

**A Town Board Meeting was held January 10, 2011, at 7:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor  
Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman  
Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman  
Richard N. Touchette, Councilman  
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk  
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent (arrived late)  
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police (arrived late)

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

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### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious.

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcement
  - Town Office Closed, January 17, 2010
- Public Comment
- Presentation – Promotion to Sergeant
- Approval of Minutes
  - Public Hearing, December 13, 2010
  - Town Board Meeting, December 13, 2010
  - Town Board Workshop, December 21, 2010
  - Town Board Meeting, December 27, 2010
  - Town Board Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2011
- Old Business
  - Ravena Coeymans Historical Society Contract for Services
- Resolutions
  - Authorize C.T. Male to Prepare I&I Report
  - Authorize C.T. Male to Complete Design & Prepare Bid and Specifications for Manhole #3
  - Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Member
  - Authorize Transfer of Funds for 2010 Budget
  - Amend November 2010 Abstract
- Correspondence
  - Greenville Central School District
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
  - Town Board Workshop, January 18, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, January 24, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, February 14, 2011

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### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2011 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and does not include the Police Department, which is a 24/7 operation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

**Ms. Mary Driscoll** stated that she lives in the Village of Ravena and has lived in the Town of Coeymans for 45 years and continued by reading the following:

As everyone knows, Lafarge Cement has asked for a permit to modernize the Ravena plant and during the past few months I have attended three hearings that were held by the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Health at our high-school auditorium. It has been quite an experience. First of all these so called environmentalists against Lafarge have been very vocal with misrepresentations, untruths, whatever you want to call them. To me their actions constitute an attack on our community, yes our community. They have attacked our integrity with misinformation, installed a sense of fear in our residents, and invaded our privacy by so-called testing of our homes and our bodies. Even the Department of Health has stated that the testing by the Harvard researchers is illegal. As a result of these antagonists loud voices the values of our homes have decreased, we are scoffed at by people from other communities and they have instilled distress and fear of the cement plant in the minds of another generation of students at our schools. I have had two people come to me and tell me that the teachers have told them that the cement plant will kill them. We are even being blamed for attention problems in the Bethlehem schools and for sucking fish eggs out of the Hudson. I have lived here for 45 years, I read the obituaries everyday, that's what you do when you get old, I have not seen any indication of people dying by the dozen in our community nor have I heard of any epidemic of children being out of school because they are breathing that air. These antagonists are well financed, have the advice of lawyers and listen to people like Erin Brokovich and Ward Stone. They seem to be anti-government and definitely anti-industry. I also attended the Harvard School of Public Health Meeting detailing the results of their so called survey, the result of their survey was very favorable to Lafarge regardless of what the Times Union says and Harvard could not pinpoint Lafarge as a contaminator. The antagonists were very quiet at that meeting. However, the worse problem is that they are being heard and we are not. If Lafarge closes think of the repercussions, at the very least 180 people will be out of a job, that means 180 less people buying automobiles, 180 families going to already overworked food pantries, 180 less people paying taxes, state, county, village and school. The impact on the grocery stores, delis and so forth in this community would definitely hurt. I'm sure that you don't remember because you are all too young, but do you remember when the railroad moved out of Ravena or when the dress factories and Frangellas closed down, it hurt. Can you imagine what Lafarge's closing will do to our tax base and how the empty buildings will look? So to me it is not too late to start fighting back and we can all do our part. If you have a computer you can go to [www.lafargeravenafacts.com](http://www.lafargeravenafacts.com) and click on the blue square that says submit support letter and type in your name and address and click send. It only takes about 5 minutes of your time but it will mean a world of difference in the future of our community. Lafarge has not only been a member of our community but a good neighbor too by contributing a lot to our community and our schools. A good many families have been raised in this community because their parents had a job at the cement plant. We have a choice to make, either we can become a ghost community or we can be known as the home of the most modern cement town and enjoy 50 more years of prosperity. It is all up to you. On January 20<sup>th</sup> there is a Legislative Meeting at 7:00pm at the R-C-S High-School, if you could possibly attend, please support the cement plant.

She continued by saying that she has some hand outs and added that she thinks that some of the problem is that people don't realize what it is going to be. She went on by saying that it is not written in stone that they have the permit but hopefully they will be getting it.

Councilman Touchette asked that Ms. Driscoll repeat the website address.

Ms. Driscoll reiterated that it is [www.lafargeravenafacts.com](http://www.lafargeravenafacts.com).

Councilman Touchette thanked Ms. Driscoll.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Driscoll and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that she was there a little over a month ago and asked how the Town stood with last year's finances when the new budget came out and in turn she was told that it was too soon to know. She continued by asking if they know now how the finances were for the end of the year and whether or not they are on track because she heard at a Workshop that there was about a \$100,000.00 payroll check that had to be signed and that the money was not there.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not recall that and added that he can tell her that they ended the year with no deficit and they are on track and right where they hoped to be.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she appreciates that especially with the spending freeze that was on all last year. She continued by saying that when the budget was adopted, the budget itself and the Board stated that taxes would be raised 2.54% and when she received her tax bill taxes actually went up 2.7%.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not have the number in front of him and added that he believes that it ended up at a 2.77% increase, which is accurate.

Ms. Pasquini reiterated that when the budget was passed they said 2.54%.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is etched in stone and it was adopted and it has not changed since it was adopted.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she can't figure it out because it has not been changed since it was adopted but yet the tax rate changed from what the budget said to what the tax bill says.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he can say that the rate certainly has not changed since the budget was adopted.

Ms. Pasquini stated that the County or whoever billed them made the mistake.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not know that a mistake was made at all.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she has a copy of the budget that says 2.54% on it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that if it says that, it is what it was and reiterated that he does not have it in front of him and it has been a couple of months.

Ms. Pasquini reiterated that she has a budget but she does not have her tax bill and added that it says 2.7%. She continued by saying that while sitting at a Workshop last month she heard a conversation being held about the Town being debt free and how lucky we are and then she heard someone mention the \$425,000.00 that was BAN'd for the Sewer Plant and the Board's comment was that the debt belongs to the Sewer District. She went on by saying that the last she new, the Sewer District is the Hamlet of Coeymans, which is part of the Town and to say the debt is strictly the Sewer Districts is wrong because they are not responsible for all the repairs and everything that is going on.

Supervisor Youmans stated that what was meant by that is that the Sewer District is what is known as a Special District, which is supported solely by those that benefit from it. He added that as an example, at his house he does not have sewer service so he does not pay a sewer charge and this is the way Special Districts work. He reiterated that in law they are supported solely by those that benefit from the District.

Ms. Pasquini stated that the debts belong to other parts of the Town, the Village uses the sewer as well as there being out-of-district users and reiterated that in saying that the debt strictly belongs to the Sewer District she does not think is right. She continued by saying

that to say the Town is debt free except for the Sewer District is not right because they are a part of the Town, like it or not. She concluded by saying that the Hamlet does exist, they are there and they are not going anywhere.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by asking if there were any other comments.

**Mr. John Allen** stated that he also lives in the Hamlet and continued by saying that he asked a question previously and was told that they didn't know the answer but in looking at the budget now that it is fully adopted, they had in the Tentative Budget, which included salary increases and personnel costs increases, inflated lines for retirement and other employee benefits pretty much in every budget category. He continued by saying that in the actual adopted budget, which included less personnel expenses pretty much across the board with the exception of the Police Department, if you net all the personnel costs out, there is actually a reduction globally in overall personnel costs. He went on by saying that they kept all of the inflated retirement numbers and other employee benefits went up huge in every single category and went from \$19,000.00 in one set of categories to \$62,000.00. He continued by saying that he asked them to explain so folks like himself who don't know the details behind it might have an idea of what it is they are paying for with the excess in retirement in that funding account and the other employee benefits, which across the board in every category has a 300% increase and given the times of austerity he didn't know they were giving other benefits. He reiterated that he would like to have some kind of an understanding as to what those benefits are.

Supervisor Youmans stated that pension costs have gone up very dramatically and in the other employee benefits they have holiday pay and some things like that for the employees. He added that without the numbers in front of him he cannot say and continued by saying that he will be in his office all day tomorrow if he would like to stop in and will go through the breakdown with him.

Mr. Allen stated that it would be helpful to know what the breakdown is because retirement costs for the Town, he is assuming to be the same as the State Retirement and that cost is a cost as a percentage of pay roll that did not increase. He added that there is an increase in the budget that is not reflected in anyone else's budget, including the State and if he is telling him that there is an increase for the Town of Coeymans only, that seems inconsistent with what the rest of the world is looking at. He went on by saying that it would be helpful and he will give him a call of stop in. He continued by saying that he received a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Conrad saying that there was a smoke test in his yard and that there are all kinds of leaks in his yard, which is true because he looked at his cameras that record things in his yard and there was smoke coming out of the storm sewer, which runs on the property line in his back yard. He added that there are no sewer lines in his back yard and given the fact that there is not an easement of the Town through his backyard for the storm system, and it is the Town's position that they don't own it, he wanted to advise them that he is going to fix it by eliminating that line through his yard so whatever upstream happens, it is not his problem. He reiterated that he is going to fix the issue that he was instructed to fix given that the Town has no right-of-way or easement through his property. He concluded by saying that the Town might want to think about what they are asking homeowners to do and added that his fix is simple because the Town does not have an easement and he can get rid of it.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Allen and then asked if there were any additional comments.

**Mr. John Vadney** stated that he lives on Old Ravena Road in Selkirk and then thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to address the Board. He continued by saying that his topic is Old Ravena Road in the Town of Coeymans and continued by reading the following:

The speed limit now is 40mph and after the north bridge is completed in the spring the speed limit will be 45mph as stated on the bridge prints. The 40mph and 45mph speed limit on this secondary road is a public safety issue clearly investigated by previous

Boards and Supervisor Hotaling. At a Town Meeting before the construction started the Town spoke that the speed limit during construction would be at 30mph and assuming after the construction the 30mph speed limit would remain so as to deflect the 30mph speed limit on the Bethlehem side of Old Ravena Road. Two drastically different speed limits on a short and narrow secondary road is a huge concern not only for residents but for all who travel the road. While 23% of the population lives in rural areas on secondary roads, 53% of fatalities are associated with secondary roads. I am hopeful that all of you will investigate the tapes and agree with the administration previously that agreed to change the speed limit sign with full regard to our community's public safety.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Vadney and stated that he and Mr. Vadney had spoke some time ago about this issue and in turn he spoke with Highway Superintendent Deering about that very issue. He continued by saying that the way that he recalls the conversation is that the Town does not set the speed limit without permission from the State of New York and the way that speed limits go about getting changed is that the Town has to ask the State for permission.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it has to be requested by the Town.

Supervisor Youmans stated that in turn the State sends out their traffic engineers out and analyze it and make a determination as to whether or not the Town can in fact change the speed limit. He added that it is his understanding that this was done on Old Ravena Road and they said it has to be left alone but he was told by Highway Superintendent Deering that if the Board so desires, they can make another request based on public input.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he can request it of the Board and in turn they can submit it to the State.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Highway Superintendent Deering will forward the request to the Board and in turn they will forward it to State DOT and added that he would be fine with going through the process.

Mr. Vadney stated that he wanted to also suggest that they see how they did it on the Bethlehem side and added that it may be helpful.

Highway Superintendent Deering interjected that he believes the Town of Bethlehem can set their own speed limit because they've got the population to set their own speed limit.

Mr. Vadney stated that he believes it was about four years ago when he came to the Board and Supervisor Hotaling investigated it and it was going to be moved down to 35mph but then they came up with the idea about putting in an emergency request for the construction time in hopes that DOT would move to keep that speed limit. He added that if they can get it lowered to 35mph it would be the first step instead of dropping it down to 30mph, which is a little bit tougher for municipalities. He concluded by saying that anything they can do he would appreciate it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will take a stab at it and he will keep him abreast of the developments as they unfold.

Mr. Vadney thanked the Board and added that he appreciates their time.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Vadney and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Larry Conrad** stated that he is Code Enforcement Officer for the Town and added that he wanted to address Mr. Allen's letter that he received. He continued by saying that Mr. Allen is responding to this Board but has not responded to his office and he probably could have cleared up some of his points. He went on by saying that the Town of Coeymans does have an easement and right-of-way through his backyard for not only storing water but sewer as well and the smoke tests were of the sewer line and smoke was detected in numerous areas of his yard. He continued by saying that the Town owns up to the fact that where the smoke was leaking is not the Town's easement but rather laterals

coming from his house and to what extent they have no idea what they are but they are not sewer lines and must be some kind of illegally hooked up storm water lines into the sewer system, which is causing I&I that they are trying to remove. He added that he will be in his office tomorrow if Mr. Allen would like to stop and they can go over those as well as having copies of the easements through his property and they can discuss the issue of how to handle the repairs of which do require a permit to be taken care of through his office.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he and Mr. Conrad will be in tomorrow and will be glad to address it with him.

Mr. Allen stated that there are no registered easements on his deed or on any of his property as well as there not being a sewer line on his property and added that he does not know where he has plans for sewer lines. He continued by saying that the sewer line runs through his neighbors yard behind him but not through his yard.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will discuss it and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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## **PRESENTATION**

### **Promotion to Sergeant**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they are going to have a presentation of a promotion and continued by saying that Chris Alberts has served as a Police Officer for some time and some time ago he took the Civil Service Examination for the position of Police Sergeant and passed. He added that Chief Darlington is desirous of promoting Officer Alberts and at the Organizational Meeting by resolution they did in fact promote then Officer Alberts to the position of Sergeant. He went on by saying that the Chief would like to present him his new badge and swear him in officially.

Chief Darlington asked that Sergeant Alberts raise his right hand and repeat the Oath of Office.

Sergeant Alberts continued by taking the Oath of Office.

Chief Darlington presented Sergeant Alberts with his badge.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Board congratulates Sergeant Alberts.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were five sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing on December 13<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Workshop on December 21<sup>st</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup> and the Town Board Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2011. He continued by asking for a motion to approve the minutes.

## **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that she was absent from the December 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society Contract for Services**

Supervisor Youmans stated that on the agenda is a request for authorization for the Supervisor to sign the Contract for Exchange of Services with the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society. He continued by saying that it is a long standing agreement and the Town agrees to give the Historical Society \$1,000.00.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would read the outline submitted by the Society and read as follows:

**Main Objective** – To preserve and protect our local history.

**Museum** – Collecting, conserving, and displaying artifacts and documents. The museum located in the Village of Ravena building is open to the public for open house events, as well as scheduled tours for groups such as schools and other organizations.

**Cemetery Program** – Locating, cleanup, and cataloging of small private and abandoned cemeteries.

**Research** – Providing assistance on genealogy, historical sights, and other historical information requests.

**Public Relations** – Raise awareness in the community of our historical interest as well as informational resources. Provide tours and programs for RCS schools and other organizations.

Councilman Boehm stated that Mr. Ralph Bianche is President of the Society.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they do all of those things very well and added that he would encourage anyone with an interest in local history, who has never been to their museum to look around, he would encourage them to do so because there is some really interesting stuff there that changes fairly frequently.

Councilman Dolan added that they have a great newsletter and for those who are not a member this is a good reason to become a member and they also were a big part of the Farmer's Market last year and would come down with displays. He added that it is interesting and there is always something new to learn and there are always people stopping by and they do a lot.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Contract for Exchange of Services with the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society in the amount of \$1,000.00.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to give some background on the first resolution and added the every year they are required to submit an I&I Report in regards to the Sewer and every year the Report is turned over to the Department of Environmental Conservation, which is a document of what the Town has done throughout the year to reduce I&I in the Sanitary Sewer System. He continued by saying that for anyone that does not know, inflow is water that goes into the system that should not be there from places like sump pumps, old roof drains, floor drains in basements and infiltration is water that seeps in through the cracks that should not get in. He concluded by saying that it is important for them to reduce I&I because for every gallon that they

reduce, they can process a gallon more of sewage. He then asked that Councilman Touchette read the first resolution.

**RES. # 029-11 AUTHORIZE C.T. MALE TO PREPARE I&I REPORT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requires the Town of Coeymans to do an Inflow & Infiltration (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 2010,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor James C. Youmans to engage with C.T. Male Associates for the purpose of preparing an I&I Report for 2010.

**RES. #030-11 AUTHORIZE C.T. MALE TO COMPLETE DESIGN AND PREPARE BID AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MANHOLE #3**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement of July 6, 2010 stipulated that future costs of operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Plant shall be based upon measurement of flow attributable to each municipality as measured by meters to be placed at appropriate mutually agreed up on locations, and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement also stipulated that meters shall be installed as soon as is practicable by the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, locations of these meters have been sited in the Town of Coeymans, and

**WHEREAS**, C.T. Male Associates, P.C. has presented a proposed scope of services and engineering fee schedule for the project through construction, and

**WHEREAS**, design construction has been completed on two of three of the designated metering pits,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize C.T. Male Associates to complete the design work for the final metering pit, prepare bid specifications for construction, and to provide construction administration services at the estimated cost of \$22,940.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that as the resolution states and he has said it in this forum multiple times, that the only fair way to split the cost between the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans is based on metered flows from each municipality. He added that there are a couple of issues where they have sewage from outside of the Village that enters the Village's collection system, flows through their system and then back into the Town's collection system to ultimately be delivered to the Sewer Plant. He continued by saying that the Agreement that they do have with the Village called for, and he has said it a bunch of times that the only fair way to apportion these costs are based on who is putting what into the system. He concluded by saying that this is to remedy that situation and get meter readings so that they know what everyone is contributing and people only pay their fair share.

**RES. #031-11 APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy due to the end of term resignation of Board Member Wayne Flach, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of filling this vacancy,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Stephen J. Schmitt to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

Councilman Touchette stated that he planned on voting against it, and it is nothing against Mr. Schmitt, but he believes very strongly that they should have a balanced Zoning Board of Appeals and they should have someone that lives in the Hamlet on that Board, and they don't.

Supervisor Youmans stated that his point is well taken.

**RES. #032-11 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the following accounts have been exhausted because of unforeseen expenditures in 2010,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize James C. Youmans, to transfer the following amounts to the respective funds from the 2010 Budget:

**GENERAL FUND – A**

<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>From Account</u></b>	<b><u>To Account</u></b>
\$ 1,593.02	A1010.4 Town Council (Contractual)	A1220.1 Supervisor (Personal Services)
\$ 1,516.79	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1410.1 Town Clerk (Personal Services)
\$ 1,465.59	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1430.1 Humans Resources (Personal Services)
\$ 2,992.50	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1620.4 Town Hall (Contractual)
\$ 1,561.80	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1650.4 Central Communications (Contractual)
\$ 7,925.89	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A3120.11 Law Enforcement – Chief (Personal Services)
\$ 517.65	A1010.4 Town Council (Contractual)	A3510.1 Dog Control (Personal Services)
\$ 138.31	A1010.1 Town Council (Personal Services)	A5010.1 Highway Administration (Personal Services)
\$ 54.39	A1010.4 Town Council (Contractual)	A5010.1 Highway Administration (Personal Services)

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\$ 714.30	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage (Contractual)
\$ 2,378.16	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A8510.4 Community Beautification (Contractual)
\$ 7,029.61	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A9030.8 Employee Benefits (Social Security)

**HIGHWAY FUND (D)**

<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>From Account</u></b>	<b><u>To Account</u></b>
\$ 897.50	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB5110.4 General Repairs (Contractual)
\$ 4,469.28	DB9089.8 Employee Benefits (Other Employee Benefits)	DB9060.8 (Health Insurance)
\$ 1,271.74	DB9030.8 Employee Benefits (Social Security)	DB9060.8 (Health Insurance)
\$ 597.20	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)

**RES. #033-11 AMEND DECEMBER ABSTRACT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby approve and allow the following amendment to the December Abstract. (indicated in red)

<b>FUND</b>	<b>VOUCHER #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>GENERAL (A)</b>		
General Pre-Pay	2336-2393, 2449, 2572, 2579,2581	\$306,236.72
General	<b>2451,2496,2498-2504</b>	<b>\$ 31,398.51</b>
	<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$337,635.23</b>
<b>POLICE FORFEITURE</b>		
Police Forfeiture	<b>2497-2580</b>	<b>\$ 4,052.46</b>
	<b>Police Forfeiture Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,052.46</b>
<b>PART-TOWN (B)</b>		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2394-2406, 2450, 2573	\$ 45,030.18
Part-Town	2505-2506	\$ 1,512.22
	<b>Part Town Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,542.40</b>
<b>HIGHWAY (D)</b>		
Highway Pre-Pay	2407-2417, 2574	\$ 54,559.06
Highway	2507-2552	\$ 12,223.66
	<b>Highway Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,782.72</b>
<b>SEWER (SS)</b>		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2418-2438, 2575, 2578	\$ 22,787.76
Sewer	2553-2568	\$ 10,017.77

	<b>Sewer Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,805.53</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)</b>		
Cap. Proj. New Sewer	2569-2571	\$ 61,816.79
	<b>Capital Proj. Total</b>	<b>\$ 61,816.79</b>
	<b>Total For All Funds</b>	<b>\$549,635.13</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY (TA)</b>		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2439-2448, 2576-2577	\$328,263.48
	<b>Trust &amp; Agcy. Total</b>	<b>\$328,263.48</b>

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Greenville Central School District**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a correspondence from Greenville Central School District and continued by asking Code Enforcement Officer Conrad how many parcels in the Town of Coeymans are situated in the Greenville School District.

Code Enforcement Officer stated that he didn't have an exact total and added that it is not very many and they are at the top of the Gedney Hill area.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the correspondence is addressed to the Town & Planning Boards and continued by reading the following:

This letter serves as a follow-up to the invitation provided in October to you by our District Clerk through you respective Town Clerk.

We would like to invite you to join the members of the Greenville Central School District Board of Education along with Town Boards and Town Planning Boards of the eleven (11) Towns of the GCS District to a Board of Education Workshop.

When: Saturday, January 29, 2011, 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Greenville MS/HS Library Media Center

Topic: Presentation from townships on their Town Comprehensive Planning and ideas for shared services among townships and local school districts.

We look forward to you joining us and to the exchange of ideas and dialogue.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was forwarding the correspondence to the Planning and Zoning Boards and also for any of the Town Board that would like to attend.

Code Enforcement Officer stated that the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards have already been formally invited on an individual basis.

Councilman Boehm stated that he also had an item of correspondence and added that it is a letter that was addressed to Chief Gregory Darlington from the Vice President of Recovery Services Absolute Software and continued by reading the following:

Dear Chief of Police Gregory Darlington,

I am writing to thank you for the prompt and efficient service we recent received from your department. Coming from an extensive law enforcement background, I know that

the quality and timeliness of leads regarding crimes committed can make all the difference in an investigation.

Our company, Absolute Software, is the developer of Computrace Lojack for Laptops patented computer theft recovery software. We have assisted law enforcement in recovering over 11,000 stolen computers. Often, the computers are recovered with proceeds of criminal activity, including additional stolen property, counterfeit money, narcotics, weapons, evidence of identity theft and arrests.

A customer reported a computer theft to Coeymans (NY) Police in November 12, 2010. Due to the forensic intelligence our technology provided and the investigative skills of Investigator Steve Prokrym, this case was successfully resolved with the recovery of the computer.

Our joint success largely depends on the cooperation and quick response time of Police Departments such as yours. I believe this case clearly emphasizes the success that can be achieved when such collaborative effort is applied.

Please pass on my compliments to Investigator Steve Prokrym, whose investigative diligence and skills closed this case. Our Theft Recovery Team looks forward to working with your department again.

Sincerely,

Lyle Singular  
VP, Recovery Services  
Absolute Software

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to share the letter and recognize Investigator Prokrym for his diligence in solving the case.

Supervisor Youmans stated that when he first read the letter he went downstairs to see Steve because that technology is fascinating to him and added that there is a program that is loaded on the computer and if the computer is ever stolen, they activate the software and can look at every key stroke that comes up on that computer and this is how they find them.

Councilman Boehm interjected that this recovery was actually in Buffalo.

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#### **WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS**

- Town Board Workshop – January 18, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting – January 24, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting – February 14, 2011, 7:00pm

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#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to welcome Mr. Schmitt to the Zoning Board of Appeals and also to thank him for his willingness to serve. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he believes that he can speak for them all in extending their thoughts and prayers for everyone that was affected by the shooting in Tucson on Saturday and added that they all feel it very deeply. He continued by saying that he wanted to offer his congratulations to Sergeant Alberts and Mr. Schmitt.

Councilman Boehm stated that he also welcomes Mr. Schmitt and congratulates Sergeant Alberts and Mr. Prokrym.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she wanted to wish the same.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to express his condolences and prayers and thoughts to everyone in Tucson as well as congratulating Sergeant Alberts and Mr. Schmitt and added that he had a water leak in front of his house and he wanted to thank the Village crew for fixing the leak in quick fashion with minimum disruption.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she also wanted to welcome Mr. Schmitt and added that she wanted to remind him that he needed to see her to take and sign an Oath of Office and continued by saying that her prayers are with those affected by the shooting. She went on by saying that Property Tax Bills are out and for anyone who did not receive their bill should call her office at 756-2100. She concluded by saying that the new dog procedure is moving along and every dog will be getting a new tag and renewal notices will be sent from her office and added that prices did change and it is \$7.00 for spayed/neutered and \$15.00 for unaltered and a rabies certificate is required in order to license a dog.

Chief of Police Darlington stated that he wanted to wish Mike VonSchenk a speedy recovery and added that he sustained an illness while he was working and actually dispatched his own ambulance and then called in someone to cover his shift. He continued by saying that the new car is in and will probably be in service by the end of the week. He went on by saying that he got news today from Town Attorney Wukitsch that the AT&T Contract is ready to be signed and once it is signed they will be moving forward.

Councilman Boehm interjected that they previously authorized Supervisor Youmans to sign the contract.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he thought long and hard about whether he should say anything about Mr. VonSchenk because of the privacy rules being what they are and added that he also wishes him a speedy recovery. He continued by saying that if you ever had a fire at your house or called an ambulance chances are you ran into Mike and concluded by saying that he hopes that he is soon back helping people like he has for so long and his thoughts and prayers are with him.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:50pm

***Respectfully Submitted,***

**APPROVED:**

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***Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk***