

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, April 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
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

OPENING COMMENT

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

AGENDA

- Public Announcement
 - Electronic Recycling, April 25, 2012
 - RCS Community Wellness Walk, May 12, 2012
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, March 26, 2012
 - Town Board Meeting, April 9, 2012
 - Town Board Workshop, April 17, 2012
- Supervisor's Report – March 2012
- Department Reports
 - Building Department, March, 2012
 - Sewer Department, March, 2012
 - Town Clerk, March, 2012
- Old Business
 - Correction to Establish Public Hearing Date, Proposed Local Law #1-12
 - Authorization to Sign Contract with Towski & Co. to Perform Audit on Town of Coeymans Public Housing Agency for Year Ended 2011
- New Business
 - RCS Community Library
 - Safety/Workplace Violence Committee
 - Mid-Hudson Cable Franchise Renewal
 - Solar Lights for Town Flag Poles
 - Joralemon Park, Disc Golf Course Improvements
 - Resignation of Confidential Secretary
- Resolutions
 - Approve April Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Public Hearing, May 14, 2012, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 14, 2012, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, May 21, 2012, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 29, 2012, 7:00pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Electronic Recycling Day

Supervisor Flach read the following:

I'd like to remind everyone about the free electronic recycling pickup that will be held on Wednesday, April 25, at the Beautification Department building at 70 South Main Street, Coeymans, from 7:00am – 3:00pm.

Detailed information has been posted on the website along with a complete list of items that can be accepted.

There will also be a Lions Club sponsored collection box for cell phones.

R-C-S Community Wellness Walk

Supervisor Flach read the following:

To create awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle to the people of the community, the RCS Wellness Committee, along with the students, are holding a wellness walk.

The event will take place at Joralemon Park on Saturday, May 12, from 1:00 to 5:00pm.

Medication Disposal

Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Dolan had an announcement for the public.

Councilman Dolan stated that he has a big public announcement and continued by reading the following:

Got drugs? Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal, Saturday, April 28, 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

He continued by saying that it is for prescribed medication that you would like to get rid of safely and it is sponsored by the DEA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time and asked that comments be kept within a few minutes timeframe so everyone can have an opportunity.

Mr. Rick Touchette stated that the last time the Town Board made a major change in the law, concerning land use, it was a 4-5 year process and it was the process that brought them to the Site Plan Review Law that was passed in December 2011 and it has now come to their attention that there is another land use change proposed for Section 138 about municipal waste. He continued by saying that it seems that this is slated for passage and approval in a very short period of time and some of them are very concerned and added that he wanted to read a petition that is being circulated throughout town. He continued by reading the following:

Article II of Chapter 138, Prohibition Against Waste Generated Outside of Town, was adopted in 1995 to protect Coeymans from the detrimental effects of the proposed Albany Landfill. The Legislative Declaration reads “A clean, wholesome, attractive environment is declared to be of importance to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Coeymans. It is further declared that importation of solid waste generated, from outside of the town to any site within the town is a hazard to such health, safety and welfare”.

The Coeymans Town Board proposes to amend this law to permit unspecified “recyclables” to be imported into Coeymans. This proposed amendment is poorly drafted, ambiguous, and conflicts with other provisions of the law and the Town of Coeymans Comprehensive Plan.

We, the undersigned, urge the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans to table this proposal for a minimum of 90 days, pending a thoughtful and comprehensive review of the potential adverse effects to traffic, safety, environment, infrastructure and quality of life of Town residents and surrounding communities. We urge the Town Board to include scheduled Community Workshops as an integral part of this process.

Mr. Touchette reiterated that the petition is circulating throughout town and they have received a number of signatures thus far and he will be in touch later.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Touchette and asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she is a resident of the Town of Coeymans and added that in 1995, as Mr. Touchette had noted, their Town fathers enacted Local Law #138 to protect the citizens of the Town of Coeymans, a community of 8,000, which includes the Village of Ravena and it was against the proposed Albany Land Fill. She continued by saying that to amend this law to accommodate the business venture of one businessman, no matter how responsible, it starts them down a very slippery slope.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Lawler and asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Cynthia Kunz stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and she wanted to speak about residential areas and putting a business or industry there, which is an issue that they have talked about, and it can work if they are good neighbors. She continued by saying that she has three strikes against it, which puts it out as far as she is concerned and added that the first strike is that she has lived in the Town since 1971 and has never had any flat tires until the last three months when she has had three flat tires on the car that goes in and out of Albany twice a day, strike two is the sleepless nights from the Port and earlier in the day she saw a truck and people out of the truck and traffic was backed up on Rte. 144 because there was debris in the road. She went on by saying that they pulled in her driveway and were removing box springs from the road, which happened because the truck was not tarped and straps must have given out and the height of it was into her Magnolia Tree that was planted by the former owner, Harry Niles at least 50-60 years ago and is irreplaceable. She continued by saying that the truck with the springs was in the branches of the tree and she went out and said that she was glad that they pulled off the road because it is dangerous and then asked if they knew that the springs were in her Magnolia Tree and she was told not to worry about it because they were not going to go forward but would be backing out and with that, out they went and she picked up all sorts of branches from her Magnolia Tree. She concluded by saying that a Recycling Center needs to have some considerations such as not accepting anything from a truck that is not loaded well and tarped and then asked if there is a way that they can not load the barges at night because people are trying to sleep, it does not seem fair and it's not being a good neighbor.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Kunz and then asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Jim Travers stated that he lives in the Village of Ravena and added that before he addresses Local Law 138, and their suggested changes, he would say that he supports a Recycling Center if the Town actually owned it, it was on Town property and limited to Town residents but this he cannot because it is a foolish change for several reasons. He continued by saying that the definition of solid waste is well defined by not only the Federal Government but also DEC and the change says that they want to change the definition of solid waste, which does not include recycled materials processed at an approved recycling facility and went on by saying that he was going to read the Board some of the definitions. He continued by reading the following: “Solid waste means any garbage, refuse, sludge from a wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility, and other discarded materials including, solid, liquid, semi-solid or containerized gaseous material resulting from industrial commercial mining

and agricultural operations and from community activities, and examples of solid waste are, waste tires, septage, scrap metal, latex paints, furniture, toys, domestic refuse, uncontaminated used oil and antifreeze, empty aerosol cans, paint cans, compressed gas cylinders, construction and demolition debris and asbestos.” He went on by saying that under definitions of what recyclables are it states “Recyclables handling and recovery facility means a solid waste processing facility, other than collection and transfer vehicles, at which nonputrescible recyclables are separated from the solid waste stream” He continued by saying that recyclables are a solid waste and you cannot change the definition of that and added that he would work with them and is an expertise on solid waste management and has been at for 18 years, which is when the City of Albany decided to purchase some land in the Town of Coeymans, as well as working with people across the country that operate recycling businesses and are experts in the field. He went on by saying that what Mr. Laraway is asking to do here seems to be almost skirting a law and he got a Construction and Demolition Debris Sorting Facility Permit because it was not to be a recycling facility, which has a more arduous environmental review. He continued by saying that he is not opposed to the operation but it is not what he would have liked and he would have liked to have seen a destination point for tourism but they chose industry, which robbed them of their waterfront and he would suggest that they not make the changes to the law but rather protect the Town. He added that the City of Albany is still looking to develop the land in the Town of Coeymans for a solid waste or treatment facility and it is not out of the question because their permit is still active and if they allow the solid waste, the solid waste that remains from the overflow has to be landfilled so the Town will have other garbage as Mr. Laraway admitted before the Town Board when he was trying to get his permit to operate the C&D Facility and reiterated that there will be a portion of municipal waste in the recycled material. He concluded by saying that if they allow it to happen, Albany’s project will move ahead and this town will never be the same.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Travers and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Keith Crossley stated that he lives near the Coeymans Landing near Councilman Dolan and added that in reference to Chapter 138 several things jumped out at him and added that he would just mention them and continued by saying that the Legislative Declaration states a clean, wholesome, attractive environment and he thinks that psychologists have proven that environment is equal to heredity as far as molding people as far as persona, outlook, & sometimes intelligence. He added that it can affect quality of life because of visual clutter and nearness of watersheds, streams, waters and rivers as well as health, safety and welfare being mentioned. He continued by saying that as far as safety and traffic, he does not believe that the roads were ever designed or engineered to sustain the volume of heavy truck traffic and most certainly not designed for an increase in the heavy volume of the truck traffic, the roads are too small and the trucks will tear up the roads. He added that even on bigger roads like the Thruway, when you drive on the right-hand side you hear clunk, clunk because the constant pounding of the trucks displacing the big slabs of concrete and Rte. 9W is in a little worse shape than Rte. 144 but with what is proposed, Rte. 144 will go down really fast. He continued by saying that Rte. 144 is a small two lane road that is hilly and curvy and the entrance and exit of the existing places now are not really accommodating to trucks and as they start up the hill there are 5-8 cars behind them going very slow and then they pick up speed, beyond the speed limit to make it up the next hill. He went on by saying that he would like to know what DOT thinks about the safety aspects of it and that they should table it until they have a chance to check into it thoroughly with a minimum of 90 days and they should contact people in the community to see if they really do have the support of the majority of the people and so far the few people that he has presented the petition to, 100% of them have signed it without an explanation.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Crossley and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Travers stated that he noticed a tractor trailer with Coeymans Recycling Center painted on it and then asked why it was allowed and then asked if he is operating a facility already and whether or not it is an illegal operation because it is being advertised and there is no permit for it. He added that he should be told that something needs to be put over the sign or it should be removed until such a time that the facility becomes a legal operation and there should be a cease and desist order if the operation is under way.

Mr. Keith Crossley stated that he wanted to add that weakening of the law would only invite Albany to renew efforts to establish the landfill here in Coeymans and in his opinion the law

should be changed or amended to strengthen and not weaken it and they should table any decisions until they have time for a thorough study.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Jim Hopkins stated that he is a resident of Coeymans and wanted to discuss Law 138 and added that with growth and industry they have to have some things that are going to come back to the community and with community involvement, which is the main theme because the residents of the Hamlet do not feel that the community has been involved to a degree to let them have their input and say they would accept some things as well as having a good neighbor policy with some restrictions such as not being a 24 hour operation. He added that the efforts to make money should not sacrifice the quality of the community as itself and the sportsman's piece of the striper run every year will be chased away if they open up industries and let them run freely with a possible waste disposal site, and if you open up those doors it shuts the community down. He concluded by saying that they have the riverfront to use for recreation, which is the piece that he thinks is missing.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Hopkins and asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that while they are speaking about health and safety with garbage and debris, she would like to know where the Town Board stands on the infrastructure of the Town where the sewer and the storm sewer are running together and whether or not they have moved on it because she noticed that on Colvin Avenue it smells terrible and it is not just storm water and when you go to the end of the cul-de-sac, you can actually see toilet coming out of where they rerouted it. She continued by asking where they stand with health and safety and if there has been any work done on the infrastructure or was it just part of their election spiel and now it's gone.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are now in the process of getting a couple of easements for the property to take care of that particular problem with the storm drain and the next thing that they need to do as a Board is make a resolution. He added that the main problem is between Blaisdell and Colvin Avenues where the sewer itself comes down through there.

Ms. Pasquini interjected that she thinks that there are problems below her house as well.

Supervisor Flach stated that it may be true and added that if they had been there at the inception of it being buried there, they would know better and they are trying to find the places as they go along and they think that between Blaisdell and Colvin is one of the major problems.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it is one of the main places where it smells the most and added that there are other places below her that you can smell when you go down through her neighbor's backyard and around the whole area from Civill down through. She continued by saying that the whole Hamlet's infrastructure needs to be looked at because everyone is getting tired of smelling sewer, which tells her that there is still sewer coming out of there because she did see toilet paper coming out of there. She went on by saying that this was talked about last year and she was wondering if anyone has moved forward on it.

Supervisor Flach stated that some of it is a funding issue and the Board needs to get together to see where the funds might come from.

Ms. Pasquini interjected that she understands that there are a lot of grants for infrastructure and the Town had gotten a letter at one point from Steve McLaughlin offering his help as well as a gentleman who attended a business meeting at the Bowling Alley who works with the City of Albany and he wanted to get up and speak but was not allowed to and he was going to advise how much grant money was out there and how to go and who to go for it. She continued by saying that there is grant money available and people who are willing to help but there needs to be people on the Board willing to move with it.

Mr. Touchette interjected that he could not let Ms. Pasquini's comments pass and added that he had a problem with his sewer and he paid for it to be repaired by himself and they have known about these issues for about 7 years and that Ms. Pasquini's house dumped their sewer directly into the storm sewer, which she knew about and every time she flushed her toilet it went right into the river. He continued by saying that she didn't do anything about it and eventually other members of the Sewer District eventually paid to have her sewer connected.

Ms. Pasquini stated that seven years ago she found out the same time that the Town found out when the sewer backed up in her driveway and flooded her yard and this was the day that the Town as well as herself found out that she was not hooked in and she was told that the Town was going to take care of it. She added that she had no idea that the sewer for sure was in there until that day when it was dug up and found that she had a lateral but no sewer line and when she bought her home it said municipal water and sewer and she had no way to know any different until everything started backing up and the Town came down to dig. She continued by saying that had she known, she might have been able to do something about it but because she didn't know and when the Town found out they did not do anything more and it is the Town's responsibility. She went on by saying that she paid sewer bills for 34 years and if she was not going into the sewer she would think that the Town would owe her a chunk of money if they don't like the idea that they had to dig her up and hook her in, because it is their sewer line and she paid good in the Hamlet for sewer.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Jim Travers stated that he wanted clarification as to whether or not the Board is going to take any action about the truck advertising the Coeymans Recycling Center.

Supervisor Flach stated that the only thing that he is aware of is that they are brining in metal, which is on the permit from when Mr. Trickey was operating down there and this is a continuation of that.

Mr. Travers interjected that Mr. Trickey never had a permit.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that currently it is under Mr. Trickey's name for scrap metal.

Mr. Travers stated that Mr. Trickey never had a permit issued from DEC to operate a Scrap Yard.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will look into it and let him know.

Mr. Travers stated that he was just wondering what they were going to do about the sign.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that there is a permit with Mr. Trickey's name on it.

Mr. Travers stated that he has been unaware of that completely and if there is a permit for Mr. Trickey he apologizes.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would be happy to double check it.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that she has issued Junk Yard Permits in the past for Mr. Trickey and now it is being issued by the Building Department and he pays an annual fee of \$25.00.

Mr. Travers stated that in the Code it is a prohibited operation.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Paul Lawler introduced himself as Sylvia Lawler's husband note and he wanted to note with regard to Article 2 of Chapter 138, he would be in favor of Mr. Touchette's proposal that the Town considers it very carefully and that they give the resident's time. He continued by saying that he lives at the mouth of Coeymans Creek where it joins the Hudson and after the storms of last year, if you look in the creek, there is a tremendous amount of debris at the mouth of the creek including metal debris and car parts that were washed down and they have spent a number of weeks trying to haul the metal out of the creek, which he would point out is important spawning ground for herring and blue fish and a lot of the spawning ground has been detrimentally impacted by a lot of the elements of the storms. He went on by saying that the Legislative Declaration, which exists now, as others have noted says that a clean, wholesome, attractive environment is declared to be of importance and he would ask that the Town Board consider carefully the environmental impact of any proposed change in the law to a very important watershed area of New York State.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. Lawler and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Antonio Booth introduced himself as the Co-Pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church at 11 Riverview Drive, which is up the street from the Recycling Center and one of the things that they are concerned about when they look at their neighbors, because it is a residential area, is the property values in the neighborhood. He continued by saying that the church is non-profit but he is concerned about the values of property because it is a residential area and if anything there should be some aesthetic way of designing some kind of landscape so it is not as noticeable to the neighborhood and home values can remain intact or continue to improve and continue to increase the property values in town. He continued by saying that they have noticed the number of heavy-duty vehicles that drive past the church quite often, which is a dead-end street and there is an increase, which was a surprise to see so much traffic at this point. He reiterated that he is concerned with his neighbor's property value and they should make sure that they can maintain the values so they can have a stable tax base in this town and he feels that aesthetically it is something that they have to look at.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on March 26th, a Town Board Meeting on April 9th and a Town Board Workshop on April 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 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – March 2012

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,336,966.27	\$ 59,220.46	\$ 274,447.35	\$1,121,739.38
Part-Town	\$ 491,391.90	\$ 2,372.40	\$ 217,091.90	\$ 276,672.40
Highway	\$ 59,356.20	\$ 200,021.87	\$ 63,494.77	\$ 195,883.30
Bridge Const.	\$ 90,105.15	\$ 21.87	-0-	\$ 90,127.02
Sewer	\$ 160,913.93	\$ 13,584.89	\$ 28,716.39	\$ 145,782.43
Special Water	\$ 49,918.07	\$ 2.11	-0-	\$ 21,730.38
Police Forf.	\$ 14,864.20	\$ 7,066.18	\$ 200.00	\$ 21,730.38
Comm. Tower	\$ 3,812.87	\$ 2,000.20	-0-	\$ 5,813.07
Trust & Agency	\$ 100,493.54	\$ 232,662.16	\$ 279,509.69	\$ 53,646.01
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 87,438.72	\$ 3.29	\$ 14,918.49	\$ 72,523.52
Section 8 HUD	\$ 80,135.26	\$ 35,830.86	\$ 54,691.86	\$ 62,274.26
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,096,111.95

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>		<u>COLLATERAL COVERAGE</u>	<u>FDIC</u>	<u>COLLATERALIZED</u>
Unemployment	\$ 702.46	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$2,977,116.99
Grove Cemetery	\$40,889.32	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 734,719.87
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,401.52			
Sewer-Dedicated	<u>\$ 6,329.99</u>			
Total	\$62,323.29			

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Masti approving the Supervisor's Report as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – March 2012

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department 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 to approve the report as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – March 2012

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Sewer Department Report.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – March 2012

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious stated that as Election Officer she wanted to take the time to advise of the Primary Election, which is Tuesday, April 24, 2012 from 12 noon to 9:00pm and added that the Polls are as follows:

- First District – Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- Second District – Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- Third District – Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main Street, Ravenna
- Fourth District – R-C-S High School, 2025 US Rte. 9W, Ravenna
- Fifth District – Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow

Town Clerk Millious stated that all Polling Sites are handicap accessible and any questions regarding voter district or eligibility can call her office at 756-2100 and she will be in her office until the Polls close.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving her report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Millious concluded by saying that to pay unpaid property taxes now you would have to call Albany County Director of Finance at (518) 447-7070 and added that the taxes were turned over to Albany County last week.

OLD BUSINESS

Correction to Public Hearing Date – Proposed Local Law #1-12

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a correction to the Public Hearing date for Proposed Local Law #1-12 to amend Section 138 of Town Law and added that it was moved to May 14th at 6:30pm and the date was changed because there was not enough time between the Notice and the Public Hearing.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Change of Notice was sent to the News Herald and is in the paper.

Ms. Lawler stated that their petition asks that they have a minimum of an additional 90 days and then asked when Supervisor Flach thought that the Board would be able to discuss this and give the Neighborhood Association an answer.

Supervisor Flach stated that they can talk to one another during the week because everyone wants to be on the same page.

Ms. Lawler inquired as to if they would start but not close the Public Hearing scheduled for May 14th.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will definitely have the Public Hearing and if any one has additional information they should bring it to his office so the Town Board can look at it because they want to know the concerns and he tried to write everything down that had been voiced earlier so they can look at all the issues. He added that people should feel free to call him, e-mail, or stop in to see him and the Board will be talking during the next couple of weeks about this.

Mr. Touchette asked if the Public Hearing is 6:00 or 6:30.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is at 6:30 even though the agenda says 6:00, which is a typo and added that it went in the newspaper as 6:30. He continued by saying that it may go a bit longer than 7:00 with all of the people for and against and they are prepared for it.

Mr. Travers suggested that they delay the Public Hearing date until they have more information and then schedule the Public Hearing once they have that information on hand.

Supervisor Flach stated that many are not for it and they want to give those that are for it an opportunity and added that it is just a Public Hearing so people can talk about it and voice their concerns.

Ms. Lawler asked if they will have some assurance that the Public Hearing will not be closed on May 14th because once it is closed, they will be able to vote on the amendment within the next several days. She asked that they have some assurance that although they need to open the Public Hearing on May 14th because it is scheduled, that it will not be closed and the Public Hearing can continue beyond that.

Supervisor Flach stated that he won't say that it might not be voted on that night and at this point he does not really know what they will do and they need to discuss it and he does not want to say that and then not have it happen.

Councilman Boehm suggested that they schedule a second Public Hearing thirty days from the first one and this will give them some time for some breathing room because they have been accused of pushing things hastily through before. He then offered a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, scheduling a second Public Hearing 30 days from May 14th when they close the first Public Hearing and the date will be June 11th, at 6:30pm, the purpose of the Public Hearing will be to hear comments on amending Local Law Section 138.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 2 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that it would have made more sense to schedule, if need be, a second Public Hearing after the first one.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted at some point, either before, during or after the Public Hearing, to have a conversation with Mr. Laraway and anyone who is interested who is either for or against the proposal and would like for there to be some good dialog relative to some suggestions that he has heard about screening, being a voluntary good neighbor and entering into an agreement. He concluded by saying that in speaking for himself he does not want to inhibit Mr. Laraway from running a thriving business there but if people have legitimate concerns, he would like for them to be taken into account.

Councilman Boehm interjected that he wanted to clarify that the motion carried 3-2 in favor of establishing a Public Hearing on June 11th at 6:30pm.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would publish a Notice in the paper as a second Public Hearing.

Authorization to Sign Contract with Toski & Company to Perform Audit of Town of Coeymans Public Housing Agency

Supervisor Flach stated that he needed a motion for authorization to sign a contract with Toski & Company to perform an audit on the Town of Coeymans Public Housing Agency for 2011.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with Toski & Company.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm inquired as to the amount of the contract.

Councilman Dolan stated that the amount was on page 5 and it is \$4,300.00.

NEW BUSINESS

R-C-S Community Library

Supervisor Flach stated that a representative of the library was present for a short presentation and then invited her to speak.

Ms. Shauna Reinisch stated that she is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Ravena Library and then asked that the Town Board think back to the first time that they used the library and added that hers was Summer Day Camp and it was exciting. She continued by saying that in Middle School or High School you used the library for a report and also possibly for the first time you got to use a computer and as an adult and being fiscally minded you check out a book or CD rather than buy it. She added that what she is trying to get across is that the library is used throughout your entire life and since 1997, when they moved from Main Street to the Village building they have doubled their availability of books, resources and programs to all the people of the R-C-S community, which is an increase of 60,000 circulated items per year. She went on by saying that they have had a wonderful space at the Village building but they have outgrown it and unfortunately with all of the activities such as story time, play time, computer class, poetry discussion or book group, they are busting at the seams and can not fit everyone and all of their resources. She continued by saying that on May 15th there is a Budget Vote, the same day as the School Budget Vote and if their budget vote passes they are looking to move to the old Knights of Columbus building on Main Street. She added that they have loved working with the Village and they have worked on a grant with an architect and library expert in deciding whether or not to expand their current space or if they should look at somewhere else and it was deemed by their Master Plan Committee that they had to find a more acceptable and larger place that they could grow into. She reiterated that the Budget Vote is May 15th and voters should think of all the things that the library does for the community and this will enable them to improve their services to everyone.

Supervisor Flach thanked Ms. Reinisch and then asked for a clarification about it being separate from the School Budget Vote.

Ms. Reinisch stated that when you go in and vote there is a separate line for the Library Budget.

Safety/Workplace Violence Committee

Supervisor Flach stated that he needed a motion to appoint Chief Darlington as Chair of the Safety/Workplace Violence Committee.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Masti, to appoint Chief Darlington Chairman of the Safety/Workplace Violence Committee.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Mid-Hudson Cable Franchise Renewal

Supervisor Flach stated that the Mid-Hudson Cable Franchise time for renewal is coming up in eight months and there are some questions regarding it and continued by asking if anyone wished to comment.

Councilman Boehm suggested that they go forward and form a Public Committee to discuss the service and pricing and by forming a Committee they can make recommendations to the Board on possible changes to the Franchise Agreement. He added that State Telephone has a Franchise Agreement with the Village and they can inquire how the Franchise Agreement affects their ability against State Telephone services. He continued by saying that he has more questions than answers at this point and he spoke with Trustee Persico on the Village Board and they are also concerned and there has been a Committee in the past and he recommends that they form a Committee. He went on by saying that there a few people interested and anyone interested should call

the Supervisor's Office and it would be for those interested in taking a look at the Agreement and coverage area, which is not complete in the Town and there are a lot of questions about the services they provide and the existence of a Senior Package and reiterated that there are not many clear cut answers in talking to Customer Service or at their website and there are a lot of people in Town that would like to have some basic service without paying hundreds of dollars for it. He concluded by saying that given the timeframe they have, he thinks that they should start forming that Committee to get some answers, some price comparisons and how it affects the State Telephone Franchise for the Village and whether it can be expanded to the Town and anyone interested should contact the Supervisor's Office and they will go from there.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she is not comfortable with a 15 year Agreement.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is quite a long time with the technology that they have today and added that in speaking with a few people, there are some concerns that if they sign an Agreement that State Telephone won't be able to bring in another provider and added that people should have a choice

Councilman Dolan stated that they should reach out to people that won't see it at home because they don't have Mid-Hudson Cable and he would like to know the opinions of those who currently don't have the option of having Mid-Hudson Cable.

Supervisor Flach stated that they definitely will form a Committee and anyone interested should contact his office.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Masti, to form a Committee for evaluating Mid-Hudson Cable's Franchise Agreement.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated for the next two topics, they had a Workshop last week and there was a motion to purchase a solar light for the town flag pole because people were concerned that the flag was not lit up a night.

Solar Lights for Town Flag Poles

Supervisor Flach stated that they had a public Workshop last week and they made a motion to purchase a solar light for the Town flag pole because there were people concerned that the flag was not lit up at night. He added that the motion was to purchase one light to see how it works and then there are four others that they would like to purchase lights for. He concluded by saying that they wanted to make the public aware that they did this at a Workshop.

Joralemon Park – Disc Golf Course Improvements

Supervisor Flach stated that also at the Workshop Mr. Kevin Rounds discussed installing pavers at the tees for the Disc Golf Course, which are low impact and can be removed at any time and a motion was made approving this.

Councilman Masti interjected that the Disc Golf Association is paying for it.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is no cost to the Town.

Assessor's Request to Attend Seminar

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a request from the Assessor to attend a one-day seminar given by the NYS Institute of Assessing Officers and added that she is mandated to have training each year and then asked for a motion to approve her attendance.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, approving the Assessor's request to attend the Seminar at Columbia Greene College on November 16, 2012, with a cost of \$85.00 as well as providing mileage.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Resignation of Confidential Secretary Lewandowski

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of a resignation letter from Mary Lewandowski, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Flach,

For personal reasons, I am submitting my resignation as Confidential Secretary, effective June 29, 2012, close of business. This will allow sufficient time to post and find a replacement for this position.

Thank you for your confidence in appointing me as your secretary. I have enjoyed working with you, the Town Board, everyone in Town Government, as well as members of the public that I have had the privilege of meeting on a daily basis. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Lewandowski

Supervisor Flach stated that this is not a fun thing for him and added that she is a great secretary and he is at a loss for words as far as the letter and then asked for a motion to accept the resignation.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, accepting the resignation of Mary Lewandowski, Confidential Secretary.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that he definitely does not want her to leave and everything runs like clockwork and they love her but this is her wish. He added that he had tried to talk her out of it on a few occasions and the Board has expressed to him and her, their agony over her leaving.

Councilman Boehm stated that he shares the same sentiments and that she is incredibly organized and very knowledgeable about Civil Service Law and she will be sorely missed.

Ms. Lawler from the audience interjected that she will be missed by the public as well and that she has been a true friend to anyone who has ever come into Town Hall as well as Town Clerk Millious.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are great people in Town Hall.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that they will be hard shoes to fill.

Councilman Dolan stated that she does a great job and is absolutely the best.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will be looking for a Confidential Secretary at some point for anyone listening and he will be advertising in the paper.

Councilman Masti stated that he would offer a motion to advertise the position.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise in the Town’s Official Newspaper, The News Herald, for the position of Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor.
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #64-12 APPROVE APRIL ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Dolan, 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 April, 2012.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	727-778	\$182,649.71
General	833-861	\$ 95,176.85
	General Total	\$277,826.56
PART TOWN (B)		
Part Town Pre-Pay	779-794	\$214,870.57
Part Town	862-863	\$ 21.86
	Part Town Total	\$214,892.43
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	795-806	\$ 52,741.23
Highway	864-898	\$ 10,352.69
	Highway Total	\$ 63,093.92
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	807-822	\$ 14,210.51
Sewer	899-910	\$ 8,000.22
	Sewer Total	\$ 22,210.73
	Total for all Funds	\$578,023.64
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	823-832	\$227,679.20
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$227,679.20

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Public Hearing, May 14, 2012, 6:30pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 14, 2012, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, May 21, 2012, 6:00pm*
- Town Board Meeting, May 29, 2012, 7:00pm

* Changed from May 22nd due to Grievance Day.

Councilman Boehm stated that the second Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #2-12, to amend Chapter 138 of the Town's Code is scheduled for June 11, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Supervisor Flach asked if there was a Town Board Meeting on June 11th.

Collectively he was advised that there is not.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Masti, to adjourn the Town Board Meeting.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk