

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00pm at Town Hall,
18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman
Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Flach opened the Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed, 01-16-12
 - Electronics Recycling Collection Day
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, December 12, 2011
 - Town Board Workshop, December 20, 2011
- Old Business
 - Business Owner Workshop re Local Laws #1&2
 - Hannacroix Creek Update
- New Business
 - Establish Date for Public Hearing, Proposed Rezoning
 - Ravena Grange, Contract for Services
- Resolutions
 - Authorize to Engage C.T. Male for I&I Report for 2011
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, January 17, 2012, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, January 23, 2012, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, February 13, 2012, 7:00pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed, January 16, 2012

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two public announcements and continued by reading the following:

Monday, January 16, 2012, all Town Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

As always the closing of Town Offices does not include the Police Department, which is a 24-hour operation.

Electronics Recycling Collection Day

Last year, as a service to residents in accordance with the NYS Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act, the Town began hosting collection days for recycling computer and electronic equipment.

The first collection day was held last October. The next scheduled collection date is Wednesday, January 26, 2012, from 7:00am to 3:00pm ONLY at the Town Highway Department, 1305 State Route 143 in Coeymans Hollow.

Items will not be accepted before or after the designated times. Town personnel will be available to assist.

Town residents are asked to bring only those items on the list: televisions (portable or console), computer equipment, typewriters, video game systems, cell phones, I-pods, monitors, scanners, ink cartridges, fax machines, printers, keyboards, and other computer accessories.

We can NOT accept liquids, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, kitchen or personal appliances, batteries or fluorescent lamps.

This information has been posted on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that she knows that Steve is new and probably would not have any idea what she is talking about and went on by saying that last summer the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association came before the Board and questioned 9 First Street, which they called the Pigeon Hotel and they were told that everything was being done that could be done. She added that she contacted DEC and the Health Department at that time about the building and she received a letter from the Health Department stating that Supervisor Youmans had advised them that the Town was ready to take the next step to take it to Supreme Court. She continued by asking if it has gone forward at all.

Supervisor Flach stated that he definitely did not know and added that he will more than happy to make some calls to find out what he can and added that he will have to confer with everyone on the Board.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she would appreciate it and added that she thinks the ball was just dropped and it had not gone any further and continued by saying that she wanted to bring it up again because winter is coming and the roof is already caved in and the third floor is now on the second floor and it will be much worse come spring.

Supervisor Flach inquired as to where she said the letter was from.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she received a letter from the Health Department and she will find the copy for him.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if it was Albany County Health Department.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it was and added that she also talked to DEC, who was going to question the Town because there are two oil tanks in the basement and the basement is filled with water. She continued by saying that she knows that it was being pushed by DEC and the Health Department and Supervisor Youmans informed them both that it would be taken care of right away and reiterated that she is wondering where they are with it 6-7 months later because she sees nothing being done. She concluded by asking that he check into it and get back to her and added that she would appreciate it.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Pasquini and then asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on December 12th and a Town Board Workshop on December 20th.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Business Owners Workshop – Local Laws #1-2

Supervisor Flach stated that they want to plan a Workshop Meeting for the business owners to get together with the Town Board and before they do that they will need to see some things in writing. He continued by saying that if anyone has something that they want to see change in Local Law 1 or Local Law 2 they can e-mail it to the Supervisor's Office sometime in the near future and added that they are going to schedule the Workshop as soon as they get some correspondence from some of the businesses in the area that are concerned about the laws. He concluded by saying that a lot of people want to see a Workshop happen and maybe it will be at the end of the month or early February and reiterated that as soon as they get the comments, they can establish what needs to be talked about for possible amendment or change.

Update on Hannacroix Creek

Supervisor Flach asked Chief Darlington for an update on the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Chief Darlington stated that he contacted SEMO earlier in the day and got a lengthy response and added that FEMA wants detailed explanations as to what the Town has done so far and a timetable of what they feel the future is going to be with the project and what they are looking at for a time extension. He continued by saying that he reached out to F.X. Browne, the Engineering Firm that was awarded the bid for the project and they will provide him, hopefully tomorrow, with what the future timeline will be and in turn he will draft what the past timeline has been and what they have done. He went on by saying that he will submit it to FEMA and hopefully they will have an answer on that as well as Councilman Dolan reaching out to Senator Breslin's office who also reached out to FEMA and basically FEMA has confirmed that they have given no decision on it and the person that is responsible for it was out until the 3rd and will be getting back to him. He concluded by saying that they are trying to push from every angle that they can to get the funding approved so they can move forward.

Supervisor Flach asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he had any report as far as what he has done.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it was only what he had given him and added that he did a little.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have been in contact with Mr. Slezak with the Soil & Conservation Department and he has stated that he can possibly help with the DEC permit in getting some of the bigger debris out of the water, which really needs to be done. He concluded by saying that he just wanted to update everyone to let them know

that there has been some contact and they are not going to let it go and then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Engineering Firm, F.X. Browne was originally to have all the permits and it was part of the original plan of work that went to FEMA and added that the other thing that he wanted to add is that the extension that they asked for was from October 2010 to April 2012. He continued by saying that FEMA acknowledges that an April 2012 deadline is not a reasonable and it is one of the reasons that they are asking for a timeline so they can have a new end date. He concluded by saying that once again their timeline comes and goes before any action is taken.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if there is a change in the original bid because it was done so long ago and if it has to be re-bid.

Chief Darlington stated that he spoke with F.X. Browne when it looked like they were moving forward with getting approval and they had stated that they will honor their original bid. He added that the only thing that they need to change is obviously the timetables that are set in the bid because they came and went.

Councilman Masti inquired as to who the contact is that is out until the 3rd and whether it is a FEMA contact.

Chief Darlington stated that it is a FEMA contact.

Councilman Masti inquired as to if there is anyone there that can cover that person.

Chief Darlington stated that he is assuming not, not to give the answers that Breslin's office is looking for.

Councilman Dolan stated that in spite of that they did get a response from the State Emergency Management passing on the FEMA information so the fact that the person was out until the 3rd did not stop it from happening.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments or Old Business items.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if they want to advertise for the part-time clerk position for the Court that is in the budget and whether or not they want to post it on the website.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was posted internally and added that now they need to post it externally in the paper.

Town Clerk Millious inquired as to if they want to put it in a classified ad.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if they use the Times Union, News Herald or both.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is usually just the News Herald.

Councilman Boehm stated that it should be posted on the website as well.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other Old Business topics.

NEW BUSINESS

Establish Date for Public Hearing – Proposed Rezoning

Supervisor Flach stated that they would like to establish a Public Hearing for the proposed re-zoning of a portion of Rte. 144 in Coeymans and added that they would like to have it at 6:30pm on January 23rd, which will give them sufficient time to post it.

Councilman Dolan asked if they should get a report from the Planning Board before they hold a Public Hearing.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was his understanding that it is a Public Hearing to hear public comment and continued by asking if he feels as though they should table it.

Councilman Boehm stated that it will be a Local Law to rezone and he believes that the Public Hearing would be for a law to rezone that area.

Councilman Dolan stated that he believes in order to change the zoning, and they can check, that they have to get an advisory opinion from the Planning Board and once they ask for it they have 30 days to give it to the Board.

Supervisor Flach asked whether after that is when they should have the Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan stated that he believes that they can schedule it before they get it back.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they hold off on it and added that he has been in touch with Attorney Baynes and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and he will try to get more information this week and then bring it back to the table.

Ravena Grange Contract for Services

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a Contract for Services with Ravena Grange.

Councilman Boehm stated that this is something that they have done for quite a while and added that the Ravena Grange has provided emergency shelter for ice storms and other things and they have a generator hook-up and it is used primarily by people in Coeymans Hollow but it is for the entire town and added that he would offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Supervisor Flach to sign the Contact for Exchange of Services with the Ravena Grange in the amount of \$500.00.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. 35-12 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE WITH C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING AN I&I REPORT FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requires the Town of Coeymans to do an Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Report based on the moratorium that occurred in the Sewer District in 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has to report to NYSDEC on an annual basis the improvements that they have made in addition to the amount of I&I that they have removed from the system, and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm of C.T. Male Associates, P.C. has provided the service of preparing the I&I Report in the past and the Town of Coeymans is desirous of C.T. Male Associates compiling the report for 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to engage with C.T. Male Associates for the purpose of preparing an I&I Report for 2011.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would like to welcome Supervisor Flach and Councilman Masti to the Board and unfortunately he was not able to attend the Meeting on New Year's Day because he was sick and added that he is looking forward to working with them.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are looking forward to it as well and then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would also like to welcome Supervisor Flach and Councilman Masti again and added that they have a lot of things to work on and they are both very eager to get going and working on them.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she also wanted to welcome Supervisor Flach and Councilman Masti and added that it is tax time once again and she wanted to remind anyone that may be eligible for the Senior Exemption to contact the Assessor's Office at 756-8927 and continued by saying that if they are unable to contact the Assessor, they can contact her office at 756-2100.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that as indicated on the news, they have had a rash of vehicles being stolen and there have been three within three weeks. He added that it is basically a crime of opportunity and people are leaving their keys in the car and they are walking around looking for these cars so if your keys are in it, they are taking it. He continued by saying that it is advised not to leave your keys in your car and to lock your car. He went on by saying that Southgate Deli was burglarized last evening and he is happy to announce that three people are under arrest for doing it.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk