governance of this Town is so bad that nobody trusted it to keep their investments secure. She continued by saying that she does not know why the Comprehensive Plan proposal for the riverfront community was replaced by heavy industry, especially those now operating at the Port of Coeymans and that the current activities of the Port, and the proposed rezoning of the land west of Route 144, is contrary to both the spirit and ambitions of the Comprehensive Plan agreed

by many, many citizens of this town and then suggested that they reread the Comprehensive Plan, as others have already proposed. She went on by saying that a Positive Declaration is required under the SEQRA laws and not only is it a Type I action by its very nature, it's both, in terms of the zoning proposal and the amount of acreage involved and in the packet that she was going to give them, there are several things that they might want to read, if they can bring themselves to read anything and there is a note on the history of Coeymans Landing and continued by reading the following:

"It is clear from just cursory research that Coeymans Landing is of unique historical importance. Few communities can lay claim to the deep historical ties that Coeymans has. The potential of the housing stock, if fully restored, is enormous".

Ms. Heinzen continued by asking why they are trashing it and added that there is also a statement on water and sewage and the former Mayor of Ravena has stated:

"Coeymans Recycling argues that there's enough excess water available in Ravena to support CRC's proposed industrial development".

Ms. Heinzen stated that she disagrees and does not believe that they can supply enough water for industrial use and added that the Mayor also states that we should not be using potable water for industrial processing, which at the moment we have no idea what industries are going to be put on this land and we don't know what water demand there will be but we are assuming that somehow all of this will just materialize. She continued by saying that they have already heard or they will be hearing, possibly from Barbara Lebrecht, whose statement is also included and continued by reading the following:

"There have been no studies of increased roadway usage on Route 144 and 143 by heavy duty trucks south of the junction from 143, or along the road up through Ravena. I do not find it unreasonable to believe that the increase number of heavier trucks using these roadways have had a serious impact on our local public water and sewer lines".

Ms. Heinzen continued by saying that there are some impacts on the history, the water and sewage and there are serious questions that require a positive declaration. She added that she has included five articles and print outs from the internet on the coastal fisheries and the Hudson River sturgeon and she also included a map showing that the Coeymans Creek, Hannacroix Creek and Schodack Island are significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats and she has not heard a single word on the impact of this development on these habitats and anyone who is a fisherman and goes fishing for stripers around here will appreciate it is we protect this resource. She went on by saying that attached to that, there's a 2012 assessment of the Coeymans/Hannacroix Creeks Complex done by Coastal Fish and Wildlife, a statement from the New York Heritage Society website on the value of freshwater titled creeks, which includes the Coeymans Creek, a printout from the Fish and Wildlife Service website describing the upper Hudson River estuary in this locality as a habitat for the shortnose sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon, both endangered species and then asked why they have not considered the impact of this development on them. She added that she also has a 2012 article from Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, which she confesses that she has not read and it describes the toxic effects of PCB 126 and another industrial chemical, on both species of sturgeon and their ability to reproduce. She continued by saying that these maps and articles all point to the need for the Town of Coeymans to make a positive declaration on the proposed rezoning of these nine parcels which straddle the Coeymans Creek and all the submissions point to the valuable, historical, environmental heritage we have and several point to the potential impact on local services and the quality of life and without a comprehensive review of such impacts as required by an EIS, we cannot know what the consequences will be if creating a new heavy industrial zone in this area of the town. She concluded by saying that she believes that they know that the zoning amendment is contrary to the Town's own Comprehensive Plan and that the area was never an industrial area as claimed by Donald Zee, unless he counts trees as an industrial activity and she urges the Town to issue a Positive Declaration before proceeding further with this new Zoning Law and she respectfully submits all the material and a copy of her letter to the Board.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Heinzen and then invited the next speaker, Mr. Alex Lawler.

Alex Lawler – stated that he was raised in Coeymans and five years ago returned home, purchased a home and restored an old colonial in Town and currently he is a premed student at SUNY Albany, with a current focus in advanced organic chemistry and human disease. He added that PCB 126 also destroys the reproductive capabilities in adolescent women and continued by reading the following.

I have done much research in the chemistry of PCB's and their effects on the increased incidences of various cancers, both in animals and people, as well as serious life-long developmental disabilities amongst children. I find it highly suspicious that this town would welcome an industry that deals with such highly toxic organic pollutants, let alone illegally approve its location in such close proximity to a creek, river, its citizens and an elementary school. For the record, I would like to voice my concern over the ignorance of this Town Board and its disregard of the matter. PCB'S are highly toxic, as are TCI facility fires. The Coeymans Volunteer Fire Department simply does not have the experience or capability to safely handle such an incident. They are not qualified, and should not be exposed to potentially carcinogenic, organic pollutants, especially at elevated temperatures. This is one of the main reasons Athens wanted nothing to do with them. It is also totally unethical that this Town Board receives legal counsel from an industrial toxic waste company on environmental issues. This is such an obvious conflict of interest and reeks of corruption. And what better way of gaining support of the Town Planning Board, than to force anyone who disagrees with you off, and appoint Buddy Irwin, a convicted felon on counts of bribery, fraud and illegal dumping. This too is completely unethical and a total conflict of interest. It is my belief, and one shared by many, that this Board is in collusion with Carver Laraway and TCI to create an illegally-zoned industrial area surrounding Ravena and Coeymans. It is obvious you are not acting in the best interests of this town and only have the financial interests of Carver Laraway, and most likely, yourselves in mind. He is unfairly assessed for taxes, putting an economic burden on the rest of the taxpayers in this Town. Everyone should be well aware that if the Port was correctly reassessed, their taxes would decrease and the Town's tax revenue would rise. This used to be a quiet, peaceful town, now there's constant noise and dump truck traffic. I have lost count of the number of times I have seen uncovered trucks, or how many times I've been cut off by them. They're destroying our roads, which are now in the worst condition they have been in years. Next and I feel it's related, I would like to address the complete lack of building code enforcement by Mr. Conrad. I have provided you with photographs of over 20 dangerous building code violations, all in plain view, which have remained unenforced for years. Many of these are rotted second and third floor structures, which are used and passed under by children every day, some of these are even at bus stops. Eventually, these structures will fail and someone will be seriously hurt. Going forward, if these violations are not addressed in a timely matter, I will pursue this with state enforcement, as well as several contacts in the media. I will provide photographs, and gladly explain how this Town Board and Mr. Conrad have allowed absentee slumlords to avoid making necessary improvements required by law to be in compliance with Building Code. This is a complete exploitation of the low income residents of Coeymans and another example of this Town Board's willingness to jeopardize the safety of its residents and their children. Whether it is negligence, incompetence or indifference, Mr. Conrad has failed miserably in his duties, of which he was never qualified in the first place; he was not a builder or an engineer. He did, however, find time to stop by my house and harass me over the distance between my front step spindles. We all know where to find him though, on the clock, at the diner, wasting taxpayer money, a totally corrupt and incompetent Town employee.

A member of the audience stated that he already said that and asked that he get on with what he had to say.

Supervisor Flach hit the gavel.

Mr. Lawler stated that he had a right to speak and continued by reading the following:

Lastly, I would like to comment on the totally inappropriate raise you have recently given yourself, Mr. Flach. You knew what the job entailed when you took it, you knew the compensation, and the budget had passed. That \$15,000.00 could have gone to some

actual good; instead you chose to line your own pockets. There is more corruption and incompetence on this Town Board than I thought was possible. You are not qualified to handle the difficult and serious task of running a town and you should all be impeached and replaced with capable, qualified people who actually care about Coeymans. Again, you should be deeply ashamed of yourselves, that's all.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Lawler and then invited the next person to the microphone, Mr. Roger Downs.

Roger Downs – stated that he lives on River Road in New Baltimore and he is the Conservation Director for the Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter, that is the New York Chapter of the Sierra Club and they are a volunteer led organization of 37,000 members state-wide. He continued by saying that on behalf of his organization, he would ask the Town Board to carefully consider the changes that they are weighing and he would ask that they issue a Positive Declaration of significance for this action, which is a Type I Action that requires an Environmental Impact Statement. He added that they should weigh the issues very carefully before they consider voting on Local Law #4 because just looking at the site, which he knows reasonably well because he kept a shad boat there for a decade while he was doing research on the Hudson, the site has highly erodible soils, 50% of the site has slopes over 15% and it is a very challenging site for an industrial area. He went on by saying that he understands that they want to add more industrial activity to this site, or to this town but this is a very poor site to pursue this goal and he admits that he has not read the Comprehensive Plan but has listened very carefully and he would be interested in reading it because it sounds like it may be in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. He continued by saying that in considering this site, the Scenic Hudson outlined the ecological considerations very well in that this is an incredibly ecologically rich area and they have a robust shad run here, or they use to, it is decline as well as have the an endangered species here, the shortnose sturgeon but not the snubnose sturgeon as the Environmental Assessment Form indicates. He added that the Atlantic sturgeon are very important, but what Scenic Hudson didn't say, and he thinks it's important to note, is that it is really these fisheries, which he loves as an ecological resource and an economic generator for the Hudson Valley and for this community and if you go out right now, it's the boom of striper season and you will see 60-70 boats at any given point on the Hudson right now and he would defy them to stand on any beach right now and not see all those bass boats out there. He went on by saying that there are tens of millions of dollars pouring into the Hudson Valley and one big toxic spill from one of these heavy industrial uses that they may allow here could cause some real die-off to some of these spawning grounds that could impede this great ecological resource that has taken a long time to come back so he really thinks that studying this appropriately before they move forward is in their own best interests. He continued by saying that he thinks another concern of his is access, even with the new bridge he thinks access to the site if there is an some emergency or fire, it is constrained and very difficult and he passes through this community every day from New Baltimore to Albany and back and he is always found waiting behind an awkward hairpin turn. He added that the proposed bridge, which he understands does not have approvals yet will relieve some of that but many of them got to see the aftermath of the Ghent fire for TCI in 2012, which was a catastrophe and when he saw that he thought to himself that this is a corporation that will never be able to operate in New York again and never did he think that they would be able to be permitted here just a community away from him where he is raising two small children that he cares dearly about and that they would be able to move in without so much as an Environmental Impact Statement, or get zoning changes without that kind of consideration and this is of great concern to him. He went on by saying that he thinks that they have to go through the exercise of planning and failure to plan, is a plan for failure and he has to ask why they wouldn't take the opportunity to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement, because ultimately they are going to have to plan out with all the slopes, where the drainages are, how they combat soil erosion and how to have collection basins if there is a contamination event or a truck spills whatever it is carrying. He concluded by thanking the Board for the opportunity to speak and reiterated that he would urge them to do a full Environmental Impact Statement.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Downs and continued by saying that anyone that didn't have a chance to speak and would like to speak who may have come in late, could speak now.

Carver Laraway – stated that he is the owner of P&M, Port of Coeymans and he didn't know if everyone present knows that he feels it's a good fit, it is good, clean warehousing with a lot of Thruway exposure and it would be good to develop some of that intermediate from the heavy industrial, Lafarge type plant into this. He continued by saying that with the bridge going across, it separates the industrial from the residential with a berm there and to the south it would keep it residential and to the north, it would be the industrial zone, fitting in with everything else that's been going on there. He added that in 1960 there were 700 people working at Lafarge and now there are 113, and at the Mushroom plant there were 100 plus and now there are zero and P&M was closed down in 2001 and there were 150 plus doing 67 million brick a year and it was the last running brickyard in New York. He went on by saying that now there are 100 plus men working there and with the Tappan Zee bridge being built there, there will be 300 jobs, which he thinks is a good thing for this community and it is good and clean and not toxic waste and they are also looking at doing some warehousing across the street and it will be good, clean warehousing with a lot of exposure from the Thruway, which most people would want. He continued by saying that the bridge is a commitment on his part, he didn't have to do it but he stepped up and said he would do it and they also had Workshop Meeting with several people, Barbara Heinzen, Sylvia Lawler and Mr. Lawler were there and Mr. Lawler said that he would buy the three houses just south of the bridge and pay for them and his job would be to take them down and make a park out of it, they shook hands, it was a good deal and he said that he would do that for the community but at the next meeting he said he changed his mind. He added that they have all put money into the area, they are putting their best foot forward and they feel that some industry with the residential will get the Town back to what it used to be, a thriving community and this is his angle on it, he is not here to better myself, this is what he is and what he comes as and he takes to heart some of the things that some people say about the community and the Town Board and people should step up and do something about it. He continued by saying that they talk about the areas of slope, which they have taken into consideration and it's in their exhibit on their plan and any of the high slope areas are not going to be affected at all with the warehousing and it basically is back up where the mushroom building was, which was industrial or agricultural, whichever they want to call it, for years. He went on by saying that he works well, he has offered to work with the neighbors and he has offered three, four, five times to sit down and go over a plan so that he can help the community with some of the improvements that they can do for the community and right now they are working on getting water improved into the Village where everyone knows that if they had a fire in the Village, it would be a problem right now and they need to improve the water lines going into the Town and then asked if they wanted to raise taxes to do it, which he doesn't think that they do. He concluded by saying that it is all he had to say and he appreciates that he could say it and that he is for the expansion.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Laraway and then asked if anyone else wished to speak.

John Bruno – stated that what the Town Board does, is their business and continued by saying that his question to each Board member is if they were aware of Andy Brick's figures on the I&I that was taken out of the system and then asked why the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans are under a moratorium and why they cannot build in either the Town or the Village and then asked where the numbers came from and if the Town Board knew them. He added that the Port of Coeymans was never denied water but personally he cannot see using potable water for industry and he is sure that the Port of Coeymans wants to be a good neighbor and proof of that is he wrote a letter to a Sergeant James Allendorph dated June 24th with his concern about traffic on Main Street in Ravena where the main water and sewer lines and the laterals are and shortly after that he received a letter from a Anthony Cardona and continued by reading the following:

“Please be advised that I represent Carver Sand and Gravel, LLC, with respect to the letter you wrote to Sergeant James Allendorph, dated June 24, 2013. The statements contained in your letter, as well as the statements that you have made to individuals and businessmen in the community are untrue and defamatory.”

Mr. Bruno interjected that he didn't know what businessmen he was talking about and continued by reading the following:

“You are making these statements maliciously to injure Carver Sand and Gravel and the entire operation of the Port of Coeymans. As such, they are defamatory, per se. Additionally; you are making statements, both within your capacity as Mayor of the Village of Ravena as well as in your individual capacity, subjecting the Village of Ravena and you individually, to liability. You must cease and desist from making these statements. Failure to comply with this direction will result in my immediately pursuing any and all civil claims against you individually and members of the Board of the Village of Ravena”.

Mr. Bruno continued by saying that this is a good neighbor and added at that time he was Mayor and he is concerned with the Village residents as well as with the Town. He concluded by saying that they should make their decision as a good neighbor.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Bruno and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Bill Better – stated that he is an attorney from Kinderhook and he represents TCI and he came to observe the goings-on in the Public Hearing and he felt as though there were some comments that he felt he needed to address. He continued by saying that TCI is not an applicant for the rezoning, they are not a petitioner and they are not an interested party in the rezoning proceeding that they have before them and that TCI has a valid Site Plan Approval that was received on or about September 3, 2013 to build its new facility here in Coeymans. He added that it's a 30,000 square foot production facility with approximately 5,000 square feet of office space and they began construction in February and reiterated that they had the approval from the Town of Coeymans Planning Board, after what he thought was the most thorough review that they had ever conducted and it included having a separate engineer review the matter at his client's expense. He went on by saying that they also had an approved Storm Water Management Plan from the Department of Environmental Conservation and an exhaustive review by the State Historic Preservation Office and they have a state-of-the-art fire suppression system that the local fire companies reviewed and are very enthusiastic about it. He continued by saying that they look forward to being fully operational around August 1st, they have become part of the community and they have employees that live here now, they made a generous donation to the local library and they are looking forward to a ceremonial ground-breaking taking place at the gazebo down by the river on May 19th, which they are all invited to. He added that there were some irresponsible and inaccurate comments made and he normally ignores them because when you hear them, you figure out that they aren't accurate but he also believes that if a lie is said long enough and loud enough and often enough, some people will believe it and one comment made was that his client blew up in Ghent, which was actually a catastrophic fire that was deemed by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Protection to be caused by accidental means. He went on by saying that his client was never denied a permit to rebuild in Ghent and after the fire they looked around for other locations and were most impressed with the facility and prospects here in Coeymans, which is why they decided to come here and after the exhaustive Site Plan Review, they got their permit, started building in February and are looking forward to completion in August and being fully operational. He continued by saying that they do not deal in toxic waste and they are fully permitted by the New York State Department of Conservation and they have an exemplary record with them and they dismantle and dispose of transformers that otherwise could potentially end up in landfills, which would be unfortunate and they wouldn't want to be part of that and their business prevents that. He concluded by saying that they look forward to being a good neighbor, being a part of Coeymans and they are sorry that some people sought to connect them with the rezoning process, which they are not a part of and he normally would not take this time up but the inaccuracy of the statements was beyond irresponsible and he felt the need to comment on it and then thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to speak.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Better and then asked if there were any other comments.

Vincent Riccardi Jr. – stated that he lives at 19 Westerlo Street, which is a two-family house that he has rented out three time in ten years and the last people moved out, they didn't pay the rent, they didn't pay the last month's rent so he lost the security and the

rent. He added that someone stepped up and said that the people should have the repairs done and if he is willing to lend him \$20,000.00 to have his porches done, that's fine because the banks won't and he has never missed a payment on his mortgage. He continued by saying that he went to First Niagara Bank on April 12th at 10:43 at night and his daughter drove him there in a white Mazda with black windows and Mazda's are known for dark windows and he went to the ATM machine, put his card in, took his money and got back in the car and then they got pulled over right here in front of Town Hall.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it was a Public Hearing about the rezoning and they were going to have their regularly scheduled meeting right after and he would have time for public comment.

Mr. Riccardi stated that it was Public Comment.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that it was a Public Hearing for rezoning and they were going to do that as soon as they closed the Public Hearing after they take a couple minute recess.

Mr. Riccardi asked what time it will start.

Supervisor Flach stated that it should be probably within 10 minutes and then asked if that would be okay.

Mr. Riccardi stated that it has to be okay because he is telling him that it is.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment about the Public Hearing, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Dolan, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan asked if they could keep the Public Hearing open so people can submit their comments.

Supervisor Flach stated that they can submit written comments whenever they want and added that he didn't want to keep the Public Hearing open.

Councilman Masti stated that he would rather not keep the Public Hearing open.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they had to make a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Flach stated that there already was a motion and a second and added that he votes to close it and it should not discourage people from coming forward with ideas.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
April 28, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:47pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, April 28, 2014, at 7:47pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Conte, Clerk for the Town Clerk
David Wukitsch, Town Attorney
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

ABSENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed May 26, 2014
 - Grievance Day, Tuesday, May 27, 2014
- Public Comment
- Supervisors Report - March 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Police Department, December 2013 - January 2014
 - Sewer Department, March 2014
 - Town Clerk, March 2014
 - Building Department, March 2014
- New Business Topics for Discussion and/ or Action
 - Coeymans Historical Society
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Budget Amendment – BAN
 - Authorize Police Chief to attend Annual Training Conference
 - Authorize Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members to Attend Workshop
 - Authorize Transfer of Bruno Blvd. Property to Village of Ravena
 - Authorize Budget Amendment - Justice Court Grant
 - Authorize Bond Resolution - Sewer Improvements
 - Approval of Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, May 5, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 28, 2014, 7:00pm

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Work Program

Supervisor Flach stated that applications for the Summer Work Programs are now available and can be picked up in the Supervisor's Office or downloaded from the Town's web-site and it must be completed and turned in by May 31, 2014.

Town Offices Closed – Memorial Day

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014 in observance of Memorial Day.

Grievance Day

Supervisor Flach stated that Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 27, 2014 and anyone with questions can call (518) 756-8927.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Vincent Riccardi, Jr. – stated that he lives at 19 Westerlo Street, which is a two-family house and to get to the point, he went to the ATM with his daughter who likes black men, which he has no problem but it seems like the Coeymans Police does. He added that he got out, the car was parked in back of him and he went to the ATM to get money for his daughter because they won't take a credit card or personal check in Troy Court and when he asked why, he was told that people bounce checks. He continued by saying that they were in a Mazda, 4-door sedan with all black windows and it was one of the passenger's mothers car and if the police ran the plate it come up for this woman, who he didn't know and there was a black guy in the back, a black guy in the front, his daughter was driving and they picked him up at 19 Westerlo Street to go to the ATM and they got pulled over right in front of Town Hall by a Coeymans Police Officer who came up to the window and said that he smelled marijuana. He went on by saying that there was not any marijuana smoking in the car when he was in the car and they took his daughter out of the car, searched her, read her rights and put her in the police car, and then took the black guy out of the back seat and brought him to the back of the car and searched him and he gave them some trouble because he knew his rights, like he knows his rights. He added that he owns property, has been on the Grand Jury, served jury duty was in the military, he votes and Supervisor Flach got re-elected and knows what he is talking about because he is a good man and he knows his father and his brother knows his grandfather. He continued by saying that they then took the boy out of the front seat and he explained that it was his mother's car and the police searched him and then he was the last one to come out of the car and the officer that pulled him over stepped back from the whole thing and then this wise guy came into the scene and they were surrounded by S.W.A.T. who searched the whole car when they didn't do anything and they didn't find anything because the big drug deal that was going on because he went to the ATM was a big fantasy. He went on by saying that this Italian guy handcuffed him and yoked him with the handcuffs on and dragged him by the neck to the police car but one of the black men were already in the police car so he dragged him back to where he was and told him that his Federal ID isn't an ID.

Supervisor Flach asked that Mr. Riccardi calm down.

Mr. Riccardi stated that he would talk the way he wanted and continued by saying that he has a service connected disability and he is 100% disabled and he was walking without a cane and able to do things but now he cannot even turn his neck and his back hurts so much that he can't even go to sleep and his dog is staying up at night because he is worried about him because he can't take the pain and misery that he is going through because of some vigilante police officer. He continued by saying that he used to have respect for them and the officer kept asking him why he didn't know him, his name, or face and kept repeating it and he said it was because he had never been in trouble, had never been arrested, never did anything wrong and worked for corrections and you have to have a crystal clear record to work for corrections and he had been fingerprinted

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and mug shot for the FBI. He added that if this cop wants to handcuff him, he will go one on one with him and he will beat him to death with his feet and if he wants to not hand cuff him he will give him his 9 millimeter and when he goes for it he will hit him so hard that he pops his head and he’s no joke because when he sees red, it’s over and he don’t feel no pain. He continued by saying that he don’t take no bull, and he gives no bull, he minds his business and he has lived in the town for 35 years and no one knows him because he minds his own business and no one is ever going to yoke him again. He went on by saying that he is putting the police on notice and every time there is something going on he will take his camera and film what is going on because he is waiting to see the film, which he thinks will be erased because they don’t want it to be seen and he is going to Albany to get a lawyer and he is bringing a Civil Suit against the Police Officer and the Town that employs this vigilante who he doesn’t even know his name or wants to but the Chief does and he is out on funeral leave because this is what God does to people because he messed with him and someone in his family died.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Riccardi and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Rev. Antonio Booth – stated that he was speaking on behalf of the RCS Community Library as the President of the Board of Trustees and he wanted to thank them all for coming to their 20th Anniversary Celebration and to thank the Town Board for passing a resolution honoring Mary Lou Youmans for her tenacious spirit of working to create the library into the institution that it is today and then thanked them for declaring April 27th as Mary Lou Youmans Day. He added that she rightly deserves it because of all her hard work and she is the type of person that does not like attention drawn to her but they felt it was well worth the effort of drawing attention to this lady and making sure that she is in the records of the history or the Town and also the Village.

Supervisor Flach thanked Rev. Booth and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Nita Chmielewski – stated that she sees on the agenda that there is a resolution transferring Bruno Boulevard property to the Village of Ravena and then asked if it just the road or the parking lot.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is just the parking lot.

Ms. Chmielewski asked why they would give a Town asset away to another municipality and then asked what they are going to do with it because the Senior Center uses that parking lot all the time as well as thinking that the Rescue Squad might use it for drills and then asked Starr Ross if she knew.

Ms. Ross stated that she didn’t believe that the Rescue Squad used the property and added that the property is a liability to the Town.

Ms. Chmielewski asked why it would be a liability for the Town when the Senior Center uses it and continued by asking what the Village was going to do with it and why the Town would just give it away, or if they are not giving it away she wanted to know how much they are being given and reiterated that she feels as though they shouldn’t just give it away and it should be left there so the seniors can use it.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Chmielewski and then asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

March 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,255,993.68	\$ 52,490.48	\$252,861.40	\$1,055,622.76
Part-Town	\$ 232,486.89	\$ 887.23	\$174,134.47	\$ 59,237.65

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Highway	\$ 3,948.57	\$157,319.05	\$125,389.53	\$ 35,878.09
Bridge Const.	\$ 29,014.67	\$ 14.47	-0-	\$ 29,029.14
Sewer	\$ 86,524.61	\$ 6,728.51	\$ 33,500.91	\$ 59,752.21
Special Water	\$ 58,918.15	\$ 12,118.87	-0-	\$ 71,037.02
Police Forf.	\$ 13,914.87	\$ 0.59	-0-	\$ 13,915.46
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 13,836.04	\$240,478.44	\$241,068.25	\$ 13,246.23
H-Fund	\$ 47,550.72	\$ 2.02	-0-	\$ 47,552.74
Section 8 HUD	\$ 17,762.05	\$ 43,098.64	\$ 45,431.52	\$ 15,429.17
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,400,700.47

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.22
Grove Cemetery	\$40,932.72
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$13,427.65
Sewer-Dedicated	\$.24
Total	\$55,063.83

**COLLATERAL
COVERAGE**

Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,447,786.80
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,932,934.13

FDIC

COLLATERALIZED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Reports – December 2013 & January 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington give the Police Department Reports.

Chief Darlington continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the reports.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Police Department Reports were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department Report – March 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Report.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

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MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Sewer Department Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Report - March 2014

Supervisor Flach asked Clerk Conte to give the Town Clerk Report.

Clerk Conte continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Clerk Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Building Department Report - March 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Report.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Building Department Report was approved as presented and read

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Coeymans Historical Society - Joralemon Park Fee Waiver

Supervisor Flach stated that Ralph Biance was in earlier about the Coeymans Historical Society Annual Picnic at Joralemon Park and he asked that the Town waive the fee for the day, which he believes that they should because they are the Town's Historical Society.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, waiving the fee for the Annual Coeymans Historical Society Picnic at Joralemon Park.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #093-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT - BAN

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need of amending the 2013 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans paid off the B.A.N., for Capital Project H 38, out of the Part Town Fund to National Bank of Cossackie in December 2013; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans did not budget for such expense in the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans amends the 2013 Adopted Budget as follows:

Increase B599 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$66,000.00
Increase B9730.6 BAN – Principal H-38	\$66,000.00

Supervisor Flach stated that they paid off the BAN in one year and they have the equity and in order to do that they have to increase the B-Fund balance because the funds are in this equity.

RES. #094-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH G & K SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has received quotes in connection with a uniform service; and

WHEREAS, uniforms are issued to Highway and Beautification employees at a cost to the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, the quotes have been reviewed and it has been determined that the Town will receive a savings by contracting with the new uniforms services,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Highways will contract with G&K for uniform services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute a contract for uniform services with G&K Services not to exceed \$6,000.00 per year.

Councilman Dolan asked if there is a term for the contract.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he thinks it is for two years.

Supervisor Flach asked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch if he had a chance to look at the contract and whether or not they can do a two-year contract.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can and it is the limit.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he remembers that it was for two years.

Supervisor Flach stated that when it is time to sign the contract, he will make sure that it is not for more than 2 years.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he does not see anything about a term.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would make a note on the resolution to check the contract before he signs it.

Councilman Dolan stated that if it is good for two years, they need to know if the price is the same for the second year.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is and it is an \$8,000.00 savings from what they are paying now.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there is a termination clause that will allow them to get out of it if they are not happy with their service, which is the most important part.

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RES. #095-14 AUTHORIZE POLICE CHIEF TO ATTEND ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Annual New York State Association of Police Chief's Training Conference will be held in Lake Placid, New York, July 13-16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Chief of Police desires to attend the Police Chief's Training Conference; and

WHEREAS, a registration fee is required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to attend the Police Chief's Conference in Lake Placid, New York, July 13-16, 2014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes pre-payment for registration and hotel lodging shall be reimbursed upon submission of voucher with the total cost of this Conference not exceeding \$780.00.

Chief Darlington thanked the Board.

RES. #096-14 AUTHORIZE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS TO ATTEND WORKSHOP

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission will be sponsoring a Local Government Planning & Zoning Workshop on May 21, 2014 at the Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, the following members of the Planning and Zoning Boards desire to attend this seminar (Michael Beachler, Winthrop Irwin, David Ross, Robert Nolan, Ernest Quinto, Daniel Harris, Ten Eyck Powell, Jr., Stephen Schmitt, Joseph Shear, Michele Maddage, and Linda Ziegler) which will provide credit hours for the minimum training required by Town Law: and

WHEREAS, a pre-paid registration fee of \$30.00 per person is required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members listed above are hereby authorized to attend the Local Government Planning & Zoning Workshop in Troy, NY, May 21, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will reimburse the round-trip mileage upon submission of voucher for use of the members personal vehicles.

RES. #097-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE DEED CONVEYING ORCHARD AVENUE LAND TO VILLAGE OF RAVENA

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans owns land adjacent to Orchard Avenue in the Village of Ravena, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to convey this property to the Village of Ravena for no consideration, and

WHEREAS, this will be of benefit to the Town residents because upkeep and maintenance will no longer be required and the property will be used for park purposes and open to the public.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Stephen D. Flach is authorized to execute a deed conveying the property identified on Schedule A (attached) to the Village of Ravena.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has been assured by the Mayor, and he has absolute faith in the Village that they are not going to take parking away from the seniors of our community and if they can't trust them to take care of our seniors, they have a lot bigger problems than a few hundred dollars. He added that the property has 3 easements on it by the Village, their pipes run through it, it is absolutely unbuildable and Highway Superintendent Searles can attest to the fact that when they plow that piece of property, during every snowstorm they go out of their way because it is not near one of their routes and it actually cost's the Town money to own that piece of property. He then asked Mayor Misuraca if he had anything to add.

Mayor Misuraca stated that he has his assurance that they are only interested in doing work that needs to be done underground to fix the water and sewer and hopefully, in the future, building something down where the basketball court was for the kids but the parking for the seniors will not be taken away.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to add that when they previously discussed this, he asked if they could include something in the Agreement that would provide for on-going parking for the seniors.

Supervisor Flach asked if they could amend it and if he could add to the resolution that the Village will provide parking for the seniors.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they could add as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based on assurance from the Village of Ravena, the seniors shall be allowed to continue parking in the area that is going to be conveyed as long as they are there and that Supervisor Flach is authorized to execute a deed conveying the property.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will add that and then talk to the Village Board to make sure that it is fine.

RES. #098-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Justice Court has received grant money to improve court facilities, and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Adopted Budget did not include this grant, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is required to create a budget for the source and use of funds for the court grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2014 Adopted Budget be amended as follows:

Increase State Aid – Court Facilities	\$2,149.00
Increase A1110.4 Justice – Contractual	\$2,149.00

Supervisor Flach stated that this is a yearly grant received by the Court.

Supervisor Flach asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch introduce the next resolution.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that as they recall, back in November 2013 the Town Board passed a Bond Resolution in connection with the issuance of Serial Bonds for the cost of improvements to the Hamlet Sewer System and at that time there were only three Board members present and in order to pass a Bond Resolution, you need to have the full complement of Board members present because it requires that type of vote in the statute. He added that in addition, he is not a Bond counsel and he is not listed in the Red Book, and this is not a

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complicated Bond transaction but it does involve 3.3 million dollars, so they need Bond Counsel involved in this case and Michael Biscone was retained to do the work in connection with the financing through Environmental Facilities Corporation but he is not a Bond Counsel either and they need to have one. He continued by saying that he has worked with Chris Shawl, from the firm Groden, Housen and Shawl of Rhinebeck and she has actually amended the Bond Resolution and restated it for a few reasons; the original resolution cited the wrong provision of law on the PPU, the time limit was incorrect, which should be greater than 20 years to give them more flexibility, the Consent Order should have been referenced and for the proposed improvements there should have an authorization for EFC financing documents. He concluded by saying that you can see from the red ruled version the number of changes that had been done by the Bond Counsel and first he would propose a resolution to appoint Groden, Housen and Shawl and Kristine Shawl as Bond Counsel and continued with a resolution from the floor as follows:

RES. #099-14 APPOINT KRISTINE SHAWL FROM GRODEN, HOUSEN & SHAWL AS BOND COUNSEL

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the need to retain Bond Counsel in connection with the 3.3 million dollar financing in the Bond Resolution in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, Groden, Housen & Shawl has submitted a proposal to perform Bond Counsel services at the rate set forth in their proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Groden, Housen & Shawl is hereby retained as Bond Counsel in this matter.

Supervisor Flach stated that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch was their Bond Counsel for some of their past bonds and in turn he had to get someone to do it so this now will be going directly to who Attorney for the Town Wukitsch used and recommends.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that she does a really fine job and he has a high level of confidence in her work so when the work is complete, he know it will be done right and it is a lot of money that it is involved and they want to make sure that all the “i’s” are dotted and “t’s” are crossed because if it is audited, the auditor’s will look for that quality of work and he thinks that it is money well invested in making sure that it is done absolutely correctly.

Councilman Dolan asked if they need to assign a cost for her services.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the quote for Bond Anticipation Notes is \$1,250.00 and Serial Bonds is \$4,750.00 and he took the proposal at an hourly rate and it is \$250.00 an hour, which for Bond Counsel is reasonable because it is a specialized area of law and all that the attorney does. He added that secondly for the Board’s consideration there is an amended and restated Bond Resolution that has been prepared by Bond Counsel and basically it adds the following

- The aggregate principal amount is not to exceed \$3,330,000.00.
- To finance the cost of improvements to the existing Town of Coeymans Hamlet Sewer System and delegating certain powers in connection therein to the Town Supervisor.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch continued by reading statements contained within the rewritten resolution:

“The purpose constitutes a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulation 6 NYCRR part 617, which are determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.” and

“The proposed maturity of the obligations will be in excess of 5 years from the original date of issuance.” and

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“The Town Supervisor is authorized to sign any and all Serial Bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said Serial Bonds.” and

“The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the Corporate Seal of the Town to any of said Serial Bonds or any Bond Anticipation Notes and to attest such seal.” and

“The Supervisor further authorizes in his discretion to execute a Project Financing and Loan Agreement and any other Agreements with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Department of Health and amendments thereto, and to take such documents as may be necessary to provide for the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose set forth herein, or any portion thereof, by a Serial Bond and/or Bond Anticipation Note issue of the Town and the sale of such issue or issues to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.”

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that it is a restated resolution and large parts that were the same were read into the record of the resolution dated November 25, 2013 and the final addition was as follows:

“The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a Notice in substantially the form provided by section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the News Herald, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.”

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that someone needs to offer the restated resolution.

Councilman Masti stated that he would offer the resolution.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would second it.

Councilman Masti asked if he needed to reread the resolution.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he didn't.

Supervisor Flach stated that a copy will be available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that a summary will be prepared and published.

Councilman Langdon stated that it says that it will be in excess of 5 years and then asked the likely term, which he thought he heard as 20 years.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it can be up to 40 years, which gives a lot more flexibility and that it was 20 but Bond Counsel recommended up to 40.

Supervisor Flach interjected that this goes with the EFC that they are trying to get to zero percent, which will depend on the income survey that they are doing in the Hamlet now and otherwise it will be 2% long-term bond rate, which is really good and if they can get it at 0%, it will be awesome.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch suggested that they take a roll call vote.

Flach – AYE, Dolan – AYE, Masti – AYE, Langdon – AYE, Cross – AYE

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RES. #100-14 AUTHORIZE BOND RESOLUTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “TOWN”), AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE

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OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,330,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING TOWN OF COEYMANS HAMLET SEWER SYSTEM AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans (the “Town Board”) is considering the authorization of certain debt to finance improvements to the existing Town Sewer System for use by the Town Sewer District required pursuant to a New York State Department Environmental Conservation Order on Consent at a maximum aggregate cost of \$3,330,000 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation adopted there under (collectively, “SEQRA”), previously determined that the Project constitutes a “Type II” action within the meaning of SEQRA, and that it will not have significant impact on the environment, and that no further actions or proceedings are required to be taken under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the Town’s serial bonds or bond anticipation notes to finance said appropriation; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be deemed to amend and restate in whole that certain resolution dated November 25, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (the “Town”) HEREBY RESOLVES (by affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement to the facilities of the Town of Coeymans Sewer System, including trunk sewer, Pump Station and wastewater treatment plant improvements, are hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$3,330,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforementioned specific objects or purposes is forty (40) years, pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision a, of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligation.

Section 4. The Town plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$3,330,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, pursuant to Section 107.00(d)(3)(1) of the Law.

Section 6. The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the law, for the purposes described of this resolution. The Town shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, for purposes of United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 7. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section

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52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said serial bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An appropriation shall be made annually in the budget of the Town for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 8. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Section 56.00 through 60.00 and Sections 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and the power to issue such bonds as statutory installment bonds, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor of the Town, the chief fiscal officer of the Town (the “Town Supervisor”). Further, pursuant to subdivision b of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for one or more of the objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to subdivision c of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes authorized by other resolutions of the Town Board, then the power of the Town Board to determine the “weighted average period of probable usefulness” (within the meaning of subdivision a of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

Section 9. The Town Supervisor is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as “qualified tax-exempt bonds” in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

Section 10. The Supervisor is further authorized, in his or her discretion, to execute a project financing and loan agreement and any other agreements with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Department of Health, and amendments thereto, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose set forth herein, or a portion thereof, by a serial bond and/or bond anticipation note issue of the Town and the sale of such issue or issues to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 11. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 12. The intent of this resolution is to give the Town Supervisor sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements and instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to affect the issuance of the aforesaid serial bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of this Town Board.

Section 13. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

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- (A) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (B) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- (C) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 14. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in The News Herald, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

Section 15. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RES. #101-14 APPROVE APRIL ABSTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the April 2014, Abstract.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	720-794	\$213,020.01
General	851-891,912,919-920	\$ 35,625.14
	General Total	\$248,645.15
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	795-796	\$ 300.89
Police Forfeiture	892	\$ 104.50
	Police Forfeiture Total	
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	797-810	\$ 13,062.22
Part-Town	893-894	\$ 47.82
	Part Town Total	\$ 13,110.04
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	811-821	\$ 42,667.87
Highway	895-911,913-918,944	\$ 9,291.75
	Highway Total	\$ 51,959.62
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	822-842	\$ 23,130.13
Sewer	921-943	\$ 10,962.57
	Sewer Total	\$ 34,092.70
	Total for all Funds	\$348,212.90
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	843-850	\$221,868.73

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	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$221,868.73

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, May 5, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 28, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank Clerk Conte for doing a great job at covering her first meeting and then asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to let the Board know that their communication equipment will be moved to the County’s shelter on Monday up on Gedney Hill, weather permitting, which will also include the Highway’s equipment. He continued by saying that the new car will be in service by the end of the week and earlier in the day they received reimbursement from R-C-S for the SRO in excess of \$10,000.00, the Police Athletic League will be having a Bike Rodeo on May 3rd from 10:00am to 2:00pm and it is open to any R-C-S student K-12 at Pieter B. Elementary. He added that he along with SRO Danielle Crosier would like to invite the Board on May 2nd , 12:00-2:00pm to R-C-S for a mock crash, which will be done in connection with Ravena, Coeymans and Coeymans Hollow Fire Departments, Ravena Rescue, Albany County Sheriffs, Albany County Paramedics, Med-Flight, Babcock Funeral Home and Burns Towing and it is to show the effects of driving while intoxicated and it is done in conjunction with Albany County Stop DWI just prior to their prom. He continued by reading the following:

“The Albany County District Attorney’s Office has announced that Latrell Seals of Hannacroix pled guilty to one count of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the 3rd degree, class B felony. On January 27, 2014, at a residence on Main Street in the Town of Coeymans the defendant was observed selling heroin by members of the Coeymans Police Department. This transaction took place in the presence of a two-year old child who was living in the residence at the time. Seal faces four years in State prison to be followed by three years of post-supervision and remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility. In addition, the court ordered the defendant to forfeit \$5,000.00 in illegal narcotics profit.”

Chief Darlington stated that the \$5,000.00 will come to his Department as a result of their investigation. He concluded by saying that at previous meetings there have been several resignations and then asked the Board if they are going to do some hiring because with a full-timer leaving, it is 40 hours that they are trying to cover.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are a couple of people that Chief Darlington had mentioned who they are going to discuss as personnel matters in Executive Session and then asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that one of the things that he wanted to do when he came on as Highway Superintendent was to do something for the community in the Hamlet of Coeymans and in working with the Mayor and his Village Forman, they are going to do on a trial basis, picking up bagged leaves and clippings of grass, which will start on Monday next week. He added that it is a joint effort and they will be bringing the bags to the Village location and it is being done on a trial basis only for the Hamlet for now and they will see how it goes. He continued by saying that it is just for leaves and grass clippings in brown paper bags, no plastic, no dirt or rocks and it has to be less than 50 pounds and they will be starting the pick-up on May 5th.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he also wanted to mention that Highway Superintendent Searles has been working with the Village Highway Forman concerning the water breaks that they have had and repair of the roads and he is happy to say that they are working well together and have figured some things out and when he met with the Mayor earlier in the day, it went very well and he appreciates the fact that they can work together.

Councilman Masti asked if there was anything on the salt shed.

Supervisor Flach stated that there was so much already on the agenda that he didn't add it.

Councilman Masti asked Highway Superintendent Searles what his deadline is for ordering salt independent of the County.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he has to order salt by May 30th.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will have to make a decision by the next meeting and then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that a lot of people questioned him about the huge pothole at the top of Westerlo Street and if anything could be done with it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they have been down there a few times filling it with stone and rolling it and they are waiting for it to settle and waiting for the weather to turn better because the prior week they had snow and he still had the sander on the black-top truck. He added that this past week he had the sander taken off and they are getting the black-top ready but the next few days are supposed to be rainy so hopefully by next week it will be taken care of. He continued by that the one on Church Street is a State Road and then asked if he should take care of that one.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he didn't ask about the one on Church Street and he just wants the one on Westerlo Street taken care of.

Supervisor Flach stated that they discussed maybe calling DOT and trying to put a little pressure on the State to fix it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he put a call in to DOT today.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that when you have Notice of that type of condition the law, he believes, provides for a fairly quick timetable by which it has to be corrected and if you don't and someone has given you notice, the Town can be liable for failing to correct it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that with the rain, they cannot blacktop and they have been filling it in with stone.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he understands that.

Supervisor Flach questioned it being a State road and not being the Town's responsibility.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he was not talking about a State road and he understood that the first one was a Town Road.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the Town has nothing to do with the State and the State is obligated to maintain State highways.

Councilman Langdon asked about putting a cone in the hole in the meantime.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he would recommend it.

Councilman Langdon interjected that last week he broke a front wheel in a Rt. 9W pothole.

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Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the State has been pretty good and last week he called for the ones at the bottom of Rt. 143 and 9W and they were down the next day and filled them.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that he believes that it is within 48 hours of giving notice that they are supposed to be filled.

Starr Ross from the audience stated that while they are on the topic of potholes, she wanted to mention another one on a State road in the Hamlet where you could fit several cones in the hole.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is next to the fire hydrant there.

Supervisor Flach asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he knew where they were talking about.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he did and added that he believes that the Sewer Department did something there and he thinks that there is a catch-basin there.

Starr Ross stated that she's got pictures of it if they had not seen it and there are 4-5 cones around it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would let the Sewer Department know.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he does not think that it is sewer.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Conrad stated that it is not sewer; it is a drainage grate and on the State's right-of-way and typically it is their responsibility.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need to get on the phone with the State and asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association is hosting a Workshop on getting a 20% tax credit for renovations on historic homes at the Coeymans Fire House on May 7th at 7:00pm and invited everyone to attend. He continued by saying that he was sorry that Mr. Brick had left because he didn't want to address him when he was not there but he was disingenuous at best when he said that they debated the issues on Part II of the Environmental Assessment form because they did not debate them at all and he believes that they were precluded from debating them by Mr. Better who was shouting legal advice from the crowd and he thinks that the Board erred in not fully examining the full environmental impacts as listed on the CRC's filing and the plan that they submitted. He went on by saying that there were issues in there that Mr. Brick brought up at the Public Hearing such as water, sewer and traffic that they were precluded from discussing when they reviewed the Environmental Assessment Form under the legal theory that the whole action was the rezoning and he believes that they should have had the forms in advance and they could have referenced the workbook that went along with the forms. He added that the instructions read as follows:

"When a zoning change is initiated by a municipality on its own recommendation, or at the request of residents with no specific development is planned, the rezoning itself is the whole action and classifies it as a direct action of local government"

Councilman Dolan interjected that this would be more of the case of the plan last year that was initiated by the Town itself and continued by reading:

"The Determination of Significance must consider the consequences of such rezoning on the environment, but it is not necessary to speculate about the specific projects. In contract if the Zoning change is proposed by a project sponsor in conjunction with the proposal ..."

Councilman Dolan interjected that it was in this case and the project sponsor was CRC with a plan submitted on their behalf that addressed many of the issues in Part II.

"... the impacts of both the zoning and the specific developments must be considered in determining environmental impacts."

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Councilman Dolan continued by saying that if you look at the plan submitted by Mr. Zee but presented by Mr. Brick, there are EAF Part II's that go to the TCI project and those questions are answered in Part II and there are several yes's and it is not correct that the property that TCI is on is not subject to the zoning and maybe the actual building of TCI itself is not the subject of this evaluation but it certainly is on the land that is being rezoned and he thinks that it is proper for them to take into consideration possible uses of that land by whomever is going to occupy that land. He added that the SEQRA Workbook instructs them to consider that if you are changing from one zone to another, in this case residential/agricultural to industrial, they are to consider the most intrusive possible use of that land, which is the case and he thinks that it is their responsibility and it makes good sense as it is going to be subject to judicial review in all probability that they address all of the questions, which he is not telling anyone how to answer but they should do their due diligence and go through each of the questions and have an honest discussion and seek the answers that they need to have so that they don't end up in a court of law losing again. He concluded by saying that if they are in favor of changing it to industrial use, they should do their homework and make sure that they leave no stone unturned because he thinks that they are in legal jeopardy by just glossing over Part II of the form and not even discussing or being allowed to discuss any of the sub-questions on a ten-page form.

Supervisor Flach stated that he respectfully disagrees that the Board members didn't have a chance to express their thoughts because Mr. Wukitsch went through each one and they were free to say yes, which Councilman Dolan did to several. He added that they decided to do the whole set of parcels, which was nine instead of the three that were asked for, which he believes takes the sponsorship role out of the picture.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not true at all because Part I list the nine properties and lists the applicant and sponsor as Coeymans Recycling and it is on the form that they submitted and added that he's not make it up.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will have Attorney for the Town Wukitsch review it.

Councilman Dolan interjected that Mr. Brick and Mr. Zee stood before them and said that it started out as three parcels and then they put a plan forth with nine properties.

Supervisor Flach stated that they, the Town Board, actually changed it to nine.

Councilman Dolan stated that they stood there less than 2 hours ago and said it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that regardless of what has been said, they are really looking out for the best interests of the Town and they are using everyone's wisdom, trying to take it all in and making the best decisions that they can. He added that he appreciates everyone's opinion and bringing up their concerns because it brings everything to the light of day and he keeps praying that they do the right thing.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he feels the same way and that their intention is to improve the town, which he doesn't know exactly what it is supposed to look like but it should be a group effort and this is what they are attempting to do and then asked Councilman Dolan where he got the Workbook for the EAF.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is online.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he went through all of the DEC' records on the fire at TCI and to him it is good responsible stewardship to take the transformers and recycle them rather than to put them in landfills and he would much rather have a company that is going to take them, recycle the oil and be responsible with what they do with the PCB's so they are no longer harmful and here is a company who is willing to recycle them. He continued by saying that Thursday, May 1st is National Day of Prayer meeting at the Capital and several of the churches in

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the area are sponsoring a National Day of Prayer at the Coeymans Landing Gazebo from 4:00pm to 9:00pm and he sent e-mails out to the Greater Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Association of Churches so it is not just one church and it is a community get together of all the churches in town to get together and pray for the Town and State, which our founding fathers did when they were led by a Pastor prior to going into session so he does not understand the separation of church and state. He concluded by saying that some may be familiar with the Leatherstocking Honor Flight where they fly World War II Veterans to Washington D.C. so they can see the new World War II Memorial and they are coming home Saturday, May 3rd to Albany Airport at approximately 9:15pm and there will be 65 veterans returning and the hope is that there will be people to welcome them home of which he will be one and he believes that it is important to let our servicemen know that they are appreciated and that there are only a handful of WWII veterans remaining and that he has cared for some of them in the hospital and they are incredible people.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a lot of comments to look over and they need to read the minutes and one thing that was a little puzzling is the fact that they talked about having that section of zoning on the Hudson River, which is already on the industrial line and they definitely need to take a look. He added that he is a little sad that someone would bring things up about Buddy Irwin, Planning Board Chairman because we all make mistakes in life and to maliciously speak about someone who is on the Planning Board and has been a steady on the Planning Board was just wrong in addition to not knowing anyone that loves Larry Conrad for his lack of doing his Building Department job because sometimes he does it a little too well for people because he knows what he is talking about and to say that someone like Larry does not do his job as Building Inspector and enforce the codes is totally off base and absolutely wrong and concluded by saying that Mr. Conrad and Mr. Irwin are great assets to the Town.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 9:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting. The entire Town Board was present in addition to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and Chief Darlington. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions were made.

Time – 10:10pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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Time – 10:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, May 12, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Lucinda Vatalaro, First Deputy Town Clerk
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
Gregory Darlington, Chief of Police

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed – May 26, 2014, Memorial Day
 - Grievance Day – May 27, 2014
 - Youth Recognition Awards
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, April 14, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2014
 - Public Hearing – April 28, 2014
- New Business
 - R.C. Sportsmen Fishing Derby
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Supporting Port of Coeymans RECD Application
 - Authorize Supervisor to Apply for NYS Parks Grant
 - Authorize Police Chief to Dispose of Abandoned Vehicles
 - Adopt SEQRA
 - Adopt Proposed Local Law #4-14, Zoning Map Modification
 - Appoint PT Officers
 - Authorizing Merging Beautification and Highway Departments
 - Authorize Construction of Salt Shed
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 28, 2014, 7:00pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town Office's will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014 for observance of Memorial Day.

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Grievance Day

Supervisor Flach stated that Tuesday, May 27, 2014 is Grievance Day and anyone with questions can call the Assessor at 756-8927.

Youth Recognition Awards

Supervisor Flach read the following:

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families is hosting its Annual Youth Recognition Awards. The Town of Coeymans has a School Resource Officer, PO Danielle Crosier, who has nominated Jena Nunziato for the Ed Roche Outstanding Youth Award and Austin Babcock for the George Roe Athletic Achievement Award.

Supervisor Flach stated that he received a letter from the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families Youth Bureau and continued by reading the following:

Dear Mr. Flach:

Each year the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families Youth Bureau hosts the Youth Recognition Awards, an exciting initiative that recognizes youth who have overcome adversity, shown their tremendous resiliency and growth, athletic achievement or artistic expression or demonstrated their citizenship and civic engagement through community service. The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families Youth Bureau initiated this program in 2003 to celebrate youth that would not ordinarily be recognized. This program is an opportunity to honor the positive achievements of those youth. Last year's program was a great success and I anticipate that this year's will be even better.

Five middle school and five high school students will be recognized and rewarded in different achievement categories. The award categories are:

- Most Improved Student Award
- Artistic Expression
- Lt. John F. Finn Community Service
- Ed Roche Outstanding Youth
- George Roe Athletic Achievement

Enclosed is some additional information about the awards program along with a nomination form. It would be appreciated if you could distribute the information to individuals who can identify and nominate youth for these awards. Nomination forms are also available at www.albanycounty.com.

Nominations are due May 2, 2014 with an awards ceremony planned for early June. Thank you again for your cooperation. Please contact Margaret Diggs, Executive Director, in the Youth Bureau at 447-4945 if you have further questions. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,
Gail Geohagen-Pratt
Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Rick Touchette – introduced himself, stated that he lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and continued by reading the following:

Good evening. About two weeks ago the Town Board held a Public Hearing on the merits of a Proposed Local Law. For over an hour and a half, people address the Board. Of those only three

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people spoke in favor and Carver had to pay two of them to be here. All of those who spoke in opposition are residents and voters of the Town of Coeymans, none of those speaking in favor live here. We care very deeply for our town and our community as I am sure you do, or else you would not be in the positions that you are. You are elected officials and I feel that you have a duty to listen to the constituents and act in the best interest of the community. The best solutions are always win/win solutions but this Local Law benefits only one person, who lives somewhere else and has only financial ties to Coeymans. I see the trucks, I hear the noise, and I hear rumors of asphalt plants and metal shredders. I don't think that it is an exaggeration to say that the quality of life in the Hamlet and the Village could be destroyed by heavy industry. I respectfully urge you to table tonight's resolution, go back to SEQRA and require a proper and thorough Environmental Impact Statement.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Alex Lawler – stated that he didn't really have any comments but he did have a simple question to ask the Board. He continued by saying that last week he provided pictures of several Building Code Violations in Town and he was hoping for an explanation as to why nothing has been or is planned on being done about it.

Supervisor Flach stated that they don't normally answer question during Public Comment but he felt as though he should answer this one. He continued by saying that Mr. Conrad, who the questions were addressed to, has sent a letter in response to those, which he has seen himself.

Mr. Lawler asked who the letter was sent to.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was sent to him.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he believes that the gist of the letter was asking him to verify the location of the building.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they really should not get into the details if there is an investigation underway.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not think that there is an investigation and added that he would give Mr. Lawler a copy of the letter.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Janet Kessler – stated that she lives in North Coeymans, off of Rte. 144 and her concern is the truck traffic on that road going from Rte. 396 south on Rte. 144. She continued by saying that she can't ride her bike on that road anymore because there is no shoulder and the trucks go by so fast because they don't care and feel as though the road belongs to them. She added that she requests possibly that a speed limit be reduced to 40 mph from the bridge where the Malphrus' place was south to Coeymans, which would be very helpful. She went on by saying that there are children getting off school buses and where her road is, she came to practically a complete stop and got rear-ended and the person said that she didn't have her signal on but she did because she was out of her car and the signal was still flashing. She concluded by saying that her main concern is perhaps getting the speed limit reduced in that area, which she knows is a State Road but possibly the Town can do something about it and maybe write a letter to the State.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that the Town does not set speed limits on State Highways and the most that they can do is write a letter to DOT and request them to do a study and then they would determine if it would be prudent to reduce the speed.

Ms. Kessler stated that this is what she was requesting and then asked if it could be done.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would take it under advisement and then asked Supervisor Flach if he would write a letter to request a study.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Board will discuss it and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

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Elyse Kunz – introduced herself and stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and continued by reading the following:

I am here to ask that you vote no to the proposed zoning change, in fact I think it is premature to even bring it to a vote and I would like to reiterate what Mr. Touchette said in asking that you table it for now. This type of action by virtue of its size and scope is clearly a Type I SEQRA Action, which means that it should have a Positive Declaration and a full Environmental Impact Statement, you have not done that. You have asserted that there will be no environmental impact, which simply makes no sense. You are proposing to turn hundreds of acres into an Industrial Zone, you can't put an Industrial Zone anywhere without impact, much less on a site that has the Coeymans Creek running through it, never mind the fact that it is located close to residential neighborhoods. To say there is no impact, simply defies logic. By not doing an Environmental Impact Statement you are putting the community at risk for a wide-range of unintended consequences, many of which may be harmful. I would like to ask that you do your due diligence, let's err on the side of caution. Please change this to a Positive Declaration and do a full Environmental Impact Statement. I am also very concerned that there are no limitations or distinctions on what type of industry can come into this Zone. The only safeguard that you seem to be giving the public is a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board but we have already seen that doesn't work. So far their track record includes letting TCI come in, a company that handles toxic materials, has a terrible safety record, and got chased out of Ghent after they blew themselves up. A lot of residents are very upset about TCI and your plan now seems to be to ask us to trust the very people who let them come into our community. It is clear that the current Planning Board is not up to the task. If you want to create a new Industrial Zone, it should have definitions and limitations built in to protect the health and safety of the community. The Planning Board can only enforce the law as you write it, the way you have written it gives them nothing to enforce. Finally, I would like for you to consider the fact that this measure does not have a broad base of support within the community, there is mounting public opposition to these zoning changes and to the idea of rapid industrialization along our riverfront. I know some people may want this but many, many more do not. It seems to me, if you are going to make such an enormous change to where we live, it should be with a clear mandate from the public, especially the people in the Hamlet who are going to be the most directly affected, we are the ones who going to have to live with the consequences, but you don't have that. When I go around in my neighborhood and I talk to the people in the Hamlet, nobody wants this, people are already leaving because of it and as was noted earlier at your Public Hearing, the only people who got up and said without reservation that they wanted it was Carver Laraway and lawyers who were paid to be here. There's not a clear majority of support for this change and as such you should not do it and it begs the question, why are you, who is going to benefit from this? It seems to me that the only people who are going to benefit are a very small number who don't live here and it's going to hurt far more. You have a responsibility to the people who live here; you are ignoring those people to act instead in the financial interest of others who are looking to exploit our town for their own personal gain. It's starting to feel like our town is not by the people for the people, it's turning into, in spite of the people for Carver Laraway. It's divisive, this is creating ill will, the people in the Hamlet feel like you are coming in and you are running (inaudible) over us and telling us how it is going to be whether we like it or not, please consider what you are doing.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Paul Lawler – introduced himself and added that he lives in Coeymans. He continued by saying that over the past year a number of them have had the opportunity to talk to all of the Board Members about the proposed change in land use and one thing that comes out, at least for him, is that they all are interested in the same thing, they all want a prosperous, safe, healthy community and a healthy environment and the question is, how do they get from here to there. He went on by saying that one of the advantages that the Town of Coeymans has, as noted at the last meeting, is a very low unemployment rate, the unemployment rate is lower than any other state in the country, about half the rate in New York State and in spite of that, the population in Ravena and Coeymans Landing has gone down. He added that they have to ask themselves why and one would think that quality of life is a major concern and with regard to the zoning, one has to question what will be the impact on the quality of life and in a discussion with one of the Town Board Members, the point was made, which he thought was made appropriately, is that they should not be looking out 1 or 2 or 3 or 5 years, they should be looking out 20 years and what the impact is of any proposed zoning or any other change in land use over the next

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generation and some of them are old enough that they won't have to worry for much longer as to what happens but we do have to think about the next generation. He continued by saying that what is at issue here, as others have said, is about 400+ acres and the land use, which adjoins the Village of Ravena and Hamlet of Coeymans and reiterated that the question is, what is the best use for this land because it also contains a very sensitive Water Shed and Coeymans Creek, which is noted by New York State as a very important creek and Water Shed and not only is the 400 acres at issue but it abuts our communities. He went on by saying that the use of this land will be very important and they believe that it is very important to do a full Environmental Assessment of the impact of any change in this land and in fact it is not just 20, 30 or 50 citizens, it is also the Sierra Club, Clearwater Organization and Scenic Hudson Organization and those organizations with over 2 million active members nation-wide and in New York State over 30,000 members, have all expressed concern about this change in land use and all of them suggested after careful review and study, that they do a full environmental assessment and once it is done and the impact of any change is truly reviewed in depth, then it would be appropriate for the Board and for the Town's people to look carefully at what the appropriate zoning is. He added that it would be determined if it is light industrial, as is suggested in some sections of Town by the Comprehensive Plan, if it is a green buffer or if it is maintained residential/agriculture because 85% of the land now is forest, meadow, wet land and creek. He concluded by saying that they would encourage them to look very carefully at the environmental impact of this proposed change before they move ahead.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Barbara Heinzen – stated that they had heard from her before during the Public Hearing and she does not have too much new to add and most of her neighbors had already covered it and continued by reading the following:

I want to point out yet again that at the Public Hearing the only people who spoke in favor of this proposal were Carver Laraway and his paid lawyers, everybody else opposed it or had serious concerns. Five people said that this was not consistent with the Comp Plan and I gave you a long comparison of the Comp Plan and the law to show you why that inconsistency is something that you need to consider. Four people said that we must have a Positive Declaration that leads to a full Environmental Impact Study as Mr. Lawler has requested and also Ms. Kunz. Two of those who asked for a full Impact Study were Scenic Hudson and the Sierra Club, four people said there are already bad impacts from the Port of Coeymans and mentioned traffic, noise, dust and pollution and you are saying let's have more heavy industry and you're saying we don't have to worry about it because there isn't going to be any impact. How can you say there isn't going to be any impact, you haven't done the study. It was clear also from the remarks that TCI is not trusted and Mr. Better said that TCI is not in this fight, well TCI may not be in this fight but TCI's behavior to date is what people are expecting if this zoning goes through and they do not want more of it. Some people said that your behavior is unethical and the company applying is unethical and that whatever happens, the company who invests here and other companies that invest here must be held accountable. The rule of law, I assume, is a value that we all endorse, it should also apply here. Others said that we need to separate industry from population centers. Mr. Lawler has already mentioned the fact that his claim to this will bring jobs, but since the Port came, people have been leaving and we have amongst the lowest unemployment in the state. Donald Zee said that we have very few parcels that are actually industrial, only 1.54% of our land parcels are industrial, he did not say what percentage of land is industrial and certainly in the Ravena-Coeymans area, a very high percentage of land is already an industrial use, I do not think that we need any more of that. Another argument that was given by Mr. Laraway's lawyers is that Andy Brick said that he was grateful to the Town for having spent two whole hours going over the EAF, I am very impressed, I understand that it normally takes 6-12 months, I am pleased that you are so efficient you can do this job in two hours and I suggest yet again, along with others, we need the 6-12 months to study the impacts of this rezoning and look at what is in the best interests of everyone in this town and not just a few industries from outside.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mary Driscoll – stated that she lives on Rte. 9w and has lived in this community for 49 years and she has watched it go from a very beautiful community to a very low community. She added that she could not get to the meeting on the 28th due to birthday parties but she heard some comments and now she has some comments. She continued by saying that whoever said that

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Larry Conrad does not know his job, has to be the most asinine statement that she has heard in the last ten years because Larry knows his job, you might not like the way that he does it, but he knows his job. She added that another comment was that Rte. 144 is so scenic and the other day she came down from Albany on Rte. 144 and the only place that you can actually see the Hudson River on Rte. 144 is where the gazebo is, otherwise you can't see it and she can't see tourists coming here to see that beautiful scenic route. She went on by saying that 40 or so years ago they had a chance to make 144 a better road, they turned it down because they said it would only benefit the Cement Plant and now we are paying for it so they have to think to the future. She concluded by saying that she was fortunate and went to the groundbreaking of the new cement plant and she came out of there feeling real good after listening to the wonderful plans that are coming up for the Town of Coeymans and she hopes that all these people who are complaining about the dust and noise have beautiful incomes because the average person has to work to make a living and our future generations will need jobs that won't come out of the air, they come from businesses and it was really good to hear something good about the Town of Coeymans for a change.

Peter Masti stated that he had a letter from TCI to read into the record for public comment and continued by reading the following:

May 9, 2014

Dear Supervisor Flach,

I am writing to address such comments that were made about TCI of NY at the Town Board's recent Public Hearing regarding a proposed new Zoning District for Coeymans. Although TCI is not a party to the proceeding, we welcome the opportunity to set the record straight concerning our operations.

TCI's Site Plan for a new 7 million dollar facility was approved after a rigorous local review and, I'm pleased to report, is well on its way to completion. We also have a Special Use Permit from the Town to begin operations at our new facility. While we support the Town's efforts to create new commercial zoning, our permits are valid regardless of how these deliberations conclude.

As the Town Board is aware, our Site Plan was granted approval after an extensive review by the Planning Board that started in June 2013 and concluded in October 2013. This review process included several Public Hearings and no few than three environmental reviews. Several notable events during the process that added extra measure of diligence and scrutiny to the Town's review include:

- At TCI's expense, the Town hired an engineering firm, which prepared an independent environmental review of our plans.
- Local fire officials assessed our operations for public safety both by making on-site visits to our current facilities and by reviewing details of our Fire Safety Plan.
- Midway through the review process, at the Planning Board's request and at considerable expense to TCI, we agreed to move our site from its original location to where we are building now.
- The Planning Board conducted two SEQRA reviews.
- Our Storm Water Plan was separately analyzed by the Department of Environmental Conservation.
- The potential impact of our Plan on archaeological assets was analyzed by the State Historic Preservation Office.
- A review of potential impact on neighboring wetlands was conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers.

We passed this unusual battery of examinations because TCI is a self-contained operation that has a net positive impact on the environment. We take extra effort to maintain safe and environmentally operations. This extra effort includes.

- A state-of-the-art fire suppression system far in excess of what Local Laws and conventional practices require.
- A unique liner placed beneath the floor of our main operating space that prevents any oil or liquid from escaping the facility.

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In addition to these measures, apart from toilets, sinks and fountains for staff's personal use, our operations do not rely on local water and sewage systems. Our operations produce no effluents or emissions; we have zero impact on surface water, the air or aquifer.

I would also like to offer some brief comments regarding our handling of PCB's another matter raised at the Public Hearing,

The term PCB's stand for polychlorinated biphenyls, a range of man-made chemicals that were manufactured between 1929 and 1979, when they were banned by the Federal Government.

PCB's were used by large manufacturing, paper and utility companies in a wide range of products, including transformers and capacitors, motors and hydraulic systems, adhesives, paints, caulking, plastics and fluorescent lighting. The manufacturing process often resulted in large volumes of PCB's that were being discharged into rivers and other waterways.

No one makes PCB's anymore; today's challenge is to safely remove theme from the environment. That's where TCI plays an important role. We don't manufacture PCB's and we don't discharge them from our facility. We receive and dismantle transformers and other electrical equipment that sometimes contains PCB's or traces of PCB's in the oil found within the equipment. We safely and carefully drain the oil, bulk it up and ship it to a special refinery out of state. This oil is not processed at our facility. The out-of-state refinery removes and destroys the PCB's and purifies the oil for industrial reuse. This is a model of modern, responsible sustainability practices.

The work we do not only creates investment and jobs in Coeymans, already we have locally hired six new employees even before we move into our new facility, we provide a valuable service to the community that makes real the concept of "recycle, reuse, repurpose."

We are proud of what we do and proud to be in Coeymans. We are glad to be a part of the community and eager to work with the Town to everyone's mutual benefit.

As always, my team and I are available to you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Brian Hemlock
President
TCI of NY, LLC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on April 14th, a Town Board Workshop on April 22nd, and a Public Hearing on April 28th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting on April 14, 2014.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Town Board Workshop on April 22, 2014.

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MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on April 28, 2014.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

R.C. Sportsmen Club Fishing Derby

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan speak to the agenda item R.C. Sportsmen Club Fishing Derby.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Town Board has donated \$100.00 for a number of years and added that he is in favor of doing it again and then read the following:

To Whom It May Concern:

The R.C. Sportsmen Club is sponsoring our 36th Annual Fishing Derby for children ages 1-16 who reside in the RCS School District. The derby will be held Sunday, June 8th from 8:00am to 10:30am at the Town of Coeymans Filtration Plant on Route 144.

To insure that this derby is successful, we are once again soliciting contributions. In past years your generosity has enabled us to award each participant with a prize and serving hot dogs and drinks after the completion of the derby.

At this time we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us on June 8th so you can see first-hand the reactions from the children participating as they reel in their “big” one. We hope to see you there.

Very truly yours,

James Reilly
Fishing Derby Committee

Councilman Dolan stated that he would offer a motion for the donation.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach authorizing the Town Board to donate \$100.00 to the R-C Sportsmen Club for trophies to be awarded at the Fishing Derby.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town also supports local youth programs like the program that they share with the Village and a Youth Program that they have themselves and added that since the donation has been done for years, he does not have a problem with it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it has to be open to members of the public and he is a little concerned that it is limited in some way.

Supervisor Flach asked if he was questioning the age limit of 1-16.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is limited to the school district so if a child lives within the Town of Coeymans but does not live in the school district, they cannot attend, which is the drift of what it is saying. He added that it has to be open to the general public if they are going to support it and it is a worthy cause but he is concerned about that limitation because it excludes.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he does not think that it excludes because he knows people that have come here from other municipalities.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it could be just the way that it is written and this is the only concern that he has.

Councilman Masti stated that he still has his stand for the last two years of not donating because when his Gun Club does anything, they support themselves.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that he would have no problem if it said everyone between 1-16 of age in the Town is invited to attend, which makes it a public function but it is limited in some way.

Councilman Langdon asked if he meant living in the school district and not actually attending the school district.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked specifically what it said.

Supervisor Flach stated that it says for children who reside in the school district, which are actually people from out-of-town also because folks from New Baltimore go to R-C-S.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that using tax payer money is not appropriate if there is any limitation.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was not what he wanted to hear.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can do it but if the Comptroller were to audit it, they may say that it isn't right.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would amend the motion to say that they are willing to allow anyone living in the Town of Coeymans and/or attend the R-C-S School District.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was going to suggest that each Board member collectively donate \$20.00 each.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that the way that Councilman Dolan phrased it is appropriate and they can do it either way.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will change it to say for anyone within the Town of Coeymans and he would check with them to make sure that it is alright.

Councilman Dolan stated that since the \$100.00 is for trophies, if Supervisor Flach wants to throw in \$25.00 for hotdogs, he would be willing to do that also.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #102-14 AUTHORIZE SUPPORT FOR PORT OF COEYMANS RECD APPLICATION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Port of Coeymans (the Port) will be applying to the NYS Regional Development Council for infrastructure funding to promote economic development, and

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WHEREAS, the Port will seek funds to upgrade water infrastructure in the vicinity of its property located in the Village of Ravena and the Town of Coeymans, and

WHEREAS, questions exist related to whether there is adequate water pressure in certain portions of the existing water system for fire protection and public safety, and

WHEREAS, although the Village of Ravena is the public water source for the Port property, the Town of Coeymans has a significant interest in the functionality and effectiveness of the Village water system, and

WHEREAS, the Port's application requires an analysis of existing water infrastructure capabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Port plans to hire CT Male Engineering to assess current water system infrastructure and capacities, and

WHEREAS, the Port will be solely responsible for the costs of CT Males study with no cost to the village,

WHEREAS, it is in the Town's best interest to have CT Male conduct this engineering study at no cost to the Town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Coeymans hereby supports the Port of Coeymans in its REDC application and its retention of CT Male Engineering to conduct all necessary studies to support such application with the costs of all engineering work to be borne by the Port of Coeymans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes the cost for the engineer study is between \$30,000 - \$40,000.00 and he along with the Mayor met with the Port of Coeymans who brought them down solely to talk about this grant and they are willing to pay the grant application fee as well, which he believes they did quite a while ago. He added that he does not see how they can pass up the opportunity to try and get some funding and he believes that it is between 1 & 1.5 million dollars that is available for a grant, which would upgrade the water in the Hamlet where the pressure in the fire hydrants is next to none and not up to minimum standards as well as some infrastructure that needs to be done in the Village as well as their water plant, which is all a part of it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not see a copy of the grant and it is nice that he and the Mayor met with the Port but the Board has no information on it and usually when someone asks him for a support letter or any kind of support, they supply some documentation.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that generally with this type of grant, the entity that is going to be reviewing the grant application and releasing any grant funds, wants to know that the local Board is in favor of the application.

Councilman Dolan asked how he could say whether he was in favor of it or not if he does not even know the name of the grant, the source of the money or any of the details.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it was a legitimate point.

Supervisor Flach inquired as to the next meeting date.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is Wednesday, May 28th due to Memorial Day.

Councilman Dolan asked what the end result will be if they do get it and whether the Town and/or the Village would own it or would it be the person that got the grant own it.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is no question about who would own it, it is the Town's infrastructure.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the Port is applying for the grant and the infrastructure will not be transferred to the Port, but the Port is the party seeking the money.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilmen Masti and Burns collectively said that it is a win/win.

Councilman Burns reiterated that it is a win/win and if they can fix the infrastructure and make it better for the Town's people with the fire hydrants, it will be better for them too and it is probably the reason the Town is going to do it and reiterated that it is a win from doing it and then asked why they wouldn't do it.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have to do a study with C.T. Male, the Town's engineering firm.

Councilman Burns stated that if you drive down River Road, every 10 feet there is a patch and Mayor Bruno knows himself that the pipes down there are 100 years old and if it is a six inch line there is a 2 inch hole going through the center of it because it is so built up and he would welcome any help to repair the infrastructure down there.

Zachary Assael from the audience asked why the Town does not apply for the grant.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is because it is \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00 and they don't need to spend the money on that type of thing when someone else is willing to spend the money.

Mr. Touchette from the audience asked if the improvements are going to be on Church Street.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not know exactly and it depends on what they get for grant money and he can't tell him what they will fix, they could get \$100.00 for all he knows but it's not costing the Town a dime.

Councilman Burns interjected that regardless of where it is, that will be one section that they don't have to pay for to fix.

Mr. Touchette stated that would be unless it is a new section going out to TCI or someplace like that and then it won't be any benefit for the Town or Village.

Sarah Hafensteiner from the audience asked what the priority will be if they get any grant funds at all and what the priority for the usage will be and if it will be for the grant applicant or the needs of the Town and the town residents.

Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke to that already and reiterated that the water pressure to the Hamlet is lacking and there is not fire protection enough in the Hamlet because of the water pressure that goes down there and they definitely need to upgrade the system because water pipes are breaking all the way down Church Street. He continued by saying that they are willing to put in a grant so the Town can get water infrastructure for the municipality and this is the best he can tell them at this point and then called for a roll-call vote.

First Deputy Clerk started the vote as follows:

Supervisor Flach - AYE

Mayor Bruno from the audience asked to speak and continued by saying that Councilman Burns had mentioned the size of the pipe and then asked if the grant for the waterline is for going down the hill because if it is going down Church Street, it does not matter what size pipe you put in there because there is a pressure reducing valve because there is too much pressure and if you had a brand new line, the pressure would blow the line apart.

Supervisor Flach stated that when he talked to Mayor Misuraca about this, they talked about the improvements that need to be done at the Water Plant.

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Mayor Bruno stated that another issue is that there are two Water Plant Operators and again Carver and the Port of Coeymans was never denied water.

Supervisor Flach interjected that they are not speaking to that.

Mayor Bruno continued by saying that the problem was that it was for industrial use for making concrete and whatever.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that they were not speaking to that.

Mayor Bruno stated that he is just saying that both Operators said that they can't supply for industrial use and they are talking about a grant for new lines and like he said the pressure reducing valves are on Church and Westerlo streets were put in at least 30 years ago when Ray Bailey was the Mayor and he would agree that the lines 30 years ago were in better shape than they are today. He reiterated that they had to be put in because there was way too much pressure and getting a grant for new lines isn't going to solve that problem.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mayor Bruno and added that he wanted to reiterate that the funds would be to upgrade the infrastructure, it would not be just for new lines and there all sorts of things that need to happen.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that they had previously started a roll-call vote.

First Deputy Vatalaro continued with a roll-call vote as follows:

Stephen Flach – AYE, Peter Masti – AYE, George Langdon – AYE, Thomas Dolan – NAY, Kenneth Burns – AYE

VOTE – AYES 4, NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

RES. # 103-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR NYS PARKS GRANT

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has identified a grant opportunity pertaining to the parks in the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, this grant opportunity would cover 50% and up to 75% of the planning, installation and updating of amenities and equipment for the parks; and

WHEREAS, THE Town is desirous of updating Joralemon Park to include public restroom as well as tent only camp sites;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to apply for this grant award from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is possible grant money and they need playground equipment and bathrooms at Joralemon Park and there a lot of other things that they could use.

Councilman Dolan asked if it was what he envisions.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is what he would like to see and added he would at least like to see bathrooms at Joralemon Park but it does not have to be just for Joralemon Park, it could be for any of the parks.

Sarah Hafensteiner from the audience asked why the Town is going to apply for this one but not for the previous one and then asked that he explain that.

Supervisor Flach interjected that this one will not cost them \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00.

Sarah Hafensteiner asked why the other one would cost that.

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Supervisor Flach stated that the other one would require a study, it is a big long process and then asked why the Town would pay if there was someone willing to pay and if anyone in town is willing to come in and say I will give you \$40,000.00 to put in for a grant that you might not even get, he would be willing to take the funds to apply for grant that they may or may not get.

RES. #104-14 AUTHORIZE POLICE CHIEF TO DISPOSE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE –AYES 5-NAYS 0 –SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Department is in possession of four vehicles (2003 Jeep, 1998 Mazda, 1991 Chevy, 2002 Nissan); and

WHEREAS, the owners of said vehicles have not come forward to claim their vehicle for several years; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles are now considered abandoned vehicles and cannot be effectively used for the benefit of the Town and no substantial Town or public purpose will be served in the future by such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Chief has determined it to be in the best interest of the Town to dispose of said vehicles,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Chief of Police to dispose of the four vehicles in an appropriate manner.

Councilman Masti inquired as to how they are going to be disposed of.

Chief Darlington stated that they are probably going to be crushed.

Councilman Masti asked if there was anything worth putting out to auction.

Chief Darlington stated that under the Abandoned Vehicle Law, it all has to go and be crushed and most of them were DWI crashes held as evidence and then the people don't respond to their letters.

Supervisor Flach continued by reading the following:

According to Town Law, the Code Book of the Laws of the Town of Coeymans, Chapter 165-15, the Town Board may from time to time on its own motion or on petition or by recommendation of the Planning Board, amend, supplement, modify or repeal in whole or in part this Chapter or the boundary of a District established by this Chapter.

On March 7, 2014, I received a letter of petition from the law office of Donald Zee, represented by Mr. Andrew Brick, asking for his client's three parcels to be rezoned to industrial. At a Town Meeting on March 10th, Deputy Supervisor Masti presented a Local Law to change 9 parcels, as indicated in the law. Mr. Masti stated that there were 3 parcels requested and Mr. Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town, stated that there were 9 parcels on this Local Law. Mr. Brick then stated that if there were 9 properties, it must be a Town version of the Proposed Local Law to include all of the properties that were originally planned to be rezoned, and there are a number of parcels that he does not represent. The Town then notified all the property owners, adjoining property owners and municipalities, including the Village of Ravena. I have spent a lot of time reviewing the various documents submitted as part of this rezone and let me state that this rezone is a Town Board initiative, not that of any single property owner. Although, a property owner requested its properties be rezoned, it was this Board that decided to rezone the entire area.

On April 17, 2014, the current Planning Board sent a letter to the Town Board recommending that these properties be rezoned to Industrial. I will enter this letter into the record.

As required by Section 239-m-n of General Municipal Law, we sent a letter to the Albany County Planning Board. They had one recommendation, which was: "any comments received

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from adjacent municipalities’ notified and adjacent property owners should be considered by the Town before approval is granted.” As this is already part of the 239 process, we have already done this. All surrounding land owners and municipalities were notified as well as the NYS Thruway Authority. We have received no comments from any of the surrounding municipalities. There were also 3 Advisory Statements made by the Albany County Planning Board, all of which were taken into consideration. I will enter the ACPB Recommendation Letter into the record.

There was a Public Hearing scheduled and it was held on April 28, 2014.

In 2003, a request like the one we received in March was asked of the Town Board regarding these parcels of property. After some discussion with the Town and Planning Boards, a letter from the Planning Board, by then Chairman Peter Foronda was sent to the Town Board to change these very parcels to industrial zoning. Shortly thereafter, the Town put together a Comprehensive Plan which talks about our industrial-based, blue-collar town. It was done with the economic development goals of developing a business-friendly environment, both for existing businesses and new business enterprises, to promote development to stabilize the tax base while providing jobs, retain and improve the Town’s commercial and industrial base as well as foster the development according to its resources.

Here we are, 10 years later, changing this section of land to the industrial-based, commercial property that it has been used for since before it was the Frangella Mushroom Plant. This area, from the Lafarge conveyer belt to Tracey Welding, and adjacent to the Thruway and State Route 144 along the Port of Coeymans properties, has hosted industrial uses for many years. Although one property owner may have started this process, the rezone before us this evening is a Town initiative to finally implement the goals and vision of the Comprehensive Plan.

As you all know, I supported the town-wide rezone last year as well as the rest of the Board, three of whom are on the Board today and I am in favor of this rezone as well.

We as a Board have reviewed a large volume of information and comment provided both for and against this rezone. I believe this rezone will make our community better. There is a small group of people that disagree with me, that’s fine. As Supervisor, I am looking to the interests of the whole town and I have remained respectful of everyone’s opinion and right to be heard, even statements that have been downright insulting, disrespectful and unprofessional.

We have read through the minutes of the Public Hearing from April 28, 2014, and many of the comments that have been made, with respect to the zoning change involved the Port of Coeymans and the viewshed of the Hudson River as a gateway to our town. First, the Port of Coeymans, which is on the Hudson River, is already zoned industrial. This zoning change is on the west-side of SR 144 and does not include the Port of Coeymans’ properties or the Hudson River located on the east-side of SR 144.

Based upon all the information provided us, I have asked our attorney, Mr. Wukitsch, to draft a SEQRA Resolution for the Board’s consideration. This is a zoning change, which is the action. Any further building, permits or actions taken on these properties will have to go through the proper process before they are approved. I have reviewed the document and believe it comprehensively addresses environmental concerns. At my request, the document provides significant protections for the Coeymans Creek and Hudson River. It is clear from the Public Hearing that a lot of people are concerned about the creek and the river.

I would ask the members of the Board to read with me as I read through it and then consider voting upon it.

6 NYCRR PART 617
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance
State Environmental Quality Review

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This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

After a review of the application materials, Environmental Assessment Form, and comments received on this proposal, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Impact Statement will not be prepared.

SEQRA Status: Type I (X)
 Type II ()
 Unlisted ()

Conditioned Negative Declaration: Yes () No (X)

Lead Agency: Town of Coeymans Town Board

Location: Town of Coeymans, Albany County

Action: Rezoning of parcels to Industrial to comply with previously adopted
 Comprehensive Plan.

Findings

- The nature of this action is the rezoning of nine parcels of property to Industrial in conformity with the Land Use and Zoning goals and strategies contained in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The properties involved have historically contained industrial type uses. The properties are directly adjacent to large industrial zoned parcels, namely, the Lafarge cement plant and the Port of Coeymans (formerly the P & M Brickyard). This action provides clarity by revising the zoning map for properties where approved uses already exist pursuant to special use permits or variances.
- A Long Form Environmental Assessment Form (LEAF) has been prepared and reviewed by this Board as SEQRA Lead Agency for both the proposed action. After review of the LEAF by the Town Board at a Town Board Workshop meeting held on April 22, 2014, the Town Board acting as Lead Agency, determined that the LEAF did not identify any potential for large impacts that could have a significant effect upon the environment resulting from the rezoning or from future development of the parcels involved.
- Various Areas of potential environmental concern resulting from the rezone and subsequent development of the properties involved were identified and reviewed by the Town Board. In addition to the LEAF, the following studies, reports, documents, and testimony were relied upon when making this determination of significance and are incorporated by reference:
 - Town Comprehensive Plan and draft zoning maps created therefrom
 - Town Economic Development Plan
 - 2008 Onesquethaw-Coeymans Watershed Study
 - 2010 Onesquethaw-Coeymans Watershed Management Plan
 - Letter submitted April 28, 2014 from Scenic Hudson
 - Memorandum and accompanying documents dated April 4, 2014 submitted by Coeymans Recycling Center, LLC
 - Memorandum dated May 7, 2014 submitted by Coeymans Recycling Center, LLC
 - Testimony and documents received at the April 28th Public Hearing
 - Memorandum from Albany County Planning Board dated April 17, 2014
 - Decision and Order/Judgment of Judge Michael C. Lynch, J.S.C. dated March 3, 2014
 - Record of proceedings and other submissions in the matter of Coeymans Heritage Society, Inc. et al v. Town of Coeymans, Albany County Index #4415-13
 - Correspondence and e-mails received related to proposed Local Law #4-14

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- Other specific areas of environmental concern have been reviewed and analyzed as follows:

Community Character

The lands to be rezoned have historically hosted industrial type uses. Conforming the zoning map to accurately represent what is occurring on the properties will not impact community character. Future development of the properties will likely include uses similar to the adjacent existing industrial uses with no effect upon the character of this area of town. Future development may have a positive effect upon community character by increasing tax base as well as employment opportunities.

Water and Sewer

The data submitted by Coeymans Recycling Center, LLC in their memorandum dated April 4th, 2014 (incorporated herein by reference) demonstrates that there exists sufficient water and sewer capacity to serve future development of these properties. The Town recognizes that it is currently under a DEC Consent Order related to sewer connections that must be addressed for any future development of these properties. Relief from the Consent Order would be reviewed by DEC on a case by case basis. Some properties involved in this rezone are already connected to the sewer system. There were numerous previous connections to the sewer system for farm worker housing that previously existed on one of the parcels to be rezoned. In addition, water and sewer district extensions may be required as these properties are developed.

Traffic

The data submitted by Coeymans Recycling Center, LLC in their memorandum dated April 4th, 2014 (incorporated herein by reference) demonstrates that State Route 144, which is the sole access roadway to the properties has more than enough available capacity to absorb traffic that will be generated by future development of these properties. Trip generation from future development will also be analyzed on a case by case basis during the site plan review process.

Noise

This rezoning action results in no noise impacts. Noise impacts from future development of the properties are sufficiently regulated by existing Town of Coeymans Zoning Code Appendix 1 which states: “(n)o sound pressure shall be emitted beyond the lot line in excess of 100 decibels...”

Historic Resources

A Letter of No Effect has been issued by SHPO for the ongoing bridge project located in the area to be rezoned (directly to the south of the properties to be rezoned). Any future development of the properties being rezoned will occur even further away from identified historic sites than where the bridge is to be located. A Letter of No Effect was also issued as part of the Lafarge Cement Plant Modernization Project Environmental Impact Statement involving the property immediately adjacent to the area to be rezoned (directly to the north and west of the properties to be rezoned). Future development of these properties that could have any possible impact upon historic resources would be subject to review by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Archaeology and Cultural Resources

A Phase 1A/1B Archaeological Study has been provided covering the majority of the property to be rezoned (incorporated herein by reference) which concludes that development of the area will not impact cultural resources

Soils and Steep Slopes

Area soils have been analyzed and are generally suitable for development. Site specific development upon some soil types may require submission of a geotechnical report as part of the site plan review process. There are slopes upon the property which will not allow for development in the areas where they are located. Because these slopes are generally along the

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Coeymans Creek, this undevelopable area will act as a separation buffer between future development and the Creek.

Wetlands and Flood Plain

Wetlands upon the majority of acreage to be rezoned have been delineated. There are certain areas of the properties that are not developable due to wetlands and the delineated flood plain along with the mandatory buffer areas required for wetlands and flood plain.

Water Resources

Environmental organizations, the Albany County Planning Board, and residents have expressed concerns as to how this action could potentially affect the Coeymans Creek and Hudson River. As SEQRA Lead Agency, the Town Board has the authority to implement mitigation measures designed to minimize the potential for impacts to areas of environmental concern. Potential impacts to water quality in the Coeymans Creek and accompanying fish and wildlife habitats are best addressed by applying performance standards and development restrictions upon the properties subject to this rezone. The following mitigation measures will apply to all future development of the properties that are subject to this rezoning.

For properties subject to this rezoning, the following performance standards shall act as mitigation measures to minimize potential impacts to the Coeymans Creek

- Except for approved bridge construction, future utility work, and necessary infrastructure, no new development or construction shall occur within 100 feet of the Coeymans Creek.

Discussion ensued amongst Supervisor Flach and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch regarding a wording change and Supervisor Flach reading from the wrong copy.

Zachary Assail from the audience asked if they were re-writing it now.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that Meeting Rules prohibit screaming from the audience.

Zachary Assail stated that the meeting rules should say that you have the correct copy since they were going to vote on it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he made the wrong copy and it is his fault.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that if Mr. Assail didn't comply with the rules, he would be asked to leave and behavior in a democracy is not to scream from the audience.

Zachary Assail stated that in a democracy they usually come prepared to the meeting with the proper documentation.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked that Supervisor Flach continue.

Supervisor Flach continued by reading the following:

- Discharges to the Coeymans Creek are prohibited unless pursuant to a valid State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.
- No activity that could substantially degrade water quality, increase turbidity or sedimentation, alter flows, temperature or water depths of the Coeymans creek shall occur upon the properties.
- Substantial alteration of the Coeymans Creek stream channel, such as impoundment or creation of barriers to fish passage shall be prohibited. --Construction of structures such as docks, piers, bulkheads or revetments within the Coeymans Creek shall be prohibited.
- The storage or stockpiling of soil, sand, gravel, organic material or any other material shall not :

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1. Cause silt and eroded material to enter the Coeymans Creek during storm events or as a result of wind movement
2. Affect the efficiency or the capacity of the Coeymans Creek
3. Increase flood heights
4. Cause an increase in water flow velocity

All future development of the properties will also be subject to New York State's requirements for the submission and approval of storm water pollution prevention plans (SWPPS) which will be reviewed, approved and compliance monitored.

These mitigation measures can be effectively monitored and enforced by a variety of mechanisms available to the Town including the site plan review process, NYS DEC process for the submission and approval of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans, monitoring and enforcement by the Town's Storm Water Administrator, and the building permit and Certificate of Occupancy issuance process.

Water resources including the Hudson River, Coeymans Creek (and its associated tributaries) will be sufficiently protected from impacts resulting from future development by implementation and enforcement of the mitigation measures set forth above.

Review and Approval of Future Development That Could Occur as a Result of This Action

- The Town of Coeymans has also conferred upon its Planning Board significant authority as part of the site plan review, special use permit review, and subdivision review processes to impose mitigation measures to ameliorate any potential adverse environmental impacts identified during the SEQRA review process for site specific land use applications submitted. Existing Planning Board authority includes the power to:
 - a. Regulate traffic patterns,
 - b. Pedestrian safety and access,
 - c. Parking and loading areas,
 - d. Screening and landscaping (including suitable buffer widths),
 - e. Environmental air quality,
 - f. Fire protection equipment,
 - g. Drainage/storm water runoff,
 - h. Refuse disposal,
 - i. Location and placement of signs,
 - j. Location and dimension of buildings,
 - k. Impact of proposed use on adjacent uses,
 - l. Snow removal,
 - m. Location design and all construction materials of all utilities, energy and communications distribution facilities including gas, solar, wind energy, telephone, cable, water and sewer,
 - n. The impact of the proposed use on both on-site and off-site infrastructure,
 - o. Effects of smoke, noise, glare, vibration, odors and/or other noxious and offensive conditions,
 - p. Effects on historical properties listed on the national, state, or historical registers, and
 - q. Effects of other cultural, archaeological and historic resources of the Town
- The Town of Coeymans Town Code and state and federal laws and regulations contain numerous other mechanisms to protect the Town from potential adverse environmental impacts from site specific land use applications including storm water management requirements, flood plain restrictions, and local and NYS code enforcement authority, Highway Department review and approval of curb cuts.

Additional Findings

- Rezoning these parcels will increase economic development opportunities in the Town of Coeymans as well as increase tax base.

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- Approval of this action will enhance protection of the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Coeymans, its residents, and its visitors.
- It is the best interest of the Town of Coeymans to approve the action.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

(See 617.7(a)-(c) for requirements of this determination)

The Town of Coeymans Town Board declared itself Lead Agency for this project on March 10, 2014. This matter was also referred to the Town of Coeymans Planning Board for their advisory opinion as required by the Town of Coeymans Code. At its April 7th, 2014 meeting, the Planning Board issued a recommendation to the town Board that the Local law to rezone the properties should be approved. The Albany County Planning Board issued a recommendation dated April 17, 2014 to modify the local approval “to include any comments received from the adjacent municipalities notified and adjacent property owners should be considered by the Town before any approval is granted.” The Town has considered such comments as part of this SEQRA review and will further deliberate upon them when considering whether or not to enact the local law. Advisory comments provided by the Albany County Planning Board have also been considered and addressed. It is hereby determined that this action brings the Town’s zoning map into better conformity with the recommendations and scheduled tasks set forth in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan (originally adopted in September, 2006).

It is hereby determined that this action achieves the specific land use and zoning goals set forth in the Comprehensive Plan to:

1. Preserve and enhance Coeymans’ existing rural, small town character while accommodating a uses;
2. Encourage future development that minimizes negative impacts on natural resources, balance mix of agricultural, recreational, residential, commercial and industrial infrastructure, and neighboring uses in order to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the community.
3. Protect the community’s visual character and aesthetics, especially along corridors and at prominent gateways.

It is hereby determined that this action achieves the specific economic development goals set forth in the Comprehensive plan to:

1. Foster the development of a vital business friendly environment, both for existing businesses and new business enterprises;
2. Promote economic development that will expand and stabilize the Town’s tax base while providing for a range of employment opportunities;
3. Retain and improve the Town’s commercial and industrial base to expand the availability of goods and services to residents and tourists alike.
4. Foster the development tourism resources in the Town to strengthen the local economy and establish and preservation of the Town’s unique resources.

It is hereby determined that this action has no impact upon existing agricultural farm operations.

After a review of the application materials, Environmental Assessment Form, and comments received on this proposal, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has determined that this proposal will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The Town Board has considered the following criteria to determine if this proposal has significant adverse impacts on the environment:

- (i) a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;
- (ii) the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; impacts on a significant habitat area; substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or

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endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such a species; or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources;

- (iii) the impairment of the environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area;
- (iv) the creation of a material conflict with a community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted;
- (v) the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archaeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character;
- (vi) a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy;
- (vii) the creation of a hazard to human health;
- (viii) a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses;
- (ix) the encouraging or attracting of a large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action;
- (x) the creation of a material demand for other actions that would result in one of the above consequences;
- (xi) changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment; or
- (xii) two or more related actions undertaken, funded or approved by an agency, none of which has or would have a significant impact on the environment, but when considered cumulatively would meet one or more of the criteria in this subdivision.

The Town Board has also considered the reasonably related long-term, short-term, direct, indirect and cumulative impacts, including other simultaneous or subsequent actions, which are:

- (i) included in any long-range plan of which the action under consideration is a part;
- (ii) likely to be undertaken as a result thereof; or
- (iii) dependent thereon.

The significance of a likely consequence (i.e., whether it is material, substantial, large or important) has been assessed in connection with:

- (i) its setting (e.g., urban or rural);
- (ii) its probability of occurrence;
- (iii) its duration;
- (iv) its irreversibility;
- (v) its geographic scope;
- (vi) its magnitude; and
- (vii) the number of people affected

RES. #105-14 AUTHORIZE SEQRA ADOPTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Town Board is Lead Agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in the adoption of Proposed Local Law “Zoning Map Modification” of 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board has prepared Parts 1 and 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the probable environmental impacts of the adoption of Proposed Local Law ‘Zoning Map Modification’ of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has concluded that there will be no adverse impacts to the cultural, social, economic or environmental resources of the Town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 677 hereby adopts the findings and conclusions set forth in the attached determination of non-significance and issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to address a point in Supervisor Flach's statement in that he does not think that asserting after the fact that it was a Town action and not an action of the applicant sponsor, when is holding in his hand a form filled out by the applicant sponsor signed by Mr. Zee representing that this includes the 9 properties, 310 acres and it is the EAF that they worked off of and reiterated that to state after the fact that it was Town sponsored and not an applicant sponsor and it was signed 03/26/14.

Supervisor Flach stated that on March 7th they received the letter and on March 10th they asked for three parcels and the Town Board, which Councilman Dolan voted no on and he was not present but there was a 3-1 vote that the Local Law represented all nine parcels and said it could not be spot zoning.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that on March 26th it was filled out and added that he didn't interrupt him when he was speaking, he could contradict him when he was done if he liked. He continued by saying that Mr. Zee did sign the certification that it represents the nine properties and in 2013, Albany Supreme Court Justice Lynch ruled the following:

"The court finds that because the Town Board failed to comply with the SEQRA, the subsequent adoption of Local Law #1-2013 was thus null and void. It would be wise to avoid the expense and delay of another lawsuit and issue a Positive Declaration. According to the SEQRA Law it is a Type I Action that requires a Positive Declaration."

Councilman Dolan continued by saying that using solely the EAF presented by the applicant sponsor signed by Mr. Zee, there were 18 areas identified that the Town Board should have looked at and given a hard look and explored further and among those is the fact that the project is in a coastal area, it's in a Special Planning District, it is within 1,500 feet of a school, it is poorly drained, 50% is on a 15% or greater slope, it contains wetlands, it adjoins wetlands, it is in regulated wetlands, it contains streams and wetlands, it is within a 100 year flood plain, it is within a 500 year flood plain, it is over a principal aquifer, it contains endangered plants, animals, and rare species of special concern, it adjoins a hunting or fishing area, it is contiguous to the Coeymans House, it is within a sensitive archaeological site and within 5 miles of Schodack Island. He added that when the EAF was presented to them, according to the meeting minutes of the Workshop, Supervisor Flach reiterated that it is for the zoning action only and no one with the exception of himself discussed any of those impacts upon the zoning and everyone said that the only thing they should consider is what the action of the zoning itself would do, which he believes is incorrect on two basis; it is sponsored by a project applicant, and Judge Lynch's ruling admonished that they not only had to look at the act of zoning, they had to look at the affects that could be inferred from the zoning and the SEQRA regulations require that when you go from one type of zoning to another, you must consider the most intrusive possible use of the land and compare it in contrast, none of which they did at that meeting or subsequent. He went on by saying that he had to add that he was pleased to see the addition of protection to Coeymans Creek, which he didn't know until 4:00pm but that is neither here or there and he is glad that it is included in it so it eliminates a little of what they have to sit through. He continued by saying that in addition to the 14 items that the project sponsor themselves identified he believes there are 18 that should have been answered yes and the Town Board should consider them as follows: impact on municipal services, proposed new non-residential development, impoundment of water, demand for water, and there have been discussions about water from the Village and they were asked to support a grant earlier to potentially bring water to this site with the same for waste water treatment, which is included in the plan and the grant request as well as more than one acre being disturbed. He added that there will be an increase in traffic, even though a traffic plan was done but it says clear in the letter from DOT that the traffic study only pertains to the building of the bridge and specifically says that it does not include any increased traffic from the build-out and Judge Lynch's ruling required that they look at all potential build-out and they could not give away their responsibility to plan on the basis that someday down the road the Planning Board would do a Site Plan Review and it is their responsibility to work on it and figure it out in advance. He went on by saying that it states that the site has been industrial for a long time and again by the sponsors own application, 264 acres of 300+ acre parcel are forest, meadow, wet lands, water or bare rock and then read the following:

- The Town's Comprehensive Plan states that the Town seeks to preserve and protect the Town's water bodies and land that serves as important natural drainage channels and serves as natural habitats.

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- The Comprehensive Plan proposes to explore land use regulations to protect the Town's resources including but not limited to the Hannacroix Creek, Onesquethaw/Coeymans Creek including overlay districts, set back requirements for development adjacent to the creek.

He continued by saying that he is glad that there are set back requirements as well as possible protection of fish, especially the short-nose sturgeon and the Sierra Club, Scenic Hudson and Clear Water have all asked for a Positive Declaration and full Environmental Impact Statement. He added that they should define what industry is allowed and he does not think that it is proper to defer that judgment to Site Plan Review because he believes it is the Town Board's responsibility and he believes that they have to clear up what the water use issue is, which became even more cloudy earlier and the Plan states that it does not require water but yet they are applying for a grant to improve the water as well as there being talks with the water. He went on by saying that he is glad that one of the Albany Planning Board's recommendations was taken regarding the 100 foot buffer along the stream and they also said that the zoning should include a truck traffic study as well as a water and sewer study, soil stability on steep slopes natural resource protection study as well as pointing out that the traffic study included is for the bridge only and not the build out. He continued by saying that the unemployment rate was addressed earlier and people can say all they want about it being a blue-collar town but the majority of people that work in this town have white-collar jobs, which was gotten from the same source that the sponsor got their information. He concluded by saying that he wanted to end with something from Mr. Zee's letter to the Town Board dated May 7th and read the following:

"In his decision, Judge Lynch found that the Town did not fully comply with SEQRA when enacting the 2013 town-wide rezoning. According to him, when determining whether zoning may have significant environmental impact, the Board should have considered reasonably related effects of the action including other simultaneous or subsequent actions, which are:

- Included in any long range plan of which the action under consideration is a part.
- Likely to be undertaken as a result thereof, or dependent upon, or
- Depended upon thereon.

The court is unable to conclude that such a review occurred here. While the Board claims to have relied on the 2006 EAF, the record is devoid of any support for the Board's conclusion and the meeting minutes do not reflect the criteria the Board considered before it reached its conclusion that environmental and economic conditions in the Town remain unchanged after more than six years. Further, to the extent the record indicates that the Board deferred consideration to Site Plan Review, such deference was improper"

Councilman Dolan stated that Mr. Laraway had just joined them and he thinks that they are doing Mr. Laraway a disservice by not fully exploring all of the issues and getting them out of the way and he fears that they are going to be back there another year doing the same exact thing because it is going to go to court, it is going to be thrown out of court and he thinks that any Judge will see through, including stuff in a SEQRA that was not discussed at a Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Burns interjected that the survey that was presented to them included a lot of that stuff and usage of the Village water is down right now, the sewer usage is down right now and there is more capacity to be using more and it is just telling him that there aren't as many people in the town right now that the water is needed and there aren't as many people living in the Village. He continued by saying that he does not want to drag his comments out but he grew up here, his father grew up here and his Grandfather grew up here and he was 12 years old and working at the Mushroom Plant and there were 60-70-80 ladies that worked there, helping to support their families and right now there is nothing in Ravena or Coeymans. He added that he is not saying that they should just let anything come here and do whatever they want to do but they have to bring some business into town and they keep saying that they want it to be a residential area, but residential areas aren't going to pay for everything that they need to do and they heard earlier that the infrastructure is 100 years old and no one has replaced or done anything to it because they have never had the money to do it. He concluded by saying that he sees opportunities here to start straightening the Town back up starting with the infrastructure and working their way up and a lot of the vacant houses in the Town and Village can fill up with workers that are going to be working down there and he has seen what they are doing up there.

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Sarah Hafensteiner from the audience stated that he is absolutely right but it does not have to be residential or heavy industrial and there are a lot of options.

Supervisor Flach asked that she hold her comments.

Councilman Burns stated that the businesses that want to come in here, they can review them and they will review them.

Sarah Hafensteiner stated that they won't review them and it is the SEQRA issue.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Langdon if he wished to comment.

Councilman Langdon stated that he understands what they are concerned about and he is very interested in sitting and talking with them, which he has done as recent as this past week and he heard what they have to say and he understands the issues that are there. He continued by saying that the problem is that they seem to have an idea that if they go in and just do some nice things in the Hamlet that everything is going to fix itself and Mr. Laraway has presented him a pretty neat portfolio in which he was impressed and they spent ½ million dollars redoing homes down there approximately 10 years ago and fixing them up and he admitted that a lot of those homes are going back into the direction that they were before they touched them.

Mr. Lawler interjected that it wasn't Mr. Laraway, it was himself.

Councilman Langdon apologized for the error. He added that his point is that what they want to do didn't work and what they want to do now isn't working and he has been in this town for 30 years now and the Town has continually depleted, they have seen things emptying out and very few new structures going up and TCI is one of the newest endeavors that they have seen and Lafarge is now committed to building a plant and if you stand up where they call it the Ponderosa, the biggest noise that you hear is the thruway running by. He continued by saying that if you stand there and look at the situation, there is Lafarge to the north, which is heavy industry and you have the Port and he does not know exactly what defines heavy industry, someone said that it has to do with blasting and mining, which is not happening at the Port but it is happening in our town in a pretty big way between Callanan and Lafarge. He added that if you take a look at that area, it is surrounded by all kinds of industrial activity and it only makes sense to fill in that gap and permit industry to happen there, he reiterated that he does not know what the definition there should be but he thinks that it is going to be quite heavy and many people said to him that they didn't know that they built a bridge down there and then put it on the river.

Elyse Kunz from the audience asked if they could just keep it for building bridges.

Councilman Langdon stated that it makes no sense and there is no future in trying to narrow it down to one little industry and they want to help the environment and watch out for the creek, which he is all for but one of the best things that they can do for the environment is to recycle, which is what TCI is doing and there is a scrap yard down there sorting it out and reselling it.

Elyse Kunz interjected that she hears them every night and she knows that they are down there.

Councilman Langdon stated that he knows she knows they are down there but they all have issues.

Elyse Kunz stated that with all due respect, they still have to do the SEQRA process because Mr. Dolan has a very valid point, they might not like it but it is valid.

Councilman Langdon stated that they will be doing the SEQRA process over and over and over again because every project is going to require it.

Elyse Kunz interjected that they have not done it and they are not doing it over and over.

Councilman Langdon stated that they need to turn this into an industrial area so they can let the business community know that they are going to be friendly to industry coming in.

Elyse Kunz stated that they are not going to have any people living here.

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Councilman Langdon stated that he knows that they want to point to the Port and say that it is the reason that everyone is leaving town but it was happening long before Carver Laraway bought the Port and asked that they not turn it around and blame it on a man who came in here and sewn more back into this community than what most of them have.

Elyse Kunz stated that with all due respect he has no idea what the people in the Hamlet have done.

Councilman Langdon stated that he was sorry but they can see where the Hamlet is right now and it needs to change and he is all for that change and he is all for what they want to do for the historical area, he restored an old house himself and he wants to do things like a nice walkway and other great recreational things that they can do along the river and creek and it isn't going to happen just because they turn around and kick all of the industry out and hope that something is going to come in. He added that this town was built on this type of activity and they have learned to change with the times, when the ice was no longer needed they found other things to do with the area, which is exactly what is happening here, they are seeing an evolution of an area that is accommodating the change in the economic situations that are going on around us. He went on by saying that he lives over on Rte. 101, adjacent to Lafarge quarry, Callanan's property abuts the back of his as well as the railroad and at 3:00am he can hear the whistles.

Rick Touchette from the audience stated that it was all there when he moved in.

Councilman Langdon stated that it was but so was all of the industry that was happening, there was a brickyard working down there and they are acting like none of this stuff existed until Carver Laraway walked into town.

Elyse Kunz from the audience interjected that they are just asking that the SEQRA process be done.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have a solid interest in what they want to see happen in this town and he agrees that there is a different perspective of what needs to be done and he is sorry that they disagree with him. He added that he will listen to them and he would love to sit down with them on a regular basis, he will listen to what they have to say and in turn they will see what they can do about implementing everything that they need to implement and reiterated that what they have been trying isn't working and they have to shift and do something different. He continued by saying that if he is wrong, get rid of him in four years but he came into office because the Town voted for him and he knows that it is a very small group sitting in the room compared to the constituents that they have out there in the town and it was not a small marginal election and it happened again in the Village and he is telling them that there is a mandate for this also. He reiterated that he is sorry that they disagree but he will attempt, and it does not stop the idea, that he wants to see a nice recreational site developed by the marina and landing and they talked about some ideas and he is all for sitting down and developing that side of it because he believes that our town can actually support both. He concluded by saying that he truly believes that and if he is wrong, God forgive him and he hopes that they will someday too but he really does not think that he is and he is doing what he feels is for the betterment of the Town.

Elyse Kunz asked that they just do the SEQRA.

Councilman Burns stated that there will be SEQRA review and when new business comes in, they will have to do SEQRA Review before they can build.

Elyse Kunz interjected that they do but if they read the judgment from Judge Lynch, it says that they have to do the SEQRA Review on the Proposed Law.

Councilman Langdon stated that he disagrees with the opinion.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Masti if he had any comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he has not been in town for 30 years but when he was in northern California he loved fishing on the upper Sacramento River and one day there was a train coming along and a couple of trains dropped in the river with pesticides in it and it killed everything for miles past Redding, where he lived, the river was dead so in turn they built ponds, stocked them

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with trout and it took five years but it came back and all of the safety regulations were followed but accidents happen. He added that in northern California there is a place called Simpson Paper Mill and when he was there, approximately 40 years ago, they planted hundreds of acres of eucalyptus trees on their property and took care of them and their plan was to utilize those trees to make their paper and when it came time to start harvesting the trees that they planted and took care of on their property, certain organizations put up a stop and brought it to court saying that there was now wildlife habitat with deer, rabbit, fox, etc., the Judge sided with them and it was a major reason why that company went out of business, 400 people lost their jobs because of environmentalists. He went on by saying that he is a farmer, he loves his land, he takes care of his land and he always will but environmentalists get a little extreme when they start telling him what he has to plant, harvest and with Agenda 21 with the government telling him all of this, he is a little ticked off about it because it is his land and he will take good care of it. He continued by saying that when he first came on the Board he knows that Councilman Langdon and Councilman Burns had meetings with people at one of their homes and he along with Councilman Dolan, which Mr. Dolan did a major part in organizing, had a meeting at Yanni's and Barbara, Paul and Mr. Laraway were there and they looked at a map of what this gentleman was planning and they talked about it and said that they would have further meetings and the left it with a positive note with what was planned out saying that they would push the 100 feet back, put up buffer zones, do the bridge etc., all of this was laid out over two years ago. He continued by saying that no one ever called him about another meeting and all he knows is that all of a sudden everyone in the Hamlet got riled up and all of a sudden Mr. Laraway is a demon, which was the same with TCI and he is big on recycling and all of the transformers that TCI would not be recycling would be going to landfills and as an environmentalist, he does not like things in landfills because landfills have problems and leak. He went on by saying that he has been watching the TCI plant go up, how they are doing it and he reviewed their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan that they put together so they are making sure that there isn't silt going into the creek as well as having back-up plans and he has seen Mr. Laraway's pipes going down for storm water drainage so things don't go into the creek and he also knows that there are over 50 SPDES Permits along the creek that people are allowed to put things in as well as a few houses along the creek that don't have SPDES. He added that he wants them to work together, he said it two years ago and he thinks that they have more people on the Board willing to work together but he also knows that in going through his own SEQRA, which he did online, so he wouldn't feel like he was "bought out" by what some people were saying or he "sold out" the Town and he does not think that the law that they are passing is going to have any major impact compared to when he looks at this land and the creek where there is a railroad, which now has two lines bringing oil and who knows what else in on those lines going across the creek and they don't have any special safety barriers where they cross the creek. He continued by saying that they have the NY State Thruway and they don't know what is in the trucks but they would be surprised what is carried and they are worried about a major impact but they have no control over them as well as the same thing on SR 144 and Rte. 9W where it's the same thing, they don't know what is going down the roads and they have no control because they are State roads and he would love to get those roads fixed, they are unsafe and as the Town they can write a letter but you know how that goes when you are dealing with NY State, it doesn't get very far usually. He went on by saying that he thinks this is the best way to go because it opens a door and he disagrees with the Judge too but he is human and he makes mistakes and he thinks that this law will get them started so that when people do come in, hopefully will be as responsible as TCI because he has a box with all of the reports from the fire department, ENCON and all the companies they hired to test the air, land and water for 10-15 miles from the site and nothing was at a toxic level and the only violation that they got as a result of the fire was because they had not notified the fire department as to what chemicals they had in there. He reiterated that accidents happen, the fire was not caused by TCI, they are not a demon, they are coming in above board and going way beyond regulations to make sure that another accident does not happen and he thinks that all of them want to take preventative action so accidents don't happen but the fact is that they do happen and people don't mean for them to happen, sometimes they are just stupid and sometimes they are a legitimate accidents but they deal with it and they go on just like upper Sacramento coming back to life. He concluded by saying that he thinks this is going to bring Ravena back to life and he would love to see the Hamlet blossom again and Councilman Langdon was sharing with him some of his thoughts about walking bridges and turning the waterfall into a centerpiece, which is a great idea but this Town right now does not have the money and in talking about the grant, if they can get water pressure down there, he is in favor of making the Hamlet safer and if Carver is willing to donate the money to do that, God bless him and they will figure out what else they can do and they have to stop demonizing each other and

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get down to the fact that they are all in the same town, have to work together and not backbite each other after they are done talking and he is in favor of it.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he believes those were owls in the California case.

Councilman Masti stated that the spotted owls were up there too.

Councilman Dolan stated that he mentioned demonizing and he had never demonized Mr. Laraway or any of his businesses.

Councilman Masti interjected that he didn't mention any names.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was pointing it out for the record and he does not think that they should decide on a zoning change based on who the person is because Mr. Laraway might not be there forever.

Councilman Dolan and Councilman Masti collectively stated that they are not basing it on one person or Carver Laraway.

Councilman Dolan stated that either way, they need to look at the possible consequences and exhaust them all.

Councilman Masti stated that he thinks they have in the past three years.

Councilman Langdon stated that each project that goes in there will be exhaustively reviewed.

Supervisor Flach asked for a roll-call vote.

First Deputy Vatalaro continued with a roll-call vote as follows:

Stephen Flach – AYE, Peter Masti – AYE, George Langdon – AYE, Thomas Dolan – NAY, Kenneth Burns – AYE

VOTE – AYES 4, NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Burns introduce the resolution.

Councilman Burns continued by reading the following:

RES. #106 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW “ZONING MAP MODIFICATION”

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law “Zoning Map Modification” Local Law #4 of 2014 to rezone property located within the Town of Coeymans was introduced by a member of the board at the March 10, 2014 meeting; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town; and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was held on April 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) it has been determined by the Town Board of said Town of Coeymans that adoption of said proposed Local Law would not have a significant effect upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to adopt said Local Law.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law “Zoning Map Modification”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Coeymans is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town Coeymans, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had a question for Attorney Wukitsch and continued by saying that they previously called it Local Law #4 and then questioned what it should be when it is a zoning change.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it should still be Local Law #4.

Supervisor Flach asked if it has to say Local Law #4.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can call it both, also known as Local Law #4 of 2014 and suggested that they amend it to reflect that.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will amend it to say:

WHEREAS, Proposed Local Law #4 of 2014 – Zoning Map Modification.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch agreed with the amended wording.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he would say everything that he said about the SEQRA but he would spare everyone by not saying it again.

Supervisor Flach called for a roll-call vote.

First Deputy Vatalaro continued with a roll-call vote as follows:

Stephen Flach – AYE, Peter Masti – AYE, George Langdon – AYE, Thomas Dolan – NAY, Kenneth Burns – AYE

VOTE – AYES 4, NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thinks that the Board made a mistake.

LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2014 – ZONING MAP MODIFICATION

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES INTO THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE: TAX MAP PARCELS SBL#156.-4-6.1, 156.-4-12, 156.-4-5, 156.-4-6.2, 156.-4-8.2, 156.-4-9, 156.-4-10, 156.-4-13 AND 156.-4-14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: AUTHORITY

This Local Law is hereby enacted pursuant to authority conferred by §10 of New York Municipal Home Rule Law, Article 16 of the New York State Town Law and Chapter 165 of the Town Code of the Town of Coeymans.

Section 2: PURPOSE AND FINDING

Properties known as Tax Map Parcels SBL#156-4-6.1, 156-4-12, 156.-4-5, 156.-4-6.2, 156.-4-8.2, 156.-4-9, 156.-4-10, 156.-4-13 and 156-4-14 located in the Town of Coeymans, most of which have been utilized for many years for industrial uses by previous owners and through the issuance of various Special Use Permits and Zoning Variances. This amendment to the Zoning Code and Zoning Map will bring the Code and map into conformity with the manner in which

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these properties have been utilized for years. This Amendment also implements the express recommendation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan to classify these properties to allow for Industrial Uses.

Section 3: AMENDMENT OF ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP

The zoning classification for properties known as Tax Map Parcels SBL#156-4-6.1, 156-4-12, 156-4-5, 156-4-6.2, 156-4-8.2, 156-4-9, 156-4-10, 156-4-13 and 156-4-14 is hereby amended to Industrial (I-1).

Section 4: VALIDITY

If any part of provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part of provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

RES. # 107-14 APPOINT PART-TIME OFFICERS

On the motion Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is desirous of hiring part-time Police Officers who are certified; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has conducted a search for available part-time Police Officers and interviews have been conducted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Scott L. Kline and Kevin J. Schwebke to the position of part-time Police Officers effective May 14, 2014 pending a successful background check, one year probation and Albany County Civil Service approval. Part-time Police Officer Kline and Schwebke will be compensated at a rate of \$18.13 per hour as designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Councilman Dolan asked that Chief Darlington speak to the resolution.

Chief Darlington stated that in past months they have had a couple of part-time and a full-time officer's leave and the staffing has dwindled quite a bit and coverage is becoming tougher and tougher especially with summer time vacations. He added that both officers are certified and one potentially after his training might be able to replace the full-time position.

Councilman Dolan asked if there is a limit to the number of hours that they can work per pay period.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that it is in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Chief Darlington stated that because Officer Kline is on the Civil Service list, if he passes the agility test, it will be less than full-time and then there will be no limit and Officer Schwebke is 20 hours a week on average.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked Councilman Dolan what the point of his question was and whether it was because if they work a certain number of hours they become full-time.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was just asking how many hours a week he can schedule.

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RES. #108-14 MERGE BEAUTIFICATION AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans have discussed the merging of the Beautification Department with the Town Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such merger would be in the best interests of the Town and would be fiscally responsible to merge said departments; and

WHEREAS, funds from the Beautification Department budget will be transferred to the Highway Department in an effort to continue shared services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes the Supervisor to direct the Clerk to the Supervisor to transfer the necessary funds from the Beautification Department to the Highway Department in a manner that is acceptable by the Town's Municipal Accountant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all current Beautification Department employees shall become employees of the Town Highway Department and hold the appropriate Civil Service title.

Supervisor Flach asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he had anything that he wanted to say.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they have been at the Highway Department since January, everything is going good and this is just so if they are short an employee, he can send someone from Highway without being charged back from the Beautification Department and this will incorporate them all into the Highway Department.

Supervisor Flach asked how many employees there are in the Beautification Department.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there are three, two laborers and a Parks and Recreation Supervisor.

Supervisor Flach stated that the two laborers will be put in the DB Fund – Personal Services, they are currently in the CSEA Union because they are full-time and they will stay with their same titles.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the Parks and Recreation Supervisor will go in the Highway Administrative A-Fund and reiterated that everything remains the same.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Perry will remain the Parks and Recreation Supervisor.

Councilman Dolan asked if the other Beautification workers will be paid out of the DB Fund.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they will and it will be transferred.

Councilman Dolan stated that it would be non-Village residents paying their salaries as opposed to now when the entire Town paying their salaries and then asked why they would want to do that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is the way that it used to be.

Councilman Dolan agreed and said that is why they changed it.

Supervisor Flach stated that the problem is that they can't use them in other capacities and there is a lot of wasted time with Beautification Department staff, which he has stated since he came into office and now they can work at the Highway Department if they need someone, instead of seasonal and it works together and they will save money on the building.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is the main point and Town Law allows the Board to combine and consolidate departments, which is really the purpose here, to accomplish some efficiencies by doing that and what part of the budget that funds it is something that the accountant can work out, which deals with what Councilman Dolan is saying and reiterated that the real reason is to save money and Town Law authorizes it.

Councilman Masti interjected that it is like shared services.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they don't need separate departments with a separate administrative framework.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is an unshared service because the Village used to pay for a portion of the work that was done but now they are paying nothing.

Janet Kessler from the audience stated that several years ago her son was involved in a program that the Town had for kids during the summer months and they took care of the parks, mowed lawns and cut brush for a stipend and then asked if they still have the program.

Councilman Dolan stated that now they have a program through Albany County and the Town used to have its own program where they would hire youth. He added that the Town does not have that for the parks anymore and just have it for the Recreation Program.

Janet Kessler asked why they don't have it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he didn't know.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have not had that for several years and basically Albany County has a program where they pick people from the area.

Janet Kessler interjected that there would be 15-20 kids and her son was one of them who worked at Joralemon Park, they picked up brush, cut brush down, mowed the lawns, and painted.

Supervisor Flach stated that now Albany County has youth who do office work, work at the Sewer Plant, Highway and Beautification Departments.

Janet Kessler stated that she was glad that they still have a program.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Dolan if he also had a program.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is his program and the difference now is that you have to be income eligible for it and the program the Town used to have anyone could do it.

Janet Kessler stated that it keeps the kids off the streets and gives them something to do.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was against shifting the burden back to the Hamlet and the west of Rte. 9W.

RES. #109-14 AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF SALT SHED

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Highway Superintendent has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Town to build its own salt shed; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of doing so is approximately \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town will seek a BAN or BOND for the construction of the salt shed; and

WHEREAS, the Town has already received DEC approval for the construction of the salt shed with an approved location of Jarvis Road South, off the footprint of the closed landfill site;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to seek a BAN or BOND for the construction of a Town owned salt shed.

Councilman Dolan asked if it includes the base.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is for everything except the salt.

Councilman Dolan asked Highway Superintendent Searles approximately how much he spends on salt in a year.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it varies and so far since January 1st it has been \$24,000.00 and in his budget he has \$60,000.00 but that is also for calcium chloride, flake magnesium and things like that.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not see recovering the cost.

Councilman Masti interjected that it would give them the security of having salt.

Councilman Dolan stated that it would only be for as long as they could get it.

Councilman Langdon stated that they can buy it in bulk and the problem is that they were buying it by the truckload from the County and the County cut them off at one point, which open the Town's liability up because they are not servicing their roads.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he could not get it from anywhere else.

Councilman Langdon stated that at one point they ended up paying \$20.00+ more a ton for it because they didn't have access to a municipality source.

Councilman Dolan asked how many tons he had to buy from a private source.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it was three times and over \$4,000.00.

Councilman Dolan asked if it was \$4,000.00 extra.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it was.

Supervisor Flach stated that they paid \$24,000.00 to the County and then asked if they were overcharged.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he feels as though they were for the mixture because they were supposed to mix it 1-3 and were mixing it 1-5.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it was by their own admission.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was correct.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 28, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Councilman Burns stated that he is praying that everyone will be patient with them and he knows that there are a lot of them that don't agree on their decision but if they just trust them in that they are not going to let any fly-by-night business come into town and like they all said, they want the same thing that the residents want.

Barbara Heinzen stated that she believes that but from her point a view it is a question of respecting what the law asks them to do and she does not think that they are doing it, which is a very simple issue.

Councilman Burns stated that he goes by what Attorney for the Town Wukitsch says and he uses wisdom of other people and not just his own.

Barbara Heinzen said that she understands that but they are getting different advice.

Councilman Burns stated that he will agree to disagree and reiterated that their best interest if for the Town.

Barbara Heinzen stated that as Paul said, they all want what is best for the Town but they have different ideas on how to get there and until they can talk to each other sensibly about what's appropriate they are going to just keep hitting each other in the head, which is not helpful.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to apologize for his comment about what folks have put into the Hamlet in comparison, it was out of line and he does not have a clue about what they have done quite honestly but he was riled up and reiterated that he wanted to apologize.

Barbara Heinzen stated that they all get carried away and likewise she will apologize for any inadvertent insults she may have thrown in his direction in the heat of the moment.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he gone through and pulled some minutes from Town Board Workshops in 2005 and one statement that he did find a little disturbing while they were discussing the development of the Hamlet of Coeymans is that the brickyard was taken out of the industrial zone so that such things as river view condominiums or town houses could be placed there and someone said that he was not sure of the Hudson River Estuary goals and someone else said that there are 5-10 and 15 year goals and they want to make it scenic from the Adirondack to New York City and restore it to its natural pristine beauty and town houses or condominiums would probably not be a part of it and for those who asked why they let the Port do what it did, it doesn't sound like everyone would have been happy with town houses or condominiums either. He continued by saying that he wanted to correct Councilman Dolan and he wanted to point out that it was the redwoods on the western coast of California where it was specifically the Sierra Club that said they could not cut down the overgrown redwood forest because the Spotted Owl lives there and they need it to nest and a couple years later their study found out that they were thriving in the forests that were managed and thinned out because they could see rats and stuff so they could eat better and there were brush piles that they could nest better in so they actually did better where man had thinned it out. He concluded by saying that he takes everything, whether environmental or not with a grain of salt.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments hearing none he continued by saying that he was sorry for the rudeness and behavior of many people in the crowd, he would like to think that they are all adults but the unprofessionalism and comments that have been made during the Public Hearing, to people personally and to the Board, he is sorry that they were subjected to that because it is wrong and people need to grow up for lack of a better word.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 9:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the absence of Councilman Dolan with the rest of the Town Board present.

AGENDA

- Valley Mill Paper Park Property
- Cool Insurance Agency
- Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement
- Safety/Workplace Violence Committee

DISCUSSIONS

Valley Paper Mill Park Property

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Tom Sweeney and Mr. Ray Michaels were present to discuss the Valley Paper Mill Park property. He continued by saying that Tom approached the Town Board last September about turning the piece of property over to the Town and then asked that Mr. Sweeney give an update.

Mr. Tom Sweeney stated that they presented a draft Management Agreement to the Board and has since refined the signature page as well as having a copy of the current deed, which he sent to Supervisor Flach about a week and a half ago and added that he just wanted to know how they proceed from here.

Supervisor Flach stated that he sent a copy to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch for review and he thinks they can do it as soon as he says that everything is alright, which might be as early as the next Town Board Meeting.

Discussion ensued amongst Mr. Sweeney and Supervisor Flach relative to a delay in the process because Not-for-Profit Revitalization goes into effect early July, which means that this process does not have to go through the Supreme Court for a review and it only has to go the Attorney General as well as Attorneys for both parties needing to get together to discuss what has to be done as they prepare to move forward at the appropriate time.

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Councilman Burns asked what will happen with the land and what they propose.

Supervisor Flach asked that Mr. Sweeney to give Councilmen Burns and Langdon a brief update.

Mr. Sweeney stated the following:

- That APA has owned the property for approximately 10 years, they took it over from Open Spaces and bought it for back taxes.
- They proceeded to clean it up and develop it.
- Their intent was to turn it over to the Town so it can be a passive park.
- They have come up with a draft Management Agreement with the Town in which they will continue to put funds into developing it.
- Their plan is to build a kiosk and display photos of the old mills, the Creamery and Chimney Top Inn as well as pictures from when it burned down.

Discussion ensued amongst Mr. Sweeney and the Town Board relative to the Management Agreement with the Town, APA getting in touch with Councilman Burn's father who has pictures and other information on the property, its historical significance, the size of the property, building a kiosk to display pictures and signs from the Chimney Top Inn, a grant application for historic roadside markers, and a Trackin' Through the R-C Station train placed on the site.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Sweeney.

Cool Insurance Agency

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Eric Kane was present to give a presentation for Cool Insurance Agency and invited him to address the Board.

Mr. Kane stated that he is an Account Executive at Cool Insurance Agency and he specializes in employee benefits for health, dental, life and disability and last year he had the opportunity to briefly review the Town's benefits and noted some concerns after speaking to some employees about insurance and health care reform. He added that he is following up to it this year and trying to be proactive so he had a meeting and met with the Town to discuss health care reform, insurance and to give an overview of what they have seen with businesses and how they see the future and in that discussion they realized that there could be potential concern for the Town because of new individual mandates that anyone without medical insurance will be penalized or fined in 2015. He continued by saying that in addition there is a large group mandate, which pertains to an employer group of 50 or more full-time employees and it states that they must do two things, provide a minimal value coverage that says that a percentage of the plan has to be paid by the carrier, which is 60% and that they must provide affordable coverage, which means an employee can't not pay more than 9 1/2%. He went on by giving a brief description of the company, discussing a medical insurance comparison, which he provided, going over an analysis and comparison of renewal rates, and how prices compare to the current comparable plans and funding arrangements that allows you to fund a portion of the deductible for each employee. He concluded by saying that CDPHP would be his recommendation and the easiest plan to work with.

Discussion ensued amongst Mr. Kane and the Town Board relative to plans available and prices for the unemployed, mandates for family coverage and affordable plans, having to offer four-tier rated plans for family coverage, employee contribution based on annual income, having to offer coverage for employees working 30 hours per week, penalties for non-compliance, employee incentives, wellness programs, and educating employees.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Kane.

Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement

Supervisor Flach stated that approximately a year ago they signed a Franchise Agreement with Mid-Hudson Cable and now it is time to sign one for Time Warner, which basically says that they can hook-up to the poles and bring their lines through and offer their cable and by giving them a franchise it allows them to expand because banks will not give them money unless they

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know that they are going to be here for a number of years, which is generally 15 years. He added that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch is looking at the Franchise Agreement and then asked that each Town Board Member look at it.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to price increases and competition.

Safety/Workplace Violence Committee

Supervisor Flach stated that they normally like to do resolutions at Workshop Meeting but they need to do one to appoint A Safety/Workplace Violence Committee, which should have been done at the beginning of the year. He continued by saying that the Committee is comprised of six people and the purpose is that if an employee reports workplace violence to him, he in turn goes to the Committee who then meet to try and get things resolved. He then asked that Councilman Masti introduce the resolution.

RES. #110-14 APPOINT SAFETY/WORKPLACE VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (DOLAN) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board has established the need for a Safety/Workplace Violence Committee, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such Committee should be comprised of a team of employees knowledgeable of Safety/Workplace Violence issues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints the following individuals to said Committee:

Chief Gregory Darlington, Chairperson
Diane Millious, Town Clerk
Larry Conrad, Code Enforcement Officer
Building Inspector

Hgwy. Super. Scott Searles, Assistant Chairperson
Lisa Cirillo, Confidential Secretary
John Kerr, Chief Operator W.W.T.P.

Supervisor Flach stated that he let Councilman Dolan know that they were going to do the resolution.

Councilman Masti inquired as to how many times they used the Committee in the past year.

Supervisor Flach stated that they used them once.

Westerlo Street Parking (not on agenda)

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to make the Board aware that he had received a couple of complaints about parking on Westerlo Street and he will be taking a ride with Chief Darlington to see check it out and see what is happening so they know where they stand.

PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Flach stated that May 17th – May 23rd is Grange Week and he had a Proclamation that he will be reading at the next Town Board Meeting and continued by reading the following:

WHEREAS, the Grange has sought to advance the interest of farmers, rural Americans and our Nation's families, for over 145 years through the simple but powerful concept that by working together we can accomplish much for our communities; and

WHEREAS, voluntary association with the Grange not only provides the benefits of economic and political cooperation for its members, but also elevates their character by providing social, cultural and educational programs; with opportunities for personal growth; and,

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WHEREAS, the Grange provides members the opportunity to serve their community through projects and programs that make a difference in the lives of children, youth and neighbors in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Ravena Grange in Coeymans Hollow has served this community since 1919, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, proclaims the week of May 17-23, 2014 as Grange Week, in recognition of the contributions made by the Grange throughout their many years of faithful service.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Grange started out as farm based with farmers working together and it is pretty neat what their values are and they are extremely community focused in helping people and a lot of times it is in the rural areas and he would encourage everyone to go to one of their meetings.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach stated that a Garden Tour in the Ravena area is Wednesday, June 18th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and ticket sales begin at 4:00pm at the Coeymans Landing Gazebo and continued by reading the following:

“The 5th Annual Garden Tour sponsored by the Clematis Garden Club is pleased to join in celebrating Ravena’s 100th Anniversary and hope you can join us to view these beautiful gardens”.

Supervisor Flach stated that you can call Joan Radley at 756-2960 with any questions and added that they take you on a tour of gardens throughout the town, which he heard is beautiful.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to a garden at the junction of Powell Hill and Rte. 143.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that the Matthew Project starts in July and there will be a presentation at the next Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that the next meeting is on Wednesday due to Monday being a holiday and Tuesday is Grievance Day and it would be wonderful if he would do that because it coincides with the Summer Recreation Programs. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns asked if he should pursue the Hannacroix Creek permit and make sure that they renew it.

Supervisor Flach stated that as far as he knows, they are waiting for FEMA’s response because DEC didn’t give them their permit for four months and time ran out.

Councilman Burns asked if they have an active permit right now.

Supervisor Flach stated that he could not answer that.

Councilman Burns asked who he could find that out from.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would meet with Chief Darlington who has a lot of the information.

Councilman Burns stated that he was advised by the water and soil people that they do have a permit but it needs to be renewed and they also advised that when they call, they should have the permit in front of them because there is a lot of information on it that they are going to be asked.

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Supervisor Flach reiterated that he will look it up and added that the whole thing has been ridiculous and it is wrong.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board relative to the long ear bat living along the creek and it holding up the process and possible remedies.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he made a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (DOLAN) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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- VILLAGE BOARD:** William Bailey, Mayor
Keith Mahler, Trustee
Joel Coye, Trustee
Bill Bailey, Trustee
Nancy Warner, Trustee
- TOWN BOARD:** Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
George Langdon, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
- ABSENT:** Kenneth Burns, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
- ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Laverne Conrad, Sewer Administrator
Henry Traver, Village Highway Forman

The following Notice was posted by Town Clerk Millious:

NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
AND
VILLAGE OF RAVENA
JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING

In compliance with Public Officer’s Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans and the Village Board of the Village of Ravena will hold a Joint Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00pm for the purpose of discussing sewer matters.

The meeting will be held at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, NY.

By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- Handicap Parking at Senior Center
- Volley Ball Court
- Summer Recreation Program
- Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement

DISCUSSIONS

Handicap Parking at Bruno Blvd. Lot

Trustee Warner stated that the striping for parking has faded in the Bruno Blvd. lot and it should be done over as well as suggesting that there be a couple of spaces designated handicap parking when the Village takes ownership from the Town and suggested that they ask Joey Burns to go ahead and do it.

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Volley Ball Court

Mayor Misuraca stated that he was not in office when they had discussed the installation of a volley ball court and then asked what the agreement was between the Town and the Village.

Discussion ensued amongst both Boards relative to sand being donated, the site being dug out by the Village crew, liner, location and an old fence being torn down.

Summer Recreation Programs

Discussion ensued amongst both Boards relative to hiring for the Summer Recreation Programs.

Village Trustee Bailey pointed out that technically it is all Town employees and the Village reimburses 50% of the cost of the program to the Town that isn't funded by the County.

Supervisor Flach stated that someone had asked him about the kids in the Summer Recreation Program using the pool on Fridays and a concern for their safety.

Discussion ensued relative to life guards being on staff and the number of them based on the volume of the people in the pool.

Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement Between the Town & Village

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town had sent the Village a draft Intermunicipal Agreement and in turn Trustee Bailey sent one back to the Town.

Discussion ensued relative to the draft Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town & Village.

Village Trustee Bailey pointed out the following:

- The Village negotiated 60/40 for long term and agreed to step it up for the trunk part of the operation but they wanted to lock in the 60/40.
- The different meter readings of 75/25, 65/35, and now 60/40.
- The Agreement stating that the Village is only obligated for work inside the fence at the Waste Water Treatment Facility and that the Village and Town each take care of their infrastructure.
- Issues with the trunk line where the sewer gets into the plant, with a lot of the work being outside the fence, which the Village has no obligation to pay a penny for.
- Trustee Persico came up with an offer, which was not unanimously accepted by the whole Village Board but was accepted as a compromise that they would step up to a big cost factor, which they have no obligation to do under the existing Agreement and for that they wanted to lock in to a 60/40 percentage.

Discussion ensued about the length of term for the Agreement, which is stated as 10 years.

Supervisor Flach gave some background and pointed out the following:

- The Town's sewer line goes from Rte. 9W, down to the Sewer Plant with approximately 60 users in the Rte. 9W area and it flows through the Village along with the Village sewer flowing to the point where it flows through the Hamlet and the fact of the matter is that everyone flows through one line to the Sewer Plant, which is basically one main line and everyone goes through that one main line.
- Since the beginning of time the Town has been solely responsible from the point, for that line that goes to the sewer line, when everyone uses that line.

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Trustee Bailey disagreed and said that there used to be payments back and forth and the Village would get paid because the sewer came through the Village lines and the Village used to pay 87.9% of the sewage flow.

Supervisor Flach pointed out that originally it was based on the amount of people that are in the Village, which was 1,400 units and 400 in the Hamlet and it was based on the percentage of users and not a meter flow.

Discussion ensued relative to:

- The original percentage and installation of meters at the insistence of the Town Board, which showed a 60/40 split and at that time it was being split 85/15, with the Village paying 15%.
- A change in the contract in 2010 to a 60/40 split after a three year period to negotiate a workable contract.
- The Village withheld \$500,000.00 in payments because the Town would not accept the old rate.
- Meters were put in again and it came up 60/40, the contract at the time was written 70/30 but the meters showed 60/40, so they changed it.
- The contract specifically stating that the infrastructure in the Town of Coeymans is the Town's cost and the infrastructure in the Village of Ravena is the Village's cost

Mayor Misuraca asked what the Town is looking for.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need to put a new truck line down through there and pointed out the following.

- When he came in office in 2012 they started reading the meters and started working back and forth and the final percent was 60/40, which they decided to do for a year.
- It cost the Town \$150,000.00 for the meters as a result of the 2010 contract.
- There are overflows that cause both the Town and Village heartache.
- He approached the Village Board saying that the Town could not afford the trunk line and asked if they could share the expense because they all use that line to get to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Misuraca asked why no one ever foresaw the line needing to be replaced.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they did but Trustee Bailey left some things out and outlined the following:

- Both the Town and Village are under a Consent Order.
- There were two contracts, one for the Sewer Plant and another for the infrastructure.
- As a result of the infrastructure, the Village had to do away with their line where VanHoesen was their sewer disposal place, which would overflow to the creek and then down through Tracey and Trickey's property.
- The Village paid money to upgrade the line that comes across by Pieter B. Elementary and had to tie in behind where the Civic Center is and it was upgraded to 15" pipe in order to get their sewage to flow down to the Town's plant.
- It was the only part that the Village did pay but it became the property and ultimately the responsibility of the Town of Coeymans.
- Over the years there was a flow through charge that Trustee Bailey talked about and it went back and forth and as a result of the 2010 contract it was stopped.
- Years ago when it was first started there were only 50 Town people flowing through the Village and the Town paid \$8,700.00 a year.

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- The Village total for residents and businesses is 1,440 units, which at the point flows through the Town's infrastructure and they didn't want to pay even \$1.00 for a flow through charge.
- The Village charged the Town flow-through charges for the two lines to go through the Village but the Village didn't pay a flow-through charge for going through the Town's lines.
- Everything has to flow through the 15" line, which ultimately can't handle the flows during high flows and they need to do some rerouting, which is described in the contract.

Discussion ensued regarding the current path of the flow and the intent to reroute it, take out some of the 90 degree bends, increase the size of the pipes in a couple of spots and at the Sewer Plant increase the pipe to a 2 foot diameter so they can have 20% airflow in order to carry the volume.

Trustee Bailey stated that he wanted to give a little history and outlined the following:

- The Village originally had plans to build a Sewer Plant right where the VanHoesen overflow currently is.
- Coeymans didn't have sewer at all and got hit with a Consent Order and had to build so they came to the Village and the Village agreed to go in on it with the Town and the Waste Water Treatment Plant was built.
- The Village came up with money with some of the up-front cost for the engineering because it took a little time to get the district created and the percentage that they paid to that plant varied from year to year but basically they paid for about 50% of the plant when it was built.
- The Village paid between 85-89% depending on what the Chief Operators came up with and no one knew what it was based on and the money involved was so low that no one cared at that point in time but now money has gotten bigger.
- The Village has a contract that they negotiated that says that the Village infrastructure is their business and the Town's infrastructure is the Town's business and there were set percentages and then it changed based on the meters.
- There were some actions taken by the Town that the Village did not agree with and the Town lost the case, which was around \$20,000.00 and the Village sent a letter saying that it was the wrong action to take and they were not liable.
- The Town vouchered the Village for that, which they were not going to pay and there was a question about going to court so as part of the negotiations they stepped up and paid it because it was going to cost them a lot of money to go to court and their share was approximately \$14,000.00 and as part of the deal they have a signed contract that says they do not have to pay for the trunk line and it says that once they get a good reading they would change it based on the percentage and reiterated that this is in the existing contract.
- They have not been able to get a decent reading out of the meters, which has been frustrating because they are not working correctly and the last reading they got 60/40.
- They will pay 60/40 for the trunk line and they want to lock that percentage in for long term.

Supervisor Flach stated that Trustee Bailey was absolutely wrong about the negotiation on the Town issue and there were two totally separate meetings and at the last meeting it was only himself and Sewer Administrator Conrad and it was the first time that they talked about the trunk line, prior to that it was Councilmen Dolan and Boehm.

Councilman Dolan stated that they did all meet and discuss the trunk line.

Supervisor Flach stated that it wasn't during the Town issue and it had nothing to do with it.

Discussion ensued relative to the cost of the trunk line; both inside and outside the plant, the Village responsibility, percentages for the flow, infrastructures, inflow & infiltration,

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meter readings, interpretations of the “deal” between the Town & Village, VanHoesen overflow, DEC Consent Order, the Village’s commitment to pay one million dollars, discussion with Ed Vopelak about changes and taking some of the curves and 90 degree angles out of the flow route for a cost of approximately \$30,000.00 as opposed to a million dollar project, complying with the Consent Orders, man holes changes.

Mayor Misuraca asked Supervisor Flach to put into simple terms what the Town is looking for from the Village.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town wants the Village to share the cost of the new trunk line and then percentages based on the meters, which is now 60/40 that he agreed to and will abide by but it could change if they get some of the I&I fixed and hopefully it would change to 75/25 based on the number of users, which is 1600 in the Village and 400 in the Town.

Mayor Misuraca asked Supervisor Flach what term of contract he would like to see.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated it would be the same as it is written now and they should leave it as it is.

Trustee Bailey stated that in 2010 they wrote a 30 year contract with 10 year renewable clauses and it is now 60/40.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they use the meters on an annual basis and determine the next year’s flow.

Discussion ensued relative to the key meter at the point giving them trouble, the cost to maintain and calibrate it, cost of electricity, 60/40 vs. 80/20.

Councilman Dolan asked if anyone had done the math to decide what the Town would gain by the Village going in with their percentage of the truck line and paying 60/40 vs. the Village not going in vs. the best case scenario for the Town, which would be 80/20.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that both the Town and Village are under Consent Orders from DEC and they can’t just do the math based on the number of users.

Trustee Bailey stated that it is a 1.2 million dollar project and the Village would be paying \$720,000.00 that they have not committed a penny of in addition to continuing maintenance and future costs of the trunk line and the Village is willing to step up and pay but they want to lock in to the 60/40.

Discussion ensued relative to locking in to 60/40 vs. the best case scenario for the Town of 80/20 and what the Village is paying now.

Mayor Misuraca asked Trustee Bailey if his position is that the Village does not have to pay for the trunk line and because they are offering to, they think they should be able to lock in at 60/40 for 10 years.

Trustee Bailey stated that was absolutely true.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that the Town is not going to do the trunk line unless the Village is in.

Mayor Misuraca stated that there has to be a compromise and asked how they can attain one.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Town can’t afford to do it and that the compromise is with DEC and both the Town and Village have already committed to make the changes.

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Trustee Bailey stated that the Village didn't and added that they agreed to certain things with DEC in trying to work out certain things but there were no specifics.

Supervisor Flach stated that both the Town and Village are under a Consent Order, he signed the Town one and Mayor Bruno signed the Village one and they have to abide by it.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Consent Order did not mention anything about the trunk line and it said that they have to work to alleviate the violations.

Discussion ensued relative to what the Village and Town Consent Orders actually said vs. their interpretations, which calls for remediation of the violations, the Village flowing through the Town lines, the Village commitment of one million dollars, the rate locked in at 60/40 for 10 years, poor planning in lowering sewer rents by prior Boards, the trunk line allowing them to get out of the moratorium so they can put more houses in, the Village paying for something that the current contract does not require them to, 75% of the users are Village residents going through the Town lines, past negotiations.

Sewer Administrator Conrad proposed locking in at 60/40 for two years because it is going to take that long to do the trunk line and then see what happens.

Trustee Bailey stated that he will not agree to that.

Discussion continued relative to the engineers plan for the work to be done in stages with the first one being outside the plant and then evaluating after the first stage with the possibility of not have to do anything after that and sharing costs of what has to be done.

Mayor Misuraca asked what the ramifications would be if it does not get updated in 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town's lines cannot accept the flows from both the Town and Village and if they had just the Town's 400 users and not the Village they could handle it.

Trustee Bailey interjected that with 400 users they could not afford the plant and at one point the Village was going to build their own plant.

Collectively Supervisor Hotaling and Sewer Administrator Conrad agreed.

Mayor Misuraca asked what the ramifications would be if the trunk line does not get done by 2016.

Discussion ensued relative to dealing with DEC, crippling the area with the inability to develop because they are under a moratorium, the I&I and what has been removed, building being allowed on a case by case basis, no building past VanHoesen.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that the fact of the matter is that they have to do something with the trunk line because they can't take all the flows and he went to the Village and asked for help and added that he wanted to stick with the meters and he is willing to go for two years and see how it goes, which is a big commitment for the Town because they think changing the line at the plant to a 24 inch pipe will solve a multitude of problems.

Discussion ensued relative to the meters not working, locking into 60/40 split if the meters are still not working after two years, Village flow going through the Town for 46 years and never being shared, the Town not being able to handle the flow the way it is designed, the Village willing to share on other occasions when they tried to relocate the pipe.

Trustee Bailey stated that they are willing to absorb the majority of the cost of the work when under the existing contract they don't have to pay a penny and for doing that they want a ten year 60/40 split.

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MAY 27, 2014 – Joint Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena Workshop

Meeting-7:00PM

Supervisor Flach stated that he would like everyone to read the Consent Order and think about it and get together again within the next couple of weeks.

Discussion ensued regarding the Contract that expired in December and keeping it 60/40, a possible grant for the Town, DEC's lack of response.

Sewer Administrator Conrad proposed showing the Village Board where the Town is trying to make changes and to see where the existing trunk line goes and where they are proposing to put the new one.

Discussion ensued relative to Mr. Traver signing and voting for the contract when he was Town Supervisor, the possibility of taking some 90 degree bends out for the flow, the path for a new line, cost for the work, increasing sewer rates, what Town residents pay vs. what Village residents pay for sewer and water.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the problem is that over the years the plant got old and no one fixed it like they needed to and now they are under a Consent Order since 2001, which is longer than necessary and none of the fixes started until 2003 and 2004, which drove the prices through the ceiling and they waited until it was a disaster to fix it.

Discussion ensued relative to how the Water and Sewer Districts were created and who owns what, negotiated contracts, agreement that the Town would operate the Sewer Plant, necessary repairs being put off, the first meter reading of 85/15, contracted split of 60/40, the Town not raising the rates when they should have and instead lowered the rates by 20%, running at a deficit and doing Capital Improvements with Bonds.

Councilman Dolan stated that the simple answer is that the Village owns the water system and delivery system and the Sewer Plant is owned by both the Town and the Village.

Supervisor Flach stated that he had one last thing and stated that the Village bills for the water, the Town collects for it from the Town users and then asked that Town Clerk Millious explain the process.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there are two billings, the Village does the billing for each and when she receives the second-half there is a problem because people still owe for the first half but the bills say that there is a zero balance and the amount from the first bill should be carried over.

Trustee Bailey stated that the problem is that the Town pays for the water in full and as far as they are concerned, it is paid in full.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the problem is that the residents think that the first half is paid because there is not a balance carried forward on the second half.

Trustee Bailey stated that from the Village point of view it is paid and he does not know if they can do it because they don't know who pays or doesn't pay.

Discussion ensued relative to paying the Village the full amount before the money is collected by the Town, the Village mailing the bills for everyone, Village accounting system for water, the contract between the Town and Village.

Trustee Warner suggested giving the second half bills to the Town so the first half billing could be included in the envelope.

Discussion ensued relative to if the Town can issue a water bill, the Town's authority to bill, letter from Mayor Bruno to Town Board stating that the Village will no longer accept the Water Agreement between the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans, Comptroller's writing up the Town for pre-paying, letter from Attorney for the Town Wukitsch to Village stating that they were violating State Law.

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Trustee Bailey stated that as long as they get their \$76,000.00, they don't care and based on the 1982 Agreement, they are producing and mailing bills that they really don't have to.

Discussion ensued amongst both Boards relative to the Village billing Town residents, and the Water District being created so they can re-levy.

Mayor Misuraca suggested that they ask the Village Accounting and whomever else if it is doable.

Discussion ensued relative to the Village not knowing whether someone pays or not, the Village zeroing out because the Town pays in full, possibly changing so the Town does not pay upfront, the number of Town bills, the Comptroller telling the Town not to pay upfront.

Collectively Trustee Bailey and Trustee Warner said that it cannot be done and they are not doing it.

Supervisor Flach asked if the Town could give the Village a list of who didn't pay prior to the billing and in turn have the Village put it on the bill.

Trustee Warner said they could not unless they changed the contract because it says that the Town pays the whole thing within 45 days.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of doing it that way.

Trustees Warner and Bailey reiterated that it cannot be done and it is something that they cannot change.

Councilman Dolan suggested sending a letter to each person who did not pay the first half.

Discussion ensued relative to the Comptroller saying that they cannot bill and collect, sending a letter for unpaid balance and the Town not having a water account.

Trustee Bailey asked what they hope to accomplish by the next Joint Meeting.

Trustee Warner added that everyone would have read the Consent Order and hopefully come back smarter.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that instead of listening to him and Trustee Bailey people need to be up to speed on current day standards, see what the problem is and where it is arising and have a better handle on the Consent Order and added that it is a community of people and they need to work for all of them.

Trustee Bailey stated that as an Elected Official by the Village residents he is supposed to do the best deal he can for the Village of Ravena and he believes the Village steps up quite a bit quite often on a lot of things, such as the Summer Program.

Discussion ensued regarding what portion of the Summer Program the Village pays vs. what the Town pays for charges associated with the sewer.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a lot to think about.

Discussion ensued regarding the next date for another Joint Meeting, collectively it was agreed that they would take some time to look everything over and meet on June 24th at Village Hall.

Mayor Misuraca stated that the bottom line is that they are there for the same reason and they will work together to get it resolved so it is fair for everyone.

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Meeting-7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

Time – 9:12pm

Respectfully Submitted, **APPROVED –**

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
May 28, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the absence of Councilman Dolan with the remainder of the Board present.

AGENDA

- Presentations
 - The Matthew Project
 - Girl Scout Troop 1490 – “Save Our Planet Sunday”
- Announcements
 - Evenings on the Green
 - Garden Tour
 - County Executive to Hold Office Hours
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, April 28, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2014
- Supervisors Report – May 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Town Clerk, April 2014
 - Sewer Department, March 2014
- New Business
 - Town Clerk Request to Advertise Position
- Resolutions
 - ERS Record of Activities
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Clerk
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Officer
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Officer
 - Approve Abstract
- Correspondence
 - Hope Full Life Center
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, June 2, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, June 17, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, June 23, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, June 25, 2013, 7:00pm

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PRESENTATIONS

The Matthew Project

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Tony Williams was present to talk about The Matthew Project and then invited him to the microphone.

Mr. Williams thanked the Town Board for giving him the opportunity to speak about the Matthew Project, which is a project that they have been doing in the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena for the past four years and they will be continuing it this summer. He added that it is a Christian based project and Grace Covenant Church operates the program and over the last four years they have done this with volunteers from approximately 14 churches throughout the area who have also pitched in financially with it has been strictly a volunteer program and it does not cost them a thing for labor, which is one of the keys to their program. He continued by saying that their mission is to show faith in action and they use biblical scripture Matthew 25:35, which says “for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink” and this is really what they are trying to do over the summer. He went on by saying that 37% of the students at the R-C-S High School are in either in a reduced or free lunch program during the school year and this program gives them the opportunity in the summer to take up some of that slack and the program will be starting June 30th and run through the 22nd of August. He added that with 37% of the students, it is approximately 714 students in our school district, which does not include the children that they have who are below 5 years old and other students that may go to other schools. He continued by saying that last year they delivered 3,958 lunches throughout the course of the summer, they fed children at 8 delivery sites and averaged 102 lunches a day with a cost of \$1.41 per lunch, which is either peanut butter and jelly or a meat sandwich with a snack, drink, chips and a piece of cheese. He went on by saying that last year they had 80 people volunteer, 20 students were from R-C-S and received some community service credit as well as using children at each site because part of the program is not only feed the children but also to teach them what it is all about. He added that over the last four years they have fed 16,250 children, which they feel pretty good about and their budget to support the program is based strictly on donations from private, corporate, business and area church donations and there have been some creative fundraising events. He continued by saying that the highlight of the program is the number that they have served over the years, which is over 16,000 children and they feel very strongly that without it, some of these children would probably go hungry during the lunch hour. He went on by saying that it is a 5 day a week program and he would encourage participation in the program and they will take all of the volunteers they can get and they are based at the Grace Covenant Church, which is south on Rte. 9W where they make the sandwiches from 10:00am to noon and at noon they get out into the community and service 8 locations, which are Oakbrook, Coeymans Gazebo, Fleming’s Trailer Park, Mosher Park Recreation Program, Mosher Park Pool, Food for Thought, Rolling Hills and Shady Grove Trailer Parks. He concluded by reiterating that it is strictly volunteer and anyone with questions can contact him for more information and he appreciates the support that they have received from the Town and Village governments as well as the Police Department.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank him and so many times in our community the volunteers are overlooked and he does not know what the community would do without them.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to add that they have programs during the school year but then summer comes and the government drops the ball and it is great that the community picks up the ball and runs with it so these kids don’t get lost over the summer.

Mr. Williams stated that it truly is a community program with 14 churches being involved as well as volunteers from senior citizens on down to young children.

Councilman Masti stated that when you do volunteer work you get so much more back from it that money would not even cover and then thanked Mr. Williams.

Girl Scout Troop 1490 – Save Our Planet Sunday

Supervisor Flach stated that members of Girl Scout Troop 1490 were present as they were last year to talk about Save Our Planet Sunday and then invited them to the microphone.

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Brianna Keyer gave each Board Member a handout to read.

Maddie McTigue stated that she along with Katrina Morrow and Charlotte Snyder would be giving a presentation on Save Our Planet Sunday.

Maddie McTigue read the following:

We are here today to let you know how our Save our Planet Sunday plans are going for this year and what you can do to help make the world a better place, because that is what Save Our Planet Sunday is all about. As you may recall, last year Junior Girl Scout Troop #1490 came up with and introduced the idea of the first Save Our Planet Sunday for our Bronze Award Project, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can receive. Both you as the Town Board and Village made an Official Proclamation declaring the second Sunday of each June to be known as Save Our Planet Sunday, you may ask, what is Save Our Planet Sunday? She then invited Katrina Morrow to read the following:

Katrina Morrow read the following:

Save Our Planet Sunday is a time of year when our whole community comes together to stop using single use plastic bags. Why is this important? This is important because there are large economical and environmental effects that plastic bags have not only on us but the animals too. Some environmental effects are acid rain and drain water. When plastic bags are produced and when they degrade, harmful toxins go into the atmosphere and mix with the moisture in the clouds. When they come back down it is acid rain, which in turn could cause the world's oceans to become inhospitable to living things. Plastic bags are very expensive; approximately 1 million dollars are spent to maintain the machines, which are used to make plastic bags all over the world each year. Over 12 million barrels of oil are used to make 380 billion plastic bags every year. If we all decided to stop using plastic bags, that's millions of dollars that could be used for better things like put a dent in world hunger, provide better education for kids around the world or help maintain natural habitat for endangered animals. Another thing about plastic bags is that they take 40-45 years to degrade that is a long time to sit in a landfill. Plastic bags can also have harmful effects on animals. She then invited Charlotte Snyder to read the following:

Charlotte Snyder read the following:

Plastic bags are not good for animals. Imagine you were a hungry sea turtle swimming along looking for your lunch. As you are swimming along, you spy something up ahead, a jelly fish, great, lunch will soon be served. You swim over and chow down; as you are chomping you realize there is something strange about this jelly fish, the texture is off. Bad news for you, it turns out that what you thought was lunch may be your last meal. What you might not know is that sea turtles have tiny spikes in the back of their throat, which makes it nearly impossible for them to regurgitate the plastic bag. This may cause them to become very sick and perhaps eventually suffocate and die. What you can do, on Sunday June 8th please encourage everyone you know to shop plastic bag free, Troop 1490 along with other Scout Troops will be handing out plastic bag alternatives throughout the community. Thanks to our friends at S.A.B.I.C., Mueller's Automotive, Bethlehem Children's School, Shear Creations, Collins & Sons, P&M Brick, A Cut A Head and Yanni's Too, we have over 600 reusable shopping bags to give out. Also, because of the students at Pieter B. and Becker we will be distributing over 800 student decorated paper bags with original art work at Shop n Save. So leave the plastic at home on June 8th and make the world a better place by coming out for our Save Our Planet Sunday.

Supervisor Flach thanked the Girl Scouts for taking care of community and the environment and then asked that everyone remember that Sunday, June 8th is Save Our Planet Sunday and choose to use a reusable shopping bag, which can be purchased in most stores for 99 cents.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evenings on the Green

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Supervisor Flach stated that on July 3rd, Thursday, Evenings on the Green begins and from 6:00pm – 8:00pm bands come and play for two hours, which goes from July 3rd to August 28th. He continued by saying that there is a schedule that Councilman Dolan has taken charge and taken care of and his band actually performs on one of the nights, which he does for free.

Garden Tour

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a Garden Tour on June 18th, which is done by the Clematis Garden Club, it is on a Wednesday from 4:00pm – 7:00pm and tickets are \$10.00, which will be on sale at the Coeymans Park on Hudson Gazebo on the day of the tour beginning at 3:30pm. He continued by saying that they go around the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans and show the gardens via a tour that they take you on and anyone with questions can call Joan Radley at 756-2960, Barb Mielonen at 756-9055 or Jean Horn at 966-4260 and this year's Garden Tour helps celebrate Ravena's 100th year birthday.

County Executive to Hold Office Hours

Supervisor Flach stated that Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy will be at the Town of Coeymans, Monday, June 2nd from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue. He continued by saying that if you have questions or concerns about the County and/or your town he is a good guy to talk to and very open to the public in speaking to people.

Agricultural Festival (not on agenda)

Councilman Burns stated that the Agricultural Festival will be this coming weekend at VanEtten's Farm from Saturday morning through Sunday and the day begins on Sunday with a church service at 8:30am, that will get over at approximately 10:00am. He continued by saying that it is really interesting to see all of the antique farm equipment, everyone puts a lot of work in it and it is a lot of fun with many things for kids to do, it is a great time and a good time for the community to come together.

Freedom Festival (not on agenda)

Councilman Burns stated that the Freedom Festival will be held at Camp Pinnacle on June 20th through June 22nd which is for every patriot to go to and they will be reenacting the Dolittle Raid, there are people in Civil War uniforms and you can talk to them about what happened during the war. He added that through the whole thing they honor God and bring everything back to the basics of what our country was built on and it is a really great time.

Teen Challenge (not on agenda)

Councilman Burns stated that Teen Challenge is a great organization with a great story behind it and there are booklets on how it started with a Pastor going to New York City to meet with gangs and taking these kids and turning them around for good and they are set up in different places with one in New York City, New Baltimore, and Albany. He continued by saying that they take kids from New York City and anywhere who have problems such as drug addiction and they rehabilitate them and the kids are incredible and will help anyone. He added that they are having a banquet Friday, May 30st at the Albany Hilton starting at 6:00pm and the tickets are \$35.00 per person with all the money going toward helping to support these kids who need help and at the banquet you will hear a lot of stories about kids that came from nothing and actually became something.

Hope Full Life Center (not on agenda)

Councilman Langdon stated that the Hopeful Life Center is a not-for-profit that works out of the plaza and this year they have set up some boxes at the other side of the plaza and are making available community gardens for those who want to partake and the fire company has agreed to bring water on a regular basis and there will be an opening ceremony on Saturday, May 31st at 10:00pm if anyone is interested.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Steven Meyers stated that he lives at 2 Magnolia Circle and he has a concern about the possible constitutional issues with the Police Department and he was issued a citation for a law that does not exist from a said Officer in town, which is not using an indicator when coming off a private road onto 9W, which is perfectly legal and he has the New York State Law 1163-1166 that states that it is not required. He continued by saying that he was pursued bumper to bumper and he was pulled over and the officer asked if he knew why he was pulled over, to which he replied that he had no idea and then the officer proceeded to tell him that he didn't use his indicator. He added that the officer proceeded to interrogate him regarding where he was coming from, whose apartment in Oakbrook was he coming from and where he was prior to that and then claimed he saw him throw something under his seat of his service vehicle with dark tinted windows, which he is allowed to have for the job that he is doing. He went on by saying that the officer pulled him out of his vehicle, put him up against the Police car and in turn he asked what the reason was for doing this and when the officer asked him if he could search his vehicle he said no because he didn't have just cause but then he did it anyway. He continued by saying that the officer claimed it was being recorded and he asked him to repeat himself in front of the camera why he was searching the vehicle but no answer was given and he proceeded to search the vehicle. He added that the stop was at approximately 9:30 at night and at 10:51pm he called the Police Department to secure the video, which he has proof of on his phone record and the next day he sent a return receipt letter to the Police Department asking for it to be reviewed and for a transcript, which he believes they have 30 days to respond. He went on by saying that he didn't get a response after 30 days and in turn he stopped in the Police Department and was told that he had to go to the Town Clerk's Office, which he did and received a letter back saying that there was no such tape recorded or available, which seems strange to him after he asked them twice to secure the tape and it seemed to have disappeared after asking them twice to secure the tape.

Supervisor Flach asked Mr. Meyers if he had spoken to Chief Darlington.

Mr. Meyers stated that he had not and added that it was a blatant violation of the Constitution and he had looked into securing an attorney and with this particular officer they are waiting for a lawsuit to happen and he has enough to proceed in Federal Court to show just cause against this and he does not know how a tape can go missing. He continued by saying that through other research he has found evidence that this officer has been less than truthful in testifying on other cases in town.

Supervisor Flach stated that he appreciates him bringing attention to the Board and if there is pending litigation they would have to contact the Attorney for the Town.

Mr. Meyers stated that he does not want it to go that far but he wanted to make the Town Board and residents of the Town aware of it.

Supervisor Flach asked Mr. Meyers if he would like the Chief of Police to contact him about it.

Mr. Meyers stated that he had his response already and to add insult to injury the same officer pulled someone over in front of his house the other night and he was videotaping it from his front porch and the same Officer was shaking him down trying to get the tape from the camera. He continued by saying that it was just in the Buffalo news about citizens photographing police and they have had to settle out of court a couple of times because taking a video or photographing police doing their job is not disturbing, distracting or interfering with them doing their job. He concluded by reiterating that he wanted to make sure that the Town Board and citizens are aware of what is going on.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on April 28, 2014 and a Town Board Meeting on May 12, 2014 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Minutes were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

May 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,055,622.76	\$ 89,778.30	\$252,728.42	\$892,672.64
Part-Town	\$ 59,237.65	\$443,841.10	\$170,865.65	\$322,213.10
Highway	\$ 35,878.09	\$157,674.75	\$ 50,617.51	\$142,935.33
Bridge Const.	\$ 29,029.14	\$ 7.59	-0-	\$ 29,036.73
Sewer	\$ 59,752.21	\$ 53,733.11	\$ 33,600.75	\$ 79,884.57
Special Water	\$ 71,037.02	\$ 43,798.99	-0-	\$114,836.01
Police Forf.	\$ 13,915.46	\$ 1,085.60	\$ 405.39	\$ 14,047.19
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 13,246.23	\$215,302.04	\$214,501.08	\$ 47,554.69
H-Fund	\$ 47,552.74	\$ 1.95	-0-	\$ 47,554.69
Section 8 HUD	\$ 15,429.17	\$ 42,289.85	\$ 44,857.52	\$ 12,861.50
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,670,637.43

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.25
Grove Cemetery	\$40,934.40
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$13,428.20
Sewer-Dedicated	\$.24
Total	\$55,066.09

**COLLATERAL
COVERAGE**

Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,822,522.61
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,104,502.00

FDIC

COLLATERALIZED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – April 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Sewer Department – April 2014

Supervisor Flach gave the Sewer Department Monthly Report and then offered a motion to approve the Town Clerk and Sewer Department reports.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the reports were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk's Request to Advertise for Part-Time Clerk

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Clerk Millious is asking that the Town Board approve her request to advertise for a part-time position.

Town Clerk Millious stated that one of her clerks is leaving.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the letter of resignation.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

May 21, 2014

Dear Diane,

It is with deep regret that I submit this as my letter of resignation from my position as part-time clerk. As you have known from the beginning of my employment, my career goal has been to obtain a full-time position with benefits. I have an opportunity for full-time permanent employment with benefits that I am going to pursue.

To help you as you work through the process to find a replacement for my position, I will continue to work my current schedule through end of business, Friday, June 20, 2014. Should you hire and train a replacement prior to June 20, we can discuss an earlier end date for me to leave my current position.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work for you; the experience has been both educational and rewarding. I have learned a great deal and have a clearer insight into the workings of Town Government. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity and the friendships I have made working for the Town of Coeymans.

Sincerely,

Michelle N. Conte

Town Clerk Millious stated that she has been a pleasure to work with and she wished her well and doesn't blame her because she needs the benefits. She continued by saying that she is asking the Board for their approval to advertise for a part-time clerk and added that she has a busy office and she wishes to replace Michelle.

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Supervisor Flach asked for a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for the position of part-time clerk.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a resolution later in the meeting to accept the resignation and added that Michelle has been a wonderful employee and you could not ask for two better people to work in her office, they are great workers.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that she also has her Deputy and he can't leave her out.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would not leave Cindy out, she is awesome too but the other two girls are fantastic and they are happy that one is staying and they are sorry to see Michelle go, she has been a fantastic employee and he wishes her well.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it matters to have a good team and she is very proud.

Councilman Masti interjected that having a good work environment makes coming to work fun.

Town Clerk Millious thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other New Business topics that are not on the agenda.

Cool Agency (not on agenda)

Councilman Langdon stated that a representative from Cool Agency gave a presentation at their last Workshop, they are brokers and not an insurance company and he believes that they should retain Cool Agency as their insurance broker because they have proven to be much more helpful than their current broker.

Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Langdon had offered a motion and then asked for a second.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, to retain Cool Agency as the Town's insurance broker.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that they do not need to do a resolution because they are a broker and they don't sign a contract with them.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the Town does not pay them, the insurance companies pay them and they are just to help service the employer that they are working for so it is not going to cost the Town anything and it will be dealing with some new people that seem to have more information and knowledge that they are helping them with.

Supervisor Flach stated that Cool Agency would be replacing their current broker.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #111-14 ESTABLISH EMPLOYERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM WORKDAYS

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following

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days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

Title	Name	SS#	Reg. #	Work Day	Term	Participates Employers Time Keep System	Days /Month
Supervisor	Stephen D. Flach	7271	50628619	7 hours	1/14-12/15	N	19.60
Board Member	Kenneth A. Burns	8463		7 hours	1/14-12/18	N	9.85
Town Clerk	Diane L. Millious	8048	36783025	7 hours	1/14-12/18	N	20.88
Superintendent of Highways	Scott D. Searles	7522	36977718	8 hours	1/14-12/18	N	29.00

Supervisor Flach stated that it is available at the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone that would like to see it.

RES. #112-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME CLERK

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Michelle N. Conte has submitted her letter of resignation as Part-Time Clerk in the Town Clerk’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Michelle N. Conte as Part-Time Clerk is accepted effective June 20, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Ms. Conte the best in her future endeavors.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would like to not accept her resignation because he does not want to let her go and he wishes her well.

RES. #113-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME OFFICER

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Michael Sylvester has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Michael Sylvester as Part-Time Officer is accepted effective May 13, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Sylvester has a full-time job with the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s and there have been some scheduling conflicts so he is unable to help the Town and added that he wishes him well.

May 13, 2014

Chief Gregory Darlington:

Please accept this as my formal letter of resignation as a Police Officer for the Town of Coeymans Police Department. My decision to resign is due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts with my full-time job at the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s Office.

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Sincerely,

Michael Sylvester

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On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, John Laviano has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of John Laviano as Part-Time Police Officer is accepted effective May 27, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Laviano has been with the Town for a while and he believes is taking a full-time position.

Chief Darlington stated that he is currently full-time with the Albany County Sheriff’s but has accepted a full-time job with Guilderland’s Police Department, which does not allow him to have outside employment.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has been a fantastic Officer of the Town’s Police Department and he is sorry to see him go because he has been a great asset.

Chief Darlington stated that Officer Laviano, in the near future will be receiving a Life Saving Award in reference to a call that he handled as a Coeymans Police Officer and he is also sorry to see him go because he was a great asset to the department.

May 17, 2014

Chief Gregory Darlington:

The purpose of this memorandum is to officially resign from my position of Police Officer with the Town of Coeymans Police Department, effective 05-27-14. I wanted to take time and again thank you for all the opportunities that you have offered me throughout my time with your department. I will never forget the strong position that yourself and Sergeant Johnson have played in my career. I appreciate everything that you have done. Thank you again.

Patrolman J. Laviano #109

RES. #115-14 APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT
On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the May, 2014 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	945-1005	\$197,960.66
General	1059-1109	\$120,760.21
	General Total	\$318,720.87
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1006	\$ 140.85
Police Forfeiture	1110-1112	\$ 283.84
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 424.69
GENERAL CONSOLIDATED (A)		

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General Consolidated	1007-1008	\$ 6,277.68
	General Cons. Total	\$ 6,277.68
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1009-1023	\$170,800.51
Part-Town	1113-1114	\$ 199.02
	Part Town Total	\$170,999.53
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1024-1032	\$ 39,011.35
Highway	1115-1134	\$ 7,270.84
	Highway Total	\$ 46,282.19
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1033-1050	\$ 18,090.02
Sewer	1135-1143	\$ 5,389.82
	Sewer Total	\$ 23,479.84
SPECIAL WATER (SW)		
Special Water	1051	\$ 83,325.28
	Special Water Total	\$ 83,325.28
CAPITAL PROJ. (H-39)		
Capital Projects	1144	\$ 267.82
	Capital Projects Total	\$ 267.82
CAPITAL PROJ. (H-41)		
Capital Projects	1145-1148	\$ 52,935.36
	Capital Proj.Total	\$ 52,935.36
	Total for all Funds	\$ 702,713.26
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1052-1058	\$316,444.52
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$316,444.52

CORRESPONDENCE

Hope Full Life Center

Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Langdon had spoken about the Hope Full Life Center earlier in the meeting and continued by reading the following correspondence that he received from them.

Dear Town of Coeymans Board:

The gardening season is upon us and Hope Full Life Center, a non-profit organization in Ravena, will give village residents who would like to grow their own fruits and vegetables an opportunity to participate in a Community Garden free of charge.

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Locate in Faith Plaza, Hope Full Life Center is working with STARS Intergen, an intergenerational mentoring organization, to create this garden in a wide grassy land that runs along the stockade fence across from the plaza's stores. It seems like an odd location, but this son-to-be garden space is within easy walking distance for many Village residents. The garden will also add beauty and make productive use of an otherwise empty lot.

In addition to encouraging Ravena residents to grow their own produce, the garden will support Hope Full Life Center's Food Assistance Program, Helping Harvest, also located in Faith Plaza. Half of what grows in the garden will help the needy in our community, the rest will go home with the volunteer gardeners.

The garden has been named the Linda Civill Community Garden in memory of an area resident and longtime volunteer in many of Ravena's charitable and social services initiatives, including Helping Harvest and CHOICES.

Hope Full Life Center and STARS Intergen will provide the basics for the garden including raised beds, topsoil, compost and mulch all free of charge. We will also have a shed stocked with basic tools, thanks to Flach Development and Reality and Persico's True Value. The Ravena Fire Department has graciously agreed to water the garden weekly.

We are proud of the community excitement this garden is generating and now need interested gardeners to help us. No experience is necessary to participate. We have experienced gardeners who will assist people new to gardening. For more information about the garden, visit Hope Full Life Center's Facebook page, send an e-mail inquiry to HopeFullLifeCener @ gmail.com or call 756-9091.

Please stop by to see us at work in Faith Plaza. Barring rainy weather, planting is scheduled to begin May 31st.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Marion Flach
Executive Director

Supervisor Flach stated that the Village of Ravena supplied some of the top soil and the compost was provided by Mr. David Flach and added that as Councilman Langdon had said earlier there will be a dedication. He continued by saying that he believes that the Riverview Baptist Church and Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association are also looking to do a garden in the Hamlet of Coeymans.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Supervisor Flach stated that there are going to be movies in Mosher Park and Coeymans Landing for residents of the Town, dates and times will be provided at a later date. He then asked if there was any additional business.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that an employee of 20 years, Ed Barrett is retiring on May 30th and he wanted to wish him well in his retirement and continued by saying that he wanted to post to fill the position and if need be advertise for it.

Councilman Burns asked what position he will be replaced as.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be an Operator I position.

Supervisor Flach asked if he needed a motion to post it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he did, per union contract and after that advertise if necessary.

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Supervisor Flach stated that the Board can give him permission and then made a motion to advertise all in one and continued by offering a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Highway Superintendent to post the position and in turn advertise the position if need be.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that as they know he put a lot of equipment out for sale with one item being a 2003 Chevy 1 Ton dump-truck, which he would like to replace and it is in his .2 budget to do that so he is requesting to advertise for bids to replace the truck.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, authorizing Highway Superintendent Searles to advertise for bids for a 1-Ton Chevy dump truck.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Councilman Burns asked about plans for the salt shed.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he is waiting for money, the Board approved it but he is has to wait until he gets some money before he starts ordering.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he was supposed to be getting prices on block.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they are still trying to get more prices and the best price that they got is \$55.00 a block.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are waiting on a call from someone about that.

Councilman Langdon asked if Spancrete had anything like that, that would work.

Supervisor Flach stated that they don't make that type of product, which is a huge cement block.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is a 2X2X6 cement block and he needs 120 of them.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he knows that the Supervisor was contacted and he wanted to make the Board aware of a rumor on the street that one of his Officers was transporting a victim of a crime to the Child Advocacy Center for an interview and when she went to park the car, she bumped another car, which was not a huge crash as portrayed in many writings and it was reported to the school that they injured one of their students. He continued by saying that she is a student of R-C-S but was not being transported as a student; she was being transported as a result of her parent's request.

Councilman Langdon asked if she was injured.

Chief Darlington stated that she was not, it was reported to the school that she was injured but she was not as well as saying that she fled the scene, which she did not, she walked to her counselor who was standing by the DMV waiting for them. He continued by saying that it was reported immediately to the Albany Police Department who in turn filed a report as required and he has all of the documentation.

Supervisor Flach stated that he did receive a call about it and in speaking with Chief Darlington he showed him pictures, which was literally one bumper scraping another and then thanked Officer Crosier for maintaining her professionalism while doing a good thing for some people in need and this is what it is about.

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Chief Darlington stated that they have many conversations about the direction of the Police Department and full-time vs. part-time and a Cops Hiring Grant is back out and as such he is looking for authorization to apply for a grant to hire two full-time Police Officers one of which will be a second School Resource Officer that he had pushed for initially to go in the Middle School and the other will be one for actual road coverage. He added that the grant covers 75% of their salaries and benefits for a three year period, the Town would be required to cover 25% for that period and then they are required a minimum of one year after the grant has expired. He went on by saying that if the Town is interested in that grant, he has been in contact with PoliceGrantsHelp.com, which is an agency that writes grants for Police Departments, he has asked for references and he would like to consider using them for the actual grant writing portion of it, which is \$1,500.00 to write the grant but because it would be their first time there would be a 20% discount so it would be \$1,200.00 and he will use asset forfeiture money to pay for that if the Board is willing to move forward.

Supervisor Flach stated that they might change their minds about where the Police Officer might be and decide two road officers and then asked if they have to specify where in the grant.

Chief Darlington stated that when you are applying, you have to specify where it is going and the other issue that they have is that the announcement came out May 23rd and they have to have everything filed by June 23rd.

Councilman Langdon asked Chief Darlington if he had any kind of a track record for the grant writer.

Chief Darlington stated that he received information today about pricing and in turn he requested some local references and they responded that he will be getting it by the following day.

Councilman Langdon stated that he would be interested in hearing the results of that.

Supervisor Flach asked about the SRO and if it would be the same with the school as they are doing now.

Chief Darlington stated that the Town would be paying for 25% of it unless they can get the school to agree to pay and he has a meeting scheduled with Superintendent McCartney to find out what their interest is and if they are willing to work something out with the Town because they are interested in another SRO at the Middle School.

Supervisor Flach asked that he let them know of the outcome and added that he needs a motion to move forward.

Chief Darlington stated that they are not committed until they are rewarded and then they would sign on the dotted line.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Chief Darlington to retain Police Grants Help to write a grant.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington keep the Board informed as far as the references that he gets.

Chief Darlington stated that he would and then thanked the Town Board.

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- Town Board Workshop – June 17, 2014, 6:00pm

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- Town Board Meeting – June 23, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting – June 25, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns asked Highway Superintendent Searles how many blocks they need for the salt shed.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they need 120.

Councilman Burns asked about making forms and pouring them themselves and if it would save them money by doing it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is \$120.00 a yard.

Councilman Burns asked how much it is for a block.

Supervisor Flach stated that a block is \$55.00.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that in addition, it is \$120.00 a yard for concrete and he does not know how many yards per block.

Councilman Burns stated that it is two yards per block, so it is actually less to buy them made as opposed to pouring them and he was just looking to save some money but that does not make sense.

Supervisor Flach stated that the group over there are usually pinching pennies and trying to save money.

Highway Superintendent stated that if a truck comes back with half a yard on it, that is what they are going to put back on the truck and they aren't designer blocks, they are just plain blocks.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Time 7:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Peter E. Masti

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the absence of Councilman Masti with the rest of the Town Board present.

AGENDA

- Stars for Our Troops
- Police Staffing
- Satellite Software for Town Clerk
- Archaeological Study for Hannacroix Creek Restoration
- Resolutions
 - EAF for Salt Shed Construction
 - Negative Declaration for Salt Shed Construction
 - General Fund Budget Amendment
 - Albany County ALS Contract

DISCUSSIONS

Stars for Our Troops

Supervisor Flach stated that former Board Member Rick Touchette had brought this his attention when he was first elected Supervisor and he didn't know enough about it so he didn't pursue but now he wants to look at it again and continued by reading the following:

Stars for our Troops: A thank you to our troops for those that are serving and those that have served. Many movements are growing across this great country to show support to our troops, and the Star Project is one way that you can participate. Retired American flags with embroidered stars about the size of a half dollar are being cut and placed in a pouch with a note and given to our soldiers. The note says:

“I am part of our American flag that has flown over a home in the USA. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgotten.”

The Star Project started in Florida in 2005 and has been shared throughout the world with our soldiers and veterans. Stars are currently being prepared by young and old, by Boy and Girl Scouts, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, Military Organizations, town and villages across the United

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States. Families of veterans, small businesses, large corporations, military organizations and towns are gathering flags and giving to those of us that are preparing the stars.

Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Masti brought it back to his attention.

Discussion ensued regarding proper disposal of the American flag.

Collectively it was decided that they should check with the VFW and see how they feel about disposal of this nature.

Police Staffing

Supervisor Flach asked Chief Darlington to explain his need for additional staffing.

Chief Darlington stated that with the resignation of Nicholas Westfall, there has been discussion about full-time staffing and currently he has two officers that are working part-time who are eligible for full-time and have full Civil Service approval. He added that he is looking for the Board's direction in replacing Nicholas Westfall and potentially hiring another full-time officer as well as having Officer Alberts assigned to the Investigator's Office with patrol duties as well, which would be a pay increase of \$1.00 an hour and he is asking the Board to acknowledge the assignment to investigations.

Discussion ensued regarding Chief Darlington's requests relative to how it works with Officer Alberts, the Police Department Budget, potential candidates, employee benefits of part-time vs. full-time,

Collectively the Town Board agreed to replacing Officer Westfall and for Supervisor Flach to take a closer look at the budget as far as hiring another full-time officer.

Councilman Dolan asked by the next meeting that they be given the figure for what the officer was actually getting for the buy-out and if the second hire were to be getting health insurance, what the cost would be and for the second one as well as the cost differential in salary for part-time vs. full-time.

Chief Darlington stated that he could get them the figures and then asked about Officer Alberts' assignment to the Investigator's Office.

Discussion ensued relative to it being a promotion vs. an assignment because Civil Service does not recognize Investigators or Detectives and to them it is an assignment and their contract says that they get \$1.00 more an hour.

Supervisor Flach stated that personally he would like to think about it and make a decision at the next meeting.

Chief Darlington stated that he believes it would be just a matter of the Supervisor telling the Payroll Clerk that he was to get \$1.00 more an hour because it is in their contract and he does not think that officially there needs to be permission from the Town Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the pay increase and whether it is in the Police Department Budget.

Collectively the Board decided to hold off until Monday's meeting.

Satellite Software for Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach asked Town Clerk Millious to discuss her request for a credit/debit machine to be placed in her office.

Town Clerk Millious stated that when she went to the Annual Town Clerk's Conference she met with Satellite Software vendors, which some clerk's use and it is for credit card or debit card payments. She added that she has been looking for a while and they are rated one of the top vendors and there is no cost to the Town with the cost being borne by the users at a rate of 3% per transaction with a \$2.00 minimum. She continued by saying that she would have to have the

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Board's approval for having it here even though there is no cost to the Town and went on by saying that there is a real need for this because in today's world people don't carry cash and when they don't have cash they have to leave and go to an ATM and then come back to complete their transaction and she is trying to make it easier and more convenient. She concluded by saying that she feels confident with this company and the former President of the New York State Town Clerk's Association is using them.

Discussion ensued regarding the 3% fee and the legality of it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she forwarded it to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and he advised that he feels as though it would be a good thing and he would feel comfortable with using that particular vendor.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they didn't have a problem with it as long as Attorney for the Town Wukitsch said that there would not be a problem.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would send the Board all of the information along with the e-mails to and from Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and reiterated that she is just trying to make it easier for the public.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they would have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Archaeological Study for Hannacroix Creek Restoration

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington discuss the request for an archaeological study at the Hannacroix Creek restoration site.

Chief Darlington stated that one of the requirements of the Army Corp of Engineers and ENCON is, before they will allow any permitting there has to be an archaeological study done and it comes at the recommendation of F.X. Browne and they are the company that can do it the quickest.

Discussion ensued regarding when it can be done.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing the archaeological study to be done at a cost not to exceed \$3,700.00.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

Discussion ensued regarding what is done with whatever might be found and what the criteria would be as far as the project not being able to continue based on what is found.

Chief Darlington stated that it is another hoop that the Town has to jump through as well as an additional cost.

Councilman Burns interjected that they are getting close to making the basket.

Environmental Assessment Form for Salt Shed Construction

Supervisor Flach stated that DEC had already approved the building of a salt shed on the property and there seems to be some question as to whether there needs to be an Environmental Assessment Form and a Negative Declaration. He continued by saying that the person who will do the BAN for this says that they need to do it and it is a formality as far as the process goes because it is an unlisted action. He added that in talking to Code Enforcement Officer Conrad, in looking it over, it seems like it is a Type II action, which wouldn't require a Negative Declaration but in order to get the BAN, they have to do it. He concluded by saying that his thought was that because they already ordered the salt, they need to get moving and then invited the Board to look through the Environmental Assessment Form.

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Councilman Dolan asked if there is any reason why they have to do it immediately and not wait until the Town Board Meeting on Monday.

Supervisor Flach stated that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch wanted it done so they can do the BAN Resolution at Monday's Meeting and it has to be done before that and he is going with what the Attorney for the Town and their BAN counsel said they have to do for this particular project.

Councilman Dolan expressed his concern about just receiving it prior to the Workshop and not having the opportunity to read it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he could read through the EAF if he would like.

Councilman Dolan stated that it usually works out that they go over a topic at a Workshop and then they don't act on it until the Town Board Meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of getting information.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they are welcome to vote on it but his vote will be no.

Supervisor Flach stated that he understands his position and continued by asking the Board if they wanted to vote on it.

Discussion ensued, collectively the remainder of the Board agreed to move forward with a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing the Town Board to accept the Environmental Assessment Form relating to the salt shed construction.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #116-14 ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SALT SHED

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 1 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has proposed to finance and construct a 5,200 square foot salt storage shed (the "project") on property located at 250 Jarvis Road South, Ravena, NY (the "site"), and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") has been prepared for the project dated June 12, 2014, and reviewed by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the project site is not located within a DEC or federal wetland, and

WHEREAS, no rare plants and animals or any significant natural habitats have been identified at the project site, and

WHEREAS, the project site is not located in the vicinity of any archeologically sensitive areas pursuant to the NYS Historic Preservation Office GIS database, nor any site listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, the proposed salt shed will be constructed on UV treated polyethylene fabric and will protect the road salt from elements, replacing an uncovered storage pile located on a separate lot and preventing leaching and water contamination, and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR 617.7, completed Part II of the EAF, and thoroughly analyzed all identified relevant areas of environmental concern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts a determination of non-significance with respect to the project in finding that the project as proposed will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

RES. #117-14 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans General Fund has overspent in line item A8510.2, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need of correcting the overspending of such line item,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amount to the respective account:

Decrease	A8510.4	\$682.31
Increase	A8510.2	\$682.31

Supervisor Flach stated that it is moving money from contractual to equipment.

Councilman Dolan asked what it is for.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is for Community Beautification.

RES. #118-14 EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT WITH ALBANY COUNTY

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has participated in the County's Emergency Medical Services Program to provide Advanced Life Support services; and

WHEREAS, a new contract is in place for the Advanced Life Support services with the Albany County Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS, this contract amount is not to exceed \$196,738.27 as stated in said contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute the contract for ALS Services with the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor Flach explained to the new Board Members that this is an annual contract that is budgeted for and he does not know why they do it in the middle of the year.

RES. #119-14 APPOINT PART-TIME RECREATIONAL ASSISTANTS FOR FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Summer Food for Thought Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the Food for Thought Summer Youth Program:

Serena Hazzard	Cassandra Maddage
Haley Irvis	Brittany O'Brien
Brittany Keyer	Emily Shear
Sarah Krein	Sierra Staats

The appointment is effective July 7th to August 10, 2014, and will be at the hourly wage of \$8.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that Danyel Crowley runs this program for the Town.

RES. #120-14 APPOINT PART-TIME RECREATIONAL ASSISTANTS FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Summer Recreation Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the Summer Recreation Program:

Austin Babcock	Bailey Kross
Allison Bleau	Miles Lukens
Jacob Darlington	Daulton Reith
Jayden Feliciano	David Warnken
Connor Zeoli	

The appointment is effective July 7th through August 10, 2014, and will be at the hourly wage of \$8.00.

RES. #121-14 APPOINT PART-TIME CLERK – TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Millious is desirous of filling a part-time position for a Clerk I in the Town Clerk's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has advertised and interviewed a number of applicants for the position and found a candidate who meets the minimum qualifications, and

WHEREAS, the position is pending the Albany County Department of Civil Service and approval of the candidate's qualifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Nancy J. Pike to the position of part-time Clerk I, at the hourly rate of \$11.44, effective June 19, 2014.

Town Clerk Millious asked that the hourly rate be changed to \$11.22 per hour, which was the starting salary for Michelle Conte and added that it would not be fair for her to start at the same salary that her current part-time employee who has been with the Town for two years is being paid.

Supervisor Flach agreed and it would be amended to \$11.22 an hour.

RES. #122-14 APPOINT PART-TIME RECREATIONAL ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, the Summer Food for Thought Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the Food for Thought Summer Youth Program:

Madison Bidwell
Emma Rowzee

The appointment is effective July 7, 2014 and will be on a volunteer basis as stated on their respective employment applications.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Dolan if he wanted to add anything about the Albany County Program that is run out of C.H.O.I.C.E.S.

Councilman Dolan stated that there are a total of 39 that have applied and soon they will sit down and figure out where they are in the process and may have to divert some of the applicants that they have in trying to accommodate as many as possible.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of applicants and where they would be assigned to work as well as some being assigned to the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Supervisor Flach stated that their current Recreation Director is making \$11.00 an hour, the current Food for Thought Director is making \$13.00 an hour and the Recreation Director is responsible for a lot more kids. He added that increasing the Recreational Director's salary to \$13.00 an hour would be a total of \$300.00 for the 5 weeks and he has been the Director for four years and does a great job.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, to increase the Recreational Director's salary to \$13.00 an hour, effective as soon as he starts for the summer season.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan stated that in hiring 8 Food for Thought Program, even with the additional money it should be under budget.

ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to mention the Community Meeting, which will be held June 18th at the Coeymans Fire House.

Supervisor Flach stated that he received a flyer from Mr. Laraway and he wants to meet with the community to find out how they can all work together.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Masti) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:05

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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June 23, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Wednesday, June 23, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board

AGENDA

- Presentation
 - County Executive Daniel McCoy
- Public Announcements
 - Route 143 Detour
 - Village Farmer's Market
 - Summer Recreation Program & Food for Thought
 - Town Office Closed, July 4th Independence Day
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2014
 - Joint Town/Village Workshop, May 27, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, May 28, 2014
- Supervisor's Report – May 2014
- Department Reports
 - Building Department, April & May 2014
 - Sewer Department, May 2014
 - Town Clerk, May 2014
- Old Business
 - Evenings on the Green
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Bond for Salt Shed
 - Appoint Full-Time Officer
 - Authorize Town Clerk to Enter Into Agreement with Satellite Software
 - Approval of Abstract
- Town Board Workshop/Meetings
 - Joint Town/Village Meeting, June 24, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, June 25, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Planning Board Meeting, July 7, 2104, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, July 15, 2014, 6:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, July 23, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, July 28, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session
 - Personnel Issues

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evenings on the Green

Supervisor Flach stated that Evenings on the Green begin on July 3rd at 6:00pm and then asked Councilman Dolan if he had anything to add.

Councilman Dolan stated that they moved the start time up to 6:00pm to get better use of daylight hours, particularly during the end of the season and then read the list of bands as follows:

July 3 rd	Dusk til' Dawn
July 10 th	Hilltown Ramblers
July 17 th	Shadowland
July 24 th	For God and Country
July 31 st	Rakish Paddy
August 7 th	Scotty Mac and the Gold Top
August 14 th	Peaceful Country
August 21 st	Mike and the Monsters
August 28 th	Dennis D'Asaro

Route 143 Detour – Road Construction

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a detour on Rte. 143 and the temporary closure will begin on Wednesday, July 9th, and will conclude on Tuesday, July 22nd, with work being conducted Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm and there will be no overnight work. He added that they are replacing a culvert and there is a map available for anyone that would like to see it and it's just past Rte. 106, Tompkins Road between there and Osterhout's. He concluded by saying that there are alternate truck routes and for local folks there are a couple of short ways through there and he will continue to make the announcement as much as he can to make everyone aware and he is sure that the News Herald will get the message out there also.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was stressed to them that there will be a severe penalty to the contractor if the work is not completed on time.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a private contractor and they get fined for every day that they are over and the contractor was in the meeting and felt pretty confident that the work would be done within those two weeks.

Village Farmer's Market

Supervisor Flach stated that the Village Farmer's Market will be at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road and it will begin on Thursday, July 10th and it will go to September 11th on every Thursday. He added that there will be produce, baked goods, jewelry, beauty products, crafts, massages, photo cards/pictures, books, honey/soaps, cross culture market and the Historical Society will be open from 1-3 or you can tour the Ravena Fitness Center.

Summer Recreation and Food for Thought Programs

Supervisor Flach stated that the Summer Recreation Program begins on July 7th and it is for children 7 years old through seniors in high school and they meet at Mosher Park from 9:00am through 3:00pm and the Food for Thought Program is for younger kids at Pieter B. Coeymans and that also starts on July 7th and there are sign-up sheets that have to be completed, which you can get at the Town Office Building.

Town Office Closed – July 4th Independence Day

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on May 20th, a Joint Town/Village Workshop on May 27th, and a Town Board Meeting on May 28th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the minutes were accept and approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

PRESENTATION

Daniel McCoy – County Executive

Supervisor Flach stated that County Executive McCoy was present and then invited him to the microphone.

Mr. Daniel McCoy thanked the Town Board for allowing him to come down and talk about the state of the county, which is going well and they have been coming out of the recession since 2008. He added that they are dealing with the 2% budget cap like everyone else is and the challenges that are faced with and in Albany County they have 44 unfunded mandates that they deal with day in and day out that they have no control over because it is a mandate that comes down from the Senate and Assembly and it tells them they have to pay for the programs but they don't help them offset the cost a lot of the times and the things they can control, they have been but they have a lot of different functions that they deal with. He continued by saying that one of the things that he wanted to do and has started since he became County Executive in 2012, is to get out into the communities and talk about what is going on in Albany County and to let people know what is going on with their budget and tax dollars but most importantly he has done office hours these last two years to meet with constituents one on one that can't get into the City of Albany and this way they have an opportunity to voice their concerns because as he has said all over Albany County, he works for them and in order to do that they need to hear from them. He went on by saying that Albany County has a 600 million dollar budget and out of that there is roughly 250 million dollars in debt services and they got under the cap at 1.66, things are going well and improving but will never be like it was prior to 2008 because when he came into office they had a 15 million dollar deficit, their reserve fund balance was roughly 18 million dollars and as of today they are up to approximately 37 million and the deficit went from 15 million down to 10.2 million. He added that there are actually two ways of actually achieving it and the first is to do a one-time tax increase to get rid of your deficit or find true savings and since he has been County Executive they have been restructuring every department and doing things differently and they found by doing this in the last two years they have saved almost 5 million dollars, which he hopes will be more this year so they can knock that down even more. He continued by saying that since 2009, the great recession, and with the money that they lost on Wall Street, they were borrowing upwards of 15 million dollars to make payroll ten months out of the year, which is not healthy and to get healthy they had to change the way they do things, they have to try and make a profit, they have to treat County Government as a business but he knows that they are not there to make money. He went on by saying that if they strive to do things to make money, it's a savings to the taxpayers of Albany County that they can offset and continue the great services that they provide day in and day out with some of them being mental health, health, DCYF, early intervention, bus transportation, probation, youthful offenders, H.E.A.P for those who needed assistance for heating, food stamps, etc. but they are also going to hold people accountable that are receiving the services and also those giving the services, which they have done both. He

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added that by looking at things differently they have actually have arrested people that have falsified claims to collect social service and they have also gone after people providing the services for not providing the services that they were supposed to provide and it works both ways and it is all about accountability and looking at things differently, which is what they need to do and they have restructured everything in the County, they are consolidating and it is working, they are saving money and still delivering the services that people expect and want out of them. He continued by saying that some of the good things that they are doing is that they brought Schenectady Community College to downtown Albany for all the residents of Albany County and did a partnership with CDTA where you can get a Bus Plus Pass for any child that enrolls and they can get free bus transportation, which is huge and a lot cheaper than sending a child to Hudson Valley, and the County reimburses the Town over \$200,000.00 for kids in the community to go to college and the County pays 10.5 million dollars a year for kids to go to community college, which is one of the mandates that he has to deal with. He went on by saying that in 1973 a New York State Senator decided to pass a law that said any county that does not have a community college, has to pay for that kid to go, New York State will pay 1/3, the student will pay 1/3 and the county will pay 1/3, but the State of New York has not paid since 1973 and there are two ways of dealing with it, they can continue to pay for it like they have or they can pass the bill down to the Town and say here's your bill and legally they can't stop it, but it's not the right thing to do because they have been paying it all these years and have been trying to make it work, there was some legislation moving, the State keeps talking about relief but they keep kicking it down the road. He added that he finds it ironic because they still have to be obligated to get under the cap and he knows the pain that the Town feels because over the past two years they have rolled up their sleeves and have done everything that they can to make government work, but the costs go up, he eliminated 25 jobs out of the County Budget last year but the workforce has increased and since 1995 they have eliminated over 900 jobs in Albany County. He continued by saying that pension costs and everything else have gone up and right now over the past three years they amortized 3 years of pensions, his predecessor did it for 8.9 million, he in turn did it for 8.2 and last year they did 4.9 so right now for those three IOU's they owe the State Comptroller 27 million dollars for retirement and these are the types of things that they can't keep kicking the can down the road and they need to take responsibility for today and they need to do it for our children and we also need to sell this great place as a place to live and work and just last year Albany celebrated its 330th Anniversary and there is so much rich history in this county, they need to do more economic development and they need to do more with tourism, which are things that they need to get out into the community. He went on by saying that a way to do it is partnerships and consolidation like consolidating 911 in Cohoes, Watervliet and Green Island two years ago with Sheriff Apple and himself and they saved the City of Cohoes approximately \$500,000.00 in the first year, they saved Watervliet 168,000.00 and Green Island with a population of approximately 2,600 they saved them around \$3,000.00 a year and it is the little things like this that can make a difference going forward to still deliver quality services to the people but do it cheaper. He added that some of the other good things they have going around in the County, is as they know, they have been promoting Lawson's Lake, it has over 420 acres and is a gem in the community and during his first year in office the Boys and Girls Clubs shut it down so he went and looked at the property, which is beautiful and it was too late to do anything that year but in partnership with Sheriff Apple and District Attorney Soares they turned the whole lake around within a year and last year they opened it up to a variety of different kids and kids from the Town and Village can go there for free. He continued by saying that there is a 6-week program starting that is Monday-Friday and all they have to do is fill out a form for an emergency contact and if there are any allergies and they can go there and just be a kid and last year ENCON came in and taught the kids how to fish and this year they are offering computer classes where they can actually build a computer and take it home at the end of the summer as well as dirt-bike training and piano lessons with donated pianos, arts and crafts, basketball, kick-ball, etc. He went on by saying that all of the trades and the unions got involved, they had the teamsters, operating engineers, laborers, painters, etc. painting buildings, putting new tin roofs on, shimming up foundations and they will be building a pavilion down by the water as well as fire pits and enhancing the trails around the lake with benches and there are four Boy Scouts getting their eagle batches by doing projects.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is in the Town of Coeymans.

Mr. McCoy stated that it is really great and coming along and so many people are donating money, and it is not being done with tax dollars, it's sweat equity of his staff, Sheriff Apple's staff and District Attorney's staff and all of the unions have volunteered their free time as well as

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other organizations and they are going to have a celebration that will be announced shortly, which will be a huge event and these are some of the things that are going on to make a difference. He added that they also have to try to attract companies to come to Albany County and there is a company that moved to their county building from Saratoga, another moved from Glens Falls are is now open on State Street and another will be coming that will create 60 jobs and things are getting positive but they have to continue to work together in a partnership and to do so they have to leave their egos out the door because it is about the people that they are representing at the end of a day and the best way they can service the community and make it grow together is by working together. He continued by saying that they have launched many new programs and initiatives with Project Growth being one of them, which is the first in the State of New York and OCA approved it a couple months ago and it is when a Judge can decide if a youthful offender is sent to a detention center or given an opportunity to be trained and given a job and paid so his/her Mom or Dad or guardian isn't paying the damages and they have to give part of their check every week to the person that they did the damage to, which teaches them the value of money because now it is coming out of their check. He went on by saying that they just started doing something with probation called Ready-Set-Work, which is basically a ten week class, 20 hours of work and they are training people how to dress, interview, put a resume together and find a job and in 2012 65% of those that did the program found a job within 90 days, which gets them off probation quicker and they are not reoffending, which saves the County money as well as getting some pride and paying for their own homes or apartments and it is a program that they have done with the Department of State and it has been a great partnership. He concluded by saying that there are so many things going on and he personally wants to make Albany County the greenest county in the area and they are looking at emissions, their carbon footprint, solar panels going on the county buildings, revamping the energy in the county and he is now driving a hybrid to see how many miles they get in the city vs. what they would get with electric cars and it is all to save money at the end of the day. He then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Burns asked how combining services worked out.

Mr. McCoy stated that anytime you combine services there is always a ripple in the pond, there were some problems with the dispatching and they are working little things like that out and it is a learning experience for everyone and it is work. He continued by saying that he and Berne's Highway Superintendent Croiser did a Highway study because one of the gripes that he got out of the Hilltowns was that a County plow went by someone's house with the plow up and there was six inches of snow in the road so he called to find out what was going on and was told that it was a Town road and in turn him and Highway Superintendent made a gentleman's agreement before they even did any partnership to plow each other's roads and it worked and has been working. He went on by saying that Berne needed to build a new salt shed and the County offered to share theirs and they are talking about building a maintenance facility together and integrating their workforce because they are working on the same equipment and the County got rid of a few plows and gave them one and when they asked how much money they wanted, they were told that tax dollars were used to buy it originally as well as using the County's Engineering Department for some projects and when they asked what the County wanted, they were told nothing because there may come a point when the County will need \$30,000.00 because they saved \$60,000.00 on their project and it makes sense to work together, which they can't do for everything and certain things make it impossible but the County can do the Town's purchasing. He added that he will be announcing another initiative that he will be announcing in a week, which he was hoping he could have announced before now and it is going to be a game changer, it is will be the first on the east coast and it is going to save the Town thousands of dollars and is state-of-the-art and these are the type things that they can do working together and under the Governor's plan, they have to consolidate certain things but not everyone can get there, so if the County can save more, it gives them the freedom to say that they have done everything that they can, which he has seen. He went on by saying that he was joking around with Rensselaerville where the Conservative Party knocked out the Democratic Party who he gets along with both, and he called to see what happened and they asked what he meant and then he said that they went over the cap and they campaigned that they wouldn't and the reply was there was this bill and that bill to pay, which is different when you are on this side and there is no justification saying what you have to do but when you look at your books and have to make things work it's hard to still deliver the service that people want, so in partnerships, everything that they have been doing is to do it without using tax dollars, which is the most challenging thing. He continued by saying that he was on a radio show and he was asked what he would run

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for next and he said State Senate and that he would be the most popular Senator in the State of New York because he would not raise taxes, pay for literature or have campaign fund raisers and he wouldn't spend a dime because he would pass one law that says every child in any town, village or city that turned 16, they would have to buy him or her a new car because in essence that is what they doing to them every year by passing laws and bills but then don't fund them and he will sit there forever because every kid won't be able to wait until they are 16 to get a brand new car, which is not right. He added that he is sure that the Town comes up with great ideas day in and day out and the sticking point on every one is how they are going to pay for it and how they are going to get the money to do it even though it is a great service to the people they represent and it comes down to the dollars and they have to be creative in a way that they are not relying on tax payers. He went on by saying that there is a project called Soldier On at the Ann Lee Home which is vacant and has been sitting next to the Shaker site near the airport and it has been there forever and there are over 2,000 homeless veterans in Albany County on the streets and over 25,000 veterans in Albany County and over 100,000 in the Capital District and this nation has never called more on its citizen soldiers in the last 12 years than any conflict, now even longer than Viet Nam and there are soldiers that make their home in New York State, 10,000 a year but with the downsizing in the military he is predicting upwards of 20,000-30,000 veterans. He continued by saying that all they trained for is war in the last 13 years and it is all they know and they are coming home and this site, the first in the State of New York, it would be a place for soldiers to have a place to call home and to get help in partnership with the VA Hospital, Home Depot, Schenectady Community College, Maria College, Division of Military Affairs, etc. who will come together and it will be a campus where they can be with their peers. He added that this was done in Pittsfield and it was such a huge success that they are building housing on their property because they have done a successful job of turning it around and they have found that each veteran can only handle about 500 square feet of living space, they end up owning it and if they want to sell it, it has to be sold back to Soldier On and then sold to another veteran. He went on by saying that it is a 20-30 million dollar venture with the only thing out of the County being sweat equity and they just had a benefit concert and they will soon announce how much money was given to the proceeds and Charlie Daniels, Brett Michaels and Marshall Tucker Band donated part of their proceeds to it and people are on board with taking care of the people that served this country and we owe it to them, not just for this new conflict but going back to Viet Nam. He continued by saying that these are the things that they are dealing with at the County on a bigger scale and things are going good and looking up and he is hoping that next year they are on the right track to try and achieve the tax cap, which will be challenging because as they know a budget is a working document and every month you hit a hiccup of a bill that you didn't think you had to pay or something comes up but working together they can make things happen, which is the bottom line. He added by saying that the Nursing Home, which he fought for, for 2 ½ years and when he was in the Legislature he fought for it and he said to a variety of people that they had to do it in a way that it is not a burden to the taxpayers because they are losing a million dollars a month at the Nursing Home and if they went with his plan to do a private partnership he would have conservatively saved Albany County residents 100 million dollars in ten years but the Legislature didn't want to do that, they wanted to keep it for the 250 residents that were there and right now there are 227 residents. He went on by saying that they just negotiated with the Union a contract, which they voted down the first time and it took some members of the Legislature to go out there and tell them that this is it and if they didn't do a revote of the contract they would have to shut it down and they are going to have a huge savings next year so he does not anticipate getting into the fight about taking it out of the budget if the concessions are met and they can stop losing one million dollars a month because it is about taking care of our seniors but also protecting the tax payers and accepting responsibility and to stop kicking the can down the road for the next County Executive. He continued by saying that in talking about that, it is easy to take the bills and push them off and they owe the State of New York 11 million dollars for the Times Union Center because a former County Executive decided to push it down the road and he just inherited it and he won't do that to the next County Executive and these are the things that they have to be considerate and conscious of because they owe it to the taxpayers to be accountable, not just now but 10 and 20 years from now and we don't do that a lot of time. He added that for the first time in 7 years they put \$150,000.00 toward their debt, which is not a lot of money but it was a step in the right direction and a step to show that they are going to start taking their debt down and trying to do the responsible thing and these are challenges that they are faced with but they have to make it work for the people that they represent at the end of the day. He then asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Flach asked where the forms for Lawson's Lake Camp could be obtained.

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County Executive McCoy stated that the forms for Boys and Girls Club Camps can be obtained from the Division of Children, Youth and Families and also through the Boys and Girls Clubs. He then asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

Ms. Nita Chmielewski from the audience stated that she is happy that they are going to keep the Nursing Home in the budget.

County Executive McCoy stated that they have to be responsible to the tax payers and there are over 60,000 seniors over the age of 60 living longer and staying home and they want to stay home because they don't want to go to a Nursing Home. He added that the reality is that last year, unannounced with only five days' notice the Federal Government told them they were losing \$60,000.00 from Meals on Wheels and told them that they couldn't deliver meals on Wednesday and he went to DC to lobby and they found the money, which was not easy because with a Federal Shutdown there is a 10% cut across all programs regardless of what they do and there is going to be another cut coming but he does not know how bad it is going to be. He concluded by saying that he has to make the conscious decision because they are struggling to get within their own cap to either continue on or cut the programs out, which makes it so hard because it affects all Federal programs.

Chief Darlington stated that locally there are many properties that the taxes are not being paid on.

County Executive McCoy stated that Albany County is one of two counties in the State of New York and one out of three in the nation that keeps everyone whole on their taxes on any property that goes delinquent and they have started a Land Bank, to take vacant properties in neighborhoods and fix them and get them back on the Tax Rolls and the focus has been the City of Albany. He added that he went to a meeting and told them that there is a whole county that needs this and between money from the County, the Federal & State Governments and the anticipated 5 million dollars from Eric Schneiderman for a settlement, they are hoping to have between 5-10 million dollars to fix the properties up and the Town of Coeymans should weigh in on it because it makes a difference.

Councilman Dolan asked who appoints people to the Land Bank Board.

County Executive McCoy stated that it is Mike Jacobsen who runs Habitat for Humanity but it is all being done solely in the City of Albany and this was his problem with it and everyone that is getting appointed is solely from the City of Albany and the focus will be the City.

Chief Darlington stated that they were the properties that were foreclosed on and then asked what happens to those that have not been foreclosed.

County Executive McCoy stated that the County goes after them but the problem is that it is a four-year process and they are talking about shortening that window up so they can get people out. He added that the County has the most progressive website in the State of New York where you can see who has take-home cars, cell phones, etc. and there is also See Through Albany County where you can see salaries, overtime, what they are paying for, what type of equipment that they have etc. and also their vacant properties, which have been categorized and they try to stay on it because they can see people who are faltering every month and they try to work with them.

Councilman Langdon stated that there several vacant properties in Town that are not occupied and there is no issue with vacating anyone and then asked how people could acquire them.

County Executive McCoy stated that they would have to see if they are already in the foreclosure process and if they identify a property saying that they have an interest in it as part of a revitalization, the County will work with them to give them the properties and the Land Bank is really important and could be a game changer for the Town of Coeymans and they have to become engaged.

Councilman Langdon asked where the bulk of the tax money comes from that goes to the County.

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County Executive McCoy stated that it is mostly home owner’s tax money with another big chunk being sales tax and out of the 62 counties in the State of New York, Albany County is number 10 for the lowest taxes with Saratoga County being 8th with a Racino, two race tracks and a population less than half of Albany County, and Rensselaer County, which is half of Albany County’s population, they are 26, Schenectady County with half of Albany County’s population is 37 for the highest taxes in the State of New York. He added that he is not trying to use this as an excuse to try to raise taxes or justification but he thinks they can do better and he can also stand there and say that Albany County has one of the lowest property taxes of any county in the State of New York, which is nice to say. He asked if there were any other questions, hearing none he thanked the Town Board for having him.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. McCoy and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

May 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$892,672.64	\$ 38,182.95	\$320,883.41	\$ 609,972.18
PART-TOWN	\$322,213.10	\$ 13,526.44	\$ 13,963.77	\$ 321,775.77
HIGHWAY	\$142,935.33	\$ 383.24	\$ 46,328.77	\$ 96,989.80
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,036.73	\$ 15.74	-0-	\$ 29,052.47
SEWER	\$ 79,884.57	\$ 867.59	\$ 22,816.75	\$ 57,935.41
SPECIAL WATER	\$114,836.01	\$ 4,626.39	\$ 83,325.28	\$ 36,137.12
POLICE FORF.	\$ 14,595.67	\$ 8,226.05	\$ 424.69	\$ 22,397.03
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 14,047.19	\$310,473.83	\$311,180.94	\$ 13,340.08
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$ 47,554.69	\$500,013.06	-0-	\$ 547,567.75
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 12,861.50	\$ 42,482.46	\$ 41,780.52	\$ 13,563.44
			Total Reconciled Bal.	\$1,748,731.05

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment \$ 703.28
Grove Cem. \$40,936.14
C.H. Cem. \$13,428.77
Sewer Ded. \$ 0.24
Total \$55,068.43

COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED
COVERAGE

Greene County \$250,000.00 \$1,951,030.76
National Bank \$250,000.00 \$1,109,245.00

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

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MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – April & May 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Monthly Reports for April & May.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the reports were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – May 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Monthly Report for May 2014.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report and read a letter from Chief Operator Kerr about the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – May 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious, give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Evenings on the Green

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Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Dolan had discussed Evenings on the Green earlier in the meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to mention that the Village has started digging out the volleyball court at Mosher Park for beach volleyball and it will be filled with sand and then thanked the Village and Town workers who have come together.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #123-14 APPROVE BOND FOR SALT SHED CONSTRUCTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Millious interjected that for a Bond there needed to be a Roll Call Vote and continued as follows:

Stephen Flach – AYE, – Peter Masti – AYE, - George Langdon – AYE, Thomas Dolan – NAY, Kenneth Burns – AYE

AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 PURUSANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT SHED IN THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, NEW YORK, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York (the “Town”) (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Town Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The specific (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the construction of any approximately 5200 square foot salt shed at 250 Jarvis Road South, Ravena, New York, including related planning and engineering, site work, and original furnishings and equipment required for such purpose. The estimated maximum cost of said purpose is \$75,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 11(c) of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen (15) years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes an unlisted action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 5NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will not be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligation.

SECTION 4. The Town Board plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

SECTION 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

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SECTION 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real estate property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 8. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (included without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with the other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds (including statutory installment bonds), and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 9. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and may any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as “qualified tax-exempt bonds” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 10. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provision of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suite or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 11. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in The News Herald, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RES. #124-14 APPOINT FULL-TIME OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is desirous of hiring a full-time Police Officer who is certified and lives within the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has conducted a search for an available full-time Police Officer; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Scott L. Kline to the position of full-time Police Officer effective June 24, 2014 with a period of one year probation and Albany County Civil Service approval. Full-time Police Officer Kline will be compensated at a rate designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Chief had supplied them with numbers for this and it is going to be approximately \$20,000.00 a year savings compared to the full-time officer that they had as well as it being a savings by not using part-time people who would be paid overtime.

RES. #125-13 AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH SATELLITE SOFTWARE

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk of the Town of Coeymans is able to offer residents of the Town of Coeymans an opportunity to participate in a debit/credit card program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans will benefit from accepting debit/credit cards in the Town Clerk’s office by saving time and resources in the collection of various fees such as: property taxes, dog licenses, hunting licenses, etc. and creating another means for the general public to pay these fees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Satellite to participate in the debit/credit card program. The source of funding will be from convenience fees paid by the card user associated with the acceptance of debit/credit cards.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank the Town Clerk for giving the Board the information and added that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch weighed in on it also.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is a good idea and makes a lot of sense for convenience purposes.

RES. #126-13 APPROVE JUNE ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1149-1206	\$293,627.52
General	1249-1297,1350	\$ 31,315.95
	General Total	\$324,943.47
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1207	\$ 637.50
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 637.50
POLICE FORF. LOCAL (A)		
Police Forf. Local Pre-Pay	1208	\$ 637.50
	Police Forf. Local Total	\$ 637.50
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1209-1221	\$ 13,638.57
Part-Town	1298-1301	\$ 3,055.53
	Part Town Total	\$ 16,694.10

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HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1222-1229	\$ 52,192.93
Highway	1302-1327	\$ 25,483.08
	Highway Total	\$ 77,676.01
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1230-1242	\$ 15,964.07
Sewer	1328-1348	\$ 7,115.32
	Sewer Total	\$ 23,079.39
CAPITAL PROJ. (H-41)		
Capital Projects	1349	\$ 2,000.00
	Capital Proj.Total	\$ 2,000.00
	Total for all Funds	\$445,667.97
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1243-1248	\$254,298.95
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$254,298.95

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Joint Town of Coeymans/Village of Ravena Meeting, June 24, 2014
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, June 25, 2014, 7:00pm
- Planning Board Meeting, July 7, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, July 15, 2014, 6:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, July 23, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, July 28, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that Sewer Rent Bills for the second half will be going out for July and some people had mentioned that getting Property Tax Bills and Sewer Rent Bills at the same time in January is a hardship and possibly they can think about changing it to February and August because the Water Bills go out in March and September, with September being the same time that the School Tax Bills go out and maybe it is something that they can think about. She continued by saying that there have been a lot of problems with bears and she has Bear Guides in her office or you can go on the DEC website for more information and she has actually talked to DEC because there have been some bears in her neighborhood, which can be frightening and they suggested getting together with your neighbors, spraying your garbage cans with ammonia, etc. because they are attracted to the garbage, which they say is not a nuisance situation where they will do anything. She concluded by saying that you can get rubber bullets from DEC to scare them if they deem it necessary and there are a number of people that can help you at DEC is you are really having problems.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that regarding the Hannacroix Creek Project, they have gotten permission from ENCON and Army Corps of Engineers to start removing debris from outside

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the stream bed and the banks and they are talking potentially about the second week in July to meet with the Town to go over specifically what they can and cannot do and there is plenty that they can start with and he has asked for youth from the Summer Program to work out there to hopefully start getting it cleaned up in moving forward. He continued by saying that there is still no answer from FEMA as far as a time extension/funding approvals and he believes that the archaeology study is being done as he speaks.

Councilman Burns asked if they have to wait until the study is done.

Chief Darlington stated that he will meet with him to go over what they can and cannot start removing.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had received some complaints from people in the Hamlet regarding noise and he is working on a Noise Ordinance, which he will address at the next Workshop and most of the complaints were regarding human noise.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he also received some noise complaints as described by Councilman Dolan.

Councilman Dolan stated that he will bring his proposal to the next Workshop to share with the Board and see what the Board wants to do as well as sending it to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and the Building Department.

Chief Darlington asked that he also send it to him because his Department will be those to enforce it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that the meeting that was held at the Coeymans Firehouse a week prior was incredible and he knows that there are problems in the Hamlet of Coeymans and all over, but they have to start picking out all of the good stuff and start bragging about our Town and start making people want to come back here again and as the Bible says if you speak it with your mouth it will come into existence and if you speak negative it will go negative. He added that he thinks that they really do have something to brag about and they need to start looking at it in a positive way.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to thank all the residents who came to that meeting, which came about with only a week's notice and he was very impressed that 60 people showed up at that meeting and had some real desire to see some things happen in the Hamlet and Village and he was pleased with the output. He added that he also believes that they have enormous opportunity here and personally he has been spending a couple of days a week in a kayak down there and it has really been eye opening to see what assets they have along the waterfront and he is excited about what they are doing.

Councilman Dolan interjected that if people don't know what they are talking about, last Wednesday, Carver Laraway hosted a Workshop at the Coeymans Firehouse and invited residents, Town Board members, business owners and people who work among his businesses down there.

Mary Driscoll asked that they have more notice ahead of time if there is another one because she knows of several people who would have gone and she agrees with Councilmen Langdon and Burns that they have a lot in this community to be proud of and unfortunately the 6 inch headlines in the Times Union doesn't say that but there is a lot here and she does not think that people realize what we have or could do.

Councilman Langdon stated that there will be more of those meetings and it was mentioned that they will continue to have them and added that he does not know how many people have seen the falls that can be seen from a kayak and he has some pictures that he shared at the meeting and

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added that this Town does not look a lot different from some of the towns that have done phenomenal things with a water feature like that and it is pretty exciting.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was interesting to him in speaking to some of the bankers after the meeting who were there who thought that they were overblowing the blight in the Hamlet because every place where they do business, there are sections of towns like that and they thought that they were over emphasizing that rather than emphasizing the buildings that do exist down there and in many ways they are their own worst enemies in saying more negative than people anywhere else do.

Councilman Burns reiterated that the more negative they speak, the less investors will want to come here and the newspapers love to run with a story and if they start changing their testimonies about how great it is here, people are going to want to come here.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks that we have such a diverse town from the river on out to the Alcove Reservoir and they have a little bit of everything here and great people in our town so they need to keep moving forward and promote themselves. He continued by saying that the Town has been invited to participate in a kick-ball game against the Village on July 19th and he accepts the challenge and is pretty excited about it and working with the Village has been great and they are working on some joint projects together. He then asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss some personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss some personnel matters.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:21

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following the adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, the entire Board was present to discuss some personnel matters, no decisions or action were taken. Executive Session ended 9:50pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order immediately following adjournment from Executive Session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 9:53pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – AS READ 07-28-14

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Joint Town Board and Village Board Workshop was held Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 7:00pm at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, New York

VILLAGE BOARD: William Misuraca, Mayor
Keith Mahler, Trustee
Joel Coye, Trustee
Bill Bailey, Trustee
Nancy Warner, Trustee

TOWN BOARD: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Kenneth Burns, Councilman

ABSENT: George Langdon, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Laverne Conrad, Sewer Administrator
Henry Traver, Village Highway Forman

The following Notice was posted by Town Clerk Millious:

**NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
AND
VILLAGE OF RAVENA
JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING**

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans and the Village Board of the Village of Ravena will hold a Joint Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village of Ravena, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, New York.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

AGENDA

- Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement

DISCUSSIONS

Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement

Supervisor Flach stated that their main concern is the sewer trunk line and they propose starting repairs at the plant and then work through manholes 1-5, which is the biggest part of the system that goes into the plant and added that they need to deal with it at this point in time.

Trustee Bailey stated that they can increase the size of 1-5 but it does not deal with all of it because they know that there are issues all along the old trunk line and there is no doubt in his mind that they should fix it but he does not like to take the approach of band-aid fixes. He added that they know what they need to do and they need to do it and the Village is willing to step up and pay 60% of the work and 1-5 will be cheaper but the next Board will be facing all those problems all the way up the hill to 38 and personally he feels that it is the wrong approach, they

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know what needs to be done, there is no question about it and no one is arguing that the issues exist or what needs to be done and to take a piecemeal approach would be wrong and he believes that they will run into more problems with expanding the plant and adding new users. He continued by saying that the plant needs work, the trunk line needs work and they need to do it right and he understands that money wise, 1-5 they might be able to do it for \$50,000.00 and maybe it will solve most of the surges but when you look at it there is no doubt that they have all those other problems.

Supervisor Flach stated that he's not saying that they shouldn't do it all, he is just saying that they need to start somewhere.

Trustee Bailey stated that they need to commit to doing the whole thing and they can say that they will do a certain number for the first year and the second year and that it has to be done by the end of three years, he can live with that but they all have to agree that they are going to do it all because piecemeal is what got them into problems with the Sewer Plant in the first place.

Supervisor Flach stated that they talked about doing it in phases and sections because they can't do it all at one time.

Trustee Bailey stated that if they are going to agree to it, he wants a commitment that they are going to fix it because they know that there are problems and no one is questioning that they are all issues and if they are going to buy into it, they are going to buy into it as a whole project and get it done.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that they all agree with that but they don't want to do it in 10 years and it is scheduled to be done this year.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that they have to start somewhere.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is saying that he wants a commitment and if they are going to modify the contract he wants it to say that they are going to do it all.

Councilman Burns stated that they are starting in the right spot.

Trustee Bailey stated that he does not question that and that is not the issue and the issue is that if they are going to do it and the Village is stepping up and changing the contract to be included in the trunk line, they have to do it right.

Mayor Misuraca stated that he believes what Trustee Bailey is saying, is that obviously it has to be done in phases but after the first phase they can't say that they are done and it is good enough.

Supervisor Flach stated that he agrees with that 100% and he agrees that they have to do the whole thing and he was saying that he believes they need to start at the plant.

Trustee Bailey stated that he and Sewer Administrator Conrad have been in perfect agreement with starting at the plant and working their way up but he wants a firm agreement that they are going to finish it as well as doing the lagoon and lifting station and that they do it as a complete project so in three years they should not have any problems, DEC Consent Orders or moratoriums because they are talking about spending 3 million dollars and he wants insurance that if they are going to do it, they are going to do it all.

Supervisor Flach stated that he agrees.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they don't have a choice in the matter and it has already been proposed to DEC to do it all the way from the plant to manhole 38 at VanHoesen and it is part of the plan to get out of the Consent Order with DEC but part of the Consent Order is that they have to modify the Town's contract with the Village to clarify the trunk sewer line so they have an agreement of some sort because without the Village it's not going to happen. He added that if they don't want to go with the current contract the way it is written for every two years according to the meters, they have to make a couple of decisions of their own because the Hamlet is already paying \$525.00 a year just for sewer, which does not take into account what has already been spent and this year it will have to go up again for the next coming year and they

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are probably looking at somewhere around \$550.00 and if the estimates are correct, it will be \$600.00 a year when they complete the project.

Trustee Bailey stated that he already informed the Village Board that he would expect that in doing the project, when they start paying their share, they will have to raise theirs to approximately \$275.00-\$300.00.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is half of what the Hamlet is paying.

Trustee Bailey stated that he understands how that creates an issue.

Councilman Burns asked them to explain why the Hamlet pays more than the Village.

Trustee Bailey stated that it was because of population and the Village had the infrastructure to begin with and they have always maintained it as well as not having pump stations and when they put in meters they found out that the inflow into the system has decreased tremendously.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if those meters really determined how efficient their systems are and if they are that good, they should stick with the meters.

Trustee Bailey stated that there is a lot of inflow and infiltration involved in this and the Village is going to step up and pay 60% of the cost of the trunk line and Sewer Administrator Conrad will disagree with him but he would say in the last contract it specifically states infrastructure in the Town's area is their responsibility and infrastructure in the Village is the Village's responsibility.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he does not agree with that and that is where he is wrong and what he said to him is that the contract also said that any further issues with the trunk sewer, although not defined in the contract, it said any costs due to flow increases would be done on a prorated basis, which was in the 1967 Agreement as well as the 1999 Agreement, paragraph 8.

Trustee Bailey stated that he disagrees with that point of view but he is not disagreeing that the work needs to be done and some of it in the plant is just updating and proper maintenance.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is already in progress and not in question.

Trustee Bailey interjected that it is going to be a part of the 3 million dollars.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are projects to be designed if they agree on the 3 million dollars.

Trustee Bailey stated that it is going to cost approximately 3 million dollars to get the plant where it should be and reiterated that they have to do it, there are no questions about that and the Village will also be helping with the I&I in paying their 60% and this is why they are asking for 10 years. He added that they have been doing work at the Water Plant for the last 5-6 years in phases to upgrade the plant because it needed to be done and they looked on to the future, which is what they have to do here and that is his argument here.

Councilman Burns stated that there are 2,000 residents that contribute to the sewer with 400 in the Hamlet of Coeymans and 1600 in the Village, which is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people in the Village and then asked why it is 60/40.

Trustee Bailey stated that it is because of meter readings.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was because of meter readings in the beginning but they were starting to come back out of it and reiterated that if Trustee Bailey is so sure of what's going to happen, he should stick with the meters.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Village used to pay 85% and the Town of Coeymans came to the Village of Ravena and insisted on putting in the meters, which they agreed to and Councilmen Irwin and DiAcetis were on the Sewer Committee for the Town and Trustee Wade and Mayor Bruno for the Village.

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Councilman Dolan interjected that there was a civilian as well, which was him.

Trustee Bailey stated that the meters were put in and whatever the meters read, they were going to do and it was 60/40, which was ten years ago and then they put in meters again and updated the meters for \$150,000.00.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it still said 60/40 after Oakbrook did all kinds of renovations and then asked that he explain that.

Trustee Bailey stated that the meters read 60/40 again so they are paying it ten years apart.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the meters the Village put in the first time were insufficient meters that didn't work most of the time, which he has documentation for.

Trustee Bailey stated that it was the Town's engineer and added that Tom Dolan was there.

Sewer Administrator Conrad asked Councilman Dolan if he saw the meters and if he ever looked at one to see what happened and if he knew that they were broke most of the time and added that he can bring Joey Burns in and ask him.

Trustee Bailey stated that they agreed on 60/40 both Town and Village Boards.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Sewer Board also made recommendations to the Boards.

Councilman Burns stated that was then, this in now and in reality what they have is the new meters and then asked what they are showing.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they were actually showing progress until a lightning strike took it out and they have had trouble ever since and it was coming up as 65/35.

Trustee Warner stated that it is still not at the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark.

Trustee Bailey stated that the last time they had a full year's data was approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. ago and it was 60/40 and the year before that it was 60/40 and then the meter was hit by lightning and they have had nothing but problems ever since but the last valid readings that they both agreed on was 60/40.

Councilman Burns stated that it is now 60/40 and then asked when they move ahead with the work and trunk line and if the meter changes in the Town's favor, will it change the rates.

Trustee Bailey stated the Village is putting 1 million dollars on the table for this and they want to lock in at 60/40 for ten years.

Councilman Burns stated that it is a 3 million dollar project.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that they are putting up 60% of the cost.

Trustee Bailey stated one million and a $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 million eight are within the plant and within the gates they are obligated to 60/40, whatever the project is, but the question is outside the plant with the trunk line and they are stepping up with one million dollars.

Supervisor Flach stated that from 1967 to now it has been a shared trunk line, which he found incredulous because the cost was not shared when everyone's waste goes through the same lines.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Town used to pay a yearly lump sum for the Town's sewer to go through the Village's main line and it was a flow charge that got dropped at the last contract.

Supervisor Flach interjected that the Village never paid flow-through charges from the point to the Town though.

Trustee Bailey agreed.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it was a one-way contract.

Trustee Bailey stated that it got dropped out of the contract in 2010 and specifically there is a clause in there to clarify it saying the Town's infrastructure is the Town's business and the Village's infrastructure is the Village's business, which it says very clearly and now they are modifying it and they are saying the same except for the trunk line, which they know needs work and they are willing to pay 60% of that and from then on 60% of any maintenance of the trunk line, which is a significant change in the contract.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is not just the Town's trunk line and from the first contract that was ever signed, it was a joint trunk line.

Trustee Bailey stated that the contract dropped that, they dropped the flow through payments to the Village and said they were done because they were tired of arguing about it.

Mayor Misuraca asked hypothetically if the Village does not want to step up and participate, what the long-term repercussions of that would be for the Town.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that he wanted to talk about what the long-term repercussions would be for the Village. He continued by saying that the Village has VanHoesen to deal with and they are getting other benefits out of this and the Town is not the only one benefiting here.

Mayor Misuraca stated that he is thinking about this as a big picture and they have to accomplish one goal and asked what would happen if the Town were to borrow 3 million alone.

Councilman Dolan stated that there would be no need for the Town to borrow 3 million because there would not be a need for the Town to do it all because the Village would have to do part of it and within the plant.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Town would be borrowing 2.5 million and all the work in the plant will be paid 60/40 under the present contract and the Town has to solve the problem in the Hamlet.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the work that goes on there is based on the meters every two years of being read so it could be 60/40 then it could be 75/25.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a signed contract and the Village is the one that said let's put the meters in at the point.

Councilman Dolan stated that everyone agreed to it and added that he agrees that all of the work needs to be done and then asked how many years after all the work is done, should they go back and reevaluate what is the proper share for each municipality.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Village is paying \$1 million dollars, which they don't have to do under the present contract.

Supervisor Flach asked who is going to deal with VanHoesen if the Town does not do it.

Trustee Bailey stated that they can just cap it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad asked if he read the Consent Order because it says that the Village is going to do a lot of things at VanHoesen if they are going to keep it open.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that they would cap it.

Councilman Dolan asked if they all agree to do this, how many years after it is completed, where there should not be infiltration problems and they would be allowed to build if they wanted to, would they reevaluate the Town/Village share.

Trustee Bailey stated that they would ask for ten years from when they sign they contract.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he knows that the Village starting point is ten years and then asked what would happen if there was a lot of development on Town land that produces a lot of sewer because 60/40 might not be a good deal for the Village.

Trustee Bailey stated that it may not be and they would be taking a chance.

Councilman Dolan asked if they should have a more reasonable period of time after the work is done and it is reevaluated.

Mayor Misuraca asked what would be reasonable to the Town.

Councilman Burns interjected that this benefits everyone because future expansion of building houses in the Village is almost on hold because there is no place for the sewer to go.

Trustee Bailey stated that they have been told that they have an out on that because work has been done and their I&I efforts have been documented.

Councilman Dolan stated that if they were to make big improvements and upgrade the plant, the Village may or may not get some growth out of it and maybe the Town will get some growth out of it.

Trustee Bailey stated that was absolutely true and he won't question that statement at all.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks what happened years ago is not really important unless they are going to go to court about the contract because it does not matter what the contract says and if they agree this should be done, he believes the only thing on the table, in his mind, is what is a reasonable amount of time after all the work is done and they are satisfied that the improvements have been done, they have a sewer system that is working to its capacity and they have the possibility for growth in the Village and Town.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the work has to be completed per the Consent Order by October 2016, which is two years to do this and he does not see anything majorly iconic that will happen in the two years other than if they get the meters back working, he thinks they will see that due to some of the things that they have done such as shutting off 6-7 water services that were running straight into the sewer full time for a year and contributing to some of the I&I issues, that there is improvement. He added the he does not agree with Trustee Bailey that the trunk line is going to solve any of the I&I because most of the trunk line is going to be all new going through new areas and they have already determined most of the I&I is coming from the lift stations down off Division Street that has taken in most of Main Street and First Street and they also know that there are some issues along Westerlo Street. He reiterated that he doubts that the trunk line will fix the I&I but the idea is that it is a new type system and it won't be accepting any ground water from any leaks and if you could see the cameras of what goes through the sewer, every connection from every house leaks and everyone has a footing drain, foundation drain or a floor drain tied in and all of those things are pretty much undetectable for the most part when they are doing the camera work. He went on by saying it's not worrying about the I&I so much as it is dealing with it and they have the same problem in the Village and they are well aware of it on Woodlawn, South Clement, etc. that are going into the sewer. He concluded by saying that they should let the meters determine the gallons that they use, it's every two years and all they have to do is agree to another two years to take them through 2016 and by then the project will be over and they will see what the meters say, it may be that they will still end up paying 60/40 and all they are saying is to give them a chance to work on some problems so they are not so crucially inhibited. He added that one other thing that he wanted to point out is that Trustee Bailey said that the Village paid 89% which was true for operation and maintenance but they never paid that for capital improvement.

Trustee Warner agreed and said they paid 50% of capital improvements.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they paid 20% in the first year and then when it went to 1.2 million, it was raised to 30% and then in 1974 it went to 46.2% and in 1999 when John Neri did the contract it went to 50% for capital improvements.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks it is important that they meet the schedule for compliance with DEC that they signed and then asked that Sewer Administrator Conrad explain what will happen if they don't do the work.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he checked earlier in the day because Trustee Bailey said that he hadn't heard anything about the letter that went to DEC in October 2013 and then it was updated and Mayor Bruno had copies of it, but they have not responded because unless the downstream part, aka the Town, is completed there is no way to determine what route the Village is going to be able to take and according to the Village's Consent Order, they have already complied with the study portion of it just like the Town did to deal with that issue of which the Village had some grant money to pay for some of it. He added that it goes on to talk about the VanHoesen overflow and if it's going to be eliminated it is one thing, but the only way that they can eliminate it is if the Town does the downstream work to allow the higher flows without causing further disturbance in the Town's system and if they keep VanHoesen they have to do some chlorination work and a lot of other work done but they can't eliminate it unless they are part of the project with the Town.

Councilman Burns stated that if they don't fix the pipe to make the flow to handle more water they are going to have to keep that distributor and then asked what they are going to do during a storm for overflow.

Trustee Bailey interjected that they are going to have problems as well as the other problem being that DEC has such stringent requirements on what they would have to do to have the outflow and they would be better off in a long run to pay the fines.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Consent Order says that it has to be done by 2016 and the Village proposal now is that the contract goes to 2024 and he thinks that it doesn't make sense to go up with any meter readings while they are doing all of the work so he believes the earliest you could have a meter reading that is worth anything is 2017 so sometime between 2017 and 2024 and then it doesn't matter what happened or what percentage they used.

Mayor Misuraca asked what is going to be best for the next generation of Town and Village Boards so they are not sitting there having the same debacle and this is one of his concerns because right now the position that previous Board's have gotten them in is crazy. He continued by saying that he has to have a feeling that in the event that they don't get reelected and they are not all sitting there, they can make it as simplistic as possible for the next Boards and generation of people of our community so they will not be going through this.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it would be nice if they shared everything 100% and the easiest way to do that is to let the Village annex everything that is totally within the Sewer District and then they could control it and it would be fair and equal for everyone but as long as they have the debacle between the Town and Village and no one seems to do what is fair they are going to be at this conundrum of sorts. He added that the way he sees it, is that the Village is benefiting as much as the Town is and if 2016 and reevaluating for 2017 isn't good enough he doesn't know what it and the Town can't possibly do this to their residents, they are going to be swallowed up and there will be more vacancies than necessary.

Councilman Dolan stated that simple is not necessarily the best because the Village Board is responsible to the Village taxpayers and the Town has a responsibility as a Board that oversees the Hamlet Sewer District in trying to get the best deal for the Hamlet sewer users. He continued by saying the simpler is that everyone pays the same amount, fairer is that everyone pays the same amount based on how much is used.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that to do that it means that the rates in the Hamlet go down and the rates in the Village will go up and they are supposed to do the best they can for the Village residents and they have a contract, they are willing to say that they will acknowledge from now on that they have a responsibility to that trunk line and give 1 million dollars, which according to the contract they don't have to do and added that what they are saying is that by doing that they want to lock in the 60/40 for a period of time.

Councilman Burns questioned if they would do what is legal or what is right and if they are going to stick with an old contract that someone else made up.

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Trustee Bailey stated that the contract is less than four years old.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was negotiated by a car salesman who forced Supervisor Traver into signing it and it was top secret at night with two Board Members.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it does not matter.

Councilman Burns stated that it was a mistake that was done and then asked if they are going to continue to take advantage of the mistake.

Trustee Bailey stated that it was not a mistake and everyone went into this with eyes wide open with negative votes on the Village Board and they only passed it 3 to 2.

Councilman Burns stated that they need to change it now and make it right now.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Village is willing to change it and they are saying that they will accept the line and responsibility in the future, which they don't have to do under the current contract and they are stepping up and paying 1 million dollars for work to be done and in return they want something back by locking in the rate.

Councilman Masti excused himself from the Workshop followed by Sewer Administrator Conrad.

Councilman Burns stated that they are not trying to be difficult but it is for the Town and Village residents that are trying to live here.

Trustee Warner interjected that people walking out of the Workshop was wrong and everyone can and should have their own opinion.

Supervisor Flach stated that he controls himself and they will never see him walk out of a meeting.

Mayor Misuraca stated that they are going to get through this and it is not called for and everyone needs a chance to get it all out on the table. He continued by saying that he defers to Trustee Bailey on this and thinks that like it or not they do have a contract that was signed by both parties so if they want to get technical and added that he will preface it by saying that he wants to do what is right for both and he does believe that the Village is stepping up to take care of this issue and yes they want 10 years, the Town wants 2 years and now they need to find a number that they can all live with.

Councilman Burns asked for him to see where the Town is coming from in committing for 10 years.

Councilman Dolan stated that they are saying that maybe it won't be for 10 years and added that he thinks that they need to agree where they are starting from and if they are going to commit to all the work, which will be shared 60/40 and then the question is for how long, the Town feels as though 10 years is too long but the Village should have some consideration because they are stepping up. He added that there are practical reasons why 10 years is too much and as he has said there is potential for growth and then asked once they do the work and it stays 60/40 for ten years, what happens after that and if it will stay 60/40.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Village is buying into the trunk line and once defined, any work done on the trunk line in the future the Village will share the cost, whatever the breakdown is percentage wise and it will be until the next time that they negotiate the contract. He added that 20 years from now when they have to replace that whole line and they are still operating under the contract, they bought into whatever percentage they are paying for that line.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he agrees to a certain point that they are buying in but he thinks that the one thing that drives him crazy is, the Village can't get rid of their sewer without the trunk line, they have no place to go, they share the line, which is a fact of the matter.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks that because they are agreeing to do this it solidifies that thought and as Trustee Bailey stated and made a strong point it is not in the contract so this eliminates any doubt and brings some stability to the contract and the way things are shared. He added that it probably has not been fair from the Hamlet's perspective over the last 50 years but it is the way that it is and they can't undo the past or make up for what happened in the past through this contract and now they need to do a fair contract from the Town's perspective for the Hamlet and Village residents are Town residents as well.

Mayor Misuraca stated that what he is saying is that if they sign the contract all over again, in essence they are not getting further.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thinks the opposite and he is saying that some of the things that Supervisor Flach was saying was unfair in the contract over a long period of time and they can find in previous contracts where they think it says it and Trustee Bailey argues vehemently that it is not but the current contract will remove all doubt about it and be as clear as a bell.

Supervisor Flach stated that he agrees with that and he is saying that they did share it but they didn't share the contract and he doesn't get it and they need a contract that everyone can be happy with and that is how bargaining works.

Trustee Bailey stated that they want to talk trunk line but the line going up through Main Street, Mountain Road and through the Hamlet takes sewage from the Coeymans Sewer District and flows in, which is as much as a trunk line as this is. He added that for the last contract, they fought and fought the transmission and that's why they dropped it and in paragraph 5 it states very specifically that the Village infrastructure is the responsibility and the Town's infrastructure is the responsibility of the Town and now they find out that they need to do a lot of work and here they are again. He continued by saying that any work on Main Street, Mountain Road and where it runs through the plaza, where the Town has its sewer traveling through the Village lines, they are not saying that the Town has to buy into it and they are absorbing all the cost themselves.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the Town used to pay a transmission charge for their sewage to go through that line and Supervisor Flach made a point earlier about the Village traveling through Town lines and not paying a transmission fee, but that is over.

Supervisor Flach interjected that for the last however many years, the Town basically paid a transmission fee but the Village never paid it and he brings that up to say that it was not fair.

Councilman Dolan asked if there is a number of years that they can agree on.

Trustee Warner asked that they throw out a number.

Councilman Dolan stated that common sense to him would be that if one number is 3 and the other is 10, they would divide it in half but he does not know if Supervisor Flach or Mayor Misuraca would be happy with that.

Councilman Burns asked for clarification.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is saying that instead of 10 years they can do 5 or 6 years because three of the years are going to be eaten up by the work and there won't be a meter reading for a year.

Trustee Warner interjected that it would start in 2016.

Supervisor Flach stated that he knows the Village has the Town over a barrel and he does not want that to be and he wants those of them in the room to figure it out and be good with it.

Trustee Bailey interjected that the last two Village Boards told him that he leans over backwards for the Town.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he has suffered public ridicule for that, which he didn't think was right and he would have to say in all fairness that he does not think that the Village is holding them over a barrel and that they are really to come up with a good deal.

Supervisor Flach interjected that what he meant is that the Town really doesn't have a choice, this has to be done and they can't do it without the Village.

Trustee Bailey stated they are coming in from a strong position and what he is saying is that they are signing on for some of the cost and they are coming up with 1 million dollars.

Councilman Burns stated that it is great that they are doing it and he agrees that they don't have to do it but they are because it is the right thing to do and then asked if there is a way that they can lock this in concrete so that the future Boards won't have to go through what they are going through right now.

Trustee Warner asked what would happen if the future Boards say that they don't like it and want to change it and added that there is no guarantee.

Trustee Bailey stated that one of the problems with why they are in this situation is that there are Democrat and Republican who puts running the Sewer Plant on the Chief Operator and they didn't want to face the people in the Coeymans' Sewer District when they had to raise rates so they did everything that they could possibly do to push aside maintenance. He added that Sewer Administrator Conrad is the best thing that ever happened to the Sewer Plant and without him they would be really be in trouble.

Supervisor Flach stated that it hasn't been him because he has done things and has raised the rates more than any Supervisor in the past but they have to do it.

Trustee Bailey stated that the first time they read meters, he stood up at a Town Board Meeting when they were doing the rates and study because they lowered the rates that year, the split was 85/15 at that time and it was going to 60/40 and he asked them how they could do it, but they did it and it's not the Village's fault.

Trustee Warner interjected that it was a mistake.

Mayor Misuraca asked about going 6 years from the completion of the project.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be 8 years all together.

Mayor Misuraca stated that the work will be done in 2016, which would make it 2022 instead of 2024 and added that this is the Village's counter offer and then asked if the Town could live with it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would have to think about it.

Councilman Burns stated that he would think that three years after the completion would be more reasonable.

Mayor Misuraca stated that the Town be talking 2019 and the Village is at 2022.

Councilman Burns stated that by then they would really know what was going on.

Trustee Bailey asked about 2020 and added that he was just throwing it out there.

Trustee Warner stated that the project will start in 2016 because they are going to let it go as is for now.

Mayor Misuraca stated he could live with 5 years after completion and they would have to take a vote.

Supervisor Flach asked if it was 2020.

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Mayor Misuraca stated that it would be 2021, 5 years after the completion and then asked that they think about it.

Trustee Bailey stated over the last year they will read the meter and by that time they will figure it out.

Village Highway Foreman Traver stated that they would have to get the meter fixed.

Councilman Burns stated that the sad part of all this is that when Callanan put the sewer line through, his father was the Foreman for the Village of Ravena and Doc Marcelle shut the job down and called Mayor Baile, his father and Board Members and told them that the Town is never going to get any smaller and suggested that they put in a 24 inch sewer line while it was dug up and all they had to do was pay for the pipe and the Village said no and that they were going to proceed with the architect had planned.

Trustee Bailey stated that it was all Town expenses and he doesn't think that the Village said no and the infrastructure for that section was all Town expense.

Councilman Burns stated that it was proposed and it would have been done for nothing and they only had to buy the bigger pipe.

Mayor Misuraca asked the Town Board if they were going to sleep on it.

Supervisor Flach stated that they would.

Trustee Warner stated that she knows how Councilman Masti thinks and added that he is a vote.

Trustee Bailey interjected that he didn't know why he got up and left.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was probably tired.

Mayor Misuraca stated that it was probably because part of the company that was sitting there started getting up and leaving.

Supervisor Flach stated that he didn't know about that and he was happy that they left.

Trustee Warner stated that she didn't know why they were there but she wouldn't put it past them to report it.

Mayor Misuraca stated that he wanted to make it clear to Mr. Rowzee that he saw Mr. Polyak in his ear constantly and just so he knows, at a Workshop Meeting the public is not allowed to speak so he has to disregard everything that he said and then asked that he not print anything that he said.

Trustee Warner stated that if he wants to talk to him on his own time that is fine.

Trustee Bailey stated that Sewer Administrator Conrad talks about all one district, all equal or giving it to the Village or annexation and added that in going through it, annexation can't happen unless it is self-initiated by the people that own the property, which is not a viable option. He continued by saying that the Village does not want the Sewer Plant because they would operate the plant and charge the Town and the Town would still have to raise rents, which will not save them any grief on this because they are still going to have to pay their share and the Village would not be able to do anything in the Sewer District and as far as all one sewer, maybe they should have thought of that in 1967 but right now it would mean that the Village rates would have to go up in the Village of Ravena and people would question what has changed in the Village to cause the sewer rates to go up and this way he does not have a problem telling them that they are doing improvements to the plant.

Councilman Burns interjected that he is not a money manager but with the water and sewer rates he does not understand why they don't increase a little bit every year because prices such as fuel are going up and everything costs more.

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Trustee Bailey stated that to do a sewer rate it takes over a year time span, first you have to set the rate, notify of the bill six-months before that the rate is being considered and you have to have a Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the way that the Town comes up with sewer rates is that they take all of their expenses and divide it by the number of units and they don't/should not charge more than they have to and there was one year that they had to raise it mid-year.

Councilman Burns asked if they do the 2,000 units by how much it costs to run the plant or just the 400 from the Hamlet.

Councilman Dolan stated that they just do the Hamlet.

Trustee Bailey stated that Sewer Administrator Conrad does the budget for the sewer and he lays out what he is going to do in capital expenses that they share but there are also expenses that they don't share so he has to figure out Town only and Village only and then shared.

Councilman Dolan stated that if the Town's sewer guys do work on Town District only projects, the Village does not pay for any part of that and there is a separate line for that.

Trustee Bailey stated that when they say the Hamlet they are also talking about 9W north and south and it is all one district.

Councilman Burns stated that the Town manages all their own lines out there and then asked if they pay the same.

Councilman Dolan stated that they pay the same as the Hamlet does because it is one district.

Trustee Bailey stated that they figured the sewer cost at approximately \$250,000.00 so the Village pays around \$21,000.00 a month and at the end of the year they see exactly what has been spent and if their share is more than \$250,000.00 they owe the Town money, if it is less the Town owes the Village money and it comes off their next bill.

Councilman Burns asked what the Village residents pay for sewer.

Trustee Bailey stated that they pay \$225.00.

Trustee Warner stated that Councilman Burns questioned why they didn't raise it a little bit each billing and added that not only did they not do that, they lowered them and you can't fix what has happened.

Highway Foreman Traver stated that it was lowered quite a bit.

Trustee Warner interjected that it was the dumbest move that they ever made but it's done.

Trustee Bailey stated that he pushed a raise to \$225.00 and added that you can't do it in little increments because it is such a complicated thing to do and if you check others with Sewer Districts, it's dirt cheap and is considered by DEC to be dirt cheap so they don't feel when they go for grants that they are in financial pain at all.

Councilman Dolan interjected that Watervliet pays \$1,000.00 a year for their sewer.

Trustee Bailey interjected that people don't realize that their water is dirt cheap.

Trustee Warner stated that you would not know that from listening to people because they complain all the time.

Trustee Bailey stated that the people were ready to lynch him.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not know why the Village does not have to state their rates every year.

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Trustee Warner stated that they would if they changed.

Trustee Bailey stated that he believes it's because they put it in their Capital Reserves or unfunded balance and when they are told what the cost is and are billed, they have enough to absorb it.

Councilman Dolan stated that even if the Town's rates don't change, they still have to go through the process.

Councilman Burns stated that on a good note, the management, John Kerr at the Sewer Plant is amazing.

Trustee Bailey stated that he and Sewer Administrator Conrad are in total agreement about what is going on with the sewer and when they did the contracts he did get on his nerves but he is the best thing that has happened to that Sewer District.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is going to sleep on 2021 and asked that the Village sleeps on 2020.

Trustee Bailey stated that when they get to the point where they are going to agree, it's the time that they should get an attorney to make the contract because he does not want to spend money back and forth while they discuss what it should be.

Supervisor Flach agreed.

Trustee Bailey stated that when they agree on what is in it, him and Sewer Administrator Conrad will outline it and then have an attorney put it in legalese but only at the last point.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have done that since he has been in office and it makes sense not to pay someone while they are going back and forth.

Mayor Misuraca asked when they will have the next meeting and asked that they agree to disagree so they can get it over with and not meet again.

Trustee Warner stated that they can't because they don't agree and they can't make any decisions at a Workshop.

Trustee Bailey interjected that they can come up with a consensus but they can't do any formal votes and added that the last contract that they are now under there was a 3-2 vote and the Mayor didn't even sign the contract.

Councilman Dolan stated that Supervisor Flach made a good point from the Town's side that they should discuss it even if it was a 3-2 vote.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to have a consensus from the Village and since he has been in office he has reached out to the Village and they have been able to talk as reasonable adults and he wasn't concerned that Councilman Masti walked out.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that he worked all night and he was tired and saw that they were not getting anywhere.

Trustee Bailey stated that he wanted to know whether or not they are going to do it all.

Councilman Dolan stated that they absolutely are going to do it all.

Supervisor Flach agreed.

Trustee Bailey stated that some of it might alleviate a temporary problem and if they are going to do it, he wants them to do it all.

Councilman Burns interjected that for future expansion it would be dumb not to do it all.

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Councilman Dolan asked what if they were to agree to 60/40 for the trunk line and stay at that.

Trustee Bailey stated it would be a headache to do different rates and asked that they stick to one percentage for everything, both in and out of the plant.

Collectively they agreed that the meeting was a pleasure and went well.

Councilman Dolan asked if it would be alright to authorize Town Clerk Millious to put the sludge removal out to bid so they won't have to have a special meeting.

Collectively they agreed that they could because it is a public meeting.

Supervisor Flach apologized to the Village Board that it was Town business and continued by offering a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise the bid for sludge removal from the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Langdon) – SO MOVED

Trustee Bailey asked if they were trying to get someone other than Blue Diamond.

Supervisor Flach stated that the contract has been up and they have been trying to charge for fuel, which is not in the contract, and the contract has been up since 2011 and in talking to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, they have to put it out to bid. He added that he would have called Blue Diamond and agreed to a new contract as long as they take off the fuel charge but it has to be put out to bid.

Trustee Bailey asked if there is anyone to compete with them.

Supervisor Flach stated that the last time they got a couple bids.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that if the meeting was over, someone would have to offer a motion to end the meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that he also wanted to do a Town Board resolution to appoint an additional Recreational Assistant for the Food for Thought Summer Youth Program.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Langdon) – SO MOVED

RES. #127-14 APPOINT FOOD FOR THOUGHT RECREATIONAL ASSISTANT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED - VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Langdon) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the summer Food for Thought Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individual as a part-time Recreational Assistant for the Food for Thought Summer Youth Program:

Austin Filkins

The appointment is effective July 7th to August 10, 2014 and will be at the hourly wage of \$8.00.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mayor Misuraca, seconded by Trustee Warner, the Joint Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 10 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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Time – 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted, **APPROVED – AS READ 07-28-14**

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
June 26, 2014 – Bid Opening – 1:00pm

A Bid Opening was held Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 1:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Nancy J. Pike, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

The following Legal Notice appeared in the News Herald:

TOWN OF COEYMANS
NOTICE TO BIDDER
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, hereby invites sealed bids for:

One (1) 2015 Ford F-350 XL Regular Cab 4x4 DRW 141” WB (Oxford White)

All prospective bidders may call the Highway Superintendent at (518) 756-2251 between the hours of 7:00am – 3:30pm regarding this bid. Bid packages can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8:30am – 4:40pm.

Bids will be received at the Town Clerk’s Office, Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY 12143 up to 1:00pm on Thursday, June 26, 2014, and read aloud on that same day at 1:00pm.

Non-Collusive Bidding Forms must be submitted with all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids.

The bidder is responsible for compliance with all Federal and State Laws and guidelines for the bidding process.

By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk

BID OPENING

Town Clerk Millious opened the bids and read them aloud as follows:

BIDDER

Crossroads Ford 2351 Rte. 9W Ravena, NY 12143	\$46,234.00
Metro Ford Sales 3601 State St Schenectady, NY 12304	\$44,293.00
R.C. Lacy Inc. 25 Maple Avenue Catskill, NY 12414	\$43,800.00

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Orange Motor Co.,Inc. \$44,319.00
799 Central Ave.
Albany NY 12206

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane Millious, Town Clerk

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July 15, 2014 – Town Board Workshop – 6:00pm

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
John Kerr, Chief Operator – WWTP
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town (arrived late for Exec. Session)

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board

AGENDA

- Presentation – Demand Response Partners
- Name Change for Private Road
- Student Resource Officer Agreement
- Bid on Highway Truck
- Highway Roof
- Document Destruction
- Employee Health Insurance
- Executive Session – Personnel Matter

DISCUSSIONS

Presentation – Demand Response Partners

Supervisor Flach stated that Tom Gervis was present to give the Town Board a presentation on Demand Response Partners and invited him to address the Board.

Mr. Tom Gervis continued by giving the presentation with key points as follows:

- He has previously worked with the Town of Coxsackie, specifically at the Sewer Treatment Plant.
- Demand Response Partners is what they refer to as a Responsible Interface Party, which is offered by the New York Independent System (NYISO), the grid operator in New York State.

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- They are tasked with enrolling facilities that could be on stand-by to shut their electric load in the event of a grid emergency.
- Sewer Treatment Plants are really good candidates because their load shape is basically flat across the day and typically they have a back-up generator that can be used to shed the electric load.
- They are enrolling Sewer Treatment Plants to be in stand-by in the event of a grid emergency to use the back-up generator to run the facility for a period of time.
- Grid emergencies are typically in the afternoon, Monday through Friday and last anywhere from 4-6 hours and over the past six years there have been a total of 8 hours of participation required in the program for the whole year.
- Last year July 18 & 19 were dispatch events with an oddball event on January 7th due to the cold and facilities were asked to rely on a back-up generator because the grid was in such an emergency situation.
- The goal of the program from the grid operator's standpoint is to make sure the overall grid is balanced, which can be done by increasing generation or decreasing demand and they operate on the decreasing demand side.
- A benefit overall in New York State is that it reduces the need for more power plants and for the Town the benefit is that they would be compensated for enrolling in the program as a stand-by resource and during events will be compensated based on how much KW they reduce during the actual events.
- If there is an event, there is a 21 hour notice and the WWTP would be called saying that there is potential for a dispatch and they would be asked to remain on stand-by to shed their load.
- On the actual day of the event there is a 2 hour notice when they will be asked to rely on their back-up generator.
- They have a system called Cold Red in which they take all the necessary parties e-mail addresses, cell phone numbers, and facility phone numbers so they can make sure they get the message out.
- They work with Coxsackie, Ithaca, Canandaigua, Washington County, Fredonia, Olean, Niagara Falls, City of Tonawanda, Amsterdam, Auburn and many other already enrolled in the program, historically they have been great performers.
- The program is really reliable from the grid operator's standpoint in those grid emergency situations to be able to decrease the demand.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board, Chief Operator Kerr and Mr. Gervis relative to expense to run a generator and the type of fuel, compensation for participation and events, how the Town's baseline is figured, forms necessary authorizing pulling usage data from current utility company, meters to log data, market projection, coverage necessary at the plant during an event, notifying the Town of events ahead of time, possibly converting to solar, how the money flow works with payments to the Town, how long the Town would have to commit to a contract, and the next step for joining the program.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will let them check it out and then decide whether or not they want to sign a contract at some point after that and then asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he thinks that they should look into it.

Councilman Langdon asked if they needed to do a motion or resolution.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks that they would just need a motion but before that he wanted to know how everyone feels about it.

Councilman Burns stated that if it is going to save them money or make money, he would say to go for it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to check with the Attorney for the Town.

Councilman Langdon stated that he would be interested in seeing what the projections are.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they will check with the Attorney for the Town and get back to him and it sounds like it can save them money and make them some money.

Mr. Gervis stated that they will be turning their Waste Water Treatment Plant into a revenue generating asset while helping out New York State.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other questions, hearing none he thanked Mr. Gervis.

Mr. Gervis thanked the Town Board for their time and added that he can be reached by phone or e-mail.

Name Change for Private Road

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a request to change the name of a portion of Riverview Drive, which will be considered a private road.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it will be from where the fence is now by the church up to the Industrial Park and added that the Town maintains from Rte. 144 to the fence, just past the church.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to the need for a name change for 911 purposes, the resolution specifically describing what portion of the road, no change in the Town's portion of the road, possible GPS confusion without a change.

RES. #127-14 AUTHORIZE NAME CHANGE FOR PART OF RIVERVIEW DRIVE

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, a formal request was made to change the name of a specific section of roadway in the Town of Coeymans, and

WHEREAS, with the construction of a bridge to the Port of Coeymans, this section of roadway is to be considered a private road, and

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Industrial Park has requested to change the name of a certain portion of Riverview Drive to Coeymans Industrial Park Lane, and

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Industrial Park will move forward in obtaining 911 addresses for the business situated on that portion of the private roadway,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the name change of that portion of Riverview Drive to Coeymans Industrial Park Lane.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would suggest that they attach the specific description to the resolution.

Supervisor Flach added to the last paragraph "as described in the attached description".

Student Resource Officer Agreement

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a new Intermunicipal Agreement between R-C-S Central School and the Town of Coeymans for a School Resource Officer in which both the Town and School District share the cost and the Town gets the escrow in the summer when school is not in session and it is the same agreement as the last one. He added that Chief Darlington was working on getting another SRO but it has nothing to do with this resolution at this point, although it does say 1 or 2 if they decide to hire another one in the future.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to the resolution also being for shared service and whether or not there have been any to date.

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RES. #128-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH R-C-S CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans and the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District have facilities, activities, and undertakings which may be available for the other's use when they are not need for Town or School District purposes, and

WHEREAS, Article 5G of the General Municipal Law specifically authorizes and encourages municipal corporations to enter into agreement with each other in order to provide cooperatively, jointly or by contract any facility, service, activity or undertaking which each participating municipal corporation has the power to provide separately, and

WHEREAS, the respective governing boards of the Town of Coeymans and the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District have determined that it is in their mutual best interests to enter into an agreement for the placement of one or more School Resource Officers (SRO) in the School Districts High/Middle School,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District for SRO. (Agreement attached).

Highway Truck Bid

Supervisor Flach asked that Highway Superintendent Searles discuss the Highway truck bid.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they sold the small pick-up dump truck by putting it out to auction and in turn he was seeking a replacement, which was put out to bid for a 2015 Ford F-350 4X4 with a plow and sander and they had a bid opening and he would like the Town Board to award the bid to the lowest bidder. He continued by giving the bid results as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
• R.C. Lacey Ford	\$43,800.00
• Metro Ford	\$44,293.00
• Orange Ford	\$44,319.00
• Crossroads	\$46,234.00

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that R.C. Lacey is the lowest bidder and added that they put it out to bid because it is usually cheaper than State bid.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to what they received for the auctioned truck, the budget, a plan for trading in vehicles, warranty on the new truck and awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to accept the bid.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, R.C. Lacey in the amount of \$43,800.00.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Highway Roof

Supervisor Flach asked that Highway Superintendent Searles discuss the Highway roof.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that in the budget there is money for a roof for the Highway Garage and Councilman Burns went out and he showed him the roof. He added that because of the Department of Labor you have to send in for the prevailing wage, which he has

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and he is now asking for the Board's permission to put out to bid because it has holes and shingles flying off with every storm.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion to put it out to bid.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for replacing the roof on the Highway Garage.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Discussion ensued regarding what is in the budget, purchasing the metal and doing it themselves and if it would be an insurance issue.

Gazebo Roof (not on agenda)

Supervisor Flach stated that they put the gazebo roof out to bid last year and they tabled it for the time being and added that he 99.9% sure that they need to get bids again and then asked Councilman Dolan to describe the condition since he lives across the street from it.

Councilman Dolan stated that the southwest side is particularly bad.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion to put it out to bid.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan authorizing bids for replacing the gazebo roof.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that they would look at the bids from last year for dimensions.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they can't forget about prevailing wages.

Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Money (not on agenda)

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he has the Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Money, which needs to be signed by the Town Board. He continued by going over the list of roads that he is proposing to work on, which included road name and miles, amount for each road, type of repair and total cost, renting equipment and doing the work themselves with a test run in the Hamlet, and prices from other companies.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion authorizing the expenditure of highway money.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, authorizing the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Money.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked that each Board Member sign the Agreement.

Document Destruction

Councilman Langdon stated that he does not know if there is enough interest in document destruction or not and at a previous meeting someone had come forth and asked if the Town would be willing to do some kind of a document destruction drop-off place and he happens to know someone that has a small business doing that. He continued by saying that he asked about prices and was informed that a larger canister runs approximately \$52.00 a month, which they would empty for four weeks and a smaller canister would be a \$10.00 savings and he also was informed that they would not lock the Town into a long-term contract and he could have them come in for a presentation if the Town were interested in doing something like that.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she has the records room for retention and destruction but she has to have 50 boxes or more for destruction and she uses a company called 3N and she found that you can't run that much through a shredder.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost, confidentiality, how much might be accumulated over a month's time.

Councilman Langdon stated that he will have the vendor contact her directly.

Employee Health Insurance

Supervisor Flach stated that the contract for employee health insurance is up as of 09-01-14 and they have to make a decision on health care coverage.

Discussion ensued regarding the current plan, comparable plans, plans now available, prices for plans with higher deductibles, copays, the Town covering the deductible and paying 80%, savings for employer and employee.

Supervisor Flach stated that Monday, July 21st there will be a meeting for the employees to meet with Kool Agency to discuss the proposed health plans.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that on Monday, July 21st they will be dedicating the bench at the Highway Garage Memorial Garden to Albert Deering and added that everyone is invited.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Workshop with the full Town Board and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no action was taken or decisions made. Executive Session ended at 9:00pm.

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 9:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
July 24, 2014 – Bid Opening - 2:00pm

A Bid Opening was held Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 2:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Cindy Vatalaro, Deputy Town Clerk
Nancy J. Pike, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Stanley Jasinski, Blue Diamond

The following Legal Notice appeared in the News Herald:

TOWN OF COEYMANS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, NY, hereby invites sealed bids for transporting sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 67 Sewer Plant Access Road in Coeymans, NY to Albany County’s Sewer District in the Port of Albany. Prospective bidders must supply own tanker truck.

Bid packets and specifications can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY and sealed bids will be received at the Town Clerk’s Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY up to 2:00pm on the 24th day of July, 2014. Bids will publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00pm on the 24th day of July, 2014.

Non-collusive bidding forms are to be submitted with all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any and all bids.

By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk

BID OPENING

Town Clerk Millious opened the bids and read them aloud as follows:

BIDDER

Blue Diamond Septic	\$.0462 Per gallon of sludge to Albany South Plant
357 South Albany Road	Primary Dump Site
Selkirk, NY 12158	\$.0448 per gallon of sludge to Albany North Plant
	Secondary Dump Site

*2-7000 gallon trucks, 1-5000 gallon truck

FULE SURCHARGE TO BE ADDED AT \$4.00 PER GALLON RATE BID BASED ON ALL LOADS TO ALBANY COUNTY WWTP SPECIFICATIONS

*Blue Diamond Septic didn’t include Non-Collusive bidding forms

Stone Industries, LLC	\$0.275 per 1000 Gallons
4305 Route 50	
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	

The bid opening concluded at 2:05pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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July 28, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday July 28, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Peter E. Masti, Deputy Supervisor, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

Deputy Supervisor Masti opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes of Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, June 17, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, June 23, 201
 - Joint Town Board/Village Board Workshop, June 24, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop, July 15, 2014
- Supervisors Report – June 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Town Clerk, June 2014
 - Sewer, June 2014
- Resolutions
 - Accept Resignation of Assessor
 - Appoint Assessor
 - Authorize Budget Amendment
 - Approve Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting – August 4, 2014, 7:00 pm
 - Town Board Workshop – August 19, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting – August 25, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting – August 26, 2014

OPENING COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board with the exception of Supervisor of Flach who was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that here were four sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on June 17th, a Town Board Meeting on June 23rd, a Joint Town/Village

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Board Meeting on June 24th and a Town Board Workshop on July 15th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

June 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$609,972.18	\$ 51,339.10	\$327,679.13	\$333,632.15
PART-TOWN	\$321,775.77	\$ 639.25	\$ 16,463.36	\$305,951.66
HIGHWAY	\$ 96,989.80	\$104,163.04	\$ 79,146.75	\$122,006.09
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,052.47	\$ 16.67	-0-	\$ 29,069.14
SEWER	\$ 57,935.41	\$ 85,031.09	\$ 23,610.82	\$119,355.68
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 36,137.12	\$ 1.46	-0-	\$ 36,138.58
POLICE FORF.	\$ 22,397.03	\$ 638.41	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 21,760.44
TRUST & AGCY	\$ 13,340.08	\$251,575.62	\$250,913.76	\$ 14,001.94
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$547,567.75	\$ 102.42	\$ 55,203.18	\$492,467.04
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 13,563.44	\$ 42,962.44	\$ 43,739.58	\$ 12,786.30
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,487,169.02

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.31
Grove Cem.	\$40,937.82
C.H. Cem.	\$13,429.32
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.24
Total	\$55,070.69

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED
COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$1,941,167.14
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,104,301.00

Deputy Supervisor Masti offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – June 2014

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked Town Clerk Millious to give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

Sewer Department – June 2014

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Masti offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

Police Department

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that Chief Darlington was on vacation and a report was not available.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #130-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ASSESSOR

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

WHEREAS, Laura J. VanValkenburg has submitted her letter of resignation as the Town of Coeymans Sole Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans would like to thank Ms. VanValkenburg for her years of service to the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Laura J. VanValkenburg as Sole Assessor be accepted effective September 30, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Ms. VanValkenburg the best in her future endeavors.

Councilman Masti stated that the Board thanks her for her years of service to the Town.

Letter of Resignation

To Supervisor and Board Members,

Approximately one year ago, I was unanimously reappointed to a new six-year term as Sole Assessor by the Town Board. I believe this reappointment was based on the value of my

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previous seven years of professional services to the Town, including administration of a Re-valuation Project. The model under which I was hired and we have always operated included a part-time Assessor, several part-time data collectors and a part-time clerk, which has adequately served the needs of the Town of Coeymans throughout those years.

Over the last several months, I have noticed a significant deterioration in our work relationship. We have had several uncomfortable conversations. Ultimately, at my request, I have been given a list of your concerns. I believe many of these concerns are unjustified and driven by an incomplete understating of your part on assessment practices and Real Property Tax Law. I do regret that I was not given the opportunity to work through these concerns with you as they were developing.

I can see that you and the Town Board would like to move the Assessor's Office in a different direction. I do not wish to fulfill my term under these current conditions. Therefore, I am resigning from my position as Sole Assessor for the Town of Coeymans, effective September 30, 2014. In the interim, I will continue to serve the needs of the public while the Town seeks a replacement and to prepare my office for the transition.

Laura VanValkenburg

RES. #131-14 APPOINT ASSESSOR

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was TABLED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Sole Assessor has resigned and the Town Board is desirous of appointing an Assessor to fulfill the term left by Laura VanValkenburg, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that Dawn M. DeRose is a qualified candidate to fill this position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Dawn M. DeRose to fulfill the term as the Town of Coeymans Assessor to expire September 30, 2019. This appointment shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

Councilman Dolan asked if there is a requirement or if it would be wise to advertise for the position.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that she has been working with Laura, is certified as an Assessor and in knowing her work, he would feel comfortable with the appointment and added that he does not know if there is a regulation or requirement to advertise for the position.

Councilman Dolan stated that whether she is the person or not does not address the question of whether they are required to advertise for the position.

Deputy Supervisor Masti reiterated that he does not know if they are required or not and then asked Town Clerk Millious if she knew and added that it is an appointed position not a hired position.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she has seen things not advertised and she spoke with the Supervisor about it and he felt as though they could do it and it is something that has happened before. She continued by saying that they could check with the Association of Towns or the Attorney for the Town.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there is precedence and it has happened in the past.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he is not questioning her personally or that she is the person to do the job but he just wants to make sure that it is done in the right way.

Town Clerk Millious asked if they were going to vote on it or table it.

Discussion ensued and collectively they decided to table it.

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Town Clerk Millious asked if they wanted her to advertise for the position if necessary.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that she should if it is required.

Councilman Masti stated that Dawn works part-time now so there is someone responsible in the office and added that he does not want the office to be unattended.

RES. #132-14 AMEND 2014 ADOPTED BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has passed a resolution to merge Community Beatification Department with the Highway Department at a Town Board Meeting on May 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, funding for said departments need to be placed in their proper accounts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the amendment to the 2014 Adopted Budget as follows:

Decrease A8510.1 Community Beautification – Personal Services	\$27,184.00
Increase A5010.1 Highway Administrative – Personal Services	\$27,184.00
Decrease A8510.4 Community Beautification – Contractual	\$ 8,829.79
Increase A5132.4 Highway Garage – Contractual	\$ 8,829.79
Decrease A8510 Community Beautification – Personal Services	\$46,977.19
Decrease A9030.8 Employee Benefits – Social Security	\$ 3,593.75
Decrease A9040.8 Employee Benefits – Workers Comp.	\$ 2,587.00
Decrease A9045.8 Employee Benefits – Life Insurance	\$ 1,218.00
Decrease A9055.8 Employee Benefits – Disability	\$ 98.99
Decrease A9060.8 Employee Benefits – Health Insurance	\$14,140.56
Decrease A9070.8 Employee Benefits – Dental Insurance	\$ 1,097.88
Increase A9901DB Transfer to Highway Fund	\$69,713.37
Increase DB5031 Transfer in from General Fund	\$69,713.37
Increase DB5110.1 General Repairs – Personal Services	\$34,941.60
Increase DB5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Services	\$12,035.59
Increase DB9030.8 Employee Benefits – Social Security	\$ 3,593.75
Increase DB9040.8 Employee Benefits – Workers Comp.	\$ 2,587.00
Increase DB9045.8 Employee Benefits – Life Insurance	\$ 1,218.00
Increase DB9055.8 Employee Benefits – Disability	\$ 98.99
Increase DB9060.8 Employee Benefits – Health Insurance	\$ 14,140.56
Increase DB9070.8 Employee Benefits – Dental Insurance	\$ 1,097.88

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Deputy Supervisor Masti asked Highway Superintendent Searles if the amended budget completely absorbs the Beautification Department.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it does.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that they no longer have a Beautification Department and added that it is a subsidiary of the Highway Department.

Councilman Burns stated that when they hired a mechanic, they took the money that they were going to use for summer help for Nelson and put it toward the mechanic.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was not aware of that and added that it was his summer and winter help.

Councilman Burns stated that he was just wondering because it seems like he needs a couple extra people to give him a hand and he had asked if he can get another full-time person working with him.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked what he meant by full-time.

Councilman Burns stated that he meant for the summer, seasonal help but someone there full-time.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he can check to see if it was in their budget but as far as he’s aware he does not think that there was a seasonal position in their budget.

Councilman Burns interjected that he is losing one to become a Police Officer.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they don’t know that yet.

Councilman Burns stated that he has taken a lot of the summer help from him for the Hannacroix Creek Project and Nelson told him that if he needs them he should keep them.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he has sent some of the Highway guys down to help.

Councilman Burns stated that Nelson had mentioned that some came and helped him and then asked if things are under control.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they are.

RES. #133-14 APPROVE JULY ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the July 2014, Abstract.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1351-1400	\$187,196.52
General	1443-1469,1471-1486	\$ 23,095.82
	General Total	\$210,292.34
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1401	\$ 260.98
Police Forfeiture	1487-1489	\$ 1,547.49
	Police Fort. Total	\$ 1808.47

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PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1402-1412	\$ 14,835.09
Part-Town	1470,1490-1491	\$ 500.64
	Part Town Total	\$ 15,335.73
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1413-1422	\$ 55,467.81
Highway	1492-1513	\$ 9,266.12
	Highway Total	\$ 64,733.93
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1423-1436	\$ 19,386.58
Sewer	1514-1529	\$ 9,775.58
	Sewer Total	\$ 29,162.16
	Total for all Funds	\$321,332.63
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1437-1442	\$249,719.98
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$249,719.98

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, August 4, 2104, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, August 19, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, August 25, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, August 26, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked Highway Superintendent Searles how the paving is going.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they are putting pipes in a ditch on Powell and they will pave when that is done, which he anticipates to be the end of August.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it was a nice evening at the gazebo with the Crystal Image band playing in memory of Wayne VanKempen a fellow band member who also worked with the Police Department and added that there was a nice turn-out, it was from 7-10:00pm, it was a nice crowd and she wanted to thank them for doing it. She continued by saying that last year they took up a collection and planted a tree in memory of Wayne and this year they are talking about having a bench put there in remembrance as well. She concluded by saying that on August 14th at 2:00pm there will be a bid opening for replacing the gazebo roof, which the Board authorized her to advertise and added that she sent out several bid packages.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked how the dedication of the bench at the Highway Memorial Garden for past Highway Supervisor Deering went.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it went very well, it was well attended and Albert was very happy to be honored.

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Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that unfortunately he could not attend because he was in need of sleep having worked all night.

Town Clerk Millious stated that Joan Radley put it together, there were refreshments provided and added that the garden is beautiful and she has done a nice job taking care of it.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to mention that Thursday will be the fifth Evening on the Green from 6-8pm and this week Rakish Paddy, his favorite band that plays Celtic music all over the country will be there.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he was out to the Highway Department last week and it is immaculate for such an old building in need of upgrading as well as hearing about some things that the Police are working on and added that there are some really talented people with the Town. He continued by saying that the kids from the Summer Youth Program that have been working on the Hannacroix Creek Project really need to be commended for working their tails off in a muddy, dirty, buggy, messy job and they didn't flounder a bit and when he told them to sit down and take a break they kept working and they did an awesome job. He went on by saying that as far as the Sewer Department, it goes without saying that the guys are phenomenal, they work well together and the place looks great.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that there was a good meeting with the employees going over some of the Health Insurance options and added that he wanted to clarify that he made an error in his explanation of some of it and he was thinking of the savings that they had calculated forgetting the fact that the employee's only see 20% of that so they are crunching the numbers and they are trying to come up with a plan that works well for the employees.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan seconded by Deputy Supervisor Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

Time – 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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August 14, 2014 – Bid Opening – 2:00pm

A Bid Opening was held Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 2:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Cindy Vatalaro, First Deputy Clerk
Nancy J. Pike, Clerk

The following Legal Notice appeared in the News Herald and was mailed to several contractors.

**TOWN OF COEYMANS
NOTICE TO BIDDER
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, hereby invites sealed bids for:

One (1) for the Coeymans Landing Gazebo Roof.

All prospective bidders may call the Supervisor's Office at (518) 756-6006 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm regarding this bid. Bid packages can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Bids will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY 12143 up to 2:00pm on Thursday, August 14, 2014 and read aloud on that same day at 2:00pm.

Non-Collusive Bidding Forms must be submitted with all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids.

The bidder is responsible for compliance with all Federal and State Laws and guidelines for the bidding process.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

BID OPENING

Frist Deputy Clerk Vatalaro announced that no bids were received for the Coeymans Landing Gazebo Roof.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Lucinda A. Vatalaro, First Deputy Clerk

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August 19, 2014 – Town Board Workshop – 6:00pm

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the absence of Councilman Dolan with the remainder of the Town Board present.

AGENDA

- Hannacroix Creek Archeological Study
- Resolution – Accept Resignation of Part-Time Police Officer

ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to mention that there was a Job Fair earlier in the day at Coeymans Fire House for TCI, the Port of Coeymans and EMR and 75 people attended. He added that there are quite a few jobs still available, it was a great showing of people and gives hope because there are people that want to work and jobs are available and it is a good thing for the community.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board about housing in the Hamlet, houses that are currently vacant, future Job Fairs to include surrounding communities

Supervisor Flach stated that the thing about the Job Fair and the vacant properties is when you see people interested in jobs it works like a big snowball effect, which is exciting and he feels as though it will definitely snowball with the businesses popping up.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that it is exciting and a good thing for the Town.

DISCUSSION

Hannacroix Creek Archeological Study

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti discuss the Archeological Study of the Hannacroix Creek.

Councilman Masti reported that they got the Archaeological Study back, which cost the Town \$3,700.00, it is very informative but he is amazed that they didn't find anything archeologically

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close enough to the creek to warrant an in-depth study, they have been held up six weeks and they had to pay them thousands of dollars for what they already knew.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was a good, reputable company and he agrees that it wasn't warranted but unfortunately it was one of those red tapes that they had to go through. He added that the study is at Town Hall if anyone would like to see it.

Councilman Burns stated that the kids that worked there during the summer through the Summer C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Youth Program should get a pat on the back and on the first day, within an hour they were covered in mud and working their tails off moving material out there.

RESOLUTION

RES. #134-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, Ryan Cross has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Ryan Cross as Part-Time Police Officer be accepted effective August 15, 2014.

To: Chief Darlington
From: Officer Ryan Cross
Date: August 15, 2013
Subject: Resignation

I regret to inform you that this letter is my resignation from the Coeymans Police Department, effective immediately. I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had with the Coeymans Police Department.

If the opportunity in the future possibly arises, I would like to be considered as a candidate for the Coeymans Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Officer Ryan Cross

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not know the circumstances of why he felt as though he had to leave other than he does have a full-time position with another agency. He continued by saying that Officer Cross has been an asset to the Town's Police Force, he is sorry to see him go, he will be missed and he did a great job for the Town.

Councilman Burns stated that he would keep the door open as far as him coming back, he knows the Town, he knows the people and if he ever wanted to come back he does not see any reason why he can't.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS (Not on agenda)

Bids for Sludge Removal

Supervisor Flach stated that they received two bids for removal of sludge at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and added that they would not be accepting them and he would offer a motion to refuse both bids and put it back out to bid.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, to not accept the previous bids for sludge removal from the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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VOTE – APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

Supervisor Flach continued with a motion authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for a new bid for sludge removal.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for a re-bid for the sludge removal.

VOTE – APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

Town Clerk Millious interjected that there were no bids for replacing the gazebo roof at Coeymans Landing.

Supervisor Flach stated that there were no bids for the gazebo roof and added that in speaking with an official, because it is under \$10,000 they don't have to put it out to bid, which he didn't realize. He continued by saying that they are supposed to get 3 quotes, the last time they bid it there were two and this time there weren't any and they talked about doing it in-house and this is something that they still have to do.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board relative to Teen Challenge helping them out and what would have to be done as far as insurance for them.

Councilman Langdon stated that they can check with TCI because Teen Challenge might have them insured and if they can produce insurance on those guys, it may satisfy that.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will contact Victor and ask if they have insurance coverage and they will take it from there.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Councilman Burns stated that the Town Board is going to be challenged to do the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS and he wants to do it.

Discussion ensued as to how the ALS Challenge works.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she will announce at Monday's Town Board Meeting that the hunting is on sale and there will be a Primary Election, on September 9th from noon to 9:00pm and it is only for certain parties but not the Republican Party.

Supervisor Flach stated that the recent power outage went from Newburgh all the way north to the Selkirk line and there were some issues with the Town's generator and thankfully they were able to use the generator on the Mobile Communications Bus until they got the generator running. He added that additional Police Officers came in to help as well as Village Trustee Bailey, Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno, Chief Darlington and himself, everyone did a good job and he is thankful for that. He then asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Burns stated that a lot of people in Coeymans Hollow are very concerned with the Alcove Reservoir and what would happen if the dam let loose, which has been a quiet concern forever and they have requested that a siren be put along the route where the water would do the damage.

Supervisor Flach stated that he along with Councilman Masti went to the City of Albany Water Department for a different matter and there are talks about fishing permits for the Alcove Reservoir. He continued by saying that they did not discuss a siren but he thinks that if they speak with the Commissioner of the Water Department, who is very receptive, he would be open to that type of thing, which Gilboa Dam has. He added that they have been working on some of

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the valves and one of them hasn't been open in forever and they are going to be working on replacing it. He continued by saying that they opened up a line of communication with them and he will send an e-mail to Albany Water Board to express the concerns and went on to say that the Town does have a new Emergency Evacuation Plan from the City of Albany. He added that they are currently working on the budget and there are a few things that they are looking at such as bathrooms at Joralemon Park and hiring a Grant Writer and then asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Flach continued by saying that there is a new law that you can hunt big game with a rifle in Albany County and the only section that you can't is where it is bow only.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that the hunting has changed and there are no longer Sportsman and Super Sportsman licenses and if you want anything other than big and small game, it has to be added separately and continued by explaining the process.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Brian Rowzee from the Ravena Library stated that there will be an opportunity to celebrate your constitutional freedom to read and with release of The Book Thief the freedom of expression has become a lot more in the public eye and they will be having a Freedom to Read Night, Thursday, September 25, 2014. He continued by saying that in order to participate in the Freedom to Read Night you have to read a 30-60 second passage from a banned or challenged book in the United States and then tell why you liked the book, which will be videoed to show your support for freedom of expression.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

Time – 6:46pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, August 25, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Nancy Pike, Clerk
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board with exception of the absence of Councilman Dolan.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Train Festival, August, 30, 2014
 - Town Office Closed, September 1, 2014
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Bid Opening, June 26, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, July 28, 2014
- Supervisor's Report – July 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Building Department, July 2014
 - Town Clerk, July 2014
 - Sewer Department, July 2014
- Resolutions
 - Appoint Town Assessor
 - Approve Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, September 2, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 8, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, September 16, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, September 24, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session – Personnel Matters

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Train Festival

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Supervisor Flach stated that the Train Festival will be held on August 30, 2014 from 12:00-8:30pm at Mosher Park with a lot of things happening and fireworks at the end of the day and added that the trains will be auctioned off at 6:00pm.

Town Offices Closed

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on September 1, 2014 in Observance of Labor Day.

Movies in the Park

Supervisor Flach stated that they have had movies in the park at Mosher Park this year, which were a big success and last Friday there was one at Coeymans Landing, there will be two more down there, September 5th and September 12th beginning at 7:00pm.

Albany County IDA Public Hearing

Supervisor Flach stated that Albany County IDA has scheduled a Public Hearing at Town Hall for August 26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Bid Opening on June 26, 2014 and a Town Board Meeting on July 28, 2014 and then offered a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

July 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$333,632.15	\$ 72,825.13	\$280,513.20	\$125,944.08
PART-TOWN	\$305,951.66	\$ 446,331.78	\$ 27,763.19	\$724,520.25
HIGHWAY	\$122,006.09	\$ 165.04	\$ 80,329.90	\$ 41,841.23
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,069.14	\$ 10.03	-0-	\$ 29,079.17
SEWER	\$119,355.68	\$ 48,922.76	\$ 34,737.09	\$133,541.35
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 36,138.58	\$ 395.08	-0-	\$ 36,533.66
POLICE FORF.	\$ 21,760.44	\$ 1,460.93	\$ 2,968.47	\$ 20,252.90

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TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 14,001.94	\$344,897.97	\$339,837.05	\$ 19,062.86
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$492,467.04	\$ 84.25	-0-	\$492,551.29
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 12,786.30	\$ 37,783.30	\$ 42,386.73	\$ 8,183.37
			Total Reconciled Bal.	\$1,631,510.16

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>		COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED COVERAGE		
Unemployment	\$ 703.34	Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,195,223.43
Grove Cem.	\$40,939.56	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,102,863.00
C.H. Cem.	\$13,429.89			
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.24			
Total	\$55,073.03			

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – June, July 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Report.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the report.

Town Clerk – July 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk’s Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Sewer Department – July 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Langdon give the Sewer Department Report.

Councilman Langdon continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve all three reports.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Building, Town Clerk and Sewer Department Reports were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

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RESOLUTIONS

RES. 135-14 APPOINT TOWN OF COEYMANS ASSESSOR

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Sole Assessor has resigned and the Town Board is desirous of appointing an Assessor to fulfill the term left by Laura VanValkenburg, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that Dawn M. DeRose is a qualified candidate to fill this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Dawn M. DeRose to fulfill the term as the Town of Coeymans Assessor, to expire September 30, 2019. This appointment shall take effect on October 1, 2014. The annual salary shall be \$28,975.18

Councilman Masti asked how they came up with the salary.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is the salary that was in place last year and added that he was not at the meeting when Assessor VanValkenburg’s letter was read that indicated that she is resigning as of September 30th; he added that she has served the Town for quite a long time and he wanted to thank her for that. He continued by saying that Dawn DeRose has been the Assessor’s Clerk for quite a few years and has finished her courses to be an Assessor, she has done a lot of work and has shown a great work ethic.

RES. #136-14 APPROVE AUGUST 2014 ABSTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the August 2014, Abstract.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1530-1585	\$241,522.30
General	1641-1690	\$165,225.49
	General Total	\$406,747.79
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1586-1587	\$ 210.47
Police Forfeiture Local PP	1588	\$ 1,080.00
Police Forfeiture	1691-1692	\$ 1,285.41
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 2,575.88
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1589-1602	\$ 31,009.67
Part-Town	1693-1699	\$ 1,338.65
	Part Town Total	\$ 32,348.32
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1603-1615	\$ 61,355.64
Highway	1700-1726	\$ 8,295.40
	Highway Total	\$ 69,651.04

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SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1619-1633	\$ 23,758.51
Sewer	1727-1748	\$ 12,551.34
	Sewer Total	\$ 36,309.85
CAPITAL PROJECT (H 41)		
Capital Project	1749-1750	\$ 4 ,653.12
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 4,653.12
	Total For All Funds	\$552,286.00
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agcy. General PP	1634	\$ 269.33
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1635-1640	\$333,845.82
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$334,115.15

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, September 2, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 8, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, September 16, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, September 24, 2014, 7:00pm

Supervisor Flach stated that beginning in September they will be going back to two meetings a month.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach stated that two Friday’s ago he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new bridge going to the Port of Coeymans and it feels like lots of things are happening in our Town and he is excited about what is going on and looking to see the Town move forward. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to read the Primary Election Notice and continued by reading the following:

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE
Democratic Party, Conservative Party and Green Party
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Polls are open 12:00pm to 9:00pm

TOWN OF COEYMANS
****POLLING PLACES****

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1st District | Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St, Coeymans |
| 2nd District | Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St., Coeymans |
| 3rd District | Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St., Ravena |
| 4th District | R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte. 9W, Ravena |
| 5th District | Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow |
| 6 th District | Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow |

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All Polling Places are handicapped accessible. Any questions as to voting district or eligibility, please call 756-2100. Any questions as to what Voting District or eligibility please call 756-2100.

Town Clerk Millious continued by saying the hunting licenses went on sale the first week of August and there have been some changes, there are no more Sportsman packages and it is now a hunting license for \$22.00 and other items have to be added individually. She continued by saying that fishing no longer expires at the end of September but and are good for a year from the time that you buy it and if you have a Marine License it is good until the end of the year as well as rifle hunting now being allowed in Albany County. She concluded by saying that her hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday and her number is 756-2100 if anyone has any questions.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington wanted to make sure that the Board was aware that on Wednesday they have a meeting with Sheriff Apple concerning secondary PSAP (Public Safety Access Point) funding and it appears that in order for them to keep their secondary 911 PSAP, the County will be charging for it and he does not have a dollar amount for it.

Supervisor Flach asked Chief Darlington if he wanted to mention the power outage.

Chief Darlington stated that Central Hudson had a power failure that affected from Newburgh to the Town of Coeymans, it was out approximately 2 ½ hours and the emergency generator failed them that evening, and in turn they immediately contacted Albany County and gave them cell numbers to call for any 911 lines that came in. He continued by saying that the phone system was down for approximately 15 minutes at which time they were able to bring the Communication Bus to the station for a secondary generator and were able to get the phones up. He added that the generator continued to go out every 5-10 minutes and he believes that Francisco is coming in the morning to give it a test and try to figure out what was wrong with it. He went on by saying that there were plenty of cars on the road, they called some officers in and they monitored the 9W area where there were no traffic lights.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Communication Bus has been a bone of contention with some and it ended up saving the day, it worked out well and they were happy to have it. He continued by thanking the Emergency Management Team for a great job and it went really good even with that little glitch.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he has nothing but compliments about how they handled the power outage, it was very professional and it is nice to know that they have something like that in place. He continued by saying that he wanted to say publicly that the kids hired for the Summer Program, he can't say enough about them and on the first day, 2 hours into the project they were covered in mud and they cleaned up a lot of messes out of the Hannacroix Creek as well as working with Nelson and the Highway crew transported them back and forth, which made things a lot easier. He added that two of the boys that he worked with the whole time asked if they could come back the following week and work for nothing and said they didn't have to get paid and they wanted to do more work in the creek. He concluded by saying that they are great kids, it was a lot of fun and he is very proud of them and next year he hopes that they do it again and possibly clean out the creek from Deans Mills all the way up.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to let people know that the Hope for Life Center will be doing another Annual Harvest Festival on October 18th and if anyone wishing to help can contact Rebecca Flach, Executive Director.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that at the last meeting they discussed the Archaeological Survey Report and they found nothing worth reporting out at the Hannacroix Creek, which he is amazed

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by. He added that it was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers and then asked Chief Darlington if they had heard anything back.

Chief Darlington stated that F.X. Browne is moving forward and he routinely reaches out to F.E.M.A. to find out if the time extension has been approved and the last two e-mails were rejected because apparently New York State switched their e-mail service and it was showing his e-mail as a virus so he had to have special permission to send the State e-mails. He added that the e-mail finally went through but to date he has not heard from the State or Federal governments.

Councilman Masti thanked Chief Darlington and added that he was just checking to see how the wheels are turning as he reaches out.

Supervisor Flach stated that last Monday his nephew nominated him for the ALS Challenge and the following evening at the Village Board Meeting, Mayor Misuraca felt a need to nominate him on television as he himself did the challenge. He continued by saying that he wanted to give some of the facts that you never get to see on Facebook and read the following:

ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, it is a neurodegenerative disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. When the nerve cells die, the patient's motor functions die, this means that you can no longer move your arms, your legs; you have difficulty swallowing and can no longer speak. Basically you are paralyzed, but you are very much aware of your surroundings, there is no cure and there is no treatment that stops or reverses ALS. Approximately 5,600 people in the US are diagnosed annually and the life expectancy of an ALS patient is 2-5 years from the time of diagnosis.

Supervisor Flach stated that he understands that the Challenge has raised over 40 million dollars and there have not been a lot of companies willing to take it on to study it so it is pretty exciting for those people and amazing how viral this type of thing can go just from Facebook. He added that he is more than happy to take the Ice Bucket Challenge and anyone wishing to donate can go to www.alsa.org or call his office for more information. He concluded by saying that he nominates the rest of the Village Board, Nancy Warner, William Bailey, Joel Coye and Keith Mahler.

Councilman Burns stated that he had the honor of living next to a man who died from ALS, George St. John who lived on Park Drive in Ravena and he was one of the smartest, best mechanics that he ever worked with in his life and to watch him slowly die from this was awful.

Councilman Burns continued by pouring a bucket of ice water over Supervisor Flash's head.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

Time – 7:30

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, those in attendance were the entire Town Board with the exception of

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Councilman Dolan, as well as Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Searles to discuss personnel matters, no action was taken or decisions made.

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach reconvened the meeting and offered a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan)

Time – 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Bid Opening, July 24, 2014
 - Bid Opening, August 14, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop, August 19, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, August 25, 2014
- New Business
 - Waive Park Fees for Haunted Hay Ride
- Resolutions
 - Budget Amendment
- Correspondence
 - NYS Department of Public Service
- Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, September 16, 2104, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, September 24, 2014
- Additional Comments
- Adjournment

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the Train Family Festival at Mosher Park was a great success with quite a few people attending this year and it was a good time. He added that he wanted to thank the Village for putting it on, as well as Lafarge, a big sponsor who provided the fireworks and everyone else who helped that day. He continued by saying that they auctioned the trains and most of them were sold but there were a couple left and he believes that they made approximately \$3,600.00 in profit and the Festival Committee is looking where to use the money and they discussed that the library is in need of speakers for children’s events as well as another Committee member having some other suggestions. He concluded by saying that he wanted to give an update and to thank everyone who attended the Festival.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Regina Palmer stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and she knows that locally they have no control over Route 144 because it is a State road and added that she believes that the Town Board would have more pull with the State than 4 or 5 of them that live in the Hamlet. She continued by saying that there is a sink hole in the sidewalk that is at least 2 ½ feet deep with a cone over it right on Route 144.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are two holes like that and he spoke with Highway Superintendent Searles and he and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Conrad spoke to the man in charge of the Town's area of State roads and he assured them that they will be fixing those very soon but didn't give a date, which is the last word that he got and it was about a week ago. He continued by saying that he also spoke with a Foreman for the State that oversees most of the State roads around here, he lives local and he said that he would continue to follow-up on it because it is dangerous as well as talking about the fact that Route 144 is a mess from Route 143 south and added that he spoke with Pete Lopez and he said that he would follow-up on it, which was the past Thursday evening. He concluded by saying that he got assurance that it will be taken care of because it is dangerous and they are trying to get it taken care but as Ms. Palmer said, the Town does not have the jurisdiction to do it.

Ms. Palmer continued by saying that she along with others in the Hamlet are working very hard to fix up their properties to make it a nicer area and added that it would be nice if they could have a Workshop with the Town Board where they can work with the Board directly and discuss how they can work together to make the area nicer. She added that she knows there are a lot of other things going on like sewer issues but the roads are terrible and she actually fell in a hole that she didn't see.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a long range plan and the Highway Department and Police Department constantly look at the roads and then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he had anything to add.

Highway Superintendent stated that it depends on the budget for next year and the year after but they plan on doing a lot in the Hamlet area.

Councilman Burns stated that Highway Superintendent Searles was going to look into renting a paver and doing it themselves and then asked him if he did anything with that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he didn't because he is not going to have the money to do it this year.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have been looking into having their own equipment to do some of it and then asked Ms. Palmer if she had any other comments.

Ms. Palmer stated that last year they discussed having a Workshop and never got to it and then asked if they could get something on the calendar for this year or early next year because she would like to see them moving forward.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they do it during a regular Town Board Workshop and she could let them know ahead of time when she would want it on an agenda and added that Workshops are not televised and are low-key.

Councilman Langdon suggested that the request be made by the Friday before so there is time to get it on the agenda for a topic of discussion.

Councilman Dolan interjected that when they met with DOT about doing the culvert by the golf course, the DOT representative said that they would be paving Rte. 144 from the town-line south to the bridge and it was a commitment to do it this year.

Councilman Masti stated that there were stipulations on a lot of things that he was saying as far as the budget goes.

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Councilman Langdon asked about the deep sink holes and whether or not the Town can dump some stone in them if the State doesn't do something.

Highway Supervisor Searles stated that if it is a directive from the Board he can do it.

Councilman Masti stated that it is a safety issue and then asked if they would be obligated.

Chief Darlington stated that they should be forewarned that if they do it, they would add liability to the Town if for instance it settles and someone falls and there is an issue like that in another case.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will do their best to get a hold of them again because it is a safety issue.

Chief Darlington suggested that they follow it up in writing so they are on Notice because either way they are going to have some liability because it has been brought to their attention and by following it up in writing they have documented it.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they should direct Attorney for the Town Wukitsch to write a letter to State DOT stating that they have been notified specifically about it.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was a good idea and he will call Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

Councilman Masti suggested that they give them 72 hours to fix it.

Ms. Palmer stated that three weeks ago they cut out a section of the sidewalk to connect to the gas line followed by someone blacktopping that section and she didn't know who it was or why it was done.

Supervisor Flach stated that the only thing that he can think of is that the Village had to shut down a water main.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the water main is on the other side of the road.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he was only speculating and added that they would check it out and then asked if there were any other public comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were four sets of Town Board Minutes for approval, a Bid Opening on July 24th, a Bid Opening on August 14th, a Town Board Workshop, August 19th and a Town Board Meeting on August 25th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYES 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Masti interjected that they were impeccable as always.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Waiving Park Fee

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a request from the Police Athletic League to waive the fee for a Haunted Hay Ride at Joralemon Park on November 1st and 2nd.

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Chief Darlington stated that he has to change the rain date from November 2nd to November 8th if it is available.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is the Police Athletic League and not the Police Department.

Chief Darlington stated that PAL is a division of the Police Department, which is run by volunteers like the Traffic Safety Committee is.

Councilman Masti stated that there is no profit and it is a community outreach service.

Chief Darlington stated that the Union maintains the funds that go toward local youth activities.

Councilman Masti asked if the Union covers the insurance.

Chief Darlington stated that the Town does because it is the Town's Police Department.

Councilman Dolan asked why they would charge for use of the park and then asked if they charge other departments for using Town property.

Chief Darlington interjected that there is a fee on the permit and he does not know of any other department that has used the park.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would make a motion to waive the fee.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, waiving the fee for use of Joralemon Park for a Haunted Hay Ride.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was asked to take a walk through there because last year there were some problems with ruts and holes and that he take care of it and then asked the Town Board if it was alright to do this.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is fine with him doing that and added that there will also be an outdoor movie that night at the park and continued by saying that it was a great turn-out last year.

Chief Darlington interjected that they were not prepared for the turn-out and there were over 300 people.

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a movie, food and games for those waiting and added that they did a great job last year.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #137-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYES 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans 2014 Adopted Budget did not include funding in line item A2680 Insurance Recovery, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received insurance recovery money for a Law Enforcement Vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of funding such a line item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2014 Adopted Budget be amended as follows:

- Increase Revenue Line Item A2680 - Insurance Recovery \$5,045.14

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- Increase Appropriation Line Item A3120.4 – Law Enforcement \$5,045.14

Supervisor Flach stated that this is insurance for a car that was damaged and needs to be fixed and there wasn't a line item to put it in the budget and get it back out and it was a simple fix.

CORRESPONDENCE

NYS Department of Public Service

Supervisor Flach read the following:

Dear Consumer Leader:

I am writing to ask your help in raising awareness of the Lifetime Discount Telephone Service Program and encouraging eligible consumers to enroll. Lifeline Discount Telephone Service is a program designed to make basic telephone service more affordable for income-eligible consumers.

Consumers qualify for Lifeline by participating in one of a number of Federal Assistance Programs or by having income at or below 135% of the Federal poverty guidelines. Last year the Federal Communications Commission updated its rules governing program eligibility and non-duplication of support to improve program efficiency and ensure those that need support can receive it.

September 8-14, 2014 has been designated as National Lifeline Awareness Week. The New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) is joining other state agencies, local human service organizations, and local telephone companies to promote Lifeline Awareness Week and focus attention on this important program.

We ask you to join us in raising awareness of this important program by posting a link on your organization's website to the Lifeline page on our www.AskPSC.com consumer website. We can provide posters to assist you in educating your constituents about the program. If you would like posters or have any questions about the Lifeline Program or Lifeline Awareness Week, please contact:

Lorna Gillings at (518) 474-1788 or at kirba.gillings@dps.ny.gov
Yvonne Super at (518) 408-1061 or at Yvonne.super@dps.ny.gov

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Erin O'Dell-Keller
Manager
Outreach Program

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Clerk Millious has a copy of the letter in her office if anyone has any questions.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, September 16, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2014, 7:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, September 24, 2014, 7:00pm

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that September 9, 2014 is Primary Election Day and it is for the Democratic Party County-Wide Governor and Surrogate Court Judge and Town of Coeymans Conservative Party for the 102nd Assembly District and the Green Party for the 46th Senate District. She continued by reading the following Election District locations as follows:

1st District	Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St., Coeymans
2nd District	Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St., Coeymans
3rd District	Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St., Ravena
4th District	R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte.9W, Ravena
5th District	Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow
6th District	Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow

Town Clerk Millious stated that she will be in her office all day and if anyone has any questions they should call 756-2100 and added that all Polling Places are handicap accessible. She continued by saying that there are a couple of bids coming up, the re-bid on the hauling of sludge from the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which will be held Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 11:00pm and she has bid packages if anyone is interested. She went on by saying that there is another bid for replacing the Highway Garage roof, which will be Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 2:00pm and she also has bid packages for that if anyone is interested. She concluded by saying that the Hunting Licenses are on sale and doe permits are available until October 1st, her hours are 8:30-4:30 and as she had mentioned previously there are no Sportsmen packages, each item is sold individually and hunting with a rifle in Albany County is now allowed and for anyone with questions on the changes they can go to DEC's website for additional information.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington asked if they had heard from Francisco's on the generator or if they had come back.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes that they came back the next day but he had not talked to them and added that he would call in the morning.

Councilman Burns asked if it fires up once a day or once a week.

Chief Darlington stated that this is an answer that they have been trying to get and added that they have a panel board that they had been told was installed and up and running three times but it's still not running and the problem is when they need it, they need it and that time of the year is coming up.

Councilman Burns stated that they already had a warning with the blackout.

Councilman Dolan asked if they ever heard what caused the long lasting blackout.

Chief Darlington stated that they never gave an official reason and it had something to do with the transmission line.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thought there was some redundancy built in a couple of years ago with another transmission so it would not happen.

Supervisor Flach stated that there was supposed to be another whole transmission line but he has not seen anything more about that and then asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wanted to let the Board know that Powell Hill is officially done with blacktop and he decided to do Kyle Lane and Albright Court because they were really bad and they gave him a really good price so everything up there is completely done.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Councilman Dolan asked about the gazebo roof, which they had talked about maybe bidding again or doing something.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was put out to bid and they didn't get any and in turn they talked about doing it in-house and then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he had talked about it anymore.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there are a few people that are willing to do it.

Supervisor Flach stated that along with those few from the Highway Department, Councilmen Burns and Masti have said that they will help too and he would be willing to help as well.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked if there is money budgeted for that.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he didn't think so.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be just materials and hauling it away.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he could get a price for them on the materials and in turn get back to them.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be great if he did that.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would get the specifications for him to see what was put in the bid.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief Darlington what the rules of engagement are going over the bridge in Coeymans where they are doing the construction. He added that earlier in the day when he was going over it, he was waved on to the bridge by someone standing on Riverview Drive wearing a safety vest only to find out that there was a huge truck coming right down the middle of the bridge.

Chief Darlington stated that he was curious about whose truck it was.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was one of Carver's trucks, like a dump truck and it could have stayed in one lane so he does not know why he was doing it.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have to cross the line to make a right turn.

Councilman Dolan stated that they were missing the point of his question and then asked why he was waved on to go on the bridge when there is a truck in the middle of the bridge.

Chief Darlington stated that the rules of engagement as he questions it, is that they have a flag person there and if anything were to happen it would be their fault and they should not tell someone to go if it's not safe. He added that they can speak with them about it and he is probably not the only one that this has happened to and it is a very congested area.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked what side of the road the flagman was on.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was on Riverview Drive and not even actually in the road and he waved him on without looking.

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington speak with them because it sounds like there was an error and thankfully it was not a terrible error.

Chief Darlington stated that he received a call Friday from a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement State Trooper and he questioned the Town of Coeymans giving permission for the Yuke Truck to drive up and down the road. He added that he wanted to let the Board know that they did not and do not have the authority to allow that to happen and apparently the driver said that the Chief of

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the Coeymans Police Department gave them permission to go up and down the road between the Port and where they were hauling.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he would be concerned about the weight of the Yuke Truck going over that bridge because they are much heavier in a condensed area unlike a tractor trailer where it spreads out over 70 feet.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that Scott and his crew are doing a great job as well as the Chief and his crew and it is nice to know that everyone is getting along and working together and added that it goes without saying that the guys at the Sewer Plant are awesome.

Councilman Masti asked that when they talk to DOT that they ask when they are going to put guardrails up where they put the sluice across on Rte. 143 and if they are ever going to get a real line on Rte. 9W in the turn lane.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she thinks the flag girl out on Rte. 9W needs more training and should pay more attention, especially when the light is not working.

Chief Darlington interjected that it was a traffic nightmare because they shut down Rte. 144 in New Baltimore and sent it up Rte. 9W at the same time as they were fixing Rte. 9W in Ravena.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is glad that the paving is done on Rte. 9W and they did a good job and then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti asked if there was anything on the Hannacroix Creek.

Chief Darlington stated that he had sent e-mails again and still no responses.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read October 14, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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September 11, 2014 – Bid Opening - 2:00pm

A Bid Opening was held Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 2:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Nancy J. Pike, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Stanley Jasinski, Blue Diamond
Stephan Janinski, Blue Diamond

The following Legal Notice appeared in the News Herald:

TOWN OF COEYMANS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, NY, hereby invites sealed bids for transporting sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 67 Sewer Plant Access Road in Coeymans, NY to Albany County’s Sewer District in the Port of Albany. Prospective bidders must supply own tanker truck.

Bid packets and specifications can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY and sealed bids will be received at the Town Clerk’s Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY up to 2:00pm on the 11th day of September, 2014. Bids will publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00pm on the 11th day of September, 2014.

Non-collusive bidding forms are to be submitted with all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any and all bids.

By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk

BID OPENING

Town Clerk Millious opened the bids and read them aloud as follows:

BIDDER

Blue Diamond Septic 357 South Albany Road Selkirk, NY 12158	\$.0569 Per gallon of sludge to Albany South Plant \$.0640 per gallon of sludge to Albany North Plant
Stone Industries, LLC 4305 Route 50 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	\$0.275 per 1000 Gallons

The bid opening concluded at 2:05pm

Respectfully Submitted, **APPROVED: As Read September 22, 2014**

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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September 16, 2014 – Town of Coeymans Workshop – 6:00pm

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Peter E. Masti, Deputy Supervisor, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Larry Conrad, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Deputy Supervisor Masti opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the record should reflect the absence of Supervisor Flach with the remainder of the Town Board present.

AGENDA

- Hamlet of Coeymans Neighborhood – Regina Palmer
- Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law "Landfill"
- Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law "Special Facilities Law"
- Police Staffing
- Communications Bus
- Executive Session - Personnel Matters

DISCUSSIONS

Hamlet of Coeymans Neighborhood - Regina Palmer

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that Ms. Regina Palmer was present to discuss issues in the Hamlet of Coeymans and invited her to speak.

Regina Palmer stated that she sent over a list of things that she wanted to go over to get the ball rolling, which will be necessary for the Attorney to review and added that using laws on the books that Bethlehem, South Hampton and Geneseo have, they are addressing the same issues that they have in the Hamlet. She added that as they had discussed previously it will have to be specifically zoned for the Hamlet because they don't want it to be affecting for instance those in Coeymans Hollow because they don't have the same issues and they would designate it more for the high density areas.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Palmer, the Town Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to the issues in the Hamlet such as:

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- Absentee landlords.
- Large multiple family dwelling and issues with property maintenance.
- Lack of Town Codes to address the issues.
- Lack of enforcement to address the laws on the books.
- Notices sent to the landlords by the Police Department.
- Inspections on income properties other than Section 8.
- Compliance requirements in order to be able to rent property.
- Necessity for a Local Law to allow inspections on rental property.
- Additional staff to handle the workload.
- Possible problems with limiting it specifically to the Hamlet.
- Issues with a drug problem.

Ms. Palmer stated that they need to collaborate because the Building Department knows the Building Code requirements, the Police Department knows about the laws and would enforce them and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch because he has so much knowledge about the laws, especially the State Laws and they would have to get it down on paper after looking all the other ones over that have been done in the State and find the ones that would fit their neighborhood.

Councilman Dolan asked about sanctions against landlords that knowingly turn a blind eye to drug dealing.

Chief Darlington stated that there is nothing criminally but if the Town's Police arrest a tenant for dealing drugs out of an apartment, they notify the Albany County District Attorney's Office who in turn notifies the landlord and they will evict the tenants. He added that some of the things that they are trying to do is to have landlord training so they are aware of what is available to them through the local Police as well as the County's District Attorney's Office specifically regarding the drug dealing and most of the landlords are not aware of it and a lot of times when they are arrested, the landlords are notified, especially if they are dealing drugs. He continued by saying that if they are Section 8, not only are the landlords notified, but Section 8 is as well and recently three recipients lost their Section 8 due to illegal activities within the apartment.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Chief Darlington relative to the drug problem and where the evicted go and the possibility of a website that lists names and photos and background checks by the landlords.

Councilman Dolan continued by asking about the Anti-Loitering Program that the DA's Office has introduced.

Chief Darlington stated that it is a Trespassing Affidavit and Oakbrook uses it by providing a computerized list of tenants and authorized people on their property and the Police Department is authorized to go in and if they see someone that appears to be loitering, they can ask them who they are there to see and if the person's name is not on the list or if it appears that they are not there for a legitimate purposes they can be arrested for trespassing based on the Affidavit being already sworn to. He added that any landlord can sign up for the program, especially if it is a multiple family dwelling and even on vacant land it is recommended so that if they find someone other than the property owner, the affidavit is already signed and they are authorized to press charges.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the pot holes in the Hamlet have been fixed and they are going to check with the State about the curb and then asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Palmer stated that she was researching all of the projects that have been done for community revitalization like the Comprehensive Plan and Economic Development Strategy Plan that were put together and funded by grants but it does not seem like anyone took and ran with it. She added that there are some things that have been done here and there that were part of it like signage and there were all kinds of plans and suggestions about things they could do as a community and strategies as well as offering suggestions as to where the funds could come from to assist in implementing those. She continued by saying that in reviewing that and looking at

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New York State Grants, there are all kinds of programs that they are not even applying for to bring those funds into the community and she would like to see them start doing that.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board, Ms. Palmer, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad and Chief Darlington regarding Community Development, key points discussed were as follows:

- The Town Board is looking at budgeting for a Grant Writer who will know how to fill out the forms, who to contact and knows what is out there and it will be their job to find the Town money.
- The Town usually does not qualify for most of the grants for sewer because they don't charge enough for sewer rents.
- The Town has applied for a Hardship Application from the Environmental Facilities Corporation, they have been trying for two years and they still have not got an answer.
- The Hardship Application is not actually a grant, it is a zero percent loan and they are still having a hard time trying to qualify.
- Writing letters to your Congressmen would be good because it is an election year.
- Vision Planning Project which is a project that belongs to Albany County Rural Housing.
- Opening up a view of the river.
- Possibly taking down trees and putting up a pavilion by the ball field but probably can't happen because ENCON won't allow it.
- A program through DEC for wetland maintenance that might be worth checking in to.
- Dredging
- They can find out who is interested in working on a Community Development Plan, put their heads together and customize it for what they are dealing with and figure out how they can enforce it and how to budget for it.
- The Planning Board has a Committee that works for them that has been formed many times over with members from different Boards including Zoning and the Town Board and they worked on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning updates and some of the things that has been put in front of the Board for passage has been reviewed and done by the Planning Board. They were currently working on uses but it has been held up because of lawsuits.
- A 5-10 year Community Development Plan, which is typically done by a Commission appointed by the Board to serve at the Board's pleasure.
- Bringing together some local business owners as well as local professionals and community members to work hand-in-hand to use each other's skill-set to come up with ideas and keep it on the plate rather than pushing it to the side and achieving it by having quarterly goals.
- A previous meeting at the Coeymans Fire House put together by Carver Laraway, to talk about things they can do in the Hamlet where they discussed having some kind of an informal committee consisting of residents and business owner who would spearhead the leadership to come up with dates and deadlines and in turn the Board can work with them to help them accomplish the vision that they have for down there.
- There is great potential for down there, it is going to take people who have resources to do it.
- Short term vs. long term goals.
- Section 34 of the Town Code outlining the Planning Board's responsibilities.
- Comprehensive Plan should be updated every 5 years but they have not gotten through the first 5 years to attempt to do what was outlined in that.
- The Planning Board has a broad scope of authority and they tend to put out "fires" more than deal with what's necessary, they meet and discuss things but a once a month meeting is not the answer and it is hard to get anything done.
- One step forward and two steps back with lawsuits.

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- Uses have been reviewed, the work has been done and it's ready to be changed but if the zoning is overthrown they will have to start all over again.
- Too many if, ands and buts to change something now that may be overturned in a Court case is another issue.
- According to the duties in the Code, the Planning Board has quite a bit of authority but so does the Town Board.
- The meeting that Mr. Laraway called was a meeting for his own purposes and it is incumbent that the Town Board appoints a Committee to come up with recommendations and follow it up legislatively.
- A suggestion to come up with some sort of Policy to be put into place such as a Good Neighbor Policy to get the ball rolling because if they don't make it a more desirable area to live in, they are going to continue to have the issues that they have.
- Properties that will be foreclosed by Albany County and the Town's ability to purchase property and Albany County's responsibility to make sure that it goes to a responsible owner.
- The length of time that properties are vacant waiting for foreclosure and a provision that Albany County can practically give to the Town those properties.
- Property Maintenance Law in the Village.
- Town cannot do anything to a vacant property other than secure it so it can't be broken into.
- People are looking to buy vacant properties but the bank will not foreclose them and there are many, many properties.
- Making a Property Maintenance Code more restrictive would require going to Code's Council and get their approval, which they generally will give as long as it meets the expectations of the law, which the Village has never done.
- Legislature trying to make the banks more accountable, if they would foreclose and become a reputable party it would be much easier, the houses are too far gone by the time that the bank forecloses.
- Possibility of passing a law to fine the banks and hopefully they would just turn the property over to the County.
- Vacant Property Law.
- Issues with enforcing the Code Enforcement.
- The police have many avenues of finding where people are available to them, which would be part of a legal investigation because it would be for Code Enforcement.
- The need to get the Judges on Board with the severity and not just dismiss them.
- Suggestions for enforcement.
- Absentee owners who have signed their houses over to the bank.
- Relevy of charges and penalties.
- The need to stop looking at why they can't do things and start looking at what they can do and anything that they can enforce, should be enforced.
- Review of laws that are available and writing them in a way that would work best for the Town and then have Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad review it and find out his thoughts on his need to enforce it, what he will need to be able to enforce it and what avenues they can take and in turn have Chief Darlington take a look at it.
- Community service to the Town required for those arrested in the Town.
- Collaboration amongst the Village, Town & State while doing work such as digging up a road and doing more than one project at a time.
- Qualifications for being a Judge.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other questions or comments and added that this has been one of the more productive hours that they have had at a Town Board Meeting.

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Ms. Pape stated that she had one comment and added that she knows that judges don't have to have law backgrounds but she does know a lot of towns where they have law degrees and being Town Judge is an extra job and this might be something that they may want to consider when they are nominating.

Deputy Supervisor Masti thanked Ms. Palmer and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Laws

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked that Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad talk about the Proposed Local Laws.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he was asked by Supervisor Flach to discuss the proposed laws, which they touched on a while back and in between then and now he looked at the Code for the Town of Coeymans. He continued by saying that there was one other one that he wanted to start out with, Chapter 29 – Ordinance, Publication of and Section 29-2 is supersession of State Law and he would suggest that they talk to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch about that because the sections of State Law that they are trying to supersede, he does not think that they have the authority to supersede in the way that they are doing it. He added that he knows you can make laws more restrictive but you can't lessen what is already required and in his opinion Chapter 29 is a waste of time and rather than have it sitting in the Code misleading people, he would like to ask Attorney for the Town Wukitsch about the legality of doing it in this manner and in addition they don't do Ordinances anyway, everything is done by Local Law and Ordinances that they had were converted to a Local Laws when they did the codification process. He went on by saying that because of those two accounts he believes that Chapter 29 should be looked at and possibly withdrawn and they should let Town Law stand the way it was, which is Sections 133, 264 & 265 of Town Law and reiterated that it was not on the agenda but it cropped up in the middle and he figured that they might as well go for it. He continued by saying that the other laws that are here, one of them, Article 2 of Section 138, which is labeled Solid Waste has two articles, the first article deals with recycling requirements that were passed in the early 90's and none of it is being enforced because it refers to a landfill that has been closed since 1995 and a Recycling Center has not existed since that time so most of that law needs to be looked at but it is not being addressed now because of the Recycling Requirement Law, everyone thought it applied to the entire Village and the Town can't pass laws for the Village, they can only pass laws for those outside the Village. He added that the Village was required to do it but never did and no one ever slapped their hands and he did make some calls to DEC about it and yes they were supposed to do it and so was the Town and they are supposed to be regulating recycling in accordance with the laws passed back in 1989 and yet they still don't do it, which falls on his office too but it is tough to enforce something that is archaic. He went on by saying that moving to Article 2 of Section 138, which is the one that has been highly controversial over the years, which Councilman Dolan will agree, is the prohibition against waste generated outside the town, which does not stop it from being done inside the town and it does not stop it from outside the State to come here, it is just if you want to do it from Coxsackie, New Baltimore or Bethlehem, you can't do it and when the law was passed, when the landfill was originally doomed to come to the Town of Coeymans back in the 90's, this was passed in 1995, it was a mistake where it ended up because it should have ended up under the Landfill Law, which is Chapter 109 currently. He continued by saying that it prohibits recycling, which again, the State requires recycling of batteries, anti-freeze, oil and if you go up to Marshall's you will find that people come from New Baltimore, Coxsackie and Bethlehem so to say that you can't bring that in, you are trying to supersede State Law and there are mufflers and scrap metal as well that is recycled.

Councilman Dolan stated that just for the record, he totally disagrees with him on that and there is nothing in Town Law that would prohibit someone for instance, if they buy a diet Coke in Glenmont that prohibits them from bringing it to Hannaford for recycling.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he was not referring to diet Coke; he was referring to waste oil.

Councilman Dolan stated that even for oil, there is nothing that says if your oil is purchased outside the Town that you can't have it recycled in town in his opinion.

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Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he is not going to argue on how he wants to read the law.

Councilman Dolan stated that his question to him when he brought it up the last time is how many people he had given tickets to.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he hadn't given any and added that his point is that this has been part of the on-going problem because if they are going to enforce the law, it has to be to the strict adherence of the letter in which it is written or they need to modify it to be the way that it was intended and he thinks the original intention was not to allow landfills within the Town.

Councilman Dolan stated that he agrees with that.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he may be wrong, but he was on the Planning Board in 1984 and he was part of the hauling companies that were affected by it.

Councilman Dolan stated that what he just said absolutely proves that the intention is not to stop someone from recycling oil or if you buy a tire outside the town.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he's not saying what the intention is.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that they have interpreted it that way all along and if it is recycling they have interpreted it not to be part of the law but it gets a little precarious and basically it didn't stop it from coming in from everywhere anyway and the intent is that they don't want a landfill, which was the general crux of everything. He continued by saying that they don't want anything buried but it came up with a couple of other problems with farmers burying their animals and people burying stumps on your property, which are things that DEC currently allows that this law wouldn't allow and they tried to put together something that takes the place of the Importation Law that was a little more in the mainstream to prohibit landfills. He added that what has been suggested is the replacement of Chapter 109 and the repeal of Chapter 138 Article 2, which can be amended or changed in any way that they wish but this is basically what was drawn up to try and deal with landfills in general and there may be a 1,000 other ways to attack that, everyone has their own opinion and it is being put up to look at it, revise it or come up with better plans or don't pass it and he is just trying to give some history of where it is coming from. We went on by saying that it is to fix Chapter 109 where it talks about a landfill that was closed, it's archaic and he is not sure why they even have 109 and for prohibition of landfills it seems like the perfect place to put regulations on where you can bury stuff and this is what that is about. He continued by saying as far as the other Proposed Local Law, they currently have a Local Law that deals with Junk Yards, which also is outdated and if you have a Motor Vehicle Repair Shop the law doesn't apply to you, it specifically lets you off the hook and usually one of the biggest violators with handling junk vehicles and things like that so there needs to be a way to deal with those type of facilities and this is what they are looking at doing. He added that it would handle Recycling Facilities, Compost Facilities and any of those type of things that need to be handled and this is a new law that will repeal the Junk Yard Law as they know it now but will add other aspects such as Transfer Facilities or any of those type of things that they might want to come up with and operate or have operated throughout the town. He went on by saying that this is a starting place, he does not think that anyone would be willing to say that it is the end all solution but at least it's a start and maybe someone can further elaborate or look at some of the faults to see where else they need to shore it up. He concluded by saying that he didn't necessarily know it was going to be recommended for passage of a Public Hearing at this point and it should be looked at a little more and the Board should have the opportunity to comment.

Councilman Dolan stated that he asked and at least three of the Board Members had never seen it before, they knew something was going to be on the agenda but that's all they knew and they didn't receive copies of it.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that this is not new and it goes back a ways.

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Councilman Masti stated that it is from 2 years ago and continued by asking if it is the simplest version that they can do wording wise.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that throughout the years they have had 5-6 Landfill Laws, one that would allow New Baltimore in, when New Baltimore went out they amended it and then everyone dropped the ball after the landfill closed and have done nothing and all he is suggesting is that if they don't like this they should do something and this isn't the first time presenting this.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is the first time that they knew it was going to be brought up.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he had been talking to some of the Board Members for a couple of weeks.

Councilman Dolan stated that it wasn't what Councilman Langdon had said prior to the meeting.

Councilman Langdon stated that what he asked was about a Special Facility Law, which he had no idea what it meant and he had heard of issues before.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that it is those two laws at this point as well as needing to do something with the Recycling Law and added that they talk about getting out of the Dark Ages and this is what he is trying to do. He continued by saying that the laws fall under his office in trying to enforce and then asked how you enforce laws when ½ of what they had is nonexistent and the rest of it is not clear in how to enforce it. He added that he looked at it and tried to bring it into a better context and it used to require monthly reporting and when he was in business he had to file reports to the Town Clerk as far as how much he hauled and where it went and he paid an annual fee, which is still in the law but no one pays it and no one pays any attention to it and it talks about the landfill that isn't even existing and on top of that it does not apply to the Village of Ravena.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that with a State Law, the Town can make laws more strict but not less strict and as a Town when they pass a law, with the Village within the Town, why does the State have jurisdiction over the Town but the Town does not have jurisdiction over the Village.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that they must have a bigger pocketbook to pick on because Federal has jurisdiction over everyone, the State has jurisdiction over most everything within the state but not everything such as a railroad because that is Federal and Indian Reservations. He continued by saying that they do have jurisdiction over Town Village, City, etc. and laws that have been established by each one have their jurisdictions and as a Town they do not have jurisdiction over the Village of Ravena or the School District, thruway, New York State Highways or Albany County Highways or any other property owned by another municipality. He added that the Village has no jurisdiction over the Town Building located in the Village, which sounds stupid but that is a fact.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that it does not sound stupid, but it is confusing and sounds like it does not make sense.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he is there to answer any questions that they have and added that it would be his recommendation, because Councilman Dolan has not had an opportunity to comment or any other Board Member that they schedule another meeting to discuss them and see if they want to proceed with it.

Councilman Dolan stated that in all fairness, when it was received via e-mail it said at the Workshop they would establish a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law Landfill and then asked how a person is to know that it is something that was discussed over the past few years and that this was the law that they were talking about.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he was there just to discuss the context and he does not set the agendas.

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Councilman Dolan interjected that he understands but what he is saying is that if he had been given it in advance and was able to look in the Code Book or look on-line to see what it was supposed to be replacing, he could have a more intelligent discussion about it.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad reiterated that it is a couple of years old and it goes way back.

Councilman Dolan stated that in advance he would have no way of knowing that it was the same one as before because he hadn't seen it.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he was reintroducing it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he has no problem with that.

Deputy Supervisor Masti thanked Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that there are a lot of things in the Code that need their attention and everything should be looked at because it even says that dogs go to Hannacroix Kennel.

Chief Darlington stated that he has been Chief for five years and it says that he will be here every Friday night for court and court has not been on Friday nights in the past 25 years.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there are many things that need to be amended.

Councilman Masti moved to the next item on the agenda and asked that Chief Darlington discuss Police Staffing and the Communication Bus.

Communication Bus

Chief Darlington stated that as they are all aware, when Central Hudson lost power from Newburgh to the Town of Coeymans and the emergency generator decided not to work, they had some communication issues and they used what is left of the Communications Bus, which has a generator and they ran lead cords and were able to get back up and running. Key points that he discussed were as follows:

- Funding for the bus went by the wayside and the bus is in disrepair.
- The radios in the bus are not narrow-band so they no longer work.
- Brown Transportation has offered them a bus for 5,000.00.
- R-C-S may also have one to donate but it has many more miles and is much older than the one that Brown has.
- There is a need to revive a bus because they are doubling the tracks going past Town Hall and if there is a derailment all of emergency dispatching is gone and there would be no redundancy.
- The bus was built for the purpose of redundancy and it was set up so the phone would roll-over to cell phones and there was a small cubby in the back for the police to work out of.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Chief Darlington relative to the current bus and number of seats, whether it has to go through DOT inspections, current condition of the bus, location of the \$5,000.00 bus, getting an estimated cost to refurbish the bus, possible grants, using a trailer instead of a bus.

Councilman Dolan suggested that he believes that it would be in the Chief's best interest to have an idea of what it is going to cost and get some form of commitment from the Board before he spends \$5,000.00.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not have issue with that and with everything that it going on, to put time and effort into something that the Board isn't even interested in, is what he is trying not to do.

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Councilman Langdon stated that he likes the idea of a camper vs. a bus because a trailer is much cheaper to maintain than a bus because with a camper/trailer you are only dealing with some electrical lights and brakes.

Ms. Palmer from the audience stated that the town that she used to live in ended up with a nice motor home from a drug seizure and they turned it into their Communications Bus.

Police Staffing

Chief Darlington stated that they have had many discussions about potentially transitioning to full-time over part-time and he is not looking for an answer unless they are willing to give an answer now. Key points that he discussed were as follows:

- The majority of his staff is part-time and there is a problem with their true availability.
- When hired part-time say they are available anywhere they want to put them but once probation is over it is like a nosedive with availability, which is worse when summer starts and when vacations start.
- Since June 1st they have had over 270 hours of part-time call-ins, of that they paid 109 hours in overtime to full-time people and 89 hours of it was paid having additional part-time people work at their straight hours or 80 hours went uncovered.
- Village complains that there are not 2 cars per shift.
- On A-Line, part-timers and full-timers work by themselves, this is a problem with Officer safety.
- An explanation of his breakdown of relying more on full-time staffing.
- SRO, Sergeant, Officer Johnson, Investigator Alberts, court hours and his Clerk are not counted in the full-time staffing of road coverage.
- Full-time staffing difference with benefits is \$662.00 for full-time with the family plan, 3 full-time in line for position are under 26 years old and still insured under their parents so no cost for 2-3 years but they would receive the buy-back.
- New full-time are making approximately \$18.00 an hour, part-time is \$21.08 and it is costing more per hour to have part-time.
- Lack of accountability with part-time.
- Most of the full-time Officers live in Town and can respond immediately.
- Schedule, benefits, cost of full-time vs. part-time.
- Providing services that they are not required to provide such as Court Officers for \$14,352.00.
- Reducing night shift and part-time investigator's hours.
- Cost to train the part-time.
- There is a list of residents that they can pull from so they would be Town of Coeymans residents, most are lifetime residents.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Chief Darlington relative to the number of full-time Officers he would like, possibly 10 hour shifts, part-time vs. full-time, benefits, costs in the budget for next year vs. this year.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted an opportunity to present this to the Board.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the more full-time that he has, the less overtime he is going to need.

Chief Darlington stated that it would be irresponsible for him to truly agree with that and if full-time people are out there doing their jobs and making arrests, depending on the level of arrest you start getting court time as well as meetings with the DA's Office, etc. and one of the advantages when they talk about doing 12 hour shifts from noon to midnight is that midnight to noon they would be able to meet with the DA's with the only issue being if it went to a trial, which you would have even with part-time.

Councilman Dolan said he may have missed it and then asked why there are two people on the A Line and one with one person.

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Chief Darlington stated that he provided the optimal schedule for review, which will provide the Officer's safety and public safety, which allows them to be proactive rather than reactive. He continued by saying that most Officers after 2-3:00pm, hesitate to get involved and pull a car over when they are the only one out there and the State Police are out there but the State Police from New Scotland are covering Coeymans, Bethlehem, the hill towns, Colonie and Guilderland with one car and the Albany County Sheriffs are covering on a routine and have two cars covering Albany County. He concluded by saying that he would be happy to sit down and go over the numbers in more detail.

Councilman Langdon asked if he would be ahead of the game using full-time.

Chief Darlington stated that salary wise he would be and the issue that they do have is benefits and health insurance, which is not in the numbers and added that he would like the Board to consider in the very near future, one additional Officer to help offset the schedule.

Councilman Burns asked if he had someone in mind that he is ready to hire.

Chief Darlington stated that he doesn't and has not even canvassed the list and added that they have two people who are certified and capable with one being out with an injury and would not be able to take the Civil Service Exam.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:47pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Workshop to discuss personnel matters, the entire Board was present with the exception of Supervisor Flach, Chief Darlington was also present, discussion ensued, no action was taken or decisions made. Executive Session ended at 8:10.

RECONVENE WORKSHOP AND ADJOURN

Deputy Supervisor Masti called the Workshop back to order at 8:10pm and then asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Time – 8:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read October 14, 2014

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Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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September 18, 2014 – Bid Opening – 2:00pm

A Bid Opening was held Thursday, September 18 2014, at 2:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Nancy J. Pike, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

The following Legal Notice appeared in the News Herald and was mailed to several contractors.

TOWN OF COEYMANS
NOTICE TO BIDDER
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, hereby invites sealed bids for:

One (1) Highway Garage Roof

All prospective bidders may call the Highway Department at 756-2251 between the hours of 8:30am – 3:30pm regarding this bid. Bid packages can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm

Bids will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY 12143 up to 2:00pm on Thursday September 18, 2014, and read aloud on that same day at 2:00pm.

Non-Collusive Bidding Forms must be submitted with all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids.

The bidder is responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws and guidelines for this bidding process.

By Order of the Town Board
Of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk

BID OPENING

Town Clerk Millious announced that there was one bid received for the Highway Garage Roof.

BIDDER

GB General Construction/Ben Giles \$28,250.00
1969 New Scotland Rd.
Slingerlands, New York 12159
518-209-4224

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED: As Read September 22, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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September 22, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday September 22, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
Gregory Darlington, Chief of Police
John Kerr, Sewer Chief Operator

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Village of Ravena Centennial Celebration
 - Town Offices Closed October 13, 2014
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes of Meetings
 - Bid Opening – September 11, 2014
 - Bid Opening – September 18, 2014
- Supervisors Report – August 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Town Clerk, August 2014
 - Sewer, August 2014
- Old Business and Discussion
 - Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law “Landfill”
 - Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law “Special Facilities Law”
- New Business Topics for Discussion and/or Action
 - Westerlo Street Parking
- Resolutions
 - Authorize WWTP Chief Operator to Attend Seminar
 - Approve September Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - ZBA Meeting, September 24, 2014 – 7:00 PM
 - Planning Board Meeting, October 6, 2014 – 7:00 PM
 - Town Board Meeting, October 14, 2014 – 7:00 PM
 - Town Board Workshop, October 21, 2014 – 6:00 PM
 - ZBA Meeting, October 22, 214 – 7:00 PM
 - Town Board Meeting, October 27, 2014 – 7:00 PM
- Executive Session
 - Personnel Matters

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SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Supervisor Flach read the following:

Let me dispel some rumors that have surfaced. We are not looking to get rid of the Police Department but we are discussing transferring Dispatch responsibilities. A couple of the Town Board Members went to talk to the Sheriff's Dept. in lieu of the pending cost of some of the 911 equipment. We discussed transferring Dispatch along with some other municipalities that have already done this. We are one of the only Secondary Dispatch Centers left in the County. The County receives all the 911 calls already. The Sheriff did not come to us, we went asking questions. I sought out the Sheriff asking how other municipalities were doing and some general transition questions.

Our Dispatch Center costs approximately \$250,000.00 each year and we have pending expenses of \$60,000.00 over the next 2 years. Currently we are over-lapping the job function with the County and it appears that much of the work is being duplicated. The reason for revisiting the County assuming the responsibility of dispatching is for safety and monetary reasons.

Albany County answered 1,066 911 calls for the Town of Coeymans in 2013, year to date total for 2014 they have answered 763 calls. A resident dials 911 and the call center in Voorheesville answers. They ascertain the nature of the call, where the emergency is, the caller's name, etc. The call is then transferred to the Town of Coeymans Police Dept. This is approximately 15 seconds. The call is then answered by Town of Coeymans Communications. The Dispatcher ascertains the nature of the call, where the emergency is, the caller's name etc. The call is then "toned" or dispatched out. The entire 911 call can take upwards of 2 minutes. You can see where this can be duplication of service in answering these very important calls.

If Albany County were to become the primary party responsible for answering our 911 calls, the resident is looking at saving upwards of 2 minutes for their emergency call. While it seems like a short amount of time, it is a life time when you are on the phone and need someone there immediately. Menands 911 calls are answered by Colonie. The only primaries or towns that answer their own calls are Guilderland, Bethlehem, City of Albany, Colonie and State Police Capitol.

I understand Dispatchers, full and part-time being here tonight, it makes sense to rally the troops, when a question arises about your jobs, I understand. I had a Dispatcher come and talk to me today, which was awesome, about his passion for his job, and to present why he loved his job why he wanted to keep his job and to give him information, which I thought was great, and I want to thank him for speaking to me directly instead of spreading rumors and condemning.

I spoke with Sr. Telecommunicator Dawne LaMountain and Chief Darlington and I told Dawne that we were looking to do this but I wanted to tell her before the rumors started flying. I would propose to the Town Board to keep Mrs. LaMountain and the Sheriff would take a full timer, if we paid for them. The Sheriff's Department can now hire part-timers and would also look at applications, at my request.

I have spoken to some Emergency Management people in the Town and let me assure you that we will have an Emergency Management Meeting to talk about the pros and cons of this proposal. We are also meeting with the Union. We are not trying to make a hasty decision, but please remember we are here for the whole Town and community. Of course we want our Town to be safe, to say we don't care is another lie.

The Town Board has been called liars by some for talking about this. Every year we look at the budget and make decisions based on our people. Last year I would not have looked at Dispatch, but along with information, shared and duplicated services, I feel like this should be looked at. In the past, I have talked about our own Police Department and sharing services with the Sheriff, and at this time, we believe that it is in the Town's best interest to keep that department. But, we do pay for our Sheriff and State Police through our taxes and I believe we need to use their services to enhance and supplement our own.

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I have fought for jobs for this community since I was elected, and the first thought that comes to me is losing jobs. But please remember, as the Chief Fiscal Officer, I have a responsibility to look at the cost to all of the taxpayers.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that he is looking to schedule a meeting with Emergency Management Personnel and as far as the Union; they are just in the talking phase right now. He added that at some point there will be a meeting to discuss the pros and cons and he knows that questions will arise.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village of Ravena Centennial Celebration

Supervisor Flach stated that the Village of Ravena's Centennial Celebration will be October 11th at Village Hall at 6:00pm and anyone needing information can contact the Village.

Town Offices Closed October 13, 2014

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town Offices will be closed October 13, 2104 for observance of Columbus Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Bill Bailey stated that he is a Village Trustee, a member of the Emergency Management Committee and a member of the Ravena Fire Department and he has a lot of concerns about the proposal. He continued by saying that what was not presented is that there is 756-2033, 756-2059, and he believes a couple other numbers where emergency calls come into the Dispatch Center and he believes a significant amount of emergency calls come in on a number that are not 911 and he does not believe that the County will handle that. He added that he believes issues such as the alarms at the Ravena Water Plant, Sewer Plant, call-outs for Code Enforcement all go through Dispatch and then asked how they would do that without Dispatch as well as questioning the County wanting the Town to pay a full-time person. He went on by saying that he believes and he does not propose going to the County and that the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans should not be paying anything to the County because he does not believe that Towns like New Scotland, Rensselaer, and Westerlo pay for dispatching service that they receive. He continued by saying that he worries about the timing of this, it is the end of September and Supervisor Flach has to present his budget within the next week or so to the Town Board and tax rates have to be developed and it will less than a month that this issue can be fully discussed in every aspect and he believes that something that is going to effect the Town as a whole it is too little time. He added that he heard about this rumor wise earlier in the day and he is a Village Elected Official that is going to be impacted, all the pagers and radios will need to be changed and a cost has to be borne and this isn't the way for them to hear about the proposals and they can't even give them a list of how it is going to affect them at this time with less than a month that the Town has to adopt a budget that reflects whether it is going to be in or out. He went on by saying that when they go to operational, in running the ambulance for 30 years and being a member of the Fire Company for 45, he has seen big snow storms and flooding and the County gets overwhelmed and the only way that the Town can function is that they have their own Dispatch Center that handles local calls, they don't even bother with the County and the County tells them not to bother them because they are too busy, they get hours behind on calls at times when a disaster hits and the Town is able to function because the Town of Coeymans is a self-contained unit. He continued by saying that the Rescue Squad services half the Town of New Baltimore, this will affect that operation if there isn't a Dispatcher here and it is too short of time to deal with this, there are a lot of aspects and reiterated that he just heard about it earlier in the day. He added that as they sit down and discuss it, there are going to be a lot more issues that are going to pop-up and he does not believe that they should do this quickly, it would be a big mistake and personally he does not think that it is a good idea and they should take the time to

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plan it out because if they do it in the budget for January, it goes into effect and there is no turning it around. He went on by saying that he thinks they should slow down, really think it out, get input from all the players and as they get further into it the Police Chief and other Emergency Services in Town will talk to them more about the impact of it because there will be a lot of issues and when the trucks are out plowing they talk to the Dispatchers, when the Village plows and want to tow someone or give a warning, they call Dispatch to run the plate and get the address and this will be gone or when the Code Enforcers are looking at an abandoned car and want to find out about it, they call Dispatch and they are not going to be able to do this with the County. He concluded by asking them to please slow down and think it through.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Dawn Rogers stated that she agrees with what Bill Bailey said, they have to slow this down and there are many reasons why, #1. they are going to put the Town in jeopardy, #2. she does not think that they have all the facts ironed out and what she is trying to tell them is that turning the Dispatch Center over could take between 12-18 months and then asked where it puts the Town in that time period and what will happen. She continued by saying that her next question is what happens to volunteer Fire Companies and EMT's and if the County will let them use the lines free of charge or if they are going to charge for it and then her next question would be, he said the Town of Coeymans, he is going to turn the Town of Coeymans over to the County but the Village of Ravena is its own entity and then asked if they are going to be charged to be put on with the County. She concluded by saying that these are all things that they have to think about, they have to slow down and like he said they are the last Town to stand on its own two feet and she thinks they should keep it that way.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Travis Whitbeck stated that he is the Chief of the Ravena Fire Department and he thinks that there is a certain amount of irony to the whole situation that they are dealing with a Communication Center when there seems to be an absolute lack of communication. He continued by saying that he wrote an e-mail Friday night when he first started hearing about this and he has heard back from one Board Member but sent an e-mail to each and every one of them and he is taking issue with this because Supervisor Flach said that he already talked to some Emergency Management Personnel.

Supervisor Flach stated that he had spoken to two people that he knows and happened to see.

Mr. Whitbeck stated that he is not a hard man to get in touch with, he is not local much but he has a cell phone and when he is not either at his full-time or part-time jobs you will likely see his truck parked in front of the Ravena Fire Company and reiterated that he is not a hard person to get ahold of. He continued by saying that he understands that it is a Town Agency, however the Village is part of the Town and in talking about communications and issues they face, any change in that requires a change in his procedures and any change in his procedures will ultimately have an effect on the safety of the people under his command and they are arbitrarily going out there finding information about this. He then asked if they are looking to do it by January and is it how it is written now.

Supervisor Flach stated that they haven't written anything.

Mr. Whitbeck asked if it is what the intentions are.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is not the intention yet and they don't know because they just got the dispatch information from the Sheriff's at the end of last week.

Mr. Whitbeck stated that a number of weeks ago he attended a Communications Meeting and he was told that the Town was going to be backing the Dispatchers and Communication Center and then asked if it is true that they are going to stand up and support the Communication Center.

Councilman Burns stated that they are just taking in information right now.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not recall that at all.

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Mr. Whitbeck stated that he understands that they are gathering information but there is a right way and a wrong way to do this and the lack of communication regarding this is the wrong way and he is not going to stand up there and say what they should and shouldn't do it right now because he doesn't have the facts and no one has all the facts. He continued by saying that they absolutely need to slow down the process and they need to start including people in the conversations, himself included and the Officials at the Village of Ravena and they should not be standing at a Board Meeting trying to figure out what is going on, fact finding should not happen like this. He concluded by saying that he put forth the effort and reached out and only heard from one Board Member and his phone number, cell number, station number and fax line was in his e-mail.

Councilman Burns stated that he apologizes for not getting back to him because he does not have the equipment to get back to people but if he gets a call, he will respond within two minutes. He continued by saying that his understanding is that they are taking in information and looking out for the welfare of the whole community and not just part of it and he has not made up his mind on anything, he is trying to soak it all in and sort it out and then make a decision and concluded by saying that they are honestly looking for the best interest for everyone.

Mr. Whitbeck stated that he has a healthy respect for that, it is a part of their job but when they start pondering these sort of things that will ultimately affect the life and safety of members of his department and other departments, there has to be a lot more communication regarding it, there is a whole process that they should be going by at this point that they are not going by, they need to figure out themselves what is going to be best for them and the number one thing that he keeps on hearing is that fiscally it seems like it is going to be a responsible idea and secondary to that is going to be the public safety aspect, which he thinks they got backwards and the number one thing that should be on all their minds is the public safety aspect. He continued by saying that the cost of doing business is the cost of doing business and that's just the way it is, it is the nature of the beast and something that he has to adapt to himself. He added that secondary to that and a little more personal to him, he attended a Communications Meeting and basically he was told that the Town Board was absolutely going to figure out what they had to do to keep their own Dispatchers and he heard it from a couple of different sources and within the last few weeks that has changed and unfortunately there was a Town representative standing at a meeting who was absolutely by all accounts from what he is looking at right now, misled, which was not fair to her and a very disrespectful thing to do to a Town employee who works for them. He went on by saying that luckily for them as a group, those who attended the Meeting, can take a step back and try to evaluate the whole situation and that is what he had to do but there is a lot of pie in that person's face and he thinks that the person is absolutely owed an apology because now she has to go back and backtrack, which is not fair to her. He continued by saying that he very much understands that this is not going to be an issue that he gets to dictate how they go or which way they go, it is not his job, it is going to be their decision but from here on out they need to start including those who are going to be affected by this, himself and the other Chiefs who he is not speaking on their behalf. He concluded by saying that when they start affecting the public safety and potential safety of those under his command, he is going to take up issue with that and he also has been told by multiple sources that it was assumed that for whatever reason, he was on completely on board with this.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was not from them and it is part of the rumors and they only started talking about this last Tuesday so as far as the timeframe goes, whomever has been feeding him lies, which is par for the course and the nature of the beast.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is a little confused because everyone at the meeting feels as though it is something that has been in the works and less than a month ago, which he was not here for, the Sheriff came down to explain that they are going to have an increased cost carrying their Dispatch, which was about \$60,000.00 a year.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he was not entirely correct and it was the possible maximum cost to maintain the exact same equipment, service and licenses that they have up to that date and they were looking at getting one of those licenses so that number would be cut in half and that was the discussion.

Councilman Langdon stated that the information that he got from the Sheriff was that they were willing to cut that in half for the first year but after that it was going to be \$60,000.00 a year.

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Councilman Dolan stated that it is not what Kerry Thompson and the other people at the meeting said.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he was not there because he was out of town at the time.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was at the meeting.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is what brought this to a concern and it is a 30% increase in the cost of having Dispatch.

Councilman Dolan stated that it would be \$30,000.00, which is 10% of \$300,000.00.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that he is being told \$60,000.00 after the second year, this is what the Sheriff told him and as far as he knows he is in charge. He added that getting the facts is what started this and reiterated that it just came out last week that they may need to look at this and no one is talking to anybody, the ball just got rolling a week ago. He continued by saying that no one is trying to hide anything, they did a little fact finding themselves because they understand how rumors spread fast and they found that it is something that they need to look at less than a week ago.

Mr. Whitbeck stated that he is not trying to intervene in internal conflicts, he understands where they are coming from and like he said he has a very healthy respect for what their jobs entail and reiterated that he understands where they are coming from. He continued by saying that he believes that they are going about this the wrong way and Communications needs to serve locally and they need to start evaluating their needs internally as agency heads to make a determination of what is going to be best for them.

Councilman Langdon stated that the bottom line is that the problem started when the Sheriff came down and threw a number at them and he wanted a clarification on the number so he met with him to find out what was the deal, it all just started and that is why the conversation started there. He added that he is very interested in the input and some of the points that were made already, he really wants to look into it and he is not invalidating anything but it is certainly something that they have to consider when they are thrown with a shift like that because it is a pretty significant shift, they have to evaluate if it is the smartest way to go and if there is duplication and they have to ask themselves why they are paying extra for so much duplication and if there is some kind of compromise in the middle, which he is open to.

Chief Darlington asked to speak and continued by saying that the Sheriff came down and discussed \$60,000.00 for next year and potentially the following year and after that there would be no additional cost because they would no longer have the equipment, even if they are desirous of keeping it. He added that the equipment that they want them to pay \$60,000.00 for, the Town's Communication Center does not need and it is part of the secondary PCAP and when Albany County 911 came in, it is a fancy computer that pops-up the street address so they can see exactly where it is, it is high-tech equipment that they don't need in their Dispatch Center and it was provided prior to him being there at no cost because the 911 surcharge on phone bills pays for it all. He continued by saying that supposedly, as a result of cellular phones, landline 911 numbers went down and the Sheriff is out of money and his question was what about the cellular 911's because of him having one landline, he has 5 cell phones for his family and every one of them pay and their answer was that the money goes to the State but when he pulled out his cell phone bill, it says Albany County 911. He went on by saying that he said that he doesn't need the equipment and they should take it out, they are licensed for one and it was \$30,000.00 if they choose to keep the second and when the meeting concluded, they had a discussion and he was told that they cannot trust the County and that he should do what he needed to do to maintain the Town's Communication Center and this is what his Senior Telecommunicator presented to the Fire Chiefs at a Communications Meeting. He added that Thursday morning his Senior Telecommunicator was advised that they are in negotiations with the Sheriff's Department and he happened to be walking through and was then invited to the meeting and this is how he found out about it so he does not know what happened in 2-3 weeks that they go from they can't trust the Sheriff's Department and what he is going to charge us, to we are going to give him everything. He reiterated that he does not need any of their equipment, he has his own equipment and they answered 911 10-15 years before the County even thought about answering 911, they don't have the enhanced 911's or Emergency Medical Dispatch, the County does that

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and if they took everything out, the system would still be the same, they would push it down on a seven digit number and they would still answer. He continued by saying that he would caution them with the numbers that the Sheriff gave them for response time and would be interested in encountering them, especially the number of calls and when they talk about 1,066 calls for 2013 and 763 for 2014 alone, in the last three months there has been over 3,000 calls answered in the Town's Dispatch Center and of those apparently very few of them have been 911 calls and many people are telling him that they are not dialing 911 because it's too cumbersome. He went on by saying that when someone is hurt in your house, you have to sit there when a Dispatcher wants to keep you on the line and you have to try and have to find a babysitter for your kids and if you hang up, they continue to call you back and reiterated that they don't need the fancy computer, they know where the big rock is on Starr Road or where Starr Road is, they don't need a map on a computer to tell them. He continued by saying that this is the bottom line, in his budget the only thing that has to change for Communications for next year is whatever percentage rate that they negotiated with the Union, staffing is staying the same, he has not asked for anymore or any less and the equipment that they want, they can take it out, he has his own records management system, phone systems and 911 will be pushed to 2059 and they are set up so if the line is busy it rolls to the next number and continues to roll over, which was discussed at that meeting. He concluded by saying that they were surprised Thursday morning when they were told that they were even looking at it and they need talk to their own people before they start looking outside and finding out what the Town's needs are, advantages and disadvantage, they are supposed to be a team for the people of the Town and he does everything he can to keep cost down but one of the things complained about at the Communications Meeting is the service, meaning the radios and he can't get \$10,000.00 to replace a console so he can't ask for a million dollars to provide the Fire Companies with the repeater system that they want and he advised them that they needed to talk to the Town Board.

Mr. Whitbeck stated that in closing he wants them to reevaluate what they are looking to do and if they are looking at timeframes, at the very least January is not a reasonable timeframe because they have to do evaluations of individual agencies and figure out what they are going to need to do. He added that he is very open to communication and he wants to hear from them and if they want his input, they know where to find him and he thinks that they can somewhat recover from this at this point but it may take a little bit of work and they need to work on their communication skills.

Councilman Masti interjected that he has problems with his Town e-mail and in not having a computer in Town Hall he has to do it remotely and sometimes his computer works with that and sometimes it doesn't and if he needs to contact him, he should send him a text message and he will always get back to him.

Mr. Whitbeck stated that he will stop by later in the week to work on better ways of communicating with each other and he understands that these things come up but it is very frustrating to him that five days after the fact he didn't hear from anyone.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it was anyone except one.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Nancy Warner stated that she is a Village of Ravenna resident and Village Trustee and she would be speaking first as Village Trustee, which is that the 5 on the Town Board and the 5 on the Village Board are very well aware of how rumors fly and how inaccurate they are and her concern, considering that the Village is a very large piece of the Town of Coeymans and this is a very monumental undertaking even if it is just in the discussion phases, that quite possibly they may have been asked to join in even in the beginning stages because it affects them just as much as it affects the Town of Coeymans. She continued by saying this is a perfect time where everyone says we're supposed to cooperate and play nice and she thinks as a Village Trustee, when people come to them and ask them what the story is and for them to say they don't have any idea what you're talking about does not fare well and this goes along with what Travis and a few other people said, the communication part of this as they look back hopefully they will learn something from that and if it is going to include the entire Town, which includes the Village, she thinks they need to be made aware of what is going on and whether it is the thought process, they would have to be a part of it. She added that as a Village resident her question is why is it that every time there is a fiscal crisis or they want to save money, they always hit the Police

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Department and Dispatch and it is the first line-item that they look at to get rid of or to cut and they can't tell her that there are no other places in the Town's Budget where they could find \$60,000.00 because emergency services is not the first place to look. She continued by saying that from where she speaks, she thinks that the Village people carelessly voted away the Village Police Department and nothing against the Town Police Department, they have no say over what happens anymore and if they give away Dispatch, none of them are going to have any say anymore and the Village learned first-hand that the Town Board that sat there at the time, promised them the sky, two cars per shift and all kinds of coverage, which was very short-lived and not in existence today so as soon as they give away another piece of the pie, they will have one less thing to offer when people come here. She continued by saying that they already voted away the Police Department, which was the biggest mistake that they ever made in her opinion and now they want to give away something else and concluded by saying that she thinks that they need to think about it, they should be talking about things that they are going to offer people and not about what they are going to take away from them and asked them not to look to Emergency Services to do that.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Joe Dunn stated that he is the local President for Council 82 and he is not happy and what is most disturbing out of all of this is he is a little disturbed that this all started and the Chief hadn't even been spoken to about what is going on. He added that the research that they mentioned, they said that there was one employee that would be brought over to County that they would be covering but technically there's two, Mike VonSchenk and Nicki McMullen and possibly four because Brian Dunigan and Randy Hotaling technically had Civil Service status before. He continued by saying that they also mentioned the 911 times and it taking a couple of minutes for the call to go through and the people need to know that when 911 gets the call, Albany County is dispatching a paramedic from up there and they start dispatching the call here as soon as they get the information and Albany County will stay on the line with the person. He went on by saying that the Chief had mentioned the number of calls and the 700 for this year so far and they are averaging 1,000 calls that are handled by the Dispatchers so there may be an overlap but not much overlap if they are handling 1,000 calls to dispatch and with 700 to date they are talking averaging 100 so it's 1/10th of the calls.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. John Vadney stated that he was present for the parking issue on Westerlo Street and continued by reading the following:

Good evening, thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. I am here with a few individuals from Westerlo Street in Coeymans. I have been in contact with Mr. Flach for several months pertaining to parking for myself and my tenants in front of 26 Westerlo Street in Coeymans. It is very hard to speak to our busy Supervisor or even get a call back on my cell phone in regard to why myself and my tenants are being ticketed for parking in front of 26 Westerlo Street here in the Town of Coeymans. I would like to thank Mr. Dolan for his quick response and concern on this matter. I was shocked to hear that the right-of-way for highway, gas, electric, phone and cable, it is illegal to park according to certain Coeymans Police. I would like to say that not all Coeymans Police agree with this. When we park within the telephone poles there is over 5 feet from the road and they are certainly not impeding traffic in any way. I was told that the right-of-way was also considered a street by Chief Darlington, he explained that it was the wishes of the Town Board at the time the law was passed. For months just unloading groceries, building materials, loading a car for a student's first day of college and even unloading a baby has been clouded by police presence with ticket book in hand or his handicapped tenant whose rides are told to move, the man has a device hooked to his leg to help him walk. Just the other day his helper was unloading supplies, the tenant was unloading her baby, again an Officer with badge 102 pulled up, impeded traffic with his vehicle by parking on the street and the only way to describe his behavior is rude, which was in front of several witnesses. When asked why he was issuing tickets, he said that the Chief wanted anyone parking at 26 Westerlo to receive a citation, which was also witnessed by several individuals. The Officer did not ask them to move, he said he was just unloading supplies, he had tickets already written and I asked in looking up the street why at least 5 vehicles had never received tickets, the Officer said nothing. I watched as he drove past other so called illegally parked cars, with no citations, just 26 Westerlo. I invested here to help with a positive movement, not only big business but the staple of small ownership of our

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community. I am here to ask that the petty actions of certain individuals stop for law abiding citizens so they can grow with their families to make a strong community. I ask that the Board make a statement tonight to stop what some say is harassment of minorities and hardworking citizens trying to survive raising their families. We have many obstacles here in the Town of Coeymans as he heard tonight, this issue that I have spoken out should not be on that list. I would like to hear from all of you tonight with your thoughts and hopefully common sense will prevail.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they are going to discuss this later in the meeting and he had discussed it with Mr. Vadney and he does not know the legal underpinning but he knows that there is no parking on that street but there seems to be four properties west of 26 Westerlo Street where people have cut-outs on the road and they are allowed to park there and it seemed to be equal distance off the road as in front of 26 Westerlo Street and they will discuss it later.

Mr. Vadney stated that all the cars parked on the street in front of Town Hall are illegal if it is the same at 26 Westerlo because there is no parking on the street.

Supervisor Flach stated that he didn't know and he would have to ask the Chief of Police.

Mr. Vadney stated that if you go to the end of Church Street, at the apartment building there is a sign that says "No Parking" but everyone is parked there and he asked those individuals and they never got a ticket.

Supervisor Flach stated that if the Board recalls, he did bring it up to them after he spoke with Mr. Vadney a couple of times, he came to his office once and they spoke on the phone once or twice, he also discussed it with Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Searles and it is what they currently have for a law and this is where it was left.

Mr. Vadney stated that Section 156 of Vehicle and Traffic Law says a street, not off-street parking and if you are on the street it agrees 100% that they should be ticketed in that area but if they are off the street they should not be ticketed.

Chief Darlington asked if they were going to discuss it later in the meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that they were and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Thomas Boehm stated that he lives at 53 Coons Road in Coeymans Hollow and added that the thing that concerns him the most is as it has been said, lack of communication but also lack of expressions of your opinion to the public. He continued by saying that some of them have seen the Sheriff, they have talked amongst themselves but they have to talk amongst themselves in front of the public and then asked the Town Board what their thoughts are right now. He went on by saying that this is the problem and it is where they get bushwhacked on a Friday afternoon when no one knows about these things and then asked Supervisor Flach if it is in his Budget because he has heard rumors that he has taken it completely out of the Tentative Budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have his Tentative Budget completed.

Mr. Boehm stated that it is a big thing and he should remember if he took Communications out.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that he didn't finish his Tentative Budget and he will know next Friday what his Budget is.

Mr. Boehm stated that this is the thing and they don't want to be surprised.

Supervisor Flach stated that the fact of the matter is that the communication that everyone is talking about, they have not done; they just talked about it Tuesday and have not had a public meeting.

Mr. Boehm stated that they have talked about it before behind the scenes in the back room and this is the problem because they don't communicate, people don't know what's going on and then they get a room full of people because they are frustrated.

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Supervisor Flach reiterated that it was the beginning of the week on Tuesday when they talked about it and they have not had a meeting since.

Mr. Boehm reiterated that they talked long before now about getting rid of Communications.

Supervisor Flach stated that they actually hadn't and they just went to see the Sheriff.

Mr. Boehm asked if they are racing to get it done for the Budget.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he didn't even know there was a possibility until the Sheriff came to the meeting and he didn't realize that there was a possibility of separating the two.

Mr. Boehm stated that they are talking about Westerlo Street but they are not talking about Communications and then asked why.

Supervisor Flach stated they were not at that point yet.

Mr. Boehm stated that he thinks they are at that point now and should talk about it.

Supervisor Flach agreed that they are at that point now and he said that they were going to have an Emergency Management Meeting but they are not doing it now.

Mr. Boehm asked that he let the people know how he feels now.

Supervisor Flach said he will let the public know how he feels.

Councilman Burns interjected that he personally does not know how he feels yet because they talked to the Sheriff's Department and later they find out that there are discrepancies in what they said so they don't know who to trust then they listen to the Chief and he makes a lot of sense in explaining it to them but when you go back to the Sheriff's Department they contradict all of it. He reiterated that he does not know where he stands right now, he is taking in information and will not make a decision until he is really comfortable in knowing what is going on and people will know about it before they make a decision. He concluded by saying that he is new at this and trying to take it all in, he is not a Dispatcher, he is not a Police Officer and he is trying to take in the pros and cons from both sides.

Mr. Boehm stated that he is not criticizing him for that, he is criticizing them for not sharing their thoughts with the people.

Councilman Burns reiterated that he does not know how he feels because he does not have enough information to make a decision himself let alone discuss it with anyone.

Mr. Boehm asked Supervisor Flach how he feels about putting it in the Budget or taking it out.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have an answer right now because he does not have enough information.

Mr. Boehm interjected that it is a big part of the problem and he hopes that they discuss later in the meeting so he can let people know.

Supervisor Flach stated that it doesn't make sense.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he looks at the Budget and asks what they can do because in the process of campaigning he found out that a lot of people are not happy with the taxes they are paying and what they are getting for them so when he looks at things, he is constantly looking at what they are getting for their investment. He added that when he finds out that Communications is running somewhere around \$250,000.00 and it's likely going to be bumped over \$300,000.00 a year so he has to look at it and ask if it truly a duplication of services and if they are paying for it for nothing.

Mr. Boehm asked what the flip side is and what it is going to cost to go with the County.

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Councilman Langdon stated that this is the part that he doesn't know yet and from what he is hearing as he is getting input from people, is the idea that maybe they need to keep local numbers with the people downstairs but the 911 definitely seems to be very much a duplication of services and if it has to go to the County first and then come here with some life threatening situations going back there because of some of training in the Dispatch there, he does not know if he is missing something and it is what he is open to hear about. He continued by saying that when they talk about non 911 calls, which they asked to get a number on for several days to find out how many calls came totally came in and earlier in the meeting, it was the first time that they heard the number.

Chief Darlington interjected that it was only asked of him earlier in the day.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thought it was asked the other day.

Chief Darlington stated that it was asked of him in the morning from Lisa and his Dispatchers started working on it frantically.

Mr. Boehm interjected that his fear is that they are trying to shove it into Budget time and that it is not going to appear in the Budget, they will make some mistakes and unfortunately it could cause people their lives.

Chief Darlington stated that to clarify the request from Lisa, she stated that it was to help justify Dispatch and she wanted to help them, it was not the Supervisor who wanted it, she wanted it.

Mr. Boehm stated from his own personal experience in living in Coeymans Hollow is that he called 911 a couple years ago and he got Dutchess County so he had to call the local number to get the Dispatch Center, during the hurricanes the Dispatch Center helped them man the shelters because the County would have been overwhelmed with what they had down here so there is a strong need for it and he hopes that they consider that. He added that he understands that people want to keep the taxes low but there are certain things that they can't skimp on and one is protecting the people of our community.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was explained to them by the Sheriff that when you call 911 you can sometimes get the wrong County, particularly if you use a cell phone because when you use a cell phone it does not necessarily bounce off this tower, it could bounce off a tower and you could get Rensselaer County, Columbia County, etc.

Chief Darlington stated that last week there was a home invasion where it went to Columbia County first and then Rensselaer County, on to Albany County to finally here.

Mr. Boehm stated that it is a big issue, he knows they have a lot on their plate and it is not the only issue and then asked that they as much as possible bring it out here and share their concerns with the other Board Members and allow the public to hear it and be able to comment because there are a lot of smart people who have been doing it for years and know their stuff.

Councilman Langdon stated that the first thing he did when he saw Councilman Dolan, because he hadn't seen him since they started talking about it, was that he asked him how he felt about it.

Councilman Dolan stated that except from the call from the Supervisor telling him that they were getting rid of it and it was out of his Budget, that was the first conversation that he had with a Town Board Member about it.

Mr. Boehm asked if thought it was out of the Budget and added that it is what he was trying to clarify.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is what he said and when he spoke with Sheriff Apple about it because he spoke to him at an event, he told him that all four Board Members had been up to see him and they told him it was out of the Budget and they wanted to know what services would be provided to the Town of Coeymans if they no longer had Dispatch and added that maybe the Sheriff was shading what he had to say but this is what he told him.

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Councilman Burns stated that he was shading because he had no idea that it was out of the Budget.

Councilman Dolan stated that two years ago when the Sheriff was here, and Mr. Boehm may remember it, he told them that for him to take over Dispatch it would cost the Town of Coeymans \$296,832.00 a year and that the savings would go down each year for the Town and they would roughly be paying \$375,000.00 at the end of five years. He reiterated that this is what was said two years ago on September 24, 2012.

Councilman Boehm stated that it was a big number.

Councilman Langdon interjected that if it is the number they are looking at, they would be saving money keeping it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is what he said.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't see that because he was not here.

Councilwoman Rogers suggested that they go back in the minutes, which Diane can get them a copy of and they can see the amounts.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he has them.

Councilman Langdon stated that none of those numbers were given to him when he sat down in his office.

Mr. Boehm stated that they need to get to the bottom of it and get some accurate figures and numbers.

Councilman Dolan stated that Mr. Boehm's point is well taken because if they are going to discuss something as big as this, they should do it in public and it might not be comfortable.

Mr. Boehm stated that it isn't comfortable but it has to be transparent.

Councilman Dolan stated that it does have to be transparent and they are talking about things that affect everyone in Town and maybe everyone doesn't want a Dispatch Center or want to pay taxes on it but they have a responsibility and a legal responsibility to discuss these things in public and not find out by a phone call after everyone has discussed it and been to the Sheriff and to find out in a phone call after Dispatch heard about it.

Mr. Boehm stated that he hopes that they continue to discuss it and asked that they be kept in the loop.

Supervisor Flach interjected that for everyone's information they are only allowed to have two Board Members meet at a time and that is what they did when they went to the Sheriff, he and Councilman Langdon went and spoke with him and then Councilmen Burns and Masti went to listen to what he had to say and this is why Councilman Dolan didn't go so he called him to tell him to call the Sheriff.

Councilman Dolan stated that they could have told him in advance that they were going and added that he has his phone number.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have to tell anyone where he is going and he can talk to people.

Ms. Jolene Hopkins stated that she was there for something completely unrelated and in sitting there and listening, she thought she ought to share her story with them. She continued by saying that she had her son on June 21st of this year and it was an emergency situation, she had placenta-previa and was hemorrhaging and her husband called the local Dispatch and they were at their house within 10 minutes and she was at St. Peters Hospital within 30 minutes, which is incredible and if he had called 911, she does not know if they would have been at her house in that short of time and she does not know what that situation would have been. She added that if

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they are considering getting rid of the local Dispatch she would suggest that they do a longer study and not make any hasty decisions because it is a life and death situation because she never expected to have to be picked up at 2:00am and have an ambulance ride to the hospital and they need to take their time and think it through and that no one likes paying taxes but when it comes to a difference of life and death, she would choose life. She continued by saying that she was actually there because of the proposals on the agenda for the landfill and recycling and she is completely appalled by the comments that she read from the Supervisor in the paper. She went on to say that to call residents, his constituents, selfish, completely blows her mind because they are the people that he was elected to serve and he is not living down there, she is not one of the individuals on the lawsuit but he does not live there, he is not living this and having untold number of trucks driving by his house on a daily basis where there aren't any sidewalks and if she wants to walk with her child to the post office she has to push the stroller or carry him off on the side of the road with no sidewalks and there are dump trucks filled with material, which she does not know what it is and trucks are flying down the road not doing 35 mph talking on their cell phones. She went on by saying that the traffic has increased tenfold or better and the infrastructure is not able to support it, Rte. 144 is not made for that kind of traffic, it is unsafe and she invites them to come and sit at her house or someone's porch and watch the traffic and then tell her that they feel safe giving their kid a key to the post office to go walk down there in the winter when you have piles of snow and there aren't any options other than walking in the middle of the street. She concluded by saying that nobody is against development, everyone wants there to be jobs but they have to follow the proper procedures and protocol and can't just force something through.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Mary Driscoll stated that she comes to Town Board Meetings all the time and as long as they are doing their Budget she would like to see them do something about the acoustics in the room so everyone can hear them in the back, especially when they talked amongst themselves and at home it is the same way. She continued by saying that she believes that she is the oldest person in the room, her family came over on the Mayflower, they have been here a long time and fought for good government in every war and over the years she has kept an interest in politics and the topic about the County taking over has been raised several times and it will come eventually, she knows that it won't be in her lifetime. She added that it is up to the young people in the room to fight for small government because the politicians want the County to take over the Towns and Villages, then they are going to go into zones and then to states and that is how Hitler got into power, they did away with small government and the United States was created with small government. She went on by saying that as far as the EMS are concerned, if it wasn't for them she would not be here and more than once she has called Dispatch and they were there within 2-3 minutes and that is the kind of service that we get from them, which is a big point for the Town of Coeymans, to have their own Dispatch Office and to have the great EMS services that they have there now. She continued by saying that she was around when they started talking about centralizing the schools and they gave them a song and dance about how it would be cheaper, they would save money and the kids would be better off and in looking at the central schools now, they are not saving money and we are fortunate that we have smaller classes than some of the other central schools. She added that she thinks that our school is doing a good job but they have had to put layer upon layer of management because of the State and she does not think that they are really saving money, at least not on her tax bill. She went on by saying that since he became Supervisor he has made great strides and leaps of faith in promoting the Town of Coeymans and she would hate to see him take five steps back in going with the County for anything and she knows that he has to consider everything and she is sure that he didn't call the Sheriff first, she is sure that the Sheriff and County Executive Dan McCoy came down with their ideas at first. She concluded by saying that as far as she is concerned a lot of it is political and a lot of politics and he is doing a great job and should keep it up and then asked that he not do anything with Dispatch and the EMS.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked if the Board had any comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he agrees with Mary and he doesn't like big government either and it is one of the biggest things when they talked about the Police Department a while ago, he likes the Town being independent from everything else. He continued by saying that he had the privilege of working for the Village of Ravena and he built a lot of stuff in the old Dispatch

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Center in the school and he saw firsthand by watching the Dispatchers work and Highway Superintendent Searles was a Dispatcher at that time along with Judy Tucker and Mike VonSchenk and they were busy all the time. He reiterated that he likes having our own Dispatch but when they start talking about numbers, and he is not putting safety on the back burner, but then you see what it is costing them to run it, you to listen to all sides, what the Sheriff has to offer, you listen to Greg and Dawne who know about our Dispatch and as far as he is concerned, they are just taking in knowledge to make a good decision on what is best for everyone. He concluded by saying that the small government issue is big with him and he does not like the County taking over something because like Trustee Warner said, when they gave away the Village Police Department they lost control over controlling their people and if there are people acting in an improper manner you can do something about it but if it is in the County, you can call them all you want but from what he has seen with getting roads repaired and other things that they need done by the County, they say they will do their best and things still aren't done and as far as he is concerned they are taking this all into consideration.

Councilman Dolan stated that the spent \$75,000.00 to build a salt shed because they said they could not trust the County and there was a meeting with the County where some people stormed out yet they are willing to save a few dollars and cast this out to the County and added that he thinks that it is a double standard.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he didn't count \$250,000.00 as a few dollars.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not what he said.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't have that because he wasn't here.

Councilman Dolan stated that Councilman Langdon should have done his homework.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is what he is trying to do.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would want to find out the facts before he met with the Sheriff so he can meet with him and have something to back it up with.

Councilman Langdon stated that it was a starting point.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he was not going to apologize for a starting point.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wasn't going to either and he is trying to gather information where he can find it and he is trying to do it in a way that isn't going to ruffle feathers as much as possible and they knew at some point when they started talking about it a week ago, that at some point they would let it out and they would begin to get feedback, which is where they are at and they act like it has been going on for a year that they have been planning it in secret and that is not true.

Councilman Dolan stated that as Mr. Boehm pointed out, decisions like this need to be discussed in public, in front of the public and not behind closed doors where four of the Town Board Members are discussing it and not telling the other Board Member that they are discussing it and it is hardly open government in addition to arranging to skirt the Open Meeting Law by going two by two to see the Sheriff is hardly the spirit of the law.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not see a problem with talking about it.

Councilman Dolan stated that the problem is that he doesn't see a problem and obviously a lot of people see a problem with it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that here were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Bid Opening on September 11th and a Bid Opening on September 18th, and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, the minutes of the September 11th Bid Opening for the Sludge Hauling was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns the minutes of the September 18th Meeting for the Highway Garage Roof were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0

Supervisor Flach stated that the motions were to approve the minutes and then asked the Board if they needed time to look at them or if they wanted to proceed with awarding the bids.

Collectively the Town Board agreed to award the bids.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to accept the bid for the Sludge Hauling.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, accepting the bid from Blue Diamond for the Sludge Hauling.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, accepting the bid from G.B. General Construction in the amount of \$28,000.00 for replacing the Highway Garage Roof.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0

Supervisor Flach stated that there was only one bid for replacing the roof and they had \$25,000.00 budgeted for that but they actually have \$32,000.00 in the fund, which was not budgeted fully out of there and they will have to do a budget amendment for that.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

August 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$125,944.08	\$321,477.98	\$332,191.24	\$115,230.82
PART-TOWN	\$724,520.25	\$ 1,345.02	\$426,455.61	\$299,409.66
HIGHWAY	\$ 41,841.23	\$157,982.00	\$ 54,133.26	\$145,689.97
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,079.17	\$ 3.97	\$	\$ 29,083.14
SEWER	\$133,541.35	\$ 84,972.82	\$ 30,972.75	\$187,541.42
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 36,533.66	\$ 544.95	-0-	\$ 37,078.61
POLICE FORF.	\$ 20,252.90	\$ 19,840.31	\$ 4,415.88	\$ 35,677.33

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TRUST & AGCY	\$ 19,062.86	\$221,922.49	\$224,843.38	\$ 16,141.97
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$492,551.29	\$ 75,096.32	\$	\$567,647.61
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 8,183.37	\$ 47,916.84	\$ 42,083.73	\$ 14,016.48
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,447,517.01

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.37
Grove Cem.	\$40,941.30
C.H. Cem.	\$13,430.46
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.24
Total	\$55,075.37

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED
COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,340,686.45
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,105,267.00

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES – 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – August 2014

Supervisor Flach asked Town Clerk Millious to give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – August 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan stated that since Mr. Kerr was present, he wanted to thank him for the work that he did with the summer youth.

Mr. Kerr stated that he enjoyed working with them.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he did a really good job with them and usually working at the Sewer Plant is not every boy's dream but they all really liked working there and he loved how he treated them.

OLD BUSINESS

Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Landfill Law & Special Facilities Law

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, establishing Public Hearings for Proposed Local Landfill & Proposed Local Special Facilities law.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan asked if they were still going under the theory that the Building Inspector had said in that people will be violating the law by recycling their oil at for example Mueller's or returning their tires that they didn't buy in Town.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is part of the problem that they have because if you let one do it, you have to let everyone do it and if it is good for one, it has to be good for all.

Councilman Dolan stated that the law has been on the books for 20-40 years and then asked how many tickets were written for someone bringing their oil back that they purchased in Glenmont.

Supervisor Flach stated that he didn't know.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is zero and added that the reason for changing the law is bogus and it is hard for anyone to draw any conclusion other than it's changing the law so something that some businessman has in mind will be able to do what he is doing that he is not currently allowed to do by law. He added that they would not put such a fine point on it by saying that you can bring garbage into Town but you just can't bury it, you could have hundreds of tons of it piled up and as long as you don't bury it, it is okay. He continued by saying that it is ludicrous that they are expected to believe it especially when they are told when people returning cans and bottles that were bought in Glenmont are in violation of the law and if that is the case he is sure that there is a crowd of people who are willing to confess to the crime and the Building Inspector can issue tickets and they can litigate it because it is the most ridiculous thing that he has ever heard. He concluded by saying that this is his thought on that.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is the reason that they are having a Public Hearing so they can hear everyone's take on it.

Councilman Langdon asked the date of the Public Hearing.

Ms. Lawler asked where they will be able to take a look at the Proposed Local Landfill and Special Facilities Law well enough in advance of the Public Hearing so they can form an opinion.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will be well in advance and available in the Town Clerk's Office.

A member of the audience asked if they will need to do a SEQRA for this.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would think so.

A member of the audience asked if the SEQRA would be before or after the Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was not sure.

Discussion ensued regarding the date for the Public Hearings, collectively the Board agreed to October 14th at 6:00 and 6:30pm.

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Ms. Lawler stated that it is only a couple of weeks away and added that it is not going to give the public enough time to read through two new laws and schedule time to come to a Public Hearing.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are actually two pages long and they had already been discussed a year and a half ago when some of the Board Members didn't want to look at it.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it is actually three weeks.

A member of the audience interjected that a lot has changed since then.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is only a Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Westerlo Street Parking

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington talk about Westerlo Street parking.

Chief Darlington stated that he asked to be on the agenda because Mr. Vadney had come in and talked to him and added that he first wanted to explain that his Officers are informed to enforce all parking throughout the Town and Village of Ravena by both Boards' request. He added that he has minutes that go back to February 2004 where issues were raised under Chief Giroux and then himself asking why they are not enforcing parking on Westerlo Street and more importantly why not in the area of Main Street to Colvin Avenue. He continued by saying that he was summoned to the prior Supervisor's Office and asked why he was protecting Rose Gladney and her family by not writing tickets for parking in front of their home as well as being asked by previous Board Members and all of the complaints were made from residents on Westerlo Street. He went on by saying that he has had video camera downloaded and handed to him of his Officers asking people to please move and not park there because people were complaining and the Board was getting complaints, which is the kind of Police Department that he thought they wanted but apparently over the years they were advised that warning was not working and it should be enforced. He added that then the question came up as to if they move over far enough, are they out of the roadway and it talks about there being a sidewalk there and the Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits parking on a sidewalk. He reiterated that Supervisor Hotaling called him in when the accusations were made that he was protecting residents down there and not enforcing the law and he has asked the Boards what they are expecting and he was told that the residents in that area want enforcement and ever since then, enforcement has been happening. He continued by saying that people have cut-outs into their walls, which constitute drive-ways and parking tickets have been a huge issue as to whether they are actually court enforceable and it has been an issue that they have tried to get clarified and if it is a true public safety issue, his Officers have no problem enforcing it but to write tickets for facing the wrong direction, parking on the wrong side and things like that, his Officers have no desire to sit and write tickets that sit in the Court Room unanswered and a previous Judge will tell them that they are not enforceable. He went on by saying that his Officers are told, if they see a violation, write a ticket and added that it is interesting when you are in a Law Enforcement position, especially in a small town, because Boards tend to go on what the voters want and this is where it is hard for his Officers because if you start writing certain individuals or family members of individuals or companies they are accused of being a Police State and they are in a no win situation and as he has said for years, he didn't take the job for a popularity contest, it is a matter of doing what is right and if the Board does not want Westerlo Street to be enforced, they need to change the law to make it where they can park there and the roadway is considered any part of it that is 25 feet from the center. He concluded by saying that they have measured and he has had meetings with Highway Superintendent Deering and now Superintendent Searles and Westerlo Street in that area is a tough spot and if they are far off the street, it is okay but as soon as they move over it is a question as to where the limit is.

Councilman Dolan stated that he spoke with Mr. Vadney about it and it is on his way home and from work so he stopped down there and looked and he noticed that there have been people parking around there as well as knowing the history of the area and if you look up further west, up Westerlo Street, there are a couple of cut-outs where people have made a parking spot as well

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as places that are blacktopped where people park off the road and no one has ever said anything about that. He continued by saying that if the answer is the sidewalk and they need to change something, he would be in favor of talking to the Attorney for the Town to see what they have to do to change the parking there. He added that the parking where Mr. Vadney's rental unit is, if they are parked the way that he has seen the last few months, they are off the street and certainly more off the street and further from the center of the road than the south-side of Westerlo Street after you cross Blaisdell and there are parts where cars can park that are really tight and it seems to be a truism that if you are going up the hill, right when you get to the narrowest part, there is a car coming down.

Chief Darlington stated that he agrees with the way that they are parking, they are far enough off the street.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that technically from Gladney's house down on that side there is a sidewalk, which is supposed to be 4 feet so they would have to do something.

Councilman Dolan interjected that technically it might be a sidewalk but it does not operate as one or is used as one in general and there is a home that is directly west of Fifth Street, there is a house or two in there that is identically paved blacktop on what might be considered a sidewalk and people are parking off the road and saying the exact thing. He added that his point is well taken on what he said about complaints but he is not doing it based on an affinity for Mr. Vadney, it is because he called him up to say what he had to say and it made sense and he went and looked at the situation. He continued by saying that if the law allows him now to park there, it should be their policy and if it requires a change, he thinks that they need the work to make it change.

Chief Darlington stated that he will agree, as many of his Officer's agree, that when the cars are over, they don't have an issue with it, it was residents in the area that were very specific who brought up the whole right-of-way and it got to the point where parking on Westerlo Street was perceived to be as bad as any crime the Town had and they actually got criticized because they were busy with a call in Coeymans Hollow and it took ten minutes to get to the parking complaint and by the time that they got there, they moved because they have scanners. He added that his answer to that was that if they moved, the problem was resolved and it does not take writing tickets to resolve a problem and all it took was a call to Rose Gladney to stop parking there but then there were other people parking where they shouldn't so they started parking there again so the calls started up again, which may have been a neighbor dispute that they were put in the middle of. He continued by saying that Mr. Vadney has no off-street parking and he gives him credit for parking that close to the house because they can't even sit on their front stoop if there is a car parked there. He concluded by saying that he has no issue not issuing a ticket but his question is what the Board is going to do, because there is a resident who raised the concern and in turn he asked what they are going to do.

Supervisor Flach asked if there was a sidewalk on the opposite side of the street.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is and it is actually a sidewalk that is not blacktopped.

Supervisor Flach stated that the sidewalk from Rte. 144 past the Gladney's right up to Fifth Street there is no sidewalk other than where there is blacktop over what was a sidewalk.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that it used to be concrete but then was blacktopped because it was in such disrepair.

Supervisor Flach stated that where Mr. Vadney's was is now blacktopped.

Chief Darlington stated that it goes all the way to Main Street on that side.

Supervisor Flach asked if they could abandon it as a sidewalk.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they could.

Mr. Vadney stated that if a car is parked on the street, the Police give a ticket if it is outside of the telephone pole because it is breaking the law but if you look at the sidewalk in front of 24

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and 26 where one family owns both buildings and where the blacktop is, it is where the sidewalk belongs but they covered it over with blacktop and inside the telephone pole there is ample room to park.

Supervisor Flach stated that he agrees but in talking to Highway Superintendent Searles, if it is officially a sidewalk, they would have to change something.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that they should ask the Attorney for the Town about what they can do.

Mr. Vadney stated that on the other side, the sidewalk with the curb is 4'6" and if there is sidewalk line, he measured the road earlier in the day in different areas from the top up by the Fire Department all the way down to the end of the road where the parking lot is and they have room to park there if they hug the porch area. He added that they are not looking for anyone to not uphold the law, they are looking at it as if they are parked inside there and they are not impeding traffic, they should have the right to park there.

Supervisor Flach questioned that if they park inside the telephone poles like the people from Colvin up do, whether or not from the telephone pole there is a 4 foot sidewalk section in between where they are parking.

Mr. Vadney stated that there isn't.

Councilman Langdon stated that there is a sidewalk across the street.

Mr. Vadney interjected that it is actually very dangerous for someone to walk up that side of the street.

Chief Darlington stated that approximately 4 years ago they took out the sidewalk that was between Gladney's to Fifth that used to sit up higher and it used to go around and on the edge of the wall there was a sidewalk by Gladney's but he thinks that their hedges have expanded out.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks the problem with that as a sidewalk is as you come down Main Street and people are legally parked perpendicular there, it is really hard to see around that corner and you have to commit to stepping out in the road to see what is coming.

Mr. Vadney stated that as Chief Darlington had said earlier, there was a dispute with a couple of neighbors across from him and he mediated a lot of that by speaking to the people and asking that they not call the Police when it can be taken care of by telling the people that if they are parked outside of the area they are going to get a ticket and if you are inside the area you should be fine and reiterated that he asked that they not call the Police on ridiculous issues with each other when it is personal. He added that all he is asking is, if he or his tenants are parked within the pole and not impeding traffic or causing a dangerous situation for the public, they should have the right to park there and Chapter 156 has nothing in the law pertaining to right-of-way and states that if you are parking on the street it is illegal and it does not matter if it is upper or lower, it's illegal and they should be ticketed but like all the other residents that are in the vicinity of where they are parked on their property, they are not being ticketed and he knows it because he asked and if they were he would be honest enough to tell them which ones they were. He continued by saying that they are trying to bring people into Town and these are very small issues that are on the agenda but they are citizens also and they have a right to be on the agenda and the Chief has a right to uphold the law but as long as they follow the law and are not impeding traffic or on the street, his tenants and himself should be allowed to park in that area. He went on by saying that earlier in the day someone parked in front of his place the wrong way and he told him to get out of there and it is the same about peeling out on the roads, which has ceased, they decided that they are not going to take it because they are a community and they need to all work together to stop the nonsense or else it is not going to work. He went on by saying that it is trivial with the parking and they are trying to build their neighborhood and Town and there are good people coming and paying rent so he can support his building, which was ready to fall down when he bought it and he put a lot of money into it and he wants to buy more buildings down there and get rid of some of the people that don't care such as the out-of-towners who buy the buildings, take the rent and run and don't care what their buildings look like but they are going to change that. He concluded by saying it's a small change but as the law says, if

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they are on the street and parked the wrong way they should get a ticket and they are reaching people who were fighting before and are now talking, which is a big step and this won't change the whole outlook on everything but it is going to help and as they know, it takes small steps, which is what they are doing.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that the only thing that he would request is that from the telephone pole where Burton's live and down that they put a No Parking sign from here to the corner with the rest being fine with him.

Chief Darlington sated that Mr. Vadney is being a responsible landlord in saying that they are going to be off the street but his only concern is that if they change it to allowing parking and they start encroaching into the roadway, on the corner they are going to create an issue so the question is in presenting to the Attorney for the Town, if they paint a line which designates the Town road and they are parked beyond the line and no longer on the roadway, they cannot enforce it. He added that he believes that they have to legally abandon the sidewalk because Mrs. Burton likes her sidewalk, cleans her sidewalk and takes care of it and for her to cross the street and walk down and then come back up, they would have to make an exception.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they could make "no parking" from there down.

Chief Darlington stated that they could still designate it the Town's sidewalk and make the exception because they don't have off-street parking but do have room that they can and it allows for two reasons, they can park there and if anyone other than them parks there, they can tell them to leave but the Police can't enforce it because it is no longer in the roadway.

Mr. Vadney stated that he believes that he does not have any right to tell anyone in the public because he believes that anyone has a right to park within the telephone pole.

Chief Darlington stated that it would not be if they are saying that it is their roadway and not their sidewalk and it would be like someone parking on his front lawn off the roadway out of the right-of-way he could have the car removed and added that Mr. Vadney does not have a front yard because it is blacktop.

Mr. Vadney stated that the sidewalk was built for those houses and their personal use and the street sidewalk has been covered over by blacktop and that is why they were not parking on that area because people do have a right to walk there. He continued by saying that Mrs. Burton was one of the individuals with the parking there and now when her son visits, he parks outside the fence so she does not have to tell him to move his car.

Chief Darlington stated that his concern is if it is a sidewalk, it's a sidewalk and they need to pick where they are going to abandon the sidewalks and allowing off-street parking by a line and if you are over the line, you are subject to ticketing, which will probably only happen if there is a complaint because there is an enforcement question on them.

Mr. Vadney stated that he wants to make everyone whole on that street, meaning that if you are parked illegal you get a ticket but if you parked legally you don't, all the way up the street, and whole is a legal term where everyone is equal.

Chief Darlington reiterated that they could mark the street and anyone over it would get a ticket.

Mr. Vadney stated that he is looking to get the community together so they don't have these dispute, they will continue to have disagreements because it is human nature when you live so close together but to work together and start acting as a community down there, it is a rebuilding process and from what happened years ago, he can understand the miscommunications and arguments back and forth with the police in the middle. He added that in Albany where he owns building they had a Weed and Seed Program, which was acknowledged in Washington and it brought everyone together, instead of fighting and having disputes and calling police, it became controlled and it is happening here, they are speaking and if someone has a complaint or they have an agitating issue, many times they will call him and he will go down and they talk about it and they don't call the Police because they have other important issues that they have to deal with but if it gets out of hand they will be called. He went on by saying that everyone on that end of the street has the acknowledgement that this is what we can do, this is what we can't do and as

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far as the Gladney's, he can see where they park and he knows now that they can't park there because it is impeding the safety of the public because they are too close to the road and when it happens, they are told that they have to move their car and with Mrs. Burton across the road, they don't do that anymore. He concluded by saying that things have quieted down and he hopes that they can do it everywhere by having people talking and eliminating the nonsense and with what they are doing in speaking about this is letting people know that if they have a problem, they can go and speak with someone and get a decent answer.

Chief Darlington stated that he would like to thank Mr. Vadney because with past incidences they came and made accusations and he spoke with Mr. Vadney and in turn he addressed the demeanor of his Officer and this was the first time that there has been professional dialog and he be discussed at a Board Meeting. He concluded by saying that he thinks they can move forward and hopefully resolve it once and for all.

Supervisor Flach asked about painting a line.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they don't have a paint striping program or materials.

Mr. Vadney interjected that it is something to start with until they can move forward and it will be little steps.

Councilman Dolan stated that Mr. Vadney referred to it as trivial and he does not think that it is trivial and it is important that they discuss it and based upon his conversation with Mr. Vadney and checking it out with Mr. Vadney, he thinks what he has in mind is very reasonable and he didn't discuss it with the Chief of Police behind closed doors or try to tell him what to do and if the Town Board is going to address this, it should be done in public and his point about everyone being treated equally is well taken.

Mr. Vadney stated that it should be what is good for everyone and what will make them whole up and down the street so no one can go to the Chief and say that he is doing this for John Vadney. He added that he is a only a citizen and landowner and he wants to make his neighborhood safe for the community and he thinks that this will show people that when you follow the law and go the right way on issues, good things can happen for everyone and this he firmly believes.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would just ask that it all be done legally so someday they are not all there discussing the same issue, which was never addressed through the law and there would be nothing to refer back to.

Mr. Vadney thanked the Town Board for putting it on the agenda and listening.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would discuss it with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch to see exactly what they have to do and thanked Mr. Vadney.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #138-14 AUTHORIZE CHIEF OPERATOR OF WWTP TO ATTEND SEMINAR

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) will be holding a Public Works Training School in Saratoga Springs on October 20-22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Kerr, Chief Sewer Treatment Plant Operator is desirous of attending this conference which will provide credit hours required by NYS DEC to maintain licensing; and

WHEREAS, a prepaid registration fee for these classes are required, meals and lodging, travel to and from the conference shall not exceed \$800.00,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John Kerr is hereby authorized to attend this conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, October 20-22, 2014.

RES. #139-14 APPROVE SEPTEMBER ABSTRACT
On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the September 2014, Abstract.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1751-1799	\$188,857.09
General	1858-1897	\$ 35,826.89
	General Total	\$224,683.98
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1800-1802	\$ 4,099.28
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 4,099.28
POLICE FORTEITURE LOCAL		
Pol. Forf. Local Pre-Pay	1803-1804	\$ 5,000.00
	Police Forf. Local	\$ 5,000.00
POLICE FORFEITURE FEDERAL		
Police Forf. Federal Pre-Pay	1805	\$ 1,020.00
	Police Forf. Federal	\$ 1,020.00
PART TOWN (B)		
Part Town Pre-Pay	1806-1819	\$421,522.99
Part Town	1898	\$ 22.44
	Part Town Total	\$421,545.43
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1820-1830	\$ 56,721.05
Highway	1899-1921	\$ 4,706.91
	Highway Total	\$ 61,427.46
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1831-1849	\$ 21,002.17
Sewer	1922-1943	\$ 13,476.74
	Sewer Total	\$ 34,478.91
CAPITAL PROJECT (H30)		
Capital Project	1944	\$ 3,700.00
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 3,700.00
CAPITAL PROJECT (H42)		
Capital Project	1945-1950	\$ 8,870.24
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 8,870.24

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	Total For All Funds	\$764,625.30
TRUST & AGENCY PAYPAL (TA)		
Trust & Agency Paypal Pre-Pay	1850	\$ 319.92
	Trust & Agency Paypal	\$ 319.92
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agcy. Pre-Pay	1851-1857	\$248,667.95
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$248,667.95

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- ZBA Meeting, September 24, 2014 – 7:00pm
- Planning Board Meeting, October 6, 2014 – 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, October 14, 2014 – 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, October 21, 2014 – 6:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, October 22, 2014 – 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, October 27, 2014 – 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that according to Highway Law 142, Section 3, he has an Equipment Inventory List of purchase dates and Replacement Guidelines and according to Highway Law 140, Section 2 it is his yearly responsibility to inspect Town roadways, which has been completed and a detail list is attached for the Town Board.

Councilman Dolan asked Highway Superintendent Searles if there is a specific standard for the roads or if it is just his judgment.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there is somewhat of a standard but mostly his judgment on the condition of the roads.

Councilman Dolan asked if a reasonable person were to look at the ones that he says are in poor condition, would that person agree by looking at them.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they would agree that it is poor.

Councilman Masti asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he found out anything about the curb in the Hamlet because he was supposed to talk to the State.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he hadn’t and had two calls into them and added that the sidewalk has been patched.

Councilman Masti stated that he noticed was fixed right after they had gotten a complaint, which was nice and he appreciates it and then asked if they know what caused it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he had no idea.

Councilman Dolan interjected that Ms. Palmer knows.

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Ms. Regina Palmer stated that she was being nose y Sunday morning and as she was standing at the corner of Westerlo and Main she heard the sound of water trickling and found that the abandoned house on the corner of Westerlo and Main, 78 Main Street, had water running in it and has been abandoned for at least 2 years. She continued by saying that she called the Village earlier in the day and they are supposed to go and look at it but they thought they had turned it off and that house is about 30 feet up on the same side of the road and downhill from where that was happening.

Councilman Masti asked if it is down below or above the hole.

Ms. Palmer stated that it is above the hole so water would be running down.

Mr. Vadney stated that it is a problem if the bank owns the building.

Ms. Palmer stated that the County owns the building and then asked if there is a way to get into the abandoned properties.

Chief Darlington stated that if the County is officially named on it, they can get permission from the County.

Councilman Dolan suggested that she call Jeff Neal at the County who is in charge of abandoned buildings.

Mr. Vadney stated that she can also call the Building Department.

Ms. Palmer stated that she had and he said that they can't let anyone in there.

Mr. Vadney stated that if the County officially gives them permission, the Building Department can go in but if it is owned by the bank, their hands are tied and added that he went through this with a property next to his.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that when Mr. Boehm asked for opinions earlier he didn't ask for his and continued by saying that as he had discussed with the Chief, nothing is carved in stone as far as Communications, he is looking to see how many calls they get, how many are really 911 and added that there is a lot of information that they need to get before they can make a wise decision. He reiterated that in his mind, nothing is carved in stone but they have to do what they feel is right by the Town and this is what they plan to do and continued by asking Chief Darlington if he had heard anything on the Hannacroix Creek from the Federal Government.

Chief Darlington stated that he hadn't from them or the State.

Councilman Masti asked if the time runs out at the end of this month.

Chief Darlington stated that the date is December 31st.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 9:08pm

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor’s Office immediately following adjournment from the meeting with the entire Town Board present in addition to Chief Darlington to discuss personnel matters, no decisions were made or action taken.

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and offered a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 10:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read November 10, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

September 24, 2014 – Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting – 11:45am

A Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting was held Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 11:45am at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman

ABSENT: Councilman Burns
Councilman Masti

ALSO PRESENT: Gregory Darlington, Chief of Police

AGENDA

- Executive Session – Personnel Matter

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting.

**NOTICE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MEETING**

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Town Board Executive Session Meeting for Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 11:45am. The purpose of the meeting is for a personnel matter. The meeting will be held at the Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Flach called the Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting to order in his office. In addition to himself, Councilmen Dolan and Langdon and Chief Darlington were present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no action was taken or decision made.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn the Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting.

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Burns, Langdon) – SO MOVED

Time 12:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – October 14, 2014

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September 24, 2014 – Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting – 11:45am

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

September 26, 2014 – Special Town Board Meeting – 4:00pm

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 4:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

TOWN BOARD: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

- Resolution
 - Appoint Police Commissioners
- Alcove Preservation

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Town Board Meeting.

**NOTICE
SPECIAL
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

In compliance with Public Officer’s Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Special Meeting for Friday, September 26, 2014 at 4:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York. The purpose of this meeting is to hire one to three Police Commissioners.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

SUPERVISOR’S OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach read the following:

I called for this meeting to bring up a need for a Board of Police Commissioners in the face of the Chief of Police taking administrative leave and retiring from the Police Department this week. We will vote on three members as Town Law states that the Town Board can appoint one or three Police Commissioners to serve on this behalf. We are looking at some prospects for hiring a new Chief and we hope to know sometime next week. I am putting up Peter Masti and George Langdon as they are Town Board Police Department liaisons; I am also putting up Larry Conrad because of his knowledge of the workings of the Town and enforcement of laws. I believe all of these gentlemen have the interest of the Town of Coeymans at heart.

RESOLUTION

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any comments about hiring a Police Commission.

Councilman Burns asked if it was a paid position because it says “hire”.

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Councilman Masti interjected that the resolution says “without compensation”

Supervisor Flach stated that it is not a paid position and the law says that it has to be one or three and originally he spoke with Councilman Langdon who indicated that he would rather have someone else with him so he thought Councilman Masti but the law says “one or three” and he had actually talked to Larry because of his knowledge. He added that in the face of the Chief retiring, he spoke with the Chief earlier and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch is working on the paperwork for him to sign and he had some questions that he thinks they resolved with one of them being health insurance. He continued by saying that because of the cost of family coverage with children is \$400.00 a month, he asked if the Town could cover half of it until the end of December and he said he was fine with that but he would ask the rest of the Board. He went on by saying that he had spoken with Councilmen Burns and Langdon and they said that they were fine with that in addition to him being entitled to it through September. He added that he spoke with Sergeant Contento, the Senior Officer and they had some conversation about the possibility of a new Chief and whether they want to hire a full-time or part-time Chief as well as talking about the shifts, which they have a schedule for through October. He continued by saying that he also spoke with Dawn LaMountain and she expressed concern about hiring a new Chief and whether they would still want her there and he told her his personal feelings, which was that they would and he had spoken with Councilman Langdon and he agreed but he did not speak with any other Board members.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they should discuss this type thing in Executive Session.

Supervisor Flach agreed and added that he is trying to keep everyone abreast.

Councilman Dolan stated that due to unusual circumstances they have to handle things as they come up.

Supervisor Flach asked if any of the Board wished to comment.

Councilman Burns asked Councilman Dolan if he would have wanted to be one of the Commissioners.

Councilman Dolan stated that he absolutely would not want to be and added that he does not think that he is qualified and with no offense to Councilmen Langdon and Masti who have done a fine job as liaisons, he does not think they are qualified for it either but of the three they are the two more qualified.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is only until the end of the year.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is only temporary for the transition.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is just so they have some kind of an idea what is happening in the Department who can help with the scheduling and help Dawn during the transition.

Councilman Burns asked as far as a new Chief, if they will have to go off the Civil Service List.

Supervisor Flach stated that if there is a list, they will have to look at it and added that he has a name in mind that he will share with the Board at some point in time or if someone else has someone in mind.

Councilman Burns stated that with Civil Service there is more of a variety.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is not sure if there is a Civil Service List at this point and they were going to send what they have but to date there is nothing and continued by reading the resolution to hire a Police Commission.

RES. #140 APPOINT POLICE COMMISSION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, Section 150(2) of the Town Law of the State of New York authorizes the Town Board in a Town in which a Police Department has been established, at any time by resolution, establish a Board of Police Commissioners for the Town and appoint one or three Police Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels it necessary and prudent to establish such Board and to appoint three members thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Board of Police Commissioners is hereby established immediately in the Town of Coeymans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Peter E. Masti, George E. Langdon and Laverne Conrad, being electors of the Town of Coeymans, are hereby appointed as Police Commissioners in the Town for a term ending December 31, 2014, to serve without compensation.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any comments.

Councilman Burns stated that as far as anyone asking, Chief Darlington asked to step down.

Supervisor Flach stated that they should talk about that in Executive Session and added that he spoke with Chief Darlington earlier and he is looking forward to retirement.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Alcove Preservation Association

Supervisor Flach stated that they had discussed being concerned about the chimney at the Chimney Top Park and in the agreement it said that the APA would be responsible for the repair of it and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch added some other things that the APA didn't want in there and added that the Board's main concern is the chimney.

Councilman Masti interjected that it is the biggest liability.

Supervisor Flach stated that if the Board is alright with it he will have Attorney for the Town Wukitsch change it back to the chimney itself because the Town had already agreed to do the upkeep as far as mowing and all of that stuff.

Councilman Dolan asked if they are in agreement to do the chimney.

Councilman Langdon asked if they were aware that if they did not upkeep it, the Town Board would probably take it down because of the liability.

Supervisor Flach stated that they understand that and will do checks on it periodically and they have someone from New York Quarries who agreed to do the pointing up for them but he does not know when specifically.

Supervisor Flach continued by saying that he wished to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session to discuss one other issue and offered a motion.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan adjourning the meeting to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time 4:15pm

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Special Town Board Meeting with the entire Town Board present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel issue. No action was taken or decisions made.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read October 14, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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September 30, 2014 – Special Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

TOWN BOARD: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

VILLAGE BOARD: William Misuraca, Mayor
William Bailey, Trustee
Joel Coye, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Daniel Contento, Interim Police Chief
Larry Conrad, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector
Bill Bruno, Emergency Management Coordinator
Keith Geraldson, WWTP Operator
Henry Traver, Village Highway Superintendent
Virginia Pearson, President - Ravena Rescue Squad
Steven Payne, Coeymans Hollow Fire Company
William Kapusta, Coeymans Hollow Fire Company
Travis Whitbeck, Ravena Fire Company

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

- Emergency Management

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Board Meeting.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

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SPECIAL
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled an Emergency Management Meeting for Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY. The purpose of the meeting is that Police Chief Boisvert from the Watervliet Police Department will be speaking in reference to the Albany County 911 Call Center. This meeting is not open to the public, it is emergency personnel only.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that after the meeting that they had a week and a half ago, they went on a fishing expedition to talk about Dispatch with the Sheriff because a week before that they had a meeting with the Sheriff's Deputies, Chief of Police and Senior Telecommunicator and there were some issues with the equipment that they were going to have to come up with money for, which ranged from \$10,000.00 to \$60,000.00. He continued by saying that as they know the Chief of Police has retired and the meeting was for all Emergency Management Personnel in the

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Town and Village and he wanted to get everyone together to talk and express concerns with the possibility of eliminating the Communications Department or letting Communications go to the County. He added that one of the things that were said during the meeting was that the Town does not need the County's equipment and they can do their dispatch without any of their equipment but he does not think that it is right or true in talking to some of the County personnel and it was confirmed to him. He continued by saying that there is a lot about Communications that he does not understand and Village Trustee Bailey had mentioned some things at that meeting that they need to think about as well as there being some other concerns and in turn he invited Ralph Marianni and Kevin Demarest from the County's 911 Dispatch to the meeting to answer questions that they want to understand as a Town Board. He went on by saying that Sergeant Contento is the Senior Officer in the Police Department so he is at the head right now and they are looking for a new Chief and in the interim they as a Board appointed a Police Commission Board until the end of the year and most of the Board agreed that because of the vacancy they wanted to make sure that everything went smoothly with the transition and the three picked were Councilman Masti, Councilman Langdon and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Conrad because according to Town Law it had to be 1 or 3 and they chose three. He concluded by say that he would start the meeting with concerns that the Emergency Management Personnel have and invited Bill Bruno, Emergency Management Coordinator to address their concerns.

COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Bruno stated that a lot has gone on in a short period of time and in having some knowledge of it, there are positives and there are concerns in going with the County and continued by stating the following:

- Positive - 911 Will not have to roll-over to the Town of Coeymans, it will be direct to Dispatch.
- Concern – Not knowing the community.
- Concern – 1-2 times a year there is a town-wide incident and they control things without the County because the County serves many other communities as well as Coeymans.
- Concern – The unknown and suddenness of it.
- Positive – 911 will dispatch the fire departments, rescue squad, police, etc., if a seven digit comes in, a Town Dispatcher dispatches.
- Concern – Call volume, large volume of activity not going through 911, which will have to be managed.
- Concern – Cost to transition to the County frequency.

Mr. Bruno stated there are a lot of things that they have to have answers to before they are going to make a decision to go forward.

Mr. Marianni asked if they would like for him to answer some questions.

Supervisor Flach stated that they did and introduced Mr. Ralph Marianni.

Mr. Ralph Marianni stated the following:

- There will not be any cost to transition the Motorola pagers as well as the Motorola radios, any other brands they will have to figure something out; the County puts aside money every year for consolidation and it is money they can put toward reprograming.
- They are aware of the call volume and looked into it; they will increase their staff by 2 people and have already increased over the past year by 4, which is up 6 since the last consolidation.
- Green Island transition was seamless, Coeymans is a bigger town and there will be more growing pains.
- Not knowing the community is something that they have run into with Watervliet and Cohoes and it is hard but they learn it and they learn it fast because they have to. It will be a lot easier for them to learn the Town of Coeymans than it was to learn two cities.

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Discussion ensued, key concerns were:

- Start-up issues.
- Frequency concerns.
- Volunteer Fire Agency Chief's not getting mobile units.
- A study for weak areas.

Mr. Marianni addressed the concerns as follows:

- Their hope is to give them better coverage, if they don't, they will make sure that they have the same coverage, they won't lose any coverage, and there are ways to keep it the same.
- The project with the 800 megahertz will put them in good shape with two towers in Coeymans Hollow and one going on top of Lafarge and the coverage will be excellent anywhere in town all the way as far as the Village of Catskill.
- The goal for the system was that hopefully you would never need a mobile radio in your vehicle unless you chose; coverage was built with that in mind.
- The system was not built around mobile radios what-so-ever and the whole system was built on portable radio coverage where they tried to exceed any expectations coverage wise.
- The County has done current studies because they just replaced their VHF and have tested different spots in the Town with a portable and so far they have not seen many coverage gaps with the County's system.

Mr. Travis Whitbeck stated that his policy is that every person should have a portable radio and then asked about money being put aside by the County for consolidation.

Mr. Marianni stated that it is \$25,000.00 to take care of odds and ends.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost for portables.

Mr. Marianni stated that many Fire Departments during the transition have been that all of the Officers have a radio and the fire ground and operations are on the VHS side until they get money to pull everyone over to 800. He added that they will always have VHS married with the 800 system, it will still function and if you are on your VHF radio, you will still have a channel that will tunnel its way into the 800 system and get out to a dispatcher in an emergency or anyone on the scene. He continued by saying that the County cannot support everyone having an 800 system radio, there are grants available and if more funding becomes available in the future they will filter it in that direction.

Village Trustee Bailey asked what the expectation is for the channels that they operate and hone on.

Mr. Marianni stated that dispatch wise, they will dispatch on County channels and there will be some reprogramming and the County channel will become the dispatch point and they will have the capability of talking on them and as far as toning out in dispatch, it will be on the County channel.

Village Trustee Bailey voiced his concerns as follows:

- There have been major County-wide events when the County Dispatch has been swamped while the Town functions quite well because they have their own Dispatch.
- The Town of Coeymans is at the far end of the County and when there is a County-wide event, for the first 3-4 days the County tells them they are on their own, for long-term help they will be here but for short-term, the County can't handle the call volume and dispatching.
- The Town of Coeymans has done well because their Communications has been a part of their Emergency System and he does not see it being any different.

Mr. Marianni reiterated that they have increased staffing and will continue to increase staffing.

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Mr. Demarest interjected that the County has always been taking the Town's 911 calls and are handling the emergency calls and what is happening is that they clean them, wash them, identify locations and then ship it to a dispatcher and that work has always been done.

Discussion ensued, concerns were as follows:

- 911 calls are only 15% of the call volume.
- There are multiple other emergency telephone numbers, which are the ones that local people use.
- The Fire Departments do approximately 450 calls a year, Coeymans Hollow does EMS so it is approximately 600 calls total and in an "event" they may do 150 responses in a day, which does not include the Police Department.
- There is a potential for overload.
- Concern if the 7 digit numbers go away and expected to go to 911 only.

Mr. Marianni pointed out the following:

- The 7 digit numbers would still filter to the County as well as them being able to keep their own channels for tactical communications.
- The County will insure that they can use them and the normal course of business will be on the County channel.
- During a major incident, the County would start using the tactical channel and eliminate the crowding on the main channel, which is the benefit of them keeping their systems and the benefit in the future of going to the 800 system is the multiple talk groups.
- The County recognizes the need for capacity, they recognize it and it is the reason they are building it but in the meantime they have other ways to achieve the same goal and for dispatch purposes, on the main channel they will be able to do that on normal days.
- If there is a large incident, they will have to make adjustments on tactical channels, which they have done in Cohoes and Watervliet when they called in more staff to dispatch on a tactical channel and that is all they do until the incident is over. He added that it is not a normal daily function to have more people but they will bring them in and pay the overtime and will never go cheap on the side of overtime.

Village Trustee Bailey inquired about non-emergency because what he is hearing is that the proposal is for emergency traffic only.

Mr. Marianni stated that if the Town of Coeymans wants to consolidate under the County they will handle all traffic which would be everything.

Village Trustee Bailey asked if they will handle the trouble alarm at the Water Plant where you would have to call the Water Plant Operator and handle when the plow trucks want to run a plate so they can find out who owns a car so they can plow.

Mr. Marianni stated that they do the water alarms and everything for other municipalities and it is not an issue and as far as the plow truck, they are not going to run a plate for a DPW worker because it is illegal but if a Police Officer wants it, they will run the plate for him.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that he does not believe they are doing it and it is the Police doing it.

Village Trustee Bailey asked if they will do it for Code Enforcement because they can legally run a plate.

Mr. Marianni stated that they will if they need it and it is what they want. He added that if the Town gets rid of the Dispatch Center and it comes over to the County they will perform the functions that they are performing now, aside from clerical.

Village Trustee Bailey continued by addressing the following:

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- The last time this was proposed, the cost was \$200,000.00 and their own Dispatch costs approximately \$230,000.00.
- He does not believe that the County charges Rensselaer, Westerlo, New Scotland and the other Hilltowns for their dispatch, so why would they charge the Town of Coeymans.

Mr. Marianni stated that it is because they are answering the 7 digit lines, running plates, calling Code Enforcement and if they want them to be responsible for just 911 calls; they are bound by law to do it and can't charge for it. He added that they don't have 7 digit lines and they don't do the other functions for them and added that if the Town wants it, it has to be paid for and it is only done for paying municipalities.

Discussion ensued questions and concerns raised were as follows:

- Approximate charge and savings.
- Number of dispatchers.
- Ravena Rescue Squad contract with Town of New Baltimore.
- Dispatching a non-governmental agency.
- Cost to the Village.
- How the cost is determined, i.e. population or call formula.
- Having the County handle 911 calls only and the logistics.
- Re-programming their pagers to scan.
- Frequency issues with the towers.
- The Town maintaining their current infrastructure for events such as an ice storm.
- Cost increases to the Fire Departments, etc. to buy new radios with no savings to the taxpayer.
- Number of off-dispatch channels or fire-ground channels that are non-repeated that the County has access to now.
- Dispatching through 911 and then switching over to another channel.
- Policy and Procedure for dispatching, mutual aid, etc.
- Monthly reports.
- How long the Town of Coeymans would have to pay and if it eventually goes away.
- Line charges for 7 digit numbers.
- EMS Reports.
- Policies and Procedures for Fire Companies.
- Fees for false alarms, school alarms.
- Multiple fire alarms and residential alarms.
- Responsibility for calling people for the multiple alarms.
- Getting snapped by dispatch and told to get off the air.
- Concern with not having radio access during an event in the northern part of the County.
- Number of channels with 800 System and frequencies available.
- Total number of agencies that are dispatched by Albany County.
- Number of dispatchers dedicated to each agency.
- Rolling over to another 911 Center for a mass casualty.
- County of Albany taking \$60,000.00 worth of equipment from the Town's Dispatch Center because they are a secondary PSAP.
- The Sheriff making pledges when the Town had a 911 system and at the time they became a secondary, they were told that they would always be encompassed in this and the calls would be rolled over from 911 to the Town's Dispatcher and now being told that the County will not supply the equipment.
- They are saying the charge will go away but a new Sheriff might change that.
- Period of the Contract.
- A commitment from the County to attend Rural Chief Meetings every month.
- Benefits to rolling into the County system.
- Cohoes does not like the County dispatch, they want their own.
- What the problems are with Cohoes.
- Cost for maintaining additional 800 towers.
- Rumors that there is not enough money right now to maintain the towers that they have.
- Getting dispatched from a 911 rollover if the Center gets overwhelmed.
- Lack of CAD's in police vehicles.

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Mr. Marianni and Mr. Demarest responded to the issues raised as follows.

- They do not determine the cost; it will be between the Supervisor and Sheriff.
- There would be 2 Dispatchers added to the 2015 Budget and they had previously added 2, their staff would increase by 4.
- Ravena Rescue Squad would not be an issue; it is part of what their operations are.
- Dispatching for a non-governmental agency would not be a problem, they dispatch for Mohawk Ambulance and others who operate for profit.
- Any cost to the Village will be determined by the Town, Village residents already have a responsibility because they pay Town taxes.
- There is no formula they do not know where the numbers came from.
- For 911 calls the town would need to listen to the County channel, they will poll the police cars like they do the State Police now and the Fire Departments will be dispatched on the County Fire Control Channel.
- If the Town reprograms their pagers and the County does only 911, the County would not track and of their times or anything, it would be very basic service and if they don't get the dispatch they have no recourse with the County.
- The County experienced frequency issues for 7 years and ended up throwing everything in the garbage and starting over. They went from 2 tower sites to 6 and are planning on 7 and they are pushing toward completing the 800 system because VHS is not practical.
- The County is maintaining the Gedney Hill tower and will continue to do so and can only maintain what he is told about.
- They would encourage the Town to keep their current local infrastructure until they make a decision to convert to an 800 mega-hertz system in the future, where there are plenty of spectrums for everyone to use where there are multiple channels and by doing so the Town could save on infrastructure costs.
- Initially there would be a cost increase to the Fire Departments, etc. until everyone has the 800 frequency and when they have it, the 3 County VHF channels will be dedicated solely for fire service.
- The County does not have access to any non-repeated channels; they could talk on the repeated channels.
- The County would be available to the Fire Companies for what they might need and would have times, etc. for their records and are currently trying to put a CAD terminal in every station.
- Mr. Demarest will meet with every Fire Chief and EMS person that is in charge and they would tell him what they want and he will build it into the CAD System exactly as they want and it would be a unit based system that the dispatcher would automatically follow.
- Monthly reports are done on a monthly basis and given to everyone, which is an example of what they would get as opposed to them having just 911 as well as the seven digits.
- The fee to the Town definitely goes away; the term is between the Supervisor and the Sheriff.
- The line charge for 7 digit numbers are not absorbed by the County but there are ways to do it that can be cost effective but it would have to be investigated.
- EMS reports can be pulled up on a tablet by connecting to an EMS charts terminal and the information is there as soon as they clear the calls.
- They will have to look at how Fire Companies do business to determine Policy and Procedures.
- There is no fee for false alarms, school alarms would be a number dedicated to only them.
- Multiple alarms would be left as they have in place for now but initially they would like to set it up so they are specific.
- The County dispatchers will be calling for the multiple alarms and it is done for agencies that pay them and they try to match the services that are already in place.
- If you are in an emergency, you will not be told to get off the air; the purpose is to give the service to the person that needs it the most.
- During an event in the northern part of the County, the Town would maintain access because they would request them to go to a secondary channel to conduct their business and they would be on a different frequency.

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- The County is slotted for approximately 25 additional talk channels with half going to fire and half going to the police, there is a third frequency for a big incident.
- They are dispatching for Green Island Police, on the Sheriff's channel, the Sheriff Department and State Police for emergency calls, Watervliet Police, Cohoes Police, Watervliet Fire, Watervliet Arsenal, Green Island Fire with Watervliet on the same frequency, and Cohoes Fire on its own frequency.
- They have six dispatchers on duty with 1 supervisor, 1 dispatcher dedicated to the fire channel and 1 dedicated to the paid fire channels, 2 phone call takers and 2 police dispatchers with one monitoring the Sheriffs and Watervliet and the other monitors Cohoes and the 800 airport unit. When there is a major incident, one Dispatcher takes the incident and the other backs them up and if there is an influx of 911 calls, the operators answering phones rolls it to a fire dispatcher and then the next fire dispatcher, then to the police dispatchers and ultimately to the Supervisor and if they get a mass casualty incident where they get 20-40 calls coming in the 911 system rolls over to the next 911 Center.
- When a roll-over is necessary, there are multiple ways through the Verizon CO and AT & Associates that calls are routed to various locations, wireless calls go to the State Police and hard lines go to Colonie and beyond Colonie, they go to Schenectady County.
- The County would be taking \$60,000.00 worth of equipment because they have to answer the Town's 911 calls now and they aren't going to invest in the infrastructure in the future if they are doing the work now and the seven digit numbers are the Town's responsibility.
- The County does roll over the 911 calls and a lot of it comes from prior to wireless 911 being pushed into next generation 911 and the funding being cut from the State drastically and they can't afford to supply everyone with the equipment.
- A new Sheriff could not change it because it is in a Contract.
- The Contract says that it covers for 5 years of services and after that it says that they will never pay again and it becomes a County Resolution or County Law.
- The County would commit to having someone at each monthly Rural Chief's Meeting.
- Benefits to rolling into the County system are quicker times, increase of services to Fire Departments, fire and EMS services get more of a fair shake in everything.
- Cohoes is not willing to do anything that the other agencies are doing, the County has done everything that they can to do as much as they can without degrading service to someone else and it is all they can do. There is not anything that the Town will need that he won't be able to do; Cohoes has some very odd things that they want.
- The biggest problem is that Cohoes wanted the County to fill out their Incident Reports for them and another issue was the radio system, which they keep putting back and there are problems that they can't correct and other things that they request, the County does not do and he tells people up-front what they will or won't do.
- The cost for maintaining additional 800 towers will be from the 911 surcharge along with the City of Albany and Town of Colonie, it is split three ways.
- There are not any budgetary issues with the towers or communication system, they Bonded 37 million dollars and there are ten-year maintenance agreements on the towers and they have paid for 10 years of service and when the service is turned on in 2016, for ten years they don't pay another dime for anything that is wrong with it. After that the County, City of Albany and Town of Colonie are going to take what they are paying now to maintain their systems and put it into an account and in ten years they are going to be able to build up that money, which is roughly 10.3 million dollars so their account is started at the 10-year mark so when they have to start paying for things, they have 10 million dollars in reserve. In ten years, the way the maintenance plan works, that system is as new as it was the day it was installed because it's not just maintenance, it is also upgrades, everything gets replaced on the 10th year from the transmitters to the antennas, microwave, batteries, etc.
- For 911 rollovers, they will push it back through the CAD and it alleviates the dispatcher from taking the call but can see it on the CAD screen and put the call out and it is something that generally does not happen during the regular course of business. When the 800 megahertz system is in effect and the other two counties join in, their plan is that when Albany County is inundated, they want to shift the County away but they don't have the technology right now to do that and it is what they are building now. There is no reason if the technology is in place that a connecting County couldn't dispatch the Town

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if they have the proper mapping and radio system it does not matter where the call comes from as long as they get you to the right location.

- The County can help with a lot of things, they cannot provide the internet access that they need but they can probably provide a great deal of equipment to install the CAD's in the cars.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. Mark Deyo asked where they are in the process, if they are just fact finding or further along in the process and if there is a timeframe for making a decision.

Supervisor Flach stated that his budget is out and part of the problem that he had with the budget is that he didn't have a Police or Dispatch Budget. He continued by saying that it is a Tentative Budget and they are probably going to make some changes but basically what he did is, he did the Police Budget for a little less because they talked about 2-2-1 and a shift in between and they had some issues with Officer's going off to different things that the Town paid for and for the Dispatch part of it, he reduced it thinking that they will have a daytime and evening person with part-time people to cover the weekends and as far as a midnight shift, they were not sure.

Mr. Deyo inquired about the timeframe and asked if he is looking to do this within the Town's fiscal constraint for the calendar year.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are three months before the beginning of the year.

Mr. Deyo asked if he is looking to make a decision within three months.

Village Trustee Bailey interjected that he has to make a decision in a month and a half.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have to make a decision on what they are going to do, whether they are going to cut Dispatch in half, get rid of the midnight shift, or go all the way with the County. He added that he didn't want to go with the County without having an Emergency Management Meeting and in the meantime they have seen that the local numbers are important to a lot of people and they are trying to figure it out but right now he does not have an answer and they are going to have to do some serious considerations.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that what he is proposing so far would be for part-time to cover the weekends during the evening and not have a nighttime shift but the problem would be during the daytime, someone would be here to handle the seven digits and then no one at night.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has talked to Albany County about the possibility of doing just a midnight shift, the call volume during that time is pretty low and they have talked about it for a few years. He continued by saying that this is what he was thinking when he put his Budget out and he discussed it with a couple of Board Members and after the Preliminary Budget comes out, they are going to maybe have to do some changes and this is why there is a Tentative Budget.

Village Trustee Bailey asked how much he put in the budget to cover from 7-11.

Supervisor Flach stated that he put full-time for what they would need.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that last year it was approximately \$230,000.00 and then asked what his guess would be.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Communications Budget will show \$88,000.00 with keeping in mind that Dawne is in the Police Budget and not in the Telecommunicator's Budget, which is how it has always been. He added that he can sit down with him and discuss the numbers because he was not sure of the numbers and reiterated that it is his Tentative Budget and what he personally thought they should do.

Village Trustee Bailey asked if he had the cost in the Budget for the County next year.

Supervisor Flach stated that he didn't go all County in his budget and he has not had conversation with them on just doing the midnight part of it.

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Councilman Burns stated that the Emergency Personnel are the experts and they as a Board are trying to absorb as much as they can so they can make a good decision and their top priority is safety and they have heard a lot of positive things by going to the County with their second top priority being money and it is their obligation to save the taxpayers as much money as possible while giving them the best possible service. He then asked the Emergency Personnel how they feel about it.

Mr. Steven Payne stated that he has said from the start that he is all for positive change and he does not believe that they can make the right decisions in a month and a half, they don't even know how the system is going to work, if it's going to work and it would be nice to see the maps of what the radio coverage is. He continued by saying that maybe they could program a few pagers in each department and get on a trial basis and see how and where it works because they have had many issues.

Councilman Burns asked how they would start doing it and putting it in place.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno interjected that they said they have a map and it is done by a radio company and it will tell you where the coverage will be.

Mr. Payne suggested that they come up with a plan but he does not think that it can be done correctly by January 1st and if they want to put it in for the following year's budget they can start working on it now and get the bugs worked out of it. He added that hopefully by then they will know what it is going to cost to switch numbers, maintain towers, etc.

Councilman Burns stated that they all will have to make it a top priority and do some investigation so next year they can make a good decision on what is best.

Mr. Payne stated that he can only speak for himself but he thinks that everyone wants something that is going to work better than what they have but it can't be figured out in a month and a half.

Mr. Deyo stated that he is in the same boat and he is representing Coeymans Fire Department and he does not make those decisions, their Chief and Board of Commissioners do and he would hope that as they continue and meetings happen with the Fire Chiefs and Marvin from the Rescue Squad so the decisions makers are on the upper level. He added that he will relay everything that they talked about but he can't tell them to go ahead and hopefully going forward, it is another part of the process and the meeting has been very informational. He concluded by saying that he can only speak for himself right now and he is not in a position to tell them one way or the other how Coeymans Fire stands on it.

Mr. Payne reiterated that in a month and a half before the Final Budget has to be in, there is no way that they can do it or tell them that the pagers are going to work.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that because the County captures the 911 calls, maybe there is a way to put them on the CAD for 911 and give each agency an extra pager with the scanning option, which might be some work on the County's part because they would have to write them in as a tentative player but it would give them some idea time wise when the County dispatches them to an accident when they are dispatched on the County channel and what it is vs. the Town channel as well as how good the reception is. He added that this way they would have some field diagnostics on their side of the equation and it would be a really good idea if it is doable.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that hopefully they would save some money but they are going to lose the local feel when someone calls a dispatcher where it means something to the dispatcher and will not mean anything to a County dispatcher because it gets very impersonal when you deal with the County. He added that there is personal knowledge of who they are dealing with and they are going to lose it and it has to be weighed against monetary and operational benefits.

Mr. Payne stated that they thought the Town antenna on Gedney Hill was going to be the greatest thing ever and they tested it and it worked real good in Coeymans Hollow but they found a lot of spots that it didn't work and then there were costs when they had to buy boosters for home alerts for people in certain areas because there is no way they can hear either tower but they get the County perfect. He continued by saying that by doing a test, it will give each department an idea

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of the cost to modify their pagers and whatever they have to do because it is going to have to be written in each department's budget to reprogram pagers and reiterated that in a month and a half they can't do it.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need to get the cost from each department for the radios.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that if they are Motorola pagers, it won't cost anything to convert them and as far as the radios he does not know.

Mr. Payne stated that they program their own and if it is Motorola they are good with that too but he does not know about the older pagers.

Mr. Marianni stated that he can cover any pager reprogramming in the service contracts.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno asked Mr. Marianni what he thinks about a study where they put some pagers on to see firsthand what they are going to get.

Mr. Marianni stated that as far as adding extra tone-outs to their consoles right now, he does not want to put that procedure in place and as far as reprogramming some of the pagers to try them he would say yes. He added that his advice would be to listen to where the tones are going off on a daily basis and they have volume on there and he will put the County's frequency on anyone's pager because it is a benefit to them whether they come over or not and it is a benefit to the agency whether they come over or not because if they lose a channel, they can borrow one of the County's, which is a positive thing to get it into their radios. He continued by saying that if they do it or not, he is all for helping them get those channels in their radios as a back-up but as far as testing the pagers, he would say get it in as many radios as possible and have them monitor where they are and aren't going off and there should be enough volume to test it like that.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno asked if he will put the toner codes in the system for them.

Mr. Marianni stated that he would and it is easy enough to do but he does not want to add the extra step of dispatching calls.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno asked if it is a possibility if they say that they only want 911 services and then asked how they would manage it.

Mr. Marianni stated that they really don't have a choice to say no and they would put the codes in the County consoles.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked if the County can do anything for Highway Departments.

Mr. Marianni stated that they don't answer for any Highway Departments other than the County.

Councilman Langdon asked Mr. Marianni in his experience what the turn-around time would be to do it as well as what the process is.

Mr. Marianni stated that personally he would not want to do anything in a month in a half and he does not think that the Sheriff would go for it and it is going to take a little work to go over what everyone has and once they can identify the differences from what they do now, they can identify the adjustment time but he would not encourage a month and a half. He added that he can do something for him in a month and a half but he is not going to tell them that it works perfectly.

Sr. Communicator Dawne LaMountain stated that with State Telephone for a roll-over it is \$200.00 a month and \$250.00 a line for however many line they roll-over and they said that there are two ways that they can do it, they can put it into an account where every phone call with State Telephone that is a long-distance charge they can put in an account for the Town to pay or it can get kicked back each taxpayer. She continued by saying that she heard earlier that they have lines to State Telephone and then asked if it is something that would be set up that they would get lines directly from State Telephone that they wouldn't be rolled-over.

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Mr. Marianni stated that this is one of the things that he doesn't know and he thinks there is a way to avoid all those charges completely and he will do everything he can to do that and he is fairly confident that they can do that but he does not want to say yes to have to come back later and say no and he will need a day to figure it out and he will let her know.

Interim Chief Contento stated that he said something about putting CAD in the Fire Departments and then asked about the Police Department and whether or not they are going to lose their system.

Mr. Marianni stated that they will keep one screen and even if the County took all of their equipment, that wasn't the equipment they were taking from them.

Interim Chief Contento stated that the equipment belongs to the City of Albany.

Mr. Marianna stated that the County buys it for them and the County owns the license but the City of Albany maintains it and the County owns all CAD licensing and equipment and they will leave the license in place regardless. He added that the web version is not licensed and you can put it on any computer that touches the County network, which is anything in the Police Department.

Interim Chief Contento stated that what he is curious about is when they need numbers from previous history for reporting, will they have to call the County every time.

Mr. Marianni stated that they can log on to any of their computers and look once he installs it and the web version is free and there is a lighter version that will do anything most Officers will want to do, which can be put on any one of their computers as well as mobile versions being available and there are other new things that he doesn't think anyone is aware of.

Councilman Langdon stated that at the last meeting they asked for numbers, which they have now and there are a lot of 7 digit numbers that are used a lot, which immediately raised a red flag to them and this is why they are doing an investigation and one of the things that he is curious about and interested in feedback from them is, from what he understands the 7 digit number doesn't have locator or anything like that connected to it.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that the 7 digit number system they all had when they built the Dispatch Center, which was a part-time center and then it became a full-time center as well as 911 with the Town of Coeymans being the first community in the County to be on 911 and they had it for years and they were never a primary PSAP, they were secondary. He added that when they first put 911 on-line there was no such thing as emergency medical dispatch, the County was supposed to take the call and then transfer the call to a Town of Coeymans Dispatcher but when emergency medical dispatch came along, which is a good program and helps with diagnostics as well as helping the person calling to do some things, it delayed the call and people who regularly use the 911 System know it will take longer to get help and it is built in their culture that the 7 digit number is the better way to go. He then asked if Watervliet or Cohoes had a 7 digit system or whether they relied on 911.

Mr. Marianni stated that they were pretty heavy on the 911 and the heavy 7 digit was the Village of Green Island and what they did is they took 2 months and had meetings with the public and pushed them towards 911. He added that it used to be that there was a limited number of 911 circuits coming into the building and if there were 4 circuits, they would not be able to answer a 5th call but it does not work that way anymore, there are unlimited circuits and what they do no matter what you need, ambulance, fire truck or police, call 911, they capture the data and process it faster. He continued by saying that it was a big adjustment in Green Island, they used to call the desk at the Fire Department and wake the guys for a fire directly and it was that way for 30-40 years, which was big to overcome.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has lived here for 30 years and he didn't know there were 7 digit numbers but obviously a lot of people do and if the people are using it, they need it, which is how he is looking at it.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that it is a quicker service dialing 7 digit and if you call a Coeymans Dispatcher, if you are having a heart attack on Main Street Ravena, an ambulance will be dispatched and they will call for a County paramedic and if you call 911 they

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will EMD it and turn it over to Coeymans and they will ask the same questions and then dispatch it.

Councilman Langdon stated that in the event that the 911 was not pushed down here, it sounds like when there is a phone call they already have an address and location and they are just looking for the nature of the call and dispatching directly and then asked why it is not quicker.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that it is not quicker because the County isn't dispatching the Town.

Councilman Langdon stated that in the event that they give them the 911, they would be dispatching and he has to know if it is the best thing for the community or not.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that it is and as far as the 7 digit, that is what the culture is today and as was previously mentioned, if they were going to go with the County, there needs to be a massive educational blitz to call 911 because the 7 digit is no longer the quick way.

Officer John Myers stated that they gets calls for domestic violence and when they get there the suspect is not there and they get asked what they should do if he come back and the Officer gives their card with the 7 digit number because it gets them there faster.

Councilman Langdon said what he is asking is in the big picture, long term if it would be quicker with a call 911 and they dispatch directly to a car, because it seems to him that it should be quicker and a better system.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that it should be quicker.

Trustee Bailey stated that a fire call, a 911 to the County or a 7 digit would be the same amount of time.

Councilman Masti interjected that one thing that they would have with 911, is you would have someone on the other end to help you on the airway.

Officer John Myers stated that to get the community used to it, it will take a long time because it is built into the culture of the community that when you have a problem you call 2059 or 2033, you don't call 911 and it is how the people in the community think.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that he is a responder and when he has made the call, he has never called 911 because he is knowledgeable of the system and if you want quicker response you call the 7 digit number.

Officer John Myers stated that in Columbia County it is the same way and their 911 and Sheriff's Dispatch are in the same room but are two different entities and it takes longer if you dial 911 and hardly anyone in the County uses 911 because it takes so long.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has ascertained and it seems to him that if the County does the 911 and dispatches directly from the Sheriff's Department, he thinks it would be good to keep people downstairs answering the 7 digits, which could also dispatch directly to their cars. He added that they could pick up both frequencies in the cars and maybe save some of the costs of them doing all the other things and instead of paying it there they can pay dispatchers if they keep it downstairs for a while.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that if they put scanning pagers in the Fire Department and ambulances he does not know how they would dispatch 911 calls to the Police and they could dispatch 911 on their frequency and the County could dispatch them on their channel.

Interim Chief Contento stated that he is assuming that the Police would be dispatched on the home channel.

Mr. Marianni stated that was correct.

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Interim Chief Contento asked if they would have to incur some kind of a cost for a repeater to hit the County or will they be able to hit off their tower.

Mr. Marianni stated that they should be able to use the County's channel right now if they are programmed correctly and he does not know if it has been updated since they changed things so he will have to see their program and it should not be an issue.

Interim Chief Contento stated that he wanted to make sure that there would not be some kind of a cost for a repeater system in the cars or towers.

Mr. Marianni stated that with the radios in the car, he knows that there is no issue and with the portable there are probably going to be some spots that are weaker than others but he has not found anything that is unusable or any issues if they are used in the right way and they will definitely get a better signal in the Hollow with the County's channel.

Councilman Masti asked if ultimately it will be the 800 megahertz system that will take over within the next few years.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that there has been a survey and meetings and the rural Chiefs are writing a grant that they have been asked to be a part of and there is a lot going on to ramp up the 800 but when they are actually going to be there he doesn't know.

Mr. Marianni stated that it will be the summer of 2016.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that they are going to take whatever equipment they can get, mobile units for their apparatus, portables for the Chiefs and they will keep the portables and apparatus that they have now to use on VHF.

Councilman Masti interjected that this is something that the Fire Departments are going to be budgeted for within the next two years.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that at \$5,000.00 a radio, they will have to come up with a plan on how they want to address it.

Mr. Travis Whitbeck interjected that there is more than start-up costs, there will be sustainability costs because eventually they are going to break something.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that he thinks the 800 is a separate discussion unless they are going to dispatch on VHF and then asked if the County is still going to dispatch on VHF.

Mr. Marianni stated that they are going to dispatch on VHF and they won't be using 800 until 2015-2016.

Interim Chief Contento stated that 2015 is only three months away.

Mr. Marianni stated that it is not for the Town of Coeymans, it is for the city and town of Colonie, Watervliet, Cohoes and Green Island because the radio system is built in two coverage areas, a metro area and county-wide area so the two systems don't interfere with one another. He added that the metro area will be finished prior to the county area because all of their sites exist and in the county they have to construct from the ground up in the middle of the woods.

Interim Chief Contento stated that as far as equipment, he talks about the County bearing some of the cost for the Fire Departments for mobile units and portables and then asked about the Police Department.

Mr. Marianni stated that the Police Department made out much better than the Fire Departments.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno interjected that the Firemen aren't too happy about the Police Department making out better.

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Mr. Marianni stated that the project came in stages and the original plan was to cut the Police over first because the Fire Departments that they dispatch for were happy with what they had and then they got extra money and put it out to those who wanted to be part of it. He continued by saying that the first plan was to satisfy Coeymans, Watervliet and Green Island Fire and PD's and get them off and on a signal channel as opposed to using all different frequencies.

Emergency Management Bruno stated that in fast-forwarding to 2016 with the 800 megahertz he still has a beeper on his side and then asked if they are going to dispatch over VHF.

Mr. Marianni stated that paging will remain VHF.

Emergency Management Bruno stated that it will not have any effect on dispatching but will be for two-way communications.

Mr. Marianni stated that was true and they just released an 800 megahertz pager last month and they don't even know if it works.

Emergency Management Bruno stated that their dispatching aspect, other than the County acknowledging on the radio, will not change with the 800 system because they are going to keep their VHF system and have dual systems with 800 radios in their apparatus and their own system with pagers on their sides.

Councilman Masti stated that he does not want to see the Town investing thousands of dollars on upgrading it and then in two years having to spend thousands more for the 800 system and if they can invest in getting their pagers upgraded and it will last for 10 years, it would be good and they could eventually start working on getting the other system.

Emergency Management Bruno stated that if they keep the system that they have and the Town runs it, his suspicion is that they will put the 800 radios in their apparatus for free and they will collect dust because they will stay on the VHF system.

Mr. Marianni interjected that if they don't get the 800 system, they won't get any radios from the County and the Sheriff is very clear on that.

Emergency Management Bruno stated that they would take the equipment and use it and the County will have to maintain their VHF system.

Councilman Masti asked if the mobile units will go in the trucks and if they will keep their pagers and portable radios.

Mr. Marianni stated that the pagers always stay.

Mr. Steven Payne stated that the pagers will stay and over time, everything will go to 800.

Emergency Management Bruno stated that they will have to upgrade the system with 800 equipment for them to use the 800 system.

Councilman Masti asked how long are they looking before they have to do that and how long do they have to get it done.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that they don't have to do it.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that if they are going to use the 800 system and get the equipment, the Dispatch Center will have to upgrade.

Mr. Marianni stated that if they have four channels, they would have to buy four extra mobile radios to run the console.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that it would not be a big expense for the Town to go to the 800 system.

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Mr. Marianni stated that it would be \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 and the mobile radios they can get a very cheap version to work with the console.

Village Trustee Bailey interjected that moving to 800 is optional.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that they will all have initial tie-in costs and they will all be given equipment but if they want more, they will have to pay for it.

Mr. Steven Payne stated that if they go all 800, they won't have to maintain the towers because the towers would go away and the radio equipment cost will go away.

Mr. Marianni stated that there will be a trade-off in cost for the towers to buy the new equipment.

Mr. Steven Payne stated that there would be some savings, but there is going to be some cost.

Councilman Masti interjected that he does not want them to invest in something that is going to be obsolete in two years.

Mr. Steven Payne stated that neither does any of the Fire Companies, Rescue Squad or Police Department and no one wants to spend thousands of dollars for equipment that they will have to throw away in two years.

Councilman Masti stated that as long as they are getting a good bang for their buck and keeping everyone on the same channel to talk and continued by saying that through meetings like this, they all need to be on the same channel so they can talk and figure it out over the next 6 months so when they do make the change, it is going to be smooth.

Mr. Steven Payne stated that he thinks there was a lot of good discussion and ideas but there is a lot more that has to be proved and researched.

Supervisor Flach asked when they can meet again as Emergency Management because obviously in a month and a half they can't do it.

Councilman Masti asked that they take it back to their own departments, fire, rescue, police to discuss and hash it out and in turn they can get together to find out what they came up with for their individual departments.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno interjected that they have to come up with a plan on how they are going to move forward and they need to document their issues to see if they can work through them or not.

Mr. Steven Payne asked if there was a way to get a County coverage map because it might relieve a lot of people's beliefs of where the radio is or isn't going to work, they are pretty good guides and it's a whole lot easier if you have some proof and evidence.

Mr. Marianni stated that he will forward the maps.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will make sure that everyone gets it and then asked if he can get some numbers for the next time they meet.

Mr. Steven Payne suggested that they get together again in a month and that way he can get some information back for State Telephone, Albany County, etc. because there is no way that they can make a change in a month and a half.

Supervisor Flach asked that the Fire Departments get together their concerns about changing radios, frequencies, etc. and they will have more discussion.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that he thinks the Dispatch Center should keep track of different functions such as communication with the school and school buses, which he does not think that the County will do for them and it is a local aspect of having their local dispatch.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is one reason that they have to have someone there during the day.

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Mr. Steven Payne stated that even the Highway Department has different needs and at night they are quiet but in a snowstorm or rainstorm when everything gets washed out, they have needs.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno stated that they might even need their own person to dispatch and bigger Town Highway Departments have them.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that many times it is the dispatcher that calls out and advises of a report of an icy road and the need for a sander.

Mr. Marianni stated that if someone were to call in and say that a road needed attention, they would contact County Highway for the incident, not by radio but by an on-call number, which is normal and they would do that.

Village Trustee Bailey reiterated that they lose the local aspect and they know who each other is.

Mr. Marianni stated that he gets that and he is not going to say that they are not going to lose it.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad interjected that there are sacrifices but there are also benefits that are very promising.

Mr. Steven Payne reiterated that they should schedule another meeting in a month.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would come up with a date for late October and he will e-mail it to everyone to see if it is okay and then thanked everyone for coming out and added that he wishes they had done it sooner.

The Emergency Management Meeting concluded.

Time – 8:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

October 3, 2014 – Special Town Board Meeting – 4:00pm

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Monday, October 3, 2014 at 4:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Town Board Meeting.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

NOTICE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Special Town Board Meeting for Friday, October 3, 2014 at 4:00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be for the Town Clerk to submit the 2015 Tentative Budget to the Town Board. The meeting will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

AGENDA

- Town Clerk's Presentation of the 2015 Tentative Budget

PRESENTATION OF 2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Supervisor Flach stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was for the Town Clerk to present the Town Board the 2015 Tentative Budget.

Town Clerk Millious proceeded with the presentation of the 2015 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Supervisor Flach read the following:

I am excited that as the Supervisor, knowing that I have great support from the current Board Members, I was able to make significant changes in this year's Budget that I feel will have a positive effect on our taxpayers and community members. As you all know, this Tentative Budget is mine, proposed to you the Board, and Department Heads, and typically will change somewhat after Budget Workshops and recommendations from the Board.

I am striving to save taxpayers money, while improving our parks, highways, and Police force. I feel strongly that sometimes spending more money on one area of service, does not mean that we are improving that area. I have decreased the Police Budget, after working out the number of full-time and part-time officers that are needed to provide coverage for the shifts necessary to ensure safety in our community. After many discussions with my Board Members, many of us agree that we want outside law enforcement to work hand in hand with our Police force, we do not wish to alienate them from our town.

For next year, I am proud that my office and the Finance Department will catch up to this century and will become computerized. The NYS Comptroller's office has joked with me about our paper ledgers and inability to transfer documents, etc.. electronically, and now we will be able to do so. It will take some transition time, but I am excited for this.

It has been suggested since the end of 2013, that I need to decrease the use of fund balance to balance the Town's yearly Budget. Our accountant has suggested this and since we are tracking towards a negative fund balance, this is critical in the 2015 Budget. Therefore you will see that I did not use any zero fund balance in Highway and A Fund's Budgets for next year.

I was able to decrease the use of fund balance, while decreasing taxes, and this was in part is due to the Lafarge Pilot Program income, as well as decreasing and consolidating areas of service, i.e.: communications, Police and Beautification Departments.

I do feel it is important to continue to give Department Heads and some of the Elected positions raises, as this has been neglected in the past several years. I also put in raises for non-union employees.

As all of you know, I do not consider the Supervisor's salary of \$45,000.00 to be a raise, as this is what it had been for years, until the past Supervisor and Board decreased it for the 2011 budget, due to the fact that the Supervisor was part-time. I feel strongly that in today's economy that \$45,000.00 dollars per year is not by any means an excessive salary for a person in my position, and if I am no longer here for the next term, I still believe that person deserves to make \$45,000.00 per year as the Supervisor. For 2014, my salary has been \$45,000.00 due to the fact the current Board voted to allow me to collect the \$15,000.00 as Budget Officer, as this is part of my job as Supervisor.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Special Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 4:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read October 27, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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October 14, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Daniel Contento, Interim Police Chief
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Presentations
 - Bullying Awareness Month - October
 - Present Chief Darlington with Retirement Badge
 - Resolution to Accept Chief Darlington Resignation
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, September 8, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop Meeting, September 16, 2014
 - Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting, September 24, 2014
 - Special Town Board Meeting, September 26, 2014
- Resolutions
 - Appoint Equipment Operator I
 - Authorize Justice Court to Prepare JCAP Grant
 - Amend July 2014 Abstract
 - Amend August 2014 Abstract
 - Authorize Employees to Attend Seminar
 - Award Sludge Hauling Bid
 - Waive Building Fees for Coeymans Hollow Fire Company
 - Reappoint Member of Board of Assessment Review
 - Authorize Supervisor to Sign Letter of Agreement with BAS
- Correspondence
 - CT Male – Zoning Map Amendments
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, October 21, 2014, 6:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, October 22, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, October 27, 2014, 7:00 pm

PRESENTATIONS

Bullying Awareness Month – October

Supervisor Flach stated that October has been designated as Bullying Awareness Month and continued by reading the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security, and

WHEREAS, Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children, and

WHEREAS, Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go the school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and make the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety, and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide, and

WHEREAS, providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual, and

WHEREAS, It is time to “Stand UP for Character – DOWN to Bullying!”, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to urge our community to recognize October 2014 as Bullying Awareness Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Town Board does hereby designate the month of October 2014 as Bullying Awareness Month in the Town of Coeymans as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

Accept Resignation and Present Chief Darlington with Retirement Badge

Supervisor Flach stated that the Board would be presenting Chief Darlington with his retirement badge and then asked that Councilman Dolan read the resolution accepting his resignation.

RES. #141-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CHIEF DARLINGTON

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Police Chief Gregory Darlington has submitted his letter of resignation as Chief of Police in the Town of Coeymans Police Department for the purpose of retirement, and

WHEREAS, Chief Darlington has served the residents of the Town of Coeymans for more than 25 years. The Chief started his career as a part-time Dispatcher and soon after became a Police Officer, and

WHEREAS, Chief Darlington was promoted to Sergeant and then to Police Chief. He has served the residents of the Town of Coeymans with passion as well as compassion. During Chief Darlington’s tenure he was successful in initiating a few of the following programs: reinstating the D.A.R.E. Program, assisted in Landlord/Tenant Training in conjunction with the District Attorney’s Office as well as the Trespass Affidavit Program with the District Attorney’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans would like to thank Chief Darlington for his many years of service and the contributions he has made to the community. Chief Darlington will be missed by many co-workers, fellow officers and resident of our Town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation/retirement of Chief Gregory Darlington as Police Chief is hereby accepted effective October 10, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Chief Darlington the best in his retirement as well as his future endeavors.

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Supervisor Flach asked if any of the Board Members wished to comment.

Councilman Burns stated that Chief Darlington is a small town hero and he remembers him as a kid working on the back of a garbage truck picking up trash and then working his way all the way up to Chief, which is an inspiration for any young person in seeing that it is possible to become whatever you want to become if you work for it. He concluded by saying that he is a great inspiration and great friend.

Councilman Dolan stated that he hadn't know the Chief as long but when he moved to the Town of Coeymans in 1990, someone broke into his car and stole some change, 2 cassette tapes and a pair of sunglasses and he debated whether he should call the police or not. He continued by saying that his neighbors encouraged him to call the police and Officer Darlington showed up and asked him if he was able to ascertain how the perpetrators accessed his vehicle and he said that his windows were rolled down and doors were unlocked and that was probably the way that they got in his car. He added that he looked so young at that time and he thought that he was in a High-School Intern Program but was actually a Police Officer and to echo what Councilman Burns had said, he rose in the ranks and he stands before them today.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has not known the Chief for that long but it had been a pleasure working with him and wishes him the best and whatever opportunities he pursues from here become very prosperous for him and his family.

Councilman Masti stated that he does not have any long term memories of Chief Darlington other than the last couple of years on the Town Board but he has heard good things of him and it was good working with him and he wishes him the best with his retirement and for him to enjoy his days with his family because it is what life is all about

Supervisor Flach stated that he has known Greg for quite some time and they went to high-school together although they didn't associate too much but they knew who each other was. He continued by saying that he has known him for three years as Town Supervisor and as the newspaper reported, they have tussled, which he does not know is the proper term but they have had a lot of great discussions in his office. He added that he does not know what else to say other than to thank him for his service and that he deserves a lot of credit for running a department that people may have the idea that it is an easy job, which is actually not a glorified job. He concluded by thanking him and telling him that he appreciates his time with the Town and continued by presenting Chief Darlington with his Retirement Badge.

Chief Darlington continued by reading the following:

Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, fellow Town employees, Officers family and friends,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening, I am here to announce my retirement effective October 10, 2014. I started working for the Town of Coeymans on or about August 1986, I started as a part-time Dispatcher and then became the part-time Animal Control Officer and on May 10th 1989, I stood in this room in front of Honorable Harry Sturgess and took an Oath of Office for Police Officer. This Oath of Office stated that I would uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York and discharge the duties of Police Officer for the Town of Coeymans and later took the Oath of Office for the position of Chief of Police. I discharged my duties of a Police Officer for a little over 25 years, seven years of which were your Police Chief. I did these duties to the best of my ability and I hold my head high with pride knowing the service I performed for this town. One of the most important responsibilities of a Police Officer is to stand for those that cannot stand for themselves, not only when crimes are committed against them, this responsibility has been uttered from my mouth many of times when I said that I work for the taxpayers of the Town of Coeymans. It was my responsibility to make sure that the Town of Coeymans was the safest place to live with the budget that was provided, anyone who watched over the years knows my passion regarding the need of service to this town. I have brought you a full-time, full-service Police Department all while a budget went from 1.5 million to just under \$600,000.00. The men and women that serve the Town of Coeymans do it with pride and dignity, the Town of Coeymans should be proud of the Department they have. Not only am I stepping down as your Police Chief, but also as your Deputy Director of Emergency Management, this position I also took with great pride and worked with many great dedicated people, many of which were

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volunteers. During our times of need we were able to handle most incidences with little or no assistance from outside agencies, this was greatly apparent when the County called them and said that they were on their own during the hurricanes. We managed to handle flooding and man a 24 hour shelter, this shelter was ultimately held open to support Albany County. In closing I tenure my resignation for the purpose of retiring, effective October 9, 2014, this decision is my decision and my decision only, the time was right for me and my family. I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Coeymans who allowed me to serve for a total of 27 years, I further would like to thank the current and past Board Members for challenging me to do and be the best that I can be, my co-workers and subordinates for making me look good over the years, remember that we were a team and none of us worked alone or did the job alone, my friends for helping me and my family when I had to be elsewhere helping others and most importantly my family, my Mom who cried the day I told her that I was going to be a Police Officer but she still supported me through the years, my wife Leah who endured countless phone calls at all hours of the night, stayed home and took care of things while I was out helping others and interrupted date nights and dinners and family events and my amazing kids Danielle, Jacob and Isabella for loving me even though I missed birthdays and countless family events that I was supposed to be there for. I loved my career and I walk away holding my head high as I did what my Oath asked me to do. Thank you.

Letter of resignation -

October 8, 2014

Town of Coeymans Town Board
18 Russell Avenue
Ravena, NY 12143
Town Board,

This letter is to tender my resignation for the purpose of retirement. My effective date will be October 9, 2014 and effective retirement date of October 10, 2014. Thank you for your consideration.

Gregory Darlington

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Andrea Grutza stated that she lives on Church Street in Coeymans and she has a big problem with the trucks that come by all hours of the day, they are very loud and very fast with an elementary school right on the street there. She continued by saying that they are never ticketed by the Police, which she does not know why but they should be and the roads were not made for trucks like that, streets like Church and Main were made for horse and buggies and it is a stretch that they even have cars on some parts. She added that she almost got side-swiped by a truck on Main Street by the Chinese restaurant because they can't make those curves, they go into the on-coming traffic and they don't care and when they are coming down the hill past her house they pull the jake-brake and the whole house vibrates, which is extremely annoying and she wants some answers. She concluded by saying that the past couple of nights, over the weekend, they were doing something at the Port at 2-3:00 in the morning all night long, she was not able to get any sleep and she would like to know what they are doing and why Church Street and Main Streets are considered a truck route.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a State highway, which the Town or Village has no jurisdiction over.

Ms. Grutza asked if he was saying that they have no jurisdiction over the trucks that go back and forth all day long.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct and added that the Police can ticket at their discretion and he knows that DOT does periodic weight checks.

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Ms. Grutza interjected that she has seen cars pulled over but she has never seen a truck, which she knows goes way faster than 30 mph and she does not know if they are waiting for a kid to get killed on that road by a truck to do something about it because something has to be done, you can't have these trucks going back and forth. She concluded by saying that she does not know what they do at the Port or what kind of jobs they have but the noise is horrendous and then asked what they were doing Saturday at 2:00am.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was not sure but they load and unload ships once a month but he does not know for sure.

Ms. Grutza asked if they have to do it in the middle of the night.

Councilman Langdon stated that his understanding is that the ships charge for every hour that they sit at the dock while they load or unload the ship and this is how it works at any port.

Ms. Grutza asked if it is okay that the good people of Coeymans get no sleep when the ships come in.

Councilman Langdon stated that he does not know what noise she is talking about and he has been down there when they were loading a steel ship, which he believes is the loudest that they have and it really wasn't loud as he stood at the gazebo at the Port.

Ms. Grutza stated that she was in her bedroom on top of the hill and she heard it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he does not know what was going on Saturday night and he was just telling of his experience.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it was extremely loud during the weekend and when he got home 1:30-2:00am it was outrageous.

Ms. Grutza asked if they can do something about it or do they just have to live with it.

Councilman Burns stated that it is just something that is done periodically and approximately every two months they have a steel ship come in and they have asked about not loading from midnight to morning and were told that the rate charged is phenomenal for the ships so if he decided he wasn't going to do this, he would probably lose the steel business because they would go someplace else.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the charge is \$50,000.00 a day.

Ms. Grutza stated that for him to make money and for them to lose sleep does not sit very well with her and then asked about the trucks constantly going up and down the streets and then asked about sending them up to Bethlehem.

Councilman Masti reiterated that it is a State road, they do not have authority and the trucks have a right to do it with the State limiting how much weight they can have as well as the speed limit and if they are speeding the Town's Officers know to ticket them.

Councilman Burns stated that they had a couple of ideas to make an alternate truck route but it is going to take years to do something like that but they are working on it.

Councilman Langdon stated that they do have plans and what they would like to do is to create a truck only bypass so only trucks could use it and it would go along the Lafarge conveyor belt and get the trucks from Rte. 144 over to Rte. 9W and as a 30-year truck driver he would prefer to see that in this town and there is not one single driver that wants to go up and down Church Street with the curves and visibility at the end of the street and he can guarantee that not one of them want to be there doing that but there really isn't much of an alternative at this point and they have started talks with Lafarge with the idea of presenting that but quite honestly it will take quite a while to get a road like that put in.

Ms. Grutza interjected that it would make her happy.

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Councilman Langdon stated that it is the best scenario solution that they have come up with and it was actually a resident who suggested it a couple of months ago.

Ms. Grutza asked if the State DOT is responsible for the roads.

Councilman Masti suggested that she contact them.

Councilman Langdon stated that there was a sink hole that the Town was not allowed to touch and they had to contact the State just to fill in a hole.

Ms. Grutza thanked the Town Board

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not think that it is accurate in saying that unloading a ship in the middle of the night happens only every other month because it happens almost every week.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Bill LaBeau stated that he is a Labor Representative from Council 82 for the Police Communication Officers in the Town and in looking at the Tentative Budget he has some questions, specifically in regard to Communications and Personnel Services going from \$200,000.00 to \$86,000.00 and added that the members are hearing different stories and then asked that Supervisor Flach explain what the plan is.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is his Tentative Budget not the Board's and he can answer that and added that his plan was to have day and evening part-timers fill in on the weekends and to do away with the midnight shift.

Mr. LaBeau asked who is going to do that.

Supervisor Flach stated that Albany County will.

Mr. LaBeau asked if they are picking up the cost.

Supervisor Flach stated that the midnight shift as of right now, they don't have it set in stone, it is a working budget and he is working with the County on that. He added that they already answer all the 911 calls and can answer the seven-digit lines as well and this is where he is with the Tentative Budget.

Mr. LaBeau asked when the actual Budget gets proposed and voted on.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is just before November 20th and what happens now with the Supervisor's Tentative Budget is that the Board will get together and they will go through things that may or may not need to be changed and if they need to add more money in or take money out and at that time it will be the Preliminary Budget and a couple weeks after that the Adopted Budget comes out.

Mr. LaBeau stated that in the Tentative Budget the County will be picking up the midnight shift and then asked if there will be a contract showing what the Town has to pay for these services, for how long and if it will be made public.

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a contract and it will be made public.

Mr. LaBeau stated asked if there is a timeframe.

Supervisor Flach stated that there isn't.

Mr. LaBeau asked if it is going to be before it is voted on.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be.

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Mr. LaBeau asked what the reasoning behind getting rid of the midnight shift was and in looking at different parts of the budget, it looks like this is the one spot that he is cutting by 43% and in other places going up like the Highway Department going up 40% but the first line of public safety is being cut by 43% and reiterated that he wanted to know the rational.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are some things to understand in the Budget with regard to the Highway Department and it is up 40% because the Beautification Department was moved into there where it was originally.

Mr. LaBeau asked why there is a need to cut the first line of public safety, the dispatch.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is because he feels that they are duplicating services with the County and that they have full-time people who cost a lot of money on the midnight shift who are duplicating services.

Mr. LaBeau asked if the Town is going to have its own frequency with the County.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will and he does not have the details in front of him.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he is a retired Officer from the City of Cohoes and they moved their services to the County and they along with Watervliet and Green Island are going to be on the same frequency and there is no priority for anyone to be able to get on there and get to their Officers and they might want to look into that also because personally the Cohoes Chiefs would take their dispatchers back in a minute because it has been a nightmare. He added that in speaking with administration from the Sheriff's Office, they are not going to pick up the costs, they represent other people at the County and the costs are going to be passed on so before anyone votes on anything, they should at least know what they are getting, how much it is going to cost and for how long. He concluded by saying that he understands that it is a Tentative Budget but they are soon going to be in November, it is now mid-October and people are wondering as to what they are going to be doing in terms of their livelihood and jobs and basically how they are going to provide the services to the Town residents that they protect like the out-going Chief stated.

Supervisor Flach stated that he understands that and they have been in conversation with many of their Police Officers about what is happening in the department and they understand that if they get rid of Communications, it's a hardship. He added that he can tell him that in talking with the County's Department, that if they were to completely go with the County, they have discussed the cost of that and would have a contract, which would be significantly cheaper and they feel as though they want folks during the day and evening so when people come into the Police Department they have someone to talk to and this is where he is with that.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he understands that he is talking about duplication of services, which he does not completely agree and then asked if taxes would be going up.

Supervisor Flach stated that actually there is a proposed tax decrease.

Mr. LaBeau asked why they need to get rid of the dispatchers.

Councilman Langdon stated that the bottom line for him is when you sit down and look at the way things function, there is a duplication of services and Supervisor Flach had a deadline to put out a budget, they were kicking around some of the things and the County did not come to them with their \$60,000.00 until less than a month before his budget came out. He added that in looking at the situation and how they said they would handle things, there is definitely a duplication of services, whether or not it should all go away, a lot of them had thought that initially but in the process of doing the homework and it talking to people, there is a need for some dispatch. He concluded by saying that the budget that he is holding, is probably not going to be the one that they finish with, there will be some adjustments because of some of the information that has come to light over the last month and they continue to work on it literally just about every day.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he appreciates that and he thinks that different people talk to different people within the department and there needs to be one voice with everyone on the same page

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and tentatively things are fluid, but no one knows what is going on and there are a lot of questions.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have a lot of concern about that and the truth is that they really don't know what it looks like yet.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Dispatch Center is slated to be over budget by \$40,000.00-\$50,000.00 this year and the Police Department budget is not much better and actually worse so they are faced with as a Board with approximately \$100,000.00 over budget for essentially one department.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they need to keep in perspective that it is a \$600,000.00 budget that is \$100,000.00 over and they are not talking about 1 or 2%.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he gets that and he heard the out-going Chief talk about it going from 1.5 million to \$600,000.00 and he understands that they are trying to get the job done on a smaller budget and everyone is trying to do more with less. He continued by saying that as he looks through the Tentative Budget, he also sees raises, some are significant and they are saying that the Police are over budget but other people are going to take raises, there is going to be a tax decrease and they are cutting the first line of public safety. He added that the other things that he would mention that in transferring services, it is a transfer of services and in transferring Dispatch, the minimum to do this is a year if they are going to do it smoothly and they are trying to do it in a quarter of that time and it usually doesn't work that well in a year. He concluded by saying that it seems like it is a little bit rushed and he would think that if they are proposing a transfer of services, they would have the Sheriff or someone from his department to answer questions and actually have what it is going to cost and this is what they are asking for and they hope it becomes transparent.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the Board is going to discuss it as part of a Budget Workshop on October 23rd.

Councilman Masti stated that they are also having more meetings with Communications so forth but people outside the Town don't know that.

Councilman Dolan stated that some people in the Town don't know it either and all he knew is that they were going to discuss it at the October 23rd Meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was correct, it is October 23rd.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is the Supervisor's Budget and members of the Town Board will have an opportunity to offer their wisdom when they present their budget but before that there will be Budget Workshop on October 23rd when they will discuss Police and Communications.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were four sets of Town Board Minutes for approval, A Town Board Meeting on September 8th, a Town Board Workshop on September 16th, A Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting on September 24th and a Special Town Board Meeting on September 26th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYES 0 – SO MOVED

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RESOLUTIONS

RES. #142-14 APPOINT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways is desirous of filling a position of Equipment Operator I at the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Civil Service Department has confirmed this job title as a non-competitive position requiring the chosen candidate to meet minimum qualifications, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has confirmed the candidate meets minimum qualifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint William G. Haight to the position of Highway Equipment Operator I, effective October 20, 2014, at a salary of \$18.33 per hour.

Councilman Dolan stated that he knows that they can’t discriminate against non-Town residents who otherwise qualify but he is happy to see that they hired someone who lives in Town.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it was a real lengthy process with approximately 20 interviews with a lot of people who live out of town but this gentleman is the most qualified.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was a great candidate and they are happy about that.

RES. #143-14 AUTHORIZE JUSTICE COURT TO PREPARE JCAP APPLICATION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Court is desirous of making application for funding assistance to obtain office equipment, and

WHEREAS, such assistance is possible through the New York State Unified Court System Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the Town Justice Court to prepare such JCAP application and forward the completed application to Supervisor Stephen D. Flach for signature and submission.

RES. #144-14 AMEND JULY 2014 ABSTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the July 2014 Abstract as follows and indicated in red.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1351-1400	\$187,196.52
General	1443-1469,1471-1486	23,095.82
	General Total	\$210,292.34
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1401	\$ 260.98
Police Forfeiture	1487-1489	\$ 1,547.49
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 1,808.47

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PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1402-1412	\$ 14,835.09
Part-Town	1470,1490-1491	\$ 500.64
	Part Town Total	\$ 15,335.73
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1413-1422	\$ 55,467.81
Highway	1492-1513	\$ 9,200.51
	Highway Total	\$ 64,668.32
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1423-1436	\$ 19,386.58
Sewer	1514-1529	\$ 9,775.58
	Sewer Total	\$ 29,162.16
	Total for all Funds	\$321,267.02
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1437-1442	\$249,719.98
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$249,719.98

RES. #145-14 AMEND AUGUST 2014 ABSTRACT
 On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby amend the August 2014 Abstract as follow and indicated in red.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1530-1585	\$241,522.30
General	1641-1643,1645-1676,1678-1690	\$162,466.13
	General Total	\$403,988.43
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1586-1587	\$ 210.47
Police Forfeiture Local PP	1588	\$ 1,080.00
Police Forfeiture	1644,1677,1691-1692	\$ 4,044.77
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 5,335.24
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1589-1602	\$ 31,009.67
Part-Town	1693-1699	\$ 1,338.65
	Part Town Total	\$ 32,348.32
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1603-1615	\$ 61,355.64
Highway	1700-1726	\$ 8,295.40
	Highway Total	\$ 69,651.04

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SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1619-1633	\$ 23,758.51
Sewer	1727-1748	\$ 12,551.34
	Sewer Total	\$ 36,309.85
CAPITAL PROJECT (H 41)		
Capital Project	1749-1750	\$ 4,653.12
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 4,653.12
	Total For All Funds	\$552,286.00
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agcy. General PP	1634	\$ 269.33
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1635-1640	\$333,845.82
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$334,115.15

RES. #146-14 AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY PERSONNEL TO ATTEND TRAINING

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal and Saratoga County Highway Department are presenting a training seminar on Safety During Snow and Ice Removal Operations on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at Ballston Spa, New York, and

WHEREAS, employees from the Highway Department have requested to attend said seminar, which will provide insight to Safe Snow and Ice Removal practices, and

WHEREAS, this is a free seminar to those attending,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the employees in the aforementioned department may attend the Safety During Snow and Ice Removal Operations seminar to be held on October 23, 2014 in Ballston Spa, NY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will reimburse employees upon submission of a voucher for travel expenses to and from the conference center for use of a personal vehicle only.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a free seminar and all Highway employees are going.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the Parks Department will be working.

RES. #147-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH BLUE DIAMOND SEPTIC

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Ravena News Herald published a Notice to Bidders for transporting sludge, and

WHEREAS, Blue Diamond Septic was the apparent low bidder for hauling sludge, and

WHEREAS, the bid price listed below has been reviewed and is determined to be in the best interest of the Town:

- Sludge Hauling to Albany South Plant - \$.0569 per gallon
- Sludge Hauling to Albany North Plant - \$.0640 per gallon

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sludge Hauling Contract is hereby awarded to Blue Diamond Septic according to the price stated within their Bid Proposal,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town of Coeymans Supervisor, Stephen D. Flach is hereby authorized to execute a contract for sludge transportation with Blue Diamond Septic.

Councilman Masti asked what the difference was between the north and south plant other than a penny and if there is different material or if it is the same sludge because they are going to two different plants.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have any answer for that.

Councilman Masti stated that he will talk to Chief Operator Kerr because he is curious about it.

RES. #148-14 WAIVE BUILDING FEES FOR COEYMANS HOLLOW VOLUNTEER FIRE CORPORATION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company is undergoing a modernization of their fire house located at 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow, and

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company is a not-for-profit organization comprised of volunteers who provide emergency fire services to the people of Coeymans Hollow, and

WHEREAS, a request was made by Donald Cross, Chairman of Coeymans Hollow Fire District #3 to waive the applicable fees associated with the Building Department's processing the necessary permits in connection with this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Building Department to waive fees associated with any Town Permits required in connection with the proposed construction at the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company located at 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow, NY.

RES. #149-14 RE-APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the term of Henry Mormile on the Board of Assessment Review expired on September 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined his service to be of value to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mormile has expressed an interest in retaining a seat on the Board of Assessment Review,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby reappoint Henry Mormile to a five-year term on the Town of Coeymans Board of Assessment Review to expire September 30, 2019.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Mormile has been on the Board of Assessment Review for quite a while and a former Assessor himself and does a great job.

RES. #150-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH BUSINESS AUTOMATION SERVICES INC.

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is desirous of purchasing an Integrated Management Accounting System, and

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WHEREAS, this software package would enable the Town's accounting and payroll to become computerized with will save time and money, and

WHEREAS, Business Automation Services, Inc. (BAS) currently serves the Town's IT Company for maintenance of the Town's computer system. BAS has presented the Town with a proposal for the Financial Management Accounting System, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the system is \$29,120.00 with a 2-year, 0% payment term as follows:

- 1st Installment - \$16,960.00 Due by January 31, 2015.
\$12,160.00 For software and implementation services.
\$ 4,800.00 For 1st year's annual support & maintenance.
- 2nd Installment - \$16,960.00 Due by January 31, 2016.
\$12,160.00 For software and implementation services.
\$ 4,800.00 For 2nd year's annual support & maintenance.

****\$4,800 due annually January 31st each year thereafter for IFM Accounting & Payroll Software support and maintenance.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute the Letter of Agreement with Business Automation Services. Inc.

Supervisor Flach stated that the contract can be cancelled at any time and this will bring the bookkeeping up to the 20th century for lack of a better term and it is payroll and accounting software. He added that the cost is approximately \$4,000.00 more than Paychex for their payroll for the first two years but then it goes to \$4,800.00 due annually, which will be approximately 1/3 of the cost. He reiterated that it is not just payroll, it does the accounting as well.

Councilman Masti asked if all they had to do was plug in the numbers and it does the rest.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct.

Councilman Langdon stated that it takes them off paper ledgers.

Supervisor Flach stated that it does but they still have back-up.

Councilman Masti asked if they get one year for free because in doing the math \$16,960.00 times 2 is \$33,920.00 but if you subtract \$4,800.00 for one year it is \$29,120.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that he agrees but the total is \$33,920.00.

Councilman Masti stated that if you total the 1st and 2nd installments that are due January 31, 2015 and January 31, 2016, the total is \$33,920.00 so someone must have forgotten one year.

Supervisor Flach agreed and stated that the total cost would be \$33,920.00 for the system with a 2-year, 0% payment term.

Councilman Dolan asked if the cost for the third year is just the \$4,800.00 for support and maintenance.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct and it is due annually by January 31st and reiterated that it is not just payroll.

Councilman Masti interjected that it sounds like a smart move.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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CORRESPONDENCE

C-T Male – Zoning Map Amendments

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town has to do a Zoning Map Update to reflect the latest revisions which will update the existing geodatabase and one will map with features plotted and labeled and continued by reading the following:

Additional scope of service to be provided at client's authorization – C.T. Male will provide the data on selected computers at the Town. This will be accomplished by using ArcReader, which is a free download from ESRI, and allows users to view and print maps.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is something that they don't have and it is another piece of software where they can print the maps right on their own computers. He continued by saying that it isn't something that needs to be signed right away and he just wanted to make the Town Board aware of it.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, October 21, 2014, 6:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, October 22, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, October 27, 2014, 7:00pm

Supervisor Flach stated that on October 16th at 4:00pm & on October 23rd at 4:00pm there will be Budget Workshops.

Councilman Dolan asked if there is opportunity for public comment during the Budget Workshop.

Supervisor Flach stated that there isn't and they have never done it that way and added that he had gotten an e-mail earlier in the day with several questions and it took quite a bit of time to explain things in his budget and anyone else can feel free to ask questions.

Councilman Dolan stated that people should have a clear expectation if they come to a Budget Workshop, whether or not they are going to be allowed to ask questions and if the Board is going to respond to them.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would answer questions and they will play it by ear for those that show up.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there are two upcoming Budget Meetings and then asked if they should start thinking about authorizing her to schedule a Public Hearing because it has to be by November 6th, which is two days after Election. She added that she needs to give plenty of notice for the public and time moves quick.

Supervisor Flach asked how soon she would need to know.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it should be as soon as possible and as soon as they know they need to let her know and suggested they schedule it now.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they have it November 6th and they just need to give her 10 days before that to post it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it should be in the paper.

Councilman Dolan suggested scheduling it at the next Workshop on October 21st.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she would have to know by the Monday before the meeting because of deadlines.

Councilman Masti suggested that they decide at the Budget Workshop on Thursday, which is a public meeting.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is too late for this week but if she knows later in the week there would be time. She continued by saying that she received a Notice from Board of Elections for accepting absentee ballots and read as follows:

- Monday, October 20th, 4:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday, October 22nd, 4:30-7:00pm
- Saturday, October 25th, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- Tuesday, October 28th, 4:30 -7:00pm
- Thursday, October 30th, 4:30 - 7:00pm
- Saturday, November 1st, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Town Clerk Millious stated that this is a schedule for extended hours for absentee ballots that she has in her office and it is for people who are not going to be around for the General Election on Tuesday, November 4th. She concluded by saying that there is going to be a 5K Run for Orphans at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 18th and she joined in the celebration for the Village of Ravena for their 100th Birthday which was a nice time and it was nice getting together with the Village to share their celebration.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that with some decisions on what is going on, he would hate to say that it is not personal because it is personal but they really are looking out for the best interest of the whole town and not just certain individuals. He added that you are asked to do the best job that you can do and they really are doing that and if seems like they are rushing into things, he drags his feet a lot and they are working really hard to find the correct answers on what to do, where to save and what to cut and they have to keep praying that they make the right decisions, which they are really trying to do.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that the Harvest Festival is October 18th, which is a community event at Faith Plaza with many activities and a kids scavenger hunt and added that there was a good turn-out last year.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to reiterate that there is nothing that they can do about State roads and he would like nothing better than to have a nice, straight, quiet Main Street where businesses can bloom and you can cross it safe but it is out of their control and it has to go to a higher authority than them, which he is sorry about. He continued by saying that as far as Communications go, it is under discussion, they are gathering information, they don't have any decisions yet and nothing personal but he gets a little annoyed when someone not from here in the Town asks questions because they can ask him anytime and he will tell them what is going on the best he can and they don't need to send a Union Representative to do it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is why they have a Union and added that he has heard this Town Board insert itself in other issues involving State roads and now all of a sudden there is nothing they can do. He added that there was a pothole in the road and they directed the Attorney for the Town to write a letter regarding it, so when someone comes to the Town Board and says there is a serious danger or health hazard, they reply that there is nothing they can do about it so let's move on.

Councilman Masti stated that they have no authority to do anything, they have contacted people to find out if anything happened and the masses have to speak up because they don't listen to the Town any more than they do a single person.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he's never seen them back down before when someone said there was an issue that's not their responsibility and added that they have said they will write letters and march to Washington but all of the sudden this one issue is hands off and they can't say or do anything.

Councilman Masti interjected that he didn't say they can't do anything, he said they don't have authority to do anything, which is different.

Councilman Dolan stated that he also thinks, and it was brought to his attention again today, he is not blaming Mr. Laraway for it but the situation at the bridge is very dangerous and he does not know if it is the training of the flag people but more times than not he has been in the middle of the bridge with a truck coming head on with two flaggers standing on either end of the bridge.

Supervisor Flach stated that he went over the bridge today and the flagger stopped him and let three trucks go by and then was told to proceed slowly. He added that he is not saying that it doesn't happen, it hasn't happened to him and he understands.

Councilman Masti asked if the flaggers are private hirers or employees of the State. Supervisor Flach stated that he is assuming that they are State employees and then asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to congratulate the Village himself and he was able to attend their 100th Year Celebration, they had a huge tent at Village Hall, there were over 150 in attendance and the food was great, the orchestra was great and it was a good time. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:07 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, the entire Town Board was present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions or formal action was taken.

Time – 9:24pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and offered a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVE

Time – 9:26pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read November 10, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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October 16, 2014 – Special Budget Workshop – 4:00pm

A Special Budget Workshop was held Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 4:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Matthew Weidman, Bookkeeper
George Dardani, Justice
Kevin Reilly, Justice
Tammy Eissing, Justice Clerk
Dawne DeRose, Assessor

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Town Board Meeting.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

**NOTICE
SPECIAL
TOWN BOARD
BUDGET MEETING**

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled two Special Budget Workshops for Thursday, October 16, 2014 and October 23, 2014 at 4:00pm. The meetings will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

AGENDA

- Budget Discussion – Justice Court, Justice Dardani & Justice Reilly
- Budget Discussion – Town Clerk, Clerk Millious
- Budget Discussion – Assessor, Dawne DeRose

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BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Justice Court

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board, Justice Dardani and Justice Reilly relative to the Justice Court Budget for 2015.

Town Clerk

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Town Clerk Millious relative to the Town Clerk's Budget for 2015.

Assessor

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Assessor DeRose regarding the Assessor's Budget for 2015.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Town Clerk Millious asked about scheduling a Budget Public Hearing.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was thinking November 6th.

Discussion ensued regarding a date.

Collectively the Town Board decided on October 30th at 7:30pm and authorized Town Clerk Millious to publish the Notice.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 5:35

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the meeting, the entire Town Board was present to discuss a personnel matter, no decisions or formal action taken.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 6:13pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and offered a motion to adjourn.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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Time – 6:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read November 10, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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October 21, 2014 – Town Board Workshop, 6:00pm

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Peter E. Masti, Deputy Supervisor, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Daniel Contento, Interim Chief of Police

Deputy Supervisor Masti opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board with the exception of Supervisor Flach.

AGENDA

- Solar Information
- Retirees Health Insurance
- Background Checks on Officer Candidates

DISCUSSIONS

Solar Information

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there was supposed to be a gentleman named Juan Duran present to give them solar information but he did not show up and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

Retirees Health Insurance

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that they need to make a decision on retiree's health insurance by the Town Board Meeting next week and they are looking at Option I, which is pretty much the same as their current plan but a little less expensive but he hadn't had a chance to look at it and reiterated that they have to figure out by Monday night what they want to do with it.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding comparison of the plan benefits and costs, no decisions were made or actions taken.

Background Checks on Officer Candidates

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that Interim Chief of Police Contento has requested to have background checks done on Police Officer candidates.

Discussion ensued amongst Interim Chief Contento and the Town Board regarding the current number of candidates and whether they needed to do a motion for background checks key points were:

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- The number of candidates.
- Interim Chief Contento was actually looking for a motion to hire up to four part-time Officers.
- Chief Contento started background checks earlier in the day of six candidates.
- The need for Officers due to a vacancy earlier in the week and others who will be leaving.
- The Board not having names of the candidates.

Collectively they agreed to the following:

- Interim Chief Contento did not need a motion to do background checks.
- Interim Chief Contento would have a list of the candidates to them by Friday.
- Having a resolution prepared for Monday's meeting to hire four candidates in which there will be names.
- To discuss Police Department personnel matters in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Supervisor Masti offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel matters.

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Workshop was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Supervisor Flach) – SO MOVED

Time – 6:15pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office, the Town Board was present with the exception of Supervisor Flach who was absent, Interim Chief Contento was also present to discuss Police personnel matters, no decisions or formal action was taken.

Time – 9:15pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Deputy Supervisor Masti called the meeting back to order immediately following Executive Session and offered a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Supervisor Flach) – SO MOVED

Time – 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read November 10, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Special Budget Workshop was held Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 4:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Matthew Weidman, Bookkeeper
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
Daniel Contento, Interim Chief of Police
Dawne LaMountain, Senior Telecommunicator

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Town Board Meeting.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

**NOTICE
SPECIAL
TOWN BOARD
BUDGET MEETING**

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled two Special Budget Workshops for Thursday, October 16, 2014 and October 23, 2014 at 4:00pm. The meetings will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

AGENDA

- Budget Discussion – Highway, Highway Superintendent Searles
- Budget Discussion – Communications / Police, Interim Chief Contento, Sr. Telecommunicator Dawn LaMountain

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Highway

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Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Highway Superintendent Searles relative to the Highway Department Budget for 2015.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the sinkhole in the sidewalk that was filled in the Hamlet is now worse and he has no clue what is underneath the sidewalk and he currently has three cones around it right now.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they speak with John Kerr and Sewer Administrator Conrad regarding the sewer.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that Highway Superintendent Searles should contact the State because 144 is a State road.

Communications

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board, Interim Chief Contento and Sr. Telecommunicator Dawne LaMountain relative to the Communication Department Budget for 2015.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would write up a couple different scenarios for the Communication Budget and in turn talk to each member of the Board to see where they are at.

Police

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Interim Chief Contento relative to the Police Department Budget for 2015.

Interim Chief Contento discussed the need for work to be done on one of the patrol cars.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the work needed to be done and should not wait and authorized Interim Chief Contento to have Mechanic Terry Maddage do the work.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has a list of things to do, he will go over the patrol cars with Interim Chief Contento and see if he needs to add to that, he will ask about the 911 for the EMS, he will check on a line item for money for sidewalks, and a Parks Grant for playground equipment.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 5:28pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the meeting to discuss Police personnel matters, the entire Town Board was present along with Interim Chief Contento, no decisions were made or action taken.

Time – 5:57pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

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Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach the meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 5:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – November 24, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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October 27, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday October 27, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman

ABSENT: Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that there was a full Town Board with the exception of Councilman Burns.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed November 4, 2014 – Election Day
 - Town Offices Closed November 11, 2014 – Veterans Day
 - Town Offices Closed- November 27, 28, 2014 – Thanksgiving
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes of Meeting
 - Special Town Board Meeting- October 3, 2014
- Supervisors Report – September 2014
 - Amend August 2014
 - Amend July 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Building Department, August/ September 2014
 - Town Clerk, September 2014
 - Sewer Department, September 2014
- New Business
 - CT Male Zoning Map Update
 - Flood Damage Prevention
- Resolutions
 - Accept Police Officer Resignation
 - Approve Budget Amendment, Sewer Fund
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Contract with CDPHP
 - Approve October Abstract
 - Appoint Police Chief
- Correspondence
 - Eagle Scout Proposal – Jordan Hazzard
- Upcoming Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Budget Hearing –October 30, 2014 – 7:30PM
 - Planning Board Meeting – November 3, 2014- 7:00PM
 - Town Board Meeting- November 10, 2014- 7:00PM
 - Town Board Workshop –November 18, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting –November 24, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting –November 25, 2014- 7:00PM

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- Executive Session

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed

Supervisor Flach stated the Town Offices will be closed November 4th for the Primary Election, November 11th for Veteran’s Day and November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there is one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Special Town Board Meeting on October 3rd and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Minutes were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

September 2014

Supervisor Flach read the Supervisor’s Report for September as follows:

FUND	BALANCE FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$115,230.82	\$289,582.36	\$229,035.94	\$175,777.24
PART-TOWN	\$299,409.66	\$ 1,025.23	\$214,648.81	\$ 85,786.08
HIGHWAY	\$145,689.97	\$ 284.47	\$ 61,383.05	\$ 84,591.39
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,083.14	\$ 11.43	-0-	\$ 29,094.57
SEWER	\$187,541.42	\$ 1,526.57	\$ 34,161.62	\$154,906.37
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 37,078.61	\$ 20,182.56	-0-	\$ 57,261.17
POLICE FORF.	\$ 35,078.61	\$ 11,517.49	\$ 7,249.72	\$ 39,945.10
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 16,142.64	\$243,152.20	\$245,152.20	\$ 14,323.94
CAP. PROJ.	\$562,994.49	\$ 92.43	\$ 12,370.24	\$550,716.59
SECTION 8 HUD	\$ 14,016.48	\$ 48,368.90	\$ 43,409.07	\$ 18,976.31

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			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,211.287.76

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>		COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED COVERAGE		
Unemployment	\$ 703.40	Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,322,355.42
Grove Cem.	\$40,937.82	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,104,301.00
C.H. Cem.	\$13,942.98			
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.24			
Total	\$55,077.63			

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Amended Supervisor’s Report July 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$333,632.15	\$ 72,825.13	\$280,513.20	\$125,944.08
PART-TOWN	\$305,951.66	\$ 446,331.78	\$ 27,763.19	\$724,520.25
HIGHWAY	\$122,006.09	\$ 165.04	\$ 80,329.90	\$ 41,841.23
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,069.14	\$ 10.03	-0-	\$ 29,079.17
SEWER	\$119,355.68	\$ 48,922.76	\$ 34,737.09	\$133,541.35
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 36,138.58	\$ 395.08	-0-	\$ 36,533.66
POLICE FORF.	\$ 21,760.44	\$ 1,460.93	\$ 2,968.47	\$ 20,252.90
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 14,001.94	\$345,167.97	\$340,106.38	\$ 19,063.53
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$492,467.04	\$ 84.25	-0-	\$492,551.29
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 12,786.30	\$ 37,783.30	\$ 42,386.73	\$ 8,183.37
			Total Reconciled Bal.	\$1,631,510.83

Amended Supervisor’s Report for August 2014

Supervisor Flach stated that there were amendments in the August Abstract and continued by reading those as indicated in red.

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$125,944.08	\$321,477.98	\$332,191.24	\$115,230.82
PART-TOWN	\$724,520.25	\$ 1,345.02	\$426,455.61	\$299,409.66

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HIGHWAY	\$ 41,841.23	\$157,982.00	\$ 54,133.26	\$145,689.97
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,079.17	\$ 3.97	\$	\$ 29,083.14
SEWER	\$133,541.35	\$ 84,972.82	\$ 30,972.75	\$187,541.42
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 36,533.66	\$ 544.95	-0-	\$ 37,078.61
POLICE FORF.	\$ 20,252.90	\$ 19,840.31	\$ 4,415.88	\$ 35,677.33
TRUST & AGCY	\$ 19,063.53	\$221,922.49	\$224,843.38	\$ 16,142.64
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$492,551.29	\$ 75,096.32	\$ 4,653.12	\$562,994.49
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 8,183.37	\$ 47,916.84	\$ 42,083.73	\$ 14,016.48
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,442,864.56

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the amended reports.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the amended reports were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – August & September

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Reports for August and September.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the reports.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the reports were accepted as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – September

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report for September.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Sewer – September

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Report for September.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

CT Male Zoning Plan Update

Supervisor Flach asked the Board if it was something that they had to address now.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they didn't and agreed to table the discussion for now.

Flood Damage Protection

Supervisor Flach stated that this was something that they needed to execute by December 16th.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it isn't extensive in terms of what they currently had to discuss because DEC had already provided them with a form Local Law and there are only a few things that the Town is required to consider and has a discretion to adjust, otherwise DEC needs to review and approve any Local Laws enacted under this area. He added that he thinks there are only three areas and Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad has a suggestion in terms of a change that is not substantive but rather procedural and if they just focus on those specific points they can get it in file form, he will send it to DEC for approval and in turn do a SEQRA Review in connection with the passage of the law possibly next month. He continued by saying that they have to get it in final format first and then asked Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad for his input.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that as they know, the Building Department is the Flood Plain Permit Administrator and has been since 1989 when the first law was enacted. He continued by saying that there are a couple of things that he would like to make sure on with one being in the definition section on page 4, under Local Administrator it says, is the "person", and in the Town's case it is "persons or people" to be appointed by the community and he would suggest it be changed and the bottom line where it says, "Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer", Official is the actual title and on page 7 where it suggests that the maps should be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office, they are not the permitted Administrator or keeper of the maps and they are distributed through the Building Department.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if it should just say "Building Department, Town of Coeymans".

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that it should and continued by saying that on page 8, Section 4.0 under Administration it should say Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official and not Officer. He continued by saying that the only other question that he has is that they have never charged fees for permits in the past, however they do have a fee schedule posted online and he would like to know how much, if any, the Town wants to charge for these permits. He added that they should bear in mind that these permits usually require the hiring of an Engineer, by the person in the flood plain to prove the flood plain elevations and if

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something is to be built in the flood plain in certain areas where it can be, they have to have design drawings to meet with DEC regulations on that and they will incur substantial costs just to obtain a permit. He continued by saying that they will have paperwork to do themselves because they have to keep it on file for the life of the home plus 20 years as well as inspection by DEC as the Enforcement Agency and he does not know what their thoughts are on that and it needs to be determined by the Board as far as how much they want to charge and typically a Planning Board situation for a subdivision, they get \$50.00 for an application fee and \$50.00 per lot and in being consistent with the current rates he is not sure where they want to go with it and he will leave it up to them to decide.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked him what his recommendation would be.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that his recommendation would be no more than \$100.00 to cover their cost and the paperwork.

Councilman Langdon asked how much actual time is involved.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that they have to review the entire process to make sure that it meets the Flood Plan Regulations, issue the Flood Plain Permit, which is in addition to any Building Permits and then there is a Special Certificate of Compliance once it is all done and added that they issue a typical Building Permit for a shed for \$25.00 and for houses \$150.00.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch suggested \$100.00.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that he is not sure.

Supervisor Flach asked if they needed to determine that now.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they do because he wants to get it in a final format that he can send to DEC so they can approve it and he can bring it back in final format.

Supervisor Flach asked if \$100.00 is enough.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that the Board has the option of changing fees at any point in time or they could just say subject to the fees in Appendix 170.a of Town Code.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he would decide on something and put it in there and it should be either \$50.00 or \$100.00.

Councilman Langdon stated that the property would be running up costs for engineering and he would like to keep it as reasonable as possible but they have to take into account their time.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that this was his thought too and they do their job every day of the week and they fit it in the schedule on a need-be basis but he generally does not determine the fees. He added that he would recommend that they be a little considerate on this one because they will generally run \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 at the very least for engineering.

Collectively the Board agreed that \$50.00 was reasonable.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad was alright with the Zoning Board being the Appeals Board.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that they don't have a choice in that at this point and he is not happy with it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked what the alternative would be.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated it would be someone who knows what they are talking about and understands flood plains.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would have to pick a Board.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad interjected that they would need to pick an engineer.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it says Appeals Board under variance procedures, which would be the Zoning Board and added that he will put the changes in final form and send it to DEC and hopefully they will have it back on their desks for next month and in turn they will do a SEQRA Review and get it passed because they want it done by December.

Supervisor Flach stated that they want it by December 16th.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Meredian Solar

Supervisor Flach stated that he had given the Board Members information on Meredian Solar and he wanted to bring it to their attention and have them take a look at it. He continued by saying that it is for the Town's electric with a fixed 3 year rate of .089 cents so it is 9 cents and from 74% renewable energy. He added that the Town will be using them and they would like to know sooner than later and added that he had just gotten it earlier in the day and passed it on the Board for them to read and if they have any questions, they can ask them.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #151-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns)

WHEREAS, Scott L. Kline has submitted his letter of resignation as Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Scott L. Kline as Police Officer is accepted effective November 1, 2014.

Supervisor Flach read the letter of resignation as follows.

Letter of Resignation

To the Supervisor and Members of the Board,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing the waiver of my probation period and therefore, I am submitting my resignation to take effect as of November 1, 2014. I have enjoyed my time working for the Town of Coeymans and have learned a lot that I can take with me in my new position.

Very truly yours,
Scott L. Kline
Police Officer

Supervisor Flach stated Mr. Kline is from Columbia County and had an offer right in his town to be a Deputy, which was a good move for him, he is a great guy and has been a great Officer for the Town of Coeymans and he appreciates his service that was given to the Town.

RES. #152-14 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns)

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans received monies from NYMIR in 2014 due to lightning storm damage to the pump control panel at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans 2014 Adopted Budget did not include an account for insurance recovery on the revenue side of the Sewer Fund, and

WHEREAS, such monies are to go to the correct account,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans creates line item SS2680 insurance recovery;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hearby amends the 2014 Adopted Budget as follows:

Increase SS2680 - Insurance Recovery	\$11,848.00
Increase SS8130.4 - Sewer Contractual	\$11,848.00

RES. #153-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CDPHP CONTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has determined that Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan, Inc. (CDPHP) is a well suited plan for the Town ‘s employee’s; and

WHEREAS, CDPHP has presented a contract to the Town of Coeymans for said health insurance for the period beginning September 1, 2014 and continuing to August 31, 2015 for signature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Coeymans herby authorizes Supervisor Stephan D. Flach to execute the CDPHP contract.

RES. #154-14 APPROVE OCTOBER ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hearby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the October, 2014, Abstract

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1951-2008	\$252,862.11
General	2062-2094,2137	\$ 34,578.73
	General Total	\$287,440.84
General Consolidated (A)		
General Consolidated PP	2009-2010	\$ 40,350.72
		\$ 40,350.72
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	2011-2013	\$ 338.54
Police Forfeiture	2095	\$ 77.70
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 416.24
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2014-2030	\$262,821.88
Part-Town	2096-2097	\$ 180.48
	Part Town Total	\$263,002.36

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HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2031-2039	\$ 48,261.29
Highway	2098-2120	\$ 8,415.43
	Highway Total	\$ 56,676.72
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2040-2053	\$ 17,880.18
Sewer	2121-2136,2138-2142,2149	\$ 10,534.41
	Sewer Total	\$ 28,414.59
CAPITAL PROJ. (H)-41		
Capital Projects	2143-2148	\$ 6,226.91
	Capital Proj.Total	\$ 6,226.91
	Total for all Funds	\$682,528.38
Trust & Agency Pay-Pal		
Trust & Agency Pay-pal PP	2054	\$ 104.39
	Trust & Agcy Pay-pal	\$ 104.39
Trust & Agency (T A)		
Trust & Agency PP	2055-2061	\$291,564.51
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$291,564.51

RES. #155-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH PROVISIONAL APPOINT OF POLICE CHIEF

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Coeymans Police Department to fill the vacant Chief’s position at this time; and

WHEREAS, Section 65 of the Civil Service Law authorizes a provisional appointment when there is no appropriate eligible list available;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint provisionally, Peter J. McKenna, to the position of Police Chief subject to the approval of Albany County Department of Civil Service, at rate \$21.93 per hour effective October 28, 2014;

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2015 the rate of pay shall increase to \$55,000.00 annual salary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an Employer/Employee Agreement with Peter J. McKenna for the position of Police Chief.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is thrilled about the appointment.

Councilman Masti stated that he is happy that they have a Chief and he thinks that they got a good one.

Councilman Dolan stated that he likes the job that he has done since he came with the Town and he hopes he continues to do a good job.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is happy that they were able to do the resolution and then asked Chief McKenna if he had anything that he wished to say.

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Chief McKenna stated that he is thrilled for the opportunity and is looking forward to working with him and the Board, he added that it is a great Department with a lot going on and he is honored with the opportunity to serve. He concluded by saying that it's not a time for speeches, it is time to get to work and he wanted to get started.

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a Swearing In Ceremony later in the week when Chief McKenna's family can attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eagle Scout Proposal – Jordan Hazzard

Supervisor Flach stated that he had a proposal for a Eagle Scout Project and continued by reading the following:

To Coeymans Town Board,

For my Eagle Scout Project I would like to build two permanent benches for the soccer field at Coeymans Landing. The project would be no cost to the Town. Currently there are no benches for the soccer teams to sit on. The players have to sit on the ground during games. If further details are needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Jordon Hazzard
Troop 1067

Supervisor Flach stated that he dropped his request off the other day and he thinks that it is a great idea and they can let him know.

Water Petition for Martins Hill Road

Supervisor Flach stated that he is in receipt of a petition for Route 143, Palmer Drive and Deans Mill Road and continued by reading the following:

We the citizens of Martins Hill Road, Palmer Drive & Deans Mill Road neighborhoods are asking you, the Town of Coeymans along with the Village of Ravena to provide water and sewer to our homes. The water and sewer lines are already laid to the top of Martins Hill Road (Route 143). We ask that you bring them to the surrounding houses. Our well water is undrinkable and unacceptable. We as tax payers spend thousands of dollars a year on bottled water, treatment systems, and new hardware for our faucets, sinks and tubs. Not to mention the frequent replacement of washers and dishwashers. The Water Treatment Plant is less than 0.5 miles away and the existing lines that were already laid are less than 0.2 miles away. We feel this is a reasonable request and believe it will benefit us all. Our water is so bad we cannot drink it, feed it to our pets, or water our plants and gardens.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to let the Board know that he just received the petition earlier in the day and will give it to the Mayor and Village Board.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if they are in the Water District.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is no Water District up there.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad interjected that there is a Water District up there that was formed through previous Boards but never approved by the Comptroller's Office because of the cost and as far as water lines being there, there are none from 9W up the hill so that part of the petition is inaccurate. He continued by saying that there is a gray water line on Martins Hill but it was designed to handle a limited amount of homes at this point and it was basically designed to handle the hardship cases, which might have to be increased in size or redone and it would require them to amend the Sewer District under Section 209 of General Municipal Law to allow for it.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would have to expand it and then asked about sewer.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that he is talking about sewer and for the water, they have to have a Water District approved for the gallonage and engineering would have to be calculated for the water use and in turn presented to the Village to make sure that it has an appropriate amount of water to be given to that District as well as adequate pressure.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that in talking about creating or expanding Improvement Districts, it's a major undertaking both in terms of the infrastructure that is required and the legal paperwork that is associated with it. He added that it is not a simple thing to do and he understands their predicament but it is not a simple fix.

Supervisor Flach asked if at this point, should they go to the Village and talk about it to see how they feel about it.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad interjected that the Village is aware of the proposed action and he himself is aware of the proposal for water but didn't know it was going to include sewer at that point. He added that he had spoken to a Village Trustee who asked him the status of it earlier in the day and he believes that the Village is in the process of looking for grant money to do an extension of their water lines as well as proposing some other upgrades along that section. He continued by saying that there is a possibility of water on the Village's behalf but it still would require the Town to have a District and at least the water could possibly be designed. He concluded by saying that it is not as simple as putting two lines in one ditch, they have to be 10 feet apart and separated, as well as a considerable amount of things that they have to look at and the Trustee that he spoke to is aware of it and he told him that he would forward the petition as soon as it was received.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that anytime there is a request or petition for this type of relief, generally the Town Law says that you have to do a study to see if it is even feasible, it does not have to be a formal extensive study but they have to study it to determine whether it is something that can be done.

Supervisor Flach stated that he just wanted to acknowledge the petition and to let the petitioner's know that they will definitely check into it, have some conversation with the Village and go from there.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Budget Hearing, October 30, 2104, 7:30pm
- Planning Board Meeting, November 3, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 10, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, November 18, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 24, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, November 25, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that for the General Election there are extended hours for absentee ballots for the Election coming up on November 4th and listed as follows.

- Tuesday, October 28th, 4:30-7:00pm
- Thursday, October 30th, 4:30-7:00pm
- Saturday, November 1st, 9:00am-1:00pm

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Town Clerk Millious continued by saying that she has absentee forms in her office. She added that the General Election in Tuesday, November 4th and the polls are open 6:00am to 9:00pm and reported the Polling Places as follows:

- 1st District – Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- 2nd District – Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- 3rd District – Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main Street, Ravena
- 4th District – R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte. 9W, Ravena
- 5th District – Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow
- 6th District – Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow

All Polling Places are handicapped accessible, any questions as to Voting District or eligibility call 756-2100.

Town Clerk Millious continued by saying that there will a second pick for Doe Deer Management Permits beginning November 1st.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wanted to congratulate P.J. McKenna for his appointment to Chief of Police and he along with the Highway Department are looking forward to working with him.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that once again he wanted to bring up the bridge coming into Town because it is the number one thing that people ask him about. He continued by saying that it seems like every time you go over the bridge, when you are trying to drive over the bridge, particularly if you are going north, there is a truck in your lane headed straight for you. He added that there have been a couple of times when there were flaggers there and the two times that they were actually there, there were trucks coming down the middle of the bridge and the flaggers were either in their cars, talking on their phone or doing something other than flagging. He went on by saying that he does not know what the Police Chief can do about it because something is going to happen to someone and it is going to be bad and then everyone is going to say “I told you so” because people do tell him so, they tell him all the time by Facebook messages, text, e-mails, or by stopping him in Hannaford with similar stories and it is not just him, or just them because it seems to happen on a regular basis. He concluded by saying that maybe when the other bridge is completed it will change or perhaps there will be another problem and reiterated that he would like to have someone take a look at it.

Councilman Langdon asked when it is supposed to be done and added that it will change.

Supervisor Flach stated that his understanding is that they were doing some paving so he thinks it will be fairly soon and added that the new Chief of Police is present and will check into it and then asked if there were any other comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he wanted to raise the issue of the dismissal of the probationary employee and the question has been raised as to whether it requires Town Board action or approval. He added that to make it academic or moot, he would suggest that the Board pass a resolution approving what has occurred, which he thinks is the only thing that they can do at this point. He concluded by saying that he does not think that it is required because it was a probationary employee as well as a personnel matter but just to make it not an issue, he would suggest that they do it at this point and they should offer a resolution approving the dismissal of the employee.

Councilman Langdon questioned whether they should do it during a Public Meeting or in Executive Session.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can do it in Executive Session but it should be reflected in the summary minutes of the Executive Session and the action taken would be approval of the dismissal of a probationary employee.

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Supervisor Flach interjected that they are going into Executive Session.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they should conduct their vote there and for the minutes, it should reflect that it is something that has already occurred and it is a matter of the Town Board approving the Commissioner's decision that has already been implemented and the minutes should reflect that the Board voted by whatever vote to either approve or disapprove of the dismissal of the probationary employee.

Councilman Langdon stated that they did have a Board Meeting prior to making that decision.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that this is formalizing the decision that was already reached.

Councilman Dolan interjected that previously the Chief of Police handled it but it is not necessarily a function of the job of the Chief of Police and it was something that he volunteered for.

Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke with the new Chief of Police and asked that he make sure all of the records and everything for that come up to his office because they thought he had enough on his plate.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:50pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, the entire Town Board was present with the exception of Councilman Burns, also present were Police Commissioner Conrad and Chief of Police McKenna. Discussion ensued regarding the Police Commissioner's recommendation for the Town Board to approve the dismissal of a probationary employee effective 10-20-14, collectively the Town Board agreed.

Time – 9:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – November 24, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Meeting was held Monday October 27, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official / Sewer Administrator /
Police Commissioner Conrad
Matthew Weidman, Bookkeeper
Peter J. McKenna, Chief of Police

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that there was a full Town Board present.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR CHIEF OF POLICE (Prior to Public Hearing)

Supervisor Flach read the following:

I am excited about hiring our new Chief, Mr. Peter J. McKenna. He has been working for the Town of Coeymans Police Department for quite a while as a part-time Officer. After searching for a Chief candidate and several interviews later, we are happy to have appointed Mr. McKenna. He has shown his care for our community and a willingness to make our Police Department the best it can be for our community. I cannot say enough about how pleased we are with this appointment; it is an honor to introduce our new Chief of the Coeymans Police Department, P.J. McKenna.

Judge George Dardani administered the Oath of Office for Chief of Police to P.J. McKenna.

Supervisor Flach asked if Chief McKenna wanted to say a few words.

Chief of Police McKenna stated that it is a privilege to be given such an honor by the Board and Supervisor Flach and it has been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside the men and women of the Coeymans Police Department for the past 2 ½ years and a thrill to be taking over the helm. He added that he loves this community, it is a wonderful place to live and work, he is looking forward to doing everything that he can and as he said once before, now is not time for speeches, it's time to get to work. He concluded by saying "if you like apples, how do you like them apples?"

AGENDA

- Receive Comments from the Public on 2015 Preliminary Budget
- Appoint Part-Time Officers

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will meet and hold a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, 7:30 on Thursday the 30th day of October 2014 for the purpose of hearing comments on the Budget. Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law, listed below are the proposed salaries of Elected Officials:

Supervisor	(1)	\$45,000.00
Councilman	(4)	\$12,000.00 (each)
Justice	(2)	\$19,000.00 (each)
Highway Superintendent	(1)	\$54,000.00
Town Clerk	(1)	\$45,650.00

A copy of the 2015 Preliminary Budget will be available at the Town Clerk’s Office. 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, where it may be viewed and a copy can be obtained during regular business hours.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

SUPERVISOR’S BUDGET MESSAGE

Supervisor Flach read the following:

For the Preliminary Budget we were able to make some changes and still have a positive effect on our taxpayer’s and community members. We are happy to have been able to lower taxes by 1.5%. The Board and I have met with many Department Heads over the Tentative Budget; there are a few changes to the Tentative that have moved it to Preliminary. After tonight we will take comments into perspective and come up with an Adopted Budget due by November 20th. We have added \$3,000.00 in the Budget to be able to work on sidewalks in Town and put in \$5,000.00 toward storm drain repairs, which usually come from H-Fund Capital Projects as we have seen a couple of small issues in the Hamlet. There have been issues with sidewalks and storm drains together, one that affects the other, thus the reason we put in \$3,000.00 & \$5,000.00. We have some new commercial assessments coming up and I will need to add approximately \$5,000.00 in the Budget for that, we have also put \$39,000.00 back into Communications Dispatch to make sure that shifts are covered before we transition to Albany County. We are looking at transitioning the Dispatch Services to Albany County by June 1st; we are meeting with Albany County and Emergency Management personnel over the next few weeks to make sure that the transition can go according to plan. At first I thought it would only take a few months to transition but after our Emergency Management Meeting it was realized that it will take several months so we are planning on 7-8 months from now. It has been suggested since the end of 2013 that I need to decrease the use of Fund Balance to balance the Town’s yearly Budget, our Accountant has suggested this and since we are tracking toward a negative Fund Balance, this is critical in the 2015 Budget. Our Fund Balance, which is what is left in your checkbook, for lack of a better term, has been depleted over the past few years due to the overspending by some Departments. Therefore, you will see that I didn’t use any, a zero balance in Highway and A-Fund Budget for last year, I was able to decrease the use of Fund Balance while decreasing taxes and this was in part due to the Lafarge PILOT Program income as well as decreasing and consolidating areas of service ie. Communications, Police and Beautifications Departments. I am striving to save taxpayer’s money while improving our parks, highways and Police Department. I feel strongly that sometimes spending more money on one area of service does not mean that we are improving that area. I have decreased the Police Budget after working out the number of full-time and part-time Officers that are needed to provide coverage for the shifts necessary to insure safety in our community. After many discussions with our Board Members, it was agreed that we want outside Law Enforcement to work hand-in-hand with our Police Force; we do not wish to alienate them from our Town. I have also gone over the Budget with our new Police Chief and he feels that the Budget is fine. For next year I am proud that my office and the Finance Department will catch up to this century and will become computerized, the New York State Comptroller’s Office has joked with us in

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the past about our paper ledgers and the inability to transfer documents, etc. electronically and now we will be able to do so. It will take some transition time but I am excited for this. I do feel that it is important to give Department Heads and some of the Elected Officials raises as this has been neglected in the past several years, I also put in raises for some non-union employees.

Supervisor Flach stated that they would now take public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Michelle Maddage stated that what she had written down was about the Tentative Budget that the Supervisor put out and has not had a chance to review the Preliminary Budget and the copy of the Budget that she did get was mailed to her by Confidential Secretary Cirillo because she unable to get one during normal business hours because she works outside the Town. She continued by reading the following:

I'd like to start out by asking where this Budget Hearing was announced, I did not see it in the News Herald or even announced on the website until 4:00 today, I also looked on the calendar online and it was not listed that this was a meeting for tonight. I thought that there was an Open Meetings Law that it had to be announced prior to when the Meeting was going to happen and I only found out about it because I read the agenda from Monday night's meeting so that's how I knew that this meeting was happening tonight. I did e-mail the entire Board regarding the tractor trailers on the Coeymans bridge, which is a safety issue and thank you Mr. Dolan and Lisa from Supervisor Flach's Office for getting back to me responding to my concern. I both witnessed a truck in front of me go in the wrong lane as well as at another time was confronted with a truck in my lane as I approached the bridge. It is not okay or legal to cross over the yellow line ever and according to New York State V&T Code 1124 and the only time that it could be permissible is if it clearly visible, which it is not as it is a no-passing zone according to New York State V&T Code 1126. Regarding moving the Dispatch to the County, I have concerns for the safety of Officers in this town, will there be a dedicated frequency or can you purchase a frequency? I have spoken with people in Cohoes and the complaint is that the radios are screwed up as she had been told by several people. As of the Albany County Sheriff's 2013 Annual Report, it was reported that they provide Dispatch Services to the Office of the Sheriff, New York State Police, City of Cohoes Police and Fire, City of Watervliet Police and Fire, Village of Green Island Police and Fire, 11 volunteer Fire Departments and 5 Ambulance Companies as well as other agencies on an as needed basis. I have serious concerns that we will not be a priority, employees of this Town of Coeymans have one function, which is to serve this Town. Mr. Flach you were elected to serve the Town constituents, when elected into office you did that with a budgeted salary of \$30,000.00, at the beginning of this year your salary was raised \$15,000.00, the job of the Supervisor as listed by New York State Office of the State Comptroller, Division of Local Government is to serve as Budget Officer unless you appoint someone else. You did this under the premise that as Budget Officer, you were adjusting your compensation but that is the job of the Supervisor. The Town Law prohibits the Town Board from fixing the salaries of a member of the Town Board, Elected Town Clerk and Elected Town Superintendent of Highways at amounts in excess of the amounts respectively specified in the Notice of Hearing upon the Preliminary Budget unless the Town Board adopts a Local Law subject to a Permissive Referendum increasing the salary for just that year. The Town Board can also not fix the salary of an Elected or Appointed Town Officer, or employee at an amount larger than the appropriation made and that is according to the Association of Towns of the State of New York. There is a right and wrong way to make salary corrections, I completely understand that, now proposing it in the Budget is the right way to do it, I do however question the compensation for the work being done at a rate of \$45,000.00, looking at a similar Town such as Schodack, New York, they have a population of 7,679 with a Supervisor's salary at \$28,390.00, that is \$16,610.00 more than what's been proposed. I also question, will you give yourself a Budget Officer stipend for next year and how can we trust that you will stick with this Budget. You also have Police Commissioners lined up for \$30,000.00; Commissioners generally are nominated by the Supervisor and voted in by the Town Board Members. Most good Police Officers have had long careers in Law Enforcement. The salary for this position appears very high to me so I did some research and according to the New York State Code Section 150 – "The Town Board of the

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Town in which such a Police Department has been established at any time by resolution may establish a Board of Police Commissioners for such a Town and appoint one or three Police Commissioners who shall at that time of their appointment and throughout their term of office be elected of such Town and who shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Town Board”. Additionally you propose a 6% rate hike for the Highway Superintendent, the current Highway Superintendent has been in office for just one year, and this appears to be premature to me. At the rate of the current Adopted Budget it does not appear that his job is under compensated. Additionally the Town Clerk has a 10% raise, it appears that the Town Clerk has not received a raise for many years and has been in office for many years, I believe that the 10% raise brings that position to a more fairly compensated rate. The Police Chief is listed at \$30,000.00; I’m not sure how or why this would be possible or permissible. Cutting the Communications Department, slashing the Police Chief’s Budget, decreasing Youth Services, consolidating the Beautification Department to Highway, along with cutting the taxes appears to be what you want to do, cutting the taxes everyone is for but we don’t want services to be decreased. Additionally I noticed the employee benefits are going up \$100,000.00, salaries are going up and taxpayer services continue to go down.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to note on the Chief’s salary, he originally put that in the Tentative Budget but it did not get changed in the Preliminary Budget to the intended Chief’s salary of \$60,000.00 and he apologized for that. He added that a Police Commissioner can be paid but it has to be adopted by Local Law, which they have chosen not to do so and there will not be a line item for Police Commissioner. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Bill Bailey stated that he wanted to start on page 1 where the Supervisor’s Personal Service went up \$17,000.00, which he assumes \$15,000.00 went to raise the Supervisor’s salary from \$30,000.00 to \$45,000.00 and a \$2,000.00 raise for someone else. He then asked if that was correct.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are two other people paid under the Supervisor.

Mr. Bailey stated that he now was really confused because he is raising the Supervisor’s salary to \$45,000.00, which has to come out of there.

Councilman Dolan asked that Supervisor Flach tell them what it is because he didn’t do the Supervisor’s Budget.

Bookkeeper Matthew Weidman interjected that it is two people and Mr. Bailey was correct, it is the Supervisor and Confidential Secretary.

Mr. Bailey stated that he has no problem with paying the Supervisor \$45,000.00 and he said that back when Ronald Hotaling was Supervisor and he believes that they should begin paying the Supervisor a living wage and expecting it to be a full-time job. He added that Finance has a raise of \$15,000.00 under Personal Services.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Finance Office is a Clerk and the Bookkeeper.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that Finance is combined with Human Resources, so the money came from Human Resources and in looking at .1 in Human Resources, there was a decrease of \$11,800.00.

Mr. Bailey stated asked if they were moving someone from Human Resources into the Finance Office.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they actually eliminated a person from Human Resource so there is still one person and they condensed from 3 people to 2 people.

Mr. Bailey stated that they were paying \$42,000.00 in Human Resources and it is down to \$30,000.00 so he believes that would be one full-time position.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it would be one full-time position.

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Mr. Bailey stated that Finance Personal Services went from \$20,000.00 to \$35,000.00 and then asked what the staffing is going to be there.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it will be one person, 30 hours, just short of full-time.

Supervisor Flach stated that one of the reasons is that they are doing in-house payroll now.

Councilman Langdon stated that there is going to be a savings there and some of the savings is not going to be realized so much in the first two years because of the software that they are purchasing but in the third year it becomes substantial.

Mr. Bailey stated that he would strongly recommend not doing that and he believes that PayChek or an equivalent is the way to go, they do an efficient job and keep you out of trouble with taxes being filed in an incorrect manner.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not disagree that they do a good job but the software is for payroll as well as a whole governmental bookkeeping system.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that it is a whole governmental software program with built-in payroll.

Mr. Bailey stated that on page 3 under Town Hall they have taken \$6,250.00 out of Personal Services.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it was actually for weekly cleaning and originally she was supposed to be an employee of the Town but she didn't end up becoming an employee and fills out a voucher monthly so it was moved to the .4 Contractual.

Mr. Bailey stated that the .4 Contractual was \$38,000.00 in last year's Adopted Budget and it was increased to \$40,000.00 and they dropped the \$6,250.00 so basically they have let out a cleaning contract for Town Hall for \$40,000.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Hall is for everything that happens in Town Hall and not just the cleaning services.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that the \$6,250.00 is for cleaning services so basically the Town Hall Budget was \$38,000.00 for their contractual and \$6,250.00 for the cleaning services and they actually combined them in that line item for \$40,000.00 because they were \$4,250.00 under budget for Town Hall and this is why it decreased and went from \$44,250.00 to \$40,000.00.

Mr. Bailey asked about the Central Garage Contractual for \$50,000.00 and what it is for.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is Police Fuel.

Mr. Bailey asked if it should be under Public Safety instead of Central Garage.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is where it has been since he has been Supervisor.

Mr. Bailey stated that in looking at it he would think that it belonged under Police.

Councilman Dolan asked if it included other fuel.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it does include other gas fuel, which is why it is in there because it is combined and roughly \$40,000.00 of it is Police and \$6,000.00 for several Highway people's gas as well as Sewer, which comes out of it but is paid back to the Highway Fund out of Sewer.

Mr. Bailey stated that he is curious about what Central Communications is.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is phones, internet, and tower on Gedney Hill.
Mr. Bailey asked about it going up \$8,000.00.

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Supervisor Flach stated that it is and part of it is for computers.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that part of it includes software updates for the rest of the Town and it will link all of the systems together throughout the Town so vouchers can be sent right to the Finance System.

Mr. Bailey stated that Central Storeroom went down \$4,000.00, which he is curious about.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is actually what was spent for the past three years.

Mr. Bailey stated that his understanding was that last year the Contingency is where the \$15,000.00 came out of for the Budget Officer.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct.

Mr. Bailey stated that they still have \$25,000.00 in there and like the first speaker he has no problem raising the Supervisor's salary to \$45,000.00 but he should have told them at the Budget Hearing that it was going to \$45,000.00 and he wouldn't have a problem if he was raising the salary \$15,000.00 and at the time all of the Elected Official's salaries should have been listed but he assumes there is not going to be \$15,000.00 out of it and then asked if his assumption was correct.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is certainly correct.

Mr. Bailey stated that in Communications, what he sees is that he took \$75,000.00 from what it was in Personal Services from last year and in the Tentative Budget it was down \$114,000.00 so he put back in about \$39,000.00 and last time he had a discussion with him, he was trying to run Dispatch from 7:00am-11:00pm at night and switch over at night and he told him that the end of May was his target date to be done with Dispatch and there was going to be a charge of \$100,000.00 from the County.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would begin in 2016.

Mr. Bailey asked if the County was going to dispatch 2015 for nothing and if they negotiate a contract, how much and for how long the contract that they are negotiating is for.

Supervisor Flach stated that \$100,000.00 is the maximum a year and it may be \$50,000.00 if they only need one full-time Dispatcher and it has not been determined yet, they are working on that part of it and it would be for three years. He added that basically it is to get our Town into their budget to get things straightened out and after that there will be absolutely no cost unless they decide to use the County's IT Department, which they offer as well but they have not decided on that yet and it is something that can happen.

Mr. Bailey stated that he was at the Emergency Management Meeting that they had earlier in the month and when he left the meeting he was under the impression that everything was going to be rethought and the Town was going to go slow and they were not going to make a move this year. He continued by saying that he was very surprised when the Tentative Budget came out, which was only a day between the Emergency Management Meeting and then and he believes that the consensus from the Emergency Management Committee was to slow down because they don't know the impact of it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he feels as though it is what they have done and based on a conversation that they had was that yes, within two months was too early and after the Emergency Management Meeting they decided to go another 6 months. He added that in talking to the Sheriff's Deputy that they are dealing with, he said there is absolutely no problem and he basically told him that they were going to slow down but not stop it.

Mr. Bailey stated that he believes that it was the same Sheriff Deputy that recommended that they slow it way down and the problem is, once they adopt the Budget and only put in enough money to operate it for half a year, you can't back out.

Supervisor Flach interjected that there is actually enough in the Budget until August.

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Mr. Bailey stated that even with August, you can't back out, they are going to make the decision within the next month and four months from now as they get closer and closer and more problems pop up they are going to be stuck with this Budget. He added that he thinks they should budget for the year and then if no problems develop in six months, which they know his feeling about, then they can pull the plug and at least if problems develop, they will have the flexibility of continuing through the year and having the funding available. He concluded by saying that they are making their decision within the month and there is no backing out.

Councilman Dolan stated that somewhere in there Mr. Bailey used the word surprised and he also was surprised because they all sat there last Thursday with the Police Department and Dispatch and said that they were going to keep Dispatch for the year and it is what they all agreed to.

Mr. Bailey stated that he wasn't at that meeting.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it was a Budget Workshop.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he does not know where he got that from.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will need to listen to the tape of the meeting.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't have any intention at that point to commit to keeping anyone for the whole year.

Councilman Dolan asked why they were putting the money back into it.

Councilman Langdon stated that they weren't putting all the money back in, they were asking how much it would be and it was all under consideration.

Supervisor Flach interjected that they put the money back in there because everyone was concerned about slowing things down and making sure that they had enough time to get everything done so they put more back in there for 6-8 months.

Mr. Bailey stated that it is four months down the road and there are a lot of things to be worked on with the capability of paging and other things and if it is not going to happen, they don't have the money to operate for a year in the budget. He continued by saying that in going to the police, he understands what they did with the Commissioners and they are going to make the change but then they lowered Personal Services by \$67,000.00, which would be a full-time Police Officer and then asked how they expect to meet their schedules and man the roads with that much less and he assumes that the Union has a contract increase in the next fiscal year and he does not see how they are going to do it. He added that with equipment, he thought they were on a rotation for vehicles, which would be the \$25,000.00 but he is taking out \$25,000.00 and the last time the Town did that, they ended up with 3-4 really old vehicles and reiterated that they had built in a rotation of buying new cars because they put a lot of miles on those cars but it has been taken completely out of the budget, which he thinks is poor management because if you are going to have a Police Force, you are going to need cars, safe cars. He reiterated that they put a lot of miles on them, they spend a lot of time idling and they are going to be back in a fix like the one time they had to buy three in the same year.

Supervisor Flach stated that currently they have 6 cars with 2 of them being newer with two Officers on the road.

Mr. Bailey reiterated that they put a lot of miles on them every year and the idea was to rotate a car every year and he thought it was why \$25,000.00 was in the budget, which made sense and it is like buying school buses when you have a fleet that ages it is going to cost you more money, you have a rotation and he thinks that it is a step backwards. He continued by saying that for Highway Administration on page 7, he understands why the Highway Superintendent is in the A-Fund and his secretary, which is due to the fact that the whole town including Village residents vote for the Highway Superintendent but it was increased by \$44,000.00 so he believes that they have added another position to the line item.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that in going to Beautification, they didn't get rid of the people.

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Mr. Bailey stated that there is no one assigned to do those jobs.

Supervisor Flach interjected that they certainly do.

Mr. Bailey stated that he has no problem with Beautification, they maintained the buildings, took care of the parks and cemeteries.

Supervisor Flach stated that they still do.

Mr. Bailey asked if there were 3 or 4 people in that unit.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that there were 3.

Mr. Bailey stated that it is labeled Highway, it is supposed to be for the Superintendent of Highways and his secretary and it is only supposed to be two positions that the people of the Village of Ravena pay for regarding Highway.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that the Deputy Highway Superintendent has always been there.

Mr. Bailey interjected that he is not an elected position and has never been in there and it is for two positions.

Supervisor Flach stated that as long as he has been Supervisor, it has been A-Fund.

Mr. Bailey reiterated that it is only supposed to be the Elected Official and his secretary.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that it is the Elected Official and whoever he appoints, his personal Deputy and secretary.

Mr. Bailey stated that it is his secretary but not Deputy.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the point is that it still went up \$44,000.00 whether the Deputy is supposed to be in there or not.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is because Nelson is in there and not in Beautification.

Mr. Bailey asked if he is the Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is not.

Mr. Bailey asked what he is doing there.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is a Supervisor.

Mr. Bailey stated that the Bookkeeper just said that the Highway Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Secretary are the only ones in there.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they were the ones that were in there and Nelson's position was added.

Mr. Bailey stated that he is not an Elected Official but a career Civil Servant.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he is appointed to his title of Supervisor by the Town Board.

Councilman Langdon stated anyone who is a Supervisor by his understanding is appointed.

Mr. Bailey interjected that he does not believe that non-union is supposed to be in the A-Fund.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that no one came into the A-Fund that wasn't in the A-Fund.

Mr. Bailey stated that he knows that and there was a group that dedicated their work to the parks, building and cemeteries.

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Councilman Langdon interjected that they sat around and did nothing all winter long and that is why they consolidated and in bringing Beautification into Highway, you are seeing the number reflected in Highway because Beautification does not exist anymore.

Mr. Bailey stated that once you put the Highway Superintendent in Highway, the jobs underneath him have nothing to do with the parks, buildings or cemeteries, which is under the law.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is also not factually correct that they sat down and did nothing all winter and maybe he thinks they were underperforming but it is not factually correct in saying that they sat around all winter doing nothing, which is an insult to them and their families.

Councilman Langdon stated that it was a mistake to say that and what he was trying to relay is the fact that you had people who didn't have parks to take care of all winter long, he understands that they built some picnic tables and painted tables but it was not really a productive use of taxpayer money to leave them in that department and could not be used by the Highway when the Highway could use them in the wintertime when they need a lot of help. He added that to him it is a good use of personnel and resources to be able to have some of that consolidation.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is bad public service to insult people who work for the Town after all the speeches in the last few weeks about appreciating all that everyone does who works for the Town and continued by saying that was ridiculous.

Councilman Langdon stated that he totally agrees that he was wrong, he was sorry and it was a poor way of expressing what he was trying to say.

Mr. Bailey stated that he wanted to discuss parks and cemeteries and then asked in doing away with Beautification whether the idea was that they are going to contract out all of the work.

Supervisor Flach stated that they definitely were not doing that.

Mr. Bailey stated that they have taken Parks Contractual from \$7,800.00 and it is now \$25,000.00 with no Personal Services in that line item.

Supervisor Flach stated that Parks Contractual is more because they need to put in a concrete bathroom at Joralemon Park because there is already a septic system there.

Mr. Bailey asked where the money is charged from when the parks need to be mowed or work has to be done because it is an A-Fund cost and should not be coming out of Highway.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official / Sewer Administrator / Police Commissioner Conrad stated that it always did.

Mr. Bailey stated that he would agree with him five years ago and that is why they created Beautification.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official / Sewer Administrator / Police Commissioner Conrad stated that he was on the Town Board when Beautification was created with Ron Hotaling and Nita Chmielewski and until that time the Highway Department always mowed the cemeteries, it came out of Highway and it is the reason that they made Parks a separate A-Fund.

Mr. Bailey stated that it should be, it was wrong ten years ago when they recognized it was wrong and they corrected it in the budget and now they are going back to the same situation and charging A-Fund work to the Highway Department.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it wasn't his understanding that it was wrong and they consolidated.

Mr. Bailey stated that Highway is only covered by people outside the Village of Ravena.
Supervisor Flach stated that he understands that.

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Mr. Bailey stated that the Parks are the responsibility of everyone in the Town, just like the dump and leachate.

Supervisor Flach asked if the Village is responsible for Coeymans Landing Park.

Mr. Bailey stated that they are and they have paid for it from the beginning and it has always been an A-Fund.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is a Town park.

Mr. Bailey stated that when the Town has to take over a cemetery, it becomes an A-Fund responsibility. He continued by saying that they completely took out Community Beautification for \$145,000.00 and two workers were sent to the Highway and one under Highway services in the A-Fund and then asked if it is why Employee Benefits went down \$43,000.00 in the A-Fund because they shifted the two employee's retirement and hospitalization to the Highway.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct.

Mr. Bailey stated that in Revenue he sees that the PILOT is \$308,584.00 with Lafarge, which is approximately the amount that they pay yearly in taxes at this time.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is payment in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Bailey stated that they deducted approximately 100 million from the assessment roll for assessing purposes because they are doing payment in lieu of taxes. He continued by saying that there is a Community Development Income of \$350,000.00 and then asked if it is for 20 years.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct.

Mr. Bailey asked if they are going to get the \$308,584.00 and the \$350,000.00 for the next 20 years.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are going to get the \$350,000.00 for the next 20 years, the \$308,584.00 is going to increase by 2% based on 100 million all the way up to 150 million in 20 years from now.

Mr. Bailey stated that the Justice Court Fund went down \$25,000.00 and then asked if the anticipated income is down.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was way down this year.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they are being optimistic with \$175,000.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is going to be less than \$175,000.00.

Mr. Bailey stated that in the B-Fund Safety Inspections Personal Services it went down \$6,000.00 and then asked if they are doing personnel changes or staffing changes.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Building Department Clerk is working 3 days in the Building Department and 2 days in the Assessor's Office.

Mr. Bailey stated that he did note the amount of money that they are transferring between the Highway Funds and it was explained in the beginning.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official / Sewer Administrator / Police Commissioner Conrad interjected that the Clerk change is also an A-Fund charge so her salary has also been added to A-Fund for when she works with the Assessor and B-Fund when she works for the Building Department.

Mr. Bailey stated that it is as it should be. He continued by saying that Personal Services in General Highway went up \$60,000.00, which he believes is some of the Beautification people.

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Supervisor Flach stated that was correct.

Mr. Bailey stated that it is \$60,000.00 that used to be an A-Fund town-wide charge and now it is just Highway outside of the Village of Ravena and continued by saying that Snow Removal also went up \$60,000.00 with Employee Benefits going up \$100,000.00. He continued by saying that when it comes to wages, he personally does not have any trouble with \$45,000.00 for the Supervisor and ultimately he believes it should be \$60,000.00 and considered a full-time job because the position is to supervise a multi-million dollar operation and it should be expected to be the only job. He added that in the Preliminary Budget that he picked up at 3:00 earlier in the day, the Justice salary was listed as \$18,000.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that was a typo and he apologizes for that and it had since been corrected and printed.

Mr. Bailey stated that those were his general comments and apologized for taking so much time.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Thomas Boehm stated that he lives on Coons Road and continued by saying that he saw that money was put in for sidewalks and then asked how they arrived at the dollar figure.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they spoke with Highway Superintendent Searles and he felt \$3,000.00 for the sidewalks and \$5,000.00 for the storm water would be enough to repair what they needed to fix and there are a lot of leftover supplies to do it.

Mr. Boehm asked if it is for the distance from the Town line down to Rte. 144.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he didn't give distances, he gave his figures on what he priced out and what he felt would be sufficient.

Mr. Boehm stated that it does not seem like a lot.

Councilman Dolan stated that when Highway Superintendent Searles was before them, he agreed to a \$10,000.00 figure, which they used to have in the budget and probably back when Mr. Conrad was on the Board there was a general sidewalk repair cycle.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official / Sewer Administrator / Police Commissioner Conrad stated that it was for a small portion each year and there were some areas left undone. He added that the major portions were done along Church Street and basically the areas that they are looking to get done are a couple of spots along First Street, which is a big concern because of the unevenness of the sidewalks and Highway Superintendent Searles has the forms to set them up and it would only be the cost for concrete.

Supervisor Flach interjected that the storm drain was in that part because a couple of the sidewalks on Rte. 144 are involved due to the storm drain and there is an issue where they actually filled in a hole but it sunk again, which they believe is a storm water problem and they put money for that so the sidewalk repair will come in the same time as that.

Mr. Boehm stated that he believes that it is grossly underfunded because there is such a need along Rte. 144 where the road is in such bad shape, there are a lot of houses and he would encourage that they add money to it. He continued by saying that Supervisor Flach mentioned improvements at Joralemon Park in the form of a bathroom and asked how much he budgeted for it.

Supervisor Flach stated it is \$25,000.00 and they were also looking to get some playground equipment as well. He continued by saying that the bathroom would be a block building separated by men and women and the trans-vap is already there so they will need to run water to it.

Mr. Boehm asked how much was budgeted for the playground equipment.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they figured about \$12,000.00 for the bathroom and possibly \$10,000.00 for playground equipment as well as talking about a tent only campsite in the back, which he planned on putting a couple thousand dollars toward.

Councilman Langdon interjected that Highway Superintendent Searles has some playground equipment at the Highway Garage that has to be installed.

Mr. Boehm stated that when he was a child, it was leftover playground equipment from the high-school and added that to give them an idea, when they put the playground in at Coeymans Landing, it was \$25,000.00 and it is pretty expensive.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wasn't looking to put a big set like that because they do have some and another thing that they were looking to do is some improvements at Coeymans Landing and have talked about taking the rocks out and putting nautical themed poles so it would look a little nicer down there.

Mr. Boehm stated that down by the river they have a nice playground set but at Joralemon it has been that way for years and years and they deserve a nice playground set for people who use the pavilion, a bathroom would be a nice improvement and a good use of the Host Benefit Package from Lafarge. He continued by saying that there has been talk about a Transfer Station and then asked if there is anything in the budget for that or is it dead or does it still have life in it.

Supervisor Flach stated that it isn't dead, they have talked about having it on Jarvis Road and use dumpsters at the Highway Garage, which will be donated to them so they are still planning on doing that but he didn't put anything in the budget.

Mr. Boehm asked if they are planning on doing that in the spring and if it will be for household waste.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are thinking that they would like to say that they will take garbage for \$2.00 a bag on specified days and in turn removed the next day because their concern would be smell or rats and they don't want anyone to have to deal with that.

Mr. Boehm stated that he thinks it is a good idea and maybe for those on a fixed income it could be \$1.00 a bag.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will look into it as far as the budget and it is a good thought.

Mr. Boehm stated that as far as Highway, he wanted to know what the plan is for equipment purchases in the budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have that in front of him and asked Bookkeeper Weidman if he could recall.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that this year a lot of the equipment money went for a new skid-steer.

Mr. Boehm asked how much it was.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it was somewhere between \$65,000.00 and \$70,000.00 and a bit of the money will be for attachments for it because there was not enough money this year to buy them and it was a 2-year plan. He added that realistically they are looking to find a newer, used Grader.

Supervisor Flach stated that they talked about two trucks that they would BAN because a truck costs \$175,000.00 and currently they have a 1956 Osh Kosh and 1968 Mack. He continued by saying that he has talked to Highway Superintendent Searles about doing a BAN for two for a shorter period of time and using Host Benefit money to fund a 5-6 year BAN.

Mr. Boehm stated that his problem with that is that they already did a BAN for the salt shed, there is another truck that was a BAN, so it would be a total of 3 trucks and then asked what debt service will be in a couple of years.

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Supervisor Flach interjected that the salt shed will be paid for by next year.

Mr. Boehm asked if it is up, running and ready for salt.

Supervisor Flach stated that they can't put salt in it now, they are waiting for the cover, which is on the way and the company will install it.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that it is guaranteed to be finalized by November 30th.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will be done mid-November, the blocks are 6 feet tall and are all set and the blacktop is all set.

Mr. Boehm stated that part of his problem in borrowing for Highway equipment is that in reading an article published in the Business Review titled "Two municipalities in Albany County, one in Saratoga County fiscal stress". He continued by saying that the two municipalities in Albany County are Colonie and Coeymans and the Comptroller listed Coeymans under moderate fiscal stress and then asked how they address that in looking at a budget where they are borrowing more and doing more BANS, which will hurt them more.

Supervisor Flach stated that part of the reason for that was the Fund Balance.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that the Fund Balance was the biggest reason and he talked to the Comptroller himself and it was because they were running a \$175,000.00 Fund Balance in A and it is pretty much zero dollars and negative at the end of this year and they will be in trouble, which progressed from \$500,000.00 4-5 years ago. He continued by saying that in speaking with the Comptroller and the Town's Accountant, they suggested that the number one thing for them to do is to turn it around, even more so than taking BANS out. He added that it was in the budget as revenue, but they didn't have the money and basically they were using money that they didn't have, which will put you under fiscal stress.

Mr. Boehm stated that they didn't have the money and then asked why they are spending money they didn't have and asked if it worth it if they have to borrow money.

Supervisor Flach stated that they needed Highway trucks and some of it came from the sale of other equipment and another part of the problem is the Hannacroix Creek, there is money that was spent that they owe for that and added that the problem hasn't just been within the last two years, it has been in the last 7-8 years.

Mr. Boehm stated that it brings him to the raises that are being handed out, up to 10% raises and then asked if he can get the dollar figure where the non-elected people are and what the increases are.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have that with him.

Mr. Boehm asked if there is an outline for all personnel.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have it with him but he will get a copy to him.

Mr. Boehm asked why there are such big raises and it had been said that previous Board's didn't give raises, but they did.

Supervisor Flach stated that for 6 years, all of the non-union people didn't have a raise.

Mr. Boehm interjected that last year there was a raise and there was one the year before that and he does not understand the big jump. He added that he understands that with the Union there are contractual raises of 2-3% and for non-union he believes that it was between 1-2% but he does not understand the big jump given their current fiscal situation.

Supervisor Flach stated that he felt like a lot of the people who they gave the raises to, over the last 7-8 years have not had the raises that they should have had and when the Board got together during Budget discussions, the whole Board agreed.

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Mr. Boehm asked if the whole Board agreed to 8-10% raises.

Supervisor Flach stated that they absolutely did.

Councilman Dolan stated that he's not sure that they talked about all the raises; they talked about the Town Clerk's staff.

Supervisor Flach stated that they did but they also talked about the Highway Superintendent and Supervisor.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they didn't talk about the Supervisor's Office, Business Office, and Building Department.

Supervisor Flach stated that they agreed to 2% for all non-union employees and for union employees they are in the middle of union negotiations.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thought they had agreed to a bigger percent for the Town Clerk's Office.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it ended up being a little bit more and he thinks it is 3.6% for them.

Mr. Boehm stated that in his opinion, they are going down a rocky road and this is the start of people asking in 10 years how the Town got into so much debt and it is because they are borrowing money for money that they don't have, they don't have money to buy things and they are giving out double digit raises to certain personnel, which is one of the biggest costs. He continued by saying that he agrees that everyone is doing a good job but there are more than 50 people in the Town and given the current status with the Comptroller's Office of moderate fiscal stress, he thinks there are parts of the budget that are very foolish and he hopes that they reconsider.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Appoint Part-Time Police Officers

Supervisor Flach asked Chief McKenna to discuss his request to hire part-time Officers.

Chief McKenna stated that a hiring process was started by Sargent Contento and Officer Myers who in turn interviewed approximately a dozen applicants and submitted to him two names that they had specific to what they believe would be an immediate need for patrol ready Police Officers. He added that he does not have the paperwork in front of him but he had spoken to both of their Lieutenants who gave very good work-ups on them, he reviewed all of their paperwork and based on the need that they have right now, it is his hope that they will be able to start working with young Officers from the Academy but they need Senior Officers who can come on to the job now. He continued by saying that one is a Cohoes Officer and one is a Athens Officer, both have tremendous background and training and in his opinion, based on what he has been told and read, patrol ready by the end of the month, which would include field training, being advised of the differences of this department, staffing and manpower. He concluded by saying that he has been given assurances at this point that they are available, they do have full-time jobs but they are going to be available for the type of shifts and patrol that they need to fill at this point and it is not going to change anything other than the loss of Officer Klein who was full-time and it is a way for him to have more manpower availability so they can have a longer list if someone calls in sick there are more people that they can reach out to, to fill the shifts and he hopes that he can get these two part-time Officers so they are patrol ready for patrol manpower for November and December.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he would read the resolution to appoint two part-time Police Officers.

RES. #156-14 APPOINT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is desirous of hiring part-time Police Officers who are certified, and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has conducted a search for available part-time Police Officers and interviews have been conducted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Jeff Bressette and Roger Loran to the position of part-time Police Officer, effective November 7, 2014 pending a successful background check, one year probation and Albany County Civil Service approval. Part-time Police Officer Bressette and Loran will be compensated at a rate of \$18.13 per hour as designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Cool Insuring Agency COBRA Administrative Service Agreement

Supervisor Flach stated that a resolution was supposed to be done at the last meeting for the COBRA Administrative Service Agreement but they didn't have it until the next day and it is so Cool Agency, which handles the Town's insurance, will do the COBRA extension instead of the Town having to do it. He then asked for a motion to execute the agreement.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, authorizing the Supervisor to execute the COBRA Administrative Service Agreement with Cool Insuring Agency.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Langdon asked if Attorney for the Town Wukitsch read the Agreement.

Supervisor Flach stated that he did and it is fine with the exception of one paragraph that he took out.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the Public Hearing was adjourned.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read December 8, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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November 10, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday November 10, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
Peter J. McKenna, Chief of Police

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect that a full Town Board is present.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed, November 11, 2014
 - Town Offices Closed, November 27 & 28, 2014
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes of Meeting
 - Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2014
 - Special Town Board Meeting, September 30, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, October 14, 2014
 - Special Budget Workshop Meeting, October 16, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop, October 21, 2014
- Old Business
- New Business
- Resolutions
 - Accept Police Officer Resignation
 - Appoint Part-Time Police Officers
- Upcoming Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, November 18, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, November 24, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, November 25, 2014, 7:00pm
- Adjournment

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed

Supervisor Flach stated the Town Offices will be closed November 11th for Veteran’s Day and November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wished to comment and added that at the last Meeting, which was a Public Hearing it was mentioned by a member of the public, Michelle Maddage, that it had not been advertised. She continued by saying that for the record, in the Ravena News Herald, the Town's Official Newspaper, it was in the October 23rd edition. She added that she was responsible for getting it to the paper, which she did and it was published because she has a copy of the newspaper along with their Proof of Publication. She reiterated that she was responsible for getting it to the paper, it was published and she wanted to say it for the record.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wished to add to that and it was also said that it was on the website late, which he will take responsibility for because it was not on the website until the same day as the Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan asked how they get something on the website.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a company that maintains the website and when things are sent to them, sometimes it takes longer than it should.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Michelle Maddage asked if all Public Notices that must go to the paper are also posted to the website.

Councilman Dolan stated that they don't show up on the website.

Ms. Maddage interjected that it would be nice if they did.

Supervisor Flach stated that it usually will show that there is a meeting of some sort.

Ms. Maddage stated that she herself does not get the newspaper and it would be nice if it was on the website because she checks it regularly.

Supervisor Flach stated that they usually try to have it on the website but there have been some issues.

Councilman Dolan interjected that most of the pre-scheduled meetings are on the website but the Budget Workshops were not.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that when they have their Organizational Meeting, there are Notices for all the meetings of the Town, Planning and Zoning Boards, which in turn are sent to the newspaper and posted. She continued by saying that they only do additional when they are Special Meetings and if time allows, it gets sent to the paper, goes on the website and is posted in Town Hall.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that the regularly scheduled meetings are on the website and then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there are five sets of minutes, a Town Board Meeting on September 22nd, a Special Town Board Meeting on September 30th, a Town Board Meeting on October 14th, a Special Budget Workshop on October 16th and a Town Board Workshop on October 21st, and then offered a motion to approve them.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the minutes.

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MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Transfer of Valley Paper Mill Park

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Sweeney was present and asked that he talk about the Transfer of the Valley Paper Mill Park.

Mr. Sweeney stated that he is President of the Alcove Preservation Association and he came before the Town Board in December 2013 to propose that the Town take possession of the Valley Paper Mill Park and continue it as a public park. He added that the Town Board was in agreement of that concept at that time and at the same time he presented a draft of a Management Agreement between the two parties. He continued by saying that it has been a lengthy process, they had to go through the State Education Department for approval because they fall under their auspices of a not-for-profit organization as well as getting approval from the Attorney General's Office because they were giving away assets, real property. He went on by saying that he had signed a deed last week and forwarded it to the APA's Attorney as well as the Attorney for the Town, who reviewed in conjunction with the Supervisor's Office the draft of the Management Agreement and they revised some wording and came to an agreement. He concluded by saying that he was there to make a formal request that the Town Board pass a resolution to take the transfer of that piece of property.

Supervisor Flach stated that he didn't prepare a resolution and added that as Mr. Sweeney had said, they reviewed it with the Attorney for the Town and as far as the upkeep on the chimney it was revised. He added that before they do a resolution, he does not believe that the Board has seen the revised copy and isn't even really sure if he even received one but he will check and get a copy to each Board Member and do a resolution as early as next Tuesday.

Mr. Sweeney stated that he had anticipated that he had transmitted the document.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes it was sent in an e-mail but he can't recall exactly if it was the final document because there were some questions and they were going back and forth.

Mr. Sweeney stated that it was finalized and he will follow-up to make sure that it gets to the Board.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Sweeney can check with his office to make sure that it is all set for the next meeting.

Councilman Dolan asked Mr. Sweeney if it caused a problem if they waited and added that he would be more comfortable voting on a resolution.

Mr. Sweeney stated that it was not a problem and he understood.

NEW BUSINESS

Discs Golf - Repair of Kiosk

Supervisor Flach stated that the Disc Golf Club that uses Joralemon Park has offered to repair and/or replace the kiosk and added that there is a letter proposing it.

Councilman Masti stated that he would read the letter and continued as follows:

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The Discap Club has been discussing potential projects that would help improve Disc Golf throughout the region. One project that was considered was repairing or replacing the kiosk/information board at Joralemon Park. Repairing/replacing the kiosk would allow for more beneficial use of the park and provide useful information to park visitors.

Prior to upgrading the kiosk, we would like to receive your approval to do so. If there are any requirements or restrictions from the Town to do such work, please feel free to contact me so we can continue to move forward.

Please let me know your thoughts, I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you,
Jasan LaSasso

Supervisor Flach stated that he doesn't have any issues with that at all and if someone wants to make it renewed and look better to help get information to people he is fine with it.

Councilman Masti interjected that they need to see what is proposed.

Councilman Dolan agreed that they need to see a plan.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would speak with Mr. LaSasso and ask for a proposal of what they plan to do and added that he does not know if it has a small roof and if they plan on restoring it as well as replacing the plexi-glass that is broken.

Councilman Dolan stated that at one point they had talked to him about helping monetarily if they were to build bathrooms out there because there are some tournaments that they are not allowed to have because there has to be actual restrooms in order to host the tournaments. He continued by saying that if it is something that they are going to pursue next year, it is something that they may still be interested in helping them with.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a plan in place to put bathrooms out there and would certainly be willing to accept any help they can get.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they didn't discuss money as far as the amount.

Councilman Masti asked if they take over the whole park or if they are just on the course and if the rest of the park is still useable.

Councilman Dolan stated that they stay on their course and the rest of the park is open to the public.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would e-mail Mr. LaSasso and tell him that they would like a proposal and in the meantime he will speak with Nelson about it.

Councilman Burns asked if they are going to have to worry about buying material and if they are going to do the work.

Councilman Dolan stated that when they get the proposed plan it should be forwarded to the Attorney for the Town.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a letter of resignation from Officer Danielle Barbour and asked that Councilman Langdon read it.

Councilman Langdon read as follows:

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Letter of Resignation

To the Supervisor and Members of the Board,

I, Danielle Barbour, hereby resign from my employment as a Police Officer with the Town of Coeymans Police Department, effective the close of business on October 22, 2014, to pursue another employment opportunity. I have enjoyed working for the Town of Coeymans and will miss serving the community.

Yours truly,
Danielle Barbour
Police Officer

RES. #157-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Danielle Barbour, has submitted her letter of resignation as Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Danielle Barbour as Police Officer is accepted effective October 22, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank Danielle for her service to the Town who served as an Officer and School Resource Officer and that he wished her well where ever she goes.

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief McKenna address the Board relative to his request to appoint part-time Officers.

Chief McKenna stated that with the Board's permission he would like to request two new hires and one re-hire, the first being Ryan Cross who was a part-time Police Officer before he went with the Albany County Sheriffs. He added that there is an immediate need for Officers, as he previously explained, who can jump right into work that are qualified and competent and Officer Cross is a great advantage for them because he knows the Town and his experience and maturity will be a great asset. He continued by saying that the second is John Favata, a six-year veteran of the Schenectady Police Department who brings a community oriented type of policing to his work on a daily basis and in working in a bigger city it didn't jive with his desire to see each and every case through to fruition, he wants to work within the community and get to know as much about the people that he is dealing with as possible, which is a much better fit in a small town than it is a big city. He went on by saying that he also is a licensed gunsmith so he can work as a Range Officer in re-tooling and assisting in maintaining their shotguns, pistols and patrol rifles. He added that the last but not least is Isaiah Burton, a young man that put himself through what is called a two-part academy, paid for it himself, paid for his uniforms and is a former member of the Air Force and now working for the Housing Authority Security headed by his former Deputy Chief, Bob Grebert, who had stellar comments about him and his work ethic and that he genuinely believes that he will be an asset and will grow and flourish as a Police Officer. He went on by saying that he has had a lot of positive calls on all three of the young men and he looks forward to working with them and hopes that the Board will accept his recommendation for all three of them for hire. He concluded by saying that the caveat on Mr. Burton is that he needs to complete firearms training, which he will take care of himself, there will be no cost to the Town and it will be settled into the Zone 14 Academy and when that comes up he will attend it for one week, which will certify him as a part-two completed Police Officer academy graduate.

RES. #158-14 APPOINT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is desirous of hiring part time Police Officers who are certified; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has conducted a search for available part-time Police Officers and interviews have been conducted;

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NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Ryan Cross, John Favata and Isaiah Burton to the position of part-time Police Officers effective November 14, 2014 pending successful background check, one year probation and Albany County Civil Service approval. Appointment is contingent upon candidate signing a Personal Services Contract with the Town of Coeymans. Part-time Police Officer's Cross, Favata and Burton will be compensated at a rate of \$18.13 per hour as designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Councilman Dolan asked that he explain what a Personal Service Contract is because they have never had that language before.

Chief McKenna stated that it is his belief that the Town of Coeymans has an opportunity to bring young & seasoned Police Officers together and as such, very frequently in the past, the Town of Coeymans has lost qualified Police Officers to larger agencies. He added that he does not object to any person growing in any capacity as a Police Officer or person but he thinks that if they have an opportunity to help younger Police Officers grow, learn, become more qualified and confident and they choose to move on, he believes that as a Town and Police Department they should be compensated by the larger agencies for sponsoring them through the academies, field training and giving them the seasoning that is necessary for them to move onward. He continued by saying that there are many that he hopes will stay, but in a competitive market there is no guarantee there and many of the larger agencies have an accredited status and as such it is necessary for them to meet criteria to put Officers through a full-time academy, which will mean that they would be paid while they are in the academy receiving no benefit then they would have a 45-day observation period where they can't allow the Officer to do anything other than mirror their Field Training Officer and then there is a 6-month period where they are observed. He went on by saying that as such, it is almost 8-9 months of work that they are getting no return on investment and what they are doing here for the betterment of the law enforcement community is bringing in Police Officers who have already been through the academy at their own expense, affording them the opportunity to be field trained by Officers with 20-25 years who have training and work in the field to treat them as growing Police Officers and if they decide to move on he would like to see other agencies compensate the Town for training their future Police Officers. He concluded by saying that this is what the Personal Service Contract is for so that if they are using the Town to advance their career, they would certainly want to be compensated for training that Police Officer.

Councilman Burns asked how long that period is for.

Chief McKenna stated that because they are part-time, Civil Service puts a cap on hours worked in a calendar year at 1,040 hours, which amounts to 6 months of full-time work or 20 hours a week. He added that 2,080 hours is the equivalent to one full year of service and as anticipated through the normal course of duty, an Officer works 20 hours a week, which would mean after one full year with the Town of training and working in a variety of fields as a small department it would be 1,040 hours. He continued by saying that he believes it would become very attractive to other agencies to see someone who has six months of field training under their belt, with the academy completed, certification is done and the 45 day observation period already signed off on. He concluded by saying that there is no set time as to how long they stay but the Town will require to what amounts to one full year of service for either sponsoring them, bringing them on board or maintaining their municipal police status or possibly Civil Service status.

Councilman Langdon asked if one year is enough.

Chief McKenna stated that it would be two years at 20 hours a week for 2080 hours, which is one year of full-time service but because they are part-time, they are precluded from working more than 20 so it would require two years, which he thinks is a fair value for that. He added that if they stay, it is great because they continue to grow within the community and if they stay for 20 years he would be excited for that. He continued by saying that he is not asking them to hire these people with the anticipation of leaving, this is just having something attached to say that this is an agency that they used to move on to something else.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, November 18, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 24, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, November 25, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that as a reminder, hunting season for guns opens on Saturday.

Councilman Masti stated that he noticed the credit card sign by the Town Clerk's window.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she can now take credit cards, there is a \$2.00 minimum with a 3% charge and it has been good because a lot of people don't carry money.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief McKenna stated that he wanted to give them a brief update on Police Department activity for last month and reported that there was a total of 15 arrests, 37 traffic tickets issued, 7 property damage vehicle crashes, 9 personal injury vehicle crashes and they handled just under 1,000 calls for service and then asked to read one into the record and read as follows:

On October 30, 2014 the Coeymans Police received a call from a local citizen regarding a vehicle roll-over on SR 9W. Dispatcher Nicole McMullen immediately began entering the data into the computer aided dispatch system while simultaneously notifying a patrol unit to the event. Within less than 2 minutes Police Officer Kevin Schwebke arrived on scene relaying information about the condition of the crash and observations regarding the sole occupant of the vehicle. Investigator Albert and SRO Cuddlebeck who were monitoring the radio responded to the priority call. Fire Chief Whitbeck along with members of the Ravena Fire and Ravena Rescue completed the emergency services response. The victim was unconscious as well as unresponsive on the scene was cut from his vehicle harness and was immediately placed into a waiting ambulance and he was rushed to Albany Medical Center. As a result of the swift, professional actions of all members, the victim was resuscitated at Albany Medical and miraculously walked out alive and of his own volition the following day. I would like to publicly like to commend the actions of Dispatcher McMullen as well as Officers Cuddlebeck, Schwebke & Albert along with all the members of Ravena Fire and Rescue Squad for their work, thank you for that.

Supervisor Flach stated that tomorrow is a day to remember our Veteran's, those who have served and are serving and it is a celebration to honor Veterans for their patriotism, love of county and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. He continued by saying that he appreciates our Veterans, those who have served and continue to serve and he deeply appreciates their service to this country and in the morning at 11:00am there is a Memorial Service on Main Street at the Memorial site in the Village and he hopes that everyone can go and support our Veterans. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that it is No Shave November, which is a month for cancer awareness and a reminder for men to get checked out for things such as colon cancer because one little checkup now, instead of waiting a long time, can save your life or save you from living a life in agony.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to echo Supervisor Flach's thanks to the Veterans in all they do and have done and will do for us. He continued by saying that he wanted to thank

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Chief McKenna for joining the team and he is already pleased with the things that he is bringing to the table in the way of ideas and he is excited to see where he is going to take it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read December 8, 2014

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Peter J. McKenna, Chief of Police

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Resolutions
 - Inter-Fund Loan
 - Bond Resolution
- Workplace Violence/Safety Committee
- 2015 Budget
- Certified Document Security – Document Shredding Contract
- Future Employee Retirement Package

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that he asked the Board to have a Workshop tomorrow at noon on the final budget, which is due on Thursday and the reason being is that they will have some pretty serious shortfalls in the budget at the end of this year. He continued by saying that he needs to go over them because they need to know prior to the resolutions for a Bond and Inter-Fund Loan. He added that in the Police .1 they are on track for \$30,000.00 over budget and Police .4 Contractual is \$20,000.00-\$25,000.00, for Dispatch .1 they will be over \$45,000.00, they had Anticipated Revenues for the Court, which will be short approximately \$25,000.00 and Police Forfeiture on the Revenue side will be under budget \$50,000.00, Attorney Fees are \$15,000.00 over budget and Central Communications \$15,000.00 over budget so in those areas they are \$205,000.00 over budget. He added that for Highway, they are waiting for C.H.I.P.S money to come, they changed the way that the Town gets it and they now have to have a cancelled check from the company that they did business with for the roads and it will not be in time to make it by the end of this year and the other money that the Highway will be short is part of Sales Tax which will be coming in January and usually they have enough to cover it, but they don't have enough to cover it and the total budget shortfalls comes to \$377,000.00.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board regarding overspending in the Police Department, shortfalls in the Highway Department because of timing for C.H.I.P.S. money as well as lost revenue for sales tax and anticipated revenue falling short in the Justice Court. They continued to discuss taking a TAN in the amount of \$500,000.00 to recover as well making an inter-loan

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fund transfer to cover payroll until they get a TAN. He continued by reading a letter from Fiscal Advisors and Marketing Inc., as follows:

Dear Supervisor Flach,

I have been asked by the Town's Bond Counsel to prepare an engagement letter for Fiscal Advisors to serve as Municipal Advisor to the Town to assist with the calculations for the sizing of a TAN or RAN issue in the approximate amount of \$500,000.00. The agreement follows, please sign and return to the address above.

Sincerely,
Jeanine Rodgers Caruso

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #159-14 APPROVE INTER-FUND LOAN

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the General Fund (A) has bills that are due; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans anticipates the funds necessary to pay those bills will not be available at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to pay bills on time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sewer Fund (SS) will loan the General Fund (A) \$110,000.00 to pay for sufficient expenditures when due. When sufficient funds become available, they will be used to repay the Sewer Fund (SS) with 2% interest.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board relative to how much money is in the Sewer Fund, and the interest rate, which will probably be forgiven.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a Bond Resolution for a truck and continued by reading the following:

A resolution authorizing the acquisition of a one-ton dump truck and issuance of Serial Bonds of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 pursuant to the Local Finance Law to finance the cost thereof, and delegating certain powers in connection therewith to the Town Supervisor.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board.

Supervisor Flach stated that he just received the resolution, he was mistaken about it being on the agenda and suggested that it waits until tomorrow's meeting.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

DISCUSSIONS

Workplace Violence Safety Committee

Supervisor Flach stated that they needed to talk about the Workplace Violence Safety Committee and the need for removing those who don't want to be on it and appointing those that wish to be on it. He added that Highway Superintendent Searles is now the Chairman because of Chief Darlington's retirement.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of member's required, possible conflicts if a Department Head is on it, the process when a complaint is filed, possible candidates.

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Supervisor Flach asked that the Board think about it because it has to be done sooner rather than later.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would propose that they look at what the language is as to who should or should not be on it and what the rules are and bring back suggestions to the next meeting.

2015 Budget

Supervisor Flach stated that with the budget issues that have happened within the last couple of months, he would like to sit down with the Board and have a budget type meeting to go over it and they possibly might have to cut some more or raise the tax rate.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board regarding overages, expenditures and shortfalls in projected revenue, and possible solutions for addressing it.

Discussion continued amongst the Town Board and Town Clerk Millious relative to the new Bookkeeping Software that is also for payroll, it will eliminate paper ledgers and link the Town Clerk's Office to Bookkeeping.

Certified Document Security

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious discuss a new vendor, Certified Document Security for records destruction.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she has been having a free trial with Certified Document Security, it is for two months free and they provide a bin for documents to be shred. She added that the company that she has been dealing with, she has to have 50 boxes or more for destruction before they would even come on the premises, Certified Document Security is less money and they gave her a price for the 70-80 boxes that need to go. She continued by saying that it is mostly court records and she has to get approval to have them taken away and once the initial clean-up is done she wants to go with something that she can keep up to date with as far as destruction rather than running things through a shredder. She added that they come and take the bin, she will have no lifting and it will be a lot easier and it comes out to approximately \$36.00 a month, which would be \$432.00 for a year, which is a bit more than she budgeted for at \$32.00 a box. She went on by saying that initially getting rid of things as she can is a better way to go because she can't even walk in the records room because of boxes that are waiting to be destroyed. She concluded by saying that she has a contract, schedule of dates that they come and a list of things that can't be put in the bin and then asked that the Town Board take a look at it and in turn authorizes her to contract with them.

Discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Town Clerk Millious relative to who she had used prior to now, number of Justice Court boxes needing to be destroyed and an initial clean-up.

Collectively it was decided that the Board and Attorney for the Town will take a look at it.

Future Employee Retirement Package

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Langdon discuss the future employee Retirement Package.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has been looking at costs to the Town and currently it is written in the Employee Handbook that an employee only has to be with the Town for 10 years to receive health insurance for life when they retire and he is not a believer or know if they legally can change it for current employees because they took the job under those terms so he does not think that you can change that. He continued by saying that they are going to be looking for some Police Officers and the current policy for retired employees is unheard of and he has never seen anywhere in the workplace where you get full Health Insurance with half premium for the spouse. He added that this is something that he would like to see change before they hire too many people.

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Supervisor Flach interjected that he knows they talked about it in the past and they are looking to change it for new hires by the end of December if they can.

Discussion ensued regarding the expense to the Town for health care costs that keep going up and up for a long-term, very expensive liability for the Town, the inability to project longevity, whether they should keep it or not, limit it to employees with 20-25 years of service, limit it to a certain percent of the cost, early retirement at 55, applying sick time to the cost, Town Insurance secondary to Medicare when eligible, union vs. non-union employees.

Councilman Langdon suggested that they speak with Kool Insurance for guidance as far as some guidelines and wording.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would speak with Kool Insurance for suggestions.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Supervisor Flach stated that he would like to entertain a motion to hire Fiscal Advisors and Marketing Inc. to oversee the TAN, which is a cost of \$185.00 an hour and added that the Town's Bond Counsel asked that it be done.

Councilman Dolan asked if Attorney for the Town Wukitsch had seen it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he hadn't and added that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch had recommended their Bond Counsel.

Councilman Langdon stated that it looks pretty straightforward with a flat hourly rate and no out-of-pocket expenses but it would be a good idea to have Attorney for the Town Wukitsch look at it.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Supervisor Flach to contract with Fiscal Advisors and Marketing Inc. to assist procurement of a TAN.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked if there was anything else that the Board wished to discuss, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach stated that there were a few people present who are probably expecting to get the budget and that there would be a vote on the budget but they want to double check things before they do that. He continued by asking if any of those present would like to speak.

Ms. Regina Palmer asked if there could be a copy of the Proposed Budget on the website and when finalized, if the Adopted Budget could be put there.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Adopted Budget goes in the minutes and on the website and added that the Preliminary Budget usually goes on the website from the Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan stated that he didn't believe it was on the website.

Discussion ensued regarding minutes and budgets on the website as far as timing, procedure and suggestions for posting.

Councilman Langdon stated that there are a lot of things that he is hopeful for with the new technology software because there are so many things, such as comp time because they are never made aware of the amount of time that is accrued, which is a liability to the Town and with being

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on paper ledger, it is hard to find that kind of thing and hopefully the new system will bring them into this century.

Ms. Palmer continued by asking if they are going to pay 100% of insurance to people that have provided service for 10 years or more and where they are putting money to make sure that they have money to cover that and if they are investing somewhere or going to raise taxes through the roof.

Councilman Langdon stated that from what he has been told that are not actually supposed to be able to save money.

Supervisor Flach interjected that they actually can in a Fund Balance and can have money in their checking account.

Ms. Palmer stated that she does not understand it because New York State has a Retirement Fund and a Comptroller that controls the whole thing to make sure the fund is managed and then asked why there wouldn't be someone in the Town doing the same.

Councilman Masti stated that he thinks the electronic software is going to be very good because it is going to hold everyone accountable on both ends, they can see it live time and he doesn't think that they will be hit by as many surprises as they were this year.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Police Officer Ryan Johnson stated that he has a general question and continued by asking what direction it is taking as it relates to the Dispatch Center in the Police Department as far as the budget for 2015.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not expect that the Police Department will change too much or will Dispatch, they put in \$25,000.00 that will get them to August and his plan is that by the end of May they will have the County take over.

Officer Johnson asked if it is set in stone or if there is any way that it may change.

Supervisor Flach stated that in his mind it won't.

Councilman Langdon stated that in his opinion, which is just his opinion, he has been sitting in on some of the meetings that the Sheriff has been having with some of the local Fire Departments and in the process of listening to the discussion and he is not a Dispatcher and does not understand all the issues of the radio but there is more back and forth than he even understood before where Fire Companies apparently can be dispatched but then it has to go back to the County Dispatch to put companies within the vicinity on stand-by. He added that it seems like there is a whole lot of back and forth on this and he had people tell him that in looking at it, it is going to be a better public safety situation, there will not be the possibility of the ball being dropped somewhere in the transmissions and you are minimizing it. He reiterated that it is a much better public safety scenario than what they currently have and it is not just a money issue and the more he has learned, the more confident he is with the issue.

Officer Johnson stated that he has to talked to a number of people in his Department and he is not going to say that he is wrong in saying that but he and some of them think that at this stage of the game, if this is the direction that the Board is looking, it requires much more time than 6 months for them to take a good overall assessment. He added that they are all for what is best for the people they serve and maybe it is enough but for budgetary reasons he does not know how hard it is to put money back in or take out once it is set in stone. He reiterated that he does not know if 6 months allows enough time for that assessment to be made especially when there are other municipalities that have gone with the County that they talked to as well that are looking to separate themselves from the County at this stage of the game or try to make some other arrangements. He concluded by saying that this is his opinion as well as some of the other people that he has spoken with, if it is what's best, they are all for it, money or no money, they are here to serve the public and if it the best thing, they are for it 100% but he is not sure that it would be the best route at this stage of the game to make a decision to say that it is done in 6 months when everything is not worked out logistically.

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Councilman Langdon stated that from what he has seen, it doesn't seem like it would be too hard to do in six months and reiterated that he does not know all of it but he has been trying to sit in on whatever meetings he can with the Sheriff and local people and it doesn't seem that it is going to be that difficult. He added that there is a lot of stuff to do, they have pagers that need to be reprogrammed, there are issues with different tones and different scenarios going on but it seems to be very manageable.

Officer Johnson stated that he is sure that logistically it could be pushed that quickly as far as the overall assessment of what's best for public safety, which could be gauged logistically in that six-month period but his concern, which is not the Police Department against the Board, they are there to work the best that they can for the betterment of the entire community. He then asked what the rush is and why they are putting a six-month timeframe on it when it could take 10 months to get a real good assessment other than they can do it and the capabilities are there but it has been shown that the technology hasn't necessarily worked out for other municipalities.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not know what meetings he had been at but when he spoke with the Sheriff on November 4th he told him it would take every bit of eight months to do it to totally transition if absolutely nothing went wrong at all and this is what Sheriff Apple told him and he does not know if he has been to meetings that contradict that since then.

Supervisor Flach stated that he met with the Sheriff's two Deputies in charge of this who said that they are pretty sure that they can do it a lot sooner than June 1st and they will have a month of testing to make sure that the frequencies are right and whatever is to happen, happens to make sure that all the logistics are right.

Councilman Masti stated that it isn't a matter of just throwing a switch, they are going to be doing it but Town people will be there.

Councilman Langdon stated that they are going to have both systems operational for probably a 2-4 week period from what he understands.

Councilman Burns asked who Officer Johnson had talked to that wasn't happy with Albany County.

Officer Johnson stated that the City of Cohoes is not happy.

Councilman Burns stated that they have heard a lot about that and then asked if there is anyone else.

Officer Johnson stated that Watervliet isn't happy with them, there are mixed feeling and they understand that it would be like that anywhere but what would help the transition is public input and if the Board is open to calling a public forum specific to that where people can put their input in because a lot of the feedback that they are getting from the community is that they don't want it and the little extra money is worth it. He added that there are other departments within the Town that aren't 24 hours that have greater budgets and they do everything that they can to serve the community and maybe there is a happy medium between the two. He continued by saying that he can't and won't speak for everybody to say that everyone says don't do it because there are probably those out there who actually love it and reiterated that putting a time stamp on it and cutting the budget prematurely until you really get a good feel for what the community wants and what works best for our community is what their concern is. He went on by saying that obviously jobs and personalities are involved, but generally they all took the job to serve the community and they would be doing an injustice to themselves and the community if they didn't express to the Board that they think there are other things that need to be looked at besides the money and putting a time-frame on it. He added that if it works out better and it takes six months, that would be great but he knows that you have to plan for these things and it's always better to have a plan rather than have to scramble like they are doing right now because of some unexpected expenditures and it will take a lot more than a couple of meetings with the Sheriff's Department who gains the benefit from this. He continued by saying that they work the streets, they know the Town's people, they know their Dispatch Center, and if they take it out of here it may be worth something to a lot of people in the community and he has not seen that the Board has opened it up for the community to give their input because a lot of community members that

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they speak with are against it all together, regardless of what the cost is, they like having the people that they talk to.

Councilman Langdon stated that one of the challenges that they deal with from his perspective is you watch to see what people come and say, there was a meeting last Monday and absolutely no one came to say anything about it, there was an open microphone, it was a Public Hearing.

Councilman Burns stated that he asked the same question that they are asking and Supervisor Flach put it in a blog in the newspaper that spelled out the whole scenario and no one has called him.

Councilman Langdon stated that there were actually some letters and correspondence in favor of it.

Officer Johnson interjected that he is not saying that there aren't people out there but he doesn't want to see a rushed, rash decision that can't be corrected down the road if the budget is cut now and they can say that it is their goal to get their budget to this. He added that it may work out great and to every ones benefit.

Councilman Burns stated that it has been pretty heavy on him and he has relatives in pretty much everything in Town and has asked their opinions, it goes back and forth, there are pros and cons to the whole thing. He added that he depends on people and relatives who are involved that know more about it than he does and at the end of almost every conversation they are saying that it is inevitable with the way that technology is going. He continued by saying that the safety factor is first, it is great to save money and people have said that if it is only costing \$50.00 a year in their taxes, it won't bother them a bit to keep Dispatch, which he agrees with. He concluded by saying that pretty much everyone is saying that aside from the money part of it, for the technology part of it they really have to do this.

Sr. Dispatcher Dawn LaMountain stated that it goes back to her one thing that she had brought up, let the County take the 911 and deal with the fire and EMS because they do have better technology and the money to put up radios in our area. She continued by saying that the Town's radios don't work great because of all the shale and the walls around here and it is horrible, the County has endless wealth they come up with money all the time to keep bettering things, the Town can't do that, they would be raping their own town. She added she gets concerned about the Police side of it, the Dispatch Center does so much more than just pick up a phone and tell everyone where to go, they help the cops out a lot, they do a lot of the beginning paperwork so they are not tied up for 2-3 hours on a case. She went on by suggesting that they leave the door open if something falls down or in two years they say they want \$500,000.00 from the Town because it is a lot busier than what they thought, which would give them something to fall back on and find it will be cheaper to do on their own. She continued by saying that she thinks they are going way to fast in handing away the whole farm when there are other things they can do and they have been keeping track of things and when there was a major accident on Rt. 144, they took they call, it wasn't the Town's and they asked where it was. She added that if they get a call for Marshall's flats, the County does not have a clue and want to know a cross street, the Town knows right where it is, there are a lot of accidents on log cabin hill, they ask for the nearest cross street and ask for a number, the Town's Dispatch knows right where they are. She concluded by saying that it is the little things that people don't think about until it happens and once it is gone, it's gone and you won't get people to come back.

Councilman Burns stated that this is what is messing him up because when they were up to Voorheesville Dispatch and a call came in, you would see a dot on the screen to show you exactly where the call was coming from and then asked if it isn't true.

Sr. Dispatcher LaMountain stated that it's not, it comes up on their screen too and they keep getting them for across the river when they are at TCI, it depends on what tower they hit, it only puts it in the vicinity. She continued by saying that there are a lot of things they have promised that they have never gotten and they still can't get fire trucks added into the system because they have to ask County to do it and 2 years later they still don't have a truck yet and then asked why it is that they can't get cooperation and this is her concern. She reiterated that they have made a lot of promises in the past that have fallen through and she hates to see it happen to the Town again and at that point they have no other alternatives, they are gone.

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Dispatcher DeBacco interjected that he has personally taken calls transferred from Columbia County and there is no guarantee that it is going to hit Albany County's tower, it depends on where you are, especially down by the river and as Ms. LaMountain said, they know where log cabin hill is, there is no guarantee that the County does.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is a fact that Albany County said if they were to take over the Town's Dispatch, they would have to change the name of Main Street in Coeymans because they would not be able to distinguish between Main Street Coeymans and Main Street Ravena.

Ms. Regina Palmer interjected that most GPS's don't.

Councilman Dolan stated that anyone in the room could find Main Street Coeymans or Main Street Ravena.

Ms. LaMountain stated that they know enough to ask ahead of time if it is Coeymans or Ravena and this is where the difference is.

Officer Myers stated that as far as anything going back to the County for Mutual Aid Fire Companies, anytime you need a Mutual Aid Fire Company it has to go back to the Dispatch where they are dispatched from and if County is dispatching a Town Fire Company, second in for Coeymans is Selkirk so County is going to have to transfer it to Bethlehem Dispatch so Selkirk can be dispatched and if Coeymans Hollow has a structure fire, New Baltimore has to go, which is Greene County.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they do that all at the same time and when they dispatch a Town Fire Department; they are already posting it to the other Fire Departments.

Officer Myers stated that they can't do that without the Fire Chief's say so.

Officer Johnson stated that Bethlehem Dispatch so for the Town, specifically how it relates to the Town is Coeymans backs-up Selkirk so the County can't dispatch Selkirk directly, they have to transfer it to Bethlehem's Dispatch and then Bethlehem will dispatch Selkirk to back them up.

Officer Myers stated that he wanted to encourage them to not just look in this area, Councilman Dolan mentioned Rensselaer County, Columbia County has a shared Dispatch, Greene County has a shared Dispatch, Schenectady just joined Rotterdam, Glenville, Niskayuna and Scotia, everyone is all in one and it is a mess.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the City of Schenectady was quoted one price and they came back to them at the end of this year and told them they have to pay an additional \$200,000.00.

Officer Myers stated that when they were in the room with Ralph Marianni, he believes the words came out of his mouth that he wouldn't want to make this decision in a month and a half and he was sitting right there when he said it.

Ms. Regina Palmer asked about having a fund and stated that most companies have a Contingency Fund for if something goes awry because she does software implementation for a living and nothing ever goes as planned.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Sheriff himself said that it will take every bit of 8 months to do and that is if nothing goes wrong, and they know things go wrong. He added that people who work for the Sheriff may have told them something different but this is what the Sheriff himself said as well as saying, and maybe it had been done since November 4th, that he still has not received a plan from the Town as to what they want him to do.

Ms. Regina Palmer asked what would happen if they do come back and say that they miscalculated and they owe an additional \$100,000.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that it can't happen there is a contract.

Ms. Regina Palmer stated that they can't up-it for this year and then asked if they can for next year and then asked how long it is good for.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he has a three year contract.

Officer Johnson stated that it sounds like each of them is getting a different time period and then asked if they meet together.

Collectively Supervisor Flach and Councilman Dolan stated that they don't.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they are actually not allowed to.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they could have discussed it at a public meeting like they are now.

Dispatcher Dunigan stated that he had a couple of things that he wanted to add and continued by saying that the 911 seems to be drawing a lot of additional funds from the Town for the County to pay for, which is only 10% of their calls downstairs. He added that when they get a 911 call, using the EMS part of it, the call is transferred over and they stay on the line, the Dispatcher does not stay on the line but they stay on 7 or 8 other lines when that call takes place and by them taking the call, it allows them to dispatch it right away, which gets the ambulance and fire trucks out quicker. He continued by saying that for police calls, they don't even stay on the line, they just hang right up and they are being told by County Dispatch that they stay on the line but he thinks they are being misled. He went on by saying that as far as other things, like floods, snowstorms, etc. like other parts of the Town or County don't get, when they hit, the County is going to take care of outback, it's where they have always taken care of because that is their biggest threat politically and this is how they stay in office. He added that they have all been there in numerous different positions and Town Clerk Millious has herself been involved in a couple of bad situations where the County won't be able to handle it all and the Town will get nothing.

Councilman Dolan stated when Hurricane Irene hit, they set up a shelter at the high-school because the previous storm flooded out the Senior Center and they were no longer using it, when they met with County emergency people, including the Sheriff, they asked if the Town would be able to take care of itself for 24 hours because they would not be able to do anything for the Town for 24 hours.

Dispatcher Dunigan stated that you are expecting one agency to take care of every little town that is in the county and they don't have the resources and they were getting things out of the Town's Communication Center that they couldn't even get and they were calling to ask where the Town got it from and they are in trouble if it is moved from downstairs to the County and he has nothing bad to say about those people, they all have a job to do and everyone is trying. He concluded by saying that he used to be a Fire Chief and reiterated that they are going to be in trouble.

Councilman Dolan stated that the County came to them 3 weeks before they started talking about Dispatch leaving and told them that they needed to take equipment back from the Town because of a shortfall on 911 calls on telephone bills and they were no longer able to support the 911 through the Town's Dispatch Center. He continued by saying that this is the County saying that they are short money, they don't have enough money to sustain the Town but now they are saying that they will take over the Dispatch Center.

Dispatcher Dunigan that Sr. Officer LaMountain and then Chief of Police Darlington told them to let the County take 911 back and let them answer the 911 calls, it wasn't a big deal and it would not be a delay for them. He added that they could have the best of both worlds.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was not according to some of the Fire Chiefs who said that if they do that, they are going back in time and putting lives at risk and it wasn't just Ralph Marianni, it was Fire Chief's.

Dispatcher Dunigan stated that he does not understand how they would be going back in time.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it was said that they would be going back in time by going with the 7-digit numbers.

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Councilman Burns stated that one of the scenarios was someone having a heart attack at their home and their 5 year old picks up the phone and says that there is something wrong with his Dad but doesn't say anything else, you don't know where he is, if the seven digit number was dialed but if the 911 number was called it would come right up on the screen.

Dispatcher Dunigan stated that you can't just have 911; they have to have the 7 digit numbers.

Supervisor Flach stated that the numbers are going to continue.

Councilman Burns asked why they have to have the 7 digit numbers.

Dispatcher Dunigan stated that they are advertised and posted and added that he is all for updating things and he took 17 phones from people's houses when he was Chief in Ravena because some of those people weren't alive and they were paying for it and reiterated that they have to have the 7 digit numbers no matter what.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he has been living in Town for 30 years and didn't know the 7 digit numbers existed.

Dispatcher Dunigan stated that he isn't necessarily the type of person that would need the police right away, he is an average person and probably would not have reason but there are people that call all the time.

Supervisor Flach stated that those numbers will roll-over.

Councilman Langdon stated that one of the things that he has learned during this process is that he always thought that 911 was for emergencies, which is not true, if you need police, fire or ambulance you call 911.

Dispatcher Dunigan reiterated that they are not going to be able to shut the 7 digit lines off.

Councilman Langdon stated that the numbers can be rolled over.

Officer Johnson stated that he does not want to debate 911 vs. 7 digit but they had an accident two weeks ago where someone did call a 7 digit line and because they did, they probably saved the guys life because it was a roll-over accident so it can work in the opposite way as well. He continued by saying that he wanted to make sure that they were aware that it happened, it wasn't a 911 call, it was a 7 digit line that went right to Dispatch and they have officers and EMS on the scene in a matter of two minutes. He added that the guy was in rough shape and because of the quickness of not going through 911 that it went as quick as it did so it can work both ways.

Councilman Langdon stated that he's not so sure about the way that he is describing it is the way that it would happen because if people understood to use 911, the call would have gone directly to the Dispatch in Voorheesville and in turn it would have gone directly to a patrol car, which would avoid the extra steps so it would be the same process. He continued by saying that a call going to 911 and then dispatched directly to a Police Officer and not having to call the Town's Dispatch to get an Officer, they are going to be able to respond just as quick but it depends on where the car is.

Councilman Dolan stated that the most important thing that he just said was the first thing that he said, which is if people know to do that and from what he is hearing, there are a lot of people, apparently upwards of 90% of the people that call, call the 7 digit number.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it isn't 90% because he looked at the numbers and it is more like 30-40% of the calls that are 911.

Officer Ryan interjected that he wasn't saying that 911 direct to the County and then to the Town won't work, he is saying that an example like Councilman Burns used that 911 shows up on the screen but the 7 digit works equally.

Councilman Langdon stated that his debate with that is he believes that the County could have got an Officer there just as quick.

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Officer Ryan interjected that was true if they called 911 but if they called the 7 digit number, maybe not.

Councilman Langdon stated that he agrees.

Dispatcher Amanda Mueller stated that she has lived in the Town for 19 years and her family has been here since the early 1900's, she knows the roads, she knows the people and for instance she had a 911 call, which was showing on the computer 2 miles the other way but she knew the girl and knew exactly where to tone out because she knew that the neighbor had a history of domestic and it is something that happened very frequently. She added that before she got down all of her information she was able to tone out police to that location and the girl didn't know what to say because she was so young and didn't know the proper information to tell her but she knew the entire situation. She continued by saying that the screen didn't work but she knew because she lives here and has images in her mind of the entire town and village and people in Albany County aren't going to know the people that she knows because 9 times out of 10 she knows who they are as well as the other Dispatchers that she works with because they went to school together, seen them around town, know the family, etc. and they are going to lose the sense of community when they go with Albany County. She concluded by saying that when she has talked to some, they have said that they are so glad that she knows who they are and they like knowing who they are as well as knowing that they know the entire Town and Village and what is happening because they grew up with the people and they can help the Officer with descriptions and information and they are going to lose a lot of community resourcing if Dispatch goes to Albany County, which will be very detrimental to the community.

Councilman Masti stated that as most know, he works in the Emergency Department in Hudson and as far as 911, fire trucks, police cars, etc. have 911 written on the side, none of them have a 7 digit number and he will grant them that it will take a long time for the community to get used to calling it but it is not rocket science to do it and it is the wave of the future. He continued by saying that he likes small towns, that is why he is here but in the same breath, if you don't go with the way things are going, you are going to get left behind such as how they do their ledgers vs. the new accounting software. He reiterated that he works in an Emergency Department they staff for four people at night, some nights that works, some nights it doesn't and the hospital says they can't operate a hospital and staff it to be at 30 patients every night because the money isn't there. He continued by saying that as he said at the last meeting, he is getting enough data to make an intelligent decision because they were elected to serve the people, they took an oath and are trying to do the best for the community not just for today and tomorrow but 5-10 years down the road, part of what has happened has been that there hasn't been any foresight and they have been left behind.

Officer Ryan stated that his purpose when he stood up and spoke was not to get into a debate and he is not saying that it is the best thing to do but rather the timeframe and they might want to put a contingency plan in place to take a better look for more than 6 months. He added that even on the police behalf, everyone he works with are great people and if there is more information presented they may be able to find a happy medium that works best for the community and this was his whole purpose of speaking.

Councilman Masti interjected that he agrees and his goal is to find a happy medium but at the same time they still have to do it within a timeframe that is reasonable and he has discussed with Supervisor Flach having second thoughts about it because a lot of time he doesn't trust big government, he doesn't like big government but unfortunately they hold all of the purse strings. He concluded by saying that this is the kind of talks that they need and at the last meeting they talked to the Fire Chief's but they also need to hear from the community and the people that he has heard from, are happy about it and he can't honestly say that he has not heard anything bad from anyone that he has talked to.

Councilman Dolan asked him if he spoke with anyone from Cohoes.

Councilman Masti stated that he hadn't but he wants to talk to some of the people that have made the transition.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they talked about it a month ago.

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Councilman Masti stated that it does take time.

Councilman Dolan stated that this is his point, it does take time and he doesn't necessarily disagree with the view expressed or that anyone is doing it for any other reason than thinking that it is the best thing. He concluded by saying that there is a lot of confusing information and the last three times that he spoke with the Sheriff about it over the last month and a half, he told him it is not doable but people that work from him are telling the other members of the Board something else.

Councilman Masti stated that he had heard something different and a couple of Chief's and people in the Hollow that he talked to aren't excited about it but the understand and think it will work.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Sheriff's guys told him that it can happen long before six months.

Councilman Dolan stated that he understands what he is saying; he is just telling them what the Sheriff himself told him.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to speak, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read March 23, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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November 19, 2014 – Special Town Board Meeting, 12:00pm

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 12:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Matthew Weidman, Bookkeeper

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Budget Discussion
- Resolutions
 - Approve Bond Resolution
 - Approve Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for 2014 Budget Shortfall
 - 2014 Budget Amendment

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Meeting.

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SPECIAL MEETING

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Town Board Meeting for Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2015 Town Budget. The meeting will be held at the Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY.

By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk

DISCUSSIONS

Supervisor Flach stated that the first order of business would be the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) resolution, which is out of sequence on the agenda, and in order to be able to take a bond out he has to sign an Enabling Document, which is not the actual bond resolution, which will

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contain the exact amount and rate of interest and how long it will be taken for. He added that the financial advisor, which they approved, stated that the amount they are taking out has to equal what they need for their shortfall and it has to be published in the paper with a 20-day time limit. He continued by reading the following:

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York was convened in public session at the Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York on November 19, 2014 at 12:00 noon, local time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stephen D. Flach.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE SUPERVISOR.

Supervisor Flach stated that the entire content of the resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone wishing to read it. He added that he spoke with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch who had spoken with the financial advisor, who was recommended to them and after 20 days they will take a vote on signing the actual Tax Anticipation Note and continued by saying that they have to take a roll-call vote authorizing the Enabling Document.

Councilman Dolan stated that he didn't know if they needed to second it or second it for discussion but he had a question. He continued by asking how much of the \$500,000.00 they are thinking about borrowing because usually Tax Anticipation Notes are issued in anticipation of the next tax money coming in and typically they have a one year pay back although there are some exceptions where you can get it extended another year. He continued by asking how much they are planning on borrowing and how much they are planning to pay back in next year's budget and he believes that they are doing it out of sequence not knowing what they are going to do to the Budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need to take out \$377,000.00, which is the figure that he was given previously, \$112,000.00 of it will come from C.H.I.P.S. money, \$60,000.00 will come from sales tax, which are normally here by now as he previously explained but won't be here until possibly the end of January. He continued by saying that the amount they have to take out is \$377,000.00 plus the \$205,000.00, which is the shortfall from the overages in the budget.

Councilman Dolan asked if it was \$377,000.00 plus or minus the \$205,000.00.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it is minus the \$205,000.00.

Councilman Dolan asked about the money that was being borrowed from the Sewer Fund and how it was going to be paid back, which is \$110,000.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will be paid back when they get taxes and it is a Tax Anticipation Note for when they get their taxes, which will cover that.

Councilman Langdon stated that maybe he was misunderstanding but his thought would be that basically out of the TAN they could probably pay back the sewer.

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Councilman Dolan interjected that they are not borrowing enough money to do that.
Bookkeeper Weidman stated that there is enough.

Councilman Dolan stated that you would have to put the \$110,000.00 on top of the \$377,000.00.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is included in it from what he understands and then asked Bookkeeper Weidman if that was correct.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is and the total of \$377,000.00 includes paying back the sewer \$110,000.00.

Councilman Langdon stated the reason that they did the Inter-Fund Loan from Sewer was because they would not have made payroll.

Councilman Dolan stated that he understands that and added that he is talking about the math.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that the \$377,000.00 includes what they are going to give back to the Sewer Fund.

Councilman Masti stated he agrees with Councilman Dolan's math because there is \$205,000.00 over for the Police Department, \$172,000.00 for the Highway Department and they are borrowing \$110,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to make payroll.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is not going to end up being that much for Highway because B-Fund has enough money to give Highway a portion of the money it owes, which equals \$110,000.00.

Councilman Langdon stated that his understanding is that the TAN cannot happen quick enough to keep up with payroll so what they did was move it from the Sewer to the General Fund to make sure that they covered payroll through the end of the year and the TAN is going to give them the ability to keep going through the end of the year and give the Sewer money back.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he was correct.

Councilman Dolan asked if they have enough money in the Sewer Fund to cover the \$110,000.00 plus whatever expenses the Sewer is going to have.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they do until the TAN comes in.

Councilman Dolan asked how much money is in the Sewer Fund.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is approximately \$175,000.00.

Councilman Dolan asked how it will impact the Budget and how much of it will be added to next year's budget.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that ideally they are trying to do it in a two year phase to pay everything off.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the Budget has to be done tomorrow.

Supervisor Flach asked that Bookkeeper Weidman go through the budget with the changes.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is alright to lend money to the A-Fund.

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Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they can as long as it theoretically charges the interest rate that the Board sets.

Councilman Dolan stated that as a Sewer District user he is troubled by the theoretical part of it because a Special Sewer District is subsidizing the Town Budget and they pay that money specifically for a specific purpose and now it is being used for General Fund expenses. He added that if they borrow money, they should stop putting quote marks around theoretical and pay the interest that is due.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that it previously went the other way and Sewer Fund never paid the interest and then asked why General Fund should pay it if Sewer Fund never paid it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he came in Saturday morning when the accountant came in because all of it had him concerned and she was the one that made the recommendation that they do that.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that A-fund lent the Sewer Fund money in 2009 for quite a substantial amount and forgave the interest, so Sewer owes it back to A.

Supervisor Flach stated that they had to put the interest in the resolution and as a Board they can decide if they want to charge the interest.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it will only be four weeks and he understands where Councilman Dolan is coming from.

Councilman Dolan stated that he understands the history that is involved and he is saying that he thinks it is not right to be passing something that says one thing and crossing their fingers saying 2% interest will be paid but they are really not going to do it. He added that the passed it, they said it but they are really not going to do it.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will decide it as a Board whether or not they decide to do it.

Councilman Dolan stated that what he is saying is alright but what Bookkeeper Weidman is saying is not alright as far as he's concerned.

Councilman Langdon stated that for roughly \$100,000.00, one month interest would be about \$167.00 and he would not have any problem paying that.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a Bond Resolution for a dump truck and asked that Bookkeeper Weidman explain that the DB Highway Fund is not over budget.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that DB is not over budget but they are going to be their C.H.I.P.S. money short, which is approximately \$112,000.00 and it is not coming until January because of the way that the receipts fell and because of changing their system to having to have a voided check showing that they paid. He continued by saying that the \$45,000.00 truck was in their Budget and theoretically they would have the money if they had their C.H.I.P.S. money to pay for it so what they are doing is taking out a one year BAN for the \$45,000.00 to give DB money to get through the end of the year. He added that instead of adding it to the TAN they are doing it as a BAN for DB and DB is going to pay it back next year and it was suggested that it be done this way because it was a lot easier than putting it in with the TAN, which they would have to separate in because it is not a Tax Anticipation Revenue.

Councilman Burns asked about the equipment that was to be sold and whether it didn't sell or they didn't get enough for it.

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Bookkeeper Weidman stated that the sale of equipment was \$18,000.00 short in Highway but he believes they made up for that with cutting down on some of their expenses and their budget is actually 100% dollar for dollar on the money when it is all said and done at the end of the year. He continued by saying that realistically their shortfall came from B-Fund and they owe a sales tax payment to Highway in the amount of \$160,000.00 but B-Fund was short and in paying back the money that H-Fund owes B-Fund as well as B-Fund having some money, they will be able to transfer roughly between \$100,000.00 and \$120,000.00 to Highway of the \$160,000.00 that is owed. He added that Highway is going to be \$40,000.00 short, which is why it is for \$377,000.00 and not \$488,000.00.

Councilman Dolan asked if he was the only one that it didn't make sense that they are borrowing \$45,000.00 because they are short \$120,000.00 when they are going to be getting the \$120,000.00 next year and then asked if it is something that they can wait for until they get the \$120,000.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that the truck is here, it was ordered this year and it needs to be paid for.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that the truck has to be paid for in three weeks and maybe someone could call to see if the dealer can hold onto it for another month.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it actually would be more than one month.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it will probably be two months.

Councilman Langdon stated that it usually comes in by the end of January.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it will be 6-7 weeks.

Councilman Burns asked how much it is going to end up costing them to borrow this money and pay it back.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that they passed an Enabling Document and not the actual TAN and he doesn't have the percentage but generally the percentage rate for a short-term BAN has been between .91% and 2%.

Councilman Burns stated that it will be approximately \$100.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will be more than that and then asked Bookkeeper Weidman if he had a schedule.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it will be approximately \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00.

Councilman Langdon asked if it was for keeping the money out for a full year.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is for keeping it out for three months, which does not include the truck and it is for the \$377,000.00.

Supervisor Flach asked about the truck.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that one year on the truck is approximately \$500.00.

Councilman Burns stated that if it is paid off sooner, it will be less than that.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he is having a hard time reconciling the memo that the Supervisor sent out requesting all departments to proceed cautiously when spending because of budget shortfalls and they are asking people not to spend but they are going to pay \$45,000.00 for a truck.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that the truck is in, it was contracted and they have to pay for it.

Councilman Burns interjected that it was last May when they ordered it.

Supervisor Flach stated that the truck is not in the Town's possession at the moment but it is ready to be picked up.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that the Town owns it.

Councilman Burns stated that if they pay it back within 3 months they are talking between \$150.00 - \$200.00.

Bookkeeper Weidman agreed that they will pay the BAN next year, which is not really a problem and realistically the problem is trying to fix themselves with the rest of the money.

Councilman Burns interjected that for under \$200.00 they can have the truck and be able to use it.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is basically a bill that they have to pay.

Councilman Dolan asked who is responsible for making sure that when they buy things they have the money and whether it is the Board, Highway Superintendent, Supervisor or Bookkeeping's fault.

Councilman Langdon stated that it goes back to the C.H.I.P. money as far as the shortfall as well as the sales tax being delayed.

Councilman Burns asked why they were not notified about the change in procedure for the C.H.I.P.S. money.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that apparently he does not get that information and he was told about it when he told them they were low on money and it was the first year for the change so from now on they can anticipate that it will probably come late December but for this year it was unforeseen.

Councilman Dolan asked if they have a plan for next year if the money does not come in until January or if they will be in the same position next year.

Councilman Masti interjected that they can anticipate the State being later with their payment.

Councilman Dolan asked if they made that adjustment in the Budget.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they will anticipate it for next year and have Highway Superintendent Searles get it in earlier and the earlier it is in, the earlier they will get the check back.

Councilman Burns stated that for an example next year they have a road done and it costs \$110,000.00, they have to pay for it, send the cancelled check in and then wait for the money to

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come back. He continued by asking if they are going to have enough money in their Budget to do that.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it is a timing issue and they have to make sure that it all gets processed two months earlier; they will have the check two months earlier and reiterated that it is a timing issue and a cashbook problem. He continued by saying that the cancelled check that they just got, if the billing was processed and payment was made two months earlier, they would be getting their money two months earlier and wouldn't be going past the first of the year.

Councilman Burns asked where they would have gotten the money to pay it two months earlier.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is asking about the money that they are shelling out in advance.

Councilman Burns stated that they have to pay before they can be reimbursed from the State.

Councilman Langdon stated that they get the bulk of their money at the beginning of the year because a lot of the tax money comes in January when the taxes are due so in June they are more flush with cash than they are toward the end of the year, like they are now because they are two months away from waiting for their next tax installments.

Supervisor Flach stated that sales tax comes quarterly; they get a check in January from the previous year.

Councilman Burns asked if it changes every year.

Supervisor Flach stated that it does and you are estimating from a year or two before as to what you are going to get in sales tax.

Councilman Burns continued by asking that if Highway finished a job in September, where would they get the money to pay the vendor so they could get a cancelled check back.

Councilman Langdon stated that this is what he is trying to say, a large chunk of the Town's money comes in when everyone pays their taxes in January.

Councilman Dolan stated that it's not for Highway; their money comes from sales tax.

Councilman Masti asked Councilman Burns if what he is asking is where Highway has the money to pay the vendor in the beginning for the work that they did.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it comes from their sales tax.

Councilman Burns asked if the vendor was paid and if they had the money.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they were paid and there was no problem with paying it and now the problem is that the C.H.I.P.S. money usually comes in and finishes them off for the year, which would include their November vouchers, payroll and expenses for December, but it didn't come in so this is their shortfall.

Councilman Masti stated that basically the State messed them up by two months.

Councilman Burns asked if they are going to have to do something like this again next year.

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Councilman Langdon stated that he has to understand that the only reason that they are having a problem is because they are going beyond the first of the year and they are not getting the money in the tax year that they planned on using it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is yes and no and if they were getting the check in December, they still would be sitting there to borrow \$45,000.00 because they are putting out money before they are getting it back and his question would be whether they are accounting for it in next year's Highway Budget so they are not sitting there doing the same thing again.

Supervisor Flach stated that the sales tax always comes in January and they retro those payments back and part of it is telling the Highway Superintendent that it needs to go in within a certain time if you are going to get your C.H.I.P.S. money. He added that another thing that is going to be a big help next year is the new accounting system, they will be able to get vouchers out quicker and then asked that Bookkeeper Weidman explain how it will work.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that realistically two abstracts should be done a month, one is the beginning and one in the middle of the month and that way you don't have to wait a month for someone to get paid or if they hit the system wrong where it takes longer than a month. He added that if you get a voucher in the day after the abstract, you might end up waiting two months before you get paid, which doesn't really work well for anyone and ideally they are talking about going with two abstracts a month.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is no way that you can add C.H.I.P.S. money into the budget for next year because of the sales tax that comes in January but you can get things done sooner so you make sure you get your money. He added that some of the payroll comes out of A-Fund and with their Budget shortfall they had to do this, a lot can happen and it is not an unusual thing.

Councilman Burns stated that for next year they anticipate getting \$60,000.00 for what Ryan Johnson is involved in.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will go right to the Police and part of the Police Budget.

Councilman Burns asked if it was in this year's budget and if they anticipate getting it this year.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they took it out.

Councilman Burns stated that they won't have to worry about next year if they don't get it.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are not doing the Forfeiture.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that they dropped the Court down to what it is for this year.

Councilman Burns stated that next year they should not have the problems that they have this year.

Councilman Masti stated that in an ideal world they will not have any of those issues next year.

Councilman Burns stated that slowly but surely a foundation is getting built and he does not think that they will have all of the problems that they have now. He added that there is a new Chief of Police who is staying on top of things and Scott is doing a great job at the Highway.

Supervisor Flach stated that in order to cover the shortfalls they have to have money and basically they have taken it out of the Budget to cover the TAN that they are going to have. He

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then asked that Bookkeeper Weidman go over what they think they can do to pay back some of the TAN.

Bookkeeper Weidman asked Supervisor Flach if he had explained to the Board why they are short on money.

Supervisor Flach asked that Bookkeeper Weidman give an overview.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that basically the Fund Balance is what you have in a fund at the end of the year, it's your money, it's what you actually have, it's your savings and as a Town it is pretty important to have a Fund Balance and try to build one every year and when it gets to a certain point it is only allowed to be 10% of your total revenue. He continued by saying that when it gets to that point, you have to use it on something, which generally is something to fix the Town, a Capital Project and over the years it is supposed to build up or it is there as a reserve in case years like this where something goes over budget. He added that in 2009, they didn't use it correctly and the Fund Balance that they used between three funds was just under 1 million dollars, which was fine, they did have the money at that time and \$500,000.00 was supposed to be for a project that they did then and the other \$500,000.00 was to match their revenues to their expenses, which was showing that they had a shortfall of revenue and it was \$500,000.00 short of what their expenses were going to be for that year. He went on by saying that basically they were using the money that they had, which they did at the time, to match that so they could continue to fund it. He continued by saying that the next year they dropped it, they used the \$500,000.00, which was correct but then they only dropped it to about \$400,000.00 so they used \$400,000.00 of their Fund Balance and at the time they had it. He added that you can look through and see progressively how it dropped each year, not by the full \$400,000.00 but probably about half of that, which they were making up with revenue from sales tax or other things that they made a little lower than what they were expecting. He went on by saying that 2011 was the bad year and they bumped it all the way up to \$500,000.00 again and the trouble this time was that in 2011 the money was not there so now they were using \$500,000.00 in revenue to meet their expenses when it is not there, which you can get away with for a little while but the trouble is that it puts you further and further behind every year because you are spending money that you don't have. He added that the trouble when Supervisor Flach came in is that it was still at \$400,000.00, the first year they dropped it down to \$350,000.00 and this year they got rid of the A1, DB and the only thing that they have left is B for \$196,000.00 and this is where their shortfall came from this year, which has snowballed into such a big thing that it can't really be fixed in one year, they fixed approximately 75% and that was very impressive and reiterated that it is impossible to do in one year. He continued by saying that last year the Fund Balance for B was \$217,000.00, which was budgeted to meet the expenses, the Fund Balance for B coming into this year was \$12,000.00 so \$205,000.00 was over-budgeted as a Fund Balance and reiterated that this year they got rid of both of them and the only Fund Balance that they have left is B at \$195,000.00, which is not there. He went on by saying that this is the way that it has progressively gotten and the \$195,000.00 is a lot lower than the \$500,000.00 that it was and now with the availability of getting rid of the A-Fund and DB Fund Balance, there is the opportunity within the next two years to start building up the Fund Balance again because all of their revenues are their actual revenues, they are not using any money that they say or don't say they have and then if people are under budget and the revenues are a little higher than anticipated, you do have that extra money, which will go toward building a new Fund Balance again and that is how it was done in 2004 and 2008 when they built a nice Fund Balance.

Councilman Burns stated that he said \$195,000.00 but it's not there and then asked how they came up with the figure and whether they are estimating what they hope they will reach.

Bookkeeper Weidman state that technically they are utilizing that money to meet a Budget.

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Councilman Burns interjected that it's not really there.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it isn't and hasn't been for the last six years that it has been \$500,000.00.

Councilman Burns stated that it doesn't make sense to him and he doesn't understand.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it was there originally but there are only so many times that you can use it, you can't use it every year and that's the trouble, they used it up the first year, the second, third and fourth year they didn't take it out. He continued by saying that they could never take it out because once they put it in there they blew up their Budget so much with the expenses that they couldn't take it out and match it with their revenues so basically they were working at a negative every year and it was fine because the money originally was in there but it dwindled and dwindled and dwindled. He added that according to the way that the Budget was this year, if everything went correctly and every dime came in and no one went over budget, in every single account there would have been zero dollars, it would have been a complete wash, there would have been nothing. He went on by saying that with the Police going over budget along with the other things going over budget, that is where the shortfall came from and realistically you can't run like that.

Councilman Langdon stated that in the business world he has seen this and then asked if this is like a lack of reconciling books on a regular basis that creates a balance on the books but not necessarily in the accounts and then asked Bookkeeper Weidman if this is what he is describing.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that realistically he thinks that is where a lot of the problem came but he does not know what they did back then, it is where a lot of the problem could come from because if you look at your December 31st balance for A and the other ones that do have things come out in January, you can't really see what you have, especially when they do the budget in November, you see what you have in there but you don't really know because you have a lot of bills that still come in January that go retro back to December. He added that you might have \$500,000.00 December 31st for A but then you have \$120,000.00 that go back to December so then there is only \$380,000.00 in there, you can think that there is more there, but there's not and he thinks that happened for a few years as well, which could be \$200,000.00 a year if it falls incorrectly. He continued by saying that using a Fund Balance to meet just your regular expenses is where their problem came in and it is not what the Fund Balance was ever designed for.

Councilman Masti stated that they were counting on that money coming in and it never did so it showed up on paper but never into the bank.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they were basically counting on saying that they had that money to use on expenses but they didn't, they did originally but then they didn't, they spent it and if you put it in there you will spend it and that is the trouble. He added that you can track A Fund, which was over a million dollars at one point in time and then to \$900,000.00, \$700,000.00, \$500,000.00 and then to \$200,000.00 and at the end of the years this year it would have been zero.

Councilman Masti interjected that it is supposed to only be 10% of your annual budget and then asked how it got up to a million.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he does not know how they did it back then and he thinks this is why the Comptroller came in and told them it isn't working and that is when they started to spend it because up until that point they were just saving, saving, saving, saving.

Councilman Masti said "God forbid if they have a positive balance at the end of a year".

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Bookkeeper Weidman stated that there are only so many years that you can run at a negative and it is time to finally and hopefully change that to the right direction.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need to get things fixed and it is important that they make it happen and added that thankfully with Lafarge P.I.L.O.T. money they can do this.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated it is really the only way to turn this around.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need to change the Fund Balance to where it's not negative.

Councilman Burns stated that TCI has their occupancy permit and then asked if they will pay taxes this year.

Supervisor Flach stated that it won't be until March when they get assessed and with that they are looking at approximately a 10 million dollar assessment next year, which will certainly help in taxes but they don't want to count on it happening until they make sure that it happens.

Councilman Burns stated that if they start building it on a good foundation right now, by starting over and doing it the right way, there is a lot of hope that within a couple of years they can straighten all of it out.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that realistically he came up with a two-year plan and at the end of 2016 the Town should be completely out of debt, debt free and for the first year in a long time they will be saving money in the Fund Balance.

Supervisor Flach asked if Bookkeeper Weidman would go through the Budget where they thought they would put half of money for next year.

Ms. Nita Chmielewski asked if the Preliminary Budget that she has is no longer good because they changed it in between.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Preliminary Budget to Adopted budget was changed and it is what they are going to go over now.

Ms. Chmielewski interjected that it wasn't in Town Clerk Millious' Office where they could have gotten the new budget.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it hasn't been adopted.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the Board just got it ten minutes prior to the meeting.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that she knows it hasn't been adopted.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that normally they make changes the meeting before they adopt the Budget.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that what they are about to go over should be the same as hers.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they aren't the same.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that this is what she is saying; they changed it from what she has now.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is how it happens and the Board makes the changes now.

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Ms. Chmielewski asked if there is a second Preliminary Budget.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there isn't with the changes they are making now and the changes are what they are possibly going to adopt.

Ms. Chmielewski interjected that she understands that and the Budget that she has she got on October 23rd.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they are not going to get changed until they adopt it.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that it isn't adopted yet and it is the Preliminary Budget so she should have been able to go to her office to get another one.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she had never done that and has never had a second one with changes until they do the Adopted Budget.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that it is the Preliminary Budget that they are changing right now to turn in to an Adopted Budget.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that when they go over what they are going to read, hers should say the same thing and she should have the same figures.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he changed the numbers next to what was on theirs to look at and this is what they are going to talk about.

Ms. Chmielewski asked if hers is the same as his.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that in the Preliminary Budget it is and he has one more line next to it.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that she has no problem with that.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he would start with Communications.

Councilman Dolan asked why he didn't start with Contingency, which is above it.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he will explain all of that, it will be at the end and that is where the money is now to pay off the portion of what they borrowed.

Supervisor Flach stated that in the Preliminary Budget they had Communications A2030.1 at \$125,000.00, which was enough money to put them through August barring if it is not possible by June 1st to switch over to the County. He added that concerns were raised by the Board as to what would happen if the Town could not reach an agreement with the Sheriff's Department, and it was part of their discussion, which made good business sense. He continued by saying that from a business standpoint, if you go up to Contingency, they raised their Contingency to meet the need if they can't reach an Agreement with the County they have enough in Contingency to cover Communications until the end of the year.

Councilman Dolan stated that based on what Bookkeeper Weidman said, they are using it twice now, once for Communications and to pay back the TAN.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is there for Communications.

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Councilman Dolan stated that it is not what he said when he raised it, and they can play the tape back because he said the money was there and it is where the money is coming from to pay the TAN.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is there as a reserve for Communications and barring any setback it is what it is and as long as Communications go through and the way that they are foreseeing it, it should work.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thought they were going to go through the lines where he said they had opportunity to pay back the TAN and then asked if this is the only place they are looking at.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it isn't and there is more money in there that Communications would ever cost for the whole year and not all the money is dedicated to Communications.

Councilman Dolan interjected that even if they use all Contingency, \$128,000.00 is what Communications spent.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that there still is \$125,000.00 in Communications.

Councilman Dolan stated that he added that into it and added the two numbers together.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that \$128,000.00 plus \$125,000.00 is \$253,000.00.

Councilman Dolan stated that it isn't and it is \$300,000.00 and he is the one that said the money is there to pay back the TAN.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that Communications is \$200,000.00 as of this year and then asked where he was getting the number from.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the night before Supervisor Flach said that it was \$300,000.00 for them to do Communications.

Supervisor Flach stated that this year it is \$300,000.00 because Communications is over \$45,000.00 this year and the other part of Communications is Dawne LaMountain who is the Senior Telecommunicator and she comes out of the Police Budget every year and this is where his \$300,000.00 came from, plus benefits that are not in there and there are two full-time Telecommunicators.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that between the two it is \$24,000.00, which is not counting Dawne LaMountain.

Councilman Dolan stated that the simple question is, if the extra \$103,000.00 in Contingency is what they are planning for, which could change and if it is for Communications or if it is to pay back the TAN and then asked if they have to get permission to pay back a TAN in more than one year.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they are going to pay it off regardless in the first year because it is against your taxes and when they get tax money, they are paying the TAN in the full amount.

Councilman Dolan asked what amount it is.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is \$377,000.00.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they are going to pay it all back and at the end of 2015 they are again going to be in a shortfall and have to borrow until they get to the next budget.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they are going to have to do another TAN.

Supervisor Flach that they are not going to be able to make up the full amount in one year.

Councilman Langdon stated that theoretically it should only be \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that hopefully they are looking at \$150,000.00 and they will know it soon enough to be in the budget to fully pay back the TAN budgeted in the 2016 Budget.

Telecommunicator McMullen asked where the money is that is going to go to the County in next year's budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is not in next year's budget.

Telecommunicator McMullen asked about there not being any money to the County.

Supervisor Flach stated that there won't be until 2016 and two full-time salaries for Telecommunicators at the County will go into the budget for 2016.

Councilman Langdon stated that they didn't negotiate with them to pay next year and the following year is the year of transition.

Telecommunicator McMullen asked if there are any numbers.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that it is two full-time salaries.

Telecommunicator McMullen interjected that it's not a number.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be approximately \$100,000.00.

Telecommunicator McMullen asked if it would be with benefits.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that it includes benefits.

Councilman Langdon stated that by doing what they are doing, he was much more comfortable with because of the idea that they are keeping the money available if something happens and they need it because Dispatch does not transfer like they hope it will. He continued by saying that they will have the resources there, \$103,000.00 to carry them through to the end of the year, they have already budgeted through August and that will be for the extra four months to keep Dispatch in place so it is there, if they need it. He went on by saying that it is in Contingency and if they have to tap into it, they will tap into it but if not this time next year they will have an idea where they are. He concluded by saying that if everything goes alright with the transition they will have \$103,000.00 to use.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not have a problem with that and then asked why they wouldn't put money in the budget so if they save money on Dispatch, they would have money to pay off the TAN in one year.

Supervisor Flach stated that there still would not be enough.

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Councilman Dolan stated that if they end up having Communications all year he does not know how they will pay anything back on the TAN.

Councilman Langdon asked about the other areas in the budget where it needs to be changed.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it seems as though the Board is confused by the money and Contingency and added that Communications at the most should cost them \$200,000.00 to run for the full year and it is what was budgeted for last year and what the numbers came up with. He added that there is \$125,000.00 in there now and they need \$75,000.00 more to meet that, the Contingency has \$128,000.00, there is an extra \$53,666.00 in there and it is where the money is coming from to pay for that and it is why there is extra money there, it is the money that he is talking about and it is going toward the TAN. He continued by saying that the rest of the money that is extra is some money in benefits that haven't been touched and the reason that it is in there is because of Police benefits for the full-time Officers that just left are still in there and according to the new Chief he is going to fill them with part-time slots so once they know, the extra for benefits are going to go towards the TAN and depending on whether the new Officer's coverage is single or family, it will vary between \$15,000.00 - \$25,000.00.

Councilman Dolan asked why they wouldn't change the benefits in the Police Budget to what their best guess is going to be for next year and why they are leaving money in there if they don't expect to be using it. He added if the Chief is telling them that they are in charge of whether he is going to hire full-time people or not, they should take the money out of there and put it in Communications.

Supervisor Flach stated that they certainly can.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is contradictory with what he just said about Communications and then asked why he would want to put the money in Communications.

Councilman Dolan stated that they have not taken a vote yet on closing Communications, he has not seen a contract from the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff personally told him that it is not doable in the timeframe that they envision.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that he thinks the Sheriff sent an e-mail the other day saying it was.

Councilman Dolan stated that he hadn't seen it and it's not contradictory if they are of the understanding as they sit there right now that they are not going to need the money in the Police benefits and they should take it out. He added that it is the Town Board's duty to say that they don't have money in the budget for a full-time Police Officer and they can't let them spend whatever they want and when they are over budget they need to try to figure out what they are going to do and added that every cent that they spent, the Town Board authorized them to spend.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that they were paying for it with money that they didn't have and that's the trouble.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't necessarily agree with him.

Councilman Dolan stated that he didn't have to agree with him because it is a fact.

Councilman Langdon stated that he talked with the former Chief numerous times throughout the year and was constantly told that he was under budget and there was one meeting where he said that he had an extra \$10,000.00 that he had to figure out how to spend or he would lose it and that is when he got upset and asked why he had to spend it.

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Councilman Dolan reiterated that any amount that the Police spent, the Board signed off on and it is their responsibility and it is also their responsibility to make sure that they are putting forth a budget where they use real numbers and if they are being told that it is just in there, even though they are being told it is not necessary, it is their responsibility to take it out and put it somewhere else.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it's not that he believes it is necessary, it is not fiscally possible because they don't have the money and added that they have had \$500,000.00 of make believe money in the budget for the past five years.

Councilman Dolan asked who said anything about make believe numbers.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that he just said something about using not real numbers and they have had a budget with make believe numbers for the last ten years and he can't judge by that.

Councilman Dolan stated that he can and he just did and that he can't tell him what he can and cannot do.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he is saying is that they can't put them in there but it has had it in there.

Councilman Dolan stated that is what he's saying and he can say whatever he wants because he is an Elected Official and Bookkeeper Weidman is a hired employee.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is in there every year and they can't just magically change it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he can't tell him what he can't do.

Councilman Masti inquired as to why they sign vouchers after the money is spent and he has asked it before but never got a good answer. He continued by asking how they can stop the Chief's spending when they don't know he is over budget until after they see the vouchers and then it's a done deal.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they have to monitor the budget and when they see that he is going over they have to tell him to stop spending.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that he asked the Chief and he was not telling him what the reality was.

Councilman Dolan stated that he should have checked with the Bookkeeper.

Councilman Langdon stated that part of the problem to him is the whole idea that they have been using paper vouchers all of these years and it is much easier when you can look at a computer screen.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is still going to be after the fact.

Supervisor Flach stated that they sat down with the Chief and told him that he was going to be over his budget and asked that he get some control and if he had to cut a shift, he had to cut a shift and it wasn't happening.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that the new accounting software has the ability to do that, if it is what they want to do.

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Councilman Langdon interjected that he would love to see a different way to report what they have because what they are looking at month to month really doesn't tell them anything.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is especially true when it is changed every month and there is a revision every single month as to what the actual numbers are.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is all being done on paper and they are not getting information and all of the comp time that is accrued is a liability to the Town, it's payroll debt that they ultimately have to pay but yet it is ignored, it is never shown on any paperwork and he would like to see it every month. He added that there are a lot of things that he is hoping for and they can actually pull some different reports out of the software that would have been very challenging to get off of paper ledgers and the new software is an important transition for the Town to make.

Councilman Dolan asked that they don't take offense but there is someone sitting in the audience that could tell them on a daily basis, based on sitting down with a legal pad, exactly where they were spending and never came before the Town Board the day before a budget is due and say that they had to borrow \$500,000.00 and added that it is outrageous.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that he wouldn't touch that comment and added that they are going to look at Highway where they pulled a little extra and in speaking with the Highway Department they approved of the changes that were made. He continued by saying that in Special Improvements they backed out a little bit as well as backing out a little bit of their machinery/equipment as well as Contractual and then they went to the BAN for the Salt Shed, which is a one-year renewable BAN, and they were going to pay it off in full but now they are going to pay off half next year and half the year after.

Councilman Dolan stated that when the Board decided to spend \$75,000.00 on a Salt Shed they were told no problem, it can be paid off in one year and they needed to build it because they can't trust the County because the County steals from them and they are liars.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he has heard him say that ten times.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had actually said it three times.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that it is still a different department and added that those were the changes for Highway. He continued by saying that in Parks, they took out the money for the bathrooms and put it back to \$7,800.00, which will be expenses on Nelson's building and it is an expense every year.

Councilman Dolan asked what the total dollar amount is that he envisions for the budget with the additional money.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that if Communications stays for the full year it is \$90,000.00 and if Communications ends May 31st it is going to be \$204,000.00 and it is going to be the \$75,000.00 plus there is money right there until August so \$39,000.00 of it will come out.

Councilman Dolan stated that the TAN is \$377,000.00.

Bookkeeper Weidman interjected that \$111,000.00 of it is C.H.I.P.S. money, which will come off the top so they are looking at \$266,000.00.

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Councilman Langdon stated that basically they are looking at somewhere between \$90,000.00 and \$204,000.00 depending on what happens with Dispatch as to what part of the \$266,000.00 can be paid off in the first year.

Councilman Dolan asked what the likelihood and probability is that whether it is \$60,000.00 or \$150,000.00 that they are going to pay it off the next year.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that Communications will only cost \$100,000.00, which with the \$30,000.00 plus \$24,000.00 in benefits, it is \$54,000.00. He continued by saying that they will be paying \$35,000.00 for half of the salt shed and approximately \$90,000.00 just between those two.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is taking expenditures out of one budget and some of them he is pushing to the next year and the Salt Shed they were not anticipating paying any of it in 2016.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that unfortunately they are going to have to, it will be half in 2015 and half in 2016 or they could pay the whole thing off next year but it will just lower that amount, unless they want to split it up 50/50, which will make it 35/40 the next year and 60% the year after, which is completely up to them.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they are not going to really predict some of it because TCI has a Certificate of Occupancy and will definitely be on the tax roll in 2016 and they have another building that will have a C/O in time for March and potentially a couple others that will add to the equity of the Town and help to spread out the tax burden.

Councilman Dolan interjected along with none of their other expenses going up at all.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is sure that they will creep up some.

Supervisor Flach asked the Town Board if they wanted to make the changes.

Councilman Langdon stated that the plan isn't exactly what he hoped for this year but given the circumstances and with some of the information that came to light within the last couple of weeks, he thinks that this is as good as they can get for now.

Councilman Masti asked about the Fund Balance on page 16, which was \$217,000.00 in 2014.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is the only Fund Balance left in the budget at it is B-Fund and in looking at the A Revenues on page 11, that Fund Balance was \$178,000.00, and Highway also had a Fund Balance that was decreased substantially over the last couple of years, which is \$48,000.00 and three years ago it was \$250,000.00.

Councilman Masti inquired about anticipating \$340,000.00 less in Property Taxes.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is because of the P.I.L.O.T.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that there could also be another good chunk of money because the Court has really turned around in the last month or two and they were down substantially and will finish the year \$25,000.00 off, which changed from \$75,000.00 and if they continue at the same rate next year that they have been the last month or two, it would be fantastic, but it is hard to predict and that would be another \$40,000.00 that will come in as a revenue.

Councilman Masti stated that you can't count your chickens until they are hatched.

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Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it is why they still decreased it from where it was last year; they matched it to what it was going to be this year to reflect it because they didn't want to shortfall themselves.

Councilman Langdon asked if they were looking to adopt the 2015 Budget and if it is where they are in the process.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is next and it has to be done now or tomorrow.

Councilman Dolan asked if they had to give Notice when they are going to pass it.

Town Clerk Millious asked if he meant in the paper and continued by saying that they don't.

Councilman Dolan asked if they just pass it without letting the people know that they are passing it.

Supervisor Flach stated that a Public Hearing had been done.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he understands the process.

Supervisor Flach stated that they had it on the agenda at last night's meeting and decided that they wanted to wait so they could go over the changes and they let everyone know about the meeting.

Collectively Councilmen Masti and Langdon stated that they would be ready to do it now.

Supervisor Flach asked if they wanted to offer a motion to adopt the budget.

Councilman Langdon stated that he would offer a motion to adopt the 2015 Budget.

MOTION

Councilman Langdon offered a motion to adopt the 2015 Budget.

Councilman Dolan stated that he appreciates the work that went in to trying to account for the shortfalls etc. but they took the easy way out and if they are in a \$500,000.00 hole or \$377,000.00 or any other numbers that they want to use, they should have done the hard work, sat down with the budget, asked for a shared sacrifice from everyone and looked to the budget to see where they can cut anything unnecessary and they should have planned on carrying over in to 2015 a spending freeze, hiring freeze and trying to get their costs down, such as raises that are not necessary and not negotiated. He added that he understands that it is much harder to do than to stick some money in Contingency and despite everything that has been said, he does not see or hear anything other than the fact that they are going to have an electronic accounting system and he didn't hear anything like you have to know that you have money in order to pay for things.

Councilman Langdon stated that Highway actually is not going over their budget.

Councilman Dolan asked if he heard what he just said and added that they didn't have money to pay for their equipment.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they don't have the money because of the C.H.I.P.S.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that they don't have the money.

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Councilman Langdon stated that B Fund does not have what it is was supposed to give Highway.

Supervisor Flach stated that they had the money when the ordered the truck.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have totally revamped and the Police Department is headed in a totally new direction with a new Chief and with what they are looking to do with Dispatch, he thinks they made quite a few changes this year.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he is talking about since they did the 2015 Budget and since they found out they are \$500,000.00 or \$377,000.00 in the hole and this should be a shock to the system and they should have looked at everything anew and decided what they absolutely had to do and what they could put aside for another day and this is his opinion and it will be 1 vote against 4 so it really doesn't matter. He continued by saying that he is saying that Police is totally different yet they are leaving in the budget benefits for a full-time officer that they all agree they are not going to have to use and they are just going to leave it there.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has no problem with moving it to Contingency if he thinks it is a better way to go.

Councilman Dolan stated that they are just going to throw up their hands and say that the police are spending all this money and he told them very early on not to spend a penny that they don't authorize them to spend and at any time they could have done a budget amendment to reduce the Police Budget but no one wanted to and they could have directed the Police Chief to do whatever they said because he works for them.

Councilman Langdon stated that they did try to do that.

Councilman Dolan stated that they did not meet at a Board Meeting and say that they are cutting anything in the budget or to tell the Police Chief to find X number of dollars in savings and reiterated they didn't do that.

Supervisor Flach stated that at a Board Meeting they talked to the Chief and numerous other times in Executive Session but he is not allowed to talk about what was said to him and added that he is willing to go in to Executive Session to talk about it with him.

Councilman Dolan stated that obviously they didn't follow through with it if they had the same conversation several times.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't either and he does not know what to tell him, they are there and they have to make decisions, things have to be accomplished and payroll has to be met by the end of the year.

Supervisor Flach interjected that they have a shortfall because of overages in departments and revenues that were budgeted were under and what was anticipated they didn't get and they don't expect to have those overages next year.

Councilman Dolan asked where the overages came from.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would read them again

Councilman Dolan asked if what he is saying and if he would agree that the Police are among the biggest overages if not the most.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he has a whole list of them and asked if he wanted to know the biggest one and continued by saying that Police is \$55,000.00 and Dispatch is \$45,000.00.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is all Police.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is not all the Police's problem and added that the former Chief budgeted \$60,000.00 in revenue and forfeitures and they only saw \$15,000.00.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that it was the Police and added that between the time that they did the Tentative Budget and found out that they have a \$377,000.00 hole in their budget and they have \$27,000.00 more in the Police Department with no discussion and then asked if it is a big change that Councilman Langdon talked about.

Councilman Langdon asked where they added anything to the Police Department.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is \$26,500.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is one thing that they didn't discuss.

Councilman Dolan asked why they didn't discuss it.

Supervisor Flach stated that is why he is discussing it now.

Councilman Dolan stated that in all fairness, when you are handed a budget ½ hour after you show up for a meeting, and maybe the other Board Members saw it beforehand, but he didn't see it beforehand, and in flipping through it, he looks to see what has changed and there is an extra \$26,500.00 in Police with no discussion and they have already made the motion to pass the budget and then asked if this is the kind of cracking down on police spending that he is talking about and then asked if he knew what it is for.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't.

Supervisor Flach stated that he apologizes that this is one thing that they didn't talk about.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that \$19,000.00 was transferred over from Employee Benefits and one full-time employee was left but the other two were for employees that he said he was not going to hire full-time, which was understandable and the other \$7,000.00 is what the Chief came up with for overtime and the Chief said that he would keep it within that budget, which would be ideal and he felt those numbers were fair.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Chief said he could probably make the \$548,000.00 work but when he gave them the sheet, he said \$584,000.00 is what he calculated with the full-time that he has, along with the SRO and part-time with overtime being the one that he is concerned about. He added that he and Bookkeeper Weidman talked about putting the benefits from the 2 full-time Officers in the budget and he accepts full responsibility.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it was more of a shift in money than an increase in the budget.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it increased by \$7,000.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that they had now discussed all of the changes and added that they could take the \$7,000.00 back out and continued by saying that these are budget overages for this year and next year they don't anticipate going over their budget, you never anticipate going over

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budget. He added that he didn't feel as though they needed to make more cuts in the budget than they had already made and he thinks they can reach the budget that they have but it is going to take them two years to pay back the budget shortfalls from 2014 and it has nothing to do with 2015 or 2016, it happened and they need to make up for this year's shortfalls, which will take two years.

Councilman Masti asked how much was used to pay out comp time on certain people.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that between the two it was \$66,000.00.

Councilman Masti asked if the new program will show accrued comp time.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it will and can run reports for all of it and keep it organized.

Councilman Burns asked what they would do with the comp time and if they would put it in one place so if someone ends up leaving they had to pay it.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that it would be great if it was available to the Board so they could see it and understand it so they could better negotiate it if there is the same situation.

Councilman Masti interjected that they could negotiate in the contract where there is a maximum of comp time so there aren't hours and hours hanging over their heads.

Councilman Dolan interjected that most places have some sort of limit.

Councilman Masti reiterated that he thinks it would be a good idea to negotiate it in to a contract that currently doesn't have any limits.

Supervisor Flach asked if they want to continue talking about the Police Personal Services.

Bookkeeper Weidman stated that when he talked to the Chief, he said that he can do it with the number that was originally \$548,000.00, which would be with nothing going wrong or unforeseen overtime and if something does happen, they will go over and it is there in case something happens. He added that it is a safe bet to have it and there is a good chance of something big happening.

Supervisor Flach asked if there was any more discussion, hearing none he stated that a motion is already on the table to adopt the Budget and then asked Town Clerk Millious for a roll-call vote.

Town Clerk Millious continued with the roll-call vote as follows:

Stephen D. Flach	VOTING - AYE
George E. Langdon	VOTING - AYE
Thomas E. Dolan	VOTING - NAY
Kenneth A. Burns	VOTING – AYE
Peter E. Masti	VOTING - AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, to adopt the 2015 Budget.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

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	2014 ADOPTED BUDGET	2015 TENATIVE BUDGET	2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET	2015 Adopted Budget
GENERAL (A) APPROPRIATIONS				
TOWN COUNCIL				
A1010.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
A1010.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 51,400.00	\$ -	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 52,500.00
JUSTICE				
A1110.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 92,245.00	\$ 95,746.00	\$ 95,237.00	\$ 95,237.00
A1110.2 EQUIPMENT & CAP				
A1110.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 97,245.00	\$ -	\$ 100,746.00	\$ 100,237.00
SUPERVISOR				
A1220.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 58,775.00	\$ 75,530.00	\$ 75,530.00	\$ 75,530.00
A1220.2 EQUIPMENT & CAPITAL OUTLAY				
A1220.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 60,275.00	\$ -	\$ 77,030.00	\$ 77,030.00
FINANCE				
A1310.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 20,269.00	\$ 35,644.00	\$ 35,644.00	\$ 35,644.00
A1310.2 EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$ 1,200.00			
A1310.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,669.00	\$ -	\$ 35,844.00	\$ 35,844.00
ACCOUNTANT				
A1315.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TAX COLLECTION				
A1330.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,100.00	\$ -	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
ASSESSOR				
A1355.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 44,694.00	\$ 43,162.00	\$ 43,162.00	\$ 43,162.00
A1355.2 EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
A1355.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 52,644.00	\$ -	\$ 52,562.00	\$ 52,562.00
TOWN CLERK				
A1410.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 103,792.00	\$ 108,328.00	\$ 108,978.00	\$ 108,978.00
A1410.2 EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
A1410.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
TOTAL	\$ 108,092.00	\$ -	\$ 112,628.00	\$ 113,278.00
ATTORNEY				
A1420.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 51,000.00		
A1420.4 CONTRACTUAL			\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 45,800.00	\$ -	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00
HUMAN RESOURCES				
A1430.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 42,247.00	\$ 30,467.00	\$ 30,467.00	\$ 30,467.00
A1430.2 EQUIPMENT & CAP		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
A1430.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 55,247.00	\$ -	\$ 47,967.00	\$ 47,967.00
ELECTIONS				
A1450.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 11,600.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,300.00	\$ -	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 11,600.00
RECORDS MANAGEMENT				
A1460.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
TOWN HALL				
A1620.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 6,250.00			
A1620.2 EQUIPMENT & CAP				
A1620.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 44,250.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
CENTRAL GARAGE				
A1640.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS				
A1650.2 EQUIPMENT				
A1650.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 40,420.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 40,420.00	\$ -	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00

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CENTRAL STOREROOM						
A1660.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
CENTRAL PRINTING AND MAILING						
A1670.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
INSURANCE						
A1910.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 83,800.00		\$ 84,450.00	\$ 84,450.00	\$ 84,450.00
	TOTAL	\$ 83,800.00	\$ -	\$ 84,450.00	\$ 84,450.00	\$ 84,450.00
ASSOCIATION DUES						
A1920.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
CONTINGENCY						
A1990.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 128,666.00
	TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 128,666.00
PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION						
A3010.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
COMMUNICATIONS						
A3020.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 200,109.00		\$ 86,003.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
A3020.2	EQUIPMENT					
A3020.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 17,500.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 217,609.00	\$ -	\$ 98,003.00	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 134,000.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT						
A3120.12	Commissioner			\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
A3120.11	CHIEF SALARY	\$ 88,941.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
A3120.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 615,051.00		\$ 548,650.00	\$ 548,650.00	\$ 575,000.00
A3120.2	EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$ 25,000.00		\$ -		
A3120.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 32,000.00		\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
A3197.4	Police Forfeiture	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 770,992.00	\$ -	\$ 653,650.00	\$ 653,650.00	\$ 680,000.00
BUNY						
A3310.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
A3310.2	EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
STEP						
A3311.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
A3311.2	EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
VEST						
A3312.2	EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TRAFFIC SAFETY DETAIL						
A3315.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
A3315.2	EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
DOG CONTROL						
A3510.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
A3510.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
CIVIL DEFENSE						
A3640.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
A3640.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00

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		2014 ADOPTED BUDGET	2014 MODIFIED BUDGET	2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET	2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET	2015 ADOPTED BUDGET
OTHER HEALTH						
A4540.4	CONTRACTUAL--Ambulance	\$ 144,960.00		\$ 144,960.00	\$ 144,960.00	\$ 144,960.00
A4589.4	CONTRACTUAL--Paramedic	\$ 195,660.00		\$ 200,551.00	\$ 200,551.00	\$ 200,551.00
	TOTAL	\$ 340,620.00	\$ -	\$ 345,511.00	\$ 345,511.00	\$ 345,511.00
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATIVE						
A5010.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 111,317.00		\$ 155,512.00	\$ 155,512.00	\$ 155,512.00
A5010.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 112,317.00	\$ -	\$ 158,012.00	\$ 158,012.00	\$ 158,012.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE						
A5132.2	EQUIPMENT	\$ 25,000.00				
A5132.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 43,200.00		\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 68,200.00	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
PUBLICITY						
A6410.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
VETERANS						
A6510.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
PARKS						
A7110.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
A7110.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 7,800.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 7,800.00
	TOTAL	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 7,800.00
BAND CONCERTS						
A7270.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
YOUTH SERVICE						
A7310.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,100.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
A7310.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 400.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
HISTORIAN						
A7510.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 650.00		\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
A7520.2	EQUIPMENT					
A7510.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	TOTAL	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
ADULT SERVICES						
A7620.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION						
A7997.2	EQUIPMENT					
A7989.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
LEACHATE FACILITY						
A8090.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
A8090.2	EQUIPMENT					
A8090.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
REFUSE AND GARBAGE						
A8160.1	PERSONAL SERVICES					
A8160.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 700.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION						
A8510.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 123,722.00				
A8510.2	EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$ 6,475.00				
A8510.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 15,000.00				
	TOTAL	\$ 145,197.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CEMETERIES						
A8810.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,600.00				
A8810.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 650.00		\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
	TOTAL	\$ 3,250.00	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
A9010.8	RETIREMENT	\$ 320,302.00		\$ 281,162.00	\$ 281,162.00	\$ 281,162.00
A9030.8	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
A9040.8	WORKERS COMP	\$ 30,895.00		\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
A9045.8	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 2,553.00		\$ 2,691.00	\$ 2,691.00	\$ 2,691.00
A9050.8	UNEMPLOYMENT INS	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
A9055.8	DISABILITY	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
A9060.8	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 199,082.00		\$ 199,663.00	\$ 199,663.00	\$ 180,847.00
A9070.8	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 20,009.00		\$ 19,788.00	\$ 19,788.00	\$ 19,788.00
A9089.8	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
	TOTAL	\$ 701,741.00	\$ -	\$ 658,204.00	\$ 658,204.00	\$ 639,388.00
DEBT						
A9710.6	SERIAL BONDS					
A9710.7	SERIAL BONDS, INTEREST					
A9730.6	B.A.N.S	\$ 17,796.00				
A9730.7	BANS INTEREST	\$ 214.00				
	TOTAL	\$ 18,010.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total (A) Fund Appropriations		\$ 3,248,178.00	\$ -	\$ 2,885,257.00	\$ 2,917,395.00	\$ 3,008,395.00
GENERAL (A) REVENUES						
A0511	Appropriated Reserves					
A0909	Fund Balance	\$ 177,381.00		\$ -	\$ -	
A1001	Money to be Raised by Real Property Taxes	\$ 1,845,593.00		\$ 1,507,806.00	\$ 1,515,806.00	\$ 1,560,806.00
	LOCAL					
A1081	Civil Housing P.I.L.O.T.	\$ 2,325.00		\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,325.00
A1082	Lafarge P.I.L.O.T.			\$ 308,584.00	\$ 308,584.00	\$ 308,584.00
A1090	Penalties	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
A1289	SUPERVISOR	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
A1255	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
A1520	Police Fees-Subpoenas	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
A1589	TSD (Albany County)	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
A1590	RCS SRO Reimbursement	\$ 42,106.00		\$ 46,966.00	\$ 46,966.00	\$ 46,966.00
A1689	Ambulance ALS Reimbursement	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
A2170	Community Development Income	-		\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
A2190	Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
A2192	Charges for Cemetery Services	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
A2440	Tower Income	\$ 18,980.00		\$ 18,980.00	\$ 18,980.00	\$ 18,980.00
A2401	Interest	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
A2530	Games of Chance	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
A2540	Bingo	\$ 600.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
A2544	Dog License	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
A2610	Justice Court Fund	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
A2626	Police Forfeiture	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
A2655	Minor Sales					
A2665	Sale of Equipment	\$ 5,400.00		\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
A2680	Insurance Recovery					
A2690	Other Compensation of Loss					
A2701	Prior Years Expenditures			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
A2705	Gifts and Donations	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
A2770	Employee Health Contribution					
A2801	Inter Fund					
	STATE AID					
A3021	State Court Facilities			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
A3005	Mortgage Tax	\$ 80,000.00		\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
A3040	State Aid-Real Property Tax Admin.	\$ 27,793.00		\$ 27,793.00	\$ 27,973.00	\$ 27,973.00
A3389	Law Enforcement Vests	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
A3390	BUNY	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
A3391	STEP	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
A3820	Youth Program State Aid	\$ 315.00		\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
A3960						
	FEDERAL AID					
A4389	Law Enforcement Vests	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
A4960						
	TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS					
A5031	Transfer in from B Fund	\$ 719,405.00		\$ 277,543.00	\$ 301,501.00	\$ 347,501.00
	INTERFUND TRANSFER					
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES		\$ 3,248,178.00	\$ -	\$ 2,885,257.00	\$ 2,917,395.00	\$ 3,008,395.00
PART TOWN (B) APPROPRIATIONS						
LEGAL SERVICES						
B1420.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
SHARED SERVICES						
B1680.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
B1680.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 11,500.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
INSURANCE						
B1910.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,555.00		\$ 1,491.00	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 1,491.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,555.00	\$ -	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 1,491.00
CONTINGENCY						
B1990.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
SAFETY INSPECTIONS						
B3620.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 96,686.00		\$ 90,605.00	\$ 90,605.00	\$ 90,605.00
B3620.2	EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
B3620.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 103,686.00	\$ -	\$ 98,105.00	\$ 98,105.00	\$ 98,105.00

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REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS					
B4020.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
STREET LIGHTING					
B5182.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 32,000.00		\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 32,000.00	\$ -	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
PUBLICITY					
B6410.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 750.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
ZONING BOARD					
B8010.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 4,725.00		\$ 4,725.00	\$ 4,725.00	\$ 4,725.00
B8010.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 625.00		\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,350.00	\$ -	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 5,350.00
PLANNING BOARD					
B8020.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 15,540.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
B8020.2 EQUIPMENT & CAP					
B8020.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,050.00		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,590.00	\$ -	\$ 11,050.00	\$ 11,050.00	\$ 11,050.00
STORM WATER					
B8140.4 CONTRACTUAL				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS					
B9901.0 TRANSFER TO GENERAL (A)	\$ 719,405.00		\$ 277,543.00	\$ 301,501.00	\$ 347,501.00
B9901.0 TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY (DB)	\$ 941,480.00		\$ 1,378,555.00	\$ 1,386,555.00	\$ 1,340,555.00
	\$ 1,660,885.00	\$ -	\$ 1,656,098.00	\$ 1,688,056.00	\$ 1,688,056.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
B9010.8 RETIREMENT	\$ 20,582.00		\$ 20,200.00	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 20,200.00
B9030.8 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 8,780.00		\$ 8,780.00	\$ 8,780.00	\$ 8,780.00
B9040.8 WORKERS COMP	\$ 7,094.00		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
B9045.8 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 195.00		\$ 139.00	\$ 139.00	\$ 139.00
B9055.8 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 300.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
B9060.8 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 16,265.00		\$ 14,086.00	\$ 14,086.00	\$ 14,086.00
B9070.8 DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 1,906.00		\$ 1,552.00	\$ 1,552.00	\$ 1,552.00
B9089.8 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 55,272.00	\$ -	\$ 51,607.00	\$ 51,607.00	\$ 51,607.00
TOTAL (B) PART TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,902,788.00		\$ 1,887,901.00	\$ 1,924,859.00	\$ 1,924,859.00
PART TOWN (B) REVENUES					
B0909 Fund Balance	\$ 217,743.00		\$ 196,551.00	\$ 196,551.00	\$ 196,551.00
B1120 Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 1,649,445.00		\$ 1,656,000.00	\$ 1,692,958.00	\$ 1,692,958.00
B1170 Franchise Fees	\$ 12,850.00		\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00
B2110 Zoning Fees	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
B2115 Planning Fees	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
B2401 Interest Earned	\$ 1,700.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
B2555 Building Fees	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
B2590 Mobile Home Permits	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
B2591 Sign Permits					
B2655 Minor Sales (Booklets, etc)	\$ 100.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
B2770 Employee Health Contribution					
B3820 Shared Services	\$ 6,050.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL PART TOWN (B) REVENUES	\$ 1,902,788.00	\$ -	\$ 1,887,901.00	\$ 1,924,859.00	\$ 1,924,859.00
BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION (DA) APPROPRIATIONS					
DA5120.4 Old Ravena Road Bridge Reconstruction	\$ 28,958.00		\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00
	\$ 28,958.00		\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00
BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION (DA) REVENUES					
DA0909 Fund Balance	\$ 28,958.00		\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00
DA5031 Transfer in from B Fund					
	\$ 28,958.00	\$ -	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00

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HIGHWAY FUND (DB) APPROPRIATIONS					
ENGINEER					
DB1440.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
CENTRAL GARAGE					
DB1640.4 Contractual	65000.00		\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	70000.00
TOTAL	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
INSURANCE					
DB1910.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 29,660.00		\$ 30,017.00	\$ 30,017.00	\$ 30,017.00
TOTAL	\$ 29,660.00		\$ 30,017.00	\$ 30,017.00	\$ 30,017.00
MANDATORY TESTING					
DB4189.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 840.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL	\$ 840.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
GENERAL REPAIRS					
DB5110.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 176,026.00		\$ 239,991.00	\$ 239,991.00	\$ 239,991.00
DB5110.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 65,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 226,026.00	\$ -	\$ 304,991.00	\$ 294,991.00	\$ 294,991.00
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS					
DB5112.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 190,000.00		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 203,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 190,000.00		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 203,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
MACHINERY					
DB5130.2 CAPITAL OUTLAY & EQUIP	\$ 85,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
DB5130.3 Rental			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
DB5130.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 85,000.00		\$ 88,000.00	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ 198,000.00	\$ 208,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
SNOW REMOVAL					
DB5142.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 185,578.00		\$ 240,131.00	\$ 245,131.00	\$ 245,131.00
DB5142.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 63,000.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 245,578.00	\$ -	\$ 303,131.00	\$ 308,131.00	\$ 308,131.00
DB6410.4 PUBLICITY					
TOTAL					
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
DB9010.8 RETIREMENT	\$ 60,280.00		\$ 64,578.00	\$ 64,578.00	\$ 64,578.00
DB9030.8 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 24,350.00		\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00
DB9040.8 WORKERS COMP	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
DB9045.8 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 671.00		\$ 996.00	\$ 996.00	\$ 996.00
DB9050.8 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
DB9055.8 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
DB9060.8 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 57,741.00		\$ 145,481.00	\$ 145,481.00	\$ 145,481.00
DB9070.8 DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 6,670.00		\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,700.00
DB9089.8 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 1,350.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 211,862.00	\$ -	\$ 311,555.00	\$ 311,555.00	\$ 311,555.00
DEBT SERVICE					
DB9730.6 B.A.N. PRINCIPAL	\$ 9,308.00		\$ 9,634.00	\$ 9,634.00	\$ 9,634.00
DB9730.7 B.A.N. INTEREST	\$ 5,759.00		\$ 5,433.00	\$ 5,433.00	\$ 5,433.00
DB9730.8 SALT SHED B.A.N. PRINCIPAL			\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
DB9730.9 SALT SHED B.A.N. INTEREST			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,067.00	\$ -	\$ 91,867.00	\$ 91,867.00	\$ 56,867.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY (DB) APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,155,033.00		\$ 1,511,761.00	\$ 1,519,761.00	\$ 1,473,761.00
HIGHWAY (DB) REVENUES					
DB2401 INTEREST	\$ 400.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
DB2650 SALES OF SCRAP	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
DB2665 SALES OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 52,500.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
DB2770 EMPLOYEE HEALTH CONTRIBUTION					
DB0909 FUND BALANCE	\$ 47,697.00				
STATE AID					
DB3501 CHIPS	\$ 111,956.00		\$ 111,956.00	\$ 111,956.00	\$ 111,956.00
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS					
DB5031 Transfer in from B Fund	\$ 941,480.00		\$ 1,378,555.00	\$ 1,386,555.00	\$ 1,340,555.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY (DB) ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$ 1,155,033.00	\$ -	\$ 1,511,761.00	\$ 1,519,761.00	\$ 1,473,761.00

**TOWN OF COEYMANS
2015 Adopted Budget**

	2014 ADOPTED BUDGET	2014 MODIFIED BUDGET	2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET	2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET	2015 ADOPTED BUDGET
SEWER (SS) APPROPRIATIONS					
SS1910.4 INSURANCE CONTRACTUAL	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
SS8110. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
SS8120.1 COLLECTION SYSTEM Personal SVC	\$ 15,275.00		\$ 15,275.00	\$ 15,275.00	\$ 15,275.00
SS8120.4 COLLECTION SYSTEM Contractual	\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
SS8120.8 COLLECTION SYSTEM Employee Benefits	\$ 145,085.00		\$ 144,793.00	\$ 144,793.00	\$ 144,793.00
SS8130.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 8,255.00	\$ 8,255.00	\$ 8,255.00
SS8130.2 EQUIPMENT	\$ 147,900.00		\$ 147,900.00	\$ 147,900.00	\$ 147,900.00
SS8130.4 CONTRACTUAL (JOINT)	\$ 330,460.00	\$ -	\$ 335,623.00	\$ 335,623.00	\$ 335,623.00
TOTAL					
BENEFITS					
SS9010.8 RETIREMENT	\$ 27,764.00		\$ 24,685.00	\$ 24,685.00	\$ 24,685.00
SS9030.8 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 9,866.00		\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
SS9040.8 WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 9,700.00		\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00
SS9045.8 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 261.00		\$ 261.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 261.00
SS9055.8 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
SS9060.8 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 39,578.00		\$ 37,109.00	\$ 37,109.00	\$ 37,109.00
SS9070.8 DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 2,859.00		\$ 2,910.00	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 2,910.00
SS9089.8 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 450.00		\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
TOTAL	\$ 90,778.00	\$ -	\$ 85,615.00	\$ 85,615.00	\$ 85,615.00
DEBT SERVICE					
SS9710.6 SERIAL BOND PRINCIPAL (T & V)h36	\$ 5,472.00		\$ 5,688.00	\$ 5,688.00	\$ 5,688.00
SS9710.7 SERIAL BOND INTEREST (T & V)h36	\$ 5,518.00		\$ 5,301.00	\$ 5,301.00	\$ 5,301.00
SS9720.6 Statutory Bond Principal H37	\$ 3,648.00		\$ 3,792.00	\$ 3,792.00	\$ 3,792.00
SS9720.7 Statutory Bond Interest H37	\$ 3,679.00		\$ 3,534.00	\$ 3,534.00	\$ 3,534.00
SS9730.6 BAN - PRINCIPAL (T & V)h35	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
SS9730.7 BAN - INTEREST (T & V)h35	\$ 3,015.00		\$ 3,015.00	\$ 3,015.00	\$ 3,015.00
SS9730.6 BAN - PRINCIPAL (TOWN)	\$ 22,667.00		\$ 22,667.00	\$ 22,667.00	\$ 22,667.00
SS9730.7 BAN - INTEREST (TOWN)	\$ 2,676.00		\$ 2,678.00	\$ 2,678.00	\$ 2,678.00
SS9730.6 B.A.N. PRINCIPAL H39 T&V	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
SS9730.7 BAN - INTEREST H39 T & V	\$ 2,520.00		\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,520.00
TOTAL	\$ 69,195.00	\$ -	\$ 69,195.00	\$ 69,195.00	\$ 69,195.00
TOTAL SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 490,433.00	\$ -	\$ 490,433.00		

SEWER (SS) ESTIMATED REVENUES

SS2120 SEWER RENTS	\$ 236,582.00		\$ 236,582.00	\$ 236,528.00	\$ 236,582.00
SS2122 SEWER CHARGES					
SS2128 INTEREST & PENALTIES-RENTS					
SS2374 SEWER SERVICES - OTHER GOV'TS	\$ 253,851.00		\$ 253,851.00	\$ 253,851.00	\$ 253,851.00
SS2401 INTEREST EARNED					
SS0909 FUND BALANCE					
TOTAL SEWER (SS) ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 490,433.00	\$ -	\$ 490,433.00	\$ 490,379.00	\$ 490,433.00

FIRE DISTRICTS (FOR TAX INFORMATION ONLY)

COEYMANS HOLLOW FIRE DISTRICT	\$ 298,500.00		\$ 313,650.00	\$ 313,650.00	\$ 313,650.00
COEYMANS FIRE DISTRICT	\$ 345,405.00		\$ 356,986.00	\$ 356,986.00	\$ 356,986.00

SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

COUNCIL MEMBERS (4 @ \$12,000)	\$ 48,000.00		\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
JUSTICE (2 @ \$19,000)	\$ 35,700.00		\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
SUPERVISOR	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
TOWN CLERK	\$ 41,310.00		\$ 45,650.00	\$ 45,650.00	\$ 45,650.00
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 51,000.00		\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,000.00

Taxing Authority	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	Amount to be raised by taxes (\$ actual)	Current Rate (per \$1000 of assessed value)	Prior Rate (per \$1000 of assessed value)	% change
2015					
Town of Coeymans	494,306.401	\$ 1,560,806.00	3.157560	3.115010	1.37%
Coeymans Hollow Fire District	228,714.473	\$ 313,650.00	1.371361	1.305121	5.08%
Coeymans Fire District	219,974.322	\$ 356,986.00	1.622853	1.570206	3.35%
2014					
Town of Coeymans	592,390.589	1,845,593.00	3.115501	3.054413	1.99%
Coeymans Hollow Fire District	228,714.473	298,500.00	1.305121	1.167297	11.81%
Coeymans Fire District	219,974.322	345,405.00	1.570206	1.530333	2.61%

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November 19, 2014 – Special Town Board Meeting, 12:00pm

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a Bond Resolution for the purchase of a one-ton dump truck and continued by reading the following:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A ONE-TON DUMP TRUCK AND ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

RES. 160-14 BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2014

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York (the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Town Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the acquisition of a one-ton dump truck for highway maintenance purposes. The aggregate estimated maximum cost of said purpose is \$45,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 28 of paragraph "a" of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will not be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligations.

SECTION 4. The Town Board plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

SECTION 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury.

SECTION 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 8. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the

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terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (including without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds (including statutory installment bonds), and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 9. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 10. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 11. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in The News Herald, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Stephen D. Flach	VOTING - AYE
George E. Langdon	VOTING - AYE
Peter E. Masti	VOTING - AYE
Thomas E. Dolan	VOTING - NAY
Kenneth A. Burns	VOTING - AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Flach stated that the TAN was discussed earlier in the meeting and continued by reading the following:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR.

RES. 161-14 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2014

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York (the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The power to authorize the issuance and sale of tax anticipation notes of the Town, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the collection by the Town of real estate taxes to be levied in fiscal year 2015, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, provided that such notes shall be issued within thirty days prior to the commencement of said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. Said tax anticipation notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes or assessments, and shall otherwise comply with Section 24 of the Local Finance Law. Such notes shall be issued on or before December 31, 2014 and shall mature not more than one year from their date of issue. The proceeds of the notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the taxes are to be levied or for the redemption of note in renewal of which they were issued.

SECTION 4. Each of the notes authorized by this resolution shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said notes as they become due and payable.

SECTION 5. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said notes, and the power to sell and deliver said notes and the power to authorize the renewal of said notes, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 6. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the notes authorized by this resolution, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the notes authorized by this resolution as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Stephen D. Flach	VOTING - AYE
George E. Langdon	VOTING - AYE
Peter E. Masti	VOTING - AYE
Thomas E. Dolan	VOTING - NAY
Kenneth A. Burns	VOTING - AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Langdon stated that he had a question and then asked Councilman Dolan how he expects to pay people for the rest of the year if he doesn't want to do that.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks they should have a spending freeze, hiring freeze and look for other savings.

Councilman Langdon stated that it does not solve the problem of running out money by the end of the year.

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Councilman Dolan stated that they already passed a resolution the night before to pay through the end of the year from the Sewer Fund transfer.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it will not go through to the end of the year.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is what was said earlier.

Councilman Langdon stated that it gets them through until the TAN can be put in place but he voted against that too and he didn't want people to be paid, which he doesn't get.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is exactly what he means by that and it is what comes to mind.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Special Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 1:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

November 24, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday November 24, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Peter McKenna, Chief of Police
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 11-25-14 - Cancelled
 - Town Offices Closed, November 27, 28, 2014 – Thanksgiving
 - 2015 Budget
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes of Meeting
 - Special Budget Workshop, October 23, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, October 27, 2014
- Supervisors Report – October 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Town Clerk – October 2014
 - Building Department – October 2014
- New Business
 - SEQRA Review on Flood Plain Law
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Employee to Attend Seminar
 - Establish Public Hearing for LL#5-14 – Flood Plain Management
 - Approve Abstract
- Correspondence
 - The Matthew Project (2014)
 - Half Moon Ship
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, December 1, 2014 – 7:00 PM
 - Town Board Meeting, December 8, 2014 – 7:00 PM
 - Town Board Workshop, December 16, 2014 – 6:00 PM
 - Town Board Meeting, December 22, 2014 – 7:00 PM
 - ZBA Meeting, December 23, 2014 – 7:00 PM

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Cancelled

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Supervisor Flach stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting scheduled for 11-25-14 is cancelled.

Town Offices Closed

Supervisor Flach stated the Town Offices will be closed November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving.

2015 Budget

Supervisor Flach stated that he would like to talk about the 2015 Budget and continued by reading the following:

I received a couple of calls before the meeting tonight about some questions with the 2015 Budget and some current budget overages for 2014.

First, I would like to let the townsfolk know about our budget shortfalls that we are having and will have by the end of the year. The Police Department is over by \$30,000.00 in their Personal Services, \$25,000.00 in their Contractual costs, we had unexpected payouts of \$65,000.00 for accrued time due to unexpected retirements and resignations. Dispatch will be over approximately \$45,000.00 in their Personal Services and are expecting that \$50,000.00 from Police Forfeiture in revenue is not going to happen and School Resource Officer Revenue in the amount of \$20,000.00 that was anticipated is a Revenue loss. Our Court Revenue is down \$25,000.00 unexpectedly and we are over in attorney's fees for unexpected litigation costs. This is a total of about \$275,000.00 in overages.

Also the CHIPS money for Highway roads, which are State Funds, are not going to be here until January/February because of the way it has to be processed now. It used to come in November; it is an approximate late Revenue of \$112,000.00. Also our sales tax money that comes in January for the 4th quarter usually covers some of what the Highway spends, but these overages have put us too far passed that.

We are taking a Tax Anticipation Note out, which will cover these overages as Revenue losses.

Because of the time it takes to do a Tax Anticipation Note, we borrowed money from the Sewer Fund at 2% to cover A-Fund expenses. We wanted to make sure that all of our employees and bills would be covered. The Town did do the same thing in September 2009 with the Sewer and B-Fund.

We thought that it would take a few weeks to get the money, but it will not take as long because with a Tax Anticipation Note there is not a 25 day wait.

I anticipate sometime next week to get the funds from the note at which time I may need to call an emergency meeting, as our following meeting is not until December 8th.

After taxes come in early next year, we will pay off this Tax Anticipation Note. Because of the total amount of overages, the plan is to be able to pay them off in 2015 and 2016.

I originally planned the Budget Adoption for last Tuesday, November 18th and moved it to Wednesday, November 19th and told all who were there at that Tuesday evening, moving it to Wednesday. Also, we added more money to Contingency and Police, some of which came from their benefits, which unfortunately put our Property Taxes from a -1.57% decrease to a 1.37% increase in our Town Budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would open the meeting to public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. James Youmans read the following:

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Good evening and thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Jim Youmans and I live at 10 Deans Mill Road. I'm here tonight to remind you that as a Town Board, your number one responsibility is to manage the finances of the town and to point out that most of you have failed miserably at your jobs. I'm shocked to learn that you spent \$111,000.00 of Sewer District funds to fund last week's payroll. And I'm outraged to learn that you are in the process of attempting to borrow \$500,000.00 (as per this resolution you passed last week) to fund operations through the rest of the year. I'm sure you all understand that a Tax Anticipation Note you authorized the Supervisor to take, must be paid back with the very next tax revenue you receive. There's no provision in the 2015 Budget to pay any of this money back even though you passed the resolution authorizing it on the same day you passed the Budget, and your answer has been that you would borrow money next year to pay it back. Your plan is actually to borrow money to pay back the money you borrowed. If you don't see the flaw in that plan you really have to ask yourselves what you're doing here. So now you borrowed from the Sewer Fund and you are going to pay it back it back with interest? You're really planning on borrowing money from the members of that District and then paying them back with their own tax dollars? You can't do that. You can call it a Ponzi scheme, a shell game, or financial sleight of hand. I call it a total lack of leadership and critical thinking.

The very fact that any person on that Board was surprised to learn that you didn't have money to make payroll, and that you are scrambling now to cover expenses means that you haven't done your jobs, plain and simple. Who is managing the budget? Who is looking ahead and forecasting expenditures and revenues? When I served on that Board as Councilman, with 2 different Supervisors, and as Supervisor, there were 5 people doing that. No, we didn't get on the front page of the paper, with Carver, talking about the Half Moon Ship coming here, but we made payroll, we paid our bills, we managed the budget and made sure the Town's obligations were met. I've seen spending freezes, hiring freezes and departments asked to give back percentages of their budgets. This Board's solution is to borrow more money to spend, hire more people, most of them family and increase spending. I'm willing to bet that there is not a piece of paper or a spreadsheet in this building with cash flow projections out any farther than 2 weeks, if you have that. If you don't have that projected out 90 days you have absolutely no control over this towns finances and every aspect of budget and cash management is left to fate.

When I was Town Supervisor this building needed a roof, Nelson Perry went about collecting quotes and as it happened, my brother in law Pieter Wolfe, owner of the very reputable Wolfe Builders submitted a quote that was \$4,000.00 lower than the next lowest bid, and he did a great job. I'm not sure that Nelson was even aware of my family relationship to the Wolfe's. It was at a time leading up to election and I was called a liar and a thief because my brother-in-law saved you, the taxpayers of this town \$4,000.00. Funny thing is, this Town Supervisor made his brother-in-law, a guy with absolutely no experience in highway maintenance and who lives in another town the Deputy Highway Superintendent and pays him almost \$50,000 per year. He and the Superintendent have done such a great job that the highway fund is in the hole by \$172,000.00 and we need to borrow money to pay employees, yet the epic failure is being rewarded with a 10% raise for each of them in the budget you passed. Why at this point is there even a need for a Deputy Highway Superintendent? What are there 6 employees? It's become apparent that math is a struggle for some of you so I'll go ahead and point out that's one manager for every 2 employees. This Board gave the Supervisor a \$15,000.00 a year raise to act as budget officer in 2014.

Now that we can see the level to which this year's Budget has been mismanaged it looks like you got a pretty lousy return on that investment.

I want to thank Councilman Dolan for voting no on that Budget. Without major structural changes, and sound management practices, that Budget will put our Town much further behind the 8 ball.

Tonight this Board needs to institute a spending freeze, a hiring freeze and a borrowing freeze. You should probably consider a temporary government shutdown and you need to amend this Budget in a big way. It's November and you have run out of money, you don't even know how you are going to pay the town employees, yet your budget gives those very people raises as much as 10%. Mark your calendars, it's Monday November 24, 2014 and I'm telling you that 4 of you on that Board are leading our town into a financial crisis that we may not be able to recover

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from. Town employees have a reason to be very nervous, because this Board doesn't even know how they are going to pay you next week. Please come to your senses.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and on November 20th she called the Committee on Open Government and Robert Freeman quoted a section of New York Town Law, which applies to all towns, it is not town specific, it is all municipalities in the State. She continued by saying that it is Section 62, subdivision 2 and they had a Town Board Workshop on November 18th at 6:00pm in the evening and in order to call a Special Meeting of the Town Board, which they did for November 19th, the Supervisor has to inform the Board Members in writing two days in advance, if the meeting is to be held in less than a week, the information must be given to the news media and posted in one or more public places. She added that this was not done, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch did speak to this but she would think that they were in violation of the Open Meetings Law, so their meeting according to Mr. Freeman was an illegal meeting.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Nancy Warner stated that she didn't intend to speak, she came to observe but after hearing a lot of the information, she guesses it has pushed her to ask some questions and she is hoping that maybe some answers will be given to some of the items that were brought up with Mr. Youmans. She continued by saying that some of it she did know about and some of it she was not aware of and she really thinks that they owe them here some answers to those questions and what the plans may be. She added that they have heard a spending freeze, a hiring freeze and raises when there is a giant shortfall and then asked what the plans are and if they are going forward with all of that.

Supervisor Flach stated that they adopted the Budget last week.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they adopted the Budget without any change to raises that had previously been scheduled without any significant cuts in the A-Fund, without looking at a freeze on hiring or a freeze on spending. He added that there was a memo issued on November 17th for Department Heads to watch their spending and to contact the Supervisor's Office if they were going to make purchases or spend money.

Ms. Warner interjected that she understands that the Budget is passed and even though the money is on paper and not in their hands, when you have a budget at home and you don't have money you can put all the money you want on paper but if it's not there they can't spend it and then asked if it means they are still going to have a spending freeze except for possibly repairs and things that need to keep the day to day operations or a suspension of the raises because there is no money and it's not because they don't deserve them, it is because there is no money. She continued by saying that they are things that they give when they have money, it is a luxury and not a necessity and she is wondering if any of it is going to change possibly the way that they approach the next year.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is definitely going to change for next year, a lot were unexpected costs, there was a Police Chief who went over budget and he has gone over it in detail and most of the shortfalls were in that department and that department has actually gone over budget in the last 3-4 years and they are trying to rectify the problem. He added that some Anticipated Revenues for approximately \$100,000.00 didn't come in so for next year's Budget they have put them in, there have been unexpected litigation costs, which do come up and maybe he should have put more in the budget last year for this or for that to not have the budget right at zero for a plan at the end of the year. He concluded by saying that they will continue to work on it.

Ms. Warner stated that she can understand shortfalls; they happen to all of them, things happen, things break like cars and machinery and unexpected litigation is all totally understandable.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have money coming in that isn't going to be here in time that they put in the budget in Contingency to try and make up for some of the shortfalls that they have had and their budget is a year to year thing and if there is a shortfall one year, then the

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following year they have to plan for it and now they have to come up with \$275,000.00 and make it work.

Ms. Warner stated that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch may have to answer and then asked if it is actually okay to borrow money from the Sewer Fund.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they have Bond Counsel that they have retained and all of the issues have been vetted through their Bond Counsel.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is okay to borrow from the Sewer Fund provided the Town Board takes that action and it is supposed to be repaid within the same year that it is borrowed.

Ms. Warner stated that it is not going to happen.

Supervisor Flach and Councilman Langdon collectively stated that it is going to happen.

Ms. Warner stated that she thought he said that it was going to be spread out in 2015 and 2016.

Supervisor Flach stated that was for the Tax Anticipation Note, they borrowed from the Sewer Fund until they can get the TAN.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that there is a 21 day waiting period before you get the funds.

Supervisor Flach stated that it should be the end of next week.

Councilman Dolan stated that with the TAN, it needs to be paid back the very next time the Town receives tax money of any kind.

Ms. Warner stated that she understands that and they are going to get tax money and need to pay it back and then asked what is going to happen to the bills that they were supposed to pay with that money.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have half to pay that and in 2016 they can pay the other half of what they borrowed and that is the plan.

Councilman Dolan stated that they actually have to pay that full amount whenever they borrow back immediately.

Ms. Warner stated that it makes her very nervous not only as a taxpayer but also as a Village Board Member because she knows how the budget's work and all the borrowing makes her very nervous when they are borrowing to pay borrowed and she does not think that it is good practice.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Bill Bailey stated that that in Part-Town B Revenues, there is a Fund Balance of \$196,000.00 and they are anticipating ending this year with \$196,000.00 but yet they ended up borrowing money from the Sewer Fund and then asked that if in a month the \$196,000.00 will still be there.

Supervisor Flach that unfortunately they inherited a negative Fund Balance of approximately \$400,000.00 that they dwindled away at and they have got it down to that far and all they can do is continue to whittle away at it.

Mr. Bailey stated that the Budget that they just adopted says that they are going to use \$196,000.00 of the Part Town B Fund Balance to balance the budget so as of December 31st, they should have \$196,000.00 in the Part B Fund to meet their obligation for this budget and he would be surprised if they haven't and are facing this type of cash-flow problem because that would probably be enough to get them through the year. He continued by saying that besides the \$100,000.00 that they borrowed from the Sewer Fund and the Tax Anticipation Note, they are probably starting the year without the \$196,000.00 Fund Balance and then asked if he was correct.

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Supervisor Flach stated that it is pretty much because he started with more than a \$400,000.00 Fund Balance and he can go back in the budgets and explain it all to him but he can’t explain it all to him right now.

Mr. Bailey stated that he understands how complicated it is but last Wednesday they adopted a Budget and to balance the budget he anticipated \$196,000.00 to be the Fund Balance so that he could have a balanced budget. He continued by saying that the \$196,000.00 does not appear to exist and somehow there isn’t the cash, there is \$100,000.00 that they have to pay back to the Sewer Fund, as well as a Tax Anticipation Note for \$377,000.00.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the \$377,000.00 is paying back the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Bailey stated that they have to come up with another \$196,000.00 to make their budget work.

Councilman Dolan stated that the B Fund was the only fund that they had that had a Fund Balance; the A Fund has a zero Fund Balance.

Mr. Bailey stated that he thinks they need to look at their Budget very closely because it is a \$196,000.00 shortfall starting January 1st.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Andrea Grutza stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans, pays taxes, pays a sewer rent and she votes and added that part of the money that they are mishandling is hers, she didn’t get a 10% raise this year, as a matter of fact she got a 2% raise after going through three years of zero raises because she works for the State and not the Town. She continued by saying that she does not see where the money is going, she does not understand how they can lose the money and then asked where it went and added that it is very discerning to her because now she is thinking that they are going to raise her taxes because they mishandled the funds that she paid them. She added that a lot of people asked them questions and they don’t have answers, they came unprepared and she would like to know when they are up for re-election.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is up next fall and then asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there are two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Special Budget Workshop Meeting on October 23rd and a Town Board Meeting on October 27th and then offered a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Minutes were approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

October 2014

Supervisor Flach read the Supervisor’s Report for October as follows:

FUND	BALANCE FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$175,777.24	\$355,110.32	\$354,585.77	\$176,301.79

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PART-TOWN	\$ 85,786.08	\$453,577.10	\$282,202.45	\$257,160.73
HIGHWAY	\$ 84,591.39	\$ 612.79	\$ 56,743.86	\$ 28,460.32
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,094.57	\$ 2.79	-0-	\$ 29,097.36
SEWER	\$154,906.37	\$ 35,099.34	\$ 28,541.46	\$161,464.25
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 57,261.17	\$ 42,363.48	\$ 83,075.96	\$ 16,548.69
POLICE FORF.	\$ 39,945.10	\$ 1.69	\$ 285.80	\$ 39,660.99
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 14,232.94	\$363,237.61	\$363,545.85	\$ 13,924.70
CAP. PROJ.	\$550,716.59	\$ 6,094.46	\$ 6,226.91	\$550,584.14
SECTION 8 HUD	\$ 18,976.31	\$ 42,649.06	\$ 40,889.57	\$ 20,735.80
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,293,938.77

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>		COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED COVERAGE		
Unemployment	\$ 703.43	Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,052,086.66
Grove Cem.	\$40,944.72	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 0.00
C.H. Cem.	\$13,431.58			
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.24			
Total	\$55,079.97			

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – October

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report for October.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the report was accepted as presented and read.
VOTE – AYES – 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Building Department – October

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Report for October.

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Councilman Masti continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES – 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

SEQRA Review on Flood Plain Law

Supervisor Flach asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch discuss the SEQRA Review on the Flood Plain Law.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that last month the Town Board took up the model Local Law that DEC has promulgated so that the Town is in compliance with Flood Plain Management Requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and various parts of the law were discussed last month. He continued by saying that in compliance with the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) it is necessary for the Town Board to complete a review of part 2 and in summary the law in question is designed to reduce the risk of flood damage within the Town of Coeymans through the destruction or loss of private or public housing, damage public facilities and privately owned property as well. He added that the Local Law is designed for that purpose and to that end it basically sets up a Flood Insurance Rate Map under Section 3.2 and identifies a number of parcels on the map of being at higher risk for flood damage and it establishes a local administrator who in this case is the Code Enforcement Official of the Town. He went on by saying that for those who intend to build in an area where there is a higher risk, it establishes a permit procedure that the applicant must follow and also a permit review procedure and provisions that will apply during any construction stage and inspection and also establishes a Certificate of Compliance. He continued by saying that Section 5.0 of the Law establishes construction standards applicable to new development within the zone as set forth on the Flood Insurance Rate Map as well as a section dealing with encroachments, construction materials and methods, required elevations for residential structures in manufactured and recreational housing. He added that there was a permit procedure, Section 6 deals with variances from the permit procedure that are going to be administered by the Zoning Board of Appeals and conditions for any variances that will be applicable and that basically there is a net environmental benefit to the law but they are still required to complete Part II and he would lead the Town Board through that section of the Law.

Councilman Dolan asked if he could ask a question and continued by saying that from what he has seen, there are new flood plains and then asked if people who live in those areas know that they have been reclassified and if there was a notification process.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he does not know what or if anything came from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), who are the lead agency and he is not sure if they issued any form of notification and he does not believe that the DEC has.

Supervisor Flach stated that when it first came about, which was a little more than a year ago, he along with Code Enforcement Officer Conrad went to where they were redoing the maps and gave their input and then the maps came out and in turn they encouraged people to come down to the Building Department to look at the maps and it was announced at quite a few meetings because they were concerned.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the maps were also on display.

Supervisor Flach stated that other than that, he does not think if there was any other notification.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that the Local Law is designed to reduce flood risk in the Town and it is the purpose of the law to set up the procedures.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the flood control measures are really building related measures like a permit process for applying for buildings and compliance with building.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is not just for new buildings, it is also for any enlargement or major alteration to an existing structure. He continued by going over Part 2 – Identification of Potential Project Impacts of the Full Environmental Assessment Form as follows:

1. Impact on Land	No	10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Res.	No
2. Impact on Geological Features	No	11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation	No
3. Impacts on Surface Water	No	12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas	No
4. Impact on Groundwater	No	13. Impact on Transportation	No
5. Impact on Flooding	No	14. Impact on Energy	No
6. Impacts on Air	No	15. Impact on Noise, Odor, Light	No
7. Impact on Plants and Animals	No	16. Impact on Human Health	No
8. Impact on Agricultural Resources	No	17. Consistency with Community Plans	No
9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources	No	18. Consistency with Community Character	No

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it would be fair to say that they can answer all 18 questions no and there is a resolution in their packet scheduling it for a Public Hearing next month at which time they will take up a proposed Negative Declaration that would be passed in conjunction with passage of the law. He then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Dolan asked when it would take effect if it was passed.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch advised that it would be as soon as it is filed with the Secretary of State, which would be within a week when they would get back a Local Law Acknowledgment Filing Notification with a letter and DEC wants a copy of the letter.

Supervisor Flach stated that under New Business he would offer a motion to move forward and negotiate a contract to transfer responsibilities of the Town’s Dispatch to Albany County’s 911 Center with a target date of June 1st.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he does not have a copy of that.

Supervisor Flach stated that he just added it under new business.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan to move forward and negotiate a contract to transfer responsibilities of the Town’s Dispatch to Albany County’s 911 Center with a target date of June 1st.

Supervisor Flach stated that in order to move forward with having Albany County taking over the Town’s Dispatch Center, he felt the need to make a motion to do so as Councilman Dolan stated last week, they hadn’t done it as a Board.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they will need some form of formal contract with the County if they are going to go in that direction but his understanding is that he is just asking for authority to move forward with negotiations.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct and once they get a contract; it will come before the Board along with a resolution to sign the contract.

Councilman Dolan asked if they have a plan for addressing it.

Supervisor Flach stated that Albany County has met with the Town’s Chief of Police and some Fire Chiefs and more this week, and Chief of the Ambulance Service and they will continue to discuss what needs to be done to bring this to fruition.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he does not believe that it qualifies as a definition of a plan and it is some actions that he has taken to try to gather some information.

Supervisor Flach stated that the plan is to talk to the people involved and to look at a contract with Albany County.

Councilman Dolan stated that during his face to face conversation with the Sheriff on Thursday evening, he said that he had asked for a plan and they have yet to supply him with one and he refuses to move any further until the Town supplies him with a detailed plan about he expects them to do with all the stakeholders who should voice their pros and cons and he believes it is still work that need to be done.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is why he feels as though they need to move forward.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the plan is coming largely from the Sheriff's people.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Sheriff told him face to face that he has asked the Town for a plan and they have not yet submitted a plan and no matter who they meet with who is under him, he will not consider moving Dispatch until the Town submits a plan to him and reiterated that it was last Thursday in a face to face conversation. He continued by saying that the Sheriff had spoken to Supervisor Flach on several occasions and asked for a plan, which has not been produced and if it is something that they want to move forward with, they should develop a plan, which includes pros and cons of it and cost and shouldn't just have anecdotal information about what various Chief's had to say or Emergency Personnel, they should get them to tell the Board on the record what they want and the Town Board should be fully informed on what everyone has to say.

Ms. Nancy Warner asked that the Village be a part of those discussions and added that she thinks they are a very important part of the discussions and she does not believe that they have been invited. She continued by saying that they have fire, water and many other things hooked into Dispatch and if they move on a plan, all the parties need to be in the room at the same time.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he agrees and added that he is not necessarily against doing it, if they have a plan and see all of the information laid out in front of them that has been compiled and put together at one time and look at it, look at the costs savings as well as the pros and cons as well as investigate the other municipalities that have gone with Albany County Dispatch for the good and the bad and then put it all together on the record and invite the Village to share in it and take a look at it. He continued by saying that he does not know what the harm is and if they started doing it back when the idea first came up, maybe they would be in a position to make an intelligent decision instead of just going into it with a preconceived notion that they want to close Dispatch and then try to find backfill information to support the conclusion.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks part of the process is to have everyone come together and he is not disagreeing with that and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Councilman Langdon stated that a lot of the plan and structure comes under the guidance of what they have done in the past with other municipalities and the process is what they have begun doing where they have already met with several Fire Departments and Police Chief. He continued by saying that he does not think that it is going to be a one-time meeting, there are a number of issues and he is getting an education as far as who all is involved. He continued by saying that there are pagers they are dealing with, different radio frequencies and it is all part of the process.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they met with the Police Chief and Fire Chief's and then asked what the result of that was and what the report back is because they have not gotten any information on it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have a report on it yet, he met with the Police Chief earlier in the day and he is meeting with the Fire Chiefs tomorrow and it will be forthcoming.

Councilman Dolan stated that he mentioned a whole slew of people that they have met with and then asked where there is a report of what was said, who said what and what concerns were

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raised and added it would be more helpful to make a decision and maybe he wouldn't be seen as dragging his feet and being against it if he was given the proper information to make a decision.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that he does not have that information to give to him and he is not asking him to make a decision on signing a contract, he is asking that they move forward with discussions and negotiations to get it all together. He continued by saying that there is a motion on the table and then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a vote on the motion previously stated to move forward.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. # 162-14 AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEE TO ATTEND SEMINAR

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the New York Rural Water Association will be holding a Water/Wastewater Coagulation & Flocculation Training seminar in Ilion, New York on December 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Kerr, Chief Sewer treatment Plant Operator is desirous of attending this training which will provide credit hours required by NYS DEC to maintain licensing; and

WHEREAS, a prepaid registration fee of \$31.00 for this seminar is required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John Kerr is hereby authorized to attend this Seminar in Ilion, New York, December 11, 2014 with mileage to and from the seminar being reimbursed at the current mileage rate upon submission of voucher should Mr. Kerr use his personal vehicle.

RES. #163-14 ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #05-14 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans intends to consider a Local Law entitled "Flood Plain Law" of 2014 (Local Law No 5) which deals with flood plain management and provides environmental benefits for the Town; and

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No 5 of 2014 has been distributed to members of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been designated as Lead Agency under the provision of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to set a Public Hearing date to provide members of the community with an opportunity to express their views on the proposed local law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby sets December 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM as the date for a Public Hearing and directs the Town Clerk to issue a Notice of Public Hearing to be published in accordance with law for that date.

RES. #164-14 APPROVE NOVEMBER ABSTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the November 2014, Abstract.

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FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	2151-2183	\$ 213,271.41
General	2227-2259, 2311	\$ 37,222.93
	General Total	\$ 250,494.34
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	2184	\$ 130.41
	Police Forfeit. Total	\$ 130.41
POLICE FORFEITURE FEDERAL (A)		
Police Forfeiture Federal PP	2185	\$ 4,406.19
	Police Forfeit. Fed Total	\$ 4,406.19
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2186 - 2193	\$ 385,480.33
Part-Town	2260	\$ 317.81
	Part Town Total	\$ 385,798.14
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2194 - 2199	\$ 44,932.07
Highway	2261 – 2281, 2310	\$ 191,518.28
	Highway Total	\$ 236,450.35
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2200 - 2216	\$ 35,865.20
Sewer	2282 – 2305,2312	\$ 18,877.79
	Sewer Total	\$ 54,742.99
SPECIAL WATER (SW)		
Special Water Pre-Pay	2217	\$ 83,075.96
	Special Water Total	\$ 83,075.96
CAPITAL PROJ. (H30)		
Capital Projects	2306	\$ 7,558.10
	Capital Proj. (H30)Total	\$ 7,558.10
CAPITAL PROJ. (H42)		
Capital Projects	2307 - 2308	\$ 17,030.00
	Capital Proj. (H42) Total	\$ 17,030.00
	Total For All Funds	\$1,039,676.48
TRUST & AGENCY PAYPAL (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pay Pal PP	2218	\$ 195.00
	Trust & Agcy. PayPal Total	\$ 195.00
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2219 - 2226	\$ 311,067.59

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	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$ 311,067.59
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CORRESPONDENCE

Half Moon Ship

Supervisor Flach read the following:

A couple of months ago the Port of Coeymans reached out to the Town regarding potential placement of the Half Moon Ship in the Town of Coeymans. The Town Board accepted the concept and proposed that the Half Moon would be welcomed as a permanent home in the Town’s Riverside Park. The Town Board and the Port of Coeymans has reached out to the ship’s Captain and the owner about this proposal the captain said that he would be interested but the owner is pursuing other options. I want to ask the residents if they are interested in this concept, which in the Town Board’s opinion would be a Tourist Attraction and educational opportunity, to contact the Half Moon via Facebook. We would like to get the word out to as many people as possible and we would love to keep the Half Moon in the United States.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is something to consider and think about and when they talked about it before, they agreed that it would be a great thing for the Town.

The Matthew Project Report for 2014

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give The Matthew Project Report for 2014.

Councilman Masti stated that is the 5th year of doing The Matthew Project for school aged children during the summer months when there is no school. Key points were addressed as follows:

- Expenditures went up approximately \$1,000.00 for this year, which are all contributions.
 - 64% comes from church donations, 24% from corporate donations and 12% from local community support.
- The expense breakdown is 86% for food items, 11% for food preparation and cleaning and 3% for packaging supplies.
- Their mission and purpose is faith in action and to provide lunches Monday-Friday to children ages 1-18, that are in need of a nutritious meal during the months of July and August.
- Deliveries by location were:
 - Oakbrook Manor 1098 lunches
 - Coeymans Gazebo 892 lunches
 - Flemings Trailer Park 593 lunches
 - Mosher Park Pool 290 lunches
 - Mosher Park Rec. 739 lunches
 - Food for Thought 606 lunches
 - Rolling Hills Trailer Park 450 lunches
 - Shady Grove Trailer Park 375 lunches
 - Total 5,043 lunches
- 2014 Highlights were:
 - 5,043 lunches were delivered.
 - Lunches were distributed to 8 sites.
 - Average of 130 lunches per day.
 - Cost per lunch was \$1.25 (reduced by 11.3% from 2013).
 - 93 volunteers provided all labor to prepare & deliver lunches.
 - Children actively participated in community service by helping to serve lunches at their distribution site.
 - 21,293 lunches have been served in 5 years.

Councilman Masti stated that this was many hands coming together for a Community Project and that is what it is all about, community serving community at no cost to the community.

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WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, December 1, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, December 8, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, December 16, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, December 22, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, December 23, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and for everyone to be well and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief McKenna what happened in the meeting with the County.

Chief McKenna stated that he was there for only 5 minutes because there was an incident and he had to go downstairs to put out a fire due to a crisis with an emotionally disturbed person followed by an arrest. He added that they were short-handed and he apologized to the Supervisor and the two people from the Sheriff's Office that came in and he will be calling them to set up another meeting. He continued by saying that he intends on reaching out to other agencies as well to see where the burps are and he will give an informative opinion when he can.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a great day with family and friends. He continued by saying that he was disappointed with the budget process this year, they started the budget year with \$350,000.00 in the black, which was community development money from Lafarge that went back several Town Boards and his thought was to use it for just what it says, community development and making money available to businesses that wanted to relocate into town, maybe operate a small business loan fund through the Chamber of Commerce and to hopefully give a tax break to taxpayers, which would put money in people's pockets and not paying taxes. He continued by saying that when faced with the budget shortfalls as they come to the end of the year, all of those would have been out of the window and the reason why he voted no about borrowing money from the Sewer Department, the TAN and a Bond for \$45,000.00 for a highway truck is because they didn't have money in their budget to pay for it, he never saw a plan to pay back the money. He added that his question as to what was in the Sewer Fund was never answered, exactly when the Sewer Department would be paid back was never answered and it didn't occur to him until he saw two Village Board Members, that the money they lend, might be their money and was lent without their notification or approval. He went on by saying that some of the things that he would have done, particularly to pay the TAN back, is that he would eliminate raises or put them off until the Town Budget was settled and the money was paid back, he would do a spending freeze, hiring freeze, overtime freeze, making Department Heads unable to spend money without Town Board approval and asking Department Heads to look at their budget's again and cut between 5-10% of their budgets. He went on by saying that it is unfortunate that they are in this situation and as Supervisor Flach said, they were unforeseen and they didn't know these things were coming and they went into the budget process not knowing that there would be these shortfalls and because they are Town funds, they are all in this together and they should all try to contribute to overcome the deficit and overcome it as close as they can to the time that it happened and pay it off in 2015 as early as possible. He continued by saying that now they are looking at paying people's salaries last week from taxes that are going to be levied in 2016 and some of them may not even be on the Board in 2016 and they will be overseeing paying back last week's payroll. He added that his conversation with the Comptroller's Office is that they should be able to walk in to the Bookkeeper's Office and see a cash-flow projection for the next 90 days anytime of the year and whenever he asks questions, most recently at the emergency meeting last Wednesday, there are no projections about where the money would be and when he raised a question, which Councilman Burns followed up on

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and it was, if there are shortfalls this year, what is in place to make sure that this does not happen again and if they are spending \$377,000.00 out of the first sales tax money, what would replace that money in the budget, there is no planning in trying to make up for the shortfalls in next year's budget. He continued by saying that in moving forward he hopes things are a little more transparent, there was a meeting last Wednesday to discuss the Town Budget, which they were handed 45 minutes into the meeting and it was the first time as far as he knows that anyone but the Supervisor had seen it, one of the Board Members made a motion to pass the Budget without having seen some changes and he thinks that is the way these things can happen because things are just handed to you at the last minute such as earlier in the Meeting when something was handed to them and they are expected to make a decision without having all of the facts given to you and without all of the options laid out on the table for you. He concluded by saying that he hopes that things improve and he hopes that everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that every day he is learning and with a lot of things that happened this year, they were trying to handle it like gentlemen instead of throwing certain people under the bus, they tried to handle it with some integrity, which cost them a lot of money but he feels like they did the right thing and it is a big reason for a lot of the shortfalls with the budget. He continued by saying that he does see a plan in place for repaying the money, TCI is going to be paying tax dollars shortly as well as other businesses that may be coming in down below, there are people looking at houses and buying houses and he does foresee their revenue coming back up and they will be able to pay the shortfalls. He added that the Police Department right now, with no disrespect to anyone, is being run awesome and it is incredible, they are talking about people cutting back on their budgets and Highway Superintendent Searles is doing an awesome job with what he has and he feels as though he is asking for things that he really has to have and he is looking forward to 4-5 years down the road by replacing equipment now and in another 4-5 years they can replace it again and actually get something back for what they just bought and hopefully he can keep rolling it over and keep doing it. He went on by saying that the Sewer Department, which goes without saying, is run as tight as any ship that he has ever seen and the things that happened this year were unforeseen and reiterated that they were trying to be gentlemen right to the end with the end being late September, early October so they had a short period of time to try and figure all of it out. He continued by saying that as far as Dispatch, they haven't and he hasn't just sat back and accepted that Albany County is going to take them over, they have all put up with him and pretty much everyone who he has talked to and asked have sympathized and wished they could keep the Dispatch the way that it is now but financially in 2-3 years it is impossible, they don't have the money now and in 3-4 years they really are not going to have the money to maintain it and keep it going unless they do something now. He added that there are so many opinions on both sides of every issue with two opinions and then the truth somewhere in the middle, which they are trying to figure out and there is a meeting scheduled with the Sheriff and Fire Departments and hopefully they will learn something from that and for this coming year there is money to go to the end of the year with Dispatch if they need to so if something happens and it does not work out, they have something to fall back on. He continued by saying that everyone is saying to take more time and not rush into anything, they are giving Albany County a trial basis and if things don't work out, they will do what they have to do to bring Dispatch up to par. He concluded by saying that they are trying to do the best they can do with what they have and they really are looking out for the 7,000 people in the Town and Village and he is sorry if they have not included the Village enough, he has tried to reach out, he will try harder because they don't mean to exclude anyone and they are trying to get as much information as they can before they even give everyone the headache with what they are trying to do.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is new to it as well he is learning a lot and has a real heart to see it done right. He added that he is not thrilled with how the finances played out but he was looking at it regularly and with the department that ran over, he spent a lot of time with them and was constantly told that they were under budget right up through August and in fact in August they were in a meeting and he was told that they were going to have an extra \$10,000.00 that they had to figure out how to spend or they would lose it, which irritated him and he asked why they had to spend something that they didn't need to spend and this is the feedback that they were getting when they asked questions in trying to find out, he was down there several times a

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month and found out that it was not where they were. He continued by saying that he is very optimistic and excited about the fact that they are finally bringing the Town into a computerized software bookkeeping system that he believes will make it a lot easier to keep on top of these things, he has worked with software bookkeeping since the 80's and he was shocked that they were still on paper ledgers and now it will be easy to pull up reports to see where things are and with stacks of boxes or books, it is difficult and anything can be hidden in there. He went on by saying that he sees where they are doing things to change the way things are going as well as seeing that they have turned around and have a very confident individual in charge of the Police Department at this point who he has a lot of faith in and he is very pleased with what he has accomplished in the short period of time that he has been there and he believes that he will change the face of the Department. He added that they are looking at Dispatch and quite honestly he began to look at the concept because of financial concerns that were thrown at them and it is the initial reason why he thought they ought to review as to whether it is a feasible, financial, smart thing to do with taxpayer money and the move they have dived into it, and he has been here a lot trying to understand, learn and get to every meeting that he can, he has learned that it is more than a money issue, there is a much safer way to run Dispatch and it's no longer as much of a money situation to him as much as it is a better way with the technology available and the things that can be done. He continued by saying that he has gotten feedback from the Fire Companies and it has been back and forth with the County to the Town's Dispatch and back to the County and there has been a whole lot of extra activity going on and the longer he digs into it, the more confident he is that this is a very smart thing for the Town to do and they are attempting to do it right and feel as though June 1st is a realistic timeframe in talking to the two people that run the Sheriff Department Dispatch and oversees all of their radio communications.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he is pretty sure that it is the Sheriff that runs the Sheriff's Department.

Councilman Langdon stated that he had numerous conversations and he personally went up and saw the Sheriff and he didn't seem to see any problem with this when he sat in front of him and he does not know what he is telling Councilman Dolan that he is not telling them. He continued by saying that in talking to the guys that actually manage and are in charge of the transition, he has been very assured that a June 1st deadline is very feasible and they are anticipating a 2-4 week dual Dispatch just to see how things go for a month or so and he thinks that it is a good plan. He added that they are in the process of gathering the information, gathering the details and working to find out who the players are and what the issues are with everything involved. He added that it is a process, people have raised concerns such as what happens if it doesn't work out, which is a legitimate question and he thinks that it was wise to put money in Contingency just in case they have to keep the Town's Dispatch going all year long and they put the money in there to do that. He went on by saying that he has been working to make good decisions for the Town, he realizes that not everything is popular but he will tell them that the vast majority of the feedback that he is getting is very positive and he doesn't know what to tell those who are not happy with it, he will gladly sit and listen when people express concerns and he will review them, think about them, consider them and do what he can to find out. He continued by saying that they have to make decisions and he is sorry that not everyone is happy with them, he is not happy where the budget is but he does see how they are going to be able to take and correct the problem as well as put some measures in place. He added that in watching the budget process last year when he was really a spectator, the Police Department went over budget \$60,000.00 last year and it was just added in the budget and they still went over, the problem is control and the person running the department has to control their own budget. He concluded by saying that this is where they are at, they do have a plan to put it back together and he believes that they are going to see it all balanced out by 2016 and then wished everyone a great time with their families on Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that if everyone remembers correctly they will recall that for the past 3 ½ years was his famous ending quote when he asked "Chief, have you heard anything on the Hannacroix Creek" and the current Chief, who is very wise, said that he has to get the Department in shape first and bow out of it and turned everything over to Confidential Secretary Cirillo and in turn she has made some calls to F.X. Browne and FEMA and as of the 19th of November, she heard back from Marlene at F.X. Browne, who they paid \$100,000.00 in engineering costs and found out that D.E.C and the Army Corp of Engineers are happy with the

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most of the upper but in the lower part there are trees in the middle of the channel that they had originally designed to deepen and it makes them think that it is probably not where the creek started out since there are trees that big there and they want it reworked a little bit and then they think they will be fine with it. He continued by saying that the good thing about that according to Marlene, is that if they rework it, it will cost less money to have the project done than originally thought because there will be less manipulation of the soil and trees and in talking to F.E.M.A., Lisa found out that, they are still earmarked for a total of \$278,243.04 and they are working on getting the paperwork together to send to F.E.M.A. with the plans that they've already gotten from F.X. Browne and hopefully get about \$100,000.00 back on what they spend on engineering costs, which would be great. He added that they are wondering about them doing more planning on it and he talked to Councilman Burns about it and then they talked to Albany County Soil and Water and they are willing to do a lot of the same kind of work free so they are looking to get the plans to them and see what they can do and talk to Army Corp of Engineers to see what they would suggest in working with Albany County Soil and Water in getting plans together that would be approved so they can move ahead. He went on by saying that the lowest bidder from when they bid it last year has been in contact with F.X. Browne a couple of times wondering how things are going and he spoke with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch who advised that since it has been a year they would have to put it out to bid again and hopefully this gentleman will come in low again because he is willing to work with the Town and the only one that has actually been following up on it. He concluded by saying that they could then get a price and see what it would actually cost or maybe find someone who would work with the Highway Department and save some money by doing it themselves because when they pay F.X. Browne off with what they have right now, that leaves them with approximately \$175,000.00 for the work project and last year it was around \$400,000.00.

Ms. Lawler interjected that about once a month she meets with the Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Committee and there are people from Albany Storm Water Coalition, Albany County Soil and Water and Albany County Planning and they are going to be dissolving the Onesquethaw Coeymans Watershed Council because it is going to be absorbed by that group and suggested that Councilman Masti get added to their agenda because they are always putting together work teams, there are a lot of people interested and the Hannacroix Creek Project comes up now and then at their meetings and Susan Lewis in Voorheesville is the head of it.

Councilman Masti asked that she get the information for him. He added that Confidential Secretary Cirillo has done a lot within the last couple of weeks and they are still some interesting items in the Chief's office that were cubby-holed away. He continued by saying that the Archeology Study has been done and a lot of things are out of the way, this is the last hoop and the Army Corps of Engineers can be sticklers. He added that they are making some progress finally and if they can get some money back, it would be great and even though they may not have enough money, hopefully they can get a better part of it cleaned up so there aren't so many problems with flooding and he is happy that he has been getting some answers. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to think about those who work on Thanksgiving Day who won't be home with their families.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with their families and then asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:26pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read February 9, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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December 8, 2014 – Public Hearing – 6:00pm

A Public Hearing was held Monday December 8, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board

**NOTICE
OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will meet at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York on December 8, 2014 at 6:00pm for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #05-14. The proposed Town Law establishes procedures to reduce flood risk within the Town of Coeymans.

The Law is designed to comply with the Floodplain Management requirement of the National Flood Insurance Program. All persons wishing to be heard will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the Public Hearing is for a Proposed Local Law for Flood Damage Prevention and is a Local Law that updates the floodplain maps, provided by the State, it is State mandated and initially they adopted the maps back in 1989 and this is an update of the maps. He added that in order for the Town of Coeymans to be assured that they will be able to have Flood Plain Insurance they have to adopt it.

COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach invited comments at this time.

Councilman Burns asked if the new restrictions that are going to be put in place are based on previous floods, 100 year floods or is it going to expand the Flood Plain further than what it already is.

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Supervisor Flach stated that the maps cover more of an area because of some of the big storms that they have had like Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Sandy and part of the reason for updating it and continued by saying that he is not sure of the insurance part of it.

Councilman Burns asked if he knew if his house would be in the new Flood Plain.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are maps downstairs in the Building Department and last year he and Code Enforcement Officer Conrad went to a meeting and asked that they be able to voice their opinion on behalf of the residents of the Town and at that time he announced at meetings that if anyone has any concerns as to the Flood Plain, they needed to look at the maps and voice their concerns. He added that Code Enforcement Officer Conrad had a few people come in but he was not overwhelmed by any stretch of the imagination.

Councilman Burns stated that years ago when there was a flood, Mr. Fritz Persico's basement flooded and he ended up getting money from FEMA for a new freezer, to replace the food and for a sump-pump in the basement. He continued by saying that he is confused by the difference because his sump-pump was working and when his basement got flooded because of a storm and everything got ruined, insurance didn't cover anything and they said that he should have had a bigger sump pump. He concluded by saying that if he lied and said that the sump pump died, his Home Owner's would have covered it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Time – 6:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read February 9, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Peter McKenna, Chief of Police
Scot Searles, Highway Superintendent
John Kerr, Chief WWTP Operator

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect four Town Board Members present with Councilman Dolan being absent.

AGENDA

- Public Announcement
 - Town Offices Closed, December 25th, Christmas Day
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes of Meetings
 - Public Hearing, October 30, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, November 10, 2014
- New Business
 - Establish Public Hearing for Sewer Rates

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Town Offices Closed – December 25th

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town offices would be closed on Thursday, December 25th for Christmas Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Richard Touchette stated that he lives on Church Street in Coeymans and wanted to read into the record the text of a letter that he sent to December 3rd to the Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller and continued by reading the following:

December 3, 2014

Hon. Thomas P. DiNapoli
New York State Comptroller

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110 State Street
Albany, Y 12236

Dear Comptroller DiNapoli:

We are writing today as residents and taxpayers to express our concern with the fiscal management of the Town of Coeymans and to request the assistance of the Office of the State Comptroller to help the Town avoid fiscal disaster.

On November 18, 2014, Supervisor Stephen Flach called an emergency meeting of the Town Board for the next day. At this meeting, the Supervisor informed the Board that the Town couldn't make payroll. The Town Board then raided the Sewer Fund for \$111,000.00 to transfer to the A Fund.

At the same meeting, the Board voted to float a \$500,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note to fund Town operations for the balance of the year and approved the 2015 Budget.

The 2015 Budget expenditures are about \$100,000.00 higher than 2014 and include 10% raises for some employees. The Budget also counts on a \$196,000.00 B Fund Balance, which obviously does not exist and contains no provisions to pay the TAN.

Mr. DiNapoli, these are just the latest examples of financial mismanagement over the last two years, but ones we fear will be catastrophic. We ask for you to do everything in your power to help the Town of Coeymans regain fiscal integrity.

Please feel free to contact rick.touchette@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you,

Rick Touchette, Andrea Natel Grutza, Keith Crossley, Barbara Heinzen, Tom Dolan, Kathi Rice, John Meola, Jo Jo Slithers, Anna Marie Anatriello Bonafide, Leslie Neff Lopez, Jim Youmans Elyse Kunz, Sarah Hafensteiner, Shari Meola, Jo-Ann Segal, Starr Ross, Jackie Barklie Noblett

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Sean Snyder stated that he is the adjunct for VFW Post 9594 and he is present to bring awareness of the Board of Education Meeting, December 9, 2014 at 7:00pm and they will be having a discussion on the Veteran Exemption for School Taxes that was currently passed by the Governor and left to the Board of Education for each School District to pass amongst themselves. He continued by saying that they are trying to get Veteran's to come to the meeting and show for support for the resolution to be passed by the Board of Education, which will have a minimal effect to the rest of the tax payers of the School District and by minimal he means that the average parcel would be about \$14.00 more a year in taxes to pass the exemption. He concluded by saying that if anyone knows any Veteran's or anyone interested in supporting it, the meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00pm at the Middle School.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she is a resident of the Town of Coeymans and she listened to the tape of the Special Meeting on November 19th and she is not there to address that but the meeting was called at the Town Board Workshop on November 18th and she checked with Bob Freeman who advised that there is old law that says if all the members agree to meet, the 48 hour notification by the Supervisor of his Board Members can be waived but what cannot be waived is the public notice. She added that it has to be posted in a reasonable amount of time if the meeting is to be held in less than a week, the earliest that the meeting could have been posted would have been at 8:30 when the Town Offices opened on November 19th, the same day that the meeting was held at noon, which according to Mr. Freeman is in strict violation of the Open Meeting Law so as far as she is concerned, they don't have a Budget, they have not passed a Budget, they passed a Budget at an illegal meeting. She continued by saying that she believes there are residents who have called this to the attention of the Committee on Open Government and she thinks that it behooves them as Elected Officials, in whom they placed their trust when they vote for them, to obey the law.

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Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Barbara Tanner stated that she there is a lot of negativity that she hears and reads in the paper and she wanted to say something positive and the bridge that they put in down in Coeymans is fantastic, it is great for the people where they closed off the roads and now they don't get any traffic going down that road.

Mr. David Flach stated that he lives at 353 Blodgett Road, Coeymans Hollow and he wanted to thank the Board for the job that they are doing, they finally got some business in Town, they finally got a lot of laws that were useless off the books. He reiterated that he thinks they are doing a wonderful job and using a lot of common sense, which is important and for those who don't know what common sense is; it is God given wisdom. He added that he also wanted to thank Carver, Lafarge, TCI and all the businesses that decided to put their trust and money in this town and in talking about money, he can't believe what Carver has done in the last year, he is amazing, he took an old house and made it beautiful and everything the man touches turns to gold in addition to the Baptist Church being delighted that they don't have trucks going by their church anymore on Sundays. He concluded by saying that he wanted the Board to keep up the good work and what they are doing is great.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing on October 30th and a Town Board Meeting on November 10th and then offered a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Establish Public Hearing

Supervisor Flach stated that they have to establish a Public Hearing to set the Sewer Rates and added that he would like for it to be December 16th at 6:00pm and then asked for a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, establishing a Public Hearing date of December 16, 2014 at 6:00pm to establish the Sewer Rates for 2016.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Mr. Touchette asked if the Sewer Rates would be made public before the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Flach stated that they would be.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Flach stated that there was SEQRA for the Proposed Local Law, which is the Flood Plain Law and they did it at the last meeting with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and the first resolution is a Negative Declaration.

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RES. #165-14 ADOPT FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS AND ISSUE NEGATIVE DECLARATION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Town Board is the Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in the adoption of Propose Local Law #5-14, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board has prepared Parts 1 & 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the probable environmental impacts of the adoption of Proposed Local Law #5-14, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has concluded that there will be no adverse impacts to the cultural, social, economic or environmental resources of the Town arising from this Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 677, hereby adopts the findings and conclusions set forth in the attached determination of non-significance and issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA.

RES. #166-14 ADOPT PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #5-14

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law #5-14, a law to reduce the risk of flooding in the Town of Coeymans, was introduced by a member of the Board at the October 27, 2014 meeting, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town, and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was held on December 8, 2014 at 6:00pm at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans as Lead Agency has adopted the Negative Declaration pursuant to NYCRR, part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) it has been determined by the Town Board of said Town of Coeymans that adoption of said Proposed Local Law would not have a significant effect upon the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, after due deliberations, finds it in the best interests of said Town to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law #5-14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Coeymans, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of the State of New York.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they were advised that the law had to be passed in order for the residents of the Town to be eligible for Flood Insurance.

Supervisor Flach stated that was true and added that it was first introduced in 1989, there has not been an update since and the Flood Plain Maps were redone last year and in order for people to get Flood Insurance, they had to adopt the Local Law.

LOCAL LAW #05-14

**A LOCAL LAW FOR FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE
NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1X, SECTION 2, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, ARTICLE**

SECTION 1.0
STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

1.1 FINDINGS

The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans finds that the potential and/or actual damages from flooding and erosion may be a problem to the residents of the Town of Coeymans, and that such damages may include: destruction or loss of private and public housing, damage to public facilities, both publicly and privately owned, and injury to and loss of human life. In order to minimize the threat of such damages and to achieve the purposes and objectives hereinafter set forth, this local law is adopted.

1.2 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this local law to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- (1) Regulate uses which are dangerous to health, safety and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities; and
- (2) Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction; and
- (3) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation of flood waters; and
- (4) Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase erosion or flood damages; and
- (5) Regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands; and
- (6) Qualify and maintain for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this local law are:

- (1) To protect human life and health; and
- (2) To minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects; and
- (3) To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and Generally undertaken at the expense of the general public, and
- (4) To minimize prolonged business interruptions; and
- (5) To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone, sewer lines, streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard; and
- (6) To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas; and

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- (7) To provide that developers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and,
- (8) To ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

SECTION 2.0
DEFINITIONS

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this local law shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this local law its most reasonable application.

“Appeal” means a request for a review of the Local Administrator’s interpretation of any provision of this Local Law or a request for a variance.

“Area of shallow flooding” means a designated AO, AH or VO Zone on a community’s Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a one percent or greater annual chance of flooding to an average annual depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

“Area of special flood hazard” is the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. This area may be designated as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A1-A30, A99, V, VO, VE, or V1-V30. It is also commonly referred to as the base floodplain or 100-year floodplain. For purposes of this Local Law, the term “special flood hazard area (SFHA)” is synonymous in meaning with the phrase “area of special flood hazard.”

“Base flood” means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

“Basement” means that portion of a building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.

“Building” see “Structure”

“Cellar” has the same meaning as “Basement”.

“Crawl Space” means an enclosed area beneath the lowest elevated floor, eighteen inches or more in height, which is used to service the underside of the lowest elevated floor. The elevation of the floor of this enclosed area, which may be of soil, gravel, concrete or other material, must be equal to or above the lowest adjacent exterior grade. The enclosed crawl space area shall be properly vented to allow for the equalization of hydrostatic forces which would be experienced during periods of flooding.

“Development” means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

“Elevated building” means a non-basement building (i) built, in the case of a building in Zones A1-A30, AE, A, A99, AO, AH, B, C, X, or D, to have the top of the elevated floor, or in the case of a building in Zones V1-30, VE, or V, to have the bottom of the lowest horizontal structure member of the elevated floor, elevated above the ground level by means of pilings, columns (posts and piers), or shear walls parallel to the flow of the water and (ii) adequately anchored so as not to impair the structural integrity of the building during a flood of up to the magnitude of the base flood. In the case of Zones A1-A30, AE, A, A99, AO, AH, B, C, X, or D, “elevated building” also includes a building elevated by means of fill or solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movement of flood waters. In the case of Zones V1-V30, VE, or V, “elevated building” also includes a building otherwise meeting the definition of “elevated building”, even though the lower area is enclosed by means of breakaway walls that meet the federal standards.

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“Federal Emergency Management Agency” means the Federal agency that administers the National Flood Insurance Program.

“Flood” or **“Flooding”** means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

- (1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters; and
- (2) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

“Flood” or “flooding” also means the collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding as defined in (1) above.

“Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM)” means an official map of the community published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as part of a riverine community’s Flood Insurance Study. The FBFM delineates a Regulatory Floodway along water courses studied in detail in the Flood Insurance Study.

“Flood Elevation Study” means an examination, evaluation and determination of the flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of flood-related erosion hazards.

“Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)” means an official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, where the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard have been designated as Zone A but no flood elevations are provided.

“Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)” means an official map of a community, on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated both the areas of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

“Flood Insurance Study” see “flood elevation study”.

“Floodplain” or **“Flood-prone area”** means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of “Flooding”).

“Floodproofing” means any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

“Floodway” - has the same meaning as “Regulatory Floodway”.

“Functionally dependent use” means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, such as a docking or port facility necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, shipbuilding, and ship repair facilities. The term does not include long-term storage, manufacturing, sales, or service facilities.

“Highest adjacent grade” means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, next to the proposed walls of a structure.

“Historic structure” means any structure that is:

- (1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of the Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register; and

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- (2) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; and
- (3) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- (4) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - (i) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
 - (ii) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

“Local Administrator” is the person(s) appointed by the community to administer and implement this local law by granting or denying development permits in accordance with its provisions. This person is often the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Official, or employee of an engineering department.

“Lowest floor” means lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement or cellar). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building’s lowest floor; provided, that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this Local Law.

“Manufactured home” means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term does not include a “Recreational vehicle”

“Manufactured home park or subdivision” means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

“Mean sea level” means, for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88), or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community’s Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.

“Mobile home” - has the same meaning as “Manufactured home”.

“New construction” means structures for which the “start of construction” commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by the community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structure.

“One hundred year flood” or “100-year flood” has the same meaning as “Base Flood”.

“Principally above ground” means that at least 51 percent of the actual cash value of the structure, excluding land value, is above ground.

“Recreational vehicle” means a vehicle which is:

- (1) Built on a single chassis; and
- (2) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections; and
- (3) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- (4) Not designed primarily for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

“Regulatory Floodway” means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height as determined by the Federal

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Emergency Management Agency in a Flood Insurance Study or by other agencies as provided in Section 4.4-2 of this Law.

“Start of construction” means the date of permit issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided that actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition placement, or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading, or filling), or the installation of streets or walkways, or excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, or the erection of temporary forms, or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual “start of construction” means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

“Structure” means a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

“Substantial damage” means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

“Substantial improvement” means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. The term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage”, regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

- (1) Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
- (2) Any alteration of a “Historic structure”, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “Historic structure”.

“Variance” means a grant of relief from the requirements of this local law which permits construction or use in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this local law.

“Violation” means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community’s flood plain management regulations.

SECTION 3.0
GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1 LANDS TO WHICH THIS LOCAL LAW APPLIES

This local law shall apply to all areas of special flood hazard within the jurisdiction of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County.

3.2 BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD

The areas of special flood hazard for the Town of Coeymans, Community Number 360005, are identified and defined on the following documents prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- (1) Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel Numbers:

360001C0286D, 360001C0288D, 360001C0289D, 360001C0291D,

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360001C0292D, 360001C0293D, 360001C0311D, 360001C0314D,
360001C0318D, 360001C0319D, 360001C0401D, 360001C0402D,
360001C0404D, 360001C0406D, 360001C0407D, 360001C0408D,
360001C0409D, 360001C0426D, 360001C0427D, 360001C0428D
360001C0429D, 360001C0431D, 360001C0432D, 360001C0433D

Whose effective date is, March 16, 2015, and any subsequent revisions to these map panels that do not affect areas under our community's jurisdiction.

- (2) A scientific and engineering report entitled "Flood Insurance Study, Albany County, New York, All Jurisdictions" dated March 16, 2015.

The above documents are hereby adopted and declared to be a part of this Local Law. The Flood Insurance Study and/or maps are on file at:

Building Department
Town of Coeymans
18 Russell Avenue
Ravena, New York 12143

3.3 INTERPRETATION AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS

This Local Law includes all revisions to the National Flood Insurance Program through October 27, 1997 and shall supersede all previous laws adopted for the purpose of flood damage prevention.

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this local law shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare. Whenever the requirements of this local law are at variance with the requirements of any other lawfully adopted rules, regulations, or ordinances, the most restrictive, or that imposing the higher standards, shall govern.

3.4 SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section or provision of this local law shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

3.5 PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

No structure in an area of special flood hazard shall hereafter be constructed, located, extended, converted, or altered and no land shall be excavated or filled without full compliance with the terms of this local law and any other applicable regulations. Any infraction of the provisions of this local law by failure to comply with any of its requirements, including infractions of conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions of the permit, shall constitute a violation. Any person who violates this local law or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined no more than \$250 or imprisoned for not more than 15 days or both. Each day of noncompliance shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Town of Coeymans from taking such other lawful action as necessary to prevent or remedy an infraction. Any structure found not compliant with the requirements of this local law for which the developer and/or owner has not applied for and received an approved variance under Section 6.0 will be declared non-compliant and notification sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

3.6 WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The degree of flood protection required by this local law is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This local law does not imply that land outside the area of special flood hazards or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This local law shall not create liability on the part of the Town of Coeymans, any officer or employee thereof, or the Federal

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Emergency Management Agency, for any flood damages that result from reliance on this local law or any administrative decision lawfully made there under.

SECTION 4.0
ADMINISTRATION

4.1 DESIGNATION OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Official is hereby appointed Local Administrator to administer and implement this local law by granting or denying floodplain development permits in accordance with its provisions.

4.2 THE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

4.2-1 PURPOSE

A floodplain development permit is hereby established for all construction and other development to be undertaken in areas of special flood hazard in this community for the purpose of protecting its citizens from increased flood hazards and insuring that new development is constructed in a manner that minimizes its exposure to flooding. It shall be unlawful to undertake any development in an area of special flood hazard, as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map enumerated in Section 3.2, without a valid floodplain development permit. Application for a permit shall be made on forms furnished by the Local Administrator and may include, but not be limited to: plans, in duplicate, drawn to scale and showing: the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing.

4.2-2 FEES

All applications for a floodplain development permit shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$50.00. In addition, the applicant shall be responsible for reimbursing the Town of Coeymans for any additional costs necessary for review, inspection and approval of this project. The Local Administrator may require a deposit of no more than \$500.00 to cover these additional costs.

4.3 APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT

The applicant shall provide the following information as appropriate. Additional information may be required on the permit application form.

- (1) The proposed elevation, in relation to mean sea level, of the lowest floor (including basement or cellar) of any new or substantially improved structure to be located in Zones A1-A30, AE or AH, or Zone A if base flood elevation data are available. Upon completion of the lowest floor, the permittee shall submit to the Local Administrator the as-built elevation, certified by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor.
- (2) The proposed elevation, in relation to mean sea level, to which any new or substantially improved non-residential structure will be floodproofed. Upon completion of the floodproofed portion of the structure, the permittee shall submit to the Local Administrator the as-built floodproofed elevation, certified by a professional engineer or surveyor.
- (3) A certificate from a licensed professional engineer or architect that any utility floodproofing will meet the criteria in Section 5.2-3, UTILITIES.
- (4) A certificate from a licensed professional engineer or architect that any non-residential floodproofed structure will meet the floodproofing criteria in Section 5.4, NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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- (5) A description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development. Computations by a licensed professional engineer must be submitted that demonstrate that the altered or relocated segment will provide equal or greater conveyance than the original stream segment. The applicant must submit any maps, computations or other material required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to revise the documents enumerated in Section 3.2, when notified by the Local Administrator, and must pay any fees or other costs assessed by FEMA for this purpose. The applicant must also provide assurances that the conveyance capacity of the altered or relocated stream segment will be maintained.
- (6) A technical analysis, by a licensed professional engineer, if required by the Local Administrator, which shows whether proposed development to be located in an area of special flood hazard may result in physical damage to any other property.
- (7) In Zone A, when no base flood elevation data are available from other sources, base flood elevation data shall be provided by the permit applicant for subdivision proposals and other proposed developments (including proposals for manufactured home and recreational vehicle parks and subdivisions) that are greater than either 50 lots or 5 acres.

4.4 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

Duties of the Local Administrator shall include, but not be limited to the following.

4.4-1 PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW

The Local Administrator shall conduct the following permit application review before issuing a floodplain development permit:

- (1) Review all applications for completeness, particularly with the requirements of subsection 4.3, APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT, and for compliance with the provisions and standards of this law.
- (2) Review subdivision and other proposed new development, including manufactured home parks to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is located in an area of special flood hazard, all new construction and substantial improvements shall meet the applicable standards of Section 5.0, CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS and, in particular, sub-section 5.1-1 SUBDIVISION PROPOSALS.
- (3) Determine whether any proposed development in an area of special flood hazard may result in physical damage to any other property (e.g., stream bank erosion and increased flood velocities). The Local Administrator may require the applicant to submit additional technical analyses and data necessary to complete the determination.

If the proposed development may result in physical damage to any other property or fails to meet the requirements of Section 5.0, CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, no permit shall be issued. The applicant may revise the application to include measures that mitigate or eliminate the adverse effects and re-submit the application.

- (4) Determine that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by State or Federal law.

4.4-2 USE OF OTHER FLOOD DATA

- (1) When the Federal Emergency Management Agency has designated areas of special flood hazard on the community's Flood Insurance Rate map (FIRM) but has neither produced water surface elevation data (these areas are designated Zone A or V on the FIRM) nor identified a floodway, the Local Administrator

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shall obtain, review and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State or other source, including data developed pursuant to paragraph 4.3(7), as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements or other proposed development meet the requirements of this law.

- (2) When base flood elevation data are not available, the Local Administrator may use flood information from any other authoritative source, such as historical data, to establish flood elevations within the areas of special flood hazard, for the purposes of this law.

4.4-3 ALTERATION OF WATERCOURSES

- (1) Notification to adjacent communities and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation prior to permitting any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submittal of evidence of such notification to the Regional Administrator, Region II, Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- (2) Determine that the permit holder has provided for maintenance within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood carrying capacity is not diminished.

4.4-4 CONSTRUCTION STAGE

- (1) In Zones A1-A30, AE and AH, and also Zone A if base flood elevation data are available, upon placement of the lowest floor or completion of floodproofing of a new or substantially improved structure, obtain from the permit holder a certification of the as-built elevation of the lowest floor or floodproofed elevation, in relation to mean sea level. The certificate shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a licensed land surveyor or professional engineer and certified by same. For manufactured homes, the permit holder shall submit the certificate of elevation upon placement of the structure on the site. A certificate of elevation must also be submitted for a recreational vehicle if it remains on a site for 180 consecutive days or longer (unless it is fully licensed and ready for highway use).
- (2) Any further work undertaken prior to submission and approval of the certification shall be at the permit holder's risk. The Local Administrator shall review all data submitted. Deficiencies detected shall be cause to issue a stop work order for the project unless immediately corrected.

4.4-5 INSPECTIONS

The Local Administrator and/or the developer's engineer or architect shall make periodic inspections at appropriate times throughout the period of construction in order to monitor compliance with permit conditions and enable said inspector to certify, if requested, that the development is in compliance with the requirements of the floodplain development permit and/or any variance provisions.

4.4-6 STOP WORK ORDERS

- (1) The Local Administrator shall issue, or cause to be issued, a stop work order for any floodplain development found ongoing without a development permit. Disregard of a stop work order shall subject the violator to the penalties described in Section 3.5 of this local law.
- (2) The Local Administrator shall issue, or cause to be issued, a stop work order for any floodplain development found non-compliant with the provisions of this law and/or the conditions of the development permit. Disregard of a stop work order shall subject the violator to the penalties described in Section 3.5 of this local law.

4.4-7 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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- (1) In areas of special flood hazard, as determined by documents enumerated in Section 3.2, it shall be unlawful to occupy or to permit the use or occupancy of any building or premises, or both, or part thereof hereafter created, erected, changed, converted or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use or structure until a certificate of compliance has been issued by the Local Administrator stating that the building or land conforms to the requirements of this local law.
- (2) A certificate of compliance shall be issued by the Local Administrator upon satisfactory completion of all development in areas of special flood hazard.
- (3) Issuance of the certificate shall be based upon the inspections conducted as prescribed in Section 4.4-5, INSPECTIONS, and/or any certified elevations, hydraulic data, floodproofing, anchoring requirements or encroachment analyses which may have been required as a condition of the approved permit.

4.4-8 INFORMATION TO BE RETAINED

The Local Administrator shall retain and make available for inspection, copies of the following:

- (1) Floodplain development permits and certificates of compliance; and
- (2) Certifications of as-built lowest floor elevations of structures, required pursuant to sub-sections 4.4-4(1) and 4.4-4(2), and whether or not the structures contain a basement; and
- (3) Floodproofing certificates required pursuant to sub-section 4.4-4(1), and whether or not the structures contain a basement; and
- (4) Variances issued pursuant to Section 6.0, VARIANCE PROCEDURES; and,
- (5) Notices required under sub-section 4.4-3, ALTERATION OF WATERCOURSES.

SECTION 5.0
CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

5.1 GENERAL STANDARDS

The following standards apply to new development, including new and substantially improved structures, in the areas of special flood hazard shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map designated in Section 3.2.

5.1-1 SUBDIVISION PROPOSALS

The following standards apply to all new subdivision proposals and other proposed development in areas of special flood hazard (including proposals for manufactured home and recreational vehicle parks and subdivisions):

- (1) Proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage; and
- (2) Public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems shall be located and constructed so as to minimize flood damage; and,
- (3) Adequate drainage shall be provided to reduce exposure to flood damage.

5.1-2 ENCROACHMENTS

- (1) Within Zones A1-A30 and AE, on streams without a regulatory floodway, no new construction, substantial improvements or other development (including fill) shall be permitted unless:

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- (i) The applicant demonstrates that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any location, or,
 - (ii) The Town of Coeymans agrees to apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a conditional FIRM revision, FEMA approval is received and the applicant provides all necessary data, analyses and mapping and reimburses the Town of Coeymans for all fees and other costs in relation to the application. The applicant must also provide all data, analyses and mapping and reimburse the Town of Coeymans for all costs related to the final map revision.
- (2) On streams with a regulatory floodway, as shown on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map or the Flood Insurance Rate Map adopted in Section 3.2, no new construction, substantial improvements or other development in the floodway (including fill) shall be permitted unless:
- (i) A technical evaluation by a licensed professional engineer shows that such an encroachment shall not result in any increase in flood levels during occurrence of the base flood, or,
 - (ii) The Town of Coeymans agrees to apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a conditional FIRM and floodway revision, FEMA approval is received and the applicant provides all necessary data, analyses and mapping and reimburses the Town of Coeymans for all fees and other costs in relation to the application. The applicant must also provide all data, analyses and mapping and reimburse the Town of Coeymans for all costs related to the final map revisions.

5.2 STANDARDS FOR ALL STRUCTURES

The following standards apply to new development, including new and substantially improved structures, in the areas of special flood hazard shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map designated in Section 3.2.

5.2-1 ANCHORING

New structures and substantial improvement to structures in areas of special flood hazard shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement during the base flood. This requirement is in addition to applicable State and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.

5.2-2 CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND METHODS

- (1) New construction and substantial improvements to structures shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage.
- (2) New construction and substantial improvements to structures shall be constructed using methods and practices that minimize flood damage.
- (3) For enclosed areas below the lowest floor of a structure within Zones A1-A30, AE or AH, and also Zone A if base flood elevation data are available, new and substantially improved structures shall have fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are useable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding, designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of flood waters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a licensed professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:
 - (i) A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding; and

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- (ii) The bottom of all such openings no higher than one foot above the lowest adjacent finished grade.

Openings may be equipped with louvers, valves, screens or other coverings or devices provided they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters. Enclosed areas sub-grade on all sides are considered basements and are not permitted.

5.2-3 UTILITIES

- (1) New and replacement electrical equipment, heating, ventilating, air conditioning plumbing connections, and other service equipment will be located at least two feet about the base flood elevation or be designed to prevent water from entering and accumulating within the components during a flood and to resist hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and stresses. Electrical wiring and outlets, switches, junction boxes and panels shall also be elevated or designed to prevent water from entering and accumulating within the components unless they conform to the appropriate provisions of the electrical part of the Building Code of New York State or Residential Code of New York State for location of such items in wet locations; and
- (2) New and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system; and
- (3) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters. Sanitary sewer and storm drainage systems for buildings that have openings below the base flood elevation shall be provided with automatic backflow valves or other automatic backflow devices that are installed in each discharge line passing through a building's exterior wall; and
- (4) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.

5.3 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

5.3-1 ELEVATION

The following standards apply to new and substantially improved residential structures located in areas of special flood hazard, in addition to the requirements in sub-sections 5.1-1, SUBDIVISION PROPOSALS, and 5.1-2, ENCROACHMENTS, and Section 5.2, STANDARDS FOR ALL STRUCTURES.

- (1) Within Zones A1-A30, AE and AH and also Zone A if base flood elevation data are available, new construction and substantial improvements shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above two feet above the base flood elevation.
- (2) Within Zone A, when no base flood elevation data are available, new construction and substantial improvements shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated at least three feet above the highest adjacent grade.
- (3) Within Zone AO, new construction and substantial improvements shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the highest adjacent grade at least as high as two feet above the depth number specified in feet on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map enumerated in Section 3.2 (at least two feet if no depth number is specified).
- (4) Within Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths are required to guide flood waters around and away from proposed structures on slopes.

5.4 NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

The following standards apply to new and substantially improved commercial, industrial and other non-residential structures located in areas of special flood hazard, in addition to the requirements in sub-sections 5.1-1, SUBDIVISION PROPOSALS, and 5.1-2, ENCROACHMENTS, and SECTION 5.2, STANDARDS FOR ALL STRUCTURES.

- (1) Within Zones A1-A30, AE and AH, and also Zone A if base flood elevation data are available, new construction and substantial improvements of any non-residential structure shall either,
 - (i) Have the lowest floor, including basement or cellar, elevated to or above two feet above the base flood elevation; or
 - (ii) Be floodproofed so that the structure is watertight below two feet above the base flood elevation, including attendant utility and sanitary facilities, with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water. All structural components located below the base flood level must be capable of resisting the effects of buoyancy.
- (2) Within Zone AO, new construction and substantial improvements of non-residential structures shall;
 - (i) Have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the highest adjacent grade at least as high as two feet above the depth number specified in feet on the community's FIRM (at least two feet if no depth number is specified); or
 - (ii) Together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be completely floodproofed to that level to meet the floodproofing standard specified in sub-section 5.4(1) (ii)
- (3) If the structure is to be floodproofed, a licensed professional engineer or architect shall develop and/or review structural design, specifications, and plans for construction. A Floodproofing Certificate or other certification shall be provided to the Local Administrator that certifies the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of Section 5.4 (1) (ii), including the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure is to be floodproofed.
- (4) Within Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths are required to guide flood waters around and away from proposed structures on slopes.
- (5) Within Zone A, when no base flood elevation data are available, the lowest floor (including basement) shall be elevated at three feet above the highest adjacent grade.

5.5 MANUFACTURED HOMES AND RECREATION VEHICLES

The following standards in addition to the standards in Section 5.1, GENERAL STANDARDS, and Section 5.2, STANDARDS FOR ALL STRUCTURES apply, as indicated, in areas of special flood hazard to manufactured homes and to recreational vehicles which are located in areas of special flood hazard.

- (1) The Zoning Board as established by the Town of Coeymans shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from the requirement of this Local Law.
- (2) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the Local Administrator in the enforcement or administration of this Local Law.

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- (3) Those aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals may appeal such decision to the Supreme Court pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (4) In passing upon such applications, the Zoning Board of Appeals, shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, standards specified in other sections of this Local Law, and
 - (i) The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury to others; and
 - (ii) The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage; and
 - (iii) The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner; and
 - (iv) The importance of services provided by the proposed facility to the community; and
 - (v) The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location, where applicable; and
 - (vi) The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use which are not subject to flooding or erosion damage; and
 - (vii) The compatibility of the proposed use to with existing and anticipated development; and
 - (viii) The relationship of the proposed use to the Comprehensive Plan and Floodplain Management Program of that area; and
 - (ix) The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles, and
 - (x) The costs to local governments and the dangers associated with conduction search and rescue operations during periods of flooding, and
 - (xi) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and sediment transport of the flood waters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site; and
 - (xii) The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including search and rescue operations, maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems and streets and bridges.
- (5) Upon consideration of the factors of Section 6.1(4) and the purposes of this Local Law, the Zoning Board of Appeals may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to further the purposes of this Local Law.
- (6) The Local Administrator shall maintain the records of all appeal actions including technical information and report any variances to the Federal Emergency Management Agency upon request.

6.2 CONDITIONS FOR VARIANCES

- (1) Generally, variances may be issued for new construction and substantial improvements to be erected on a lot of one-half acre or less in size conotiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the base flood level, providing items (i-xii) in Section 6.1(4) have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond the one-half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.

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- (2) Variances may be issued for the repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon determination that:
 - (i) The proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "Historic Structure"; and
 - (ii) The variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.
- (3) Variances may be issued by a community for new construction and substantial improvements and for other development necessary for the conduct of a functionally dependent use provided that:
 - (i) The criteria of subparagraph 1,4,5 and 6 of this section are met; and
 - (ii) The structure or other development is protected by methods that minimize flood damages during the base flood and create no additional threat to public safety.
- (4) Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
- (5) Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
- (6) Variances shall only be issued upon receiving written justification of:
 - (i) A showing of good and sufficient cause; and
 - (ii) A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant; and
 - (iii) A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public or conflict with existing Local Laws or ordinances.
- (7) Any applicant whom a variance is granted for a building with the lowest floor below the base flood elevation shall be given written notice over the signature of a community official that:
 - (i) The issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25.00 for \$100.00 insurance coverage; and
 - (ii) Such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions as required in Section 4.4-8 of this Local Law.

RES. #167-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE 2015 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town is permitted by virtue of Section 122-b of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, to provide emergency ambulance service for the purpose of treating and transporting sick and injured persons found within its boundaries to an acute care hospital, and

WHEREAS, the Ravena Rescue Squad has trained and experienced personnel and is certified by the New York State Department of Health as an Ambulance Service, and

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WHEREAS, the Ravena Rescue Squad is desirous of furnishing emergency medical services to said Town under the terms and conditions set forth in the Emergency Medical Services Agreement, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute said Emergency Medical Services Agreement 2015, this date December 8, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is the same amount of money as last year, \$144,960.00 and is in the budget.

RES. #168-14 APPOINT CHIEF WASTE WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, John Kerr has served provisionally as Chief Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerr has taken and passed the Civil Service Test, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerr's rank on the list in number 1, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerr is desirous of being appointed Chief Sewage Treatment Plant Operator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints John Kerr to the Albany County Civil Service position of Chief Sewage Treatment Plant Operator at a rate of \$23.15 per hour. This appointment is from Albany County Civil Service list/exam number 201462902 and takes effect immediately.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Kerr was hired at the beginning of the year and has a great asset to the Town and they appreciate his hard work, he took the Civil Service Test and passed it with flying colors, as they knew he would and they are happy to have him work for the Town.

CORRESPONDENCE

Albany County Legislature

Supervisor Flach stated that there are two pieces of property that have been authorized by the County of Albany to the Town of Coeymans and he needs a motion to accept them and to pay a \$60.00 transfer fee for said properties, 78 and 84 Main Street in the Hamlet of Coeymans.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, authorizing the transfer of 78 & 84 Main Street and to pay the \$60.00 transfer fee.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

FEMA – National Flood Insurance Program

Supervisor Flach read the excerpt from a letter as follows:

Dear Mr. Flach,

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the Flood Plain Management measures for the Town of Coeymans, New York, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- A Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community.
- The FIS and FIRM will become effective on March 16, 2015.

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- By the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable flood plain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 60.3(d).

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's flood plain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by March 16, 2015. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Supervisor Flach stated that this pertains to the Local Law that they just passed.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Public Hearing, December 16, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, December 16, 2014, 6:30pm
- ZBA Meeting, December 23, 2104, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief McKenna gave a brief report for the month of November. He continued by saying that he wanted to acknowledge some of the people that he works with and added that on November 1st the Coeymans Police Athletic League had their Haunted Hayride, which started out as a beautiful day but then got brutally cold and in spite of that Coeymans Hollow Fire, Ravena Fire, Town of Coeymans Fire Police, Ravena Rescue, Albany County EMS in conjunction with Sargent Dan Contento, Todd Polverelli, Jim Gallagher, Dawne LaMountain, Kyle Kearney, Amanda Mueller, Tressa Young, Matt Mueller, Nick LaMountain and Jeff D'Ambrosio worked under the guidance of Officer Jon Myers, the Pal Coordinator who works tirelessly for the effort, to host a fantastic event. He added that a little over 300 people came and braved the weather because of such good word of mouth and it is the work of Jon Myers and everyone that works with him is a shining star in the Police Athletic Program County wide and he wanted him to know what a great job he and all the volunteers did on that evening and he thanks them for their efforts.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wanted to let the Board know that the salt shed is up and there is material in it and they are ready for a storm.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that what the Police, Scott and Sewer Treatment Plant Operator are doing is fantastic and every week he sees things getting better and better with everyone working together, he sees a lot of positive things happening, it is the season to be jolly and he thinks it is really cool with everything that is going on and he wanted to end on a positive note.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to congratulate Mr. Kerr on his permanent position with the Town; they are very pleased with his performance over the past year. He added that he is and everyone else is aware of the fiscal issues that they are dealing with in the Town, he is not saying that they did everything perfectly right but he thinks that they have a good plan going forward with what they are attempting to do and he thinks they are going to see the results of that and they will be able to address them in more detail as time goes on. He continued by saying that they never did end up taking the money out of the Sewer Fund, it became unnecessary, they avoided it so that concern didn't happen and they did exercise the Tax Anticipation Note and approved it as a \$500,000.00 figure because it is the limit that was put but the actual amount he

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believes was \$310,000.00 and they will be able to zero that out in a year or two with the budgets in place that they are putting forward. He concluded by saying that it is being addressed, it is not a perfect world and there were a lot of unforeseen issues that they would rather not talk about in public, but they are there and they are dealing with them, will continue to do so and would appreciate everyone's support.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to compliment Chief McKenna as he continues to improve, organize, reorganize, and restructure the Police Department, he is in awe of his energy and he is putting it to good use and very impressive. He continued by thanking Mr. Kerr for keeping everything going down the stream and then thanked Mr. Sean Snyder for attending the meeting to support our veterans, which are approximately 600.

Mr. Snyder interjected that there are approximately 600 veterans but only 60 properties with the Veteran's Exemption because many veterans rent so they don't get the exemption.

Councilman Masti continued by thanking Mr. Snyder and all of those who have served because without their efforts they probably would not be enjoying their freedoms and it is a worthy cause to give them a bit of a tax break because he personally has never had to take a gun into battle and he appreciates and honors those who did.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he stated that he had something that he wanted to share and read the following:

Last week, we took a T.A.N. out for \$310,000.00. We are waiting for money from this year's revenues to come in; \$110,000.00 from State CHIPS (which is for Highway), \$60,000.00 from Sales Tax Revenue.

The other \$140,000.00 is revenue shortfalls and unexpected expenses that I will explain in a few minutes. We did not have to borrow from the Sewer Fund, as we thought we may need to, and the amount to borrow until February is quite a bit less. The note will be paid off in February, after the Sales Tax, Chips, and Taxes come in.

When I sat down to do the budget, There were quite a few things that I considered. First, you look at the expenditures from the year before and see how things were budgeted. If you are under budget in something you consider if you want to leave it or put in a bit less the following year, depending on why it was under. If something is over budget you ascertain why and budget accordingly for the following year.

Your Departments give you their wish list, and you begin to look at those individual budgets and each employee. We have union and non-union employees. The Union employees receive raises based on the union contract. The Non- union employees are given raises at the will of the Board. When I came into office, the non-union personnel had not had raises in 6 years. As far as raises this year, I felt that there were a couple of elected and non-union positions that needed to come up to the standards of the other employees.

This brings me to a comment that was made at the last meeting. The Highway Department is actually under budget this year by \$50,000.00. Almost 2 years ago, Former Highway Superintendent Albert Deering came to the Board wanting to hire Guy Weidman (who is my brother-in-law) as a mechanic. As Highway Superintendent he has the authority to pick who he wants to hire per Highway Law, and the Board does a resolution based on; if they can, or want to fund that position. Tom Dolan, Tom Boehm, Dawn Rogers, and Peter Masti hired Mr. Weidman, as I abstained from the vote, telling the board and the community that he was indeed, my brother-in-law. Mr. Weidman, as a mechanic, saved the town over \$10,000.00 on equipment last year, and over \$15,000.00 in fuel this year, along with other things like uniforms. The Deputy Superintendent position for Highway has been filled for over 8 years. The current Highway Superintendent appointed Mr. Weidman as his Deputy. Because of some off comments about the Deputy, I do know about Highway, running equipment, and having employees, and I also know that Mr. Weidman is more than qualified for that position. He pays taxes in this town. Because of the need for someone to oversee jobs and workers, it was less money to have a Deputy than to

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have a Union Foreman. There are 10 workers out at the Highway and 2 Supervisors that work alongside their workers.

Now, in 2011, the “A” Fund Budget was \$3,148,000.00, which is the General Fund. We have reduced the “A” Fund Budget by \$140,000.00 over the past 3 years and it reflects in the 2015 budget that we just put out.

When I came into office in 2012, there was a Fund Balance in the Highway Department of \$220,000.00, which was totally fictitious as Highway has no ability to have that kind of Fund Balance. The year before it was \$ 200,000.00, Highway has no ability to bring in revenue other than minor amounts of interest, and sales of scrap, equipment, etc. They are funded by transfers from the “B” Fund (mostly sales tax money), and State CHIPS money. Since 2012, we have decreased that imaginary Fund Balance to zero for 2015. There was a scramble at the end of 2011 to move money to Highway to pay bills, yet there was a supposed Fund Balance of \$220,000.00? In 2011, an Internal Control Officer was brought in at \$105.00 an hour. He made many recommendations, because there were many due to’s and due from’s, aka interfund loaning, these were never done. We pay an outside accountant who made the same recommendations to the Boards to fix the many carry-overs, and due to’s and due from’s that had been there for quite a few years. In 2010 and again in 2012, the NYS Comptroller came in and did an audit of the books for the previous years because our Annual Financial Reporting kept showing these interfund loans and due to’s and due from’s. Without going into many details, we fixed most of the issues that were within the books, and basically received an “A” report from the Comptroller in 2013 for working on these things.

My Bookkeeping and Human Resources budget is \$40,000.00 lower than in previous years, as we have condensed, and are making strides to modernize our outdated bookkeeping with accounting and payroll software.

I signed a contract with our ambulance that was neglected for years, and a police union contract that was overdue by a year when I came into office. There was money owed by the Village that we worked with them to get paid. These are just a couple of small things that have been taken care of since I have been here.

Three years later, we are still working on getting rid of a using a Fund Balance to such a large extent, and I hope to have that taken care of within the next two years.

For 2015, I am proud to say that we have only 4% of our revenue coming from a Fund Balance, down from 12% on average, when I came into office.

I am not one to throw people under the bus, or belittle anyone for making mistakes. I make plenty of mistakes myself. I am here, trying to do a job to the best of my ability. I try and surround myself with people who know what I don’t. I have never publically thrown any former administration under the bus, even though I have had cause and reason. I try to use the rule of treating others, the way I want to be treated. I feel like I have tried to treat people fairly and justly as the Supervisor. I do not have a political agenda, and I am not looking ahead to the next election as has been the case over the last few weeks, with some people. I am writing these comments, because I actually do care about the community and my character and integrity. When the next Supervisor takes this office, I am proud to say that we have accomplished much toward making this office run more efficiently for the future.

No one could have foreseen having to pay out an extra \$65,000.00, or predicted an anticipated revenue shortfall of \$75,000.00. As far as the Police going over budget, we worked with the former Chief from the beginning of the year, and had a few unexpected issues. As far as unexpected lawyer bills, I hope the whole town is upset about the fact that 4 residents would place a lawsuit against the Town because of their dislike toward one individual, who is creating jobs, assessment increases, and helping to clean up some long overdue areas by the Coeymans Creek.

What I can answer for, is the overspending of our Dispatch Center, as I did not realize from April of this year until August that we were continuing to train people, and I was assured that we were within budget, which clearly we were not. I should have made sure that the Department Head had that in hand, and not trusted everything I was told.

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Departments will need to be careful to stay within their budgets in 2015, as most have this year. I am confident that we are going to have a great year, as we have some possible unanticipated revenues, and good Department Heads to run their departments.

Supervisor Flach continued by saying that it is going to be a great year and he thanks all the members of the Board.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:52

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read February 9, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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December 9, 2014 – Special Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

TOWN BOARD: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Larry Conrad Sewer Administrator

Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOTICE
SPECIAL
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Special Meeting for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss proposed Sewer Rates for 2015. The meeting will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

SEWER DISCUSSION

Supervisor Flach stated that they needed to go over some dates and he didn't realize that for a Notice it has to be advertised 5 days before a Public Hearing then asked if it would be possible for the Board to meet with the Village next Wednesday, December 17th and he is waiting to hear back from the Mayor on that date.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he had given the Board two proposed sewer budgets, one based on 75/25% split and the other based on 80/20% split.

Supervisor Flach asked if everyone agreed to have a Public Hearing on December 29th at 6:00pm to set the Sewer Rates and added that he would not be present but everyone else would be. He continued by saying that if they can get the Village to agree with one of the two proposals, they will be able to lower the rates.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he had also given them a copy of last year's budget. He added that he wanted to point out that the meters have been working since July so at the end of December they will have six months of readings and the last time they had six months they pushed them to hold off until mid-year or April to make the meter readings so it is probably going to be another issue with the Village. He continued by saying that it promoted a problem and they are seeing money in the bank account this year because they based their whole year on 60/40 when the first two months of it was 65/35 so he is assuming that the money left over in the Sewer Funds, they have not determined what portion of it is Town only and Village shared. He went on by saying that he has to work that out because he just got November vouchers and once he gets them put in the system he will have a better idea of where they stand with those numbers. He added that at the meeting in June they didn't accomplish a whole lot as far as the trunk sewer line and he is now giving them some information to look at prior to the Joint Meeting with the Village, which includes the proposal where they proposed the trunk sewer line once again. He continued by saying that as they know, they have been approved by DEC to get out of the

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moratorium provided they stick with the now approved plan, which is the proposed plan that includes upgrades to the trunk sewer line, which the Hamlet can't afford to do and without that the trunk sewer outside the gate will not be improved. He added that he and Trustee Bailey have looked over the situation down at the Sewer Plant and because they are relocating manhole 2, he has agreed to allow the 180 feet of pipe to go in from manhole 1 down next to where it goes into the plant to manhole 2 just inside the gate and reiterated that he has agreed to that as being part of the Shared Services Agreement. He went on by saying that everything from manhole 2 out, is a negotiable item and it would be nice if they could get them to at least look at it, otherwise they are going to be done in short order with their upgrades to the plant sometime next year and DEC won't be happy with them.

Councilman Dolan asked what portion of the overall project is to manhole 2.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is a major portion and will get the Hamlet out of trouble. He continued by saying that all of the Town's violations have been at the plant, they have not been written up for anything outside the plant, it has been all overflow. He added that to date all of the concrete structures are at the Sewer Plant and have been unloaded, the valving and pumps are in the process of being shipped and should be here within the next couple of weeks but the weather change isn't going to make it easy for getting some of those things in the ground but they still have to attempt to do it. He went on by saying that even if it is done in early spring, they will be in position enough to where they can tap manhole 2 into the old system and still bypass pump into the lagoon and take care of their overflow problem, hopefully it will take care of 90% of it. He continued by saying that they may end up with an overflow in some of the manholes up the line someplace but hopefully it will relieve a lot of the problem and they won't know until they see how it goes and the ultimate way is to get at least up through manhole 5 where the flattest part of the flow is and it would definitely take care of most of their problem because that is the section of line where it so flat that it surges and backs up, it would be great if they could get at least that part done, which would include 1,200 feet of two foot pipe but they really should go manholes 6,7,8 & 9 and that would bring them up to manhole 10 at Route 144 and James Drive where the two foot is supposed to end. He added that the Board has the proposed amendment, which relocated as they have discussed, going up through the property that the Town acquired and the only remaining piece is the mobile home that is still a loose link out there that needs to be resolved and those items should be discussed as well as the rates and he would encourage at the very least because the meter readings are strong enough that they should ask for 75/25% until they have a full year's worth of readings and then set the rate based on that at the very least, which he is hopeful will stay at the 80/20 mark but if not they will continue on with the 75/25%. He went on by saying that it becomes an issue for the rates at the Public Hearing and whether they should go with 75/25% or 80/20% or somewhere in the middle and it would be helpful if they could negotiate a finalized percent.

Councilman Dolan stated that the contract says that they should do it based on a year's worth of readings and then asked if the contract provides for changing the rates mid-year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the contract actually says every two years but they have ignored that to this point and been doing yearly and last year because the meters were down, they arbitrarily extended it and never did an amendment to the contract, which they should have done to virtually verify that fact. He added that it has been done for a 1 ½ years at 60/40% and the other half of the year at 65/35% but it is basically what they agree on and they can agree to any term they want but that makes it tough for budget purposes.

Councilman Dolan asked what the likelihood is that the Village will agree to 75/25% or agree to change it 6 months into a two-year contract and if he had any sense of that.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he knows as many of them know and has been dealing with them long enough to know that they may just want to stay at 60/40% and they wanted the Town to sign a 20 year contract at 60/40%.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Dolan if he has spoken with Trustee Bailey at all.

Councilman Dolan stated that he hadn't.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he talked to Trustee Bailey about it and he understands where they are at with the rates but they don't have a year's worth of readings and then they went all over the place from there. He added that Trustee Bailey is not the only person on the Village Board, there are four other members, however they rely on him, which he understands because he is probably the one that has the most knowledge of the system. He continued by saying that ultimately they have already eaten 60/40% for an additional year because they had problems with the meters but he does not think that 60/40% is a fair rendition by any means.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he wouldn't mind staying 60/40% six months into the contract if they could change it to what the new numbers are now.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are averaging 81/19%.

Supervisor Flach stated that the other thing is that during the winter you don't get as much I&I because it is drier.

Councilman Langdon interjected that in the spring it is the heaviest I&I of the whole year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he has provided them something to think about and negotiate with the Village as they do whatever they can do but they have to come up with something before the Public Hearing and reiterated that he put together two budgets, which do not have fund balances and he assumes that there is going to be some kind of a fund balance either in Town only or both at this point because originally they looked at a premium of \$67,000.00 in Town only, which is why the rates were up there. He added that the part about it that is really a dilemma is if they can pay down the debt, which is what they are trying to do on the district and one bond that is Town debt is the stop-gap of the whole thing and causing them trouble, it was \$320,000.00 and now down to \$280,000.00 and they are forecast to pay another approximately \$20,000.00 on principal, which they could increase if they have additional money to pay that debt down a little further. He continued by saying that they don't dare do that until they are sure of what they have for a budget.

Councilman Dolan asked if the \$323.00 is per unit for a household.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is based on that rate or \$273.00 based on the 80/20%, which would be the minimum that they have to collect for that budget and it does not take into account if there are any fund balances coming forward and it doesn't take into account what the Village is going to end up agreeing to pay and if they are going to pay 60/40%, he is going to have to prepare another budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is \$525.00 annually right now.

Councilman Langdon asked if the Village and Town pay the same sewer rate.

Sewer Administrator stated that they don't and the Village pays next to nothing.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town charges the Village based on 60%.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is \$21,154.30 a month.

Councilman Langdon stated that they take 60% of the shared budget and split it among their 1,600 users and then the 40% is split among the Town's 400 users.

Ms. Regina Palmer asked why if there are a total of 2,000 using the sewer, why they would not divide the total due by how many people are using it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not how it works because it is a Sewer District.

Ms. Palmer stated that their district has more units.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they don't have a district, they have a contract and the Village usually holds the Town at bay for months until they browbeat them to agree on something because they get tired of arguing with them.

Ms. Palmer asked if the Town does the same thing to them with the water.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that the Village owns the water.

Ms. Palmer asked if they own everything that runs down the sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they do.

Councilman Langdon stated that his argument is why they don't take all the water and sewer, make it its own district, which should be governed by another whole new Board and the water and sewer should be treated as an entity.

Councilman Dolan stated that they don't own the water, they don't have that option.

Councilman Langdon stated that the Town should give them the sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they don't want it and they come to the table that they have to negotiate the best deal that they can for their Village residents and the Town goes to the table trying to negotiate the best deal but they get tired of it.

Councilman Langdon asked how much money the Town charges the Village in taxes to have the water facility in the Town.

Sewer Administrator stated that there is no charge.

Councilman Langdon asked why they don't and continued by saying that he believes that the Town should tax the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that he thinks the water mains should be taxed.

Councilman Masti asked why they always look at how much rainfall they have to affect the I&I.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that depending on how the rainfall comes, typically what has happened in the past until Oakbrook started their flows, the I&I was mostly them but now that they have fixed all but a couple of lines and other minor problems that they had here and there, their I&I has become much less but it hasn't gone away, it is still there. He added that in the Hamlet, they are still full with I&I someplace but they haven't found it yet.

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Councilman Masti asked if someplace means that there is a break in the storm water or something similar like that, which means there is an outside source getting into the sewer lines increasing the I&I.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that most of it is footing drains, gutter drains and sump pumps.

Councilman Masti stated that it really doesn't have anything to do with sewage produced by the individual units and to him, the only thing that makes sense, which he has been preaching for three years, is that it should be unit based split evenly among everyone and if they don't like it, they should give an option.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they did give an option, meters and forced the Town into spending money on them.

Councilman Dolan stated that he has a meter in his house that has never been read.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that they should tax them on their water.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Water Board pays taxes for the Alcove Reservoir.

Supervisor Flach stated that the other thing that they need to consider and he has said it at other meetings, their waste is going through the Town's lines, all 1,600.00 users, but the Town is responsible for the lines.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was pointed out in a letter dated October 2nd, and basically the last two contracts, the 1967 original and the 1999 had paragraph eight that said any increase in the trunk sewer line, and even back then they realized the trunk sewer line was a shared thing, and any need to increase that would be on a benefit derived basis. He added that then Supervisor Youmans, at his midnight meetings, without anyone else having too much input on the contract, negotiated that paragraph 8 out in 2010, which Mr. Bailey is quick to point out so that piece is gone away but bottom line is that it is still a shared line that they want to reroute, which is described in the new agreement that they have discussed many times. He continued by saying that it is a much more proficient route and hopefully it will take care of all the back-ups and problems that they have had from the Village and they will be able to get rid of the VanHoesen Street overflow, which is what they engineered with DEC and DEC agrees with the models that have been provided by C.T. Male, that this will overcome their issues.

Councilman Burns asked if the Town rents the line that goes down Main Street.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they did until 2010 when that was the one thing that was given up.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is 1/3 of the length and it has 60 users to their 1600 users and then asked if they have legal recourse with their line and charging a flow-through charge.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if they negotiate it, they probably could.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they could sue them.

Councilman Langdon stated that they could take it to court and see what a judge would have to say about something like this.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that they don't have a contract.

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Supervisor Flach asked how long the contract is good for.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are two ten-year extensions after this one so it is 30 years total and has been in place since July 2010.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is until 2020.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can opt out of it.

Councilman Dolan stated it isn't all about past Supervisor Youmans and he doesn't know enough about it to be pointing fingers.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he does and Supervisor Youmans negotiated a bad deal and also forgot to include \$62,000.00.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was ridiculous and that he wasn't going to stand for it.

Councilman Masti interjected that Councilman Dolan should just leave.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wasn't going to leave.

Sewer Administration Conrad stated that the facts are the facts and the Town has been abused for years.

Councilman Burns asked if they were to try and negotiate a new sewer rate, if the Village has something to fall back on that says they don't have to do it for another year.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town does not have a whole lot of leg to stand on.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that right now they have five months of meter readings and this is what they have got.

Councilman Burns stated that the Village could say that they want to wait another 6-8 months to see what the meters say then.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they could.

Councilman Masti asks what happens at the end of that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad asked what they should do until then and if they should stay at 60/40%.

Councilman Burns asked if they could put something in stone saying that if they are going to have to wait an additional 6-8 months, are they are going to go by what the meters say.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that hopefully they would still work and his biggest fear is it has been so unreliable at the point that it is causing them the issues and it has been one thing after another and finally this is the first month that they haven't had a glitch in it and during the past two months prior to this, every once in a while when it gets to high flows it goes to 34 million gallons per minute, which can't fit through a 15 inch line at the point so they black that day out and divide by the remaining days and come up with an average. He added that it has happened on two occasions and they have the people who sold the meter working on it and they aren't even sure what is causing it and in December, with a higher flow, there was 1.74 inches of

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rain and it didn't happen. He concluded by saying that they are stuck in the dark and they need negotiate something.

Councilman Dolan asked what is more important for the Sewer District users, to get them to agree to the trunk line or a new negotiated tougher split.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated it would be a tougher split in his opinion because they have settled their agreement with DEC and their agreement is going to be upon having an agreement with the Town of Coeymans, so they have them over a barrel and they are going to spend their money of VanHoesen Street.

Councilman Dolan interjected that in his opinion it would be pointless.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is also his opinion. He added that they left the 10 foot section of pipe out on Blaisdell Avenue for a reason, so they can't get through there until they sign some kind of a contract and it is basically what separates them from the Blaisdell to Colvin fix, which they have done already and going the rest of the way down, they have to still go from Colvin to Main Street, which is another project and another part of the trunk sewer that the Hamlet can't afford to do anymore. He continued by saying that \$525.00 does not seem like a lot for one unit, but it is those that have 2-3-and four that is killing them

Supervisor Flach interjected that there are some with 10 units.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that there is one with 27.

Councilman Langdon asked who has 27.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is Civil Senior Housing.

Ms. Regina Palmer asked if they are charged by unit.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is \$525.00 a unit.

Councilman Masti interjected that it is also only one person per unit.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that another dilemma that they have is that Mr. Dilella called them and informed that next year the Town may not re-levy any sewer or water, which is \$105,000.00 that will go on the 2015 tax bills.

Town Clerk Millious stated that he told her this year they can but probably not next year, they have to be metered to be re-levied.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there is a bill in the legislature and unless everything is metered, they cannot re-levy so they may have another issue brewing for cash flow and it is an issue that Trustee Bailey doesn't believe and he advised that he should speak with Mr. Dilella. He added that he had spoken with Mr. Dilella and asked why it is going to be for sewer, which is done on a per unit basis in accordance with General Municipal Law, which put him over the barrel and he was going to speak with legal counsel to discuss it and hopefully they will still be able to re-levy the sewer.

Councilman Masti stated that sewer is per unit and then asked why they would be paying based on meters.

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Councilman Dolan stated that they are a different kind of meter, Sewer Administrator Conrad is talking about meters in an individual house and the things that they meter are in the line itself and not in individual homes.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are meters in three sections and they are monitoring the point where it comes from the Village into the Town and two points where they say it comes into the Village, with one section, 9W north, not even being in the Sewer District.

Councilman Dolan stated that typically sewers are not metered and it is based on water usage, water in equals water out, which is not an exact science but it is usually how it is done.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is up to 40,000 per household.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they don't meter the water, so they don't meter the sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that this year they have to be even more careful how they used the words 80,000 gallons and it needs to stay out of the resolution the next time.

Councilman Dolan asked why.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if they indicate that there is any kind of meter reading, it can be a problem and the few commercial that they do read, they do look at the water usage and it is how they determine multiple units for places like restaurants that use over 80,000 gallons and it is how they did it with the school, they based it on how many units went through their meter. He continued by saying that they gave Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary back to the Village because it goes into their line and flows through the meters as well as Rite Aid, which is in the Town but flows into a Village sewer line and they weren't going to meter it separately as well as 6-8 people who have been negotiated back in the Village system that they no longer have. He added that they have not checked the Village units since 2006 when they came up with the 1,160 count when he and Village Building Inspector Burns went through and did a survey of the district to come up with that number for the Village.

Supervisor Flach asked if Trustee Bailey gave any indication that they would use the proposed percentage for six-months.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he acted like he was going to look for a full year.

Councilman Dolan asked what was now on the table and if they had to come up with a rate for a Public Hearing.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that they have to come up with a budget number at the very least.

Supervisor Flach stated that when they meet with the Village they have to ask if they are willing to budge on the rate.

Councilman Dolan stated that his first instinct is to set it lower than the \$523.00 but not so low that it is a problem if the Village stiffes them and he thinks it is worse to go to a Public Hearing with a higher number than they put up first.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they were hoping to drop the rate a little bit.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would rather not have to go up.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they need to go to the Village and ask what they are willing to do on the 80/20% and meet them somewhere in there and once they find that out, they will have 12 days before the Public Hearing to set a rate and hopefully the Village will agree to 75/25% and they will be able to lower the rate somewhat but they have outstanding things that they have to pay off. He continued by saying that even if they could save folks \$25.00, it would be something and anything at this point would be good..

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he has given them enough information, the 75/25% and if they tell him they want 60/40% he will develop the rates based on that and basically the 100% for Town only stays the same and the 60/40% share just changes on their overall budget so they can pretty much figure it out for themselves and he put how he arrived at the formula based on the vacant parcel charge, which remains the same each time and the 448 units is the same number but he has not gone through the addresses and changes yet.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has a question about the options with the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they should go in asking for 80/20% and will be lucky if they come out with 75/25% and his opinion is that Trustee Bailey is going to look for 60/40% until there is a year worth of readings.

Supervisor Flach stated that Sewer Administrator Conrad had previously stated that Trustee Bailey is only one person so maybe they can convince the others that they have to do something and meet them somewhere on a number and maybe in six-months they will read them again, which will be one year and then asked if they could change it then.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can do anything that they agree to.

Councilman Dolan stated that the contract says two different things, it is based on a year worth of reading but it also says it is a two-year contract.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that they could say they have 2 years as of March because it started in April so if they read it in another three months, it would be two years at the rate of 60/40%.

Supervisor Flach stated that if they ask at the end of six months, which is June and from June to the next reading if it is 75/25% or 80/20%, which is a year and if they can do it for two years.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is basically what the contract says.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is what they should try to go for, in his opinion.

Councilman Langdon asked Sewer Administrator Conrad if Trustee Bailey will have the realization that it is really 80/20% and will end up with that eventually.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he won't and his excuse is that they have not had much rain and he is looking for the wet months to see where it comes out.

Councilman Langdon stated that Sewer Administrator Conrad knows the numbers better as to whether it is conceivable if they agree to 75/25% for a little more extended period of time and then asked if the Village was looking for 4-5 years.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was 60/40%.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was also to share the trunk sewer line.

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Councilman Langdon stated that if they truly know that the meters will show 80/20% and that is the way that it is going to go, would 4-5 years makes sense, which would give them the relief that they need now.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it won't give them much relief.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to know if it was worth it to them to consider an offer like that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the bottom line is the units and it should be 80/20 based on the units and not the I&I.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he just trying to negotiate.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the contract says it is supposed to be a 2 year rate, so far they had a 1-year rate and then a 1 ½ year rate and reiterated that they can do anything that they want but he would try to keep it down to a 2 year rate at the max. He added that he would rather it be done like the contract says, which is based on what the meters read.

Supervisor Flach stated that if they go six months at 80/20% and can work some kind of figure between 60/40% and 80/20% for six months, at the end of those six months they will have a year's worth of readings and in June determine the percent and then go with that for 2 years.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it would be great and as far as he is concerned, it is what the contract says but they have to determine what they are going to charge in the interim because they can't wait 6 months to bill them.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have to put it all on the table with the Village; they know that it is not going 60/40% and that it has to be changed.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that he would be happy to get 75/25% for 6 months and then whatever the meters say from there.

Councilman Burns stated that they keep playing Russian Roulette with the meters and then asked how far they have gone in trying to find the I&I leaks in the system and if they have gone house to house with dye.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are never going to get all the I&I and you just have to learn to deal with it, so much are footing drains, as they come across them they eliminate them but as he knows they have been shutting off water lines that have been leaking and every house down there has foundation drains, floor drains and sump pumps into the sewer. He reiterated that they are never going to get it all and as fast as they disconnect it, they hook it back up when they leave.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it isn't every house.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is a lot of them.

Councilman Langdon interjected that there are apparently houses with their sewer going into the storm drain.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are still a few someplace that they have not tracked down and another issue on the other side of the coin is as they find them, they will put them back in. He added that they took 7 services out of the storm sewer from Colvin to Blaisdell and they

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assume that based on the smell and issues down at the park that there are still more someplace that they have not tracked down and they have to continue going through the storm sewer all the way up through there but it requires a shared agreement because they have to negotiate a couple of easements that they really aren't ready to negotiate at this point in time until they know that the Village is going to share it with them. He continued by saying that it is nice that they got a chance to talk beforehand but as they can see, what they have on the Town side alone, when you look at the two figures and they come together there, if you do 60/40 the Village is paying about the same for 1,660 units as the Hamlet is for 448. He went on by saying that the debt is going to start to come up a little more, right now they are only at \$500,000.00 of the 3 million and at some point they have to start paying more on that, this year they are going to pay a piece of it and hopefully they will get most of it in under that number at this point to get them through the plan and that it is enough but they still have to put the tanks in the ground, 180 feet of pipe and make the tie-in to the old system.

Councilman Burns asked if they have everything that they need to do that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they don't, they don't have the pipe because they have been hoping that the Village would come onboard and they could order it all at once because it is a special order to bring it in out of Massachusetts. He added that the numbers that he has given them is a minimum amount.

Councilman Dolan stated that with the debt they are looking at for the Hamlet Sewer District, regardless of how it is split, it would be irresponsible to drop the rate too much because it happened to them once before as they know.

Supervisor Flach stated that they went crazy with dropping the rate and it went from \$380.00 to one-hundred something.

Ms. Regina Palmer interjected that she is afraid that the rates will go back up.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it makes it hard to raise it back up.

Councilman Burns stated that it hurts the people to raise it back up.

Councilman Dolan stated that they have to raise it, it is the math and it is the amount of money that you have to raise divided by the number of users and there is nothing else in there except that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that unfortunately because of DEC and the Consent Order they are handcuffed.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they don't have the ability to add new users.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Dolan if he had gotten a general consensus about the \$525.00.

Councilman Dolan stated that people don't like it.

Ms. Regina Palmer stated that if you have more than one unit, like she does, they are paying over \$1,000.00 a year for sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he will as well.

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Supervisor Flach stated that New Baltimore pays more than that and Bethlehem pays a lot more than that.

Ms. Palmer stated that New Baltimore does not have water rents and she would guess that they have a lot less units. She continued by saying that she is confused by the contract wording and then asked how it is that it wouldn't be based on the total of number of units that are using it because if someone builds a house in Ravena, she would think that they would have to pay their fair share.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he could give her a copy of the contract.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it makes for some interesting reading.

Ms. Palmer stated that she would like to look at it and continued by saying that if it wasn't negotiated in the best interest of the people paying, couldn't they as a Hamlet say that whoever negotiated it on their behalf screwed them.

Councilman Dolan stated that she is welcome to say that but they negotiated it a long time ago.

Ms. Palmer stated that regardless of who did it, it wasn't done in the best interest of people who use it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the first contract was 1967 but even then, those people who negotiated the contract had the foresight that if the trunk sewer had to be fixed or maintained, it said would be on a benefit derived basis, which would be units, meters or whatever. He continued by saying that going back as far as when the District was first started, the Village has never paid anything toward Capital Improvements and in 1967 the contract said that they pay a minimum of 20%, maximum of 30% of Capital Improvements but they paid 85/15% toward Operations and Maintenance and in 1969 they amended it to 40% for Capital Improvements, in 1973 they had a Review Board because prices were out of hand, which went nowhere and in 1974 the debt was raised to 46.2% for a new Bond but they were still paying the 80% for Operation and Maintenance. He added that in 1999, then Trustee John Neri finally negotiated a contract between the Village and Town and the debt went to 50/50% and they were still paying 85% of the Operations and Maintenance. He went on by saying that they have never paid their share of Capital Improvements and now the Capital Improvements on a 45 year old plant are going through the ceiling and it is why past Supervisor Youmans thought the contract was great because he finally got them to agree to pay whatever percent the meters say for both Capital Improvements and Operations and Maintenance, which was a great deal. He continued by saying that the problem was that they hadn't paid the Town in over a year and a half, it was \$355,000.00 that they owed the Town in Operations and Maintenance and \$62,000.00 in Capital Improvements and when the contract got done the \$355,000.00 made it in but the \$62,000.00 went by the wayside so the District ended up eating \$62,000.00 more in that debt that belonged to the Village and they refused to pay it.

Ms. Palmer asked if the Sewer District send out their own invoices.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they do but it is a monthly bill for the Village for \$21,000.00 based on the contract.

Ms. Palmer asked why the Sewer District doesn't bill the Village users.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Town has no jurisdiction over anything to do with the Village and the Village is its own entity even though it is totally within the Town, they are not subject to any of the Town's Local Laws or anything.

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Ms. Palmer stated that her water line broke, which means between the main and the house.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it is her problem.

Ms. Palmer asked what would happen if her sewer line broke between the main and the house.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it would be her problem.

Ms. Palmer stated that it says up to the house.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he assures her that it does not say that and it says to the main and she would have to get a permit and pay \$100.00 and he will inspect it when they put it in.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is usually that way.

Ms. Palmer stated that she didn't think when she was reading it that it said that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he would gladly go over it with her.

Councilman Burns stated that the Village used to fix the water and sewer lines and charge for parts and a certain amount of labor but then a lot of outside contractors complained that the Village was taking work away from them so they stopped doing it.

Ms. Palmer stated that they were nice enough to do theirs and they paid them.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there is a policy that they passed saying that they wouldn't do it anymore.

Councilman Burns asked if there is a shared contract for the Water Plant and if the Town has to pay a certain amount for it upkeep.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Town doesn't pay anything.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they pay 150% of whatever the Village pays.

Councilman Masti asked why.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is their water and they can charge whatever they want.

Councilman Masti interjected that the Town should charge the Village more for their sewage going down the Town's pipes.

Councilman Dolan stated that currently the Village pays approximately \$253,000.00, they can collect whatever they want from their Village residents to pay for that and over the years they have charged their people such a low percentage compared to the number of users but still charged them more than they actually need to and banked the money.

Ms. Palmer asked how that was right or fair.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they raised it 4 or 5 years ago and it was the first time in 20 years and they have such huge fund balances on sewer and water that it is pathetic.

Councilman Masti stated that with extortion techniques, that usually happens.

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Supervisor Flach stated that the Town should build its own Water Plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he guesses they were better negotiators than the Town and they have done well for the Village residents and you have to give them that, they have done well.

Councilman Burns stated that it is a great idea to build their own and at one time it was \$18.00 for a million gallons to build a Water Treatment Plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it still is.

Councilman Burns stated that if they can get the water from where they think they can, he does not think that it will take that much to filter it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it would take a chlorinator and that's it.

Councilman Burns stated that problem would be running the water.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it would be a 5 mile water line.

Ms. Palmer interjected that she thinks they should look for a grant to combine because it is ridiculous that they have two municipalities.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Village is looking into another grant for water and have hired an engineer firm to do a study and part of the grant is to include a new supply line from Deans Mill Road to the plant. He added that on the other side of the coin, Mr. Laraway applied for a grant and it is supposedly being awarded for 1 million dollars to the Town of Coeymans.

Councilman Burns asked if it would be for a water line to go down Main Street.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that it would be awarded to the Town of Coeymans and it is his understanding that the Governor is supposed to make the announcement and as they recall, Mr. Laraway paid for all of the engineering and hired the attorney's to do the work and the Town of Coeymans had to sign a form to participate but the money is coming to the Town of Coeymans for the upgrades.

Councilman Langdon stated that Sewer Administrator Conrad looked upset and then asked what the problem was.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he is not upset and he is just wondering how they are going to deal with it.

Councilman Burns asked if the Town can take over the water lines.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that 1 million dollars won't go far and the idea was originally to upgrade the main on Main Street from Railroad Avenue to Willis Avenue, down Willis to Carver's property and it is why he paid to do the work. He continued by saying that there apparently is a problem between Railroad and Willis, which the Village knows, they just don't know what or where it is but it is only a 8 inch line from Railroad down that was going to be improved to a 12 inch going down Willis to feed the Industrial Park. He added that it is the Village's call, it is their system and he is wondering how they deal with the 1 million dollars and he is waiting to see how it plays out, because it is not the Town's line.

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Councilman Burns stated that it could be the Town's first step in starting their own Sewer District.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that they have their own Sewer District, they need a Water District.

Councilman Burns stated that it is what he is saying.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the problem is that if Carver is paying for it, he will be expecting a supply down there.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he does not want to get too far carried away with it and he wants to make sure that it does not say Village of Ravena on the check first and there is someone else who is just as astounded that it is going to say Town of Coeymans.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are willing to start from Railroad Avenue and go down but they need a little help.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they might have a lever.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be the only one that they have.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he found out earlier in the day that the Governor is making an announcement tomorrow and no one has heard a word.

Ms. Palmer stated that she thinks it is hilarious that the person funding the grant is the one that is going to do this.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it had to be joint venture in order to qualify and the Village had to do the same thing in agreeing to it as well as Carver having to agree to it and it is something that will benefit all three parties.

Councilman Langdon interjected that anyone on the outside would have looked at this scenario and said the Town of Coeymans is the all-encompassing entity, which in some ways should be that way but it's not.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they will find out soon and reiterated that they have more than enough to deal with and now they need to do a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing and then asked if Supervisor Flach heard from Mayor Misuraca.

Supervisor Flach stated that he hadn't.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Village will have to post a Notice for a Joint Meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding possible dates for a Joint Meeting and Public Hearing.

Sewer Administrator Conrad asked if they can schedule one tentatively.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thinks they should make the motion and if necessary they will cancel it.

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MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, to schedule a Joint Meeting with the Village of Ravena on December 17, 2014 at 6:00pm

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they also need to set a date for a Public Hearing.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, to schedule a Public Hearing for December 29, 2014 at 6:00pm.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Discussion ensued amongst Supervisor Flach, Sewer Administrator Conrad and Town Clerk Millious regarding posting in the paper.

Supervisor Flach asked that Sewer Administrator Conrad work with Village Trustee Bailey on this.

Ms. Palmer interjected that he is only one of four.

Councilman Langdon stated that he really does know the whole infrastructure and in listening to him and Sewer Administrator Conrad arguing, it is obvious that they are the two who really know what is going on.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if it wasn't for the 60 units and they should give the Village everything west of 9W so all they have is the Hamlet to worry about and then they don't have the flow through because north of 9W is outside the District anyway. He added that plus now the issue is going to come up and is being discussed, on extending the District now that Carver has put the new bridge in and he put the sleeves through the bridge to deal with the sewer and bring it across Rte. 144. He continued by saying that the Tappan Zee has agreed to ante up with the Clearwater Sloop's approval, \$50,000.00 to do a project of which he proposed a lift-station and line from Stone House Hill up to Carver's new bridge to tie it in and it should be extended into the District or else it will be an out-of-district user again.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would be in favor of extending it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they should do the Water District the same way so they are both contiguous because right now they are not the same bounds, which is part of the problem and it is what the Village is giving them a hard time over because some of the water users aka P&M are outside the Water District. He added that this is another thing that is being discussed and looked at as far as a Map Plan and a petition will be submitted sometime next year to deal with that part of the sewer, which is ok with DEC provided they stay on course with their program. He continued by saying that it was under a hardship over there so they would probably approve it anyway, especially if \$50,000.00 was coming from Tappan Zee and if they don't spend it, they would be fools.

Councilman Langdon asked if \$50,000.00 would do a lift-station.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they may not have to do a lift-station if they are lucky, they may have to put injector pumps into it and let it flow from there, they don't know and have to do some survey work in order to get that determined. He added that they have contacted him and he has given them the footages and there are other things that they looked at and agreed to

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the project so they have to push forward at some point but he does not know how to proceed. He continued by saying that he got an e-mail that he has to respond to.

Supervisor Flach stated that basically they are going to add the other side of the creek to the Sewer District.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is a sewer main extension that is going to have to be approved by DEC, it has to be drawn up and DEC has to approve the whole project and reiterated that hopefully they can get it accomplished in the \$50,000.00 range.

Councilman Dolan stated that those homes should be tied into the Sewer District.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it goes back to the 1960's and they were originally intended to be part of the District but it never came about and their sewer goes into the creek.

Councilman Dolan stated that when the bridge was rebuilt there were plans to include the homes.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it escalated to \$150,000.00 to put the sleeve across the bridge and Carver already put it in his and it is ready to go and the manhole is already on the other side of the bridge to make connections.

Councilman Masti asked how those houses are allowed to put raw sewage into the creek when DEC is so worried about their project.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that at one point the Health Department and DEC told the Town that they had to fix it and their reply was that it is not in their District, there have been so many meetings on how to deal with it and they were going to make them put in a Community Sewer over there but then they found out they were below poverty level and could not afford it. He added that the bottom line is that if they can get a manhole at the end of Stone House Hill, they can put in an ejector pump, which is \$4,000.00 to start with and that does not include putting it in and he does not know to what extent they are going to get involved with that, if any or just give them a way to hook into it at this point. He continued by saying that the apartment house on the other side is so low that he would have to use an ejector pump to get into it and the question is, do they need to build a lift-station there and if they do, they can build it so they can naturally flow into it, the lines on Stone House Hill running across the creek are deep and probably 4-5 feet below grade and the pipes actually stick out the bank. He went on by saying that he just wants everyone to be up to speed on what is going on and he doesn't even know where that project came from but he has to deal with it and now they are going to have to do something formally and he doesn't know who is doing the engineering, whether Tappan Zee is doing it or if they are expecting the Town to do it with the \$50,000.00, he assumes that the Town is going to have to hire someone to do the design work to get it in and approved. He concluded by saying that they may be able to include Carver into that because it will be to his benefit as well and maybe some of his people can help do some of the work.

Councilman Masti asked about the Yacht Club and if they would be included too.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are interested as well and they already have a line to put an injector pump into that because originally it was discussed that when it came across the new bridge, they were going to hook in.

Councilman Langdon asked what the line is that goes across the swamp from the boat house over to Carver, it is a suspended pipe above the swampy area back in the little cove and it is a 4-6 inch pipe.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he thinks he is talking about a dredging pipe, they have a settling pond back there and their own dredge where Lou Newberg put the line in that goes back to a pond and Carver cleans it for them.

Discussion ensued regarding the exact location.

Councilman Langdon stated that he found it when he was kayaking and it is between the Yacht Club and Carver and there is a little cove and reiterated that it is a 4-6 inch pipe.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is probably a 6 inch aluminum line and it is their dredging line and they have an annual permit to dredge. He concluded by saying that he has told them where they are at and they can tell him what they want and in the meantime he will try to come up with the actual total of money they are at spending between Town only and shared and the shared extra, they either pay the extra or the Town reimburses them in January according to the contract but the Town only portion has typically been spent on other debts that sometimes are not Town only.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Special Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read February 9, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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December 17, 2014 – Joint Town Board and Village Board Workshop Meeting-6:00PM

A Joint Town Board and Village Board Workshop was held Wednesday 17, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town of Coeymans, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

VILLAGE BOARD: William Misuraca, Mayor
Bill Bailey, Trustee
Nancy Warner, Trustee
Keith Mahler, Trustee
Joel Coye, Trustee

TOWN BOARD: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Kenneth Burns, Councilman
George Langdon, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Laverne Conrad, Sewer Administrator

The following Notice was posted by Town Clerk Millious:

**NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
AND
VILLAGE OF RAVENA
JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING**

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans and the Village Board of Ravena has scheduled a special Workshop for Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss sewer issues. The meeting will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

AGENDA

- Sewer Issues

Sewer Issue Discussion

Supervisor Flach stated that the meters seem to be working with a glitch here and there and the Town has to set the Sewer Rates and have a Public Hearing scheduled for December 29th and currently the rate is 60/40%, which goes back a little over a year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it has been a little over a year and a half when they set the rates in April 2013.

Supervisor Flach stated that basically they have another ½ year before they have a full two years of meter readings and then asked if they can change the rate somewhat even though they don't have a full year and when the full year has come, they can check the meters again to see what they read at that point. He continued by saying that they discussed 70/30 and after talking about it a bit he feels as though it would be doable and fair.

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Mayor Misuraca stated that they need to get the meters working properly and when June 1st comes along they will do 70/30% for now because it is closer to most likely what it is and he thinks that it is a little high because of some bad readings and if it turns out to 50/50, good, if it turns out to be 90/10, it's just as well and they will pay the difference either way or vice-versa. He added that another thing that they briefly talked about was the wording in the existing contract, which is somewhat confusing and he thinks, which is up for discussion, that they should read the meters by the year and do it by the year as far as he is concerned and it will give both municipalities incentive to clean up their I&I, which is only for the benefit of both.

Trustee Bailey asked if he could ask a question and continued by saying that the November reading can't be because it makes no sense at all. He continued by saying that he could understand if it was close to 80/20 but with 90/10 there is no way that those meters are valid with 1.74 inches of rain during the month and the lowest monthly total because the meters were not working correctly from January to June, which they knew. He added that in August there was 1.75 and they got 54, in September there was 1 and they got 49 and in November when it was 1.74 they are down to 36 and reiterated that there is something wrong.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he can only put what meter numbers come up and it is what he is given.

Trustee Bailey stated that to him the meters aren't working and in looking at the figures, there is no way that month can be right, there was a drought going on in August with very little rain for this area and the totals are much higher and all of the sudden for the Town, the total goes way down at 1.74.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that he knew that the one meter wasn't working and they discussed it.

Trustee Bailey stated that for the 90/10 in November, he will have to look at the individual daily numbers.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the one meter at the south of 9W location, it only has 5 days of data and it is why the numbers are fluctuating and he talked to him about that previously and based on those 5 days the flow rate was only 5.42 when that meter is usually around 15 gallons average. He continued by saying that he is not disputing the fact but it wasn't a meter problem, it was a glitch of one of the employees who just happened to leave it unplugged the last time and reiterated that he is not disputing it.

Trustee Bailey interjected that he is looking at 90/10 and that is impossible.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that he put the numbers down based on what was there and he doesn't challenge or change them but he did point out to him that they only had 5 days of data.

Trustee Bailey stated that he does recall now that he mentioned the person reading the meters forgot to hit the switch.

Councilman Dolan stated that putting Supervisor Flach in charge of that was a good idea.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that Supervisor Flach had nothing to do with it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was only kidding.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that unfortunately it wasn't discovered until they went back to read the meters and they all learned together because they thought it was an extra plug for the battery back-up but it happened to be a protection plug for the actual meters so if there are any surcharges it won't be zapped but it only lasts one day without it being plugged in and reiterated that he pointed it out.

Trustee Bailey agreed that he did point it out but at that time when they discussed it, they didn't have the months reading total and then asked how they factor in 90/10.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if you take the average of that meter for the previous 5 months and use that figure, which he asked at the time how they might want to handle that situation because that meter averages between 12-15 gallons a minute as a regular and on this particular occasion it is only at 5 so if they increase the flows to an average of what that meter usually does, it could give them a better indication but he is not changing figures without everyone in the same consensus of how they are going to do it or if they even want to.

Trustee Bailey stated that every time they get a big flow the meter at the point doesn't work.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is working and what happens is it gets a glitch in there where it shows 3 hundred and some million gallons going through there, which is obviously not right.

Trustee Bailey interjected that to him it means it isn't working.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is only a glitch for that one day so what they have been doing is knocking that day out and using the remaining 28 or 29 days and last month it didn't happen and they are hopeful that it doesn't happen to much more again. He added that he is not sure how to fix it or what is even causing it and it is only the meter at the point, the other meters function all the way through and they haven't had a problem with the other two meters, other than one being unplugged. He continued by saying that they admit and as Supervisor Flach had said, they know that there are issues and they are not claiming it as a perfect process but they are trying to come up with a reasonable solution.

Trustee Bailey stated that when he saw the 90/10, he knew it was not right.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he had to put in what was there.

Trustee Bailey interjected that it can't be anywhere close to valid.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if he uses an average of that meter, he thinks they will see it come closer to the 80/20, more than likely when they start to increase the gallons a minute up to where it belongs and other than that he is only putting the numbers down.

Supervisor Flach stated that they can certainly take a look at that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can knock out November if they don't like it.

Trustee Bailey stated that it is overall details and not what they hoped to accomplish at that meeting.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that if they want they will knock off November and push it off until July and get 12 months of readings. He added that ultimately they are looking to set a rate somewhat and as they discussed they hoped that it would be retro back to January because they have been doing them on yearly rates.

Trustee Bailey stated that he agrees that they should do that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that they have been doing them on yearly rates and the contract is a little ambiguous when you read it because when you read it, it looks like it is supposed to be 2 years beginning in 2011 and as it worked out, they didn't even get the meters up and running until later in 2012. He added that this is why they were a year behind when they started in April for the first set of readings and they have been modifying the contract as they go along and quite frankly most of it is impertinent at this point and the previous balance owed and all of that is really a matter of history and doesn't really need to be there. He continued by saying that they should probably look at, when they discuss it again in June or July, a couple of the paragraphs that deal with past due debt to be eliminated from the contract because he does not see that they need to keep rehashing that and paragraph 12 covers how they deal with meters now, so paragraphs 3 & 6 are kind of ambiguous at this point too. He concluded by saying that they can get together and work something out to amend the contract in general to suit both parties.

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Trustee Bailey stated that he agrees that the \$356,000.00 is over and done with and it was a point in time when it was a figure and everything was even and its past history.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can do another amendment to the contract or a new contract, they have done an amendment already and quite frankly the only time that they really messed up is when they pushed the 60/40 due to the fact that the meters had some kind of a glitch and blew up. He added that they didn't really do an amendment, both Boards agreed to leave it at 60/40 but they really never did an amendment to the contract so that is lacking and it should be reiterated someplace that they did push the 60/40 for the 2014 year so there is something saying what and why and they did it.

Trustee Bailey stated that they left it where it was because they didn't really have anything to go on.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that going down the road, someone could ask why it was 60/40 for 2014 and it would be helpful to see that the meters weren't working and they pushed to 60/40 to another year until they could get them working and now they are pushing it to July 2015 to see how it is doing and it is where it stands.

Supervisor Flach asked how other Board members felt.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to bring up the issue of changing it every year because it seems like it is going to be a difficulty every year if they are having problems reading the meters to come up with a new rate each year.

Trustee Bailey stated that they are making an assumption that the meters are working.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would rather, if they can agree on a percentage that makes sense, which 90% does not make sense, if they get a number that reflects what really is going on and sticking with it for a little while, which might be to everyone's best interest. He added that it is a lot easier for planning than trying to figure that they are going to meet in June to come back and retroactively change them because who knows what is going to happen in the next few months as far as the meters go.

Mayor Misuraca interjected that they hope to see a pattern with some decent readings unless something radically changes like most of the problems solved with Oak Brook Manor and then they can go back and do a little check-up but for the most part they seem to be within the 60/40 or 80/20, which they can narrow down over the years.

Trustee Bailey asked the last time the meter at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was calibrated.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is re-calibrated once a year and it was done in February or March.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is looking at the gallonage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which has nothing to do with percentages, and it looks like in January it is 513, February is 396 and in looking at the rain total in April, which was 2.2 it was 527 but in October there was 1.51 inches of rain and they only got 319 down there.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was dry up to a point and it depends on how the rain comes too, and whether it is a deluge causing I&I or a slow impact. He added that the meters are calibrated and the Sewer Plant is the least likely problem because they have two meters down there, one coming in direct and one going out to the river and both are running within the normal range of being almost equal. He continued by saying that this is why they knew the one at the point was the one not functioning well because it was showing more gallons going through than either one of the ones at the Sewer Plant.

Trustee Bailey stated that he understands what Sewer Administrator Conrad is saying but he is also seeing some really weird things at the Waste Water Treatment Plant such as .50 inches of rain for the whole month of February and they have 368, and there is 1.75 inches, three times as much and there is only 219 and 291, double that in September and it is only 250 and in October there was eight times the amount of rain, but it is still less than February.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he can look at the daily reports.

Trustee Bailey asked how much it costs to recalibrate the meters.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is \$1,800.00 and reiterated that it is done once a year and it is required.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that it looks weird.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that those are the ones that are running the closest to the influent and effluent and you have to go back to the daily sheets to see how the rainfall comes and he has just a summary of the sheets. He continued by saying that they can look on a daily basis like in November, on November 2nd there was .1 inch of rain, on the 7th there was 1.5 inches of rain and on the 8th there was .16 and generally speaking when you get the rain over a period of time where it is spread out is not when they are getting the I&I problems. He added that he knows as well as he does, it is the same time that the meter gives them a hard time at the point when they get the deluge of 2 inches in an hour that is causing their problems, which drives the numbers.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is looking at it and sees a rapid drop-off of what is being counted at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that it is read daily down there and posted on the sheet that he gets.

Trustee Bailey stated that he will look at them in more detail.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the sheet also shows the influent and effluent so he can compare one with the other.

Trustee Bailey asked if he saw what he was talking about.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he has seen it over the years but he is also trying to explain that it is really about how they get the rain.

Councilman Masti asked if the Sewer System is a closed system.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is.

Councilman Masti asked why there is such a focus on the rain.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is because of the I&I issues that they have had over the years.

Trustee Bailey interjected that it isn't a closed system truthfully, theoretically it is but it is not a closed system.

Councilman Masti stated that it is all dependent on how much rain they get and it actually alters their numbers.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that was true.

Councilman Dolan interjected that there are other factors.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that there are other factors such as Westerlo Street, there are cross connection problems.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that those are not contributing because they are going into the river directly and the cross connections are into the storm water and not hooked up to the Sewer Plant. He added that they put them back into the Sewer when they find them and it is going to increase those.

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Trustee Bailey stated that they used to have houses where the waste went into the storm water and the storm water went into the sewer system.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it was corrected.

Trustee Bailey stated that the sewer system part was corrected, now they have a problem where the waste goes in the storm system and is not being treated by the Sewer Plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are aware of that.

Councilman Masti stated that if they can factor out and repair all of leaks coming into the sewer system, the meters are inaccurate and the best they can do is a guesstimate.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is calculated in the flow.

Councilman Langdon stated that the metes are treating what is coming through and it is not all sewage that is going through there.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they still have to treat it, it is still going through the system and it still counts toward the amount that you can process on a daily basis and it still contributes to what could be an overflow and they could get fined for it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is where the overflows come.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is no taking into account what the percentage of sewage in the overflow is, it is just that there is an overflow.

Trustee Bailey stated that they know for a fact, and they have done some work on it, that all of the gutter lines from the roofs in the Hamlet are fed into the sewer system.

Councilman Masti stated that all of these factors need to be repaired.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Village has their share of it too, mostly on Woodlawn Drive, Ridge Road, Western Avenue, and McCulloch Avenue.

Trustee Bailey stated that on Central Avenue, when they rebuilt it, they happened to luckily have some storm water lines going perpendicular to there so they put down under the curve when they fixed the road, lines that fed into those storm water drains and then they told everyone in that area to take their sump pumps and roof gutters and put it into there. He added that they were tearing up the whole street so they could do it fairly cheap but when you go to VanBuren and Pulver, you have to have a place to put the water. He continued by saying that it is the same in the Hamlet, when your lot is only 40 foot by 80 foot with a house on it, you can't dump it on the property because all you would be doing is putting it at the next person's house window. He went on by saying that they know that there have been studies both in the Town and Village since the 80's, and whenever they can, they try to take it and put it in the storm water and it is a known problem but the solution is not good.

Councilman Burns stated that the solution is easy, it just has to be done and when Westerlo Street was torn up, including the sidewalks, they asked about putting in a storm sewer line for people to put their sump pumps line into.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are some there but they are old and need to be replaced on Westerlo.

Councilman Burns stated that there are places that literally to this day pump their sump pumps out into the road and they have to salt it.

Trustee Bailey stated that they had one but corrected it.

Councilman Burns stated that the answer is that when they, either the Town or the Village, does a new road over, they need to put an extra pipe in so people can put their sump pumps into it.

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Trustee Bailey stated that by doing that they are already overwhelming their existing storm sewers that they are feeding into so they would have to expand those because everything funnels down from the hill, there are always log jams at the thruway and railroad. He continued by saying that they already have pipes that are overwhelmed in the storm system and the more they put into it, the quicker they get overwhelmed and whenever they can, they do it, but it is not cheap, especially now when you have electric and natural gas underneath the ground, which makes it more complicated and the solution is to correct them but it is at a cost.

Councilman Burns stated that they have talked about having new auguring underneath the road and rail road tracks with a bigger pipe because they had to go in there after every flood and clean out all of the debris.

Mayor Misuraca stated that they applied for a grant, but it won't be until April, to have FEMA come down and open up those pipes.

Trustee Bailey stated that they cannot just decide to do it, they have to have the railroad and thruway to say that they can do it, which is another issue and it is not just a matter of wanting to fix it. He added that the Town did a lot of work on Westerlo Street and Colvin Avenue and then asked Sewer Administrator Conrad what was spent.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that Westerlo was done years ago.

Trustee Bailey stated that they knew they had a problem on Colvin and then asked what was spent to fix it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they didn't spend a dime.

Trustee Bailey stated that he was talking about the connection.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was about \$25,000.00.

Trustee Bailey started it's not like when they find things that they don't fix them and on Western Avenue they had a cross connection, the pond that used to exist where the diner they hooked into the sewer instead of the storm water and reiterated that whenever they find it, they do it but it's all money.

Councilman Dolan stated that regardless of how much rain you get or people's sump pumps, etc., the sewer lines themselves are not compromised and the water won't get into it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is minimal leakage from the sewer lines and the I&I is from the cracks and stuff in the pipes and inflow, which is the direct cross connection, catch basins, storm water gutter and sump pump and it is those things doing most of the damage. He added that they can study it all they want and worry about all the storm sewage that they want, but it is what it is and they have to treat it and it has to be done today, tomorrow and the next day. He continued by saying that it will take 20 years to weed out all of the problems and the best thing they can do is to forget about the I&I and deal with it and they are making headway at Oakbrook and there was another fix by Mountain Road, which was a good thing as well as shutting water off that was running into the system and the flows have started to show a response from it. He added that they know that the Frangella Drive area is heavily populated with storm water and every house they have dug up with a permit, had footing drains, sump pumps and floor drains, which all run into the sewer and they have done the best that they can to disconnect them. He went on by saying that all of the roof drains on Little Feet Daycare were discovered and they unhooked them all, which was 5,000 square feet of roof area and all of the little things are good changes but only a small percentage at a clip and it goes unnoticed. He concluded by saying that he understands what Trustee Bailey is saying about the dry months and wanting to see some wet month totals and if they can agree on 70/30 so they have a budget that they can work with and then look at it again in July and the numbers are what they are and they will have to deal with it and it is simple mathematics to him.

Supervisor Flach asked how everyone feels about the 70/30 until July and then read the meters.

Mayor Misuraca interjected that he would vote yes.

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Trustee Warner asked what he had said about retro.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they had talked about making it retro for the full year.

Trustee Bailey stated that the first time they did meters, 10-25 years ago, it was a big to-do and there was a committee of, 2 members from the Village Board, 2 members from the Town Board and one independent, Tom Dolan, who was on neither Board. He added that the Town expected one answer and it came in as 60/40 and the members of the Board said that's what it is, it was a good reading and they went with 60/40 at that time and what it is, is what it is going to be as long as he is comfortable with the meters. He continued by saying that 90/10 was ridiculous but other than that he would not question the other ones.

Supervisor Flach asked if they needed to do a motion and added that he knows each Board will have to do their own thing.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there has to be resolutions and basically they are there to come to an agreement on a rate, set the period of time and come back in July for a Joint Meeting as soon as they have the full six months or seven if they want to throw out November or he and Trustee Bailey can look at November and come up with an average for the meter.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mayor Misuraca said yes and he says yes.

Mayor Misuraca asked if anyone objected.

Trustee Bailey stated that they will read the meters and it will be retro for the whole year for whatever the meters say.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will be back to January 2015.

Trustee Bailey stated that they will make it a motion from the floor at their next meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will do the same and continued by saying that was the main thing that they wanted to discuss but they also have something else to talk about.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he and Trustee Bailey have disagreed but they are only 2 people and he wanted to discuss the Consent Order and as everyone is aware, DEC has released the Town of Coeymans from the Consent Order that has been in place since 2001, however there was a caveat that carried with it, which is that the Town sticks to the plan to upgrade the trunk sewer from the sewer plant up to the Village manhole 38 at VanHoesen. He added that the District cannot afford it because they are trying to pay down debt and then asked Trustee Bailey what the total cost of the project was.

Trustee Bailey stated that the whole project is 1.8 million but there are parts that they would not do so it is approximately 1.2 – 1.5 million.

Supervisor Flach asked if they can deal with just the manholes that are right out of the plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he is leaning toward that and the biggest problem is the manholes up through manhole 5 and actually up through 10 where it hits James Drive at Rte. 144, which was the part that everyone looked at and then asked why they weren't doing that. He continued by saying that from manholes 6,7,8,9, the pitch is the reason why they didn't look at them with so much concern and manhole 5 down into the plant is over 1,200 feet of pipe and has less than ½ percent, which is bogus, so the line actually becomes surged with water and if can't carry itself through with the air, you can't run the pumps more than 80% full and expect them to carry the full maximum flow because as soon as you surge them, they lose their flow capacity. He added that this is why the big urgency was to try and fix up through man hole 5 at this point with a 2 foot diameter pipe, which will hopefully give them the air capacity that they need to get everything running to the plant and is really the critical spot and they felt that once they fixed it, they could really get a better handle on the rest of the system to see just how much it will handle.

Mayor Misuraca stated that if it is repaired, it might alleviate a whole lot of other issues upstream.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that as they know, they wanted to relocate it so they are taking out a lot of the 45's by the school and Civic Center and when it comes out of Blaisdell it makes a 90 and a 90 onto Westerlo and goes to the bottom of Westerlo and makes a 90 at Main Street, which are the manholes that take the pounding and overflow. He continued by saying that there is a whole litany of things that he does not want to go into at this point but they had to make a plan with DEC, which he didn't agree with putting everything into a timeframe because they really wanted to do more of a step by step basis and analyze the set-up. He added that he knows the engineers are good but they thought they were good in the 60's too, but they didn't do so good with the system and he doesn't have a PE but he does have common sense and he personally thinks that they need to ease into it a little bit, they have been like this for 40 years and he doesn't see City of Troy or any of the other ones fixing their problems any faster and they have a lot more budget than the Town to deal with as a smaller community. He reiterated that he thinks they should ease into it, to what they can and work toward a common goal and the more of the overflows they stop, the better off they will be.

Mayor Misuraca asked what the Town is looking for from the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are looking for an agreement to share, along with the plan, a piece of the trunk sewer at least up to manhole 5.

Mayor Misuraca asked if it is an in-house job or if it has to be subcontracted and bid.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are looking to do an in-house job and hire an employee to come in and do it, and it will be sewer payroll and they don't want to get into the big forecasting of payrolls and certified payrolls. He added that they were hoping to rent a machine for a period of time and it is a shallow dig of 3 feet in the ground and on the Sewer Plant Road, which is private and it's advantageous to do it at their own pace and they will continue that line dry all the way out to manhole 5 where it exists now and once at that point they have the by-pass pump for the time period when they hook it back in the main trunk system and then they would abandon that section and stop using the section that is there currently.

Mayor Misuraca asked if he had an estimate roughly of what kind of numbers he is looking at.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he can prepare an estimate and it is basically 1,200 feet of 24 inch pipe, 4 more manholes, equipment rentals, stone and backfill material and they can talk about it at some point down the road.

Supervisor Flach asked if he has any kind of idea because he had an estimate for the first manhole.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was for putting it out to bid and he has an estimate of \$130,000.00.

Supervisor Flach asked how much it is for the pipe.

Councilman Langdon stated that he put in a 1,200 foot, 8 foot deep trench in his backyard by himself and he paid \$1,500.00 for the excavator.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that when you put things out to bid and have certified payrolls, everything escalates.

Trustee Bailey interjected that you have to pay prevailing wages and things like that.

Supervisor Flach stated that they considered hiring someone in-house like they did a few years ago with an in-house carpenter.

Trustee Bailey stated that they will have a line coming in but the pitch isn't big enough and they will still be using the same connection going into the plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that's not true and it's all going to be re-done.

Trustee Bailey asked if they are going to drop it lower.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can't drop it lower because of where the pumps are into the plant.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is worried about how they are going to deal with the pitch.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they will deal with it with the pipe size and 2 foot is well in excess of what they need and they are going from 15" to 24" and the plant can't handle what a 24 inch pipe will put down through it and it is the theory that the engineers are using.

Trustee Bailey stated that they talked about making lagoons for the overflow and to be able to take what VanHoesen does right now and then feed it back into the plant to stop the surcharges that they get fined for, for going in the river. He added that their hope is that the lines will not back up because what basically happens is that it starts down there at the plant and works its way up to Westerlo up into the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that usually it overflows and relieves theirs down there and it really does not backup to there but where it does get it, is manhole 14 in front of Mrs. Connor's, which is usually because of the fact that they have a 10 inch pipe coming in and a 15 inch down there and the way that the flow is interrupted by the engineering feat that they accomplished in the 60's, it usually ends up with bricks, rags, 2x4's or whatever in front of the pipe and it is when that manhole surge charges and blows up and goes down through everyone's yards and into the river and then they get written up. He added that the other one is at Westerlo and Main because it comes hammering down Westerlo Street in a 10 inch line and has to make a hard right-hand turn so there is all the water pounding in but can't flow out because of the turbidity of the water there so it blows out of the manhole and flows to the river there and those are relief valves.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they figure out the price of it would be.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the best he can do is an estimate.

Trustee Warner asked about hiring a Town employee on the side.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are going to hire someone as a Town employee who is a professional at doing this.

Trustee Warner asked if it is a current Town employee.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he is going to be hired as a Town Sewer employee and he will do the work with the aid of some other Town employees who are not as skilled as he is.

Trustee Bailey stated that laying a sewer line is much more detailed than a water line.

Trustee Warner asked what they are going to do with the temporary Town employee when he is done.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that when he is done, he's done.

Trustee Warner asked if he knows he will be a temporary employee.

Supervisor Flach interjected that you can hire an employee per diem so it is as needed and when you don't need him anymore, he is done.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they have someone in mind that they are looking at with enough knowledge to do the project within a week.

Mayor Misuraca stated that some numbers would be good and the whole nightmare started because of baby steps. He continued by asking if he wants the Village to absorb the first section of pipe and then asked if he would want them to help absorb the rest of them.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is a discussion that can be had and the trunk sewer and they offered an amendment all the way up to manhole 38. He added that in order for the VanHoesen to go away, they need to get all the way up to VanHoesen.

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Supervisor Flach stated that it is a conversation that they already had and he would like to talk about the first 5 manholes and it is going to baby steps like the Mayor had said.

Trustee Bailey stated that all five of them, for anyone wanting to take a ride, they can go do Sewer Plant Road and they are the ones basically on the road.

Councilman Burns stated that he talks about this with his father and when they were doing the line in the 60's a guy got buried and died. He continued by saying that Doc Marcele was in charge of the project, he stopped the whole project and called everyone in, the engineers, Town and Village employees and said that if they pay for the extra pipe he will put a 2 foot pipe in there and be done with it because the Town isn't going to get smaller, it is going to grow and he was told no so they went ahead and finished the project the way that it was.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is fact and they decided to use a smaller pipe, it comes out of the Village at 15 inches and continues across the field but as it starts to go down the hill at Blaisdell Avenue, it reduces to 12 inches and then to 10 inches.

Mayor Misuraca stated that he does not understand the logic in doing that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the theory was hydraulic push. He continued by saying that he will get the numbers together and give them to both Boards for discussion and they can discuss the installation of it at another time.

Supervisor Flach asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Trustee Bailey asked if the Town got anything from the County regarding water.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they hadn't.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious what she had heard.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she was told that because there are no meters for sewer and water, the Town can't re-levy sewer and water because of a law passed by County Legislation. She added that they are letting her do it this year but they said not next year and she got the information from Tony Dilella who Sewer Administrator Conrad talked to as well.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are in the discussion stages, it is legislation that was passed this year and because the Towns and Villages were not notified about it appropriately, they were going to allow it this year and they were supposed to be sending both the Town and Village something in writing.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Village hadn't received anything.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that the County just had their budget and are getting ready for property taxes.

Trustee Bailey stated that the last time they looked at this, which was almost 15 years ago, it would cost \$500,000.00 to put in meters and he would bet that it would cost close to 1 million dollars by the time that they buy the meters in addition to having to have a plumber install one in every individual house. He added that they were also told that there would be a 5% replacement every year because they break down and get damaged and basically for the cost to do it, they figured that they would have to almost double the water rates.

Councilman Burns asked what would happen with the old meters that were there.

Trustee Bailey stated that the meters were put in but then they figured to read 200,000 of them, they would have to hire a full-time employee to read them so they were never read. He added that right now they are supplying water in the Village of Ravena for \$225.00 and the Hamlet of Coeymans for \$337.50 and no one around here matches that for unlimited water. He continued by saying that the base rate in Coxsackie is \$420.00 a year for a low meter reading so unless you are a single person, you end up paying more than that.

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Trustee Warner stated that people believe that meters will save them so much money.

Trustee Bailey interjected that meters will cost you money, not save you money.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is an argument to be had another day with Mr. Dilella.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that the Village received absolutely nothing from the County.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he discussed with Mr. Dilella the fact that they do it on a unitary basis, which is a form of metering, and they got into the play on words and apparently it stumped him bad enough that they weren't going to re-levy this year so at least this year was saved and they will have to see what next year brings. He added that their legislation may prove not to be exactly a science and he also asked for a copy of the legislation but he hasn't seen that either.

Trustee Warner suggested that they ask Legislature Clouse.

Supervisor Flach stated that if the Town receives anything, he will let them know.

Trustee Bailey stated that the water rate in Coeymans went from 200% to 150% of theirs because of the fact that they were guaranteed payment and then the Town was guaranteed to be whole by re-levy because the Village could not re-levy in the Town and it is why the Water District was created, just for the ability for everyone to get their money.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Water District was created 4 times and he is not sure why they did it and they went from 200% to 150%.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is talking about 1982 when they created the Water District.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they did it in 1972, 1974, he believes there was one in the 50's as well as 1982, which was the most recent one.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that it is why it was done and they pay 150% not 200% like New Baltimore where they cannot re-levy because they live in a county where they can't re-levy so the Village charges 200%.

Town Clerk Millious asked what they do if they don't pay.

Trustees Bailey and Warner collectively replied that they shut the water off.

Town Clerk Millious asked if they can do that with the Town.

Trustee Bailey stated that technically they can.

Trustee Warner stated that they had discussed putting a meter at the point and having the Town do their own water billing however they want and in turn bill the Town for the lump sum.

Trustee Bailey asked at what rate.

Trustee Warner stated that they would have to figure out a rate and reiterated they would do their own billing and figure out if they want to re-levy.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is similar to what they do now, they pay the Village up-front and then collect.

Trustee Warner stated that it is after usage.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is an argument for another day.

Trustee Bailey stated that if they have issues on it, they should not spring it on the Village and March is not the time to bring it up.

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Supervisor Flach interjected that he understands that and the Town needs to know what they are going to do with the re-levy and whether or not the County is going to let the Town do it.

Trustee Bailey stated that he does not believe that it passed because everyone would have talked to their Legislatures. He added that it is like when Legislator McCoy said that he wanted to change the reimbursement from the County and give Towns and Villages less money, which would mean that Legislators would not be re-elected because if they lower County money, Town taxes would go up and it would be the Legislators to blame for voting for it, so in his opinion it isn't going to happen.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it happened elsewhere.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti suggested that they stop where they are at this point and offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Joint Village/Town Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read March 09, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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December 22, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday December 22, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Peter E. Masti, Deputy Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ABSENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Chief of Police, Peter J. McKenna

Deputy Supervisor Masti opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there was a full Town Board with the exception of Supervisor Flach.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closing Early, December 24th
 - Town Offices Closed, December 25th
 - Public Hearing, December 29th
 - Organizational Meeting, January 5th
- Public Comments
- Department Report Review
 - Sewer Department, November & December 2014
 - Town Clerk, November 2014
- Old Business
 - Attorney to the Town Legal Services
- Resolutions
 - Transfer of Valley Paper Mill Park
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Mechanic
 - Approval of Abstract
- Correspondence
 - DOT Letter to Janet Kessler
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
 - Public Hearing – December 29, 2014 – 6:00 PM
 - Organizational Meeting – January 5, 2014 – 9:00 AM

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated the Town Offices will be closing early, at 12 noon on December 24th, for Christmas Eve, and December 25th, for Christmas Day.

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Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there will be a Public Hearing on December 29th for Sewer Rates and an Organizational Meeting on January 5, 2015 at 9:00am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Masti invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and at the end of the last Board Meeting during the Good to the Order, Supervisor Flach read a lengthy statement and in that statement he was explaining some of the reasons for the budget shortfalls and said that there had been unexpected legal costs as well as saying that it was a shame that a few individuals so disliked another individual that they filed a lawsuit. She continued by saying that she wanted to clarify that and Article 78 simply allows a citizen or a group of citizens to appeal a legislative decision by their Town to the New York Courts and a group of citizens does not dislike an individual, a group of citizens disagrees with their assessment in completing the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act). She reiterated that she just wanted to clarify that by saying that it has nothing to do with the dislike of an individual but it has to do with the difference of opinion and on that same note, when they started litigation, and this is the second lawsuit, with the first they made overtures for the Town and their Attorney was hopeful that it didn't have to go to litigation and he knows that he wrote to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch who in turn forwarded it to the Board. She continued by saying that their Attorney had suggested that they get all the stakeholders together with the Town Board, citizens, and representative from business and industry to try and hammer something out on the zoning that would be palatable to all and she has a response saying that the Town Board was not interested. She added that she is sorry for the Town's legal costs but she thinks they created their own hardship and it could have been solved without ever go through a court of law because she believes everyone wants to walk in concert with this Town and not be opposed to them.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would like to add that the record would support that the second lawsuit was not entirely unexpected and there are probably ½ dozen instances where Judge Lynch offered his opinion, which he thought should have guided them in completing the SEQRA the second time but the Board chose to ignore his guidance and ruling from his first decision.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Laszlo Polyak stated that he lives in Ravena and firstly wanted to say Happy Holidays to those who aren't Christians and Merry Christmas to those who are. He added that he is there for a similar reason that Ms. Lawler was there for and in watching the last Board Meeting, he was a little upset in the sense that Supervisor Flach read the letter and then closed the meeting so quickly. He continued by saying that once they are elected, they become representatives to everyone and they can't make statements where 1-2 or 3 people are causing a problem because they do have due process rights if they feel they want to go forward with something. He went on by saying that in this particular case, he is not on board with the people that generated the lawsuit, he likes what Carver is doing and a lot of other things down there and it is dangerous to have the pendulum swing from where they went from totally democrat control to republican control and then start doing the same thing where they are locking up people's voices. He added that in American history, in over 200 years they have tripped over a lot of solutions looking for a solution to another problem and when a handful of people say they have issue with something and want to exercise their ability to go forward, you let them, because in 9 out of 10 chances you might find a solution to 10 other things, which has happened. He continued by saying that the worse that can happen when people are on the end of an issue is that you suffer from foot and mouth disease, which they all do. He went on by saying that he wanted to send his condolences to the two officers and their families who were executed the other day, brought on by lack of leadership, both republican and democrats nationally and in the city and we exist despite ourselves and cannot find solutions if we are constantly divided because united we stand, divided we fall. He added that people say to tax the wealthy but what happens when there are no millionaires would be who then would they tax to get things done and this community and this Town Board has to work with the Village Board on the water and sewer issues and the

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infrastructure that needs to be done and he does not understand why the rates are not equal for everyone in every category for both the Village and Town for sewer and water because when our ancestors built the infrastructure, it was and still is a necessity and the life blood of any community is your infrastructure and beyond that the Police and Fire Departments, who they all generically pay their taxes for. He continued by saying that if anything is left then they do the parks and other things like that and sometimes they don't have the money and this is when you ask the private and public sector if there is anyone that can help through donations for picnic tables, benches, excavation, etc. He went on by saying that the Town has 15 miles of the Hudson River, they can have it all, industry, private property, town houses, senior facilities and small business but you have to work together to have the affiance. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Jim Youmans stated that he just got a text message from his house and they said that they cannot hear what is being said.

Mr. Bill Horton interjected that it had been straightened out.

Mr. Youmans continued by saying Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukah. He added that he read, and he is sorry that Supervisor Flach is not here to answer to it, in the News Herald in the Supervisor's Report where he said that the Fund Balance is nonexistent and he was a little shocked when he was at the last meeting and someone said something about the Fund Balance, then he smiled and said that he was left with \$400,000.00 and was happy that he has whittled away at it and it's almost gone. He continued by saying that he then read that he said that the Fund Balance did not really exist and is imaginary and then asked if anyone can shed any light on it for him.

Councilman Langdon stated that he could and after that meeting when he said that, he asked Supervisor Flach if he realized how it sounded in saying that he just spent away the money, which is not what he was trying to say. He added that apparently what had happened in the past, and here again is one of his big components of wanting to see them get on a real bookkeeping system software, is apparently from talking to the accountant, bookkeepers and also brought up by the Comptroller, is that there have been times when fund balances were reported as a balance but when you actually look at how that number came up, you will see one department owed \$210,000.00 to another department and the department that loaned the money had also borrowed \$220,000.00 in the other direction within the same two departments. He continued by saying that with basic math he looks at it and sees that there is really only a \$10,000.00 balance but what was actually being reported in the fund balance was \$220,000.00 in one and \$210,000.00 in another so the receivable have been reported but the payables were not so consequently when you just show your receivables and don't show your payables, you end up with balances that don't really exist, which is what he understands to be the problem and how it seems to show up on paper.

Mr. Youmans stated that the hard part about that for him and what he finds to be confusing is on page 16 of the budget they use \$196,551.00 worth of fund balances of revenue and then asked if it's not there what does that mean.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is new at this and he can't tell him he is 100% with his explanation but it is the way that it was explained to him and it is was what the Comptroller had said after auditing the Town for a number of times and they kept explaining that the numbers can't keep being reported the way they are but apparently you can't just turn it off, they have to be adjusted over time, which in essence is what Supervisor Flach was referring to when he said he whittled it down. He added that supposedly they have been moving the fund balances to make them more accurate and accountable and it is the explanation that he got because it didn't make any sense to him either.

Mr. Youmans stated that he would say to his knowledge, the Comptroller's Office has never criticized the way that the fund balance was figured.

Councilman Langdon stated that whomever it was, they came in complaining every year when they looked at it and he even sat down with the accountant that they hired a month or two ago

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when they discovered they had this big financial problem and he was concerned with where it was so he came in on a Saturday morning and it is the explanation that he got, which does not totally make sense to him.

Mr. Youmans stated that he has read every Comptroller's Report since 2008 and he can tell them what has been criticized is the use of fund balance to balance the budget and it was said that the budget depends too much on fund balance to balance out and never once had he seen any criticism.

Councilman Langdon stated that he can't say that he has sat down with the Comptroller's Office and he can't confirm or deny what he is saying.

Mr. Youmans stated that he did vote yes on \$196,000.00 of it, so he would expect him to have an explanation for that.

Councilman Dolan stated that fund balances are at least two things, which is unexpended money in each of the departments that are not in a reserved fund that can be carried over, so in that sense it is as real as any money is real and the other function of a fund balance is your assets minus your liabilities so if there is \$200,000.00 owed and \$200,000.00 lent it would in essence cancel each other out except they may be in different funds so one might have a \$200,000.00 deficit and one might have a \$200,000.00 surplus. He continued by saying that it is very real just like if you have a home equity loan, that number in the bank is just as real as any other money is that is in the bank.

Mr. Youmans stated that the last thing, and it is another topic, is that it was a month ago when he sat there are there was talk about closing the Dispatch Center and he wonders if anyone since then has come up with some hard numbers or 5-10 year projections of what it is going to actually look like on paper and if there is something on paper that explains what it means going forward.

Councilman Langdon stated that if you look at 2014, Dispatch spent about \$300,000.00 and in evaluating the situation and working with the Sheriff, they are looking at negotiating two years of paying them for 2 people, which is equivalent to about \$100,000.00 and after two years, the Town stops paying. He added that if they look at it from that perspective of what they spent this past year, which was way over what the budget was scheduled for, even on a good year the Dispatch runs around \$220,000.00 so if they are going to take and back it down to \$100,000.00 and after 2 years it goes away, it is a pretty significant savings.

Mr. Youmans stated that it is way different from any numbers that he has heard to date.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is the numbers that he knows.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to correct him in saying that he has been talking with the Sheriff because he has not been talking with the Sheriff.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is the Sheriff's people.

Councilman Dolan stated that he spoke with the Sheriff last week and he said as of then he still has not received a plan from the Town of Coeymans and people on the Town Board can talk to anyone that they want but he is the Sheriff and the one that makes the decisions and he is not about to move forward at all in taking over the Dispatch Center until they submit him a plan, which they have not done. He added that people on the Board, including the Supervisor, can say that they have talked to the Sheriff all they want but he has asked for a plan and still hasn't gotten it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he knows there is a plan being developed and he believes the Chief was meeting with the Sheriff's people earlier in the day.

Chief McKenna interjected that he actually hadn't reached out to Mr. Ralph Marianni regarding moving Dispatch members to Albany County Dispatch and it will be difficult during the holiday season because he is off for the next week and added that he hopes to speak with him and find out what their plan is for the Town by January 1st.

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Mr. Youmans stated that if they are going to do it for \$200,000.00 for two years and then do it for free after that, it would be hard to say no to, he would guess. He added that he would also say that if the Department was going over budget, there are only 5 people that can be blamed for it and one of them isn't there tonight but the others are sitting there because the last he checked, there is no one in Dispatch that can sign checks or spend money without Town Board approval. He concluded by saying that his concern is this, and he does not want to get into real negatives but he thinks it is something pretty impressive that they have in the Dispatch Center and it is something that a lot of people that came before any of them saw a need for and worked really hard to create and he thinks it is something that a lot of his tax dollars have gone to at this point and he just doesn't want to see it going away without any hard numbers and he would like to see it on paper.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it is why they put in a contingency for a full year and there is enough money to keep it running in 2015 in case the negotiations with the Sheriff don't go as planned.

Mr. Polyak stated that he has an addendum on that and continued by saying that the Chief just said that they are negotiating getting Town employees moved over to County and then asked what due diligence the Town Board is doing to help the other members find jobs elsewhere if they are going to whittle it down and then make it go away.

Councilman Langdon interjected that there are only two full-time employees down there.

Mr. Polyak asked about the part-time employees.

Councilman Langdon stated that from what he understands, it is not uncommon to have part-time opportunities at Dispatch also and it is not a full-time job and as a Town Board Member his job isn't necessarily to provide employment for people, if they need people, they will hire people, and if it is an expense that they don't have to carry, why would they ask the taxpayers to pay it.

Mr. Polyak interjected that he is neutral with that entire issue and is just trying to clarify things that are being said and he has been taught that you don't put someone up against the wall where they have to come out on top of you to fight for their jobs and if that's the case, they can assist them in finding another job or transplanting them elsewhere in the Town and then through attrition.

Councilman Langdon stated that some of the Dispatchers are considering moving into the Police Force directly.

Mr. Polyak reiterated that he wanted to have a clarification on that and continued by saying that he wanted another clarification on another minor issue. He added that the Sewer Public Hearing is going to be on Monday, December 29th at 6:00 and then asked what it entails and why they are holding a Public Hearing for it.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is a requirement of the law.

Mr. Polyak asked why a Public Hearing and if it is because the rates are going up or down.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have to set rates every year from what he understands.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that they do have to be set every year and it is routine.

Mr. Polyak asked if it will affect his rates for property in the Village.

Councilman Langdon stated that Trustee Bailey had said that the Village will be setting their own rates.

Mr. Polyak stated that he is confused a bit because he knows that there are main meters and contracts between the Town and Village, the last one was 60/40 based on the meters and years ago it was 70/30 and now he is hearing that the actual meter readings are 10-15% in flows. He then asked if the split is going to be 85/15 split because the houses in the Hamlet are half empty. He went on by saying that even if they go from 40 to 20 or 40 down to 15 or 10 he is a little

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concerned because you have to make up the money somehow, which means that the Village rate would go up.

Councilman Dolan interjected that Mr. Polyak identified that he wished everyone paid the same and because he is not part of the Hamlet Sewer District, his rates are set by the Village Board and it's not necessarily dependent on what the Hamlet is paying, even though the share might change. He added that it is based on how much money the Village has to raise divided by the number of users.

Mr. Polyak asked how individuals find out what the money is being spent on right down to for instance the postage and then asked if there are going to be records for people to review because the last time the rates went up, the room was packed because the rates were so high. He continued by saying that he would like to see a breakdown in both water and sewer so he can see what they are getting for the money they are paying. He continued by asking for instance if 10% is going toward the infrastructure or if 15% is for administrative costs to make up the bills and 25% for labor costs for people who work at the plant or what percent is to move the sludge or for purification chemicals.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that Chief Operator Kerr has done a very nice job of breaking down costs in his report.

Mr. Polyak asked if they were going to be available at the Public Hearing.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he can give him a copy.

Mr. Polyak stated that he would suggest that they have it available so you can debate back and forth.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they are published every month for everyone to see.

Mr. Polyak asked where they are available.

Councilman Langdon stated that he believes he can get a copy from the Town Clerk.

Mr. Polyak asked if it breaks down the actual costs.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that it does with the exception of wages of the workers.

Mr. Polyak asked if it is also available for the water.

Collectively the Board responded that they don't have anything to do with the water.

Mr. Polyak asked if there is anything for the constituents of the Hamlet to see as to what the Town is responsible for.

Councilman Langdon stated that the Town is not responsible for anything with the water and they have no say in anything.

Mr. Polyak asked how it is that the Water District has no say.

Councilman Langdon stated that the Village owns all the water and the only ones that have any say over the water from what he has been told.

Mr. Polyak asked if the Village can just change the numbers to whatever and whenever they want.

Deputy Supervisor Masti advised that he attend a Village Meeting the first Tuesday in January.

Mr. Polyak stated that he is wondering if the Hamlet is being held hostage.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is in agreement with him and he thinks the water and sewer should just become its own municipality with its own Board and government.

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Mr. Polyak stated that it could be 1 district or 10 districts, it does not matter and the rates should be the same for everyone.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that he agrees.

Deputy Supervisor Masti interjected that this is why they have meetings.

Councilman Dolan stated that they will have the numbers for him next week.

Mr. Polyak stated that he is thinking about sitting down and doing an Article 78 and push the issue.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Regina Palmer stated that it is the last public meeting for the year and she wanted to say that they are all doing a great job and especially Councilman Langdon and Councilman Burns with this being their first full year and they have really stepped up and dove into their positions. He continued by saying that she wants everyone to realize that they are not politicians, they are working citizens.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they are politicians now.

Ms. Palmer stated that it was not their goal, they were asked to come forward and do it and she thinks they are doing their best and when people come up to the microphone, sometimes tensions are high and they all have to think about what they say. She added that if they made a mistake, it probably is not intentional and rather than ripping into them, they should offer suggestions and ask that they look into doing it another way instead of thinking there is some kind of master plan behind it. She continued by saying that she has spoken with all of them individually as general people and it has never been her opinion of what they are doing because they are really try to do the best for what they think is in everyone's best interest. She concluded by thanking the Board and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he continued by saying that Supervisor Flach regrets that he cannot be there and he asked that he read a response to Mr. Touchette's letter and continued by reading the following:

Good day, I received a copy of the letter Mr. Touchette has sent to the NYS Comptroller's office. On Monday, December 1st, I sent an email to Councilman Tom Dolan saying that we did not have to do an interfund loan from the sewer fund. In the letter dated Dec. 3rd, Mr. Touchette tells the comptroller that I "raided" the sewer fund, which by the way, is legal according to the comptroller. We did not take an interfund loan from sewer, which is a lie to the Comptroller. We also voted to float a "not to exceed" \$500,000.00 loan, and only took \$310,000.00 another lie by omission. Also, this will be paid back by revenues from this year 2014, not received until 2015. In 2012, the Comptroller came and did an audit because the Annual Financial Report was showing there to be many interfund loans from 2009 to 2011. In 2009 and 2011, the former Board had, according to the Comptroller's Audit, "substantial" interfund advances to finance revenue shortfall and capital expenditures. It also states that, "four of the Town's operating funds had interfund loans outstanding on December 31, 2011". I am not criticizing former Boards, just pointing out that these types of things happen, and we should all work to make things right. There are many fixes from 2009 – 2011 that have had to be made in the Town's books. Since I came into office, we have fixed many of them. We have been working on regaining fiscal integrity from those years. There are many bookkeeping issues that we are working on. I have not gone to the paper, news media, sent letters or tried to throw anyone "under the bus". I am trying with the knowledge that I have, to help make our community the best it can be. I am certainly not perfect and no doubt make my share of mistakes, but this is just a tactic to make me look bad, and I will certainly defend myself. I am disappointed that someone would sign a letter to the NYS Comptroller, which contains lies, inaccurate facts, not to mention; not knowing the whole story. This especially applies to Councilman Dolan, who knew two days before the letter was sent, that this was untrue. I urge you to come in and know all the facts.

Thank You,
Stephen Flach

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Deputy Supervisor Masti moved to the next item on the agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Department – November & December

Councilman Masti asked that Councilman Langdon give the Sewer Department Reports for November and December.

Councilman Langdon continued by giving the reports.

Deputy Supervisor Masti offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the reports were accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – November

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report for November.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Masti, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney to the Town Legal Services

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if he should read the proposal from Attorney for the Town Wukitsch into the record.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he doesn't have to and the proposal is the same as last year, to perform legal services to the Town including general advice and counsel and the services are described in the proposal charged and it's at the same rate without an increase.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none he offered a motion to accept the proposal.

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon to accept the proposal from Attorney for the Town Wukitsch for his services in 2015.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch thanked the Town Board.

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RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Masti asked if they finally got the deed for the Valley Paper Mill Park.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they have the original deed and all the paperwork has been completed, the Management Agreement was approved by the Attorney General because it is a transfer of not-for-profit. He added that once the resolution is in place, the Supervisor can execute the relevant papers, the deed will be filed, both parties will receive the Management Agreement and they will be done.

Councilman Langdon asked if he was satisfied with the Management Agreement.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he was.

RES. #169-14 TRANSFER OF VALLEY PAPER MILL PARK

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

WHEREAS, the Valley Paper Mill Park (the “Park”) is located on east side of County Route 111, just south of the intersection with State Route 143; and

WHEREAS, the existing site layout of the Park is shown on a portion of the property survey prepared by Charles Hite, Surveyor, dated November 18, 2003, and entitled “Map of Chimney Top, County Route 111”; and

WHEREAS, the directors of Alcove Preservation Association Inc. have proposed to convey the Park to the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans believes it is in the best historical, recreational and cultural interests of the Town to accept the transfer of the Park property and to enter into a Management Plan which provides for the upkeep and maintenance of the Park property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Coeymans is hereby authorized to enter in to a certain Management Plan with the Alcove Preservation Association Inc. bearing a date of April 2, 2014, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the transfer of the Park property by Deed dated December 22, 2014

RES. #170-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART TIME MECHANIC

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

WHEREAS, Terry Maddage has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Mechanic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Terry Maddage as Part-Time Mechanic be accepted effective January 1, 2015.

Chief McKenna,

This letter is to inform you that I am resigning my position as the Department Mechanic, effective January 1, 2015. It has been a pleasure to work for the Department.

Respectfully,
Terry Maddage

RES. #171-14 APPROVE DECEMBER ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the December, 2014, Abstract

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	2313-2368	\$ 177,440.10
General	2418-2445, 2488	\$ 34,465.70
	General Total	\$ 211,905.80
POLICE FORFEITURE LOCAL (A)		
Police Forfeiture Local Pre-Pay	2369	\$ 1,500.00
	Police Forfeit. Loc. Total	\$ 1,500.00
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	2370-2372	\$ 355.62
	Police Forfeit. Total	\$ 355.62
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2373-2386	\$ 118,655.36
Part-Town	2446-2449	\$ 49.71
	Part Town Total	\$ 118,705.07
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2387-2397	\$ 58,103.97
Highway	2450-2470	\$ 8,663.34
	Highway Total	\$ 66,767.31
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2398-2410, 2489- 2491	\$ 75,882.60
Sewer	2471-2479,2481,2484,2492	\$ 7,814.54
	Sewer Total	\$ 83,697.14
CAPITAL PROJ. (H38)		
Capital Projects	2411	\$ 41,132.08
	Capital Proj. (H38)Total	\$ 41,132.08
CAPITAL PROJ. (H41)		
Capital Projects	2480, 2485-2486	\$ 34,901.50
	Capital Proj. (H41) Total	\$ 34,901.50
CAPITAL PROJ. (H42)		
Capital Projects	2487	\$ 390.00
	Capital Proj. (H42) Total	\$ 390.00
	Total For All Funds	\$ 559,354.52
TRUST & AGENCY PAYPAL (TA)		
Trust & Agency PayPal PP	2412	\$ 168.32
	Trust & Agcy. PayPal Total	\$ 168.32

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TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2413-2417	\$ 231,943.40
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$ 232,111.73

CORRESPONDENCE

DOT Letter to Janet Kessler

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there is a copy of a letter to Janet Kessler from the New York State Department of Transportation regarding a speed limit request on Route 144 in the Town of Coeymans. He continued by reading the following:

Dear Ms. Kessler;

This is in response to your September 18, 2014 phone call to our office requesting a speed limit reduction to 40 mph on Route 144 in the Town of Coeymans.

The NYS Department of Transportation follows nationally accepted standards when establishing a speed limit. Speed limits are established as the maximum safe speed motorists may travel through a corridor under ideal conditions. When it is determined that a speed limit may be warranted, the speed limit is set at what is called the “85th percentile speed”. That is the speed at which 85 percent of motorists are traveling at or less than.

We conducted a review of Route 144 between the 30 mph zone just north of the Hamlet of Coeymans and Route 396. Currently the 3.2 mile section of Route 144 is governed by the statewide 55 mph speed limit. Our study included a review of roadside development, roadway characteristics, traffic volumes and operating speeds. Based on our investigation, we have determined that a reduction is not warranted at this time.

Radar measurements were collected at two locations within this corridor. We found that 85th percentile of passenger cars to be 56 and 58 mph. We also recorded speeds of truck traffic at these same locations and found the 85th percentile speed to be 54 mph at both locations. Based on the information gathered, we would anticipate over 95% of motorists would be exceeding a 40 mph speed limit, as you proposed.

In addition to our field investigation, we reviewed the accident records for the 3 year 3 month period from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014. During this period, there were a total of 33 reported accidents thru the 3.2 mile corridor. This results in an accident rate of 2.08 accidents per million vehicle miles. The most predominant accidents were vehicle/deer collisions (14) and accidents attributed to slippery pavement (7). All but one of the vehicle/deer collisions occurred at night or during low light conditions. During low visibility and/or at times of poor pavement conditions, motorists are responsible to reduce their travel speeds based on those conditions. A lower speed limit is not justified for these situations.

Thank you for bringing your concerns about this location to our attention. If you have any questions concerning this investigation, please call Jim Corbett of this office at 457-5283.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Kennedy
Regional Traffic Engineer

Councilman Dolan stated that when the study was done that was true but he thinks that the road conditions have changed and he likes to go as fast as the next guy, which is slightly over the speed limit, but he can guarantee that you can’t go the speed limit on at least the lower part of Route 144 because of truck traffic. He added that he is not blaming the trucks, he is just saying that it is physically impossible because it takes trucks a little bit longer to get up to full speed and he thinks that the differential between the normal truck traffic, particularly going north, and with cars that are used to going on that road without the road speed being changed, it will potentially

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cause accidents and it is not necessarily how fast people are going within reason but the differential between the fastest cars and the slowest cars. He continued by saying that when trucks are going slower, people have the urge to want to try and pass them and there are some dangerous spots where you run out of passing zones pretty quickly. He then asked that the Police Chief check that out for them.

Chief McKenna asked if he meant for the truck traffic and the change in the flow pattern.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is what he meant and added that he believes the report was true when it was prepared, which was January 2011 – March 2014.

Chief McKenna stated that the purpose of Ms. Kessler’s letter to DOT was to reduce the speed limit along that stretch, particularly up more toward Bennett at that end of town and he knows that there were a lot of concerns initially regarding the potential for vehicular traffic in what he would describe as southbound with potential for traffic and larger trucks coming in on the new roadways. He added that he will make a notation to see if there have been any variances in accidents, tickets and calls for service in the stretch of roadway from two miles from the entrance way out to see what they have there and then asked if that is what he is looking for.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is what he is looking for.

Councilman Langdon stated that he agrees with Councilman Dolan as far as the differential in speed but most DOT’s don’t care about that because as you go out west they constantly post a ten mile an hour slower speed limit for trucks than they do cars so it’s like they want you to have the differential, which he does not really understand but as a truck driver he always hated it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is more of near the northern entrance when a car is already up to 55 mph and they pull out in front of you and maybe the speed could be slightly lower there and reiterated that he would like to have them look at it.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Public Hearing, December 29, 2014, 6:00pm
- Organizational Meeting, January 5, 2014, 9:00am

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Chief McKenna wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Town Clerk Millious stated that her office is getting ready for the property taxes and they should be working on them by the end of this week and they will get them out on time and that she takes credit cards now and there is a 3% charge for that. She went on by saying that she wanted to express her deepest sympathy to her Deputy Cindy on the loss of her grandchild at this holiday time and her prayers go out to them for strength and comfort. She concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and she will post the notice for the January 5th, 9:00am meeting and have it put on the web.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to offer his condolences and express his sympathy to the people in Knox that were traumatized at the end of last week and also wanted to thank Sheriff Apple for the quick response, which helped with at least one of the fears that there were gunmen going out and snatching children. He added that there will be a candlelight vigil at Berne-Knox Westerlo School and he wanted to express his solidarity with them. He continued by saying that

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as to Supervisor Flach's letter, he would say that it was nice theater and he didn't respond at first because he wanted to check something and he actually signed that letter on November 29th, which was two or three days before he told him that they were not borrowing the money. He added that he had asked for the balance that was in the Sewer Fund and was told that the balance was unknown by the Supervisor and Bookkeeper and he certainly has the right, just like everyone else on the Board, to sign a letter to anyone he chooses based on the facts that he had at the time that he agreed to sign it. He continued by saying that it is also quite a cheap shot to pass off a letter to have someone else read on your behalf and not say anything to him personally when he could have. He concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that tragedies happen but it is still Christmas and he prays that everyone's family gets together and has a great Christmas Season and he hopes that everyone remembers what it is really supposed to be about. He continued by saying that his heart goes out to the Vatalaro family and continued by reading the following:

To: All Department Heads
From: Town Clerk Millious

12-22-14

RE: Julianna Vatalaro Memorial Donation

Anyone interested in contributing to the Children's Hospital in memory of Julianna Vatalaro can bring their donation to the Town Clerk's Office by January 2nd 2015. A donation will be made from the Town of Coeymans employees.

Councilman Burns continued by saying that he wanted to read her obituary because it is a great attitude in a terrible situation and continued by reading the following:

Julianna M'Kenna Vatalaro – Cherished infant daughter and sweet angel of Taylor Vatalaro and Frances Carter celebrated her first birthday December 6, 2014 and left our arms to fly with the angels in Heaven on December 19, 2014. She was planted here on earth to grown and to bloom in Heaven. In her brief stay, she brought a lifetime of joy and happiness to all who loved her. Julianna filled the empty spaces in our hearts and her smile brought light into our stormy, cloudy days. The loss we feel is beyond words. In addition to her parents our precious baby is survived by her brothers Joshua, Donovan, Xander, Giovanni, her loving paternal Grammy and Grampy Mike and Cindy Vatalaro, maternal grandparents Mary Van Fonda and Malcolm Carter. She is also survived by her Godmother Jackie St. Pierre who loved her as her own as well as numerous Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Each day without her will be a day closer to having her back in our arms. Sleep in heavenly peace sweet angel baby. Friends may call at Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena, on Tuesday, December 23rd from 4-7pm; the funeral service will be immediately followed at 7:00. Contributions in memory of Julianna may be made to Children's Hospital, c/o NICU, 43 New Scotland Avenue, MC73, Albany, NY 12208.

Councilman Burns offered his condolences and added that he does not know what to say in a time like this other than he truly believes that she is resting with our Lord right now, she is not afraid and her parents can feel at ease that they will see her at the end of the day.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he also wanted to express his condolences to Cindy and her family; it is a hard thing to go through, especially this time of year. He continued by saying that he also wanted to express his condolences to the family in Knox for the loss of their 5 year old as well as the families of the two officers that were killed this past weekend. He asked that everyone keep those families in their prayers and then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he wanted to thank everyone present who discussed the sewer issues and he looks forward to more cooperative discussion and he thinks that the most important thing is that the things they approach in life, there is open communications and for

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them not to judge others too harshly. He continued by saying that as far as the families, he is a nurse and sees it up close and personal way too often and there are no words that you can express but a hug goes a long way and when he sees Cindy he will give her one. He added that they were having a Town Christmas Party that day and it wasn't 10 minutes before that she was showing a picture of her little granddaughter sitting on Santa's knee. He concluded by saying that everyone should remember that life is precious, every moment is precious and he too wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah and the spirit of the holiday brings warmth and love and he wishes it was year round. He then offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the meeting was adjourned.

Time – 8:08pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read February 23, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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December 29, 2014 – Public Hearing – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday December 29, 2014, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman (arrived late)

ABSENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Larry Conrad, Sewer Administrator

Supervisor Flach opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there was a full Town Board present with the exception of Supervisor Flach.

**NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed Sewer Rates. The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00pm on December 29, 2014 at Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti invited comment from the public at this time.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that there is no comparison from last year to this year to know what the difference in costs are and then asked if the rates were \$500.00 even last year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they were \$523.00.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she was trying to compare to see what went up and what went down.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he can go through the budget and give her the basic changes but most have mainstreamed the same and the basic differences are in the BANS and Bonds. He added that they had to add H41 this year, which is part of the Consent Order that they signed with DEC and is currently a \$500,000.00 BAN and technically they are only obligated to pay just the interest of \$6,250.00 but along with that they have scheduled a \$15,000.00 payment toward the principal of that BAN as well because it would appear that if they don't come to further agreement with the Village they will be paying that BAN down rather than borrowing any more money.

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Ms. Pasquini asked when the Contract is up with the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they have two ten-year renewals but it is negotiated annually with the Village and it is what they did at the last meeting with them and they negotiated the actual rates that are paid, which was determined at this point to be basically undetermined until July of next year when they have a full 12 months reading of the meters. He continued by saying that until then the rates are promulgated on the fact that they are anticipating a minimum of the 70/30 split between the Town and Village and once the meters are read in July, it will be retroactive to January 1st of 2015 and that is what the basic crux of the meeting was with the Village on December 17th and they had to wait for those rates to be determined in order to come up with the rates to be established for the Public Hearing.

Ms. Pasquini asked if the meters are all in.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the meters have been in and they have had some difficulties with the one at the point and it is why they don't have a full year right now because it has had some glitches and unfortunately they didn't get it up and running until June but didn't have a full months reading until July and by the time they get a full 12 months will be June 30th of 2015. He added that the other big change is the sewer debt that the District has and it was an enormous amount of money with all the "due tos" and "froms", basically interfund loans that were squared up after the Village contract was signed in 2010. He continued by saying that the District had some debt for some \$320,000.00 that was arranged through a BAN, which they have been trying to pay down before they accrue much more debt and this is the big ticket item in the District and until they get it paid off, there is going to be a problem. He went on by saying that they are also afraid that as the H41 project proceeds with the Consent Order, if the Village does not ante up and if they don't get it paid down; they will be paying double duty so they are trying to pay that down as fast as they can. He added that the debt goes back to 2003 with prior administrations and should have been paid off years ago when they were using money that the Village paid for their portion of their BANS and debts to do the operational costs of the plant.

Ms. Pasquini asked about the money that was let go in a contract with the Village when the Village got away without paying it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there is a piece of that in there.

Ms. Pasquini interjected that it is a big piece of it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there is a piece, not a real big piece and as he recalls it is in the neighborhood of approximately \$60,000.00.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she thought it was more than that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they paid \$355,000.00 of the operation and maintenance and basically what was left out when Mr. Youmans had the numbers put in the contract was the Capital costs.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she thought it was \$323,000.00.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the debt was \$320,000.00 and the BAN was issued, which were inter-fund loans that B-Fund was loaning money when the Village didn't pay the contract so the B-Fund was loaning money and the Sewer District was advancing money to make payroll and keep things running. He added that when they negotiated the contract, it was well over \$600,000.00 and \$355,000.00 came immediately in a check and the \$320,000.00 came from the BAN debt, which was inherited debt to the District and he will be discussing one of the BANS that is being paid down and there is \$75,525.00 that was supposed to be paid back to the Sewer District, which reduced an H35 BAN and it wasn't part of the budgets in previous years and he was totally unaware of it until 2 weeks ago. He continued by saying that this is the first year that they are seeing a fund balance being forwarded and as he noted, it is only for 2014 because he didn't have numbers to work with as to what the District started off with in January of 2014 so based on the contract with the Village, the monies that were allocated and spent, the actual monies that the Village is still going to be outstanding to the Town as of January 1st is about \$10,600.00 that is due because of overruns of the abstracts minus their payments of about

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\$253,000.00. He went on by saying that they have never had the fund balance come through to reduce the rates of the Sewer District in previous years and they hope to have it all caught up with the new bookkeeping system and it will be an easier item to be determined. He added that they now have everything in place and accounted for, including interest rates and most of it is interest rates and the Bond Counsel had advised that they need to make higher payments than they have been making in the amount of \$10,000.00 and to be consistent with the language that was adopted when they passed the Bonds they have to be making \$15,000.00 payments. He went on by saying that basically the H35 has been upgraded to \$15,000.00 and H36 is a Bond with set rates based on 20 years, H37 is a Bond for another Town only project for three fixes and has fixed rates. He continued by saying then they have the sewer debt, which is the one they were trying to pay down and have increased it to \$30,000.00 and trying to pay it down because the interest rates are on the rise and they are hopeful that they can get most of the debt paid down in a reasonable time frame and eliminate that cost within the next few years and the H39 project was part of the upgrades to the clarifier and catwalks that was done recently and closed out and they are making principal and interest payments of \$15,000.00 on that, the H41 is the Consent Order, which basically is taking into account the lagoon and trunk sewer line if they get that far. He added that they are looking at 1.2 million to get the line up to the Village, 3.3 was the overall amount of money that they were looking for and it was going to pay off the H39 BAN, which was also upgrades to the plant, so one would have gone away and one would have increased and it is still in the works because they haven't got approval yet this year. He went on by saying that they are looking to get 0% or 2% loan money from EFC and hopefully they will qualify for the hardship and get the 0% interest for the H41 and interest rates won't be an issue but until it is determined, they have no real idea what their chances are and they have been pushed in to the 2015 loan schedule. He continued by saying that there was an income study of the Hamlet, which is now complete and in and was part of the holdup for not getting it in for next year and hopefully they are nearing the end of the process to determine whether they will be able to get the 2% or 0% interest rate for the H41 and if approved, they will pay off the H39, which he believes is \$150,000.00.

Councilman Dolan asked if he is saying that fund balances do exist?

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they absolutely do.

Councilman Dolan interjected that there was some controversy as to whether or not they were real.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that in actuality he believes it is well over that amount and what they have found is that, the money instead of being transferred back into the Sewer Account was transferred into H Projects where it should not have gone and it's been sitting in the wrong account. He added that once it is transferred to the Sewer Account where it belongs, he is hopeful that they will have nearly \$100,000.00 worth of fund balance.

Councilman Dolan stated that the rates he previously saw were a little lower than his proposed rates and then asked if it is because of what he just explained.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is and they had to make some adjustments for the interest rate and the bank had one opinion about what had to be paid, which they were given and Bond Counsel who were recently hired, has given them the particulars in a different fashion and said another thing, which they had to do to be in accordance with the Finance Law. He added that the interest rates are increasing, they were at .9 and right now they are borrowing at 1.75%, which is still inexpensive, compared to Bond rates, which are up and closer to 4%. He continued by saying that they are hopeful to merge a couple of BAN's together, which makes no sense to turn them into a Bond at this point and it is a work in progress thing to determine when you want to go from the lower interest rate to a Bond rate, which is usually higher and set for 20 years. He went on by saying that H36 for the meters was a \$150,000.00 project and they are paying \$5,687.48 for the principal and \$5,300.98 for the interest alone and if they can borrow at 1.75%, he would rather pay the principal down than the interest but it is a Bond and they are stuck with it for now and it is what they have to deal with. He added that they are shuffling some of the other things to pay down what they can as fast as they can and they really don't want to have debt out there for 20 years that should have been paid off years ago and they are trying to accelerate the debt to get rid of it and get down to the 5 BANS and Bonds instead of the 6 and hopefully when they qualify for H41 and can reduce it down to 4.

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Councilman Dolan stated that it looks like 4 of the 6 loans are shared by the Village so they are paying the higher percentage of that and at this point it makes even more sense to pay it back.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he was correct and added that the Village payment is going to go from what was \$21,154.40, based on their current agreement that they are hoping for, to \$26,725.06 per month based on 70/30 of this budget. He added that the Village portion has come up considerably and as the contract was written, it is operation & maintenance and capital improvements, which is the huge progress that past Supervisor Youmans did make with the Village when he negotiated the contract and got both of them to the same percentage rate. He continued by saying that they used to pay very minimal amounts of the capital improvements but larger amounts of the operation & maintenance, which was one of the key things that they were after and to his credit he managed to get it in the contract even though they did lose some money that was left on the wayside and to that end. He went on by saying that if it gets to 80/20, to where they hope it would be at, based on the units, the Village will be paying an even higher and steeper portion of that and the Hamlet users would be benefiting from that but it is and/if what the meters say.

Councilman Dolan asked if the meters do say 80/20, will they adjust the rates mid-year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can by holding another Public Hearing to adjust the rates and if it is that drastic of a difference, he would suggest that they do it but with the way that the conversation went at the Village Meeting, the six months that they do have are basically the dry months and the meters are saying 80/20 but with the wet months they are anticipating 75/25 and still hoping to benefit but to that extent, they will have to reevaluate in July. He reiterated that they do have the option of having another Public Hearing and setting the rates and the rates are being done in accordance to General Municipal Law Section 453, which is part of the Local Law for the operation of the Sewer Plant under Article 2, which is how the rates are to be established and the Public Hearing is being done according to those rules and regulations. He continued by saying that there are two other things that he wanted to bring to their attention that affected it a little bit and is a last minute change and the other night the Town took in two properties in the Hamlet, 84 & 78 Main Street and those two properties totaled 5 units of usage so he had to adjust for those 5 units, he assumes that that the one building will be torn down and the other one he hopes they can put back on the roll at some point but right now it is uninhabitable the way it is and he is not sure what the process will be for that.

Councilman Dolan asked if the County was reimbursing them for the 5 units.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are up to this year and another issue with the County is whether or not they are going to reimburse.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is the reason why he had to adjust it because they were getting the money from the County even though the owner's themselves were not paying it and that won't be the case now that the Town owns it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he has the re-levy report as well and it is \$54,599.70 plus their penalties that they are going to have and Town Clerk Millious could probably speak to what penalties are charged and added to the taxes.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is what she puts on and there is no additional penalty because it does not go to them.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is money due from the County because of the fact that it is what is billed and accounted for as part of 2014 so it is money coming back into the accounts and has already been spent so to speak. He added that there is money coming but January is their hardest hits, the H35 projects comes due January 10th, the retirement for New York State pension is due and is about \$25,000.00 and there are two payrolls that have to be covered. He continued by saying that the bills are out by January 1st and the second week is when they start getting a tremendous amount of influx from that but the District still has to be kept operating and there is money accounted for to keep everything running. He went on by saying that by this time next year he hopes to have a to the penny accounting of everything and hopefully they will be able to pay down the debt more than the anticipated \$30,000.00 that they have and they are going to have to go back and negotiate with the Village because it wasn't in the budget as far as the extra

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payments that were made and they have to negotiate some kind of a payment schedule so to speak or if they want to pay it all at once or over a period of 1 year and it is Sewer District money due currently but until it is worked out with the Village they will have to wait and see how it can be handled, which will be a Board issue and reiterated that he just became aware of it 2 weeks ago. He added that they have been doing everything they can to try and figure out how to deal with it at this point but basically it comes down to the fact that it is paid in advance, it is helping them and it was that 65% one year and 60% the other so the Village is actually making out because if they weighed it now it could be 70% or 80% so they should be glad they did this and in turn pay up.

Councilman Langdon asked if he thought they would run right over with a check.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he would refrain from commenting on that.

Councilman Dolan stated that just to be clear, the amount that the Village is going to pay the Town is that the Village bills each Village sewer users and it is up to them to come up with how they are going to do it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they have only raised their rates once in 20 years and the Town's budget's don't really seem to affect their rates and he is not sure why and they must have a good surplus of money.

Councilman Langdon stated that he had mentioned that the County had been paying on the two houses that the Town just took and there are several homes down there that are technically still under an individual owners because banks have refused to foreclose on them.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Town is still being made whole for those through this year and it is what the re-levy is but it's not just them, there are people that choose not to pay it year after year and you can go do the list and know which ones they are.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the County is in arrears because the Town gets all their money up front whether they pay or not.

Councilman Dolan stated that some people think that they paid their bill and then find it a couple of months later and you can't pay it once it goes past the date no matter what.

Ms. Palmer asked if it get re-levied on the taxes.

Councilman Dolan stated that it does and if you just discovered the day after it is due that it was not paid, you have to wait for it to be re-levied.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Board sets the date, which is November 1st for sewer and water and she can't take anything after that.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the property taxes are like that too.

Town Clerk Millious stated that Albany County wants it by a certain date and they take a share in the tax collection.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there is a process where you can go to the County and make arrangements.

Town Clerk Millious stated that you can't with sewer and water.

Ms. Palmer asked if on the ones that are paid late, even the Village, if they charge interest on it.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is a penalty, which he thinks is 1.5%.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it ends up to be 7% by the time it goes to re-levy.

Councilman Dolan stated that usually on the bill it will tell you to pay this amount by this date and this amount after that date.

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Ms. Palmer asked if the bill that is sent to the Village is one bill for \$320,000.00.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are billed monthly and the number in yellow is what is billed per month.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that they are all paid up for the year.

Councilman Dolan asked if the numbers are estimates and if there is a savings in the costs and if they don't spend it all, does it go back to the Village and if they would pay more does it mean it was over.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that was correct.

Ms. Palmer asked why if the Hamlet users pay twice a year, why the Village does not pay twice a year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is because it is a contract.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not the users that are paying the Town; it is the Village itself that is paying each month.

Ms. Palmer asked if they bill twice a year.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks they do.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they combine water and sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that their year is different from the Town's.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they have a different fiscal year.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Village is behind the Town on the roll and the last on the roll and School starts first from the new tax roll.

Ms. Palmer asked when the current contract was negotiated.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the contract was done in 2010 and the only part that is open to negotiation is percentages based on the meters.

Ms. Palmer asked about renewal.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is an automatic renewal every 10 years.

Ms. Palmer asked for how many years.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is for two 10 year periods.

Ms. Palmer stated that it is up until 2030.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is 10 years with two 10 year periods and it is actually a 30-year contract.

Councilman Dolan stated that the reason that it is 30 years is because if they are doing major improvements to the infrastructure of the plant itself, they are going to need that much money to be able to pay off those Bonds and theoretically as it gets closer to the end of 30 years, you don't have 30 years but you don't want the Village opting out and going on their own because there is a lot of outstanding debt that needs to be taken care of.

Ms. Palmer asked why it says Town only.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is because the collection system from the point where the fire house is down and as part of the contract, it is a Town only responsibility and there are

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also two other sections on Rte. 9W from Cumberland Farms to the Greene County line and from right near Mayone's Plaza to the end of that where they are also Town only responsibility. He added that they keep track of the costs and it is why you see different account codes and even the labor is accounted for separately for that as part of the contract so the Village does not pay for anything outside the Village. He continued by saying that they were trying to negotiate the trunk sewer line because that sewer collection line right now is a Town only charge and it is important that they either negotiate that into the contract as shared or they don't give them the opportunity to use it and it is basically a choke hold type of thing.

Councilman Langdon stated that the line isn't in the Village so technically it is not the Village.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is how it gets to the plant.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that it can't get to the plant without using the Town's trunk line.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that prior to the current contract and going back to 1999, the Town used to pay a flow-through charge for the units that are on the north and south ends of Rte. 9W to come through the Village line just to the point.

Ms. Palmer asked who is responsible to maintain the Village lines.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are.

Ms. Palmer asked if the Village is completely responsible for the piping line that runs through the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are and basically the contract says that the Village is responsible for their lines and the Town is responsible for theirs.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Town used to pay a flow-through charge and it was taken out of the last contract also, which was approximately \$3,200.00.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was \$4,000.00 and it actually came out of the 1999 agreement, the one prior to the last one.

Councilman Dolan stated that they tried to get it all paid up through 2010 as he may recall and there were times that it was withheld from the Village's payment.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they finally negotiated all that and got paid for it.

Ms. Palmer asked what efforts are being made to look into and find grant funds from the State or Federal government to help because there are a lot of issues down there as far as pipes that need to be replaced. She added that Cocksackie got ½ million dollars that they never have to repay.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the current rate has been established at approximately \$700.00 a year and unless you are paying that, you really get pushed down on the list of qualifiers and they have routinely made applications for grants. He continued by saying that the one that he has been talking about is a loan at 2% interest.

Ms. Palmer asked if it is through the EPA.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is through EFC, a funding corporation. He added that they have had grants, they got grants for the UV, which was done and paid for and they have received grant money here and there but most of the time they don't qualify. He continued by saying that there are so many out there applying with infrastructure problems and the Town gets pushed down to the bottom of the list and he recently read a letter that said "sorry, you lose again".

Ms. Palmer asked what the reasoning is.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is because the rate in the Hamlet that is paid is lower than the required amount and if the Hamlet users were paying \$700.00 a year instead of \$500.00, they

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would be better able to get grants. He added that even though \$500.00 is a lot to pay each year, there are people paying much more.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is the smaller municipalities where the rates are even higher and they see that as an insurmountable amount of money for the smaller users to be able to make any real improvements.

Councilman Dolan stated that if they had more than the 4-5 known houses discharging directly into the Hudson River, they would be higher on the list and there is a component of health and safety.

Ms. Pasquini asked if they know how many houses are going into the river.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not know and added that he knows there are the houses north of the bridge.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are three houses there and they assume that there are some more in the old part of the storm water line that is still going in and they have eliminated most of those but they still have some going in.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was talking about people that are deliberately known.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Tappan Zee Project and the River Keepers have come to an agreement that they are going to pay a \$55,000.00 assessment and he has been working with them and currently they are trying to get an estimate of the cost and they have agreed upon a project to hopefully eliminate a need for those three houses to go in the creek by putting in a forced main that will actually cross over the new lines that Mr. Laraway put in his bridge but they still have to get up to the manhole and tie it in to get it across the bridge. He added that they are trying to come up with a figure to put the forced main in and then those houses would be able to put their ejection pumps into the forced main to put into the sewer system, which is another issue that DEC has been on them to deal with for years since 2001 and hopefully it will get done within this next year.

Ms. Pasquini stated that the only reason she asks is because in the wintertime when it is cold out, there is still smoke coming out of the hole in her yard that they plugged up and it is gas because you can smell it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he understands and it is a portion of them.

Ms. Pasquini stated that they are not just across the bridge, they are below as well.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he is talking about houses that are specifically not even eligible to be hooked up to the sewer and don't have septic systems and are discharging directly into the Hudson River.

Ms. Pasquini stated that those are the homes by Stone House Hill but there are more and it is a bigger problem.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there is a bigger problem and they have some money to address that and the problem with those doing it are some of them were directly hooked into the storm sewer, which used to be the primary source of sewage getting to the river. He added that in the 60's they thought they eliminated most of them but obviously some have multiple hook-ups that they were unaware of and they just eliminated another 8-10 when they did the project between Colvin and Blaisdell and from there up they know there is more and as they work their way up through there, they will continue to try and eliminate those and reiterated that they know they have a problem there. He continued by saying that it isn't really part of the Sewer District; it's the storm water issue, which is not part of the Sewer District.

Mr. Langdon asked if those people are paying for sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that every house pays presuming that they are in but what happens is there are multiple hook-ups from some of the older houses that used to go out the

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back and then they went to go out the front when the sewer line went down Westerlo Street but the line on Westerlo Street from Blaisdell down is about 20 feet in the ground and almost impossible to work on. He continued by saying that there have been some glitches to the system that have been worked out near Civill Avenue where the first 3-4 homes go into a 6 inch line, which travels down through back yards and ties into manhole 32 or 33 and there have been a few others, the 7-8 that they took care of that were put there in the 70's through another line that went up through the back which was actually put in right along the storm water box, to try and take care of some of those. He went on by saying that it is slow but sure progress and they are working on trying to take care of all of those issues.

Councilman Dolan stated that for the sewer, you pay for access to it whether you use it or not with the one exception vacant parcels, which are assessed at a lower rate and added that he does not think that the Village does and they charge whether you use it or not.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they planned on charging a minimum charge no matter what but then they turned it around when a couple of people complained and the Village does it on a unit basis like the Town. He added that he knows of a couple store owners who complained and got their rates reduced and they don't seem to look at the unit based like they do the overall cost and another problem that Village residents ought to get upset over is that out of the 949 parcels that use it to come up with the 1,660 units, there is still all of Winnie Avenue to the end that doesn't have sewer available and yet they pay the same rate in Village tax as anyone else and reiterated that they ought to be totally upset.

Councilman Langdon questioned paying a sewer charge for no sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that theirs is all lumped in with their Village tax and even though the Village keeps a separate fund, they collect it from every resident of the Village regardless and not everyone gets to share in it equally.

Ms. Palmer stated that the two houses that she owns on Winnie Avenue she pays full taxes for but has no access to sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that from the trailer park down has no sewer, the school has no sewer, but they all pay the same rates for septic system up through there. He added that Hillcrest is the last place that is on a lift station that pumps back into the sewer.

Ms. Palmer asked what the total debt was besides standard operating.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he would have to total that up for her at this point.

Ms. Palmer asked for a rough estimate.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated they have BAN's where they borrowed \$500,000.00 but have only spent \$100,000.00 so he would have to look at the numbers.

Ms. Palmer asked if they are only paying interest on the portion that has been used or on the entire amount.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there is interest on the portion that has been used.

Ms. Palmer interjected that it is like a Home Equity Loan and then asked how much money they are losing out on by not being able to take advantage of the grants, for instance if they put it up to \$700,000.00, she wouldn't want to pay it either but if it got them to the point where they could have access to 1 million, they could pay off the debt.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is not practical or legal to do that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he grants are only for improvements and not for debt.

Ms. Palmer stated that the extra \$200.00 a year that they would be paying per unit, which would be \$89,000.00 a year, would pay down the debt.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that unfortunately they can't charge that because there are regulations that go along with Town Law on what they can surplus and it is not as easy as she is trying to make it out to be. He added that unfortunately a lot of people have looked at all these rules and the government has figured out a way to stop you from gouging people and there is only a certain amount of money that they can carry unless it is in a dedicated reserve fund and it is what happened going back to 2003, they thought they had a surplus of money but actually it was a dedicated reserve account that someone goofed up on and was being anticipated in replacement of some of the older lines that needed to be done, they thought there was a big surplus of money there and dropped the sewer rates down. He continued by saying that when they figured out the money was actually there to pay off and fix other things, it was not good.

Ms. Palmer stated that she understands that you can raise it only so much per year and then asked what it is and what gets them to a point where they can afford to do all that they need to do.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Comptroller used to have an opinion that it was 10% but back in 2010, they came up with a term called a reasonable amount.

Ms. Palmer stated that it does not make any sense, she bought her house three years ago and it went from 200 something to 300 something to 500 something.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was 500 something prior to that.

Councilman Dolan stated that the difference is that they are doing a process similar to that and it was determined that they needed "x" number of dollars to fund the sewer for the coming year and it is what the rates were based on. He continued by saying that some of it is estimating but they need to make a good faith effort to charge as much as they need to operate and they can build in a little cushion, but if the costs go up from one year to the next year the price goes up.

Councilman Langdon stated that Sewer Administrator Conrad described a time when it was assumed there was a fund balance, money that was supposed to be for something and carried over and in turn the rates were dropped because there was extra money.

Ms. Palmer interjected that they don't have extra money, they have debt.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they didn't have debt then.

Councilman Dolan stated that the other thing that in preparation of doing the budget, Sewer Administrator Conrad figured out if it was 80/20 and also figured out if it stays 60/40 or 70/30 and depending on the split between the Town and the Village and what is going to be Town only, this is what determines the amount of money that they levy. He continued by saying that he would never levy more than you absolutely needed to get through the year.

Ms. Palmer stated that it makes no sense to her because then they are continuing to have debt, which means they are paying money to keep this debt and then asked why they would drop it \$20.00 when they could keep it there and pay down some of the debt.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is easy for her to say but she can pay his portion or Mr. Falzano's 10 units or Civill Housing with 29 units.

Ms. Palmer stated that they are already paying it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is a tremendous cost to people that can't afford it and its okay if she is flush and wants to pay his share and they are doing their best to try and pay it down, they are not trying to keep it. He continued by saying that up until 2003, the Sewer District never had debt like that, they had a Bond and paid it faithfully and it wasn't until they had some mismanagement on a couple of Boards and over spending that was out of control and it was so badly managed in those couple of years that the Village refused to pay until they got it back on the straight and narrow. He added that this is when the Board said they had to do something, they sat down and have not had an issue with the Village in 3-4 years that he knows of with the system and before that it was a constant battle back and forth and even the Comptroller got involved because it was so bad and it was just a matter of getting everything back on track with the bookkeeping, which they have a handle on and it is getting better. He

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continued by saying that with respect to the new system, a lot of the stuff was done on paper ledgers and you didn't have an exact thing, he puts all of his figures in Excel and keeps track of it month to month and the Board gets the information from their budget people. He went on by saying that as the vouchers are approved, he puts them in and knows exactly how much they spent during the year and he knows how much the Village has paid and basically with the Village's accounting with their 60% portion in 2014, their costs are \$264,453.37 through the 12 abstracts and have paid \$253,852.80 so they owe still, which they account for per the contract in January, and an additional bill of \$10,600.57 to be added to the \$26,000.00 payment that they have to pay. He continued by saying that is how the system works and if they had not spent that and had spent \$250,000.00, they would owe the Village \$3,000.00 and that same \$3,000.00 would be deducted from their first payments.

Ms. Palmer stated that there are known issues that have to be fixed and this is just regular operation.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that this would be everything.

******Councilman Dolan stated that it includes money for and he was going to point out the most expensive of the BAN's and Bonds on payment for next year is the Consent Order, which if they didn't take out that money and pay it back at this rate, they would not be able to add users to the Sewer District. He added that one of the answers is, if they have to pay the same amount of money, they can distribute it amongst more users and then pay less per person.

Ms. Palmer stated that they could extend the sewer line on for instance Winnie Avenue and then asked how much it would cost to put the line in.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it would be a Village problem and not the Town's.

Ms. Palmer stated that there are houses in the Hamlet that obviously need to be connected too.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that most all of them have the advantage of getting in except for the three across the bridge.

Councilman Dolan stated that the work done under the Consent Order is to fix the infrastructure to stop the I&I into the system.

Ms. Palmer asked if \$15,000.00 was going to fix it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is for one year.

Councilman Langdon stated that the \$15,000.00 pays on the principle.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is a Bond 40 years long if they pass it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is \$400,000.00 worth of work and as Sewer Administrator was saying earlier, at some point they want to lock into a rate that is going to be fixed and they want to lock into it at the right time.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that when they renew it this year it is probably going to be in the area of 1.75% and some were borrowed originally at .9%, which was fantastic, then it went to .95% and right now a couple are 1.25% and 1.45%.

Ms. Palmer stated that it is all debt that has to be paid back but if they were meeting the requirements to get the grants, it is money that never has to be paid back.

Councilman Dolan stated that even if they increased the sewer rents to \$750.00 a year, it is not a guarantee that you are going to get the grant, it just puts you in a better standing when you apply, he then asked what she would say to him if the Board raised their rates an extra \$200.00 a year on each unit because they think they might get some grants but then don't get them.

Sewer Administrator Conrad added that their Fund Balances would go to a point where they are going to violate the rules of the Comptroller and they will have to reduce the rates anyway. He

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continued by saying that it is a vicious battle and not an exact science but he thinks they are doing the best they can and in the past couple of years it has become much better, they have money in the bank again, they are paying their bills. He went on by saying the one thing that did go up and caused some concern, is the sludge hauling, which has gone up dramatically and it was previously \$30,000.00 but they can count on it being \$40,000.00- \$45,000.00 this year.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it was because of the price of gasoline but now it is down.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it went from .0398 to .056 per gallon and they are hauling some months as much as 60,000 gallon.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they did look at other ways of possibly buying their own truck to haul.

Councilman Langdon stated that it has been a challenge and they are paying \$600.00 - \$700.00 a week.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is that amount per day and they are hauling 2-3 days a week.

Councilman Langdon stated that you can't support a truck for \$1,000.00 a week, his trucks had to make \$5,000.00 a week and they don't have enough hauling to justify that kind of overhead.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is very specialized.

Councilman Burns stated that in the past they have added Magnolia Circle, Oakbrook Manor, the different plazas and now there are new businesses that want to tie in and then asked if they should have had them pay to upgrade the Water and Sewer to accommodate them even before they allowed them in.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the sewer mains are all there.

Councilman Burns stated that he meant to accommodate the extra flow and extra units, like the Civic Center.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are and it is basically how they are doing it per unit and part of Section 453 where you have to have a system that is fair and equitable and you can't charge one person because you think he's got a lot of money.

Councilman Langdon stated that there are tax incentives and deals where you don't have to pay for 10 years to get builders to build developments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not believe that they did that.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he thought someone said Oakbrook Manor got a pretty big deal when the built it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they hadn't and it is in the Village and continued by saying that it doesn't matter because everything is still be calculated based on meters and they have a meter at the Hamlet and when they take away the Village, they read the meters at the plant to determine how many gallons.

Councilman Langdon asked how many homes are in Magnolia Circle.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are approximately 75 homes,

Councilman Langdon stated that if you add that many users to a system you have to know that you are increasing capacity to a degree that it is more than just the maintenance and ongoing expenses and you would likely need to upgrade the system with larger pipes in some areas.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it wasn't the Village that needed to, it's the Town and their system handles it just fine but where it comes in at the point there is a problem and they don't care about the Town's problem.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thinks what she is trying to elude to is, if someone wants to put in a huge project, they should be putting money into the sewer so they can handle the upgrades now while they are putting their project in.

Councilman Burns stated that Oakbrook has a pump station with grinder pumps and it cost the Village a lot of money.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they work on that constantly but again, it is the Village, they don't care as long as it gets to the point and the fact of the matter is, they put in 70 some homes that they are collecting additional money for and making money on. He continued by saying that the contractor had to pay to put in the whole infrastructure, which didn't cost the Village a dime and as long as it flowed to the point everything was great. He added that this is why the original contracts, even back to 1967 had a paragraph that specifically spelled out that any improvement to the trunk sewer line, which is required because of basic usage, would be on a benefit derived basis and unfortunately it was one of the drawbacks of past Supervisor Youman's contract, it disappeared. He continued by saying that they ventured on one end and lost on the other but they can still make the argument that they are not going to upgrade the trunk sewer line until the Village agrees to jump in and help pay for it. He continued by saying that there is the whole area from the firehouse to the plant and 1,660 units is the Village and about 60 is the Town from that point on it becomes more Town but the bottom line is that the Village has the bigger percentage and the meters should have been tossed out the door and they should have used units, like everyone would agree. He added that they can't force the Village to change their thought plan, which since the 60's has been meters, meters, meters and they did two big studies, which took two years, on the I&I and back in 80-82 it was determined that the Village was 95% of the I&I, which was basically Oakbrook Manor and now that they are fixing a lot of the I&I problems, their I&I levels are dropping considerably so the meters are starting to show in their benefit a much greater amount. He went on by saying that during the wetter months for the Town, because of issues in the Hamlet of I&I, they are starting to show a little bit more of a detriment and the problem is how to get everyone's footing drain, sump pumps and that kind of thing out of the system that they have been doing for 40 years and they take them out when you are looking and put it back in as soon as you're not because they need to deal with it and it's something that is easily going to go away. He continued by saying that they are looking at the direct connections, waters have been shut off that have been leaking into the system direct, they have taken care of a lot of them and you basically have to deal with what's coming to the plant on a day to day basis.

Councilman Langdon stated that the only real way that you could resolve it is if you had a meter in every home monitoring what they are putting in the system, which would be a lot of money and not necessarily practical.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he has a meter in his house, which is practically inaccessible because you would have to go in his crawl space from one end of his house to the other to get to it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that even with metering the water, it does not catch the sump pumps and footing drains.

Councilman Langdon stated that the only real way would be to meter the sewer per house, which is not practical.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he would rather take the money and fix the lines.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they couldn't keep sewer meters working, water meters usually work but sewer meters are a definite problem and they get plugged up constantly and a calamity of errors in trying to keep them working as well as it being labor intensive. He added that it is getting better and in reality it is getting better for the Town users and hopefully in another couple of years if they can get the debt under control and 0% interest loan, they will be in good shape and as someone said, most of the things that they have been dealing with is that

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the plant is old, it was built in 1968, the roof, heat system, old school mechanisms are being upgraded and they actually reduced flows. He continued by saying that their plant was rated for 820,000 gallons a day and they flow between 400,000 – 500,000 and have reduced flows over the past years, which has been because of I&I reduction so they are actually processing less material on an overall basis than they were 10 years ago. He went on by saying that it is a matter of semantics and a lot involved in it and if they didn't have a period of time where there was poor management of the Town, BAN's would not have existed because the two that are the Town, the H37 to fix the line that cross Rte. 9W and manholes on Church Street as well as connection that was poorly designed near Colvin and Westerlo Street and those things cost the Town over \$100,000.00 and was part of the money that they used to reduce the sewer rents. He added that the money was to fix those problems but it went away and then they had to re-borrow money to fix it now at even more money and the 45 foot piece across Rte. 9W was \$60,000.00. He concluded by saying that it is being much better managed now, the Board has a handle on the spending and even though the rates are a little higher than they were back then, costs are higher and there is just so much you can do and they are doing the best they can at this point.

Deputy Supervisor Masti interjected that they are a not-for-profit sewer system.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if it was privately run it would cost them even more money and he does not know if that's an answer.

Councilman Langdon asked what they are going to do.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that based on what they have seen for the costs, which he prepared for them, as they can see the estimated amount annually is \$503.90 and based on the fact that they possibly may have to go ahead and renegotiate the contract in July, it would be his recommendation that they accept the \$504.00 annual payment based on the two times a year at \$252.00 per unit and the rate of interest has already been established by a Local Law but they usually reaffirm it at 10%. He added that he believes that the resolution has been prepared based on that and if they agree with it, it's fine and if they wish to amend something, they can amend it.

Councilman Masti asked if the vacant parcels are a flat rate of \$100.00 a year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that was correct and there are 23 of those that is listed as well as well as there being multiple other reports.

Councilman Masti stated that he had worked with Sewer Administrator Conrad for two weeks and he wanted to thank him for all of his hard work and added that he has a much better understanding of the sewer.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are making progress with the H41 Project, which is the lagoons, the manholes and the lift station that they are preparing to put in has arrived and on site and they are preparing to come up with some estimates for the Village to see if they will join in and share manholes 2-5 and if the weather holds, out sooner than later, if not first thing in the spring to get it all in the ground.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he has looked back as far as 1999 and the Sewer Plant has an interesting history.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it has really evolved and you had to be here when Floyd Russo was here to really appreciate it.

Ms. Pasquini interjected that it was making money then.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he had an unique way of charging double for commercials that used less and a portion of the school district that he used to balance the budget on.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked when it was.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is going back in to the 70's.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she worked with him and it is how he did things and she did the billing and collecting.

Councilman Dolan interjected that things were different back then.

Councilman Langdon asked about him charging commercial more than residential.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he doubled it and that's when they read the water meters and they paid based on 20,000 gallons of usage when everyone was unlimited and there was no fairness to the system back then.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if everyone's questions were answered, hearing no more comments he proceeded to read the resolution.

RESOLUTION

RES. #173-14 APPROVE 2015 SEWER RATES

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach)

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is required to establish Sewer Rates for 2015; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town and held on December 29, 2014 at 6:00pm at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the Proposed 2015 Sewer Rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considers the number of users per parcel to calculate the parcel billing for operation and maintenance and capital improvements, and each use is hereby charged:

\$252.00 - Per Unit - 6 Month Billing \$504.00 Per Year
Minimum \$252.00 / Unit / Billing

Examples are: 1 Apartment 1 Unit
 2 Apartments 2 Unit
 3 Apartments 3 Unit

Commercial – 1 Unit Per Use
Out-of-District @ Above Rates
Vacant Parcels @ Flat Rate of \$100.00 a Year
Village of Ravena @ \$26,725.06 Per Year

WHEREAS, the Town Board has established a late payment penalty of ten (10) percent to be imposed on all balances thirty (30) days from due date of billing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to collect for the first billing cycle and second billing cycle of 2015, pursuant to the above established rates.

Councilman Dolan stated that he doesn't always agree with everything that Sewer Administrator Conrad says or does but he did a good job of balancing paying off the outstanding debt and decreasing the rate. He added that he has seen years where rates were decreased that led to problems later on as well as years where they have increased the rate and it has caused harm to people who live on fixed incomes and reiterated that he did a good job balancing it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he has been working with the Board and Bookkeeper Weidman and it is due to the Board's negotiations with the Village that actually led to the successful portion of it and it is the Board that deserves the credit. He added that hopefully they will be able to go to 80/20 in July and be able to go back to the Board's and reduce it some, which is his goal.

Councilman Langdon stated that it says out-of- district users and then asked who that would be.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the District itself is promulgated along District lines currently and there are people along 9W to the north end that are not in the District so in order to make them whole in the operation, they established out-of-district user rather than trying to re-delineate the District as well as people in Coeymans that are outside of it, like Stone House Hill as well as a few on Martins Hill Road that are outside the District and done as part of the 2009 realignment. He continued by saying that there is a list if he would like to see it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he was curious about the areas.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are two on Martins Hill and a third one coming in at some point next year as well as Crossroad Ford, Crowne Point, Nolan's Property, Mayone's Property, 5 to 6 units in the plaza and 3 homes on the north end of town and they are all out-of-district users.

Councilman Masti asked if they had to do a roll-call vote.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it's not a law so they don't have to.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they need to vote and for a Public Hearing they should do a roll-call vote.

Town Clerk Millious conducted the roll-call vote as follows:

Peter Masti – AYE, Thomas Dolan – AYE, Kenneth Burns – AYE, George Langdon – AYE – ABSENT 1 – (Flach) – SO MOVED

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the Public Hearing was very educational.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they need to set their topics on how they would like to negotiate with Trustee Bailey to collect their \$75,525.00 in overpayment of H35.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read February 23, 2015

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk