

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

OPENING COMMENT

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

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, 12-27-11
 - Organizational Meeting 01-01-12
 - Town Board Meeting, 01-09-12
 - Town Board Workshop, 01-17-12
- Supervisor's Report - December
- Department Reports
 - Building Department, December
 - Sewer Department, December
 - Town Clerk, December
- Old Business
 - Bower's Lease
- New Business
 - Resignation of Police Officer
 - Authorization to Sign MVP Healthcare Gold Contract
- Resolutions
 - Authorization to Sign Lease Agreement for Bower's Property
 - Appoint Seasonal Road Maintenance Employee
 - Approve Reimbursement for Newly Elected Officials Training Expenditures Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor
 - Amend Town Board Meeting Dates for 2012
 - Amend Town Board Workshop Dates for 2012
 - Approve January Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Meeting, February 13, 2012, 7:00pm
 - Workshop Not Scheduled
 - Town Board Meeting, February 27, 2012, 7:00pm
- Executive Session

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Electronic Recycling Collection

Supervisor Flach read the following public announcement:

Just a reminder to everyone that the Town is hosting an electronic recycling collection event this Wednesday, January 25th at the Town Highway Department at 1305 Rte. 143 in Coeymans Hollow from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

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 computer accessories.

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

The full list and additional information has been posted on the Town's 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 at the last Town Board Meeting she brought up the storm sewer in her yard that was broken and fixed and the sewer gas that it now coming out of it. She continued by asking if they have any idea what they are going to do with it because yesterday when she was shoveling her driveway she got a really bad headache and added that it is really bad on the weekends and nights when people are home.

Supervisor Flach stated that during his first three weeks in office he has been very diligently looking at the sewer with the Sewer Treatment Plant Operators and another gentleman who helps them with the sewer. He continued by saying that he is trying to look at the infrastructure as quickly as he possibly can and added that this is the best answer he can give at this time.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it is raunchy to walk out of your house and smell it and it is a bad odor.

Councilman Dolan stated that Chief Operator Breedlove checked it out.

Ms. Pasquini stated that he did and he put some lyme in it, which worked for a couple of hours.

Councilman Dolan asked if he had indicated where it was coming from.

Ms. Pasquini stated that he said that it is sewer gas and some sewer lines down below are hooked into the storm sewer and the gas is coming up out of the holes because it is a place for it to escape. She continued by saying that she smells sewer gas every time she walks out and gets a headache and rather than having health problems due to it she wishes someone would figure out what they can do with the problem.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and added that she wanted to address the noise coming from the Port of Coeymans and that the noise she is referring to, she assumes it is the loading of scrap metal on to barges. She continued by saying that she has spoken to several of her neighbors at the far end of the Hamlet in close proximity to her and up the hill toward Ravena and all of them are hearing it. She

went on by saying that they don't have a problem with it during the daytime but it continues throughout the entire night and it becomes a problem. She concluded by saying that if there is a way for the Town to speak with Mr. Laraway or whom ever is in charge of the scrap metal portion of the operation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Lawler and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Ann Marie Vadney stated that she is representing herself as well as the Greater Coeymans-Ravena Area Community Business Group and then apologized for not getting information to the Board earlier. She added that their membership is getting bigger and they want to reiterate that many of the circumstances of December are still the same and continued by reading the following:

Dear Mr. Flach:

On behalf of the Greater Coeymans-Ravena Area Community Business Group I would like to formally advise you and the members of the Town Board that our position in regard to the passage of Local Laws #1 & #2 by the previous administration has not changed. These laws and their passage by the previous administration exemplified their blatant disregard and disrespect for concerns expressed by members of this community. At the Public Hearing for these Local Laws and then again at the December 15, 2011 Town Board Meeting the public was concise in expressing their reasons and issued that these laws should not be passed until additional discussion/Workshops were held, so together we could design guidelines that would retain, encourage and promote interest in the development within our community, as well as ensure compliance with requirements for public/community safety. It is quite disconcerting to have individuals at a public meeting advise the elected officials that they would be moving out of their town and/or never purchasing property, etc. because of laws such as the ones being considered, but yet these laws were passed. The previous administration (three of the current five Town Board Members participated in the December 2011 meeting regarding these laws) did make the commitment that a Workshop or forum would be provided so that public officials and the citizens of this Town could make changes to law(s) and ensure that implementation would be feasible and user friendly. This did not happen.

The comments in the minutes of the Public Hearing and the December 15, 2011 Town Board Meeting clearly identify the issues. If you require another letter that identifies these issues, please let me know.

I will again express on behalf of all the individuals and business owners that have taken the time to address these and other issues, their concern for the lack of respect expressed by public officials. We all realize there is a need for guidelines/laws, but without logic, fairness and knowledge of the issues success will be minimal. The members of our group and community are anxious to make it better, to work together, and be a part of the solution. We are looking forward to working with you and those involved.

Thank you.

Ann Marie Vadney on behalf of the Greater Coeymans-Ravena Area Community Business Group

Ms. Vadney stated that they don't want to beat a dead horse either but it seems like in listening to the minutes of the last Board Meeting, that issues are again coming up about zoning and maps and all kinds of issues that have a permanent effect on how they entice people to our community and as they have stated over and over and all of the people that attended both meetings and going back to Local Laws 1&2, it is reflected in many of the meetings that they really have to focus and try to look at what they really need to put down in a law. She continued by saying that they need to look at the current law, what the State requires and how they can make it a simpler mechanism and process so that people want to come to our community and she was shocked at some of the things that she heard at the previous meeting and people are moving out of the community, which they don't want. She went on by saying that they don't want people to leave, whether it is a family,

individual or business and they want to make it easier for people to survive and live in our community.

Supervisor Flach stated that during last year, when he was not Supervisor, he did get up at a Town Board Meeting and mentioned to the Board, currently with three members present, that they wanted a Workshop and since then in the current Board's defense among the three, they asked at that time that letters be written with requests for changes for the proposed local laws and it was not done at that time with the prior Board. He added that the current Board regrouped and said that they would have a Workshop where businesses could come together and since the first Town Board Meeting they have not had any suggestions, verbally or written. He continued by saying that they are not saying that they don't want to work with everyone and they do want to work with the people and businesses of the town and reiterated that they really need correspondence with something written down pertaining to the laws, whether it be the wording or something that you feel needs to be changed. He concluded by saying that they want some ideas before they have a Workshop and having correspondence first will let them know what some of the issues are.

Ms. Vadney stated that on behalf of herself as well as other individuals in their group, there is a lot of confusion as to when there is a Public Hearing and whether you are suppose to follow-up in writing. She continued by saying that they need to clarify the process as well and they will be more than happy to do that and Councilman Boehm had mentioned it at one of their meetings but then everyone said it is in the minutes and didn't understand why they had to re-do it. She added that if this is the way that they are going to be doing business in this town, when there is a Public Hearing or meeting that it has to be followed up in writing she would have had it together for them. She continued by saying that there needs to be some consistency and she does not know the rules with regard to that and whether it is in effect now or if they are just doing it to make it easier. She concluded by saying that either way they have to do it but they need to be clear with the public so they understand the process.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is just a matter of having correspondence to know some of the changes wanted so they don't have to go back through prior meetings to figure it out and if they have something specific to work with, it would be a good thing.

Ms. Vadney inquired as to if they want them to be more specific than they were at the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not know the specifics were.

Ms. Vadney stated that she has not gotten a chance to look at the minutes from the Public Hearing and added that she recalls brining up some basic points such as what is required by State Law because the issue did come up at the Public Hearing that they might be redundant because if it is State Law there is no sense in reiterating word for word in the Local Law and continued by saying that she might be mistaken and would appreciate being corrected if she is. She went on by saying that in listening to the last meeting, they don't know what is required and what the ultimate goal of the Town is or how they get there and she is not sure who to get the answers from.

Supervisor Flach stated that at the last Town Board Workshop Meeting, Building Inspector Conrad had indicated that there are 3-4 laws for refuse and they don't need four different laws for the same thing and continued by saying that some of them are State mandated and not necessary for the Town to have, such as open fires. He continued by saying that they are trying to respond to those types of things and if there is something specific that someone wants changed, it has to be given to them in writing. He then asked if anyone on the Board had anything to add.

Councilman Dolan stated that Building Conrad did list 7-8 Laws that are on the books that should be looked at and removed because they are covered by State Law and added that they can ask him also what it is in the law that is already covered by State Law but he has a feeling that he has looked at it already but it would not hurt to ask him again.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she was at the Workshop when they were talking about the laws and Mr. Conrad was talking about working with the Planning and Zoning Boards and he would confer with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. She continued by saying that her opinion is that he is a Building Inspector and his job is to enforce the laws, not write the laws and it is a bit of a conflict of interest to have him working on producing the laws, writing the laws and then enforces them. She added that if he is a Building Inspector, he's a Building Inspector and if he is an Attorney who is going to write laws, he is an Attorney and then asked exactly what he is.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is a Building Inspector

Ms. Pasquini continued by reiterating that it is a conflict of interest and went on by asking why he is working on writing laws.

Councilman Dolan and Councilwoman Rogers collectively responded that they don't believe that he is.

Councilman Dolan stated that Mr. Conrad had stated that he was present as a representative of the Planning Board and the Planning Board would put it together and run it past the Attorney for the Town.

Ms. Pasquini stated that Mr. Conrad stated that he was going to work with the Planning Board and he would run it past the Attorney for the Town.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he would do it as their representative.

Ms. Pasquini stated that as a resident of the Town she is sick and tired of hearing Mr. Conrad is an expert on everything and added that he is a jack of all trades and master of none and he gets thrown into every pot there is in the Town of Coeymans to work on something and to her it is a conflict of interest to be the Building Inspector and work on the laws.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were four sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on December 27, 2011, an Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2012 a Town Board Meeting on January 9, 2012 and a Town Board Workshop on January 17th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

December 2011

Supervisor Flach continued by giving his report.

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$240,671.68	\$471,652.45	\$378,308.46	\$334,015.67
Part-Town	\$283,658.60	\$ 76,016.85	\$ 43,906.72	\$315,768.73
Highway	\$ 11,761.41	\$161,042.61	\$122,202.54	\$ 50,601.48
Bridge Const.	\$ 4,490.61	\$ 85,562.32	-0-	\$ 90,052.93
Sewer	\$137,097.05	\$ 20,158.58	\$ 27,891.80	\$129,363.83
Special Water	\$ 5,339.21	\$.37	-0-	\$ 5,339.58
Police Forf.	\$ 16,161.05	\$ 1.81	\$ 300.00	\$ 15,862.86
Comm. Tower	\$ 3,484.56	\$ 1,000.31	\$ 2,672.29	\$ 1,812.58
Trust & Agency	\$ 14,835.65	\$227,170.27	\$227,284.70	\$ 14,721.22
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$215,398.15	\$ 60.53	\$104,896.67	\$110,562.01
Section 8 HUD	\$103,087.38	\$ 42,488.52	\$ 48,563.91	\$ 97,011.99
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$961,645.23

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 731.23
Grove Cemetery	\$40,914.39
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,362.78
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,328.41
Total	\$62,336.81

**COLLATERAL
 COVERAGE**

Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,755,466.20
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 55,362.21

FDIC

COLLATERALIZED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read.
 VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – December

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the report was approved as presented and read.
 VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – December

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Masti, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – December

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report. Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Bower's Lease

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Boehm give an update on the Bower's Lease.

Councilman Boehm stated that later in the meeting they will be formally adopting by resolution the Bower's Lease and added that Maria Bowers owns property directly behind the Highway Garage and the Town currently stores crusher run gravel and the well is physically located on her property. He added that in the past they have used an informal agreement to provide road repair in the form of gravel and grading to maintain her road, which extends over the creek and back into the woods. He continued by saying that on the advice of council it was determined that type of agreement is illegal and they should move forward with trying to make a more formal agreement, which they have been doing over the years on and off. He added that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch has been negotiating with Ms. Bower's Attorney and they have reached an agreement where the Town will be paying \$225.00 to lease the property and provide her with a back payment of \$4,000.00 for past rent and continued by saying that the property is hers and he feels as though it is a fair agreement that they are moving forward with and it is a two-year lease. He went on by saying that ultimately the ideal situation would be to purchase the land that is needed to store materials and where the well is but for now it is her land and she deserves some kind of compensation for the Town using it. He concluded by reiterating that it will be formally done by resolution later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Police Officer

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of a copy of a letter to Chief Darlington indicating the resignation of Officer Frank McDonagh and continued by reading the following:

Dear Chief Gregory Darlington,

This letter is to advise you of my resignation from the Coeymans Police Department as a Police Officer. Due to newly being accepted to the Albany Police Department, I can no longer continue my position with the Coeymans Police Department.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have done for me. It is thanks to you that I am in this position and able to advance my career in law enforcement. I enjoyed working with you and for you under the Coeymans Police and Communications Department.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Frank McDonagh

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to accept the resignation.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, accepting the resignation of full-time Police Officer McDonagh.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm stated that he would like to thank Frank for his service with the Town and to wish him well with the Albany Police Department.

MVP Healthcare Gold Contract

Supervisor Flach stated that he there is an MVP Healthcare Gold Contract that needs his signature and added that the contract is for the healthcare benefits for the retirees of the Town and added that it actually went down a little bit this year. He then asked for a motion authorizing him to sign the contract.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the MVP Healthcare Gold Contract.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #36-12 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN BOWER’S PROPERTY LEASE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans wishes to lease property owned by Maria Bowers for the Highway Department use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to sign the lease agreed to by the Town Board.

Councilman Boehm stated that the resolution does not include the lease and then suggested that they make it available for public review.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Councilman Masti inquired as to if Ms. Bowers has a well for her house.

Collectively the Town Board stated that she does.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is a well that the Town had done at some point.

Councilman Boehm asked if the Town originally dug the well on her property.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the Town did it years ago, before he worked for the Town and added that recently it fell down with all the flood water.

RES. #37-12 APPOINT SEASONAL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

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

WHEREAS, Section 3.2.6 of the CSEA Labor Management Agreement provides for the hiring of winter road maintenance seasonal employees, and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Civil Service Department has confirmed this job title as a non-competitive position requiring the chosen candidate to meet minimum qualifications, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has confirmed the candidate meets minimum qualifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the appointment of Herbert Williams III as a seasonal Equipment Operator I, effective immediately, at the rate in effect in the current Bargaining Agreement and contingent on a successful drug screening report.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what the actual hourly rate is.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he believes it is the first year rate of \$17.79.

Supervisor Flach asked if he had any comments about it being seasonal.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that if there is snow he will need him and added that right now one of the drivers is in the hospital.

RES. #38-12 APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING EXPENDITURES

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

WHEREAS, the Association of Towns of the State of New York held a Newly Elected Officials 2012 Training School in Albany, New York, on January 11-13, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor believed the agenda topics to be of benefit to the operation of the Town, and

WHEREAS, a registration fee of \$200.00 was required, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Flach and Deputy Supervisor Masti used their personal vehicles to attend this training,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does authorize reimbursement of registration fees to Supervisor Flach and Deputy Supervisor Masti, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that they also receive reimbursement for mileage incurred at the rate of 55.5 cents per mile, as established by the Internal Revenue Service and accepted by Town resolution.

RES. #39-12 AMEND 2012 TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board established the dates for Town Board Meetings at the Organizational Meeting of January 1, 2012, and

WHEREAS, one of the dates falls on the eve of a major holiday,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the list of dates for Town Board Meetings for 2012 as follows: (Please note that Town Board Meetings start at 7:00pm)

January	01	June	25
January	09	July	23
January	23	August	27
February	13	September	10
February	27	September	24
March	12	October	09 **
March	26	October	22
April	09	November	13***
April	23	November	26
May	14	December	10
May	29*	December	18****

Moved to Tuesday for: * Memorial Day, **Columbus Day, ***Veterans Day Observed, ****Christmas Eve

Supervisor Flach stated that there was a Town Board Meeting scheduled for Christmas Eve and they moved it to December 18th and switch a Workshop for a Regular Town Board Meeting.

RES. #40-12 AMEND 2012 TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP DATES

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has amended the listing of regular Town Board Meetings for 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is replacing a scheduled Town Board Workshop with a Town Board Meeting to allow for the holiday,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board establishes the following dates in 2012 as Workshop Meetings. These meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings, commencing at 6:00pm.

January	17	July	17
February	---	August	21
March	20	September	18
April	17	October	16
May	22	November	20
June	19	December	---

RES. # APPROVE JANUARY ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, 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 the following claims of vouchers for the January, 2012.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1-41,86	\$172,621.85
General	88-153	\$103,747.44
	General Total	\$276,369.29
POLICE FORFEITURE		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	42	\$ 300.00
Part-Town	154	\$ 200.00
	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 500.00
PART TOWN		
Part Town Pre-Pay	43-55	\$213,240.05
Part Town	155	\$ 40.00
	Part Town Total	\$213,280.05
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	56-65	\$ 51,977.43
Highway	156-206	\$ 41,839.41
	Highway Total	\$ 93,816.84
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	66-78	\$ 18,582.59
Sewer	207-217	\$ 11,686.19
	Sewer Total	\$ 30,271.78
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. Pre-Pay	79-80	\$378,375.00
	Capital Proj. Total	\$378,375.00
CAPITAL PROJ. (H36)		
Capital Proj.	218-220	\$ 75,095.94
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 75,095.94
CAPITAL PROJ. (H37)		
Capital Proj. Pre-Pay	221	\$ 1,174.38
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 1,174.38
	Total for All Funds	\$1,068,883.28
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	81-87	\$245,570.50
	Trust & Agency Total	\$245,570.50

CORRESPONDENCE

Association of Towns

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of a letter from the Association of Towns and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor,

I am writing to encourage you to contact your representatives in Congress in support of HR 6603, the Local Officials Tax Relief Act of 2012.

The Local Officials Tax Relief Act is a bill developed by the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATAT) as part of their advocacy on behalf of Towns on the national level. The bill is designed to maintain the existing base of volunteers and community service oriented citizens that so many small units of local governments across the nation rely on to serve their communities. It exempts from Social security (FICA) taxes compensation, up to \$1,300.00, paid to elected or appointed members who serve on Boards or Commissions of their local government. The amount of compensation would still be reported as income for federal taxation purposes, and officials who receive more than \$1,300.00 would not be entitled to the exemption.

A grassroots letter writing campaign from constituents is the best way to get Congressional support for this bill. Accordingly, a copy of this bill, along with a letter in support, is available on the Association of Towns website, www.nytowns.org. Please personalize this letter as appropriate, and forward to your Congressional representatives. Your support of this measure is appreciated.

Should you have questions about this bill, please contact Michael Kenneally at the Association of Towns.

Kindest Regards,

G. Jeffrey Haber
Executive Director

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, February 13, 2012, 7:00pm
- No Workshop Scheduled for February (Assoc. of Towns Annual Meeting)
- Town Board Meeting, February 27, 2012, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm asked Ms. Vadney when the next meeting date for the Greater Coeymans Ravena Area Community Business Group is scheduled and whether or not she wanted to share some agenda items.

Ms. Vadney stated that the next meeting is February 9th and it will be at Ravena Grange and the agenda should be out within the next few days, which she will forward to the Town Board Members and the Supervisor. She added that the list of businesses is coming along very well and they are hoping to have Membership Forms at the next meeting as well as what you will receive as a member to entice and encourage membership. She went on by saying that the website will be an important part of it and they will be offering discounted prices for development of websites for businesses or individuals who want one and don't have it. She continued by saying that they will be discussing some issues that they had at the last Board Meeting about the Zoning and encouraging people to get involved by going on the website to obtain information and clarity on all of the different jargon that is being used so they can have a better understanding. She concluded by saying that she is waiting for recommendations on agenda items from the members.

Councilman Boehm stated that there is going to be a ribbon cutting for the Beverage Center on Rte. 9W in Ravenna and asked if she was aware of it.

Ms. Vadney stated that she was not aware of it and added that she had stopped there several times to talk to the owner.

Collectively the Town Board discussed the invitation received by e-mail and the date, which was February 4th.

Ms. Vadney stated that she will stop by.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that the newly elected County Executive was in Town earlier in the day and was at Stanton's Farm and continued by saying that there is FEMA money available to farmers who lost feed during Hurricane Irene and anyone who thinks they might be eligible, he would encourage to call the County Executive's Office.

Supervisor Flach stated that he had one last item and added that he has been working with a small committee on a project like the cats in Catskill and added that they want the Town of Coeymans to have trains in the Town of Coeymans and continued by saying that it would be basically artists painting a train, which would be in the Village and along the 9W corridor. He went on by saying that it is a nice community project and what normally happens is that businesses sponsor to have a train and they will be contacted by the committee, which will be done jointly with the Village of Ravenna. He concluded by saying that it will make the community a nicer place and it will bring people together and bring people to the streets in the Town and Village and income into the Town.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:46

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following the Town Board Meeting, the full Town Board was present as well as Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and Attorney Larry Farbstein and his son. Discussion ensued, no formal action was taken.

Time – 9:10pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order immediately following Executive Session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
January 23, 2012 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00PM**

14

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

Time – 9:11pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk