

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, August 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
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

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
 - Town Office Closed September 3rd – Labor Day
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, July 23, 2012
 - Public Hearing, August 21, 2012
 - Workshop, August 21, 2012
- Supervisor’s Report – July 2012
 - Amend Supervisor’s Report February - June
- Department Reports
 - Town Clerk Monthly Report, July 2012
 - Building Department Monthly Report, July 2012
 - Sewer Department Monthly Report, July 2012
- Old Business
 - Drug Testing
- New Business
 - Approve Expenditure for Highway Money
 - Accept Auctions International Bid for Truck
- Resolutions
 - Adopt Findings and Conclusions of Environmental Assessment
 - Adopt Proposed Local Law “Landfill”
 - Authorize Supervisor to Transfer Deed to Village of Ravena
 - Approve Settlement between Town of Coeymans and Bank of Greene County
 - Authorize Attorney for the Town to Sign Stipulation of Settlement – Verizon
 - Authorize to Forgo H29 Capital Project Fund Loan to Sewer
 - Authorize 2012 Budget Amendment
 - Rescind Chapter 125 “Road Specifications” Resolution of May 24, 1993
 - Adopt Proposed Local Law Repealing Chapters 78,131,158 of Town Code
 - Establish Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law “Signs”
 - Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract with Albany County Sheriff’s Office for ALS Service
 - Appoint Highway Operator I
 - Authorize Funds for Stanton Road Paving
 - Approve July Abstract

- Correspondence
 - NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation
- Workshops/Meeting
 - Planning Board Meeting, September 4, 2012, 7:00pm
 - Public Hearing, September 10, 2012, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 10, 2012, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, September 18, 2012, 6:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, September 19, 2012, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 24, 2012, 7:00pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Town Offices Closed – Labor Day

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on September 3rd for Labor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that they would begin the Public Comment period but prior to that he wanted to make a statement that would probably change a lot of what people were going to say. He continued by saying that several Board Members had requested that resolutions for the EAF and the Proposed Landfill Law be taken off the agenda along with the authorization for the Supervisor to transfer the deed for Bruno Boulevard to the Village of Ravena and in turn will not be included in the meeting. He then asked if anyone wished to comment.

Virginia Pearson stated that she is a resident of the Town of Coeymans and she has started a Committee to get people together from the churches, fire companies, granges or any other organization that has fundraisers in the Town of Coeymans. She continued by saying that she sent a letter and has gotten a good response from people that are interested in joining the Committee so that they can put together a calendar so events don't conflict and once it gets going and then asked the Town Board if they would put it on the Town's website.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes it is a great idea and one of the churches called him and asked about doing a drop down on the website listing the local churches in the area and the services that they provide and added that they can do businesses as well.

Councilman Boehm stated that they could update and add some links because there are a lot of them.

Supervisor Flach asked Ms. Pearson if she was thinking about it being a community calendar.

Ms. Pearson stated that this is what she was thinking, whether it be monthly, or 2-3 months like a planner or possibly a whole year so people can know what they will be doing and where they are going. She added that it should encompass New Baltimore, Coeymans Hollow, Coeymans, Ravena, South Bethlehem, Selkirk and Feura Bush.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Jim Travers stated that he lives on Blodgett Road and continued by asking if the minutes of the Public Hearings were available on the landfill legislation.

Town Clerk Millious stated that all of the minutes are online.

Mr. Travers asked if they are for the last Public Hearing.

Town Clerk Millious stated that any Town Board Meetings are posted on the website.

Mr. Travers stated that the last that he looked they were over a year behind.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they are there and up to date and if he needs help finding them, he should contact her office.

Mr. Travers stated that his comment is on changing the ban on importing solid waste into Coeymans and that he understands the benefit to one business operator but he does not see how it benefits our town in any way whatsoever. He continued by saying that if you open the door, there is no stopping the next “Joe” who wants to come in and create a landfill or anything else because there will be an equal protection issue and they have allowed one, so they would have to allow everyone and they should be very cautious with what they are doing. He added that they know that Albany County can’t build a gigantic landfill here without mitigating the wetlands and the wetlands cost over \$100,000.00 an acre to mitigate and 2/3 of the land is wetlands, so they know that it is not possible but what is possible and what the City of Albany has talked about, because he went through the entire swamp process, is being solid waste management planned.. He went on by saying that the City does want to build a waste incinerator, which you can call what you want, but they are all combustion and regulated as combustors by the EPA, which is another source of air pollution in this community that they do not need. He continued by saying that he would urge the Town to open their recycling facility and use it as a Transfer Station and then get a tipping fee from everything that comes in and goes out and this is how the Town and citizens can benefit as opposed to only one businessman in our Town, which would be throwing away the wealth that we could capture from the waste. He added that they need to be cautious and think it through and the SEQRA process is a very long process, which is a long form issue and not a short-form issue and he would urge them not to change the law as they are planning to do because it is inappropriate that the Code Enforcement Officer approached the Board to change it when he found a business operating in violation of the Town Code and instead of issuing a Cease and Desist Order he came to the Town Board to change the law to make an illegal operation, legal. He concluded by saying that he is trying to protect the Town and to turn it into something nice and good because it is a great town and we all live here and his point is what are they going to get and they can’t just have any business come to town, they have to be very selective of what they grow in this town or they will lose control of what our town is to us and they have a beautiful Hamlet by the river that they can turn into a Riverfront Community to attract tourism rather than turning it into an Industrial Area where they will lose the town.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mary Driscoll stated that she lives on Winnie Avenue in Ravenna, which she thinks that some people believe is an Indy 500 racetrack with the speeding. She continued by saying that there are young people, joggers, bicyclist’s and R-C-S Cross Country Track Team that runs the area. She added that when the Town Board wanted to eliminate the Village Police Department, which eventually happened, they were promised one car, one shift everyday for the Village and they are lucky if they see a car once a month. She went on by saying that she went to the Village Board Meeting and was told to go to the Town and added that she would like to see some patrols on that street to slow down the speeders because they come off Rte. 9W at 45 mph and they don’t slow down. She continued by saying that at the end of Winnie Avenue there are some animals and someday someone is going to swerve to miss an animal and hit a car or possibly hit someone. She went on by saying that she was present to see if they can get some patrols on Winnie Avenue and when she was talking with the Village Board they mentioned that there is a lot going on with people going through stop signs and speeding and reiterated that they need some help in the Village and they pay Town taxes the same as everyone else and reiterated that they were promised one car, one shift everyday. She added that a couple of years ago, the appointed Supervisor had indicated that he started an Economic Committee and she read where there was discussion in Greene County that involved all of the areas because New York State is looking for industry to help people pay taxes. She concluded by saying that nothing ever happened and she does not know whether anyone on the Board went to it or not and does not know what happened to the Committee because New York State is

looking for industry, business and a tax relief but all they are doing is fighting businesses and for the past two years they have fought the Cement Plant, Recycling Center, Port of Coeymans and they better wake up because people are having a hard time making ends meet and they need tax relief

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

JoAnn Segal stated that she lives in the Hamlet and she is not present to talk about the Local Law but rather to voice her unhappiness about the tearing down of the Slingerland house with such little notice. She added that she knows that it has been a problem for many years and they have complained about it and nothing was ever done but as soon as there was a developer who came in and was willing to put \$300,000.00 into renovating the property, just as soon as it was about to happen, that is when it had to be torn down. She continued by saying that they lost a tax base with the house that could have been a home to a number of families and it was a historic property that should have been preserved and it was torn down without anyone being notified in the neighborhood, and no one told them to close their windows or not drink the water. She concluded by saying that they just came in and tore it down and she does not think that it was right and she hopes that it does not happen again with any other property or with any other developer who wants to put money into the Town and Hamlet.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ann Marie Vadney stated that on the agenda there is a resolution for ALS services and continued by asking what it meant.

Councilman Masti stated that it stands for Advanced Life Support.

Ms. Vadney asked if it is the \$180,000.00 that will be approved.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is for the paramedics that Albany County provides.

Ms. Vadney stated that she also sees that there is a resolution to repeal some of the Local Laws and she thinks it is wonderful to get some garbage off the books and hopes that there are some more that they can get rid of. She continued by saying that she would also like to say that they need to encourage businesses as much as they can and with the Public Hearings that have been held, they are trying to do it in a constructive and positive manner. She added that she does not know how any of them could not support more business if they look around because with the recent school tax hike, if you talk to any realtors in the area they have 40-50 houses on the market that they can't get anyone to show up to look at when they find out they are in the Town of Coeymans. She continued by saying that anything that they can do publicly and if they can stop the horrible newspaper articles about our community would also be a benefit. She went on by saying that they still have their Small Business Group, which they hope will become a chamber in the fall and they are very anxious about keeping their head above water and ending the increases in taxes and losing population because there is no one in town to shop and if they can encourage some type of small planning process like they are doing in Coxsackie. She added that she has spoken with members of the Coxsackie Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee in Greene County and she knows that they are at the bottom of the boot in Albany County but maybe they can get some new ideas and seek out funds and grants from Albany County and the Economic Development office in Albany. She concluded by saying that she encourages everyone to try and support what is going on in our community as well as taking a look at scheduling the Committee Meetings because there are School Board and Workshop Meetings and they are usually on Tuesday night and so many people who are involved in both areas are unable to participate and they have a lot of background and knowledge about our community so it would be beneficial to coordinate the meeting schedule so that they can have everyone attend both meetings.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Sylvia Lawler stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and then asked Supervisor Flach if he intended to read the letter that was submitted by Barbara Heinzen at the end of the Public Comment period.

Supervisor Flach stated that he can do that.

Ms. Lawler stated that she speaks to something that he, Councilman Boehm and she discussed as well as just giving some information to Mr. Laraway and had spoken with some people in the Town and Lafarge and they are trying to find a couple of businesses that will participate in a Environmental Conservation Board. She continued by saying that they would want to make a balanced Board between industry, business and citizenry and that way they will be able to start a dialogue rather than having what seems to be a disconnect. She then asked Councilman Boehm if he was going to speak to it.

Councilman Boehm stated that he did get her e-mail but was not prepared to speak to it and asked that she continue.

Ms. Lawler stated that she has reached out to various members of the community and asked that they read about the Environmental Conservation Board, and she thinks that Barbara Heinzen said it well in her letter and probably a lot more concisely than she can and then asked that Supervisor read her letter into the public record.

Ms. Ann Marie Vadney asked to say something and continued by saying that she has looked into the Environmental Conservation Board that Ms. Lawler is referencing and to be frank with her she is not sure how anything with DEC could benefit the community and businesses and she is very much involved with DEC and find that such a level of in competency is frightening for her.

Ms. Lawler interjected that it not the DEC.

Ms. Vadney continued by saying that DEC created that concept and that either way she thinks that there are so many other things going on and DEC has set them back another 150 years with the EPA and she just wanted to comment on that.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Environmental Conservation Board was to be established in 1973. He continued by saying that Lafarge has a Citizen's Liaison Panel and he thinks that it works well for them and they discuss matters of environmental conservation and that might be the type of panel that someone could start. He added that with an Environmental Conservation Board he gets a little nervous when they are adding something to bring more legislation.

Ms. Lawler interjected that the Environmental Conservation Board is only an advisory board and there is nothing legal about it and they would report to the Town Board and they would not have any power other than to make suggestions.

Supervisor Flach continued by reading Ms. Heinzen's letter

Dear Steve,

Unfortunately, I am away on Monday evening (27 August) when the Town Board will be meeting. I understand there will be public comments and a vote on the "landfill" law and I would like this e-mail to be read out during the Public Comment period.

As I said when we met, this is an important decision for the Town with a very long term consequences. I therefore urge you and the Town Board to postpone any decision on changes to the Landfill Law. There are two reasons for postponing a vote.

First, as I have already written to arrange, several neighbors would like to meet with Mr. Laraway in order to start the kind of direct dialogue we both agree is necessary. I see no point in changing the law until that dialogue has begun. Why antagonize people unnecessarily? If a vote is taken too quickly, any appetite for dialogue and compromise will be undermined.

Second, there is considerable support in the Town for creating an Environmental Conservation Board, with several people already saying that they would be happy to serve on it. Rather than causing more unhappiness in the Town, a widely respected Environmental Conservation Board can be created quickly and charged with reviewing the Landfill Law. This Board could also propose any necessary changes to the Law in order to meet everyone's needs.

As I have not heard any arguments for changing the Landfill Law immediately. I trust that the Town Board will give these two important initiatives enough time to succeed.

With many good wishes,

Barbara Heinzen

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Rodney Krzykowski stated that he resides in Coeymans Hollow and added that he agrees that they do not need any more EnCon involvement because they have not kept up with what they started 6-7 years ago and have enough on their plate, which should be settled first and then they can talk to them about something else.

Zachary Assael stated that he lives on Fox Street and continued by asking if there is a date on when the landfill will be on the agenda.

Supervisor Flach asked if he was referring to the adopting the proposed law.

Mr. Assael stated he was referring to what he tabled earlier.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was tabled because several Board Members want to discuss it further and he is hoping at the next Town Board Meeting and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is not of the opinion that Mr. Laraway would do anything illegal and he does not believe that it is the opinion of the Board. He continued by saying that he sees the issue of addressing the law as something totally separate and he does not want people to leave with the impression that it is what he thinks. He went on by saying that there are reasons to look at the law and possibly change the law but personally he does not think that what he is doing is illegal.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that she agrees with Councilman Dolan.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that if she remembers correctly, at a past meeting it was stated that Mr. Laraway was doing nothing illegal and they didn't need a law to change anything because what he is doing is not illegal.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is what he had just said.

Ms. Pasquini reiterated that it was stated in the past and they don't need a law because what he is doing is not illegal so they can't stop him and they should not be sitting there talking back and forth about Local Laws that aren't even needed.

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 July 23rd, a Public Hearing on August 21st, and a Town Board Workshop on August 21st and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

July 2012

FUND	BALANCE FORWARD	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$583,371.62	\$201,401.94	\$251,539.07	\$533,234.49
PART TOWN	\$470,966.05	\$421,949.46	\$ 16,252.88	\$876,662.63
HIGHWAY	\$184,292.96	\$263,9323.05	\$208,38917	\$239,835.84
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 28,716.86	\$ 26.10	-0-	\$ 28,742.96
SEWER	\$191,917.66	\$ 49,847.45	\$112,361.13	\$129,403.98
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 25,692.28	\$ 1.09	-0-	\$ 25,693.37
POLICE FOR.	\$ 15,398.86	\$ 0.65	-0-	\$ 15,399.51
COMM. TOWER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 11,318.58	\$209,018.77	\$208,755.70	\$ 11,581.65
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 39,275.78	\$ 3,376.79	\$ 580.00	\$ 42,072.57
SECTION 8	\$ 61,342.94	\$ 37,999.71	\$ 43,191.57	\$ 56,151.08
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,958,778.08

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 702.62
Grove Cemetery	\$40,898.65
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$13,416.49
Sewer-Dedicated	<u>\$ 6,331.44</u>
Total	\$61,349.20

COLLATERAL COVERAGE

Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$2,823,684.82
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 709,534.54

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COLLATERALIZED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded Councilman Dolan, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

AMENDED SUPERVISOR'S REPORT'S

February 2012 (changes in red)

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,708,760.35	\$ 549,209.71	\$1,017,086.69	\$1,240,883.37
Part-Town	\$ 519303.85	\$ 902.54	\$ 33,103.21	\$ 487,103.18
Highway	\$ 101,392.53	\$ 169.93	\$ 70,789.62	\$ 30,772.84
Bridge Const.	\$ 90,082.55	\$ 22.60	-0-	\$ 90,105.15
Sewer	\$ 116,468.06	\$ 65,734.64	\$ 36,766.25	\$ 145,436.45
Special Water	\$ 5,339.81	\$ 44,578.26	-0-	\$ 49,918.07
Police Forf.	\$ 14,864.20	\$ 7,066.18	-0-	\$ 21,730.38
Comm. Tower	\$ 2,812.72	\$ 1,000.15	-0-	\$ 3,812.87
Trust & Agency	\$ 12,333.85	\$ 288,746.18	\$ 282,167.30	\$ 18,912.73
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 80,958.12	\$ 6,480.60	\$ 14,918.49	\$ 75,520.23
Section 8 HUD	\$ 87,831.26	\$ 35,665.96	\$ 43,361.96	\$ 80,135.26
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,241,330.53

March 2012 (changes in red)

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,240,883.57	\$ 60,220.32	\$ 224,228.91	\$1,076,874.78
Part-Town	\$ 487,103.18	\$ 2,372.40	\$ 213,575.16	\$ 175,900.42
Highway	\$ 30,772.84	\$ 200,021.87	\$ 58,340.90	\$ 172,453.81
Bridge Const.	\$ 90,105.15	\$ 21.87	\$ 61,465.09	\$ 28,661.93
Sewer	\$ 145,436.45	\$ 13,584.89	\$ 21,136.15	\$ 137,885.19
Special Water	\$ 49,918.07	\$ 2.11	-0-	\$ 49,920.18
Police Forf.	\$ 21,730.38	\$ 1.48	\$ 5,436.00	\$ 16,295.86
Comm. Tower	\$ 3,812.87	\$ 2,000.20	-0-	\$ 5,813.07
Trust & Agency	\$ 18,912.73	\$ 232,662.16	\$ 197,928.88	\$ 53,646.01
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 72,520.23	\$ 3.29	\$ 842.50	\$ 71,681.02
Section 8 HUD	\$ 80,135.26	\$ 35,830.86	\$ 44,693.41	\$ 72,272.71
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,961,404.98

MINUTES BOOK**TOWN OF COEYMANS
 August 27, 2012 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00PM

April 2012 (changes in red)

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,076,874.78	\$ 59,053.38	\$ 280,719.96	\$ 855,208.20
Part-Town	\$ 275,900.42	\$ 425,852.41	\$ 15,232.36	\$ 686,520.47
Highway	\$ 172,453.81	\$ 610.98	\$ 63,329.42	\$ 109,735.37
Bridge Const.	\$ 28,661.93	\$ 25.73	-0-	\$ 28,687.66
Sewer	\$ 127,885.19	\$ 1,894.11	\$ 22,180.48	\$ 117,598.82
Special Water	\$ 49,920.18	\$ 2.05	-0-	\$ 49,922.23
Police Forf.	\$ 16,295.86	\$ 1.34	-0-	\$ 16,297.20
Comm. Tower	\$ 5,813.07	\$ 1,000.27	-0-	\$ 6,813.34
Trust & Agency	\$ 53,646.01	\$ 246,264.01	\$ 227,351.39	\$ 72,558.63
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 71,681.02	\$ 2.94	-0-	\$ 71,683.96
Section 8 HUD	\$ 72,272.71	\$ 38,617.05	\$ 43,799.91	\$ 67,089.85
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,082,115.73

May 2012 (changes in red)

Fund	Balance Fwd.	Receipts	Disbursements	Total
General	\$855,208.20	\$ 89,172.95	\$238,083.69	\$706,297.46
Part-Town	\$686,520.47	\$ 1,114.69	\$ 13,755.38	\$673,879.78
Highway	\$109,735.37	\$ 1,454.77	\$ 67,181.55	\$ 44,008.59
Bridge Const.	\$ 28,687.66	\$ 13.35	-0-	\$ 28,701.01
Sewer	\$117,598.82	\$ 54,328.83	\$ 25,575.03	\$146,352.62
Special Water	\$ 49,922.23	\$ 2.11	-0-	\$ 49,924.34
Police For.	\$ 16,297.20	\$ 1.02	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 14,048.22
Comm. Tower	\$ 6,813.34	\$ 0.29	-0-	\$ 6,813.63
Trust & Agency	\$ 72,558.63	\$205,798.58	\$202,612.52	\$75,744.69
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 71,683.96	\$ 3.04	\$ 31,993.38	\$ 39,693.62
Section 8 HUD	\$ 67,089.85	\$ 41,359.72	\$ 42,824.33	\$ 65,625.24
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,851,089.20

June 2012 (changes in red)

Fund	Balance Fwd.	Receipts	Disbursements	Total
General	\$706,297.46	\$134,541.11	\$257,466.95	\$583,371.62
Part-Town	\$673,879.78	\$ 14,127.01	\$217,040.74	\$470,966.05
Highway	\$ 44,008.59	\$202,015.86	\$ 61,731.49	\$184,292.96
Bridge Const.	\$ 28,701.01	\$ 15.85	-0-	\$ 28,716.86
Sewer	\$146,352.62	\$ 66,780.50	\$ 21,215.46	\$191,917.66
Special Water	\$ 49,924.34	\$ 889.21	\$ 25,121.27	\$ 25,692.28
Police For.	\$ 14,048.22	\$ 2,460.04	\$ 1,109.40	\$ 15,398.86
Comm. Tower	\$ 6,813.63	-0-	\$ 6,813.63	-0-
Trust & Agency	\$ 75,744.69	\$269,615.86	\$334,041.97	\$ 11,318.58
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 39,693.62	\$ 1.84	\$ 419.68	\$ 39,275.78
Section 8 HUD	\$ 65,625.24	\$ 42,432.03	\$ 46,714.33	\$ 61,342.94
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,612,293.59

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – July 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 Boehm, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – July 2012

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

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department DMR Report – June 2012

Supervisor Flach gave the Sewer DMR Report for the month of June and then 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

Town Clerk's Report – July 2012

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk's Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Town Clerk Millious advised that there is going to be a Primary Election for the Democratic Party, which will be on a Thursday and not the usual Tuesday, due to 9/11 and the polls will be open from 12noon to 9:00pm and gave the sites of the Polling Districts as follows:

- **1st District** Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St. Coeymans
- **2nd District** Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St. Coeymans
- **3rd District** Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St. Ravenna
- **4th District** R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte.9W Ravenna
- **5th District** Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow
- **6th District** Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow

Town Clerk Millious continued by saying that all Polling Places are handicap accessible and anyone with questions as to Voting District or eligibility can call her office at 756-2100 or Board of Elections at 487-5060

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan interjected that on the same date there is a Green Party Primary.

Police Department – July 2012

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington give the Police Department Monthly Report.

Chief Darlington 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

Chief Darlington stated that when he did the Monthly Report in the month of July, for Winnie Avenue there were 8 tickets issued with 5 of them for speeding and of the total of 84 tickets, it shows that it is for many streets in the Village. He added that the Police Department covers 60+ square miles with two cars generally on during a shift as well as

covering other calls and investigations and on midnights they only have one car and they do the best they can with what they are provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Drug Testing

Supervisor Flach stated that they are still undecided with a company for drug testing and there are three that they are looking at and they should be deciding in the near future.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that they are leaning toward Concentra.

Supervisor Flach stated that representatives from Concentra met with him.

Ms. Vadney asked if it was a RFP.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was.

Section 8 – HUD

Supervisor Flach stated that he received a letter from Mr. James Mastrianni relative to Section 8 and he requested a change as to how it is done and the Board has decided to leave it the way that it is, which is exclusive for in-town elderly and/or disabled.

He continued by reading the letter that was sent to Mr. Mastrianni.

Dear Mr. Mastrianni,

The Town Board has reviewed your request to restore the current preference system for the HCV Program to the system previously enacted prior to June 25, 2005.

It is the feeling of the Board that the current system is sufficient. Therefore, the Board wishes to continue with the current preference system.

We thank you for your understanding concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Flach
Supervisor

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it took a long time to clean up the mess within the program and she would not want to see it go back to the way it was.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks that it is going well.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she had another item for Old Business and continued by asking how the “Train Project” is coming along.

Supervisor Flach stated that the trains were ordered back in February and they have not received them yet and added that he is beside himself over it. He continued by saying that the gentleman that they ordered from was given a deposit by the Committee that is doing it, which is jointly the Town and Village and he cannot get him to return his phone calls. He went on by saying that the company is American Fiberglass Animals, which was suppose to be a good company but they have not come through and they are in the process now of ordering from someone new so they get them here and have them for a month or two in the fall. He continued by saying that it is very disheartening because he thought it would be a good thing for the Town and people would enjoy it and it’s hard when you have expectations and someone comes along and takes your money and does

not come through. He concluded by saying that they are working through the legal aspects of it as well as ordering from someone else.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else had any Old Business topics for discussion.

Councilman Boehm stated that the Rescue Squad was a topic of discussion at the Workshop Meeting last week and the Board decided to move forward with contract negotiations with them as opposed to formation of a taxing district this year, which would have been a lot of paperwork.

Supervisor Flach stated that they hope to get together very quickly within the next week with the Rescue Squad because the Town has a budget and they have a budget at this time of year.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Expenditure of Highway Money

Supervisor Flach stated that he needed a motion to approve the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Money in the amount of \$46,775.00 for paving from the intersection of Rte. 143 up Stanton Road leading to Coons Road. He continued by saying that there is a resolution for FEMA money later in the meeting and that the Board had already signed the Agreement but there needs to be a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Masti, authorizing payment in the amount of \$46,775.00 to repair and resurface Stanton Road from Rte. 143 to Coons Road.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAY 0 – SO MOVED

Accept Auctions International Bid for 1994 International Dump-Truck

Supervisor Flach stated that he received a memo from Highway Superintendent Deering asking that the bid for the International Dump-Truck be accepted. He continued by reading the following:

To: Town Board
From: Highway Superintendent Deering

I wish for the final bid for the 1994 International Dump-Truck, in the amount of \$3,651.00 to be accepted. Attached is a copy of the e-mail from Auctions International.

Supervisor Flach state that Auctions International is the company that the Town uses whenever they are going to auction off a piece of equipment and there is a bid pending for \$3,651.00.

Councilman Boehm asked if it was a fair amount and is it worth it or more.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he thinks it is worth more but it is all they are going to get because of the way that it looks and it is old.

Councilman Boehm asked if they should auction it further or take the bid.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that they should take the bid.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the bid.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the bid to Auctions International in the amount of \$3,651.00 for the 1994 International Dump Truck.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS – 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Flach stated that the first resolution was to approve a settlement between the Town of Coeymans and Bank of Greene County.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he was not aware that it was on the agenda and added that as he had told them, this has been outstanding for 2-3 years and the Assessor has periodically checked with him on the status. He added that he keeps repeating the same story, which is that they did have a tentative agreement with the bank through their attorney and in turn their attorney was to prepare settlement papers, which has never been done. He concluded by saying that they do not have the legal paperwork to implement the resolution and he does not think that he should be doing the legal work for the Bank of Greene County.

Councilman Boehm asked if he could make an inquiry as to if they plan on doing this.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he has and they want to settle it but they have to present the Town with the legal documentation to implement the settlement and he does not feel as though he should be drafting settlement papers for the Bank of Greene County because their attorney should be doing it.

Councilman Boehm asked if he could move for a dismissal because they are non-responsive.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they could go that route but he feels as though they have a handshake agreement and added that he does not think that taxpayers should be spending money paying him to implement a settlement for the bank and reiterated that their attorney should be doing it.

Councilman Boehm stated that given the information, he would suggest that the table the resolution.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would agree with Councilman Boehm and added that he did receive a letter from the Assessor but he could be wrong and then asked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch if he forwarded it to him.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it was for Verizon not the Bank of Greene County and the Verizon attorney did what he was suppose to do and prepared the Settlement Order and Stipulation and presented it to them and they are approving it later in the meeting and the same should apply to the Bank of Greene County and the Town should not be doing their legal work.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to how they can resolve it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they need to tell them that if they want a settlement, they have to get their attorney and if he is not available to get another attorney, to prepare the paperwork just like Verizon did and in turn send it in for the Town Board to look at.

Supervisor Flach asked if he should send a letter stating those terms.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is what he would do and if they want to bring it to a conclusion, this is the only reasonable way that he can think of doing it and

reiterated that Verizon did it the right way and he does not understand why they can't do it the right way and added that maybe he should send the letter to their attorney and copy the Board.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to table the resolution.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, to table the Bank of Greene County Settlement Agreement resolution.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RES. #97-12 AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SIGN STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT – VERIZON WIRELESS

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

WHEREAS, Verizon of New York, Inc. commenced a proceeding in State Supreme Court against the Town of Coeymans and other municipalities seeking a reduction of the assessment of certain of its property located in the Town of Coeymans, and;

WHEREAS, Verizon of New York, Inc. and the Town wish to settle the proceeding in accordance with a consent order and stipulation, a true copy of which is attached,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board based on the recommendation of the Assessor, believes it is in the best interest of the Town of Coeymans to settle in accordance with the terms set forth in the Consent Order,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, hereby directs the attorney representing the Town of Coeymans to sign the Stipulation of Settlement.

Councilman Boehm asked what the amount of the reduction was.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it was \$208,993.00.

Councilman Masti inquired about the second parcel.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that two parcels were involved.

Councilman Masti asked why it went down in value.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he would have to check with the Assessor and added that he is not sure what the valuation issue is.

Councilman Masti stated that there is not much they can do with a Court Order.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that he can check with the Assessor.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they are the numbers that the Assessor presented after reviewing all of the data and coming to a conclusion and added these cases have been started all over the area and there is one pending in New Baltimore and several more throughout the State and the Town of Coeymans is not the only town.

Councilman Boehm inquired about it being a Court Order.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is a Proposed Court Order that they would present to the Judge and ask him to approve the Settlement, which are the numbers that the Assessor feels are appropriate.

Councilman Boehm asked what would happen if they decline.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the lawsuit would continue and they would have to hire an expert who in turn will opine as to the value and then they will hire an expert who will give a different opinion, the case will continue and litigation will go forward and the purpose of the Settlement in this case is to save that money. He reiterated that the Assessor looked at the numbers and he is sure that with these kind of technical valuations involving utilities & other service providers such as AT&T, a lot of expert analysis goes into the valuations and it is not like valuing a piece of property with a house on it and it is a totally different analysis that they look at. He concluded by saying that he is sure that with her training and continuing education, she has been familiarized with the type of analysis that goes in and based on that she feels that the numbers are appropriate.

RES. #98-12 AUTHORIZE TO FORGO H29 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND LOAN TO SEWER

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

WHEREAS, the H29 Capital Project Fund had made a loan to the Sewer Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Fund does not have future receivables necessary to pay the indebtedness owed to the H29 Capital Project Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to forego the loan by H29 Capital Project Fund to the Sewer Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will forego the loan in the amount of \$89,180.87.

Councilman Boehm inquired asked where the loan came from.

Supervisor Flach stated that this was an old loan from back in 2008 and a lot of the due to and due from are loans within departments and money was moved from one department to the other department.

Councilman Masti stated that when one department ran out of money they borrowed from another.

Supervisor Flach stated that their books have many of these and in talking to the accountant, the due to and from need to be resolved and cleaned up.

Councilman Boehm stated that it was lent to them but because they can't figure out where it came from, they are not going to pay it back.

Councilman Masti stated that there is no money in the fund to pay it back.

Supervisor Flach stated that in essence it is because money was moved around and added that he is sorry for the lack of a better answer and they would have a better idea if the bookkeeper showed them the books.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would be more comfortable voting on it if he saw some sort of backup.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was fine and added that they will cancel the second and table the resolution.

RES. #99-12 RESCIND CHAPTER 125 – ROAD SPECIFICATIONS RESOLUTION OF MAY 24, 1993

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has previously adopted a resolution known as “The Street and Highway Resolution of the Town of Coeymans”; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution was to rescind all previous regulations or resolutions affecting the acceptance and dedication of streets by the Town, except the sub-division regulations; and

WHEREAS, the sub-division regulations were to be superseded with this resolution, these regulations can only be amended with the creation of a new Local Law or Ordinance being duly filed; and

WHEREAS, a new Local Law or Ordinance was not duly filed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chapter 125, “Road Specifications” also known as “The Street and Highway Resolution” passed on May 24, 1993 is hereby rescinded.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is one of the Local Laws repealing Chapter 78, 131 & 158 and Chapter 125 was actually never made into a Local Law and was an Ordinance that was added onto a Local Law and was not legal and they are cleaning it up because it has no merit.

Supervisor Flach stated that for the next resolution there was not enough money taken out so they had to take \$1,948.00 from another fund and move it over.

RES. # 100-12 AUTHORIZE 2012 BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

WHEREAS, the following accounts need to be increased or decreased in the 2012 Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach, to amend the 2012 budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
\$ 175,473.84	DB5130.2 – Highway Machinery/Equipment
\$ 173,525.00	DB5710 – Revenue for Serial Bonds
<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
\$ 1,948.84	DB9730.6 - Debt Services for BAN

RES. #101-12 ADOPT PROPOSED LAW REPEALING CHAPTERS 78, 131, 158 OF TOWN CODE

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

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2012 dealing with repealing various Chapters of the Coeymans Town Code was introduced by a member of the board at the July 23, 2012 meeting, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town, and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly held on August 21, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby adopts Local Law #1-12 to repeal the various outdated Chapters of the Town Code of the Town of Coeymans,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Coeymans, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Supervisor Flach asked Town Clerk Millious if she needed to read the Local Law.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she did not and added that for adoption of a Local Law she had to do a roll-call vote.

Supervisor Flach asked Town Clerk Millious to do the roll-call vote.

Town Clerk Millious continued with the roll-call vote as follows:

Stephen D. Flach – Aye, Dawn L. Rogers – Aye, Thomas A. Boehm – Aye, Tomas E. Dolan – Aye, Peter E. Masti, Aye
AYES – 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

LOCAL LAW #1-12

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE COEYMANS TOWN CODE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Law is to repeal various outdated sections of the Town Code of the Town of Coeymans.

Section 2. Repealer

The following chapters set forth in the Coeymans Town Code are repealed:

Chapter 78 – Outdoor Burning
Chapter 131 – Septic Systems
Chapter 158 – Vehicles off Road

Section. 3 Effective Date

The Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York Secretary of State.

RES. #102-12 ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW “SIGNS”

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans intends to consider a local law to regulate existing and proposed on-premises advertising signs and signs of all types in the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, this Proposed Local Law known as “Signs” has been distributed to members of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the content of this Proposed Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board wishes set a public hearing date to provide members of the community with an opportunity to express their views on the Proposed Local Law known as “Signs”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby sets September 24, 2012, at 6:00pm as the date and time for a Public Hearing, and directs that the Town Clerk to issue a Notice of Public Hearing to be published in accordance with law for that date.

Councilman Boehm stated that the Town Board discussed and decided to waive any fees associated with obtaining a sign.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Proposed Law will be posted on the website and any one wishing to obtain a copy can stop at Town Hall and get one. He continued by saying that the Sign Law right now is in the Town’s Zoning and in working on rezoning they want to take the sign section out of zoning so it is a stand-alone law. He added that the Sign Ordinances within the Zoning are very restrictive and this loosens it up a bit and encourages businesses to be able to advertise.

Councilman Dolan stated that just to be clear, his copy says a \$25.00 fee for signs but Councilman Boehm proposed that it will be zero and the law as proposed should be zero.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it should be read into the record prior to the Public Hearing and it should be the final version.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will read the complete law into the record the night of the Public Hearing.

RES. #103-12 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ALS CONTRAT WITH ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFFS FOR ALS SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has participated in the County’s Emergency Medical Services Program to provide Advanced Life Support services; and

WHEREAS, a new contract is in place for the Advanced Life Support services with the Albany County Sheriff’s Office for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, this contract amount is not to exceed \$181,324.09 as stated in said contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the contract for ALS Services with the Albany County Sheriff’s Office.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if they know the amount of the increase from last year.

Supervisor Flach stated that last year it ended up being \$175,000.00 and they had contracted for \$180,000.00 and added that they estimated it at not to exceed \$181,324.09 and it is usually 4-5 thousand under the estimate.

Councilman Boehm interjected that last year they came in under what was contracted.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was \$4,000.00 under what they contracted for.

Councilman Boehm stated that this is for the paramedic services for the Town.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is Albany County’s Emergency Medical Services, which are the paramedics.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she is amazed that the Town of Coeymans is just below the Town of Coeymans.

Supervisor Flach stated that the paramedic service is broken into x amount of dollars for 6 different municipalities.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that they are Bethlehem, Berne, Rensselaerville, Westerlo, Coeymans and New Scotland and the Town of Coeymans is the third highest.

Supervisor Flach stated that it goes by population and the paramedic services are for those six towns.

Ms. Vadney from the audience inquired as to why they were approving it before they have a contract with Ravena Rescue Squad.

Supervisor Flach stated that it does not have anything to do with the ambulance and that it for paramedic services.

Ms. Vadney stated that she understands what it is but with the various proposal that might be coming in for the Ravena Rescue Squad, there may be options available that could enhance the Rescue Squad.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is separate.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is for 2012.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they are well into the Contract and they are always late.

Chief Darlington stated that if you think of the DWI Contracts, they put them out at the end of the year even though they have already provided the service.

RES. #104-12 APPOINT HIGHWAY OPERATOR

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways is desirous of filling a position of Equipment Operator I at the Highway Department and,

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint George LaMountain, to the position of Highway Equipment Operator I, effective immediately, at a salary consistent with the labor-management agreement in effect.

RES. #105-12 AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR STANTON ROAD PAVING

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

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has requested an Expenditure of Money for the repair and repaving of Stanton Road in the amount of \$46,775.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans had applied to FEMA for disaster relief in connection with Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA funds have been received and distributed to the proper accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department budget shall be amended as follows:

<u>Increase Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DB5112.4 & DB4089	\$46,775.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the use of these funds for the repair and repaving of Stanton Road.

Councilman Boehm stated that it looks good and that the Highway Department did a good job.

RES. #106-12 AMEND JUNE 2012 ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the following claims of vouchers for the June, 2012 Abstract as **indicated in red**.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1159-1198	\$230,562.07
General	1257-1258,1260-1297	\$ 17,214.34
	General Total	\$247,776.41
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1199-1200	\$ 900.00
Police Forfeiture	1259	\$ 209.40
	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 1,109.40
COMMUNICATION TOWER (A)		
Communication Tower – Pre-Pay	1201	\$ 6,813.63
	Comm. Tower Total	\$ 6,813.63
PART TOWN (B)		
Part Town Pre-Pay	1202-1214	\$214,614.84
Part Town	1298-1301	\$ 2,306.14
	Part Town Total	\$216,920.98
HIGHWAY(DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1215-1226	\$ 46,770.93
Highway	1302-1334	\$ 14,723.39
	Highway Total	\$ 61,494.32
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1227-1241	\$ 14,726.29
Sewer	1335-1348	\$ 6,528.56
	Sewer Total	\$ 21,254.85
SPECIAL WATER (SW)		
Special Water Pre-Pay	1242	\$ 25,121.27
	Special Water Total	\$ 25,121.27

CAPITAL PROJ. (H-36)		
Capital Projects	1349	\$ 419.68
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 419.68
	Total for all Funds	\$ 580,910.54
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1243-1255	\$329,117.35
	Trust & Agency Total	\$329,117.35

RES. #107-12 APPROVE AUGUST ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, 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 August, 2012 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1543-1605	\$300,683.62
General	1672-1702,1704-1733	\$ 50,674.07
	General Total	\$351,357.69
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture	1703	\$ 2,539.89
	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 2,539.89
PART TOWN (B)		
Part Town Pre-Pay	1606-1621	\$ 36,589.83
Part Town	1734-1737	\$ 157.71
	Part Town Total	\$ 36,747.54
HIGHWAY(DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1622-1636	\$ 67,540.06
Highway	1738-1773	\$201,108.41
	Highway Total	\$268,648.47
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1637-1656	\$150,054.97
Sewer	1774-1791	\$ 11,853.62
	Sewer Total	\$161,908.59
CAP. PROJ. (H-29)		
Capital Projects Pre-Pay	1657	\$ 26,881.61
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 26,881.61
CAP. PROJ. (H-30)		
Capital Projects Pre-Pay	1658	\$ 4,038.59

	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 4,038.59
CAP. PROJ. (H-32)		
Capital Projects Pre-Pay	1659	\$ 34,060.30
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 34,060.30
CAP. PROJ. (H-34)		
Capital Projects Pre-Pay	1660	\$ 2,406.00
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 2,406.00
CAP. PROJ. (H-35)		
Capital Projects Pre-Pay	1661	\$ 54.04
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 54.04
CAPITAL PROJ. (H-36)		
Capital Projects Pre-Pay	1662	\$ 168.00
Capital Projects	1792	\$ 6,789.78
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 6,957.78
CAPITAL PROJ. (H-37)		
Capital Projects	1793	\$ 1,800.00
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 1,800.00
PNCH		
PNCH Pre-Pay	1663	\$ 988.29
	PNCH Total	\$ 988.29
	Total for all Funds	\$898,388.79
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1664-1671	\$317,518.42
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$317,518.42

Councilman Masti asked if it would be possible to indicate what the Capital Projects are for.

Supervisor Flach stated that he could if he had the list in front of him.

Town Clerk Millious stated that are all in the red folders and added that she has the list in her office as to what they are.

Supervisor Flach stated that some of them date back a couple of years and none of them are for this year, with most being last year.

Councilman Masti stated that it would be nice if you knew what they were for.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are readily available at the Town Clerk's and Business Office.

CORRESPONDENCE

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of a letter for NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and continued by reading the following:

Town Historian
18 Russell Avenue
Ravena, NY 12143

RE: Dr. Wesley Blaisdell House
NYS Rte. 144
Coeymans, NY
Albany County

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am pleased to inform you that the above referenced property was listed July 17, 2012 on the National Register of Historic Places. As you may know, the National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. In addition, owners of income producing properties may qualify for Federal Income Tax Benefits. Properties owned by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for state historic presentation matching grants.

If you would like more information about any of these programs, please contact your field representative, in this case, John Bonafide, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Peebles Island, P.O. Box 189, Waterford, New York 12188-0189, (518) 237-8643, ext. 3263.

Sincerely,
Ruth Pierpont
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Planning Board Meeting, September 4, 2012, 7:00
- Public Hearing, September 10, 2012, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 10, 2012, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, September 18, 2012, 6:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, September 19, 2012, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 24, 2012, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments before the adjournment.

Councilman Boehm stated that on or about this date a year ago was Hurricane Irene and a lot of different agencies were involved, Coeymans Police, Coeymans Fire Department, Coeymans Hollow Fire Department, R-C-S School District, Ravena Fire Department, and various others and it was an opportunity for everyone to come together and help the community. He continued by saying that a lot of the roads are just being repaired today that were affected by the floods and he wanted to say thank you to everyone that participated, it was a real community effort and it is something that they should be proud of.

Councilman Dolan stated that along that same line, he wanted to say that they received a letter from F.E.M.A. regarding the 2007 disaster and they did get an extension until December 31, 2013 and he believes that Chief Darlington did contact the engineering firm.

Chief Darlington stated that he contacted both engineering firms and approximately ½ hour before the meeting they e-mailed him their proposed timeline for the Board's approval, which he didn't get in time to have ready for the meeting but he will have it ready for the next meeting so they can move forward.

Councilman Masti inquired as to if this is to clean out the creek.

Chief Darlington stated that it is.

Councilman Dolan stated that also on the emergency topic, they have scheduled two Emergency Preparedness Workshops, which are being done through his main office in Voorheesville with one being October 3rd at Town Hall at 6:00pm and one for the Beautification building on September 19th at 6:00. He continued by saying that they will get the information out and added that the other thing that they wanted to mention is that the house that Joann spoke about earlier at 9 Fist Street, he did work to try to save it and up until they arrived on the scene to tear it down he had the cell phone number of the Deputy DGS who if they have reached a deal to save it, they could have because it was up to the last minute. He added that he wishes that it was saved and on the Tax Rolls but the County deemed it a danger to the neighborhood.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it should be pointed out the County was the owner of the building.

Councilman Dolan stated that it didn't go the way he wanted it to but the County was well within its rights to take it down and reiterated that he wished that it was a different outcome but it wasn't.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to thank Pastors Jim and Sherry Datri for the Matthew Project, which Grace Covenant hosted again and added that he did not get the numbers but he knows that they had a very good year and he got to help a few times. He continued by saying that it is nice seeing several churches in the area coming together to provide a service for the kids, which is what they need in this town in getting the community together and he thinks that they are a great example to follow.

Ms. Lawler asked the name of the project.

Councilman Masti stated that it is the Matthew Project and they put lunches out for the school kids for the summer because they don't have them in school and added volunteers make sandwiches and provide string cheese, snack and drinks and then take it out to 6-7 locations.

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give an update of the youth that worked the Summer Program.

Councilman Dolan stated that town-wide they had 30 youth that worked in various spots, at the Sewer Plant, Beautification building, Food for Thought Program, High School, Mayor's Office, Village Park and Village Pool. He continued by saying that 30 youth got jobs through a federally funded program at no cost to the Town and the jobs were 20 hours a week, for 5-6 weeks and it went very well.

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Boehm give an update of the Summer Recreation Program.

Councilman Boehm stated that there was an average of well over 60 kids average for each day, the weather was pretty decent this year and it was another good program with the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans and it went really well.

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 Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk