

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

March 10, 2016 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, March 10, 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

ABSENT: James C. Youmans, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
Peter J. McKenna, Chief of Police
John Kerr, Chief Operator Waste Water Treatment Plant

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall stated that there was a full Town Board with the exception of Councilman Youmans; others present were Town Clerk Millious, Highway Superintendent Searles, Chief of Police McKenna and Chief Operator Kerr.

AGENDA

- Proclamation
 - March, National Eye Donor Month
- Presentations
 - Robert Flores, C.T. Male – Sewer Project Update
 - Carver Laraway – Port of Coeymans
- Public Announcements
 - Statewide Ban on Open Burning
 - R-C-S Community Easter Egg Hunt
 - Town Board Meeting Change
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Workshop, February 18, 2016
- New Business
 - C.T. Male Contract
 - NYSDOT Regarding Route 144
 - Portable Toilets for Town Parks
 - 2016 R-C-S Wellness Walk & Marathon
 - VFW Easter Egg Hunt Donation
 - Accept Resignation of Administrative Assistant
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Grants, Loans and Funding for Sewer Project
 - Authorize Retention of Attorney to the Town Wukitsch
 - Authorize Supervisor to Enter Into Agreement with Central Hudson Gas & Electric
 - Authorize Transfer of Funds
- Correspondence
 - Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, March 17, 2106, 6:00pm
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PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – Lions Club, National Eye Donor Month

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

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 the restoration of this sense to those not so endowed, being 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 of 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 and to consider participation in the Eye Donor Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, proclaims the month of March as “Eye Donor Month” in the Town of Coeymans for the year 2016.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion approving the Proclamation.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans proclaims March as “Eye Donor Month”.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Youmans) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Crandall invited members of the Lion’s Club to come forward and accept the Proclamation.

Anne Downes, Jack McGrath, Bruce & Beth Stott and Hank Mormile accepted the Proclamation.

Supervisor Crandall thanked each individually for their hard work and dedication to this cause.

Mr. McGrath thanked everyone in the town for all their help and added that they are a service organization they want to increase their membership, and anyone wanting to join should get in touch with a fellow Lion.

PRESENTATIONS

Robert Flores – C.T. Male, Overview of Sewer Project

Mr. Flores stated that he would start with giving a brief history of the Project and added that it is for the existing sewer system in the Hamlet and Town and in 2013 DEC issued a Consent Order to address the overflows. He continued by saying that in 2014 & 2015 they worked on engineering reports to address how it could be fixed and it consisted of a plan, what it would take to fix it and what it is going to cost. He went on by saying that the price tag placed on it was 3.3 million dollars and that amount of money placed on those served by the Sewer District was enormous so they applied for grants in 2015 and were successful with two substantial ones, a

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Water Quality Improvement Grant for 2.5 million dollars and a Water Grant for up to \$840,000.00 in addition to be successful in getting 0% financing. He added that in a nut shell, the issues were identified, a plan was put together, a dollar figure was calculated for the fix and grant money & financing has been secured and the balance for anything not covered by the grants will be 0% financing for a 30-year loan. He continued by saying that the existing sewer that serves the Hamlet has three bottle-necks, one by the Sewer Plant, one where the Parks Department building is and one at the intersection of VanHoesen and Main Streets and in addition to those there are needs at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which are part of the cost. He went on by saying that by fixing the bottle-necks, it will bring more waste water to the Sewer Plant and because of the age of the system they get a lot of infiltration that comes in during rain events and there is a sludge lagoon that was built a while back and they converted in to an equalization lagoon so the excess water during a rain event will go there and then be pumped back through the system. He added that those parts of the improvements the Town has started and they have completed the equalization lagoon and the pump station that goes with it and these are efforts that they have been busy doing and accomplished already. He continued by saying that now that they have a financing plan in place, their next steps are to close on the financing, close on the grants and get a bridge loan, a short term financing that gets them through the project. He concluded by saying that this is where they are right now, they are following up with the grant administration and financing so the Town will have the cash in hand to put it out to bid and in turn award construction contracts and in order to move forward with that, the Supervisor has to sign a lot of paperwork, which will require a resolution by the Town Board authorizing him to do it.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they do have a resolution later in the meeting.

Mr. Flores stated that they also need authorization from the Town to move forward with the additional engineering that is going to be needed to get the project off the ground and out to bid, which is for an additional survey and field work and a design submitted to review agencies. He added that they want to get some bids out in this calendar year and construction started because some of it will probably go into 2017. He continued by saying that once everything is completed and accepted, the Town can close on short-term financing, which will be paid off by grants and if there is a balance not paid by grants, it will be the 0% loan. He then asked if the Town Board if there were any questions.

Councilman Dolan asked when he thought the first bid might go out.

Mr. Flores stated that they have identified the construction phases and there are three, Contract 1 would be the work close to the treatment plant and they foresee that the Town will have cash in hand in order to have a Construction Contract by the end of May and somewhere between May and June it will go out to bid and awarded early summer and in turn they will follow it with Contract 2, which will be the remainder of the sewer work.

Councilman Langdon asked what the parameter for the total project from the time that they break ground to completion.

Mr. Flores stated that right now he would foresee that it will be December 2017.

Supervisor Crandall asked if anyone in the audience had any questions.

Ms. Barbara Tanner asked how much the Town is financing.

Mr. Flores stated that each grant is an up to amount and there are conditions so if they maximize the grants they are looking at financing somewhere around \$600,000.00, which will be a 30-year 0% loan divided between the Town and Village.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is not the entire town; it is the Hamlet Sewer District and the Village.

Mr. Flores stated that the Village is the biggest sewer user.

Mr. Larry Conrad stated that he didn't mention the fact about it going beyond VanHoesen Street and their last discussion with the Village actually took it up to the two meter stations that they

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have along Rte. 9W. He added that the Village has a serious problem in the middle of Main Street above VanHoesen and then asked if it is being recalculated into the project.

Mr. Flores stated that it will be and they discussed it recently, they are going to find the bottle-neck because there is a place where the sewer goes from a 12 to 10 back to a 12, thus creating a bottle-neck and they want to fix that.

Mr. Conrad interjected that it wasn't in the original Bond scope and then asked if it was going to be amended to increase that.

Mr. Flores stated that they have a project budget and like all budgets they have to manage it and stay on budget so if they are going to do a little extra on sewer pipe, they have to do a little less work somewhere else. He added that part of their job is to figure out what the extra cost is and where they have to cut expenses and it is part of the reason why they are phasing construction and Contract 1 and Contract 2 will be hard numbers instead of estimates at that point and then they will know what is left for Contract 3.

Mr. Conrad asked where the Town stands with the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and Village because there are several amounts of distribution of how it is to be paid and the timeframe thereof.

Mr. Flores stated that for financing purposes, the existing Intermunicipal Agreement is acceptable to the State EFC.

Mr. Conrad interjected that the existing one expired.

Mr. Flores asked if he knew the date.

Mr. Conrad stated that it expired on December 31, 2013.

Mr. Flores asked if they were currently working on one.

Mr. Conrad stated that in October they had reached an Agreement and Councilmen Dolan and Langdon were on that Board and when he was there they had reached a tentative agreement to work towards signing a new Intermunicipal Agreement to go through 2020 and he hasn't heard that it had been done yet.

Mr. Flores stated that they had a conference call with EFC and discussed legal, financing, engineering, etc. in February and they indicated that the existing Agreement was sufficient and if there is an expiration date they will have to make sure that they get it settled.

Councilman Dolan stated that he understood after it was explained by the State, that it was because the money is flowing just to the Town, they are not concerned with the Intermunicipal Agreement as they were when they thought both entities were getting the money.

Mr. Flores interjected that it is not a shared grant or financing.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the Town is administering the grant.

Mr. Conrad asked if they were for the \$843,000.00.

Mr. Flores stated that the Town is administering everything.

Councilman Dolan stated that it doesn't mean that the Village isn't going to have their share but for purposes of them getting the grant, it was sufficient for the State.

Supervisor Crandall asked if anyone had any other questions for Mr. Flores.

Mr. Laszlo Polyak interjected that he is confused and asked if it is going to be 80/20, 70/30, or 60/40.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they have a tentative agreement for 60/40.

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Ms. Tanner interjected that Larry said they didn't have an agreement.

Mr. Conrad stated that they had an agreement for 75/25.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the agreement isn't for the sewer project.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they are talking strictly about the sewer project.

Mr. Polyak stated that he is concerned because he is a Village resident and it is going to affect his payments and even though it is 0% interest, they will still have to pay it off. He then asked between what streets they think the bottle neck is on Main Street.

Mr. Flores stated that it is on Main but they have to figure out where.

Mr. Polyak asked if it was the Town or Village.

Mr. Flores stated that it is in the Village.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is somewhere mid Main Street.

Mr. Polyak asked if it is by the library or up by his place.

Councilman Dolan stated that it wasn't by his place and it is further down.

Mr. Polyak stated that it makes sense to do it while they are doing the project and it is corrected too.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they are going to do as much as they possibly can.

Mr. Polyak stated that it should dissipate some of the water coming in because he is assuming that after all these years some of the clay tiles are cracked or broken because water follows pipes and it should mitigate all the extra water coming in.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Ms. Barbara Heinzen asked how at the Sewer Plant they are factoring in the possible increase of the sea level rise in the estuary.

Mr. Flores stated that by regulation the plant has to be able to operate under the 100 year flood, which is changing.

Ms. Heinzen interjected that it is the point of her question and asked if they have calculated and added in the revised thinking of what the 100 year flood likelihood is.

Mr. Flores stated that they hadn't gotten that far and it is something that has to be settled before they make major improvements because it has to be functional.

Ms. Heinzen stated that the Hudson River Scenic Maps show where the anticipated sea level rise will be with different amounts of water.

Mr. Flores stated that he is well aware of it and obviously being next to the river is a big concern.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other questions or comments, hearing none he thanked Mr. Flores and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Carver Laraway – Coeymans Industrial Park

Mr. Laraway introduced himself and added that he had Mr. Ed Mueller with him from Barker Steel and they are looking at another new building at the Industrial Park, which will put 35-50 people to work and are looking for the Town to P.I.L.O.T. another tax relief for five-years which would work basically on 50% for the first year, and 60% for up to five years for an incentive to keep Barker Steel in our area. He added that there is going to be a Job Fair next Tuesday at the

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Coeymans Fire House and there are probably going to be 16-14 companies that will be looking for employees, which he believes is on the Town's website as well as in the Times Union.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is also on Facebook.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is also on television right now.

Mr. Laraway introduced Mueller from Barker Steel to the microphone.

Mr. Ed Mueller introduced himself and continued by reading the following:

“In an effort to consolidate operations and modernize the Barker Steel facility, Harris Rebar of Newport, Barker Steel's parent company, decided to sell the property at 126 South Port Road in Albany and relocate. The search of other sites began and many sites being considered were in other states such as Massachusetts and Connecticut. Carver Laraway expressed interest in buying the Albany property and then toured them around Coeymans Industrial Park with an eye of keeping the business and jobs in the area. Carver presented CIP as an ideal location for our business with easy access to truck, water transportation, and a brand new warehousing facility to lease. Relocating Barker Steel to CIP would allow us to retain experienced local workforce comprised of approximately 50 jobs in the area with Barker Steel being part of the Coeymans community. It is an ideal opportunity for our business to remain in New York State and keep 50 jobs in the local community.”

Mr. Laraway stated that 25-30 jobs are south of Albany where the guys at Barker Steel work and 15 of the people that work for them live in Ravena, Coeymans, Selkirk and New Baltimore. He added that there are 340 people working at the Port and out of that number there are about 60 that are local and it is about 23% who are from Ravena, Coeymans, Selkirk and New Baltimore.

Mr. Mueller interjected that Barker Steel will be hiring locally all the time and it will be good.

Councilman Dolan asked if they are looking for some people right now.

Mr. Mueller stated that they are and it is approximately 8 people for laborer positions.

Mr. Laraway stated that Supervisor Crandall and Councilman Dolan went and looked at it and toured the Barker Steel building to see what the business was.

Mr. Mueller stated that it is a dinosaur of a building and they have to relocate because it is outdated and they have to look for something new.

Mr. Laraway asked what he will do with heat in this building.

Mr. Mueller stated that they will finally have heat and the workers will appreciate that because they have worked in a shop with no heat and the machines freeze up all the time and it will be a great thing.

Councilman Burns interjected that it will be quiet because it is indoors.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Laraway.

Ms. Tanner stated that it sounds good to her.

Ms. Heinzen asked how it will affect traffic.

Mr. Laraway stated that there will probably be an increase in traffic in the morning and at night with approximately 6 tractor trailers leaving there every day so in a full day it is not very much. He added that he continues to petition for street revitalization in the Town and also Rte. 144 all the way to the Thruway and the New Baltimore line, he sent a letter out and he believes that it is on the Town Board Meeting agenda. He continued by saying that people should call the State and request revitalization of Main Street. He went on by saying that the Barker Steel project will start with the Town Board authorizing a P.I.L.O.T. for them and in turn they will go to the School Board and back to the IDA, just like the last time and it has to start with their approval.

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Ms. Heinzen asked why they need the tax relief.

Mr. Laraway stated that it is an incentive to keep Barker Steel here in our state and if you look at what the property is now, it is probably about \$800.00 they are paying a year as vacant land. He added that if you look at getting 50% of what the assessment is going to be, if it is a \$45,000.00 building it will be \$25,000.00 from the beginning and it is an incentive to retain people in New York just like our Governor has asked everyone to do and it is the State helping partner up with industry.

Ms. Heinzen interjected that he is asking local residents to subsidize his business.

Mr. Laraway stated that he looks at it as if you are going to increase your benefit \$45,000.00 - \$50,000.00 a year from a \$800.00 - \$1,200.00 piece of property, from day one everyone makes out and if it is an incentive that they have to offer, and if it is what the State and IDA are offering, he thinks it is something that they should do.

Ms. Ross asked what they would actually do there.

Mr. Mueller interjected that it is a rebar business and they actually supplied steel to the South Mall and currently they are sending steel for the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Mr. Laraway stated that part of the incentive is that they will be able to barge a lot cheaper and get big trucks off the road, a lot of the steel goes into New York City and if it can go in by barge at 2,000 ton, it takes 40-50 trucks off the road, which he thinks is a big factor.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other questions, hearing none he thanked Mr. Laraway and moved to the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statewide Ban on Open Burning

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

The New York State Department of Conservation (DEC) has issued a statewide ban on any and all open burning from March 16th to May 14, 2016. No open burning of any brush on any ground will be allowed. Individuals not conforming to the ban may be subject to legal action by DEC.

Due to lack of snow this winter, the land is unusually dried and brown, which could lead to a busy brush fire season. The Town of Coeymans is asking all residents to obey the DEC regulation, keep vigilant for any fires and call “911” promptly to report any brush fires.

Town Board Meeting Change

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

A reminder to the public once again, the Town Board Meeting scheduled for March 24th has been changed to March 31st, it will be televised.

R-C-S Community Easter Egg Hunt

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

VFW Unitas Memorial Post #9594 and the VFW Auxiliary will again be sponsoring the Annual R-C-S Community Easter Egg Hunt for the 65th year. This event will be on Saturday, March 26th at 11:00am at the VFW Building on Whitbeck Street in Ravena.

There will be over 1,700 Easter eggs, candy, a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny and many prizes.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that the event is free. He continued by saying that Mr. Datri asked him to ask the Board for a donation and he told him that they don't really have money in the Town Budget but he would ask the Board if they can individually donate and added that he would appreciate anything they can do.

Councilman Langdon asked if they use the plastic Easter eggs.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they do.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has boxes of them and it's probably a couple thousand.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he can bring them in and he will see that Mr. Datri gets them and then thanked Councilman Langdon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Laraway asked the Board if they were going to offer a motion to sponsor the P.I.L.O.T. for Barker Steel and added that before he can go back to the IDA he has to have the Town's approval.

Supervisor Crandall stated that having given his presentation, they will take consider and discuss it at the next Workshop. He then asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Ms. Barbara Tanner stated that she had previously asked about Senior Housing and one of Mr. Laraway's employees commented but the Board had not. She continued by saying that she thinks it is a serious problem that they have in the Town because they are losing a lot of older people because there is no place for them to live and it is something that they really need to look into.

Mr. Laraway interjected that he could add to that discussion and continued by saying that they just had their surveyors complete some of the area behind the Catholic Church and they are working on it, they have a design and it will probably be within the next month that they lay it out and see if the Village likes it.

Ms. Tanner stated that it was mentioned that it is going to be townhouses.

Mr. Laraway stated that it will be four-unit townhomes with a garage.

Ms. Tanner stated that townhouses are two stories.

Mr. Laraway stated that they are but some have first floor masters, they have looked at putting elevators in but they are trying to do affordable living.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is someone researching into getting grants for the Town to do this and then asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Larry Conrad stated that they passed a Local Law for the Planning Board and he had an opportunity to review the file in the Town Clerk's Office and noticed everything was there except for the 239 Review, which is a required part for Intermunicipal Law and it has to go to the Albany County Planning Board and they have to grant them 30-days to give their opinion. He then asked if it got done or if it was overlooked.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he's not sure if Attorney for the Town Wukitsch carried through on that and he will have to ask him and then asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Laszlo Polyak stated that it is known that he is running for Village Justice in a write-in campaign on Tuesday and his reason is the same that it was four-years ago, men and women go off to serve for one of the longest volunteer service organizations in the world and they should at least have a choice to vote on people and not just one person running for an office so he is

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offering that choice. He added that in looking at the motto on the wall “In God We Trust” and then looking at the Justice Court, he would like to know from the Board if it is possible to put up on the wall the Constitution of the United States and a copy of The Bill of Rights as well as The Office of Professions address where people can make a complaint on an Attorney who had not done them Justice along with the Judicial Conduct Committee address.

Supervisor Crandall thanked Mr. Polyak 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 was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on February 18, 2016 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

C.T. Male Contract

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

C.T. Male has issued a Technical Services Change Order regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant & Trunk Sewer Upgrades, which incorporates changes/additions to the original Scope of Service for Contract Agreement dated September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$215,000.00.

Supervisor Crandall then asked for a motion to sign all documents pertaining to the contractual part of the Sewer Project.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is a resolution later in the meeting for that.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he needs a motion for the Technical Service Change Order in the amount of \$215,000.00.

Councilman Langdon asked where the money will come out of and if it will come out of the grant.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it will come out of grant money.

Councilman Burns interjected that they already paid for a lot of the plans and things for the Project.

Mr. Flores stated that they currently have an Agreement for \$144,000.00, which included the work they have done to date, and it was for the up-front things like the survey and design and this is for the second and third part of the Project.

Councilman Dolan offered a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Langdon, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the C.T. Male amendment to the contract.

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

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Correspondence to NYSDOT

Supervisor Crandall stated that he would like authorization from the Board authorizing him to correspond with NYSDOT regarding the fixing and repaving of Rte. 144 in the Town of Coeymans. He added that it will be a nicely worded letter and he will run it by Attorney for the Town Wukitsch before he sends it.

Councilman Langdon asked if the work will be done before the sewer work is done.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he is talking about getting it paved as far as the Port of Coeymans and naturally they will hold-up until the Sewer Project is done.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Supervisor to correspond with NYSDOT.

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

Portable Toilets for Town Parks

Supervisor Crandall stated that he needed approval to get the portable toilets in for April 15th – September 15th, which would be five months with a cost to the Town of \$1,700.00 with a \$50.00 delivery fee. He added that there is going to be an event the first weekend after April 15th, the Wellness Walk so they will need them in.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it appears Big Top Portable Toilets, which used to be Blue Diamond Septic, is the lowest quote.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any questions, hearing none he asked for a motion authorizing him to contract with Big Top Portable Toilets.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with Big Top Portable Toilets from Cairo, NY.

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

2016 R-C-S Wellness Walk & Marathon

Supervisor Crandall asked that Councilman Dolan read the invitation to the R-C-S Wellness Walk and Marathon.

Councilman Dolan continued by reading the following:

Please join us; the R-C-S Wellness Committee is sponsoring a Community Wellness Walk. We would like to invite you to join the event to promote health and wellness. Our mission statement is to create awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle to the people who make up our communities within the R-C-S School District. Physical activity and eating a balanced diet play a vital role to a healthy mind and body; together they contribute to a healthy life and will impact our community and society as a whole in a healthy positive way. Our hope is to foster a positive attitude toward wellness and community. It is Saturday, April 17th; it starts at Joralemon Park and runs 1:00-4:00pm.

Marathoners must walk or run at least 21 miles between March 17th and April 17th; you can run or walk a mile at a time for up to five miles on different days. Any combination of running or walking works as long as it adds up to 21 miles. At least 5.2 miles will be finished at the 5th Annual Wellness Walk to be held on the 17th of April at Joralemon Park. All R-C-S students, faculty, families and friends can participate, talk to your family and friends, get off the couch and give it a try, you deserve to feel great. A log is provided to track your progress on the back of this sheet; modules will be handed out at school. Sign in and you earn an R-C-S Wellness wristband.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that they would like to sell t-shirts for the cause and they wanted approval from the Board that it is alright.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that it was alright.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they booked the park with her and she forwarded it to them to make sure that they were going to be okay with it. She added that they filled out an application but need to supply a Certificate of Liability and the Town Board has always waived the fee.

Councilman Dolan offered a motion to waive the fee.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing waiving the fee for the use of the gazebo at Joralemon Park for the R-C-S Wellness Walk.

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

Councilman Dolan asked Chief McKenna if the Police Department had any part in this.

Chief McKenna stated that Town Clerk Millious had forwarded the paperwork and if it is something large like the Wellness Walk, he will have 1-2 Officers on bicycle that day as well as two cars who will coordinate with the Fire Police to make sure that there are no potential injuries and roads are blocked off as need be as they circumvent the area.

VFW Easter Egg Hunt Donation

Discussed earlier.

Resignation of Administrative Assistant

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is a letter of resignation and it is a little clean-up that they have to do with Civil Service. He continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Crandall and Members of the Board

Please accept this letter of resignation for my position as Administrative Assistant I, effective December 31, 2015.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Coeymans.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cirillo

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to accept the resignation.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, accepting the resignation of Lisa Cirillo.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #64-16 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE GRANTS, LOANS & FUNDING FOR SEWER PROJECT

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

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans submitted an application for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) 0% financing, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) grant, and New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant for the project entitled “Sanitary Sewer Overflow Abatement and Elimination Plan and WWTP Upgrades” (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans was awarded a Round 12 WQIP Grant up to the amount of \$2,500.00 for this Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans was awarded a Round 1 Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant up to the amount of \$843,814.00 for this Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans was approved for CWSRF 0% financing up to the amount of \$3,333,000.00 for this Project; and

WHEREAS, the above Funding Program requires the governing body of the municipality receiving the grants and financing, to authorize by resolution a designated representative to sign and execute the grant and financing agreements and program related forms and documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Coeymans is authorized to execute a grant and Financing Agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfil the Town’s obligation under the Project.

Supervisor Crandall asked that Town Clerk Millious do a roll-call vote.

Town Clerk Millious proceeded as follows.

VOTE – Supervisor Crandall – AYE, Councilman Dolan – AYE – Councilman Langdon – AYE – Councilman Burns – AYE – ABSENT 1 (Youmans) – SO MOVED

RES. #65-16 AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

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

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of representation on the Sewer Project CWSRF# C4-5444-02-00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of having Attorney for the Town David J. Wukitsch perform services outside the scope of his retainer with the Town; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Wukitsch has submitted a Retention Agreement outlining those services, the billing fees of \$250.00 per hour, subject to a \$15,000.00 cap and payable from grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans approves the Retention Agreement with David J. Wukitsch, Esq., effective immediately and authorizes Supervisor Philip A. Crandall to execute the same on behalf of the Town Board.

RES. #66-16 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC

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

WHEREAS, Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting provides lower lighting rates, few outages, lower maintenance and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation is the provider of electrical energy to the community, owns and operates a majority of the street light fixtures within the community; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson is now offering an Agreement to transition existing sodium vapor light fixtures to the more efficient LED fixtures; and

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WHEREAS, replacements will take place only during routine maintenance or when responding to a street light outage, no up-front installation charge will be made to the Town of Coeymans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Philip A. Crandall to sign the Blanket LED Street Lighting Authority Order allowing Central Hudson Gas & Electric to make the changes to the Town of Coeymans street lights.

Councilman Dolan asked that they notify Central Hudson of some lights that are currently out and maybe they could start with those.

Chief McKenna stated that for years it was Sunday night tradition for the Albany PD to go out and record the street lights, which dated back to the 1600’s when they checked to make sure the torches were lit. He added that they can take it on, he has no problem with it and that way they can maintain a relatively up-to-date list and he will look into it if they want him to.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that he thought it was a good idea.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they usually want and go by the number of the pole.

RES. #67-15 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the following transfer of funds:

General Fund (A)

Decrease

A5010.8	Highway Administrative Buy-Back	\$ 8,213.58
A1355.8	Assessor – Buy Back	\$ 3,861.00
A1310.8	Finance – Buy Back	\$ 6,500.00
A1990.4	Contingency – Contractual	\$ 5,723.64

Increase

A9089.8	Other Employee Benefits	\$ 6,098.22
A1355.1	Assessor Personal Services	\$18,200.00

Part Town (B)

Decrease

B3620.1	Safety Inspections – Personal Services	\$13,667.00
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Increase	Contingency – Contractual	\$13,667.00
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CORRESPONDENCE

Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to once again offer a fish stocking program for private pond owners. Species available are Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Minnow and Triploid Grass Carp. Orders are being accepted through May 6th and will be available for pick-up on May 13th at the District parking lot. Prior to stocking a pond, landowners should obtain a Farm Fish Pond License from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The license is free and good for five years. Landowners wishing to stock Triploid Grass Carp for aquatic vegetation control are required to obtain a Triploid Grass Carp Permit. Both the Farm Fish Pond License application and the Triploid Grass Carp application are available from the Conservation District. For more information on this program

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and many other services your County Soil and Water Conservation District offers, call 518-765-7923 or e-mail acswd@gmail.com.

Reminder: The deadline for placing an order through the Tree and Shrub Sale is April 11th; supplies are limited so order early to guarantee your order.

Councilman Dolan interjected that for friends in other counties, you do not have to be an Albany County resident.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is a state-wide program.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Supervisor Crandall asked Chief Operator Kerr to give an update on the expensive part that had to be replaced.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that the flow-sensor had to be replaced, which allows them to separate the amount of flow coming from the Village to the Town so when he does the monthly report he can say how much of it is Village and how much of it is Town. He added that it also allows him to track inflow from rain events so they have a better idea on where to look in the future to tighten the systems up to prevent rain water from getting into the sewer lines. He continued by saying that the unit could not be rebuilt, he sent it to the vendor for review and after it was put through diagnostics, it was determined that the unit was no longer repairable so his advice was to replace the unit.

Councilman Langdon asked if this is what he uses to help differentiate between Village and Town Sewer.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that it is part of it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thought the new Agreement that they were working on was going to eliminate the need to monitor that.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that it will eliminate as far as calculations and what part is Village and what part is Town and as far as he is concerned, it is only part of what the meter actually allows them to do. He added that not knowing exactly where all the rain is coming in, it allows them to keep track so maybe the new system they are putting in will help eliminate some of it.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it really isn't a new system and with the Agreement they came up with, they weren't going to have to monitor it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is talking about the repair.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that the new repairs will help eliminate a considerable amount of flow coming in but it still doesn't allow them a tool to see where more water is still coming in and this will allow it to happen.

Village Trustee Bailey asked if this is the meter at the point.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that it is.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that he would have to agree and added that he thought they were basically tired of pouring money into the meters because they keep breaking down and just to have the company to show up is \$1,000.00. He then asked how much it is going to cost them.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that it is a replacement of a part that was there.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that it was \$3,400.00.

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Village Trustee Bailey interjected that they were pouring thousands of dollars every year in to trying to maintain the meters that are at least 10 years old and they were going to try and move away from trying to keep the meters. He reiterated that every time they come to look at a meter it is \$1,000.00 just for them to show up and it's not like they can go to other companies.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it was his understanding that they were going to do away with needing those meters.

Mr. Larry Conrad stated that they also have to be calibrated annually for \$1,200.00.

Village Trustee Bailey stated that they have a lot of meter readings and reiterated that he thought they were moving away from that. He added that they had made a conceptual Agreement with the prior Town Board and they decided to stop pouring money in to the meters and the Village has a portable meter that they can move around when they think there is inflow and they have lent it to the Town when needed. He concluded by saying that he thought they should not spend money on the meters and he thought they were getting close to that and it is why there was a tentative Agreement for 60/40 and 75/25, it was the plan and part of the concept behind it.

Councilman Langdon interjected that one of the benefits was to be able to eliminate that whole process of tracking it.

Councilman Burns asked Chief Operator Kerr what he thought.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that it's a tool, this is how he looks at it and whether you are going to use it for distinguishing flows between the Town or Village or in his case preventative medicine, you want to keep track of where the water is coming in and eliminate it and the small section that is going to be upgraded in the Village during the grant, still does not mean that there won't be water coming in from somewhere else, whether Town or Village. He added that as far as he is concerned, every gallon excess into the plant is costing them more money than what the \$3,400.00 sensor is costing them.

Councilman Burns asked how they locate where the water is coming in just by a reading on the sensor and then asked if they are really accomplishing anything.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that it segregates where the Village comes into the Town and right now they have no way of knowing how much rain water is coming in from the township and this is one tool that they can use to at least address one portion of the collection system. He added that as far as he is concerned, the collection system does not start at the Town line, it is the whole system, Village and Town and this is what he is looking at, to continue some type of a tool to allow him to address issues in the future.

Village Trustee Bailey interjected that it was a very important tool when they were under the Consent Order and they spent \$100,000.00 to put them in and they accomplished the goal because they were able to document both the Town efforts for I&I and the Village efforts for I&I and they took hundreds of thousands of gallons of I&I out of there and were able to document it to ENCON and it is why they were released from the Consent Order regarding expanding the Sewer System. He added that for the last four years, all it has been used for is billing purposes and the problem is that these machines are getting older and get hung up so they don't get good enough long periods of reading to do the billing so they decided to move off the meters for the billing and it was part of their Tentative Agreement in October. He continued by saying that they spent \$3,400.00, when it gets hung-up they are going to have to bring the manufacturer down a couple times a year at \$1,000.00 a trip and once a year \$1,000.00 to re-calibrate the machine and out of that \$3,400.00, the Village is spending the majority of that money and he thought they were moving away from that. He reiterated that the meters accomplished what they wanted them to do, it got them out of the Consent Order so they can have additional hook-ups and DEC has acknowledged that they did a lot of work on their end and they continue to drop money into the meters and he doesn't think that they should.

Councilman Burns asked if the portable meters that the Village has can accomplish what he is looking to do.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that they won't because they aren't large enough.

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Village Trustee Bailey stated that they can use it for smaller roads and smaller sections when they want to check and see if they are having inflow or if there is a broken line.

Councilman Langdon asked if they have a total cost for maintaining the meters on a regular basis.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that he didn't have it on him but he could get it to him.

Supervisor Crandall suggested that Chief Operator Kerr, Mr. Flores, Mr. Bailey and himself sit down and discuss it to see what they can do to eliminate the problem.

Councilman Langdon stated that Mr. Flores is aware of the situation and then asked him what his opinion of the need, not need, benefits or pros and cons of the meters are.

Mr. Flores stated that the sewer meters are in a very aggressive environment 24 hours a day so it's not atypical for them to require maintenance and the fee that they mentioned is a typical fee to get someone from Syracuse to come and look at them so the decision is based on what they are using them for. He added that they had a dual purpose before with the I&I study and billing so if they are going to use it for that, they have to keep them up and running and if not they have to justify the use of it. He continued by saying that they are going to change things and the flows are going to increase because of instead of it going to VanHoesen basin, it will keep going down to the Sewer Plant, so actually more flow is going to go through the meter. He went on by saying that the second thing for them to consider is that they will be changing the location of where the meter is supposed to go, which will probably be a full year before it gets implemented. He concluded by saying that one thing they have to consider is what they are looking at today, won't be the place that they want to have it, so they either will have to move it, put a new one in or decide to do away with it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they have to sit down at a Workshop Meeting to further discuss this and reiterated that that he will get together with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Kerr to discuss it as well and they want to reduce the cost as much as possible to the Town and Village.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, March 17, 2106, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 31, 2016, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, April 14, 2016, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to mention a breakfast that he attended at the V.F.W., which was a breakfast for Veterans that they were invited to. He added that he spoke with Tripp Powell, the new Commander and at some point they are going to have him give a presentation at a Town Board Meeting because he has an amazing story to tell. He continued by saying that he wanted to remind everyone that Tuesday is the Village of Ravenna Election from 12:00-9:00pm.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that Mr. Persico did another presentation at the Coxsackie Bank and he missed it again but if anyone gets the opportunity to go, he is very encouraging for our community with a great Police force, great facilities, the river and they are in an ideal position to have a Village and Town in and they need to utilize it because they are blessed with a great place. He continued by saying that he is trying to get people to work together to make it even better and then thanked all the departments for doing such a good job and now they are being asked to cut even tighter, which they are and he appreciates everyone working for the Town.

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Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the new Fishing Guide books came in, which go from April 1, 2016 to the end of March 2017. She added that Property Tax Reminder Notices will be going out and you can pay online by going to Coeymans.org, clicking on quick links and then finding the bill, there is a 2.45% charge for paying online. She continued by saying that she has the Rabies Clinic Schedule for 2016 that is put on by the Department of Health and continued by reading the following:

Saturday, March 19 th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Town of Berne Highway Garage, Rte. 443 Heldeberg Trail, Berne
Tuesday, June 4 th	4:00pm-7:00pm	Bethlehem Town Park, Elm Avenue, Selkirk
Saturday, September 10 th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Village of Colonie Municipal Garage, 2 Thunder Road, Colonie
Saturday, November 12 th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Village of Green Island, Public Works Garage, Cohoes

Saturday clinics are from 1:00pm-2:30pm for cats and ferrets and from 2:30-4:00pm is for dogs. Tuesday clinics are from 4:00pm-5:30 pm for cats and ferrets, and 5:30pm-7:00pm is for dogs.

The donation is \$8.00 per animal.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Notice is posted in Town Hall and if there are any questions you can contact her office at 756-2100. She continued by saying that she wanted to remind everyone that there is a Pooper Scooper Law in the Town of Coeymans that was adopted in 2000, which is for the whole Town. She added that dog licenses are required, it is a New York State Law that all dogs must be licensed and renewed every year and rabies shots have to be up-to-date, if the dog is spayed or neutered it is \$7.00, if not spayed or neutered it is \$15.00. She continued by saying that if your dog is picked up and not licensed it will be taken to the Town's Kennel, which is \$100.00 for the first three days and \$10.00 for a redemption fee and if your dog's rabies shot isn't current, you have to be escorted by the Police to get a rabies shot. She concluded by saying that she wanted to remind everyone why it is important to license your dog and she thought it would be good to mention and if there are any questions you can call her office at 756-2100.

Councilman Langdon questioned if she said the dog has to be registered every year.

Town Clerk Millious stated that originally you license the dog and then you have to renew every year with current rabies information and reiterated that it is a New York State Law. She added that when the DCO picks up a dog, he checks with her.

Supervisor Crandall asked if the Town gets the fine money.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they do and it can be costly.

Ms. Tanner asked why the Town of Coeymans can't have a Rabies Clinic.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it goes by population of a previous turn-out that the town had and the County picks the four best.

Ms. Tanner stated that New Baltimore has it every year.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they are Greene County and a different situation and added that \$8.00 is a good deal for your dog to get a rabies shot. She added that she wanted to mention everything because people are not aware of what they need to do.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thought once you licensed your dog, you were done.

Councilman Dolan interjected that you get a renewal every year.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that if there is a change such as if the dog is deceased or has moved her office needs to know. She added that each Town maintains their own tags, New York State doesn't do it anymore and if you lose your dog's tag, you have to pay \$2.00 for a new one with a new number.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Chief of Police McKenna stated that Albany County has him up and running with the Monthly Reports and continued saying that he wanted to extend a sincere thank you to the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Company, the Town in conjunction with Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network had a seminar earlier in the day on heroin dangers and trends, meth lab contamination and facilities. He added that there were 53 sworn personnel from 21 different agencies who attended, it was hosted at the Coeymans Hollow Fire House, it was very successful there were a lot of topics and discussions and the feedback was very positive. He concluded by saying that he wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Searles for moving equipment around so they could park across the street and not block the parking lot in case the fire trucks had to come out, it was a good day and he wanted to say thank-you to everyone who was involved in it.

Supervisor Crandall 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 Dolan, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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

Time – 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk