

**June 26, 2012 — Joint Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans Board Workshop Meeting — 7:00PM**

**A Joint Workshop of the Village of Ravena Board and Town of Coeymans Board on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**VILLAGE BOARD:** John Bruno, Mayor  
Bill Bailey, Trustee  
Martin R. Case, Trustee  
Rocco Persico, Trustee  
Nancy Warner, Trustee

**TOWN BOARD:** 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  
Laverne Conrad, Town Code Enforcement Officer  
Fritz Persico, Foreman, Village Highway Department  
Joseph Burns, Village Code Enforcement Officer

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The following Notice was published in the Ravena News Herald:

**NOTICE**

**JOINT VILLAGE OF RAVENA BOARD  
&  
TOWN OF COEYMANS BOARD  
WORKSHOP MEETING**

In compliance with Public Officer’s Law, this will inform you that the Village Board of the Village of Ravena and the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Joint Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Village of Ravena, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, NY for the purpose of discussing Sewer and Water issues.

**By Order of the Town of  
Coeymans Town Board  
Diane L. Millious  
Town Clerk**

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**AGENDA**

**Sewer**

- Martins Hill
- 9W North of Village
- VanHosen Overflow
- Pieter B Coeymans
- Colvin and Blaisdell
- Line into Sewage Plant
- Plant
- Consent Orders Town/Village
- Town Sewer District Financial Situation
- Meters

**Storm Water**

- Camille Drive
- Back of News Herald
- Orchard Avenue & Bruno Boulevard
- South Clement Avenue & Clearwater Street
- Colvin Avenue & Blaisdell Avenue

**Water Contract**

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**OPENING COMMENT**

Mayor Bruno opened the Workshop Meeting and added that the record should show that all members of the Village and Town Boards were present. He continued by saying that there would not be any public comment and they would be following an agenda prepared by Trustee Bailey and then asked that Trustee Bailey start the Workshop.

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**DISCUSSIONS**

Trustee Bailey stated anyone else can add to the agenda and he thought of all of the situations that he knows that they want to discuss with the Town as well as Supervisor Flach wanting to add the water contract item. He continued by saying that he would start with the first topic and anyone could jump in at any time and what he is looking for is that they all have an understanding that these are the issues that they are dealing with both in the Village and Town and he does not expect solutions immediately but that they are all on board that these are the issues.

**SEWER**

**Martins Hill**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer Conrad relative to Martins Hill sewer.

Key points of the discussion were:

- They have between \$40,000 & \$50,000 in the ground that the Town paid the State so they can create another Sewer District, which the Town has not done thus far.
- It was funded from the A-Fund, which has to be paid back.
- There are currently people hooked into the system that are not paying.
- Creation of a District has to be done before they can bill for use.

Trustee Bailey stated that they acknowledge that they have a situation on Martins Hill and they need to follow-up on the district status and find out who is in the system and who isn't.

Code Enforcement Officer Conrad stated that it is a matter of finishing the creation of the district, establishing the amount of money that has to be collected and how it is going to be collected.

**9W North of Village**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to 9W north of the Village of Ravena.

Key points of the discussion were:

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- District or no district up there and who should be billing.
- 17 users are currently being billed, for two years they were not billed by the Village or Town.
- Out of district user rate because they are not in the Town's Sewer District.

**VanHosen Overflow**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to 9W north of the Village of Ravena.

Key points of the discussion were:

- The State wants them to put a lot of money into the VanHosen overflow and they are talking about relining and some type of chlorination system.
- The need to solve the problem with the flow going to the plant.
- The possibility of the Village and Town doing the work together in-house.
- Possibly replacing lines to increase flow.
- Developing a shared trump line.
- Consent Orders from DEC.

**Pieter B. Coeymans**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to Pieter B. Coeymans and two other properties that are both in the Town and Village.

Key points of the discussion were:

- The outflow of Pieter B. Coeymans sewage flows back into the Village line before the meter.
- Who should be billing the school?
- Rite Aid and a Flach property should also be included in the Village billing.
- Properties that are both in the Town & Village.

Collectively it was decided that the Village should be billing the three properties and they need to work out the logistics of how to change it so the Village bills rather than the Town.

**Colvin & Blaisdell - Line into Sewage Plant**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to the lines on Colvin & Blaisdell and the line going into the sewage plant, which goes along the back of the houses on Rte. 144.

Key points of the discussion were:

- The line is reduced and has two 90 degree turns within a couple hundred feet then it reduces to 12 inch and then a piece of 10 inch, which are causing a lot of trouble with restricted flow causing back-ups.
- The possibility of doing an overflow line and leaving the original line.

**Sewer Plant**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to the Sewer Plant.

Key points of the discussion were:

- On-going work, upgrades and what needs to be done.

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- The possibility of doing some work in-house and reusing material.
- Currently there is not enough area for the sludge.
- Consent Orders from DEC for flows and I&I.
- The cost and funding for what needs to be done.

**Consent Orders Town & Village**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to Consent Orders for both the Village and Town.

Key points of the discussion were:

- The Town needs to have a working plan with the Village
- Sewage System problem across from the Coeymans Creek, but not part of the Town's existing Sewer District.
- DEC overstepping their boundaries.
- Many of the issues they have been dealing with.
- The possibility of meters helping out.
- Work that has already been done to remedy the problems.

**Town Sewer District Financial Situation**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to the Town Sewer District Finances.

Key points of the discussion were:

- The Town Sewer District owes the B-Fund \$300,000.00 - \$350,000.00, which has been for 4-5 years.
- It is not identified in the budget.
- The difference in rate between the Town & Village.

**Meters**

- Some problems when the meters were first started but have been corrected.
- Some issues because the flow on 9W north is extremely low.
- Adjusting the meter reading and estimating the flow because of the placement of meters.

Trustee Bailey asked if anyone else had anything else to address on topics discussed so far.

The following were topics addressed.

- The Town & Village collectively have to agree on what it is that they want to do at the plant.
- Getting together a list of what can be done in-house.
- Solving issues with DEC and the Consent Orders.
- Have a firm such as C.T. Male quote a price on some of the projects and look at it from both perspectives.

**STORM WATER**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, Village Board and Code Enforcement Officer relative to storm water on Camille Drive, the back of the News Herald, Orchard & Bruno Boulevards, South Clement Avenue and Colvin & Blaisdell Avenues.

**Camille Drive**

- Trying to get the water to go south, instead of going through the Town and the Hamlet.
- Issue with the new flood plain maps – Camille Drive, Southgate Deli, the Medical Center and into the plaza and Village are now considered flood plain.

**Back of New Herald**

- When the water overflows behind the News Herald it goes into the existing culvert and goes along the old bowling alley and onto Orchard Avenue & Bruno Boulevard.
- The possibility of putting a holding area near Louis Apartments was discussed that will reduce the amount of flow into the system.
- The storm water management that was put in when they rebuilt Martins Hill has never functioned as designed and now they have a system that never drains.
- Sending a letter from both the Town & Village to DOT saying that the storm water management does not function and is not acceptable.

**Orchard Avenue & Bruno Boulevard**

- Taking out the existing pipe and adding pipe so there is a straight run from the old bowling alley through to where Bruno Boulevard is.
- The Village needs a right-of-way to go across the property.

**South Clement Avenue & Clearwater Street**

- Only gets bad during an Irene type storm and overwhelms everything.
- During Irene only one property flooded.

**Additional Discussion**

- Village and Town storm water flow routes were described and discussed.
- Current problems with the flows.
- Work that has been done and is currently being done.

**WATER CONTRACT**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board, and Village Board ensued relative to the Water Contract.

Key points of the discussion were:

- The Supervisor’s concern based on the Internal Control Officers recommendation that full payment should not be paid all at once.
- The 1982 contract’s intent.
- Jurisdiction
- Putting the Town Clerk in jeopardy because of legalities.
- Possible solutions.

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**DECISIONS/ACTION**

Collectively it was decided that the Town would drop Pieter B. Elementary, Rite Aid and the Flach property from the Town billing and would be included in the September billing from the Village and that a joint letter should be sent to each.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Time- 8:36pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**APPROVED –**

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*Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk*