

A Town Board Meeting was held March 14, 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
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious, Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering.

AGENDA

- Presentation
 - Proclamation for National Eye Donor Month
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, February 14, 2011
 - Town Board Meeting, February 28, 2011
 - Joint Town Board, R-C-S School Board Meeting, March 1, 2011
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Request for Sewer Treatment Plant Operator to Attend Training
 - I.T.S. Professional Services Agreement for 2011
- Resolutions
 - Appoint Seasonal Laborer
 - Amend February 2011 Abstract
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, March 22, 2011, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, March 28, 2011, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, April 11, 2011, 7:00pm

PROCLAMATION

National Eye Donor Month

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would be presenting a Proclamation and continued by reading the following.

WHEREAS, the first National Eye Donor Month was declared by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, and

WHEREAS, one of our most important senses is that of sight and restoration of this sense to those not so endowed is the goal of the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. and

WHEREAS, the Eye Bank in this area is supported by the Lions Club, a member of the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Sight Society of Northeastern New York Inc., seeks to raise awareness of the need for cornea, tissue and organ donation, and

WHEREAS, Lions Eye Bank of Albany treats over 5,000 children and 30,000 adults every year, and

WHEREAS, the success of the Eye Bank Program is dependent on eye donors, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to urge our community to consider participation in the Eye Donor Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, proclaims the month of March as “Eye Donor Month” in the Town of Coeymans for the year 2011.

James C. Youmans, Supervisor
Town of Coeymans
Dated 03-14-11

Supervisor Youmans presented the Proclamation to Mr. Pat and Ms. Patricia Downes and continued by saying that he would urge all watching or reading about it to consider tissue and organ donation.

Ms. Downes stated that on behalf of the Lions Club she wanted to thank them for recognizing Eye and Tissue Donor Month and added that the Club wanted to encourage people to become tissue and eye donors. She added that she also wanted to remind people of the work that they do as a club within the area such as providing eye glasses to people in need and support eye and ear exams and went on by saying that they appreciate the support the Town has given them over the past 50 years and they look forward to working in conjunction with the community as they move forward.

Councilman Boehm asked who someone wishing to get involved with the Lions Club, should get in contact with locally.

Ms. Downes stated that they can contact any member and Pat Downes number is 756-2879 and he can give information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that she watched a School Board Meeting on March 1st and they passed a resolution that they were jointly with the R-C-S School Board going to enter into a venture for \$12,500.00. She continued by saying that she believes that it has something to do with Lafarge and then asked for an explanation.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he could explain and thanked her for asking. He continued by saying that Lafarge is seeking a P.I.L.O.T. Agreement, which stands for payment in lieu of taxes, and it boils down to is, as Lafarge prepares to spend in excess of 300 millions dollars to upgrade their facility, they have some concern with their assessment going forward. He added that they are concerned that the Town could come in and say that they just invested 300 million dollars and in turn raise their assessment 300 million dollars and they need to know going forward to fit their business model, what they can anticipate paying in taxes. He went on by saying that he has had some meetings with representation from Lafarge and they assure the Town that they are certainly not looking to pay any less going forward but rather they need to know going forward over

the next 20 years what their tax liability will be and a way that a company has to do that, is they can enter into a P.I.L.O.T. Agreement where it is laid out and agreed upon as to what their tax liability will be going forward. He added that the School District is also a taxing entity in this town and where the Town collects approximately \$2.90 cents per thousand, the School collects approximately \$18.00, so they are going to be impacted by whatever agreement is reached with Lafarge and this is why they felt it was important to bring them to the table for the discussions as well. He continued by saying that during a meeting with Mr. Teplesky, the Superintendent of Schools, the Town had their representation, Mr. Farbstein who is a Commercial/Industrial Property Valuation expert and Mr. Teplesky was impressed with him and indicated that they wanted him to represent the School District as well and in turn came to an agreement that they would split the cost for the representation.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if it is a 20 year plan for them.

Supervisor Youmans stated that so far the discussion has centered around as to whether or not the taxing entities would be cooperative in a P.I.L.O.T. Program and the next step would be negotiating the actual details of such a thing. He added that it is very complex and this is why the Town has Mr. Farbstein as their representation.

Ms. Pasquini thanked the Board.

Mr. Pat Downes stated that the Town of Coeymans has worked well over 25 years with Mr. Farbstein and when he was an Assessor he did a lot of work with him on the cement plant. He added that he is very familiar with the needs of the Town of Coeymans and in his capacity throughout the State of New York he knows how to set the rates on industrial properties and concluded by saying that they have made a fine choice in working with Mr. Farbstein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on February 14th, a Town Board Meeting on February 28th and a Joint Town Board, R-C-S School Board Meeting on March 1st. He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Minutes were approved.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator to Attend Seminar

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for a Sewer Treatment Plant Operator to attend training and continued by reading the following:

John Lennon has requested approval to attend the NYRWA Wastewater Training Session, Simple Microscope Applications. It is being held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in Lake Luzerne. This is a very good seminar that all Operators should attend. I would like to request approval for John Lennon to attend and to use the Sewer Department truck.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there would not be a mileage and there is a fee of \$20.00 involved.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Operator Lennon to attend the seminar on April 12th in Lake Luzerne for a fee of \$20.00 as well as authorizing use of the Sewer Department Truck.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Intelligent Technology Solutions Inc. Professional Services Agreement

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for the Supervisor to sign a 2011 Professional Services Agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions and added that for anyone unaware, some time ago the Board retained I.T.S. from Coxsackie to be the Town's IT provider. He added that they have been very satisfied with the services that they have received and they would like to continue and then asked for a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Coeymans and I.T.S. for the year 2011.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to comment on the first resolution and added that it has been an ongoing practice that the Beautification Department has had Seasonal Laborer, Richard Hotaling and continued by saying that he has been a big asset to that Department and helps with the busy time of mowing the cemeteries and such. He concluded by saying that it is not a new appointment and he does not want people to think that they are hiring a new employee but rather bringing him back for another season.

RES. #45-11 APPOINT SEASONAL LABORER

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

WHEREAS, the Beautification Department is desirous of hiring a Laborer to assist in maintaining the parks, cemeteries and Municipal Building of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Budget was approved for a reduced funding for the position of Laborer in Community Beautification, allowing a seasonal appointment from April 1 to September 30,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Richard D. Hotaling as Seasonal Laborer, effective April 4th through September 29, 2011 at the hourly rate of \$14.50.

Supervisor Youmans welcomed Mr. Hotaling back.

RES. #46-11 AMEND FEBRUARY 2011 ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby amend the following claims of vouchers for the February 2011 Abstract as **indicated in red**.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	228-299	\$1,537,155.16
General	361-417,419-420,506-508	\$ 990,213.16
	General Total	\$1,636,178.32
POLICE FORFEITURE		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	300	\$ 430.00
	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 430.00
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	301-317	\$ 424,924.46
Part-Town	421-426	\$ 932.24
	Part Town Total	\$ 425,856.70
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	318-330	\$ 85,039.53
Highway	427-482,509-510	\$ 43,653.33
	Highway Total	\$ 128,692.86
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	331-349	\$ 237,324.97
Sewer	483-501,511	\$ 6,869.09
	Sewer Total	\$ 244,194.06
SPECIAL WATER (SW)		
Special Water Pre-Pay	350	\$ 4,712.95
	Special Water Total	\$ 4,712.95
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. Sewer Pre-Pay	351	\$ 65,203.00
Capital Projects	502-505	\$ 136,593.93
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 201,796.93
	Total For All Funds	\$2,641,861.82
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	352-360	\$ 233,344.40
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$ 233,344.40

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to mention that earlier in the day her office sent out Property Tax Reminders, which is required and added that she collects until the end of March and has to settle by April 15th with the County. She continued by saying that people should call the County for information after that date and before anyone goes up there to make sure that she has taken her books and settled.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Chief Darlington stated that the Police Athletic League will be hosting a Basketball Free Throw Competition, Saturday April 19th at 9:00am at the R-C-S Senior High for ages 7-18 and you can sign up Saturday morning. He added that there will be prizes as well as all participants receiving a free t-shirt from Olympia Sports.

Supervisor Youmans stated that on behalf of the Board he would like to say that it is great to get that off the ground and he knows that alot has gone into it at this point and then asked that Chief Darlington thank the Officers involved for their work on that.

Chief Darlington stated that the Board members are welcome to attend.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he would like to be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they can do that and continued by asking if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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: 7:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk