

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
April 14, 2016 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, April 14, 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

**ABSENT:** George E. Langdon, Councilman  
James C. Youmans, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk  
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent  
John Kerr, Chief Operator Waste Water Treatment Plant

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

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**OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Crandall stated that those present were Councilman Burns, Councilman Dolan and himself and that the record should reflect the absence of Councilmen Langdon and Youmans, also present were Town Clerk Millious and Highway Superintendent Searles.

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**AGENDA**

- Presentation
  - Conservation & Land Use Specialist, Ingrid Haeckel
- Public Announcement
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, March 31, 2106
- Old Business
  - Shared Services, Possible State Grant
- New Business
  - Summer Youth Employment Program
- Resolutions
  - Approve Revised Abstract, November 2015
  - Approve Revised Abstract, January 2016
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Meeting, April 21, 2016, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, April 28, 2016, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2016, 7:00pm

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**PRESENTATION**

**Conservation & Land Specialist, Ingrid Haeckel**

Supervisor Crandall invited Ms. Haeckel to the microphone to give her presentation and added that she is a Conservation and Land Use Specialist.

Ms. Haeckel thanked the Board for the invitation to speak and added that she works at the Hudson River Estuary Program at DEC and is a Conservation and Land Use Specialist. She continued by saying that she will be giving a brief presentation about Conservation Advisory Councils in New York and she is a member of the Environmental Conservation Board in the

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Town of New Paltz, where she lives and for those not familiar with the Hudson River Estuary Program, they are a unique Non-Regulatory Program with DEC that was established to help protect and revitalize the Hudson River Estuary and work throughout the 10 counties bordering the Tidal Hudson River from New York City Harbor to the Federal Dam in Troy and throughout the Watershed. She went on by saying that they are working to achieve many key benefits along the estuary, including clean water, community resilience to climate change, conserve and restore the vital estuary eco-system and its fish wildlife and habitat, conserve the natural scenery of the Hudson Valley and promote education, access, recreation and inspiration. She added that Conservation Advisory Councils were initially established and authorized through New York State Law beginning around 1970 when the State passed enabling legislation that lays out the roles and responsibilities of these Local Councils, which are to conduct research, educate the public and advise local agencies on matters relating to conservation and management of the environment. She continued by saying that the law goes through several different particular activities that the Councils are expected to participate in, including the development of natural resource inventories or open space plans, assistance with project review or planning, a wide variety of policy research as well as public education and outreach and she has a copy of that part of Municipal Law that she will provide. She went on by saying that one of the initial tasks of the Council is to work on development of an open-space inventory and map, which is a compilation and description of natural, scenic and cultural resources in the community identifying local conservation priorities. She added that by developing the inventory and map, when it is officially adopted by the local governing board, the council may be designated a Conservation Board so they can rise from Council to Board status, which means they have a more formal role in environmental review of projects that are proposed within the areas identified as having environmental resources of concern to the community. She continued by saying that they are still strictly advisory, however they have the opportunity to review the proposals and provide comments to local agencies, there are some exceptions, a Board can be given discretionary authority in some cases and in New Paltz they have a Local Tree Ordinance and it is one area where the Environmental Board has some authority over reviewing, approving or denying a permit for tree cutting. She went on by saying that some of the other examples of planning and policy research that these Councils participate in are things like Comprehensive Planning and Open-Space Planning Projects, they help to do research on Municipal Law and Ordinances, aquifer protection through the development of over-lay zone, water course and wetland laws and updating of Site-Plan and Sub-Division regulations. She added that some Conservation Advisory Councils are also involved in Storm Water Management Programs, which is especially the case in Albany County in certain communities that are part of the Federal MS4 Program, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Regulatory Program and other Councils are involved in the Climate Smart Communities Program in implementing things like Energy Efficiency Projects and other aspects of that Program. She continued by saying that last fall with the Estuary Program, she helped to coordinate a Round-Table Program with members of CAC's, an acronym she uses for the councils, in Albany and Schenectady counties and it was a great evening, they had over 40 members of the different groups come out as well as members from Conservation Boards in the Towns of Colonie, Guilderland, Knox, Berne and the Village of Voorheesville that were in attendance, the Town of Bethlehem also had a Conservation Advisory Council but they are not currently active. She went on by saying that they learned quite a bit from those groups about their current activities, many of them are involved in project review in development of various inventories or updating of them, plan updates, development of scenic vista studies, open-space planning, stream monitoring, storm water issues, aquifer protection and so on and some of them hold annual Conservation Day events in their communities, have established Emerald Ash Borer Task Forces to deal with that issue, promote recycling and renewable energy, hold household hazardous waste collection events and some are involved with maintenance or stewardship of local nature preserves on Town properties. She added that they can see that there is a wide breath of activities that they can help out with in the community with some of it being driven by interested members but often times the Town Board will approach the Council and say that there is an issue or policy that they are interested in researching and ask for help on or it is an issue of concern where it makes sense for the Conservation Council to assist, the Councils are there to advise and be of assistance to other local agencies. She continued by saying that she would give a few examples of particular projects or activities that Councils & Boards in Albany County talked about at the round-table last fall, in the Town of Knox, the Conservation Advisory Council is helping to develop a Natural Resource Inventory for the Town's Comprehensive Plan update, which she assisted and provided what they call a Habitat Summary Report document that compiles the existing information from DEC databases about habitats and wildlife in the community and provided some interpretation of that information that they can incorporate into

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their Natural Resources chapter. She went on by saying that the Conservation Advisory Council is now working on that and developing a series of maps for the Comprehensive Plan update and will use that information to develop related goals and recommendations for Town Policy and when it's completed the maps and description from that inventory can be used to guide future decisions in the towns. She added that if they are going to develop a new Conservation Council in Coeymans, it is the sort of project that they can initially start working with and she knows that there is interest in the community in developing an inventory because she doesn't think that one exists currently of natural resources. She continued by saying that the Town of Berne has a Conservation Board and finished their inventory a while back and have been doing some updates recently and worked with a SUNY Albany intern to identify, map and prioritize erosion hazard sites along Town and County roads in Berne as well as flood water detention areas like wetlands and hydric soils, which was in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee when there was not only a lot of flooding in the town but some serious erosion problems along Town roads. She went on by saying that the intern really helped them out by collecting the data and identifying some priorities for the Town to address and they have been using this information more recently in their evaluation of the proposed Natural Gas Line that was slated to run through part of their town so they are using it to provide recommendations related to a variety of projects and not just local development. She added that in the Town of Guilderland they have a Conservation Council, it is not officially a Board but they do have an official role in the review of major sub-division projects and it is written in their Town Law, they also help the Planning Board to do the Environmental Review on those projects and applicants are required to come before the Conservation Advisory Council and present concept plans, the Council reviews their local and natural resource maps to gather preliminary data, they conduct site visits and then present their recommendations to the Planning Board, which is spelled out in their Zoning. She continued by saying that in Guilderland they are concerned with over development or sprawl, this is what they are trying to address and they feel like they have been very effective in working together with the Conservations Council. She went on by saying that in the Estuary Program they have worked with a number of Councils throughout the watershed and Hudson Valley over time and they are natural partners for them, they are trying to promote natural resource space planning, which is very much part of the mission of these Councils and they have noticed over time that one of the really key aspects of effective Councils is establishing good working relationships with other local agencies. She added that the groups that are able to do that are able to get much more done and be much more effective in a community and it really is because their advisory groups power comes down to the ability to be seen as a good resource by other local agencies in the town and this is something that hopefully new members being recruited to a new Council will understand and secondly the importance of providing planned space information and objective recommendations, it is not a position of advocacy to be on one of the Councils, it is about doing research and providing good information in an objective way. She continued by saying that enabling legislation lays out how these Councils can be established, it can be through resolution, ordinance or Local Law and she has a copy of model language for adopting a Council, they can consist of 3-9 members who are appointed by the Town Board and it is a good idea to recruit people from across the Town in different geographic areas of the community as well as people with different backgrounds. She went on by saying that there is no minimum requirement for serving on a Council but it is helpful to have people with professional expertise, which could be in the sciences, engineering, law, communications and many other areas that could can provide useful background information and contribute to credentials and expertise of an effective Council. She added that they can also have up to two junior members, which could be high-school or college students between the ages of 16-21, they are appointed to two-year terms that can be renewed. She continued by saying that they have a number of resources available and she will be leaving fact sheets and a copy of the presentation as well as links to online documents that they can access, they also provide technical assistance and training to the groups and she is hoping to have an annual round table for the Councils from Albany and Schenectady and if the Town of Coeymans establishes one, it would be a great opportunity for the new folks to network with their communities, learn from them and get some ideas. She went on by saying that they also have Estuary Grants available, they are expecting a new round to be announced soon and those grants can cover projects like Natural Resource Inventories, Open Space Plans or Water Shed Plans and a variety of other projects as well and it is good to be aware of a potential source of money for some of the projects. She concluded by saying that she would be happy to answer any questions.

Councilman Burns asked for her to give an example of how this would help their area, they have Joralemon Park, Hannacroix Creek, the Hudson River and Coeymans Creek.

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Ms. Haeckel asked what their primary concerns are in those areas.

Councilman Burns asked how they could make them useful for tourists, attractions, and people who want to hike.

Ms. Haeckel stated that sometimes Conservation Councils are involved in stewardship of parks or natural areas, some may be involved in trail building but it is not typically the primary focus of these groups. She added that in going back to the mission, it is more related to keeping track of important natural resources in the community, researching and developing local policies to protect those resources from future imbalance, conservation and development in the community and to make sure that decisions are being made in light of what is known about the resources that might be affected. She continued by saying that this would be the primary role but the Council can be very involved in education and could probably develop some educational material or promotional material about the natural areas and community.

Mr. Lawler asked based on her experience at DEC, are there groups in a community that do the things that Councilman Burns was suggesting, like developing hiking trails, access to fishing and access to other natural resources and if DEC works with communities to try and help do that.

Ms. Haeckel stated that DEC does work with communities to try and improve recreation opportunities in certain places, especially along the Hudson River, which part of her program's mission is to improve access to the river and along the streams where there are fishing areas. She continued by saying that these Councils could be involved with that but from what they are describing, the focus on recreation might be more of a Recreation Committee type of thing and reiterated that it certainly could be part of what a Council will do but based on the intent, legislation and mission, it is not part of the core mission of what they are intended to do.

Mr. Lawler stated that she mentioned possible grants that were available and then asked if it would be grants from DEC or from other organizations that are concerned.

Ms. Haeckel stated that there are grants available through DEC, specifically for recreation access and a number of areas that she mentioned, tributary restoration and resiliency, removing stream barriers and increasing aquatic habitat for fish is another big area. She added that another organization is The Hudson Valley Greenway, there is funding available for trails and recreation work that wouldn't be limited to the Hudson River, they work throughout the county.

Ms. Barbara Heinzen stated that she took advantage of the Trees for Trib Program, which is a way of stabilizing soil along streams so it may have been something that could be used upstream as part of the remediation after Irene and that kind of thing could be part of what the Council looks at and is able to access. She added that she got 100 plants to put in, they got a lot of good advice and the plants were delivered to her, which was fantastic, it wasn't an out-right grant but enormously valuable if you are looking to maintain a healthy aquatic system of some kind.

Ms. Haeckel stated that it is a big program that they administer and Conservation Councils have been involved in helping do those sorts of planting on town properties and they maintain and monitor them over time. She added that the Conservation Council could also be a liaison to other organizations and groups that are involved in the watershed and deal with watershed management issues.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other questions.

Ms. Barbara Heinzen stated that several of them met last week with Laura D'Agosoto about what it takes to do a Natural Resource Inventory and she showed all the resources that are available and suggested that they contact the SUNY Albany Department of Geography to see if they can get an intern and in turn she wrote to them and they said it would be a good idea. She continued by saying that she told them they don't have money at the moment and they told her to send a job description anyway so she drafted it earlier in the day with Laura's help and she wanted to give it to the Town Board. She added that this is a resource that they can get almost immediately and they can start to map out what is here, which makes it easier for business to say whether or not it is a good place to be. She concluded by saying that they can start by identifying what needs conserving and what can be used for other purposes.

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Ms. Lawler stated that recently a town used an intern to identify areas that are at risk, like Miller Road where it floods, the intern walked stream beds and the roads and was able to identify all the areas and show where a natural resource posed a risk to a man-made structure and how it is a two-way street between the two.

Ms. Haeckel stated that the Town of Berne worked with a SUNY Albany student and a somewhat related activity that her program is involved in is mapping culverts and they have a culvert assessment effort underway working together with some of the County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Cornell Cooperative Extension. She added that they have been working in sub watersheds throughout the Hudson Valley to map culverts on public roads and they measure the dimensions, look at them specifically for the pass ability by fish and other aquatic organisms, which is one of their concerns. She continued by saying that they are also modeling them for their capacity to see what size storm can a certain culvert pass to help identify the most severely undersized, problematic culverts from a storm water perspective and also the aquatic habitat connectivity issue. She concluded by saying that this is something that is available and they are always looking for communities that are interested in that sort of information.

Councilman Burns stated that they are interested in grants so they can increase the size of a lot of the culverts.

Ms. Haeckel stated that they have grants for replacing culverts and communities that have been working and participating in the Culvert Assessment Project are now starting to get grants to do replacements and a Town in Columbia County, mapped most of their town for culverts and they got a \$220,000.00 grant last year and they are replacing three culverts.

Councilman Burns stated that it just took 35 minutes longer to get to his kids house because they are replacing one on Rte. 66 and added that it is awesome.

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

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Alcove Day**

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

Alcove Day is the last Saturday in April, April 30<sup>th</sup> with no rain date. It is sponsored by the Alcove Preservation Association, any questions you can call 756-8666. There will be treasure maps for yard sales and a Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale at the Coeymans Hollow Fire House at 8:00am. There will be a luncheon held at the Trinity United Methodist Church from 10:00am-2:00pm; the Thrift Shop will be open at 8:00am. The Little Red Schoolhouse will be open at 8:00am, there will be a Garage Salle and the museum will be open to the public. The Alcove pictorial cancellation stamps, six in a series from 2001-2006, will be on sale at the luncheon.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

**Ms. Mary Driscoll** stated that she wasn't at the last meeting because she was ill and there was something that she didn't understand and continued by saying that it was something like tuition for a college course in accounting that was approved.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it was a course upcoming in June.

Ms. Driscoll asked why.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that it is training that was advised for all Supervisors to have for bookkeeping and municipal bookkeeping.

Ms. Driscoll asked who advised it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it was the Office of the State Comptroller.

Ms. Driscoll asked how he could have the nerve to ask low income residents of the Hamlet of Coeymans, senior citizens of this community who sometimes have to forgo paying for medication in order to eat, parents who work extra hours so their children to go to college, young parents trying to find a home or the veterans who fought for our freedom, to pay for him to take a college course. She added that if he is required or if they ask them to do it, she doesn't see why he can't pay for it, supposedly he is working two jobs, there is a Clerk running his office who earns \$24.54 per hour, a Confidential Secretary who earns \$18.00 an hour, a Bookkeeper who earns \$15.00 and hired a CPA to work with him at night, which must have cost a pretty penny. She concluded by asking how he has the audacity to ask the law-abiding citizens of this community to pay for his education and then asked if it is an on-line course or an actual college.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it isn't an actual college, the course is being given by the Office of the State Comptroller and they have advised all Town Supervisors to attend it, especially new Supervisors.

Ms. Driscoll asked again why the residents have to pay for it and if he wants to attend it, he should pay for it and then asked if it takes more than one course to really understand accounting, will he be asking for more assistance in paying for future courses. She concluded by saying that as one irate commenter said last year, how dare you use my tax money for this.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler asked Supervisor Crandall is if was 50 years of age or older.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he was.

Ms. Lawler stated that Supervisor Crandall is able to audit and any course in the New York State System is free and added that if he was advised by the State Comptroller to take the course, he can receive a letter of credit and it is free to anyone over the age of 50 and the only thing that you would have to supply is materials if you were going to take for example an art course. She concluded by saying that it won't cost the members of this community anything.

Ms. Driscoll interjected that \$300.00 has been taken out of the budget for it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that nothing had been taken out yet and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Paul Lawler stated that he thought it would be great to have a Conservation Advisory Council and Ms. Haeckel made some very good arguments and he would very much support it.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Crandall stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, A Town Board Meeting on March 31, 2015 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Langdon & Youmans)

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Quarterly Federal Return**

Supervisor Crandall stated that he received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service saying that the Quarterly Federal Tax Return for 2015 was never done, which they knew nothing about and the money was never submitted. He added that they submitted the first quarter for 2016 and they sent a letter back asking for the last quarter of 2015, which they knew nothing about and they are trying to penalize the Town and he is asking them to abate the penalty. He concluded by saying that it is more money taken out of the 2016 Budget, which should have been taken out of the 2015 Budget.

**Shared Services, Possible State Grant**

Supervisor Crandall stated that he and Councilman Dolan met with Frank Commisso, Jr. the Director of Municipal Affairs for the County about a possible State Grant for shared services. He added that the meeting went well; they are going to provide him some information about the employees and information on how they can share services with the County or State in an emergency situation or regular situation like salt or sand. He concluded by saying that they would like to provide him the information that he requested, which is basically how many employees there are, their names and job titles and what department they work for.

Councilman Burns asked if this coincides with the equipment part of it, where it allows \$10,000.00.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is something totally different; this is the State, what he is referring to is the County.

Councilman Dolan stated that Mr. Commisso indicated that it might put the County and Town in a better position to receive some grants that were coming from the State in addition to mentioning 5,000 Municipal employees in Albany County and in each municipality. He added that he thinks this is what they are looking at, how many and what kind of employees there are and if there is an opportunity for sharing things but right now it is at a stage where they are looking for some grants.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Summer Youth Employment Program**

Supervisor Crandall stated that he and Councilman Dolan met with Danyell Burns and Connor Zeoli about the Summer Youth Programs, the one run jointly with the Village and there is one the Town runs at Pieter B. Coeymans. He added that they are going to get together and coordinate their hours so they can get the most out of both programs for all the kids in town and instead of both having their hours in the morning, they are going to try and stagger the hours and go from 8:30am – 3:00pm so kids can take advantage of both. He continued by saying that kids will be able to take advantage of not just the recreation part in the Village but can also take part in reading books, poetry and the library. He reiterated that they are going to get together and report back to the Board with what they came up with and reiterated that they are looking to coordinate their hours so they can get the most benefit for the kids in the town during the summer.

Councilman Burns interjected that it will help out parents as well.

Councilman Dolan stated that over the years they have had several youth working for the Town of Coeymans through a State funded program, which is administered by the City of Albany through the County of Albany and part of his day job. He added that he wanted to circulate among the Department Heads a Request for Placement to see who is interested in providing adequate supervision for them to work.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #75-16 APPROVE REVISED ABSTRACT – NOVEMBER 2015**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Langdon, Youmans)

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously approved payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for November, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, pre-paid sewer vouchers were not included in the abstract and need to be added.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans approves the addition of said pre-paid sewer vouchers as follows:

**Pre-Paid Sewer Vouchers 170970-170978,171035-141040 for a total of \$26,995.69 and pre-paid adjusted total of \$226,553.67.**

**Adjusted Total for All Funds \$279,090.35**

Councilman Burns asked if the resolution was to adjust the numbers or if there was something not paid.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they were all paid but left out of the resolution.

**RES. #76-16 APPROVE REVISED ABSTRACT – JANUARY 2016**

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Langdon, Youmans)

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for January, 2016, and

**WHEREAS**, some prepaid vouchers were not included in the abstract and need to be added,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans approves the addition of said pre-paid vouchers as follows:

**Pre-Paid Vouchers – 171300-171302 for a total of \$13,629.55 and pre-paid adjusted total of \$63,182.08**

**Adjusted Total for All Funds - \$158,951.81**

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**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS**

- Town Board Meeting, April 21, 2016, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, April 28, 2016, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2016, 7:00pm

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he attended a business breakfast earlier in the day at the Coeymans Fire Department, which was the first time that he had been there and it is a very nice building and Meeting Room. He added that they chose a name for the business group, Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Business Association and their next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 with the location not determined yet, and the meeting he attended was a really nice turnout. He continued by saying that he wanted to follow up on something that Councilman Burns said regarding trails and fishing spots and one of the useful features of an Advisory Council is that they can identify areas

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so if you are given two choices, you can pick the one with less impact on the natural resources and it would be nice if they could tie the two great creeks that run through the Town of Coeymans, which are obviously connected by the river. He concluded by saying that there are a lot of opportunities for fishing and outdoor activities.

Councilman Burns interjected that there are a lot of nice places for hiking.

Councilman Dolan stated that hopefully this is something that they can work on over the coming year.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he wanted to thank everyone for working really hard and everywhere he goes, he sees the Highway guys busy, the Police doing their thing and Town Clerk Millious is always busy in her office in addition to their new Confidential Secretary who seems to be working out great. He added that the man who wanted to put the facility on Fares Road, he spoke with him earlier and he might be putting the facility up in Greene County where no one will mind, which worked out good and reiterated that he wanted to thank everyone for all that they do.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to mention that she settled the Property Taxes and if anyone wants to pay now, they will have to pay with Albany County and she would suggest calling first at 447-7070 as well as being able to review tax bills online. She added that she wanted to read the Presidential Primary Election Notice because it is next Tuesday and proceeded to read as follows:

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**Democratic Party, Republican Party  
Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

**Polls are open 12:00pm to 9:00pm**

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**\*\*POLLING PLACES\*\***

- 1st District Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St, Coeymans
- 2nd District Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St., Coeymans
- 3rd District Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St., Ravena
- 4th District Abounding Love Church, 2480 Rte. 9W, Ravena
- 5th District Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow
- 6th District Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow

All Polling Places are handicapped accessible. Any questions as to voting district or eligibility, please call 756-2100.

Town Clerk Millious stated that District #4 has changed, it is now at Abounding Love Church, it was at the High School and it is now located in Faith Plaza, next to CVS. She added that there are signs, which were there when the machines were moved earlier in the day and District 5 & 6 are back at the Coeymans Hollow Fire House. She continued by saying that Mrs. Mayo e-mailed her regarding a piece of property on Star Road, which she forwarded to the Supervisor and she e-mailed again earlier in the day wanting to know if she received it and in turn she advised Mrs. Mayo that she did and forwarded it to the Supervisor. She then asked Supervisor Crandall if he

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had a chance to go over it with the Board because Mrs. Mayo no longer wants the property, she wants to give it to the Town of Coeymans or the County of Albany.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he sent it to Town Attorney Wukitsch for his advisement first.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to bring it up and thought maybe they could have some discussion about it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he will be bringing it up at the next Town Board Meeting and then asked if there were any other comments.

Superintendent of Highways Searles stated that he needs approval for expenditure of money for black topping Town Roads and his plan for this year and because of the Sewer Project that is going to be going on, he won't be able to do the south side of Coeymans, which will be his plan for next year plus north Coeymans. He added that this year he wants to do Alcove Road to the Greene County Line, Ringwald Road, which is from Alcove to the Greene County Line and Mud Hill Road, which are State Contract prices. He reiterated that he would like approval, they are changing some pipes now, Callanan's plan is that they are going to be doing some work for New Baltimore the first week in May and will schedule the Town right after.

Councilman Dolan asked if they give approval at the next meeting if it will be sufficient time or if it would be cutting it close.

Superintendent of Highways Searles stated that it would be cutting it close with their scheduling.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is a lot of money and he would like to take time to look it over.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that there is \$185,000.00, this is \$180,269.00 and with the C.H.I.P.S. money, the sooner you get it in, the sooner you get your money back.

Supervisor Crandall asked how much money they will get back for this.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that right now budgetary wise it is \$128,000.00 but by them going to lobby for it, the C.H.I.P.S. money has been raised and they are estimating his to be another \$7,000.00 so it will be up to \$135,000.00.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it would leave the Town to pay approximately \$50,000.00. He then asked when Highway Superintendent Searles plans on starting it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be the end of the first week in May or second week, depending on weather and New Baltimore, they are thinking three days in New Baltimore and three days for the Town of Coeymans.

Councilman Burns asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he will be ready for them by then.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated he would be.

Councilman Dolan asked if Mud Hill starts at Stanton and goes to the end.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it will go to the dead-end and it is 798 feet, which is .53 miles.

Supervisor Crandall asked about culvert replacement.

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Highway Superintendent Searles stated it is what they are doing right now; he has the culverts so they don't have to buy them.

Councilman Burns interjected that he thinks they should approve it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would offer a motion.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing the expenditure of Highway monies.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Langdon & Youmans) – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent stated that he was instructed to get prices on fixing a truck and it was advised that it needs a whole new frame so he is taking the truck off the road; it is a 1996 dump-truck and added that it was advised by three reputable people.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Village of Ravena is looking to hire two new Clerks and added that anyone interested can contact the Village office in addition to asking that it be put on the Town's website.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Langdon & Youmans) – SO MOVED

**Time – 7:55pm**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**APPROVED – As Read May 12, 2016**

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*Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk*