

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
January 28, 2016 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
John Kerr, Chief Operator
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Burns offered a prayer.

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 Operator Kerr and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

AGENDA

- Public Announcement
 - Proposed Driver Training School on Fares Road
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, January 1, 2016
 - Town Board Meeting, January 14, 2016
 - Town Board Workshop, January 22, 2016
- Department Reports
 - Sewer Department, December 2016
 - Town Clerk, December 2016
- Old Business
 - Recycling Law
- New Business
 - Sewer Department Request for Pre-Paid Internet Training
 - Code Enforcer/CEO Request to Attend Association of Towns Annual Meeting
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Transfer of 78 Main Street
 - Authorize Memorandum of Agreement, Clerical Position
 - Amend Resolution #39-16
 - Amend Resolution #40-16
 - Amend Resolution #43-16
 - Authorize Budget Amendment, B Fund
 - Authorize Budget Amendment, DB Fund
 - Authorize Transfer of Funds, A Fund
 - Authorize January Abstract
- Correspondence
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 - Albany County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
 - Public Hearing, February 11, 2016, 6:30pm
 - Town Board Meeting, February 11, 2016, 7:00pm

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- Town Board Workshop, February 18, 2106, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, February 25, 2015, 7:00pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Proposed Driver Training Course

Supervisor Crandall stated that the public announcement concerns the proposed driver training school of Fares Road and added that he spoke with Mr. Conklin earlier in the day and convinced him that it is not a good idea because people do not want it; it is not what is best for the neighborhood. He continued by saying that Mr. Conklin agreed that if the public does not support it, he is not going to do it and will look to another area to do it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Rose Gladney stated that she was there to purchase the property on 78 Main Street and offered the check and then asked that they do it immediately.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is on the agenda later in the meeting.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is the first resolution.

Supervisor Crandall asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Frank Galea stated that when they or the Planning Board have any ideas as far as what they want to bring into a neighborhood, he thinks that the Golden Rule applies, do unto others as they would do unto you and if you don't want it in your neighborhood you should not even be looking at it as a possibility. He added that it is very simple planning, they upset a lot of people very quickly by even entertaining it and reiterated that if they don't want it in their own neighborhood, don't put it in theirs.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they can't know that people don't want it if they don't entertain it and it was brought up at a public meeting as a presentation and the next step would have been a Public Hearing. He added that this is how you know, you get feedback from the public as their representatives and they did the right thing.

Mr. Galea asked if they would have wanted it in their neighborhood and added that he doesn't care if it's a racetrack or supermarket or whatever, if they don't want it near their home, don't put it next to his and they should think of that when they entertain these ideas.

Councilman Youmans interjected that he appreciates his concerns and he would say that if there was talk of doing that in his neighborhood, he would likely have some of the same concerns but the Town Board has no authority and no role to play when it comes to situating businesses. He added that the reason why he had Mr. Conklin come and make a presentation in a public setting was exactly because of what happened afterwards and if they had him just go before the Planning Board and if there was an advertisement in the paper for a Public Hearing that no one saw and it got rammed down their throats they would not be very happy. He concluded by saying that the reason why they let him come before the Board and make the presentation was so that word would get out and public opinion could be gauged.

Mr. Galea stated that he is thankful for that and hopes that there isn't a Plan B that they have to address either.

Supervisor Crandall stated that if there is, he has to start by applying with the Building Department and they will know right away.

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Councilman Youmans stated that if there is any further development, they would reach out to him and let him know.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Donna Kurz stated that she lives on Fares Road and added that it was very upsetting to them and she wanted to say she appreciated that it came before the Board and they had time to stop it. She continued by saying that they don't want Ravena to be the dumping ground, when other towns don't want facilities, they come here and added that and no one wants drag racing here, which is what it was. She went on by saying that it is a quiet neighborhood, as quiet as it can get because there are a lot of ATV's that go flying around Fares Road and CR 102 and there isn't a cop to be seen because they are all busy down in Coeymans with the heroin problem so there is not enough patrol to get their concerns addressed and they already have to deal with noise and then something like this happened. She concluded by saying that they keep their property very neat, there are a lot of empty properties so they need to remember that everyone wants Ravena to grow but they have to consider not growing with the wrong business because it won't work, they won't get people to move here, they will just get people moving out.

Supervisor Crandall 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 were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on January 1st, a Town Board Meeting on January 14th, and a Town Board Workshop on January 22nd and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Department – December 2015

Supervisor Crandall asked that Chief Operator Kerr give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he would give the report and proceeded to do so.

Councilman Langdon stated that typically they have seen where the Village water is considerably higher than Coeymans and in the last two months he has noticed that it reversed and then asked if it is an error or if it is what it is.

Chief Operator stated that it is what it is and added that when they get rain, it depends on where it gets into the system.

Councilman Langdon stated that they went a whole year the other way around so he is surprised by that and it has been only the last two months that he has seen it reversed.

Councilman Dolan asked if everyone was in favor of approving the report.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – December 2015

Supervisor Crandall asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

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Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report and added that she is now in the process of collecting 2016 property taxes and wanted to let the public know that they have until Monday, February 1st to come in or postmark by then to pay without penalty because the 31st falls on a Sunday. She added that the taxes are now online at Coeymans.org and under quick links on the left you would click on property taxes, it goes from 2012 to present and is up to date with payments that have been posted and it also can be printed. She went on by saying that there is not currently a payment option online but she accepts cash, check or credit card with a 3% fee added and concluded by saying that it is a nice feature having it online, it is 24/7 that you can get your bill.

Councilman Dolan offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Langdon asked about a Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it isn't ready yet because they are still having problems with the numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling Law

Supervisor Crandall asked that Councilman Dolan give an update on the Recycling Law.

Councilman Dolan stated that at the last Workshop they introduced the topic of Chapter 138 - Solid Waste Law, which includes the Recycling Law and the preliminary draft in front of them has some of the things that they discussed, such as the references to Recycling Coordinator as well as references to the Town's Recycling Center and hours of operation etc., which have both been removed. He added that under Article 2, the prohibition against waste generated outside the Town also includes prohibition against burying, incinerating, storing or stockpiling solid waste. He continued by saying that they had a couple questions, which he thought the Attorney for the Town may want to help them with and it is whether they should institute the permit system that is listed in it but not really in place and if it were to be the case, what exactly the fee would be. He concluded by saying that there was also a question about the fee for violating this particular law, which he believes is \$25.00 but should possibly be a higher fine as well as the question as to whether it makes sense that recycling is under solid waste at all.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the law still requires a lot of work, as far as fines as some of them may know, a parking ticket in Town Court has a \$25.00 surcharge and up to a \$150.00 fine, a speeding ticket in New York State is a \$93.00 surcharge and a \$200.00-\$300.00 fine so \$50.00 does not have much teeth in it. He added that if there intent is to limit violations of the law, they need something more than a \$50.00 fine, which is his opinion and they may think different. He continued by saying that the benefit of a Permit System is it gives them control in terms of who gets the permit, and if the waste collector is not doing what they are supposed to do you can revoke the permit but then you would have to have administration to handle it.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is a Permit System in the draft and it is as it is now but at some point they stopped doing permits.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she didn't know what happened and why it stopped, they also had a Recycling Coordinator.

Councilman Youmans stated that as far as the Permit System, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch made a good point about the administration of it and he would like to canvas and check with other local municipalities to see if anyone else does it because if no one else does and in turn

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they do, it looks like they are making it hard for trash haulers to do business in town. He added that he would like the people in town to have as many possible choices for a trash hauler as they can because more choices equals competition, which in turn will mean lower prices and concluded by saying that he would like to do a little more research on it.

Councilman Dolan asked if they are losing haulers at this point.

Councilman Youmans stated that one went out and another one took its place.

Councilman Dolan asked that Councilman Youmans check it out.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there was any further discussion on it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that it needs more work as far as the solid waste generated within the Town and how it should be treated, who would be generating the waste, what the source would be and there is also a fairly broad definition of solid waste under Chapter 138-16.

Councilman Dolan stated the particular section that they are discussing, he believes has to do with waste generated outside of the Town and another question would be if it needs to be separated out because there were some exemptions in the Proposed Landfill Law of 2015, which would not apply to this because it mostly had to do with waste generated on farms and such and if generated on farms within the Town, it would not apply to it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he thinks the burying, incinerating, storing and stock piling of solid waste would go under Article 2 – 138-17 so there would be a new 138-18 dealing with that prohibition because 138-17 prohibits the importation of waste and 138-18 would prohibit burying, incinerating, storing and stock piling of solid waste, which they had carve outs for burying animals and could add more. He continued by saying that he can re-work it for the next meeting and have it to them in advance so they can take a look at it and they can comment or discuss it further.

Councilman Langdon stated that they talked about the possibility of trying to set up as a service from the Town, residents where they would pay for some type of Transfer Station or someplace residents can take their garbage themselves. He then asked if there was anything in it that would be a challenge to that or maybe they could make it a separate law.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can mention it in the carve-out so it can't be construed to prohibit that type of facility.

Councilman Langdon stated that they aren't looking to store anything; they talked about the idea of setting up one day a week when dumpsters would be available and hauled out the same day or by the next day.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that other towns are doing that and he thinks it is a good idea.

Supervisor Crandall asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch re-work it and get it back to them.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Department Request for Pre-Paid Internet Training

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is a request for approval of \$100.00 per student for internet training for Sewer Department employees Keith Geraldson and John Lennon and then asked that Chief Operator Kerr address it.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that New York State has a program called New York State Alert where if there is a spill of hazardous material or sewer overflowing at a manhole, you had to

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report it by phone but now you have to report it on the computer. He added that they need to be brought up to speed and he would like for them to do it first because he has a pretty good handle on it and this will get them where they need to be and if one of them isn't around on a weekend, holiday or vacation, any of them can make the report, which is what DEC wants. He continued by saying that the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission heads this particular part and is why it does not say DEC on it; it is part of a DEC Program through New York State Alert.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he believes it is a worthwhile expenditure and there is money in the Sewer Fund to do it.

Councilman Youmans offered a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing Keith Geraldson and John Lennon to attend the online training by New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission at the cost of \$100.00 each.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Code Enforcer/CEO Request to Attend Association of Towns Training

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is a request to attend the 2016 Association of Towns Meeting and Training School February 15-16 from John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer and he is requesting approval of a registration fee and train fare. He added that he spoke with John and thinks he should go; it is a worthwhile training session for town officials, not just the Town Board but all people who work for the Town

Councilman Youmans offered a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing John Cashin to attend the Association of Towns Training School on February 15-16 and authorize payment of the registration fee and reimbursement for the train fare.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #50-16 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF 78 MAIN STREET

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans owns surplus property located at 78 Main Street in the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, the Town solicited bids for purchase of this property to be opened on September 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town received two bids, one from Coeymans Industrial Park and one from Jerome and Rose Gladney; and

WHEREAS, an inquiry was raised and an investigation was conducted to determine whether or not the bidding process was conducted in a fair and impartial manner; and

WHEREAS, the Town concluded that to avoid the appearance of impropriety, the bid of Coeymans Industrial Park was stricken and vacated, leaving a bid of \$6,000.00 from Jerome and Rose Gladney; and

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WHEREAS, the Town determined that the property should be awarded to Jerome and Rose Gladney for a bid amount of \$6,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the fact that there is no requirement of competitive bidding in this case and due to the fact that Jerome and Rose Gladney may have incurred bank expenses attributable to the purchase of the property and the delay resulting for the investigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans affirms its selection of Jerome and Rose Gladney as the successful bidders and agrees to transfer 78 Main Street to them upon payment of \$5,000.00 within thirty days of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jerome and Rose Gladney shall be required to pay all expenses and recording fees associated with the transfer of this property.

Councilman Langdon asked if it still includes the repairs addressing the safety concerns.

Councilman Dolan stated that he believes that they are prepared to take care of it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if they want to make it a condition of the transfer.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he didn't.

RES. #51-16 AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – CLERICAL POSITION

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has determined to assign duties from two departments, Building and Assessor, to the one (1) Clerk I position; and

WHEREAS, the Town and CSEA Inc., Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO (the “union”) have met to discuss this matter and reached a resolution thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Town of Coeymans and the Union whereby Cathy Anderson will be assigned duties from the Building and Assessor Departments and will be paid in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement which is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Coeymans is hereby authorized to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement which is annexed hereto by and on behalf of the Town, as employer.

RES. #52-16 AMEND RESOLUTION #39-16

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

WHEREAS, Resolution #039-16 was presented and passed at the Town Board Organizational Meeting held on January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #039-16 is in need of being amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the above mentioned resolution, instead of reading transfer to A1990.4 Contingency Contractual, it shall read as follows:

Highway Fund (DB)

Decrease		
DB5031	Transfer in from (B) Fund	\$80,580.00

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Part-Town Fund (B)

Decrease Appropriations		
B9901	Transfer in the Highway (DB)	\$80,580.00
Decrease Revenue		
B1120	Sales Tax Revenue	\$80,580.00

RES. #53-16 AMEND RESOLUTION #040-16

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

WHEREAS, Resolution #040-16 was presented and passed at the Town Board Organizational Meeting held January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #040-16 is in need of being amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the above mentioned resolution to read as follows:

General Fund (A)

Increase		
A8510	Community Beautification Personal Services	\$40,102.00
Increase		
A1120	Sales Tax Revenue	\$40,102.00

RES. #54-16 AMEND RESOLUTION #043-16

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

WHEREAS, Resolution #043-16 was presented and passed at the Town Board Organizational Meeting held January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #043-16 is in need of being amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the above mentioned resolution to read as follows:

Highway Fund (DB)

Decrease		
DB1120	Sales Tax Revenue	\$1,129,902.00
Increase		
DB5031	Transfer from Part Town	\$1,129,902.00

Part-Town Fund (B)

Increase		
B9901	Transfer to Highway	\$1,129,902.00
Increase		
B1120	Sales Tax Revenue	\$1,129,902.00

RES. #55-16 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – B FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of having all Sales Tax monies deposited in the Part Town Fund (B); and

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WHEREAS, the General Fund (A) has Sales Tax Funds as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the following budget amendments to the 2016 Adopted Budget as follows:

General Fund (A)

Decrease

A1120	Sales Tax Revenue	\$390,231.00
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Increase

A5031	Transfer In	\$390,231.00
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Part Town Fund (B)

Increase

B9901	Transfer to General (A)	\$390,231.00
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Increase

B1120	Sales Tax Revenue	\$390,231.00
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RES. #56-16 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – DB FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Repair Fund (DB) Personal Services has allocated funds for seasonal workers in the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of establishing a savings in the Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the following budget amendment to the 2016 Adopted Budget as follows:

General Repair (DB)

Decrease Appropriations

DB 5110.1	Personal Services P/T Seasonal	\$26,400.00
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Decrease Revenue

DB 3501	Transfer in From Part-Town (B)	\$26,400.00
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Part-Town Fund (B)

Decrease

B1120	Sales Tax Revenue	\$26,400.00
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Decrease

B9901	Transfer to Highway (DB)	\$26,400.00
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RES. #57-16 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – A FUND

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Dolan, 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 authorize the transfer of funds as follows:

General Fund (A)

Decrease

A1220.1	Town Supervisor Personal Services	\$10,000.00
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A1220.8	Health Insurance Buy Back	\$ 6,500.00
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A1220.8	Health Insurance	\$16,088.00
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Increase

A1310.1	Financial Personal Services	\$15,750.00
A1310.4	Finance Contractual	\$ 1,500.00
A8510.4	Community Beautification – Cont.	\$10,000.00
A1990.4	Contingency	\$ 5,338.00

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank the Town Supervisor for cutting his salary and not taking Town benefits.

RES. #58-16 APPROVE JANUARY ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for January, 2016, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS – 171299, 171303,171305-171307 for a **Pre-Paid Total of \$49,552.53.**

VOUHER NUMBERS – 171308-171359 for a **Total of \$95,777.73.**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS \$145,330.26.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Rosendale

Supervisor Crandall stated that he received a letter from Jeanne Walsh, Supervisor for the Town of Rosendale regarding the SEQRA Lead Agency for the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project. He added that for those who don't know, it is the proposed pipeline project that is going to run from New Jersey to the Port of Albany, along the Thruway. He continued by reading the following letter:

Attached please find a letter to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation active Commissioner, Basil Seggos, from the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale again denying our Board's consent to the Thruway Authority serving in a Lead Agency capacity for the review of the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project and urging the DEC Commissioner to reconsider the Co-Lead agency decision and designate DEC as the sole Lead Agency.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Walsh

Supervisor Crandall asked if there was any discussion.

Councilman Dolan stated that a copy of the letter is available for anyone that would like to see it and added that DEC issuing dual Lead Agency status to the Thruway Authority violates DEC's own rules and he believes it is a cop-out by DEC.

Councilman Youmans asked if the prior Board actually passed a resolution indicating the Town's preference to have DEC act as Lead Agency.

Councilman Dolan stated that they did.

Councilman Youmans asked if the Town had ever passed a resolution voicing their opposition to the pipeline.

Councilman Dolan stated that they hadn't.

Councilman Youmans stated that he thinks it is something that they should consider for the next meeting but it probably won't make much difference. He added that at the Village Board

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Meeting Mr. Bonafide spoke about it because he bought property across from his house to serve as a buffer from the Thruway and now they are talking about clear-cutting it and making him look at the Thruway and they would be paying him only \$20.00 a lineal foot, which is outrageous. He continued by saying that he has a problem with government taking land from people and he has a particular problem when a private for profit company is going to take people's land. He concluded by saying that he has a significant problem with it and he hopes that maybe for the next meeting they can have a resolution in opposition of that project.

Councilman Dolan stated that maybe some of the people that are directly affected by it on McConnell Avenue can come and talk about it because on McConnell Avenue it goes through what people consider their backyards, which is a right-of-way for the New York State Thruway but they do own the property. He added that particularly in Mr. Bonafide's case, the Pilgrim Pipeline basically will be taking his property and not allowing him to use it for what he intended to use it for without fair compensation.

Councilman Youmans interjected that it is outrageous.

A member of the audience asked if they plan on using Eminent Domain.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they have already and it became State Law years ago and added that government taking people's private property leaves a bad taste in his mouth.

Ms. Tanner interjected that she thought the previous Board had written a letter stating that they were against it.

Councilman Dolan stated that the letter they authorized the Supervisor to sign asked for DEC to be the Lead Agency and not the Thruway because the Thruway has a vested interest in selling off land to Pilgrim Pipeline. He added that the Thruway intends on using the money they make to fund the Tappan Zee Bridge so basically they are taking people's land to pay for the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Albany County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board

Supervisor Crandall stated that he was in receipt of a letter from the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and continued by reading the following:

To Whom It May Concern,

Albany County is in the process of preparing a grant application to request \$50,000 in funding from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to update the County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. We would like to request a letter of support from your municipality to include in our grant application.

The overall goal of the project is to revise and update the agricultural industry statistics and goals and objectives in the plan as well as focus on developing new strategic economic development initiatives and projects that support and encourage farmland protection. The updated plan will identify methods to enhance economic opportunities for farmers and create new jobs in the agriculture industry. Some of the work tasks included in the update are: and economic analysis of the agricultural industry; a feasibility study for a year-round weekend farmer's market in Albany; an evaluation of regional processing and marketing opportunities; options to address product transportation issues, and better matching the market with customers; an analysis of opportunities to capitalize on expanding markets such as hops and biofuels.

The Census of Agriculture and other economic indicators show a favorable environment for developing and expanding the agricultural industry in Albany County. In addition, there are unprecedented opportunities to secure additional state funding for economic development and farmland protection projects that are identified in County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans. We look forward to working with local municipal partners on this important project that will benefit both the urban and rural areas of the County.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions about the project or require additional information, please contact Tom Gallaher at 765-3511 or Laura

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DeGaetano at 447-5670. Letters of support can be addressed to Richard Ball, Commissioner NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets – 10 B Airline, Albany, NY 12235. Please fax letters to Laura DeGaetano at 447-5660 or email to Ldegaetano@albanycounty.com.

Sincerely,
Howard Zimmer, Chairman

Supervisor Crandall asked if there was any discussion.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, authorizing the Supervisor to write a letter of support.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Public Hearing, February 11, 2016, 6:30pm
- Town Board Meeting, February 11, 2016, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, February 18, 2106, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, February 25, 2015, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he wanted to thank all the departments for what they are doing and added that earlier in the day at Coxsackie Bank, Don Persico held a presentation about bringing the community together, it was really enlightening and he did a really good job with doing it. He continued by saying that it wasn't so much to bring business into town, it was for the Town's people, businesses, churches, and community as a whole to come together and the way it was presented was beautiful because everything they do benefits everyone else. He concluded by saying that it was very encouraging to see this come together and to bring the community together to work together to make Ravena and Coeymans a better place and they are planning on doing more of it.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that there are two events coming up in the Village of Ravena in the next couple of months and they would love to have your support in the way of attendance, the first is a free health screening on Tuesday, February 9th, with a snow date Thursday, February 11th, 10:00am to 3:00pm at Village Hall's rear entrance and you can make an appointment by e-mailing njw204@aol.com, walk-ins are welcome, it is open to the public and you must be 18 years or older. He continued by saying that will also be Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) free for women only at Village Hall taught by nationally certified instructors on Thursday, March 17, 24, 31 and April 7th from 5:45 to 8:45pm, participants must complete all four classes, the class size is limited and you can reserve a spot by e-mailing njw204@aol.com or amandakylesprague@albanycounty.com, or for more information go to villageofravena.com. He concluded by saying that he wanted to thank everyone who came to the meeting, particularly the people who had something to say about Fares Road as well as those who called him, his number and e-mail are readily available and if anyone has any comments, feel free to call him.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would also thank everyone from Fares Road and the surrounding area that came out for the meeting and added that this is how the process is

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supposed to work. He continued by thanking those who called and e-mailed as well and if there is any other discussion on it, the Board will keep them updated.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he appreciates the fact that people need to be involved in the whole process, regardless of what the issues are and it is nice to see the community come out, whether it is for or against something.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Superintendent of Highways Searles stated that he received the 4X4 truck that had been previously ordered, but there was an electrical issue with it so it is back up to H.L. Gage and they probably will have it back by next week.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that he talked to the engineer about the grant and things are moving along fine.

Supervisor Crandall thanked everyone for coming and asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read February 11, 2016

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk