

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, February 27, 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 record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Presentation
 - Lafarge Plant Modernization, John Reagan
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, February 13, 2012
- Supervisor's Report – January 2012
- Department Reports
 - Sewer Department, December
 - Town Clerk, December
- Old Business
 - Bower's Lease
- New Business
 - Request by Chief Operator to Attend Training
 - Request by Chief Operator to Attend Training
 - Request by Chief Operator to Attend Training
- Resolutions
 - Authorization to Sign NYS DEC Order on Consent & Issue Payment
 - Appoint Clerk to Justice Court
 - Budget Amendment (Police)
 - Budget Amendment (Leachate)
 - Budget Amendment (Lease Income)
 - Transfer of Funds
 - Approval of February 2012 Abstract
- Correspondence
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Meeting, March 12, 2012, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, March 20, 2012, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, March 26, 2012, 7:00pm
- Adjournment

PRESENTATION

Lafarge Plant Modernization – John Reagan

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. John Reagan was present from Lafarge to give a presentation on the plant modernization and added that they appreciate him taking the time to do it.

Mr. John Reagan introduced himself as the Environmental Manager at the Lafarge Ravena plant and that he appreciated the opportunity to come before the Town Board, which is the first time this year and he will continue to update them as the project moves along. He added that he would be talking about the Ravena plant and the proposed Modernization Project, which is moving from the proposal stage to the actual building stage and it is an exciting time for them. He went on by saying that Lafarge is a world leader in building materials and operates in over 70 countries with close to 70,000 employees and operates principally in three different product lines with one of them being gypsum, which is the sheet rock that people have in their homes, another is an aggregate and concrete division, which is crushed stone and concrete products and a cement division, which is the Ravena plant. He added that they are well represented by all three divisions in New York State and south of them in Buchanan there is a gypsum wall board plant, in western New York there are a number of aggregates, quarries and the plant in Ravena, which has been in operation since 1962 and this is the 50th year of operation. He went on by saying that the plant in Ravena was built for two very important reasons and there are two very important natural resources, which is the high quality lime stone and the access to be able to ship their product on the Hudson River to cement terminals up and down the Atlantic Coast and their current plant has the capacity to manufacture 1.8 million tons of cement per year, with most of the product being shipped to Boston, New York City, Bayonne, Baltimore and Norfolk and their principal customers are up and down the coast. He added that a couple of recent projects that they are proud to be part of is that their cement is going into the rebuilding of the Trade Center as well as their cement being in the Chip Fabrication Plant in Malta and their cement is high quality and they get rewarded by it being used in very important projects. He continued by showing a picture of the existing plant in the Town of Coeymans and explained that in the foreground there are a number of piles and equipment, which is Callanan Industries who until recently operated a aggregate crushed stone operation and they received limestone from their quarry. He went on by saying that in the background is the main manufacturing plant and to the west across 9W is where the quarry is located and the conveyor belt leads down to the wharf on the Hudson River where they ship most of their product. He continued by showing an artists rendition of what the proposed modernized plant is going to look like and the premise behind the project is that they are going to replace two long wet kilns and build one short kiln with a pre-heater, pre-calciner and the main purpose behind it is energy efficiency and it will be a much more efficient plant with one small kiln and the maximum capacity will be 2.8 million tons per year compared to 1.8 million tons a year, replacing two larger pieces of equipment. He added that they are replacing an old, outdated 1960 system with a modern system and some of the benefits are that it increases energy efficiency and fuel is a huge cost to them and they will be able to make the same amount of product using 50% less fuel per ton of product that they produce and reiterated that it is a much more energy efficient plant. He continued by saying that some of the other benefits is that this plant will be equipped with the most state-of-the-art pollution reduction equipment and there will be significant improvements in air quality and the new facility will enable them to be competitive in the world marketplace in cement because they face strong competition from exporters trying to import cement into our markets and in addition to that it will protect the jobs that they have at the plant and have estimated that during the construction of the plant there will be up to 800 temporary construction jobs generated, which will bring approximately 170 million dollars of earnings into the regional economy. He continued by showing a picture of the limestone quarry and reiterated that the main reason they are going to build a new plant in Ravena is that there is an excellent reserve of high quality limestone and they are not proposing any changes to the quarry operation. He then referred to a picture of a big hole in the ground and stated that it is what happens when they are finished mining a certain area of the quarry and they place backfill, plant trees and try to restore it to its natural condition, which is something that they undertake every year and it is 5-7 acres of

land per year that they reclaim and restore. He went on by showing a picture of a projected rendition, about 50 years in the future, of what the quarry will look like with a series of lakes and trees and it is graded, which could be used for recreational use, almost like a park. He then showed some pictures of the cement storage silos and the conveyor belt that crosses under the thruway and then across Rt. 144 down to the wharf and the barges that ship their product and added that they are not proposing any changes to this part of the new project. He continued by showing a picture of the inside of their mill room, which is where they take limestone and grind it into smaller crushed limestone and it is a part of the facility that they are changing and then showed a picture of the two long wet kilns and slurry storage basins, which will all be replaced, including the stack and it will be demolished at the end of the construction project. He then showed an overhead picture of the plant and said that in the foreground there is Callanan and if you driven by the plant lately you noticed that their equipment is not there anymore and he believes that it was moved to their South Bethlehem location, which will make room for them to build the new plant and have plenty of area to store construction materials during the construction portion of the project. He continued by showing some pictures of what they are changing and explained that raw milling is a step in their process now where they crush limestone, add water and additives and the new process will not use water but they will still have to crush limestone and the diagram shows what the new equipment will look like, which is replacing two raw mills with one much more efficient raw mill. He then showed a picture of their slurry basin, which is crushed limestone and water and is a very thick, cake mix kind of material and reiterated that they won't be using water anymore and they will have a ground limestone powder, which will be stored in a different type of silo so instead of pumping a wet material they will be blowing pneumatically a dry powder into their system. He went on by showing a picture of the inside of one of the kilns, which are 600 feet long and 20 feet in diameter, which is a pretty big cylinder and hanging down is a chain, which is a big, thick, heavy steel chain and it was the technology back in the 60's for transferring heat and they have a lot of heat at one end of the kiln and wet slurry at the other end of the kiln and the chain flops around in the kiln and transfers the heat into the slurry. He added that the new technology uses the cyclone and will capture heat from the kiln and the hot gas will be mixed with the dry powder and it will serve to preheat the powder before it even goes into the kiln. He then showed a diagram of what it will look like, which is 5 cyclones stacked one on top of the other, which is called a five-stage pre-heater, pre-calciner tower and the heat that comes out of the short dry kiln will be captured and mixed with the crushed limestone, then pass through the cyclone, which will heat the material from the ambient temperature to 1000 degrees in about 10 seconds it drops down through the tower, which is the technology that enables the process to use 50% less fuel per ton of product. He continued by saying that it will be a big structure and will be in the neighborhood of 500 feet tall, compared to the current stack that is about 350 feet tall and added that they will be taking down the current big stack but will be putting up another big structure. He added that he would be showing an short 2-3 minute, animated video of how a new cement plant operates and it was made on a plant that Lafarge built in British Columbia and the only difference in what they are proposing to build is the source of the limestone, which they bring into their facility on a barge and they have a conveyor belt that comes across Rt. 9W, which brings the limestone from the quarry and continued by saying that other than that, the process should be identical. At the conclusion of the video he added that they began the whole process of permitting the facility back in 2008 and it took three years to obtain the permits, which they were happy to receive the middle of last year, and the remainder of 2011 consisted of designing the facility and the procurement of equipment and construction began last fall, which will continue this year and is what they call site grading and drainage. He added that they are not actually building anything yet and they are demolishing structures, leveling the land, rerouting electrical and water lines and installing storm water controls to prepare the site to build and you will not see much change this year and the other work that will be going on will be elsewhere such as equipment being procured and designed offsite and the real construction work should commence and you will see things rise up out of the ground in 2013 and they are targeting completion of the construction start-up sometime toward the end of 2014 with 2015 being the first full year of operation. He continued by saying that it is a pretty aggressive construction schedule and then showed an artists rendition of what the facility will look like at the completion of construction followed by a picture of what is going on at the location now, which was creation of a pond, which is a catch basin to collect storm

water to let the solids settle out so no turbid water is being discharged from the site, which is the kind of work that will be going on this year and added that the real action should start sometime next year. He concluded by saying that if anyone is interested in receiving information and updates on the project they have a website www.lafargeravenafacts.com, which they try to update frequently and they will post information on the project as they continue to work and then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to why the tower is 500 feet tall and if a function is for storage capacity or whether it has something to do with the height itself.

Mr. Regan stated that it houses the five cyclones that are arranged vertically, and it is the most energy efficient design, which allows them to use less fuel and in turn results in less emissions from the facility and the design is to make the process the most efficient.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is five separate things stacked on top of each other.

Mr. Reagan stated that essentially they are vertically stacked.

Councilman Dolan asked if this is what makes it energy efficient and if they were side by side if they would not be as energy efficient.

Mr. Reagan stated that was true because you would have to expend energy pumping material through it and there are problems when you pump horizontally instead of vertically.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is his understanding that other towers are going to be down into the ground a bit so they are not as visible.

Mr. Reagan stated that is correct and the base elevation on the 350 foot stack is about 100 feet higher than the base elevation of the tower and it's not actually 150 feet taller but rather 70-80 feet taller and added that it is a big structure.

Ms. Vadney from the audience inquired as to how much is underground.

Mr. Reagan stated that he did not know the answer but it is a big portion of it and there are a lot of foundations that have to go underground for support.

Ms. Vadney asked if what you would be seeing above ground is 375 feet.

Mr. Reagan stated that what he is saying is that the stack is located on a hill so the base of the tower is lower than the base of where the stack is.

Ms. Vadney stated that he had mentioned that there is only one other plant of this type in the world.

Mr. Reagan stated that was not true and added that this plants design is state-of-the-art now and there are other facilities with it and what they are going to have, at least in the United States is that the emission controls are going to be much more advanced than anyone has right now.

Ms. Vadney asked about the life span of the plant and whether or not it is known.

Mr. Reagan stated that the plants will last at least 50 years or more, depending on how much limestone you have.

Ms. Vadney asked if there have been any major issues with this type of plant that they have taken into consideration in the planning phases of this plant.

Mr. Reagan stated that he is not quite sure what she is asking.

Ms. Vadney asked if there are other safety precautions that are required for this type of plant that are not currently there.

Mr. Reagan stated that the equipment is much different and it will have to be maintained differently and there will be a big tall structure instead of a long horizontal structure and there are a lot of different design considerations.

Ms. Vadney stated that for her business group she would like additional information because around the community you hear all kinds of different things and as a preventative exercise they could maybe talk about those as far as what they are doing to prepare for this new venture and methodology.

Mr. Reagan stated that there will be an intensive training program for their employees because they will have to learn instead of 1960's technology there will be 21st century technology.

Ms. Vadney said that she is asking because of questions that some people have raised and added that she is sure that they are addressing this and it would be nice, and when they are ready and have a new Safety Plan Book, to meet with the business group for a presentation.

Mr. Reagan stated that he would be happy to come and talk to her group as well as put it on the website and update the Town Board.

The reporter from the News Herald stated that he had mentioned that there will be approximately 800 temporary construction jobs and continued by asking when it will be.

Mr. Reagan stated that it will not be this year and this year it will be a small group of people doing site work and added that the real heavy construction will not start until next year and it will ramp up and then ramp down as they get toward the end of the project.

She then asked how many are currently employed at Lafarge.

Mr. Reagan stated that there are about 150 people.

She continued by asking if they will all stay.

Mr. Reagan stated that the new plant is targeted to have 180 employees and last year at this time they had 180 employees but they had to lay-off because the economy is so bad but they hope to return to that level.

Ms. Starr Ross asked if going from a wet operation to a dry procedure will increase the increase the dust particles in the air.

Mr. Reagan stated that the particulate emission comes from the kiln operation and they have a technology called electrostatic precipitator, which collects most of the particulate and the new process will have a technology called a bag house, which will be even more efficient than what they have now and there will be less particulate emission. He added that he sees her point in wet vs. dry but most of the material once it is ground will be contained inside a silo or conveying tube of some sort.

Councilman Boehm asked if the people for the construction jobs will require temporary housing while working on site and whether they will be crews coming from other parts of the country or outside of the region.

Mr. Reagan stated that he would say that most of the building trades will come from the local area and it is typically what happens with large construction projects and they draw from people in the region to fulfill the need for whatever trade there is and they don't have big plans to import people from elsewhere.

Ms. Vadney inquired as to if there is a schedule for bidding.

Mr. Reagan stated that for the different phases of the project there will be contracts and requests for proposals but he does not know what the schedule is.

Ms. Vadney inquired as to how it will be advertised and whether it will be in the local newspaper so people will be aware of it.

Mr. Reagan stated that he does not know the answer and there is a construction group in Atlanta that will be letting the contracts and he can find out.

Ms. Vadney stated asked if he minded if she follows up on it.

Mr. Reagan stated that they will put some information on their website to address the question because he does not know the answer.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan thanked him for the opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she was from the Hamlet and continued by saying that she was reading on the agenda under resolutions that they will be authorizing a signature for the NYS DEC Order on Consent as well as issue payment of civil penalty and continued by saying as a taxpayer she wanted to know when the penalties took place and what they are.

Supervisor Flach stated that the penalties were due by February 3rd in the amount of \$11,000.00 if they didn't pay the initial \$2,500.00 and they gave the Town a certain time frame to get those in and they only had two weeks but there was a mess up on the date and it was sent back to the Town and they had to get it in and signed by a certain date. He added that there was a Board Meeting right around that time and he failed to put it on the agenda.

Ms. Pasquini stated that her question is what they are being fined for? She added that she read in the Times Union a couple of weeks ago about DEC and the Town of Coeymans but she is not sure of the specifics of why the Town is being fined.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would do the best that he could with what he has to work with and his limited scope of the sewer and added that there are percentages that they are allowed to have come into the plant and they are allowed so many thousands of gallons and during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, they had some overages come into the plant and it was one of the main problems that they had. He added that there was a manhole that had been plugged, which was unplugged but during the time that it was plugged, it was one of the issues that they cited the Town and there is a certain percentage of concentration of solids.

Town Attorney Wukitsch interjected that there are specific regulations that DEC has and they audit and examine the plant and if the plant is out of compliance they impose fines.

Ms. Pasquini asked if it all had to do with the Sewer Plant.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was mainly infiltration coming into the plant and 90% of it were things that they had already taken care of and in the meantime they had C.T. Male go with them to meet with DEC and he explained to DEC that they are a lot of things that were already taken care of and added that they will have to do a report and get it to them.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if there were any fines for the lagoon in the Hollow.

Supervisor Flach stated that there were not.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she heard that there were going to be fines for that as well as fines for some of the infrastructure.

Supervisor Flach stated that there were no fines or Order of Consent for the Leachate Plant on Jarvis Road and added that they have some done repairs within the last year or so. He reiterated that there was no issue with that and there are always updates that they need to do because the plant and Leachate facility are so old.

Ms. Pasquini asked if this is something recent or if it something from the past.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is from 2009 and 2010, which resulted from inspections and added that since then a lot of the things have been taken care of and added that they only inspect every so often and it is a process that they have to go through.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she thought it could not have come up out of nowhere and it had to be an ongoing thing for a while and since the taxpayers are paying for it, she was curious as to why it was not taken care of sooner. She added that she knows the he is new and does not know all the answers and was hoping that someone would have an idea why.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that it is an old plant and it sometimes does not perform up to the level that DEC regulations require and it is basically it in a nutshell and added that there are many other municipalities in the state that have the same kind of issues.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she knew and she had read in the paper about the infrastructure and there are a lot of town's having the same problems but it does not mean that they should let it go and wait to be fined.

Supervisor Flach stated that last year they spent almost \$400,000.00 on the Sewer Plant and they are trying without hurting themselves and the taxpayers to do what they can a little bit at a time each year. He added that there are some manholes that have to be taken care of and they are going to try to do those and it is a work in progress kind of thing because it is so expensive to do some of the repairs.

Ms. Pasquini stated that hopefully someday they will have a legitimate contract with the Village and they will be paying their share of the sewer.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are working on it and he thinks that they are doing ok and have been in contact with the Village over the Consent because they are part of it because it is a joint venture.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she is not trying to put the pressure on him because she knows that it is all new to him and added that it has been going on for quite a while with DEC and the fines and this is not the first time that the Town has been fined so they should try and stay ahead of things so they can avoid the fines.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Rick Touchette stated that he lives on Church Street in the Town of Coeymans and added that he is a member of the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association and continued by reading the following:

I am here tonight to voice support as did another member of our organization at the last meeting, of Local Laws 1 & 2 of 2011. It has been suggested that these laws were rushed through in December of 2011, when in fact, the impotence for these two laws goes back to at least 2006. One of the strategies of the Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted by the Town Board in 2006 is to strengthen the Town's Site Plan Review regulations so that all topographic and physical geography and existing environmental conditions are taken into consideration when evaluating new development proposals, to promote new

development that is consistent with the Town's goals and to assist the Town in conveying its design and form preferences to potential applicants. The Site Plan Review requirements could provide information to applicants on how the Town wants new development to look and relate to existing development. These laws endured broad support from the public and members of the Planning and Zoning Boards, in fact the Planning Board was active in drafting and promoting this legislation. Virtually identical laws are on the book of surrounding towns of Coxsackie, Bethlehem and Guilderland. I have not heard any persuasive or credible arguments for repealing these laws and therefore, I respectfully request that no action be taken to diminish or repeal these laws.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Vadney stated that she is there representing the Greater Coeymans Community Business Group and announced that for their next meeting they would like to invite all members of the community, whether a business or not, to join them on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00pm at the Ravena Hose Company on Main Street in Ravena. She continued by saying that they are moving forward with many initiatives and also wanted to say to the Supervisor that she has been in contact with the Building Department to obtain copies of State laws, which she had difficulty getting on her computer and she contacted Building Inspector Conrad earlier in the day and she believes that she will have them so they can initiate the meetings with their group as well as members of the Town Board that want to work with them on it. She went on by saying that on an individual basis and as a representative of their group she wanted to comment on Mr. Touchette's comments regarding Local Laws 1&2 and added that she finds it very unusual that in many of the meetings that she had gone to, references were made to documents from 2006 & 2007 and upon her limited review of them she finds that not much has been done since that time, which has caused many of them in the business community to doubt and question the activities of the Town in regard to encouragement of businesses and members of the community in inviting new members and residential individuals, to move to our community because of the lack of implementation of many aspects of those plans. She continued by saying that she can only assume, and she hates to assume anything, that the plans were not implemented because the community may not have been behind them or maybe there wasn't money, which she does not know for sure because she had not been involved, but she does know that they were not implemented and she knows that the Town has had fewer individuals living here as a result of the economy and also as a result of the laws of the Town. She added that she does not think that Mr. Touchette as well as other individuals who previously were on the Board are very much aware of the many different individuals who came to the Public Hearing and to the meetings after, to comment on the fact that they did not think that Local Laws 1 & 2 were going to be beneficial to the community and this is why their group has pursued to move forward with the Town to review the laws. She went on by saying that many other communities may have similar laws but on the same hand those communities have far more businesses coming into their community and are doing much better and the Town's census went down, which should leave no doubt in their mind that something is going on that they need to address in our community. She concluded by saying that it is their hope as a group and on an individual basis as a business owner of the Town that they can make the laws better and improve them so that they can encourage more people to take a look at the Town of Coeymans and look at what it has to offer and she hopes that the Town will continue to work with their group to review the laws and make them better.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on February 13, 2012 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

January 2012

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$130,548.02	\$2,120,401.09	\$542,188.76	\$1,708,760.35
Part-Town	\$315,768.73	\$ 432,354.74	\$228,819.62	\$ 519,303.85
Highway	\$ 50,601.48	\$ 201,289.45	\$150,498.40	\$ 101,392.53
Bridge Const.	\$ 90,052.93	\$ 29.62	-0-	\$ 90,082.55
Sewer	\$129,363.83	\$ 40,212.96	\$ 53,108.73	\$ 116,468.06
Special Water	\$ 5,339.58	\$.23	-0-	\$ 5,339.81
Police Forf.	\$ 15,862.86	\$ 1.34	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 14,664.20
Comm. Tower	\$ 1,812.58	\$ 1,000.14	-0-	\$ 2,812.72
Trust & Agency	\$ 14,721.22	\$ 231,779.01	\$234,166.38	\$ 12,333.85
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$110,562.01	\$ 425,041.43	\$454,645.32	\$ 80,958.12
Section 8 HUD	\$ 97,011.99	\$ 36,748.18	\$ 45,928.91	\$ 87,831.26
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,739,947.30

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 702.34
Grove Cemetery	\$40,882.62
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,399.16
Sewer-Dedicated	<u>\$ 6,328.95</u>
Total	\$62,313.07

**COLLATERAL
COVERAGE**

Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$3,538,482.38
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 754,733.48

FDIC

COLLATERALIZED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, accepting the report as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – January 2012

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 Boehm, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – January 2012

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 – January 2012

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk 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

Supervisor Flach stated that there were no Old Business topics for discussion.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to bring up something under Old Business and added that they still have a couple of outstanding issues with the Village regarding sewer and he thinks that they should resolve them sooner rather than later, such as setting the sewer rates and making the adjustment at the Leachate Plant as well as responding to a letter that the Village sent regarding postage.

Supervisor Flach stated that he had spoken with the Mayor and advised of the adjustment for the Leachate and added that they discussed the postage but it needs to be looked at again.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks that they should send them whatever the answer shall be.

Train Festival

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to give an update on the Train Revitalization Program “Trackin’ through the RC Station”, which is a Revitalization Celebration for 2012 and continued by reading the following.

“Have you seen the painted cats in Catskill, the horses in Saratoga or the painted bears in Cairo? These beautiful sculptures created by artists and sponsored by local community businesses bring new people into the community, as well as unite the residents. The Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena (RC) have formed a committee that is excited to introduce a venture, “Trackin’ through the RC Station”. This venture is based on our community’s historic railroad heritage. To celebrate this heritage we have chosen locomotive sculptures to be painted by various artists and proudly displayed throughout the community during the summer months.”

Supervisor Flach stated that additional information is available for anyone interested and continued by reading the following:

“We are teaming up with the Hopeful Life Center; (a not-for-profit, bringing clothing, furniture and food to lower income families in our community) located in Faith Plaza, for this year 2012. The trains will be out June through September. At the end of the summer, we would like to have a Train Festival to further the heritage of our Town and Village. The trains will be auctioned off at the end of summer and proceeds will go to children and Youth Programs in our Village and Town, as well as the Hopeful Life Center. We are grateful for our community, and appreciate the enthusiasm that is being shown for this project. We believe it will bring people in and give the people of Ravena & Coeymans a sense of community spirit.”

Supervisor Flach stated anyone with additional questions should feel free to call his office.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Chief Operator to Attend Training – NEIWPCCC Seminar, Request for Chief Operator to Attend Training – Underground Safety & Request for Code Enforcement Officers to Attend Training – NYSBO Training Conference

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a request for Chief Operator Breedlove to attend the NEIWPCCC Seminar as well as attending an Underground Safety Event. He added that in addition to that there is a request from the Code Enforcement Officers to attend NYSOB training. He continued by saying that the Chief Operator and Code Enforcement Officers need to have a required amount of education during the year.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion for the request for the Chief Operator to attend the NEIWPCCC Seminar.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Masti, authorizing the Chief Operator to attend the training in the amount of \$170.00 as well as be reimbursed for the mileage. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilwoman Rogers go over the request for the Chief Operator to attend the Underground Safety Event.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by reading the following:

To: Town Board
From: Lawrence Breedlove, Chief Operator
Subject: Safety Training

I would like to request approval for the Sewer Department to attend New York's Most Important Underground Safety Event. This safety training is being hosted by Dig Safely, New York, "Call Before You Dig". I have attached a copy of the brochure.

The seminar is being held on March 29, 2012 in Albany. There is no cost for this training seminar. Operator contact hours will be available to all attendees.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion for the Chief Operator to attend the Underground Safety Event.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Masti, authorizing the Chief Operator to attend the Underground Safety Event.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Boehm go over the request for the Building Inspectors to attend the NYSBOC Seminar.

Councilman Boehm continued by reading the following:

To: Supervisor Flach and Town Board Members
From: Laverne H. Conrad, Building Inspector, C.E.O.
Subject: NYSBOC Seminar

Sandy DeBacco and I are requesting the Town Board's approval to attend the 2012 Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference, a training seminar sponsored by New York State Building Officials Conference. It will be held at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center & Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; April 18th, 19th & 20th, 2012. This program will give us (18) eighteen credit hours of certified In-Service Training for Code Officials. The cost of the training is \$285.00 per person.

Should the Board Members have any questions, I would be happy to respond at your convenience.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion authorizing the Building Inspectors to attend the NYSBOC Seminar.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Building Inspectors to attend the NYSBOC Seminar in the amount of \$285.00 per person

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. 46-12 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NYS DEC ORDER ON CONSENT & ISSUE CHECK FOR PAYMENT OF CIVIL PENALTY

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

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation served upon the Town of Coeymans an Order on Consent as a settlement of violations of Environmental

Conservation Law, Article 17 and applicable regulations concerning the Waste Water Treatment Facility, and

WHEREAS, the Order would have been withdrawn as settlement on February 3, 2012, unless signed Order and payment of \$2,500.00 were received, and

WHEREAS, the Order indicates that the balance of the penalty (\$9,000.00) would be suspended upon timely compliance with the requirements of the order,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to sign the Order on Consent and issue payment of \$2,500.00 for the civil penalty as stated in the Order.

RES. #47-12 APPOINT CLERK TO THE JUSTICE COURT

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

WHEREAS, Justice Crandall is desirous of part-time assistance to maintain staffing levels and service to the office, and

WHEREAS, the Justice has publicly advertised and received a number of applications, and

WHEREAS, a candidate has been selected who he has determined to have the necessary qualifications for the position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Mary E. Rosato to the position of part-time Clerk to the Justice, at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective March 5, 2012.

RES. #48-12 BUDGET AMENDMENT – POLICE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has adopted the 2012 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans included line item A2701 incorrectly labeled Police Forfeitures, and

WHEREAS, the correct name of this account should be Refund of Prior Year Expenditures, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no properly titled Line Item for Police Forfeitures, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no line item for Police Forfeiture Contractual, and one needs to be created,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the following amendments to the 2012 Adopted Budget as follows:

Line Item A2701 Refund of Prior Year Expenditures
Line Item A2626 Police Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds, Restricted
Line Item A3197.4 Police Forfeiture Contractual

RES. #49-12 BUDGET AMENDMENT – LEACHATE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has adopted the 2012 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Budget did not include line items for Sewer Department SS8120.1, SS8120.4 and SS8120.8, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is required to create a budget for the source and use of these funds, and

WHEREAS, there currently is a line item SS8120.5 containing the funds which can be broken down to specify the use of these funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the following amendment to the 2012 Budget as follows:

Decrease Collection System	SS8120.5	\$18,338.00
Increase Expenditure Code (Pers. Service)	SS8120.1	\$ 2,945.00
Increase Expenditure Code (Contractual)	SS8120.4	\$14,087.00
Increase Expenditure Code (Other Emp. Ben.)	SS8120.8	\$ 1,306.00

RES. #50-12 BUDGET AMENDMENT – LEASE INCOME

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is receiving lease income from J&S Towers, and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Budget did not include receiving these monies, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is required to create a budget for the source and use of these funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the following amendments to the 2012 Budget as follows:

Increase Revenue Code	A2440	\$24,000.00
Increase Expenditure Code	A1650.4	\$24,000.00

RES. #51-12 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the following accounts was not funded in the 2012 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the attic insulation project for Town hall needed to be completed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach, to transfer the following amounts to the respective funds for the 2012 Budget:

GENERAL FUND – (A)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$735.00	A1620.4 Town Hall (Contractual)	A1620.1 Town Hall (Personal Services)

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if it is for the insulation for after the roof was finished.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is and Mr. Teriele finished putting in the insulation.

RES. #52-12 APPROVE FEBRUARY 2012 ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Masti, 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 February, 2012.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	222-302	\$1,259,542.01
General	371-432	\$ 31,532.57
	General Total	\$1,291,074.58
GROVE CEMETERY		
Grove Cemetery Pre-Pay	303	\$ 35.16
	Grove Cemetery Total	\$ 35.16
PART TOWN		
Part Town Pre-Pay	304-322	\$ 49,484.80
Part Town	433-439	\$ 2,301.16
	Part Town Total	\$ 51,785.96
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	323-337	\$ 112,640.90
Highway	440-490	\$ 14,521.25
	Highway Total	\$ 127,162.15
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	338-361	\$ 50,305.25
Sewer	491-512	\$ 11,665.57
	Sewer Total	\$ 61,970.82
CAPITAL PROJ. (H36)		
Cap Proj. Sewer	513-515	\$ 14,835.93
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 14,835.93
CAPITAL PROJ. (H37)		
Cap Proj. Sewer	516	\$ 82.56
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 82.56
	Total for All Funds	\$1,546,947.16
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	362-370	\$ 301,310.57
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$ 301,310.57

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Flach stated that there were no correspondence at this time and continued by asking the Town Board if they had anything, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank Mr. John Reagan from Lafarge for doing a presentation, which was a great update on a long continuing process and added that he wanted to thank him for his time in bringing them up to date.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Councilman Dolan stated that a member of the audience, Carlos, lives along Laura Lane and they had spoken about a barrier between Laura Lane and the thruway and Councilman Boehm had spoken to someone at the Thruway Authority about it.

Councilman Boehm stated that the explanation that he was given is that the barriers are being placed because of the expansion of the third lane between exits 23 & 24 and since they are expanding the road, they are affecting the existing houses. He added that the thruway down in the southern part were already there so at this time they are not considering placing barriers for housing developments south of exit 23.

Councilman Dolan stated that as an update to that, he spoke with the Mayor about it and in turn he called someone that he knew in the Thruway Authority and he was advised the same thing but if the community was interested in doing a petition drive they would entertain that. He continued by saying that at first he was going to recommend that they forward it to the Thruway Authority but since it is in the Village, he thinks that the Mayor should do it and in whatever way they can, the Town should support the Mayor and the Village.

Ms. Vadney asked what they would be supporting and whether it would be the concrete columns and then asked why they would do that instead of planting pine trees as a barrier, which would be much more cost effective.

Mr. Carlo di Oliveira stated that he lives on Laura Lane and added that he speaks for most of his neighbors in that area and what Councilman Boehm had said is correct and the reason that they built the walls north between exit 23 & 24 is because when they modified the highway, federal funding was available for the towns to construct the structures for air pollution purposes. He added that in their case, federal funding is not available because there is not a disturbance or expansion of the highway but all of residents on Laura Lane are troubled with the pollution in the air from the thruway as well as noise pollution and they can't even open their windows in the summer because of the dust and noise. He continued by saying that they don't care how it is done and they don't need a wall but they would like to see if there is any way to address the problem and they would be fine with planting trees but the noise and pollution should be addressed somehow by the Town and the Village, which is their position. He concluded by saying that he spoke with Councilman Dolan and he was very welcoming an open to that possibility and he is present to see if there is anything that the Town can help in the effort.

Ms. Vadney stated that she has several friends that live along the thruway with the same problems and they planted trees that cost around \$20.00 that grew very quickly and within 2-3 years the noise from the thruway was pretty much gone and it also would improve the air quality. She continued by saying that she did that on their own and maybe there would be some kind of grant that could assist if a group of people get together and

added that you can get three trees from the co-op certain times of the year as well as a forestry organization that you can also get trees from.

Councilman Dolan stated that his point in bringing it up is to acknowledge that the resident on that lane would like any assistance that they can get from the Town and Councilman Boehm did contact the Thruway Authority regarding it and he spoke with the Mayor and they will continue with it and get back to Mr. de Oliveira.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, March 12, 2012, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, March 20, 2012, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 26, 2012, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he is leaving the original lease with Maria Bowers with the Town.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he received a call from the FEMA representative relative to Hurricane Irene and they are assigning the Town new representatives and they should be coming next week to draw up the PW's in addition to asking for three documents, which he has to get for him, the Town's two union contracts and the Town's insurance binder and once he gets that to them, they will assign someone to the Town and hopefully there will be some checks in the mail soon. He continued by saying that he wanted to announce and it will be in the newspaper that the Court has a new magnetometer and it will start being in use this coming Thursday.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked who will be operating it.

Chief Darlington stated that it will be two police officers that were trained through the Office of Court Administration and added that he along with two other officers were trained and as a result of some incidents that are happening throughout the state, it was highly recommended that it be installed. He continued by saying that the Court entrance door will be locked and for anyone that is handicapped and needs access will have to knock on the door and an officer will escort them in to be scanned. He went on by saying that he had mentioned at the last meeting the \$10,000.00 for the IT items and he had spoke with the DA, who is waiting for the paperwork, which he got earlier in the day as well as during negotiations with their office they are willing to fund some of the equipment that they had budgeted for this year and hopefully at the next meeting he will be announcing some additional funding that they will be receiving from the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

Councilman Dolan asked if the scanner will be used just during court.

Chief Darlington stated that was correct and anyone coming to do other Town business will be required to go through it.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk