

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
May 12, 2016 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, May 12, 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
James C. Youmans, Councilman

ABSENT: George E. Langdon, Councilman

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

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

OPENING COMMENT

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

AGENDA

- Presentations
 - Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy
 - Judith Wines, Library Director, Proposition of School Budget Vote
 - Kevin Rounds, Disc Cap, Joralemon Park Basket Upgrade Proposal
- Public Announcements
 - Riverview Summer Day Camp
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, April 14, 2016
 - Town Board Meeting, April 21, 2016
- Old Business
 - 2015 Expenses
- New Business
 - Evening on the Green
- Resolutions
 - Adopt Policies and Procedures for Police Department Funds
 - Appoint Conservation Advisory Board Member
 - Appoint Part-Time Seasonal Summer Recreation Leader
 - Authorize Agreement Between Albany Water Board and Town of Coeymans
- Correspondence
 - CEO, Building Inspector Cashin, Vacant Registry Building
- Upcoming Workshops/Meeting
 - Town Board Workshop, May 19, 2016, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 26, 2016, 7:00pm

PPRESENTATIONS

Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy

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Supervisor Crandall stated that Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy was present and then invited him to the microphone to speak.

Executive McCoy thanked the Supervisor and Town Board for giving him the opportunity to speak and added that he wanted to give a brief presentation on what is happening in Albany County. He continued by saying that it is his 5th term and his 5th time going around the County to let everyone know what's going on because with County Government you really should know where your tax dollars are going. He went on by saying that he encourages everyone to go on the County's website, which is a progressive site and it has how they spend tax dollars, it breaks it down and shows where all the tax dollars go such as who has a take-home car, cell phone, etc. and as you navigate through the website, it is really easy to use. He added that there is See Through Albany County where you can see how much everyone is being paid and who is getting overtime and they really want everyone to know how they are spending their money and continued by saying that they need in-put, they need to know what people want and he tells people that if they are not telling him what they need out of County Government, he won't know how to serve them and there are roughly 310,000 people in the County of Albany with 19 Municipalities, which is a beautiful place to live and raise a family. He went on by saying that it was tough when he first took office, they were borrowing approximately \$15 million every year to make payroll, the revenue was approximately 19 million a year, they were raising taxes double digits and were cutting services but in the last four years for the first time in six years they didn't borrow 15 million and they knocked it out, the revenue went from 19 million to 40 million but should have about 60 million because their budget in Albany County is 610 million dollars and if you take every budget in the County and put it together, it still doesn't touch the County's budget. He added that they deliver a variety of services, mental health, health, DSS, DCYF, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, Public Defender, early intervention and transportation for early intervention and things have been going good, during the last 3 years they have been under the cap, during the past 2 years he has raised taxes 0%, which means that your County tax went down and in New York stated with sixty-two counties, Albany County ranks 9th over-all for the highest taxes in New York, Saratoga County ranks 6th with a population of 200,00 with two race tracks and a casino, which means that they are doing something wrong. He continued by saying that Albany County is doing things right, they are working together in partnership doing a variety of programs and trying to look at things differently and reinventing the wheel because in County government they have been doing things the same way for 50-60 years but it doesn't mean it's effective anymore. He went on by saying that they have to look at the way they deliver services, deliver them differently and hit the generation because every generation is different and looks at things differently so they really have to work with them to make things work, which is what they have been doing with a variety of partnerships. He added that he just partnered with U-Albany and has a whole equity agenda and they are looking at how they deliver social services throughout the County, there is a Senior Center down the street, which is working well, the seniors love it and they are looking at how they do programs and deliver them. He continued by saying that they are looking at what is effective in a community and if they have something in the Town of Coeymans that works better than what they are delivering, they will stop doing what they were doing and work with their program and if a program is working well in a City, Town or Village, they want to enhance the program and invest more money to effectively give a better opportunity for quality of life because it is quality of life issues for everyone. He went on by saying that one of the things that they have been working on is they have an opiate problem across the nation, young kids are overdosing and dying, so he used the Health Commissioner's powers and gave a standing order for naloxone, which can reverse an overdose, for every pharmacy to provide to anyone asking for it without an RX, which some people criticized him for but he sees it as it is there for use, you can save a life and give support to someone to get better. He added that they are having an Opiate Summit next month to talk more about what has been going on, they will be bringing experts in to learn how they can address it, they have been going around the county teaching people how to use Narcan, the reversal drug and had a class here a couple of months ago, it is volunteer, people can come in because it is something that they need to address. He continued by saying that they are also having an Aging Summit in September, Albany County's population of seniors over the age of 60 is roughly 65,000, they are living longer, want more services, want to stay home and not go in a nursing home so one of the things that they have been trying to do is enhance the programs and work within the aging community. He added that they have been living within the cap but in doing so, programs start to fall because then you look at things as a luxury and get rid of things because you don't want to raise taxes and want to stay within the cap, which is currently .38%, less than 1% and things continually go up, never down, everything goes up, health care cost goes up, workers comp goes

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up and these are things that they have to pay for, services they have to deliver and services that make the quality of life better for the community. He went on by saying that last year they launched a Youth Program/Department giving free services to community youth, they are paying for it and insuring it and it is to give people an opportunity to have a better life, which will help make them good citizens and they can redirect negative energy into positive energy, they launched a Karate Program last September, there were 60 kids and they will soon be launching a Flag Football Program in the fall, which was based on responses that they got from residents indicating what they are looking for. He continued by saying that they will launch any program, they had a free Learn to Skate Program at the hockey facility where kids learned to skate and play hockey so there are a variety of things that they are trying to do, the County has taken over Lawson's Lake, fixed it up, turned the Care Takers house into a warming house, there is cross-county skiing, snow shoeing, trails are open and hopefully they will be building a pavilion before July, which will be built by the union volunteers and last year AmeriCorp came up with 500 volunteers out of New York City and helped paint the buildings. He added that there is a free Summer Camp Program for anyone wishing to go, you have to sign up through the Boys and Girls Club, bus transportation will be provided for the kids coming from Albany, which can stop in the Town of Coeymans if they wish, there are also Reading and Computer Programs and a full-time nurse on duty during the day. He went on by saying that Lawson's Lake is being enhanced and it is all being done in partnership with Sheriff Craig Apple., they have really been focusing on the lake in opening it up, the Scouts will use the area for camping as well as a variety of things going on and then encouraged everyone to go there and take a look. He continued by saying that they have to work within County Government and Albany County has invested a million dollars into a Land Bank and another \$500,000 this year and what they do is go into communities with a lot of abandoned properties and fix them up or knock them down and the new Director is focused primarily in Albany but they have to branch out to other communities and he suggested that they take a tour of the Town of Coeymans to see where they can enhance and change things to what the people want, he is a firm believer as County Executive that they should work in a partnership, he is not there as a dictator telling people what they need, they have to tell him what they need and how they can help improve the quality of life. He added that a lot of good things are happening at the Port of Coeymans, a variety of new jobs are coming in and these are the things that they need to work hand in hand on together to enhance the community, they need to focus on the positive as to why people live here, why they chose to raise a family here and why they are the 4th-5th generation living here and they need to build off that and make it better, and make it better for the next generation and more opportunity for a better way of life, which they can do working together. He went on by saying that they at the County provide a lot and it's crucial that people know what they do in working hand and hand with the Town and State to make things happen and they can only do that if they communicate and leave their egos at the door and do what's best for the people because at the end of the day it is about the people and giving opportunities to the next generation. He concluded by saying that have lost a lot of manufacturing jobs, new technology is great but the problem is, there are kids that can't or don't want to do technical jobs so they have to create opportunities for them to have good paying jobs and jobs so they can have a good quality of life and then asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he would like to see a CDTA bus come through and stop in the Village and Hamlet because there are a lot of seniors that would like to go to Albany to shop and return home because they don't have that.

County Executive McCoy stated that they could meet with CDTA but first he would sit down with him to find out what he wants and added that CDTA can be tough, they cut the service to the Hilltowns, Berne, Knox and Westerlo so they had someone voluntarily give up a bus and they did it based on volunteers within the community, it is a better service it is working and they love it. He continued by saying that there were some flaws in the beginning and it is something that they can look into, they will look into it with CDTA and reiterated that they can be tough but they can figure out what will work based on what the needs are and then asked if there were any other questions.

Town Clerk Millious asked if he thought anything might ever happen with fishing in the Alcove Reservoir because she gets asked about it a lot.

County Executive McCoy stated that he gets a lot of requests, he has talked to the Mayor, she has talked about opening it up, they are exploring it but obviously there are some concerns because

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of 9/11 but he thinks that she may have an open mind and will start giving permits so people can fish.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had mentioned the Land Bank earlier and this is something that they need to discuss further.

County Executive McCoy stated that he thinks it is vital that they all sit down and figure out what they can do differently and to help them out with money and in a prior conversation Supervisor Crandall mentioned someone who was in politics a long time ago who put money back into the community and as the County Executive he wants to do that but it takes working together to make things happen. He concluded by saying that he thinks the Land Bank can make a big difference and he and Councilman Dolan had talked about another topic earlier that he thinks he can also help them out with and added that it would certainly be appreciated.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the three major things were the Land Bank, a CDTA bus run and any money that they County can help them out with would be greatly appreciated.

County Executive McCoy stated that if they have any ideas for any Youth Programs that they want or services that they can provide or enhance working with them in partnership, they would love to do.

Councilman Youmans stated that he had mentioned having a bus stop here in town to bring kids out to Lawson's Lake for that program and added that they might want to put it on the website to gauge if there is any interest because there is no point in doing it if no one is going to go.

County Executive McCoy stated that the County can put together a flyer for them so they can get it out to the Town's residents and if they would like to participate, they would be more than happy to get them on board.

Councilman Youmans interjected that they would love for him to do that.

Supervisor Crandall asked if they are going to be opening the beach up for swimming.

County Executive McCoy stated that right now they are doing an infrastructure study with grant money from the State of New York and they are looking at the water because you aren't supposed to go in it. He added that they are looking at aerators in the water and other different things so hopefully it will happen but he doesn't think it will happen this year and he wanted to give a shout-out to Coeymans Fire Company because every summer they go out and turn their hoses on to spray down the kids to keep them cool, which is a big hit. He continued by saying that they are looking at doing a spray booth, which will cost roughly \$250,000.00 and they want to hook into the lake so hopefully they can enhance it and they are going to be putting the docks back it. He went on by saying that ENCON comes every Wednesday and teaches the kids how to fish, they bring the poles and tackle and they are also looking to put a handicap accessible dock around the whole lake so anyone can access the beauty of the lake as well as enhancing the parking lot to make it easier. He added that the upper part has year-round cabins with indoor stages, indoor/outdoor fire places, and shuffleboards, it is a phenomenal piece of property just down the road and everyone should go out and walk around. He continued by saying that they have partnered with the Albany County School District and take kids out there for programs run by volunteers who teach them how to use a compass and read a map, they take them into the woods and introduce them to nature, it started with one school but has now started to expand and a school that had gotten a Green School Award for the past five years is going there over the summer and there will also be a Music Club. He concluded by saying that there are a lot of things going on right in their backyard and they want to enhance it and he wants the residents of Coeymans there because it is in their town.

Ms. Starr Ross asked if it is still open with public marked trails.

County Executive McCoy stated that it is and the Boy Scouts did it to get their Eagle Badge as well as other neat projects, which isn't with taxpayer dollars. He concluded by inviting everyone to go take a look, it is an open park and people have a right to go in and use the waterfront.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to mention the Summer Youth Program that they have been doing for several years with the County and each year there has been a number of kids that want to work as well as an increase in the number of people that want them to work with them, like the Librarian who was new last year and he has applications at his day job office, Cornell Cooperative Extension in the plaza for anyone that would like to be involved in the program.

County Executive McCoy stated that they have enhanced the Youth Program to help redirect them in the summer and they didn't want to just drop kids off at a park and have them sit there, everything that he does has to have an educational approach to it, however he isn't an educator and he's not perfect in what he does so they try to have experts tell them what works to engage kids because you don't want to bore them. He added that one of the things that they are doing in the Youth Program is they are putting the kids in different offices and if they were from the Town of Coeymans it didn't make sense to have them go somewhere else in the County so he suggested that they work here. He continued by saying that as long as they are actually learning how to earn their money and they are using an educational approach to it, it is a win-win. He concluded by thanking the Town Board for the opportunity to speak.

Judith Wines, Library Director

Supervisor Crandall stated that Judith Wines is the Director of the R-C-S Community Library and she is present to tell them about the proposition to buy the building at 95 Main Street, which is on the School Budget Ballot.

Ms. Wines stated that the library has a proposition on the School Budget Ballot on Tuesday, May 17th at the R-C-S High-School. She added that the library has been at 95 Main Street since the spring of 2013 and it has been a great location for them, their circulation is up 18% and rising and they have been able to do more programs for more people. She continued by saying that after three years, they have an option to buy the building and there is a proposition on the School District Ballot for a \$500,000.00, 15-year Bond with a projected first year payment of \$40,000.00, their rent for the upcoming fiscal year is \$58,298.00 and as a result of the \$18,000.00 difference there is zero impact on the tax levy and they want taxpayers to know that even though the proposition says the library shall levy \$500,000.00, they don't actually need to levy because they have money in their budget for rent. She went on by saying that it was a little tricky preparing the budget this year but the totals, whether the proposition passes or not are the same \$87,288.00, the differences are the bond payment, which is \$18,000.00 less than the rent, there will be an increase in utilities because they will actually have more access to space, their liability insurance will be more because they will own the building and will have more space, they will be taking over some of the maintenance the landlord currently does such as the snow and grass and they will be able to put about \$10,000.00 additional dollars in their Capital Reserve. She added that there is 1,500 additional feet that the landlord is currently using for storage so if they buy the building they will have access to that space and they would be able to expand for more public programming. She continued by saying this past summer they applied for and was awarded \$99,901.00 from New York State Construction Fund that they will be able to use if they purchase the library and those civic minded enough to attend a Town Board Meeting probably won't need to be reminded to vote on May 17th at the High School and she hopes to see everyone there. She concluded by saying that at the library, they have established a community calendar because there have been instances of different organizations having events on the same day so they were asked to do a calendar and anyone wishing to promote an event for their organization, they will be happy to add it and the calendar can be found on the library's website. She then asked if there were any other comments.

Hearing no comments, Supervisor Crandall thanked Ms. Wines and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Kevin Rounds – DiscCap

Supervisor Crandall stated that Kevin Rounds was present to discuss the Disc Golf Course and proposed upgrades at Joralemon Park and invited him to the microphone.

Mr. Kevin Rounds stated that they would like to finish what they started at Joralemon Park, it is a beautiful place and park, it's rarely used on the east side and they would like to add some more holes to improve their flow. He added that they lost five holes years ago on the west side of the

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park and since that happened there has been some road making by the Highway Department to access a field to the west and they would like to get one hole back that is parallel with the open lawn near the pavilion because it would really help with the flow of the Golf Course. He continued by saying that they also have areas on the east side that are relatively open and screaming to have more holes placed in there, they would like to finish the course with 36 holes, there are 27 at this time, their club will provide the additional upgraded equipment and are prepared to buy nine holes, all of the cost will be taken care of by the club, they are a 501C3 and their numbers have been growing daily over the years. He went on by saying that it has been ten years since they installed the first nine holes there and he considers it a total success, it has been catalyst for many other Disc Golf Courses in the Capital Region, they have the Central Park Schenectady course, a course in Niskayuna, another one going in Schenectady, a great course that has been installed in Chatham and there is more to come. He added that their club is contacted constantly by folks in further away regions like Glens Falls, the Adirondacks and Lake Placid, asking how they would build a course and get it done because the game is exploding across the world at this point. He concluded by saying that they would love to have permission from the Town Board and then asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he and Councilman Youmans have been familiar with the Disc Golf since they first started and they are getting more and more complaints about the Disc Golfers and their behavior, one as recent as two days ago when two young mothers were crossing the area between the two playgrounds with their young children and one of the mothers, while hovering over her two children got hit in the back with a disc. He added that accidents can happen anywhere but the attitude of the person who hit the mother was that he was practicing for a very important event and she was in the way.

Mr. Rounds interjected that it was the wrong attitude.

Councilman Dolan asked that he get the word out, it is an integrated Golf Course, which is part of a public park; they can't legislate common sense but he needs to ask those involved to use their common sense.

Mr. Rounds stated that he would do the best he can and he personally has done the best he can to keep the park clean, he wants Disc Golfers to respect the park because it is a privilege for them to use it and they don't expect the Town to maintain it, they expect to be the leaders and stewards of the park and they hope to set examples for everyone who uses the park. He concluded by saying that they want to be known as people who take care of the park and do the best job that they can.

Councilman Dolan asked that he extend the no trash to also include no negative interactions with other users of the park because he has also heard it from people who have taken their dogs there who were told that it is a Disc Golf Course and they can't have their dog there and asked again that he spread the word.

Mr. Rounds stated that he will do the best he can, it is a multi-use park, it is a fantastic park and they have tried to design the course so it would not interfere with any other activities in the park, which has been pretty successful so far but there have probably been instances where it hasn't worked.

A member of the audience stated that they could post these issues on their forum and added that she can't imagine anyone even throwing a disc if they saw a mother with children and there is no common sense to that.

Mr. Rounds agreed and said he would like to be able to speak to that person.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not know who it was, it was a complaint that was passed on to him and maybe because there is more use is why he has been getting more complaints.

Mr. Rounds stated that it has been successful as far as use goes and it has become very popular and growing sport with many courses being developed in the capital area and all over the state as a whole.

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Councilman Youmans stated that he likes Disc Golf, it is a good use of the park but people using the course have to understand that it is a course at a park and not a park at a course and everyone has rights to it and to tell people that they can't go here or there rubs people the wrong way and they are the ones paying for the park.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that rudeness never pays off.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they give the plan to Nelson Perry to take a look at the areas.

Mr. Rounds stated that they have been in the other side of the park for quite a while; they find that people don't go in there, there is so much beauty back even further from where they are now and there are many people who hadn't seen its beauty until the course was on that side of the park.

Councilman Youmans asked if he is talking about the north side of Star Road.

Mr. Rounds stated that it is the right side of Star Road going west, the woods back there are spectacular, it is a mature forest and they don't get enough people looking in there. He added that for years they have been mowing a trail in there and Dave told them that since Disc Golf there have been people going over there to see that side of the property. He continued by saying that kids play, families play and in the past there was a program where a bus would drop kids off to play.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they could have County Executive McCoy look into transporting youth to play disc golf.

Mr. Rounds stated that it was a great idea, everyone can play and it is something that kids love to do.

Supervisor Crandall asked if the areas in red on the map are what he is proposing.

Mr. Rounds stated that they are proposing nine additional holes and there are four areas to choose from that would work very well, a hole on the left would make the flow of the course as complete as it was before they gave up the hole. He added that it has been cleared out by the Highway Department and they built a road there and it is where the police have the Haunted Hayride.

Highway Superintendent Searles interjected that the road was built for the Police Athletic League Haunted Hayride, there is a gate so no one can go in there, they didn't build the road to get to a field, and it is only for the Haunted Hayride.

Mr. Rounds stated that they abandoned the road area, which was where their last hole was and it helped with the flow, it is not as good without it and it would be great if they could get it back and they don't see any reason why it couldn't work for them again and he hopes they can help them out. He added that he thinks the proposed plan will enhance the park, they are upgrading the baskets, he financed the whole course back in 2006 and he bought the cheapest baskets he could find but now they have some more money in their club and they want to bring it as close to a championship level as they can. He concluded by saying that it is a course that a 10 year-old could fall in love with, he is 63 and he can't wait to go out and play again so he thinks it is well worthwhile.

Councilman Youmans suggested that they have Nelson Perry and Dave Mergendahl walk the course with Mr. Rounds and then report back to the Board.

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

Library Director Wines stated that the library recently received a donation of a full disc golf set for anyone that wants to try the sport without purchasing the equipment initially so for anyone inquiring they can send them her way.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Riverview Baptist Summer Day Camp

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

The Riverview Day Camp will run from July 5th to the 29th this year. It will be four weeks of meaningful and structured activities that will focus on anti-bullying, kindness, living skills, the environment, civic responsibility and media. It will be run by the Riverview Missionary Baptist Church at Riverview Drive in Coeymans. For any other information on this you can call (518) 424-7799. The ages of the children will be 9-12 years old, limited to 20 campers; the price is \$20.00 a week per child for one week, \$30.00 for 2 children of the same family and \$40.00 for 3 children of the same family. There will be Field Trips that include New York State Capital Observation Deck, Town of Coeymans Office Building, Village of Ravena Municipal Building, Underground Railroad History Project Tour, Environmental Sites, Swimming at Mosher Park twice a week and the Children’s Museum of Science and Technology in Troy. The daily schedule will be arrival at 10:00am, daily activities and learning experiences from 10:30-12:30, lunch provided by the Summer Camp in partnership with local Summer Feeding Programs 12:30-1:00, 1:00-3:00 games and recreation, anti-bullying presentation and swimming, and closure and departure 3:00-3:30. Applications will be made available in June.

Village Public Hearing

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Ravena Village Office Municipal Building, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, NY.

The Village of Ravena is proposing to change the zoning for property located in the northeast corner of the Village. The property is currently zoned CF-1 Community Facility and R-1, single family residential. The Village would like to change the zoning to I-1 Industrial.

Said property is located south of property in the Town of Coeymans owned by: Donald Trickey, Carver Laraway and TCO, north of residents on Willis Avenue, St. Patrick’s Church, Village of Ravena, east of the New York State Thruway and west of Pieter B. Coeymans School, Tracey Welding, Don Trickey and Carver Laraway.

All persons interested are invited to attend and be heard.

William J. Misuraca, Jr.
Village Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Crandall stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on April 14, 2016 and a Town Board Meeting on April 21st and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

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

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OLD BUSINESS

Unpaid 2015 Expenditures

Supervisor Crandall read the following:

As of April 25, 2016, the following total of accruals will be charged back to the appropriate funds for 2015. These were 2015 expenditures were paid in and with 2016 funds.

General Fund (A)	\$232,408.90
Part-Town (B)	\$ 5,929.90
Highway (DB)	\$ 11,874.67
Sewer (SS)	\$ 19,862.84

The General Fund total does not include the F.X. Browne invoice for \$34,224.63 and is still owed for 2015. As any other accruals occur for expenses from 2015, that they are getting bills now and should have been paid in 2015, he will keep them informed.

NEW BUSINESS

Evenings on the Green

Councilman Dolan stated that all the dates are on Wednesday this year and was switched from Thursday and will be from 6:00pm – 8:00pm and continued by reading the following:

- July 6 Dusk ‘til Dawn
- July 13 The McKrells
- July 20 Peaceful Country
- July 27 For God and County
- August 3 Jeff Gonzales
- August 10 Mike & the Monsters
- August 17 Scotty Mac’s Rock Show
- August 24 Dennis D’Asaro
- August 31 Mark Emanatian and Tom Dolan

Councilman Dolan stated that as in the past, his band does not charge for their performance.

Councilman Youmans thanked Councilman Dolan for managing the Evenings on the Green and added that he thinks the move to Wednesday nights is a good thing because in Athens, their program is on Thursday nights and they have managed to attract some big name acts so this will be great you can come to Coeymans on Wednesday night for some big name acts and again on Thursday in Athens.

Councilman Dolan stated that Athens got some money through Mr. Farbstein through a Community Benefit Package and money was given to their Arts Council. He added that he wanted to thank Starr Ross for helping him book some of the acts.

Town Clerk Millious stated that every year Crystal Image asks to have a Reunion and they are asking for the date of July 17th with a rain date of July 24th and she wanted to make sure that the Board approves it.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they won’t be charging them to use the gazebo.

Town Clerk Millious stated that this is what was done in the past and she wanted to run it by the Board.

Councilman Youmans stated that they put on a great show.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to advise every one of the rain date policy for Evenings on the Green and added that if they call off and cancel the band before they set up their

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equipment, they set the rain date for the following Sunday at 4:00pm. He continued by saying that if the weather is ok, the band sets up and then there is rain or thunder and lightning, it is cancelled because you can't ask people to come out twice for the same thing.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #083-16 ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PETTY CASH IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans desires to establish policies and procedures for the handling of cash receipts and for the handling of petty cash that area designed to provide accountability in accordance with accepted standards of internal controls, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans realizes that the Police Department must handle cash and maintain a Petty Cash Fund to facilitate its operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts the attached Policies and Procedures for Police Department receipt, custody and deposit of Towns Funds and the Policies and Procedure for Police Department Petty Cash/Change Fund.

Councilman Burns asked how it gets deposited now and if it comes through the Bookkeeping Office.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it comes through the Supervisor's Office and is deposited by the Chief Fiscal Officer, which gives them accountability.

RES. #084-16 APPOINT CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

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

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Town Board has established the Town of Coeymans Advisory Council, and

WHEREAS, the following individual has expressed an interest in serving on the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individual is appointed to the Town of Coeymans Advisory Council, Michael McGuire, for a two (2) year term to expire on 05-12-18.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to point out the Mr. McGuire is the Assessor in the Towns of New Scotland and West Sand Lake and had expressed an interest in serving the Town in some capacity and when the opportunity came up, he was more than happy to do it.

RES. #085-16 APPOINT PART-TIME SEASONAL RECREATION LEADER

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravenna established a Summer Recreation Program to be based at Mosher Park, and

WHEREAS, both the Town and Village Boards have agreed to equally fund this program, and

WHEREAS, a seasonal part-time staffer is needed to organize and operate the program to run from July 11 to August 12, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints Connor Zeoli as part-time Seasonal Recreation Leader at the hourly rate of \$15.00, effective May 11, 2016.

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Councilman Dolan stated that Connor was the Recreation Leader last year and they are happy that he is coming back this year and he has already been taking inventory of supplies that they have because there is an offer for getting some money for supplies.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he met with him twice; he seems like a fine young man who is very responsible.

RES. #086-16 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALBANY COUNTY WATER BOARD AND THE TOWN OF COEYMANS

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

WHEREAS, the Albany Water Board owns and maintains the Transmission Main Access Road (Access Road) and Alcove Forestland Property located in the Town of Coeymans, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans owns and/or maintains property at the above mentioned location in Coeymans, New York that abut the Alcove Forestland Property and Access Road, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans and the Albany Water Board intend to enter into an Agreement which allows the Town to utilize Alcove Forestland Property to safely maneuver its maintenance equipment when performing routine mowing at adjacent Town properties, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will agree that the Albany Water Board will review a plan presented by the Town to reestablish a buried waterline that crosses Water Board property and the Town must provide details and a draft design to a representatives of the Water Board for approval, and

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been jointly prepared by the Board and the Town authorizing the above license at no cost to the Town on the terms set forth therein.

NOW, THERE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement between the Town of Coeymans and the Albany Water Board, annexed to this resolution.

Supervisor Crandall stated that this pertains to the Chimney Top Pocket Park in Coeymans Hollow and they have to have an Agreement every year and now in the Agreement they have access to the water line if they so desire.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the other part of it is on Water Board Road where they mow.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crandall stated that he had information from John Cashin and the Albany County Law School about a Vacant Building Registry and continued by reading the following:

On May 5th Mr. Cashin had an initial meeting with representatives from Albany Law School and Code Enforcement Officers from six area municipalities. We are participating in a Grant Program to address the problem municipalities face with blight from abandoned and vacant properties. The Government Law Center at Albany Law School has resources to assist us in establishing a Vacant Building Registry and develop practices to remove blight from a community. We are in the beginning stage of the Program and Mr. Cashin will update us as soon as we progress.

Supervisor Crandall stated that this is another good thing, they are trying to eliminate the blight, in a lot of the Town wherever the buildings are in the town and he doesn't know if it applies to the Village but he is assuming that it will. He added that they are going to get together with other towns to do something about it at less cost and Albany Law is coming together with them to provide them legal assistance for free, which he sees as a good thing.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, May 19, 2016, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 26, 2016, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is a Community Garden that is forming through the Hope for Life Center in Faith Plaza and there are spots available for people who would like to garden there, which he believes is in conjunction with the STARS Intergen Program and anyone interested, should get in contact with the Hope for Life Center. He added that it is a good way to get fresh fruits and vegetables into your house or if you would just want to garden with a group of individuals. He continued by saying that the first leg of the Honor Flight was this past Saturday in Faith Plaza, it was Roger Spaulding and Jack Dirigle and there was a nice crowd of people who assembled at Faith Plaza and then were escorted to Albany County Airport. He added that he later saw posts of the Albany County Executive and other County Officials showing a really nice ceremony at the Airport, which was a well-organized nice event.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it was nice to get together with the Village Officials and other groups to see them off at 5:30 in the morning, it was well worth it and it was a nice way to honor our Veterans.

Councilman Dolan stated that Ravena Fire Department, Coeymans Police Department and Albany County Sheriffs were there.

Councilman Youmans stated that for those who don't know, an Honor Flight, at no cost to the Veteran is taken to Washington DC to visit the War Memorial and Roger Spaulding had said he had seen the traveling Viet Nam Wall but he never thought he would get to see the one in DC. He added that he was glad to see that local Veterans got to attend.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they go to the Air Port, there is a huge reception, they get off the plane in DC where there is another huge reception, they get off the bus at each tour and it is another huge reception. He added that it is wonderful that they go out of their way to honor our Veterans, they really appreciate it and his father-in-law Mike Albano went and he was just thrilled and to this day when he mentions it he cries and it is very touching.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he had a letter of apology from Stephen Flach about the over-payment and then asked if he could read it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he would just like to let it go, he didn't mention any names and he would rather that he not say anything either.

Councilman Burns stated that he just wanted to apologize.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is no need to apologize because what's done is done. He continued by asking if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there was supposed to be four elections this year, which includes a Federal Primary in June but there isn't going to be one. She continued by saying that she has a Notice for the Annual Financial Report, which is to appear in the paper and continued by reading the following:

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2015, for the Town of Coeymans is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

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

Town Clerk Millious stated that there was mention of the overpayment of salaries of Elected Officials and she was caught by surprise, she was not aware of it and would have like to have known about it before a public meeting and it should have been an Executive Session with those involved. She added that she wanted to mention it because she truly was not aware and there were people asking her about it, which was embarrassing.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that there was nothing to be embarrassed about because no names were given out, he announced it publicly a month ago at a Town Board Meeting that there were over-payments to certain Officials, which was enough, no names have to be mentioned. He added that a mistake was made; if the money comes back it will be the end of the story. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that the Highway Department is doing a great job with what they have, the Sewer Department has been working behind Persico's and it is great seeing everyone working together, with a lot of what they do not in their job description but they do it anyway.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that within the next couple of weeks he will be putting some things on Auctions International, including a 1988 Mac with a broken frame that no one will fix and \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00 worth of work that needs to be done. He added that they paid \$86,000.00 for it and from 2005 to present he has put \$40,000.00 into the truck and will not put anymore into it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he didn't blame him and then asked how much they could get if they scraped the truck.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was going to put it on Auctions International and it's hard to tell.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he should get what he can for it, they will put the money back in his budget and hopefully they will be in better shaped next year and can get him a new truck next year. He then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

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

Time – 8:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk