

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
August 25, 2016 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

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

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall stated that there was a full Town Board present, also attending were Town Clerk Millious, Highway Superintendent Searles, Chief Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Kerr, and Chief of Police McKenna.

AGENDA

- Presentation
 - C.T. Male, Robert Flores
- Public Announcement
 - Medal of Honor Grave Site Dedication
 - Town Hall Closed Labor Day
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes of Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop
 - Town Board Meeting
- Supervisor's Report, July 2016
- Department Reports
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- Old Business
 - Medical Buy-Back Repayment
 - Meeting with Sam Zhou from NYS DOT
- Correspondence
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PRESENTATIONS

C.T. Male – Robert Flores

Mr. Flores stated that they are going full speed on the sewer project; there are things under construction and Contract I, which Flach Construction is working on. He added that they have gotten the first reimbursement from the State, which arrived earlier in the day and they are working on getting the rest of the invoices to be reimbursed, which will continue. He continued by saying that the other significant milestone is that he is asking the Board to authorize advertising Contract II, which is the remainder of the sewer work from the Treatment Plant site to the Village limits. He went on by saying that the plans and specs have been submitted to the State for review, they are ready to advertise for bids and similar to what they did with Contract I, they are authorized to go to bid, he will work with Town Clerk Millious to put it in the paper and they will collect the bids, which will be done per the requirements of the grants.

Councilman Burns asked if there were two more phases coming up.

Mr. Flores stated that there are three altogether.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that if there is any money left over there will be four phases.

Mr. Flores stated that Phase III is at the Sewer Plant itself.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion authoring Mr. Flores to advertise to put Phase II out to bid

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for bids for the Phase II of the Sewer Project.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Mr. Flores asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had mentioned that within a month Phase I might be done.

Mr. Flores stated that they are within 30 days of what they call substantial completion, which means all the physical work is done and some restoration and paperwork will follow. He added that there are basically 5 manholes in the job for Phase I, they have completed 4 and are headed toward 5 right now.

Councilman Burns stated that it is an awesome company working on it.

Mr. Flores stated that it has been going really well.

Councilman Langdon asked how long Phase II will be.

Mr. Flores stated that it is a much bigger piece of work and harder, it is three distinct pieces so they are giving it 250 working days, it will definitely bridge the winter, they will work depending on the weather and added that it will resume in early spring.

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

County Legislator – Rick Touchette

County Legislator Touchette stated that he had a couple things that he wanted to report that he thinks are of interest to the people of the 37th Legislative District, which is Coeymans. He added that the first is the downsizing of the Legislature, there are a couple of proposals that would reduce the size from the current 39 members, which has been since the early 60's, to various numbers and they voted on one of the proposals, which was defeated, he voted against it and wanted to explain why. He continued by saying that there is a lot of discussion about it but he

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would describe it as a solution looking for a problem, in Albany County there is the largest Legislature in the state, which he thinks is probably the most responsive Legislatures in the State. He went on by saying that they have one District for every 7,800 people, which is approximately what the City Council of Albany is, which is 81 People and the 37 District , which he represents is unique, it is the only District that shares the same boundaries as the Town of Coeymans. He added that if they were to downsize and decrease the number of Districts, they would lose representation; he thinks that Coeymans and the Hilltowns would be subsumed into places like Delmar and Bethlehem, they would have to create bigger districts and Coeymans would be absorbed in some of the other places, maybe even parts of the City of Albany. He continued by saying that for the cost of downsizing, they don't really live up to what's advertised, there was a study done where they examined six different counties that downsized their Legislature, five of them the cost of the Legislature actually increased, Broome County after five years saw a .7 decrease in the cost. He went on by saying that what typically happens is you have a larger District with people where it becomes a part-time job with part-time public servants and the jobs are taken over by professional politicians', which are full-time jobs who need staff and more equipment so the costs have gone up in some places 10% - 60%. He added that he talked to a guy in Syracuse, who is running for County Legislature and for his campaign he figured that he needed at least \$22,000.00 to run for the County Legislature so the whole character of the Legislature would change if they downsize and there is at least one more Local Law that would decrease the size of the Legislature and he plans to vote against that as well, which he would be happy to discuss that with anyone. He continued by saying that the second item is that next Thursday he has a meeting scheduled with Senator George Amador specifically about Route 144 and he hopes he can convince him to apply some pressure on DOT or somehow through the Senate to get that road taken care of and he noticed that in Cohoes, after a tragic accident, DOT came to the rescue and installed crossing buttons and lights and he hopes that it doesn't take a tragedy like that to get DOT to do something about Rt. 144. He went on by saying that another item is that there is a Senior Housing Rehab Program and seniors who qualify can get roof, window and door replacements, and update electrical and plumbing systems and that information is available through him or you can visit www.albanycounty.com. He continued by saying that this year the Legislature and Albany County Executive's Office had a program for interns and they had 60, one of which was Jason Hazzard from Ravena and he wanted to congratulate him for going through that process and successfully completing his internship. He added that their friends at Cornell Cooperative are hosting a session on becoming a New York State Environmental Conservation Officer, there is a test in November and on September 20th and 22nd there will be sessions that will talk about what they do and how to study and additionally there is a golf outing on September 26th at Pine Haven that will benefit the Children's Fund of the Department for Children, Youth and Families, which benefits the Adoptive Family Program, with local families being beneficiaries of, there is a Summer Camp, scholarships and college assistance and if anyone would like information on playing golf, he would be happy to help. He went on by saying that a couple of months ago he mentioned that the Legislature approved two properties in the Town of Coeymans to be transferred to the Land Bank, they are in the process of being transferred and if anyone is interested they can sign up for e-mail updates about what is happening with the Land Bank at www.albanycountylandbank.org. He added that another interesting development is the Sherriff's secondary search protocol for Albany International Airport, there was a bill supported by the Sheriff, which had gotten a lot of press has been withdrawn so it isn't going to happen. He concluded by saying that he again has booklets 101 Ways That Albany County Serves and Strengthens the Quality of Our Communities and then said that if there is anything that he can do for anyone or if there are any questions to please let him know.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Medal of Honor Grave Site Dedication

Supervisor Crandall stated that this Saturday, August 27th, 9:00am at the Coeymans Hollow Cemetery, members of VFW Post are going to be dedicating a Medal of Honor and a marker will be placed at the grave site of Civil War Veteran Peter VanHoesen. He added that it is an unusual situation as he will describe and continued by reading the following letter:

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Peter VanHoesen, the recipient, enlisted in a New York volunteer Infantry Regiment shortly after the start of the war for a two year period and was present at the Battle of Bull Run. For reasons unknown, he and eight others from his company deserted about one year later and he returned home where he was captured in the Albany area. He escaped and made his way to New York City. While in New York he met James Sullivan from Connecticut who offered him \$300.00 to fight in his stead as James Sullivan in a Connecticut Regiment. VanHoesen agreed, later volunteering service with the United States Navy and subsequently received a Medal of Honor as a sailor for dangerous action off South Carolina. Returning home after the war, he applied for a Veteran's Pension as VanHoesen, which he was denied and was later buried with mention of his service but no mention of his Medal of Honor. Contacted last year by the National Medal of Honor Society, VFW Post 9594 has taken on the mission of marking his grave appropriately and restoring his gravesite to one befitting a national hero. VFW Post 9594 also believes that in doing this small act for Peter VanHoesen, we are confirming that our Town's commitment to our brothers and sisters in arms, both living and dead never ends. We also believe that this event spotlights a large number of Veterans who have experienced the stress and trauma of combat and sometimes make bad decisions from which most like VanHoesen are never able to recover due to the ineligibility to access Veteran's services. So we hope you will consider attending our 30 minute ceremony, should you be able, please have your staff respond.

Ten Eyck Powell III
Commander VFW Post 9594

Supervisor Crandall invited everyone to come to the Coeymans Hollow cemetery on Gedney Hill, this Saturday at 9:00am and added that they would appreciate you coming.

Councilman Burns interjected that they are going to close the road down on Gedney Hill for a short period of time.

Chief McKenna stated that both ends will be closed and there will be a Police Officer at both ends restricting local traffic and they will be guiding traffic during the ceremony.

Town Hall Closed – Labor Day

Supervisor Crandall stated that the Town offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 for Labor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Mary Driscoll stated that she didn't get to the June or July Meeting because of the heat but she did watch it on television. She added what they did at the June Meeting was despicable and to bring a personnel problem out to the Board and act as a Prosecuting Attorney, Judge and Jury was a new low especially for someone who has interrupted other Town Board Meetings and stomped out of here in a snit and to tell a citizen of the Town of Coeymans not to interrupt is another low. She continued by saying that she has been to a lot of meetings with Mr. Dolan's friends from the Hamlet of Coeymans who constantly interrupted the Meeting but what they did in June was really a low blow. She added that since they have taken office they have lost their freedom of press, they are losing their freedom of speech and now the Town employees are losing their freedom from fear because of what was done in June. She concluded by saying that they are citizens of this Town, voters and taxpayers and as such they are due the respect from the Board that they are not receiving.

Mr. Daniel Boomer stated that he lives at 212 Biechman Road, Ravena NY and he agrees with everything that Ms. Driscoll had just said. He added that he knows it can be depressing coming to meetings every month, which he's never done and he wanted to start out by apologizing for some of the things he said that were out of line and he shouldn't have called them buffoons because he knows they are trying to do something but he just wants a better town. He continued by reiterating that he does agree with what Ms. Driscoll said and then asked how many people were there in 1976 and if anyone was driving on the roads and added that they then know what

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the Town has lost, the entire town has gone down the drain in the last 40 years, they are always playing catch-up and he has watched the meetings at home, it's not easy to sit through them. He added that he thinks they could learn a lot from young Bill Misuraca, who is paving streets a little bit at a time in Ravena and doing a heck of a good job and in watching his meetings he is most impressed with him. He went on by saying that he wants a Public Referendum to vote out the Police, the difference between 1976 and now is the Police, they have never been able to afford this grand of a force, his Grandson will soon be driving, he turns 16 in October and he doesn't want him to go through what his Dad did 20 years ago when he got a loitering ticket for being down at the boat ramp in Coeymans and he could go on and on but he didn't want to waste the time and they all know what has been going on with the Police. He continued by saying that he had a nice discussion with the Board earlier about it and the Police Chief, who is a fine man and to not get it wrong, he started right out by saying it is what it is and it's been the same with him, he has been arrested during tenant disputes, maybe he is completely a cook but he loves his town and if he ever runs for Supervisor, he will volunteer his time, he loves it that much and wouldn't suggest that anyone else do it. He added that another idea that he has is to take the former Police Chief's salary and benefits and pay them to someone who is savvy like Diane Millious to be Deputy Supervisor and added that for the Hamlet they should start at Coeymans Bridge on the east side of Rt. 144 and bulldoze that entire block so they can make some nice townhouses with antique looking storefronts and gas lamps, it would be a nice day trip, there are boats that run out of Hudson and Troy, those people would love to come down here and sit on a balcony overlooking the beautiful Coeymans landing green or outlet shops or little cool shops, like many people drive to Woodstock for. He continued by saying that he has people renting off him who are working on the Cement Plant from Mississippi and the performers, they look at him as if to say what are the Police doing, the performers are from Albany and they ask if we live like this. He went on by saying that there is a problem going on right now in East St. Louis, the rural areas around the city are suing the police because they have been unfairly picking on lower income people and Coeymans is a Town of truckers and farmers, they have always had trucks and they shouldn't blame Carver Laraway for Rt. 144 by no means. He added that 50 years ago Malloy ran from the shale bank on Gedney Hill down Rt. 143 and it was beautiful, Mr. Burns lives on 143, he keeps his place looking nice but the road looks like garbage and when you go in a dilapidated town, the first thing you see is the roads and it is the first impression when you are traveling and to just imagine how you feel bopping down to Yanni's, performers come here and go back and tell their friends about a town forgotten in time. He concluded by saying that they want a 30 mph speed limit on Biechman Road, there have been people there with petitions and he doesn't know why it can't be done.

Councilman Burns interjected that it's being done.

Mr. Boomer stated that he's heard that former Supervisors tell people that we are not a Class A Town but Powell Hill has a 35 sign and they can at least give them that much and he had a dog run past him on Rt. 9W rolling along at 29mph on cruise control because he is scared to death to get a ticket because he's on a fixed income now. He added that one of the last Supervisors had a chance to get a kayak launch put in but they didn't want it.

Councilman Youmans interjected that they have a kayak launch.

Mr. Boomer stated that it's a cement ramp.

Councilman Youmans stated that there is a dock there and a place to store kayaks.

Mr. Boomer stated that he had seen that but he doesn't know about the ramp and will check it out. He continued by saying that twice this week he went out and had 6 eagles over him and our town started at the river and that river can save the town. He added that they should let Ravena and Coeymans pay for their own police and step out of the Hamlet of Coeymans, let them take care of their own affairs and they should take everything north of the Coeymans Bridge and west of Ravena and make it the Town of Coeymans and the little metal building at the Highway Garage can be Town Hall, they would no longer have to pay for sewers, police, etc. He concluded by saying that these are some of his ideas and he didn't want to take up all the Board's time.

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 are two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on July, 21, 2016 and a Town Board Meeting on July 28, 2016 and then asked for a motion to approve them

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

July 2016

FUND	BALANCE FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$733,369.84	\$ 67,993.87	\$176,808.26	\$624,555.45
CONSOLIDATED	\$ 814.76	\$ 0.13	-0-	\$ 814.89
PART-TOWN	\$ 54,801.06	\$433,806.85	\$ 19,550.33	\$469,057.58
HIGHWAY	\$ 13,387.70	\$ 75,087.69	\$ 58,197.76	\$ 30,277.63
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,262.66	\$ 4.69	\$ 26,003.94	\$ 3,263.41
SEWER	\$ 65,107.47	\$ 50,177.48	\$ 29,242.51	\$ 86,042.44
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 62,886.61	\$ 183.24	-0-	\$ 63,069.85
TRUST & AGCY.	\$ 29,217.24	\$193,294.15	\$194,670.16	\$ 27,841.23
POLICE FORF.	\$ 11,499.56	\$ 0.40	-0-	\$ 1,499.96
CAP. PROJECTS	\$284,817.59	\$ 49.21	-0-	\$284,866.80
SECTION 8	\$ 1,921.96	\$ 46,623.28	\$ 47,918.16	\$ 627.08
			Total Rec Bal.	\$1,601,916.32

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>COLATERAL</u>	<u>FDIC COVERAGE</u>	<u>COLLATERALIZED</u>
	<u>COVERAGE</u>		
Unemployment \$ 704.06	Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,335,504.18
Grove Cem. \$40,980.52	National Bank	\$250,000.00	-0-
C.H. Cem. \$13,443.32			
Total \$55,127.90			

Supervisor asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan stated that he noticed they finally were able to pay off the bridge.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they did and they were sent a receipt as well as a letter saying that it was closed out for what the Town owed for the bridge.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk Report, July 2016

Supervisor Crandall asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk’s Report for July.

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Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion by Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Millious stated that Hunting Licenses are on sale, they went on sale early and for Doe Permits, you have until October 1st to pick your area. She continued by saying that there will be something different for the Primary Election and continued by reading the following.

Albany County Board of Elections has decided that there will be a Primary for Conservative and Green Party's only, for Tuesday, September 13, 2016, polls will be open from 12:00pm to 9:00pm. All six Districts will be at one Polling Site, the Coeymans Fire House at 67 Church Street, everyone enrolled in the Conservative or Green Party will go to there, and there will be two inspectors from each District.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there will be extended hours for absentee ballots and continued by reading the following from the Board of Elections.

Tuesday, September 6th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm there will extended hours for absentee ballots as well as on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Town Clerk Millious stated that every Presidential Year they have Registration Days in every town, which is usually in Town Hall and it is scheduled Thursday, October 13th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and on Saturday October 15th from 1:00pm to 9:00pm. She added that she believes there will be two from each party for people who want to register, this is done every 4 years and it will be in the paper. She concluded by saying that there is a regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting in Town Hall on October 13th, registration will be until 8:00pm, it is usually quiet and she thinks they could still be here while they are having a meeting, they can be set up in the back if it's alright with the Board.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he didn't have a problem with it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she took the Village envelopes for the second-half Water Billing, there is going to be an end of summer Block Party and you must be 21 or older to attend and then read the following:

Come out to celebrate the end of summer with food, games, drinks and dancing with DJ Billy Hardy, sponsored by the Ravena Hose Company and it will be located by the Senior Center at the Pocket Park owned by the Village.

Councilman Youmans asked the date for the Block Party.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is Friday, August 27th from 7:00pm – 11:00pm and added that the Ravena Friendship Festival is Saturday, August 28th from 12 noon to 10:00pm with fireworks at 9:00pm. She concluded by saying that all of the events are listed on the Village of Ravena Website, there are a lot of events that she wanted to mention to the public so they know what's happening.

Councilman Dolan stated that if there are any Conservative or Green party members out there, the Conservative is for Judicial Delegates and the Green Party is for the Senate District.

Sewer Report, July 2016

Supervisor Crandall asked that Chief Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Kerr give the Sewer Department Report for July.

Chief Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Kerr to give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

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Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Crandall asked if they are using the meters anymore.

Chief Sewer Treatment Plant Operator stated that he still reads the meters and the one at the point where he gathers the total for the Village is still inoperable and he doesn't record the information but the other two flow meters at Faith Plaza and Mayone's, he still reads.

Building Department, July, 2016

Supervisor Crandall asked that Councilman Burns give the Building Department Report for July.

Councilman Burns continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Police Department, July 2016

Supervisor Crandall asked the Chief McKenna give the Police Department Report for July.

Chief McKenna continued by giving the report.

Councilman Youmans asked him to repeat the number of call for service.

Chief McKenna stated that it was 1,422 calls for the month of July.

Councilman Youmans interjected that there are people saying that they don't need the Police Department.

Chief McKenna stated that some incidents of note were that at Lawson's Lake they went up to assist with a Camp Day where children from the Town, Village and other jurisdictions came in and they had a show by Hudson River Preserve and the Police Department worked on traffic control. He added that they have been doing some fun things and multijurisdictional activities, which continues with the Boy and Girl Scouts having campouts almost every weekend. He continued by saying that there are a couple of things that he would like to request the Board to consider, first would be the sponsorship of two individuals to attend the Zone 14 Part-Time Police Academy, E.J. Seney and Karin Patel, it would require no cost to the Town, they would be paying their own freight as they actually receive a degree, if they apply for it through the Academy and it is a 9-month program. He went on by saying that there is no guarantee of hire but it would be nice to have people in the que in the event that some people move on, reduce their hours of they have a need to backfill positions and as they know, he has lost 3 Officers in the last three months to full-time employment, which are fine people and he is happy for all of them but it is nice to keep availability with a nice mix of younger men and women and senior men and woman working down there right now. He added that E.J. Seney is the recently retired Deputy Chief of the Albany Fire Department, his brother is a Troy Police Officer, he has known E.J. and played hockey with many years ago, he is also a paramedic, EMT and has advanced extensive knowledge in those areas and sending him to the Academy at no cost to the Town gives them the potential to have someone with incredible knowledge with teaching and training ability for the Department through him for first responders and paramedics and the use of anything within the Albany County litany of first responder and paramedic tools. He continued

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by saying that Karin Patel is a young man from India and he is attending Hudson Valley, he works full-time and has asked to strictly be sponsored through Zone 14 Academy, both candidates endured extensive background checks and passed with flying colors, both have already passed the PT exam, which is given at a 40% passing rate, they actually hit the 80% rate so they have already graduated the PT standard for the year despite the fact that it's a preliminary appearance there. He concluded by saying that he would ask the Board to give him the opportunity to sponsor both these men through the Zone 14 Academy with no guarantee of hiring or anything other than the Town sponsoring them through the Academy.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing the Chief of Police to sponsor E.J. Seney and Karin Patel to the Zone 14 Police Academy with no cost to the Town of Coeymans.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Chief McKenna stated that as they know they have discussed having a Court Officer, which they have been backfilling with patrol and the availability of Officers and he would like to ask that they hire a permanent Court Office. He added that under Section 50 of the Town of Coeymans Law Enforcement Manual there is a position of Court Officer Unit. He added that the job of Court Officer is designated to have Peace Officer power and assist the Town with the duties for the Town of Coeymans Court only. He continued by saying that Nick LaMountain worked as a Court Officer as well as going through the Part-Time Academy and then ended up getting a full-time job with Corrections and he has known Nick for several years, he is part of the community, works very well here and actually approached him, which he thinks is a fantastic idea. He went on by saying that there is no set rate so it would be up to Board to determine what the hourly rate for a Court Officer would be, he would not be a Police Officer, it would be a Peace Officer or Town Constable Officer whose responsibility lies solely inside the confines of the Court and he thinks this is something that would help with a sense of continuity. He added that there was some talk about looking to the Court to have two permanent positions there, which they are filling without hurting the budget and hiring a Court Officer would be a good step in the direction to assure the Court that they know exactly who will be there, what their responsibilities are and not having to worry about ever paying overtime or an increasing wage of the Officers as their hours accrue. He concluded by saying that he would like to ask that the Board consider hiring Nick LaMountain as the Court Officer for the remainder of this year and 2017.

Supervisor Crandall inquired about it saving the Town money.

Chief McKenna stated that it is and as it is now, whoever comes up for Court, if they come up, there is a set salary rate for the Police Officers with the top end at part-time of \$21.93 pending any agreement for the contract, which is as yet unfulfilled for 2015 between Council 82 and the Town of Coeymans. He added that the Court Officer has no fixed salary but they could establish an hourly wage to fit the needs and responsibilities of that individual and it would be less than the hourly wage salary of a full-time Officer or part-time Officer who has accrued the top hours available.

Councilman Dolan asked what he would recommend hourly.

Chief McKenna stated that they talked about some numbers and he would need a day or two to figure it out because he doesn't want to just throw out a random number and he would like to discuss it with the Board to see where they are, what is best for the Town and what is best for the employee. He added that the starting salary for an Officer is \$18.13, they could probably come in under that because they don't have the full responsibility and weight of a Police Officer so it would be a little bit less than that wage but above the minimum wage salary. He concluded by saying that it would save the Town dollars per hour, per day, per week, per month and per year and adds up over the course of a season.

Councilman Langdon asked if Chief McKenna provides a Court Officer at the Village.

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Chief McKenna stated that he does not and they have an agreement that if an Officer is available, he will put one over there in service but they are not detailed to that location, they are available for calls and as frequently happens, 3:30 – 4:30pm is a busy timeframe with transition and with school starting up it is going to get busy again and it's not uncommon for the Officer to get there and be called away immediately. He added that if they ever work with the Village on that, there are a number of issues that he would like to address with that, at Town Court the system runs very well, has been in place a long time, the doors are locked, people come through the magnetometer, there is only one form of entrance except for the handicap, where they allow people to come through the other door. He continued by saying at the Village, when the Officer arrives the people are already there and it is a very convoluted system where the Officer has his back to the audience for most of his time there and it's not how court security should really work and reiterated that if the Village decides that they want a Court Officer there, he would like to sit down with them and discuss what he would think would be a much more feasible, safe and secure plan for Court Officers for that Court because safety and security is their primary concern but right now it isn't hinging appropriately.

Councilman Langdon stated that the main reason he asked is to find out whether or not he would serve in that capacity at the Village.

Chief McKenna stated that he sends Officers there who are available and if the Village approaches the Town about hiring a Court Officer, he is certain that the Court Officer would be available some of the time but he doesn't know based on his hours because he works evenings, so he might not be available for all of it so that might change the wage and the responsibility of the Officer over there. He concluded by saying that this position is strictly to assist with the Court here in Town Court.

Supervisor Crandall suggested that they table the matter until he comes up with a wage and they will take it back up at the next Board Meeting and then asked the Board if they agreed.

Collectively the Town Board agreed to table it.

Chief McKenna stated that he will and it's fine, he just wanted to bring it to the Board's attention now and when he gets a chance to sit down with them, they will figure out something that works out best.

Councilman Youmans stated that they are back to two Town Board Meetings a month in September so he won't have to wait until the end of September.

Chief McKenna stated that he doesn't know if there is a protocol in place with authorization for the use of Federal Forfeiture Funds but they do have \$11,499.96 and he knows that there are very stringent guidelines and parameters as to how and what those forfeiture funds can be used. He added that in keeping within those parameters, he would like to have authorization to submit for the use of the funds to complete the outfitting of two of the cars that they purchased through forfeiture funds with laptops and lights. He continued by saying that this in no way will replace the normal course of cost to the Town because the laptops were purchased on a grant so it was not the normal course of business to purchase laptops in his budget and the lights for a vehicle purchased through forfeited funds will just be a continuation and stay within the parameters, which he will make sure he articulates as such when he requests the funds to complete outfitting the vehicles so they have operational vehicles with lights, sirens and laptops.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he doesn't have a problem with that as long as he makes sure he documents it properly, it is within the guidelines of the DEA Forfeiture Fund expenditures if they do get audited, which he is sure they will at some point because it is a federally funded program and he wants to make sure that the Town doesn't have to pay the money back and added that this will be the end of it because they are withdrawing from that DEA Fund.

Chief McKenna stated that these are federally forfeited funds and they will be resigning with the Feds contractually to have an Officer assigned to the task force as of October 1, 2106. He continued by saying that he doesn't think that there is a motion necessary, he just wanted to bring it before the Board to understand that he would like to go forward and he will submit the vouchers to them and if the Board wants to do it through a motion that is fine.

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Supervisor Crandall asked if anyone had an objection to doing it that way.

Collectively the Board agreed that there were no objections.

Supervisor Crandall reiterated that he is to make sure that it is explained on the voucher itself.

Chief McKenna stated that he understood. He continued by saying that for this Friday and Saturday there will be an Officer on foot patrol and bicycle patrol for the Block Party on Friday and Saturday there will be two Officers on post at Gedney Hill for the Dedication Ceremony and he would like to get together with Mr. Powell to find out if they plan to have vehicles attending to park on the road or if they are going to have them bussed in and out. He added that right now the only direction that he has is that they want the road blocked off but the Officers aren't going to know who is there for the Ceremony or just going through so he is going to reach out to him to coordinate the best possible option.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he would get Mr. Powell's phone number to him.

Chief McKenna stated that Saturday is the Friendship Festival, he will have a couple Officers there, it kicks off at noon with a parade from Pieter B. Elementary and he will be working with Ravena Fire Police and the Officers that they have available to make sure that there is no problem as the parade moves up Main Street. He added that he has already reached out to TCI, Carver Laraway and Lafarge to let them know so they can all alter their traffic pattern for that ½ hour period so they are not stuck in that roadway as well as some Officers on foot in the area in addition to the normal patrol to answer any needs.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

NYS DOT, Meeting with Sam Zhou

Supervisor Crandall stated that he met with Sam Zhou along with Councilman Dolan, Councilman Youmans met with him later and they brought up a lot of problems with Rt. 144 and wanting it paved, problems with Rt. 9W and Rt. 144 with the brush and grass not being cut back properly, the area off Rt. 143 where Rte. 144 comes up the hill by Uthe Blvd., and they took him for a ride and showed him culverts on Camille Drive that are all plugged up. He added that they had quite a discussion and Mr. Zhou is setting up a meeting with Pat Barnes, an Engineer for NYS DOT and John Pasanen who they will be meeting within the near future to discuss some more problems and Mr. Zhou was very open to them. He concluded by saying that Mr. Frank Bonafide was there as well, they had quite a discussion and hopefully something good will come out of it, they have been sending letters, contacting State and County Legislators to try to get Rt. 144 paved and the other roads fixed.

Councilman Langdon inquired as to if they were open to a four-way stop at the bottom of the hill.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they asked them about it.

Councilman Langdon stated that they should have him try to drive down the hill and figure out how to pull out.

Councilman Dolan stated that they mentioned that, they also mentioned the speed limit reduction of Rt. 144 and talked about parts of Rt. 143 that need some attention. He continued by saying that the short answer was that they don't have the money to do it and they have 300 million of

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projects that need attention and 30 million to do it with. He added that they said they would have to do a traffic study on Rt. 144 to reduce the speed, at first they were adamant that they would not change it and then when they described to them going north and turning by Eck's Farm, they agreed to look at it and changing the speed in relation to how the road is built. He went on by saying that they didn't seem interested or have the money to be able to straighten the turn at all and they actually started the meeting by saying in a nice way, that it's really not State DOT's responsibility to take care of zoning problems that the Town of Coeymans has created through the SEQR process when they made the zoning changes that there would be no transportation related issues in addition to saying that it is the job of the Planning Board to regulate trucks coming in and out of town. He concluded by saying that it seems like repaving the road from the Bethlehem town line to the New Baltimore town line is not going to happen anytime soon, they did, in his opinion, commit to repaving where Rt. 143 leaves Rt. 144 in the Hamlet and south to the New Baltimore town line but they didn't give a date and any of the road that they repave, they would also do the sidewalk for that part.

Councilman Langdon asked if it is going to be done after the sewer work is done.

Councilman Dolan stated that it won't be done before the sewer work is completed.

Councilman Youmans stated that there was something that was said to him by Sam Zhou, the Regional Director of DOT, that really stood out and that is, there are 873 State owned bridges in this region and they were designed to last 50 years and if you do the math they should be replacing 12 a year, they have the money to do 2 a year. He added that if you look at it that way, it will never end and it's frustrating when they are talking about closing bridges in Clifton Park, and it is disheartening.

Councilman Langdon stated that if they would agree to the four-way stop, they could have the Highway Department put the signs in.

Councilman Youmans stated that he said if they can't repave Rt. 144, if they want to keep it safer they should lower the speed limit and all it would cost is a few signs to put up to lower the speed limit. He added that he drives that road every day and 55mph with all that traffic is too fast, he has lived here since 1966 and there are a lot more trucks on the road in the town than there ever were in his whole life.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they seemed to be really against the idea of the stop sign and they had engineer reasons why and in their estimation there would be more accidents and it would also interrupt the flow of traffic.

Councilman Langdon stated that this is their intention and idea and they could get away with no speed limit change if they could get people to stop there.

Councilman Dolan stated that they did agree to look at the part of the road right before Eck's Farm going north and Eck's Farm going south where the shoulder of the road, the road bank itself is falling away and for maintenance issues, they would look at them seriously but as far as just repaving the whole road, they didn't sound like they would do that. He added that Supervisor Crandall mentioned it and County Legislator Touchette alluded to it earlier, they have reached out to everyone, he personally met with Senator Amedore about the roads, they have talked to their County leaders and they have sent multiple letters to DOT.

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

Medical Buy-Back Repayment

Supervisor Crandall stated that they had sent a letter to Matthew Weidman, the former Bookkeeper demanding payment back because he was overpaid for the medical buyback; he agreed that he was overpaid and sent the Town a check for \$1436.58, which was put into Town funds so that matter is closed.

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CORRESPONDENCE

2017 Culvert Repairs on Route 143

Supervisor Crandall stated that he was in receipt of a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation regarding culvert repairs on Rte. 143, near the intersection of Blodgett Hill Road and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Crandall,

We are pleased to advise you that NYSDOT Region One is processing design of a project which will involve the repair of a large culvert carrying State Route 143 over a tributary of the Hannacroix Creek. The culvert is located at reference marker 143-1101-1126 on State Route 143 near the intersection of Blodgett Hill Road. This culvert is part of a multi-site contract, and although the order in which the sites will be completed is unknown at this time, it is anticipated that this site could be completed as early as the 2017 construction season. We will contact you once the contract for the work has been awarded and we have worked out the scheduling details with the selected contractor.

We anticipate that construction will require town weeks to complete. In order to complete this work as safely and quickly as possible, there will need to be daily shoulder and single lane closures in the vicinity of the culvert. There will be no lane closures during the overnight hours.

We hope that providing you with notice of our plans now will allow sufficient time before this work begins to resolve any concerns you may have regarding the proposed work. Toward this end, please contact me with any questions or comments regarding this project.

Brian D. Smith P.E.
New York State DOT
Region One Design

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #114-16 APPROVE JCAP GRANT APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, the Town Court is desirous of making application for funding assistance to make improvements and enhancements to the Town's security and facility related needs and to obtain office equipment,

WHEREAS, such assistance is possible through the New York State Unified Court System Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the Town Justice Court to prepare such JCAP application and forward the complete application to Supervisor Philip A. Crandall for signature and submission.

RES. #115-16 APPROVE AUGUST AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS – 172512-172535,172537,172612 totaling **\$228,519.81**

VOUHER NUMBERS – 172432-17251, 172536 totaling **\$60,773.87**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – **\$289,293.68**

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, September 8, 2016, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, September 15, 2016
- Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2016, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Crandall asked Highway Superintendent Searles if the Highway Department oil and stone roads.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he doesn't, former Highway Superintendent Deering used to but he doesn't and as long as he is Highway Superintendent, he won't be doing it.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he wanted to say how much the Town needs the Police Department and like Councilman Youmans had said earlier, people looking to move to this community looks at schools and public safety and he can't see how anyone can say we don't need our own Police Force. He added that if they bring in outside Departments like the Sheriffs or State Troopers, they really have no say over anything, right now if you're not happy about something, you can go and talk to the Chief and personally he thinks they are doing a fantastic job. He concluded by saying that Scott, Diane, Nita and everyone else are pulling together and doing a good job.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank the Town staff who supervised the summer youth, Nelson Perry, Don VanAlstyne, Dave Mergendahl, Danyell Crowley, Connor Zeoli, Cindy Rowzee, Nita and Diane, there were 18 youth working who earned just over \$22,000.00 in wages, which was work done for the Town but they didn't have to pay for it, it was State funding so we really did pay for it but at least they used it here instead of somewhere else.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it wasn't directly paid out of the Town budget.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is an extra \$22,000.00 that will be spent in this town. He added that the Village work force who supervised were Henry Traver and Scott Connors for a total of \$21,500.00, it was that much work done for the Village that they didn't have to pay for, there were 43 youth employees all together who brought in over \$50,000.00 to the Town.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it kept them busy and out of trouble.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that he wanted to thank all those who supervised. He added that the Riverview Baptist Church, Ravena Library and Senior Projects also had youth working for them. He continued by saying that he was going to mention the Albany County Senior Housing Rehab Project previously mentioned by Legislator Touchette, he helped someone fill out an application and has the applications in his office and for anyone that would like to come in, he would be happy to help them fill it out. He added that it is for seniors over 60 and for a household of 1, if you make under \$45,950.00 you are eligible and if anyone has any questions, his work number is 756-8650. He concluded by saying that they also got Notice about a Micro Enterprise, which will be put on their website.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is coming from New York State, it is for low and moderate income people, who will be eligible for grants up to \$35,000.00, which you have to match 10% and they will match 90%. He added that there is an application process to go through, it will be on the Town website with the name of a contact person at the State and it's for small businesses, which is good news for someone wanting to start a small business in Town.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to mention the Evening on the Green series, next week is the last one and he wanted to thank Lafarge for giving them \$2,000.00, he will be playing next

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week at the gazebo with friends Mark Emanation, Jeremy Walls and New Baltimore drum legend Al Kash, it will be at 6:00pm and as it has been for the last five years, when he plays at the gazebo he does not get paid for it and his band does not get paid as well as not selling merchandise to make money off the town and he hopes that everyone comes down for it. He added that he and Supervisor Crandall were on a phone conference call with Central Hudson regarding the Street Lights, which they pay for on a per street light basis whether they are working or not so if anyone sees a light that is not working, they can contact Central Hudson with the number on the pole and if you don't want to call Central Hudson, you can call Town Hall.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the Friendship Festival, a Village event and it's always a nice time.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to say thanks for all the support for the Business Group that has formed in the Town that has been meeting over the past 6-8 months, there was a Mixer down at Yanni's on Tuesday, it was very well attended, there were 70-80 people. He added that the group started with 40 and it has been growing monthly, they just formed a Corporation and they are looking at doing some things for the Town. He continued by saying that he wanted to thank Chief McKenna for what he's done in this Town, the Department is an essential part of our town.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to add to what Councilman Langdon had said and continued by saying that people would be amazed by the number of businesses already in this town, they are not all brick and mortar on Rt. 9W or other places, there are a lot of people with small businesses, sometimes 1-2 owners and there is was good mix of businesses that were represented there.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that in talking about Central Hudson, they made some changes, which people might to be aware and went to a monthly billing for everyone, which is a big change and people should be aware so they are not charged late charges.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he is pretty sure that they said that for the first few months there wouldn't be late charges until people get used to it. He then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:20pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting. The entire Town Board was present as well as Chief McKenna to discuss the Police Contract, no decisions were made or action taken.

Supervisor Crandall offered a motion to adjourn from Executive Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Crandall, seconded by Councilman Dolan, Executive Session was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read September 22, 2016

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk