

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
January 14, 2016 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Philip A. Crandall, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman
James Youmans, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
P.J. McKenna, Chief of Police
John Kerr, Chief Operator, WWTP

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall stated that the record should reflect that there is a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious, Highway Superintendent Searles, Chief McKenna, Chief WWTP Operator Kerr and County Legislature Touchette.

PRESENTATION

Supervisor Crandall invited County Legislature Touchette to speak.

County Legislature Touchette thanked the Supervisor and Town Board for the opportunity to be there and address them. He added that he knows they have a full agenda so he would try to be brief and continued by reading the following:

I can't tell you how honored I am to have been elected to the Albany County Legislature, it is a real privilege and I promise to work as hard as I can for the people of the 37th District. But, first of all I would like to acknowledge the service of my predecessor Peter Close, who served as the Albany County Legislator for the 37th District for 24 years, so if you see him, please offer a debt of gratitude to him for his service. The 37th District in the Albany County Legislature is coterminous, which means it has the same boundaries as the Town of Coeymans and that is unique in the County Legislature and probably a lot of places that they have the same boundaries as the Town and a Legislative District. Many districts are carved very carefully and one of my colleagues in the 3rd and 9th District, his District encompasses parts of four different towns. In Albany some of these districts are very narrowly carved. I think it is a privilege and opportunity for both of us to have the same district and same people that we're representing. Because of that I think we can work very closely together for the people of the Town of Coeymans. I want to let you know that I have been appointed to four committees, Conservation & Improvement, Social Services, Audit and Finance and been appointed the Deputy Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

He continued by saying that he has been in office for 14 days and there is a learning curb and continued by reading the following:

The other day I went to a public meeting about the rail trail that is eventually going to be 9 miles down to the City of Albany, it should be open this year and it is a great opportunity and display of the opportunity for the Federal Government, County Government and non-profit organizations to work together for the public good. That should be opening sometime this year and is a great opportunity for all of us and it's not that far away. Lawson Lake, I know there is going to be some real improvements in the near future and when I get the details I will let you know about that, Also, the Albany County Land Bank now has 1.5 million dollars to use throughout the

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County and I think there might be opportunities for us in Coeymans to work with the Land Bank for the improvement of the Town and Hamlet and the people that live here. I am looking forward to working with the Town Board as well as the people of Coeymans for the next four years and I hope we can work together for the betterment of all involved. Finally I would like to recognize a young man, Noah Park who is in the Army and currently serving in South Korea and would like to offer our prayers and thoughts for his safety as a soldier in the US Army.

He concluded by saying that it is all that he has for now and reiterated that he is looking forward to working with the Board over the next four years and if there is anything that he can do, please let him know, his cell number is 858-6388 & e-mail is rick.touchette@gmail.com and then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Dolan stated that he mentioned the Albany County Land Bank and he was toying with the idea of convening a group to work on housing, particularly in the Hamlet and getting different parts of Town Government involved with it and then asked if he thought this might be something that the Albany County Land Bank might be able to help them with.

County Legislator Touchette stated that definitely they can and what they should do is get them down here for a Town Board Workshop and talk about what they can do for the Town and he would happy to help with it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that if he would set that up for them, they would appreciate it.

Ms. Tanner stated that someone had mentioned the road by the Coeymans Post Office and how narrow it is and then asked if anything is ever going to be done with that area because if there is a big truck, you have to pull over and stop.

County Legislator Touchette stated that the whole issue with Rte. 144 is something that they need to address and he thinks that the Town Board recognizes that and he would like to work with the Town Board and State. He added that he knows that last year in Bethlehem, most of Rte. 144 was renovated and widened and is a beautiful stretch of road so it is something that he would like to work with the Town on.

Collectively the Town Board thanked County Legislator Touchette.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed – January 18, 2016

Supervisor Crandall stated that Town Offices will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Day and as always the Police Department is open 24/7 and they are there for us.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Rose Gladney stated that she wants to purchase the house at 78 Main Street in Coeymans and would like to offer the Town Board \$5,000.00, she bid \$6,000.00 but the Town has done nothing to the house and then asked how she goes about purchasing it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there was a mix-up on the original bid so he would be willing to rescind the original resolution and accept a bid from Ms. Gladney for \$5,000.00, she is looking to fix it up to improve the Hamlet. He added that he thinks it is a good idea and it would be a fair offer.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he believes in the resolution they accepted the \$6,000.00 bid and turned down the previous \$6,500.00 bid, and in the language, part of the language was that

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real property sales do not need to be bid out in public, they can be sold to the highest responsible bidder so he thinks they should rescind the resolution and accept her offer for \$5,000.00. He continued by saying that if it were to happen, one of the conditions of the sale was to take care of the stairs and then asked if she would be able to take care of that.

Councilman Langdon stated that there were several external problems.

Councilman Dolan asked Ms. Gladney if she would be able to take care of that in quick order.

Ms. Gladney stated that she would.

Councilman Langdon stated that it was his understanding that this was supposed to be bid out and then asked if they can just change it.

Councilman Dolan stated that in the last resolution passed accepting the \$6,000.00 bid, in there it says:

Whereas the Town seeks to dispose of this property for value in accordance with applicable law, and
Whereas transfer of surplus real estate is not subject to competitive bidding requirements under applicable law, and
Whereas to avoid any claims of favoritism, the Town advertised for the bids.

Councilman Dolan asked if the Notice has the conditions of the sale.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it does.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it was supposed to be 60 or 90 days to take care of the safety concerns on the outside of the building.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is 90 days.

Councilman Youmans asked if her plan was to make a home of it.

Ms. Gladney stated that it is.

Supervisor Crandall suggested that they rescind the resolution and adopt a new one awarding it to Rose Gladney for \$5,000.00.

Councilman Dolan asked that they include a time that the money needs to be paid by.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that it is usually 30 days.

Ms. Gladney stated that she can have it tomorrow and then asked who she pays.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it would be to the Town Clerk.

Ms. Gladney asked if it can be a regular check.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it needs to be a check made payable to the Town of Coeymans.

Ms. Gladney asked if they have to meet with their lawyer.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the Town's lawyer will draw up the papers and turn the deed over to her.

Councilman Dolan stated that it would be once the conditions are met, he remembers the outside steps but it would also be whatever else there is and in turn the Attorney for the Town will turn the deed over to her.

Ms. Gladney asked if she can start working on it.

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Councilman Dolan stated that she can and she would have to.

Councilman Langdon stated that their concern was that they didn't want someone to take it and have it just sit there and it is why the stipulations were put on it that the issues would be addressed.

Ms. Gladney stated that she will get right on it.

Supervisor Crandall asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Barbara Tanner stated that she has dealt in real estate and she had never seen a deal like this.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it has been unusual from the start.

Ms. Tanner stated that she is confused and asked if someone came in and offered \$4,000.00, would they have taken it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there were two bidders.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Town paid \$4,900.00 for the property.

Ms. Tanner stated that there was a \$6,500.00 bid at one time and then asked what happened to that.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it was decided by the Attorney for the Town that it was an illegal bid.

Councilman Dolan stated that he doesn't think that he used the word illegal.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it was controversial, to say the least.

Ms. Starr Ross interjected that the bid was pulled back.

Ms. Tanner asked about putting it out to bid again.

Councilman Dolan stated that surplus real property can be sold to the highest responsible bidder according to the resolution.

Ms. Tanner asked how people know it's for sale.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was advertised.

Ms. Ross asked if anyone other than those 2 people bid on it at that time.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was just those 2.

Ms. Tanner stated that Ms. Gladney put in a bid for \$6,000.00 and no one knows that maybe they could have gotten it for \$5,000.00.

Mr. Langdon stated that he understands her concern but it was a sealed bid and anyone could have bid \$5,000.00 if there was another bidder interested but there were no other bidders and her bid was sealed so as long as they say it is legal he is alright with it.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Tanner stated that under rules and regulations for a meeting it says that comments must relate to the current agenda being discussed at the Board Meeting but agenda items are discussed after the comment period.

Supervisor Crandall asked her what her question is.

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Ms. Tanner asked how they can discuss anything on the agenda if it hasn't come up yet and added that they brought this up to the previous Board and suggested a comment period later on after the Board's discussions had taken place.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is something that they can think about and he will take it into consideration.

Councilman Youmans stated that it also says, comments must relate to the current agenda item being discussed at the Board Meeting or legitimate Town business during the public comment period so it leaves the door open to a lot of things.

Ms. Tanner stated that what she is saying is that sometimes they discuss things and then they have questions about it but the comment period is over with.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is a good point and reiterated that they will take it under consideration and then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Crandall stated that there are five sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing on December 14th, a Public Hearing on December 14th, a Town Board Meeting on December 14th, a Town Board Workshop on December 22nd and a Town Board Meeting on December 28th and then offered a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 – SO MOVED

Councilman Youmans stated that he would abstain from the vote because he not on the Board at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Grant Update

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

On Monday, January 4th a meeting was held with C.T. Male representatives Managing Engineer Bob Flores and Ed Vopelac. This meeting was attended by myself, Mr. Dolan, Trustee Bill Bailey, John Kerr the Sewer Project Manager and John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer to talk over the sewer project, which is going to take place. Mr. Flores is our Engineer and he will be handling grants and oversight of the project with Mr. John Kerr. This has been something that multiple Town Boards have been working on and they are receiving money in the form of grants, which they don't have to put up any money to get.

He then asked Councilman Dolan to comment on it.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Town has received two grants to work on the Town's Sewer Plant and Sewer System with the first being 2.5 million in cash and \$800,000.00 at a zero percent loan and subsequent to that the Town received an additional grant for approximately \$800,000.00 and that grant was to replace the \$800,000.00 that was a zero percent loan so in essence the Town got a 2.5 million dollar grant and \$800,000.00 grant. He continued by saying that the Town has been working on this grant, the Environmental Report was done in 2013, the Engineers Report was done in January 2014 and the grant was submitted in March or April of 2014 and was awarded in September 2015. He added that work will be bid in two parts, one is

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from the front of the Sewer Plant all the way up to the point where the Town meets the Village on the trunk line and the second portion is work to be done at the Sewer Plant, they expect the bids for the work to go out in March and he believes that Mr. Kerr will be speaking with Mr. Flores about some of his recommendations for work to be done.

Supervisor Crandall asked if Mr. Kerr wished to comment.

Mr. Kerr stated that it is a little early for information because he doesn't know what was projected prior to the grants on what upgrades they wanted to do specifically at the Sewer Plant and it is pretty much set in stone as far as the collection system. He added that he wants to have an opportunity to talk with the Engineer and see what the Board decides to do at the Sewer Plant.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Crandall stated that he wanted to discuss reducing the speed limit on Rte. 144 and 9W as well as putting a four-way stop sign in the Hamlet of Coeymans where Rte. 144 and Westerlo Street intersect in addition to Proposed Local Law #1-16 regarding the Planning Board.

Speed Limits on Rte. 144 and 9W & Four-Way Stop in the Hamlet

Supervisor Crandall stated that there are many people on 9W and Rte. 144 in the northern part of the Hamlet who wants to see the speed limit reduced to 45 mph, which he thinks is a good idea for the safety of the Town. He added that he intends on getting in touch with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and having him submit paperwork to DOT to check on what they have to do to get that as well as a four-way stop sign in the Hamlet of Coeymans where the intersection is an accident waiting to happen and it has been that way for years.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that about a year to a year and a half ago the State did a study because they Town asked for a blinking light and they refused it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that this time they are going to ask for a four-way stop sign and maybe because it will be cheaper, they will do it for them because it all boils down to money.

Ms. Starr Ross stated that a few years ago she petitioned through different officials with New York State and she received a letter saying that there haven't been sufficient fatalities there yet.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that they want to wait until someone is killed.

Ms. Ross stated that when the boat traffic started increasing, she asked for a four-way stop there and Legislator Clouse tried for one and reiterated that she got a letter back saying there has not been sufficient fatalities there.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they are going to try again and he intends to have Attorney for the Town Wukitsch send a letter every month and keep pestering them until they get something because someone is going to get hurt down there and he does not want to see that happen.

Councilman Dolan stated that the section of 9W that they are talking about is north where it is 45mph and then turns to 55mph, it is approximately 1.4 miles to the Town line and includes going through two trailer parks on either side of the road. He added that you could be pulling out of either side and not see a truck in the dip and people who live there have expressed that they have concerns for their safety.

Ms. Tanner interjected that she does not think that the speed limit is going to change that and we are the only Town with 30mph on 9W, everyone else is 40-45mph like Coxsackie and Glenmont.

Supervisor Crandall stated that each village and town is unique depending on the situation and he thinks in the Town's situation, it would be called for.

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Ms. Tanner reiterated that she does not think that the speed limit is going to help at the trailer parks because she lived there and it's dangerous because you can't see, this is the problem and not the speed.

Supervisor Crandall stated that you would have a better chance if you lowered the speed limit by 10mph, which is just a matter of math and reiterated that he is going to try that anyways and see what he can get.

Proposed Local Law #1-16 – Planning Board Members

Supervisor Crandall stated that the Proposed Local Law will increase the number of members back to 7 members, which as far as he could remember it was 7 and added that he didn't realize that the number went down to 5. He continued by saying that he would like to see it increased to 7 members just to have to extra people to discuss things and bring a broader perspective to the Board. He then asked if there were any comments or objections from the Board.

Councilman Dolan offered to read the Proposed Law setting a Public Hearing date and to complete a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form, which they have enough knowledge to complete. He continued by reading the following:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 FOR 2016

**A LOCAL LAW INCREASING PLANNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP
FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS**

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

Section 1. Purpose; Authority: The Town Board has determined that it would be beneficial for the Planning Board to have seven members rather than five members, and an increase in the membership of the Planning Board is specifically authorized under New York Town Law. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Town Law §271(6) and Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

Section 2. Increase in Planning Board Membership. The membership of the Town of Coeymans Planning Board is hereby increased from five (5) members to seven (7) members. The additional members shall be appointed by Resolution of the Town Board. The initial term of one new member shall be six (6) years and the initial term of the second new member shall be seven (7) years, so that the terms of all Planning Board members expire at the end of seven successive calendar years. The new members shall not take part in the consideration of any matter for which an application was on file with the Planning Board at the time of his or her appointment.

Section 3. Term of Office. Except as set forth in Section 2 above, the term of all members hereafter appointed to the Planning Board, shall be seven (7) years.

Section 4. Repealer; Supersession. All Local Laws or Ordinances or arts of Local Laws or Ordinances in conflict with any part of this Local Law are hereby repealed. In particular, the portion of the Local Law or Ordinance originally creating the Planning Board which specified that the Planning Board would consist of five (5) members is superseded by this Local Law.

Section 5. Severability. If any part of this Local Law shall be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect or impair in any way any other provision and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the office of the New York Secretary of State as provided in §27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would ask that the Town Clerk place the ad in the News Herald and then proposed a Public Hearing date of February 11, 2016 at 6:30, which will allow plenty of time for the Notice to be in the News Herald for a few weeks and plenty of time to make comments either way. He added that he would also propose that the Town be the Lead Agency on completion of the Environmental Assessment Form and then offered a motion.

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MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, authorizing the Town Clerk to place an ad in the News Herald for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1-16, on February 11, 2016 at 6:30pm and propose for the Town to be the Lead Agency on completion of the Short Environmental Assessment Form.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan continued by going over the Short Environmental Assessment Form with the Town Board.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #46-16 ADOPT RULES OF ORDER FOR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

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

WHEREAS, Town Law Section 63 provides that the Town Board may determine the rules of procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Rules of Order be and the same are hereby adopted pursuant to Town Law, Section 63, Rules of Order of the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans:

- (1) Speakers must give their name during the Town Board Meeting and must address their remark to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof.
- (2) Speakers must be recognized by the Presiding Officer and must limit their remarks to up to three minutes on a given topic and may not yield any remaining time to another speaker.
- (3) Any person speaking to the Board with the consent of the Supervisor shall address their remarks to the Board, not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate.
- (4) Comments must relate to the current agenda item being discussed at the Board Meeting or legitimate Town business during the Public Comment period.
- (5) Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, Town residents or others. All speakers will observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste with no cursing, swearing, clapping, booing, finger pointing, bullying, whispering or talking that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.
- (6) Any speaker who disregards the directives of the Presiding Officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.
- (7) After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.
- (8) The Town Supervisor, or in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor shall take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with these rules.

Councilman Dolan stated that he believed the rules pre-exist this Board and it is just formalizing what previous Town Boards have used and then asked Supervisor Crandall if he received some sort of guidance that it is good for a Town Board to do this.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that according to the Association of Towns, they should be doing it every year at the start of their first meetings to set the record straight that everyone has rules to go by and added that it is just a formality.

Town Clerk Millious asked that those who wish to speak come to the microphone because people watching at home cannot hear the comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that sometimes people think they have really good comments but no one at home heard them.

Town Clerk Millious stated that hopefully this year there will be more microphones, which was in the budget to do.

RES. #47-16 AUTHORIZE H-FUND LOAN TO HIGHWAY

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Fund (DB) has payroll #1 due, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans anticipates the funds necessary to pay Payroll #1 in the Highway Fund (DB) from Sales Tax Revenue, and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to pay Payroll #1 on time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the H-fund to loan the Highway Fund (DB) \$15,000.00 to pay the expenditures for Payroll #1. When sufficient Sales Tax Revenues are collected, they will be used to repay the H-Fund with 2% interest.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to point out that Payroll #1 was on time and he wanted to thank the front office for working really hard to get that done in a timely manner.

Councilman Burns stated that he thought there was a problem once about departments paying interest to each other.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he is probably referring to an argument that he may or may not have had with the bookkeeper when he contended that if they were borrowing money from the Sewer Department, they should be paying interest.

RES. #48-16 AMEND 2016 ADOPTED BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the 2016 Adopted Budget has been found to be out of balance, and

WHEREAS, total Appropriations in the DB Fund totaled \$1,279,902.00, and

WHEREAS, the total Revenues totaled \$1,279,652.00, leaving a difference of \$250.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2016 Budget as follows:

Increase	Sales Tax Revenue – DB1120	\$250.00
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This will bring the total Sales Tax to \$1,130,152.00 and the budget will now be in balance.

RES. #49-16 IMPOSE SPENDING FREEZE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received an audit report for the Office of the State Comptroller that describes the Town as being in “significant” fiscal stress, and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board acknowledges its commitment to fiscal integrity, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to prevent further erosion of the financial condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans imposes a spending freeze, effective immediately, on all Town of Coeymans municipal departments and offices for the next three months.

Councilman Langdon asked what the extent of the freeze is.

Supervisor Crandall stated that any major purchases are going to have to be brought before the Board to be approved.

Councilman Langdon asked that he define major purchases.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he would say anything other than paper clips, reams of paper and things that are normally budgeted for.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked about repairs of his trucks if they break down during a storm.

Supervisor Crandall asked how much money he would be talking.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it could be \$50.00 or it could be \$2,000.00, it is tough to say.

Supervisor Crandall asked if it would be fixed during the storm.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they would try like heck, if not they would need to get a part the next day and added that they can't wait until a Board Meeting.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he can understand that.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he would recommend in such a case that he should call the Town Supervisor.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is what they are going to have to do because they are in bad shape.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they are talking about public safety.

Supervisor Crandall stated that Highway Superintendent Searles saw how much was left if his budget and he didn't think that he would have to bring that up and reiterated that it is what they are going to have to do. He added that if it's 2:00am, he needs to call him, they will discuss what needs to be done and they will pull the money out of somewhere because they are not in good shape right now.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that winter time is tough, summer he can deal with it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they are going to have to deal with it right now on a three month basis and if they have to renew it in another three months, they are going to.

Councilman Burns asked if this will affect the new truck that was ordered and being detailed right now.

Supervisor Crandall asked if the truck was budgeted for.

Councilman Burns stated that it was.

Supervisor Crandall stated that anything budgeted for and in the budget, it is fine but if not and the money was not allocated in the budget, nothing.

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Councilman Langdon stated that they never approve anything not in the budget.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he just wants to make sure that they get spending under control right now and he wants to see everything come across his desk.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he thought it was already being done.

Councilman Dolan stated that the issue with Scott's truck is not requiring any money.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that was correct.

Supervisor Crandall asked if it had been paid for.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it hasn't been paid for but a BAN was already gotten.

Clerk Chmielewski interjected that the money for the truck that Scott has coming, the BAN was taken out last year and the money is in the Capital Projects Fund but there is also another truck.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it was ordered.

Clerk Chmielewski stated that there is no money for that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it probably won't be until June that he gets it.

Councilman Youmans asked why they would use a BAN, Bond Anticipation Note to buy a truck.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it was only for 5 years.

Councilman Youmans asked why they wouldn't just Bond it and if it truly is a BAN, Bond Anticipation Note, you would typically use it for construction projects when you don't know what the final numbers are going to be so you do a BAN up to a certain amount. He added that the problem with a BAN if it is truly a BAN, is that you have to redo those every year and it's costly because you have to have a lawyer redo it every year.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked Clerk Chmielewski if it was a BAN.

Clerk Chmielewski stated that she is not sure.

Councilman Langdon stated that it was set up for 5 years and he doesn't know what it actually was.

Councilman Youmans stated that it's an important distinction and if it's a Bond, it's a different story.

Highway Superintendent Searles reiterated that he didn't know how they did it.

Councilman Youmans interjected that he would look into it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the truck on order now was taken care of but for the second truck, there was no money put in the budget.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the Board did a resolution authorizing him to order a truck, which he ordered and in turn they were going to do whatever this year at some point but the first payment wouldn't be until 2017, so it would be in the 2017 Budget.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he needed to put that truck on hold.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it was ordered in November when the Board approved it.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that he can't order a truck and not have something in the budget to pay for it and there is no money in the budget to pay for it so he is telling him that he shouldn't do it.

Highway Superintendent Searles reiterated that it's already been ordered.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they he has to budget for his bills and asked him to see what he could do to stop the order.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that he can't stop the order now.

Supervisor Crandall asked why he couldn't.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is probably being built.

Supervisor Crandall asked that he check into it and see if he can stop it because there is no money for it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he will check into it.

Councilman Burns stated that Mr. Kerr has a truck at the Sewer Plant, which is a 1997 and it is in pretty rough shape. He then asked Mr. Kerr if it is safe to be driven around or if it needs to be replaced.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that it needs to be replaced.

Councilman Burns stated that he didn't mean to put more burdens on them.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he's not because they aren't replacing it.

Councilman Youmans stated a 1997 truck is definitely past its useful life and there is no question there but the Sewer District is a different situation from the other funds because it is a self-supporting district and if a need for a truck arises, it is something that they need to look at and figure out how to do it.

Councilman Burns asked if it is something that the Village and Town would go in on.

Councilman Youmans stated that it would be paid for jointly at whatever percentage there is for that and in his opinion, if there is a 1997 truck there and not safe to drive, they would tell him not to drive it anymore.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he believes the truck Scott is replacing is even older than that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is a 1988.

Councilman Burns stated that Chief McKenna is replacing a lot of his vehicles with funding and grants and then asked if there is anything they can do like that for the Sewer Plant.

Chief McKenna stated that they were able to get three vehicles through forfeiture funds, which he would be willing to sit down with the Board and discuss. He added that there are federal, state and seized funds, federal and state are untouchable and have to go directly into law enforcement and can't go anywhere else, seized fund accounts are like an abandoned property account. He continued by saying that they are in the process of reviewing old cases and there are items that have been sitting down there and it could be something that they can look into in terms of working together financially to try and assist other departments with some capital

Councilman Youmans inquired whether the truck that they were talking about for the Highway Department that Supervisor Crandall said to cancel is a pick-up truck.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it isn't a pick-up.

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Councilman Youmans asked how much money they are talking about.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is \$197,690.00.

Supervisor Crandall reiterated that it wasn't budgeted for and added that it's no small piece of change.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, January 21, 2016, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, January 28, 2016, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, February 11, 2016, 7:00pm.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that her office has been busy with the Property Tax and Sewer collection and they are currently working on getting the taxes online, it is in the testing stage right now and she should be hearing soon.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Youmans stated that he wanted to say that he is honored to sit on the Board with each and every one of them and he is looking forward to serving the people of this Town again and he is happy to be there with each of them.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief McKenna if he had anything to say.

Chief McKenna stated that he wanted to welcome those who are new, it has been a pleasure for him and this will be his second year as Chief. He added that there are a couple of things coming up, he is looking to sponsor another individual in to the Academy, he knows there is a moratorium on hiring and spending and he will stay within those boundaries. He continued by saying that Session 60 is coming up, they had great success with Session 59 and he is very proud of the Officer that they sent to the Academy. He went on by saying that they have gone through the preferred list, which is a list of local residents for the Academy and they went off another list to sponsor a candidate who is going to be moving down here, he just left the Marine Corp after honorable service. He continued by saying that he is hoping that the Board will take time within the next couple of weeks to consider that application for sponsorship into the Academy, which would cost absolutely nothing and almost every time they send recruits through, it costs nothing and they get some very talented, viable candidates to come and serve the community. He concluded by saying that his door is always open and it is a pleasure to serve and if there is anything that the need, please don't hesitate to call day or night.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Barbara Tanner stated that she had a question and asked that Supervisor Crandall elaborate on saying that our town is financially stressed.

Supervisor Crandall stated that she can read the report online as well as there being a copy at the Town Clerk's Office, which he is sure that Town Clerk Millious will make her a copy. He added that it is all in there and it is quite lengthy.

Councilman Dolan stated that basically what it has to do with is that they have an approximate \$400,000.00 Fund Balance deficit in the A Fund, which carries over from year to year.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that he has hired two Accountants to work on it and right now it doesn't look good, they have been meeting on weekends and nights and there has been a lot of

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time spent on it. He added that the Office of the State Comptroller is also in on helping them and their projection for next year is even worse if they keep heading the way they are going and spending themselves out of oblivion and don't start reigning in the spending.

Councilman Langdon asked if the meetings with the Accountants are open meetings because he would like to sit in on them.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they are and he is welcome any time and then offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:55

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk