

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, September 10, 2012, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** Peter E. Masti, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor  
Dawn L. Rogers, Councilwoman  
Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman  
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk  
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police  
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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Deputy Supervisor Masti opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **OPENING COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that Supervisor Flach was absent due to a death in his family and that he had given him a letter to read and continued by reading the following:

September 10, 2012

Residents and Town Board Members of the Town of Coeymans

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I want to thank everyone for coming tonight. I want to send my apologies for not being there. As many of you know, I have a wake tonight and a funeral tomorrow. A close relative passed away last week.

I want to address everyone before the Public Comment Period and assure you that I will read the minutes of the meeting this week.

I feel obligated to the Town's people and our Town employees to let you know my thoughts as the Chief Fiscal Officer and elected Supervisor. I believe it is one of my jobs to spend taxpayer dollars efficiently and to save the Town money where I can.

If we can provide a service that is as good as we have and save a large sum of money, I think we have an obligation to look at this. I also realize that there are individuals and families that would be affected by such a decision, so I would never look at this lightly. I am only speaking for myself on this matter tonight, as the Board has not even looked at a proposal, just a thought.

On September 24, 2012, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple will present an option to the Town at a regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00pm. I thank our officers for the job that they do. We have hired quite a few part-time people this year. I know this may seem like a reflection on them, it is not.

Looking at the budget is the primary reason for these questions. Please come and talk to me. If this is something the people do not want to see happen, then so be it. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not look at all our services.

We have just done the same thing with the ambulance services and we realize that Ravena Rescue Squad is currently our best option.

Thank you for understanding my absence.

Stephen Flach, Supervisor

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**AGENDA**

- Presentation
  - VFW Ladies Auxiliary
- Public Announcement
  - Town Offices Closed 10-08-12
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, August 27, 2012
- Old Business
  - Employee Drug Testing
- New Business
  - Part Time Mechanic – Seasonal Employee, Highway Dept.
- Resolutions
  - Budget Amendment for New Line Item
  - Appoint Highway Equipment Operator II
  - Authorize Transfer of Funds
- Meetings/Workshops
  - Public Hearing, September 24, 2012, 6:00pm
  - Planning Board Meeting, October 1, 2012, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, October 9, 2012, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, October 16, 2012, 6:00pm
  - ZBA Meeting, October 17, 2012, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, October 22, 2012, 7:00pm

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**PRESENTATION**

**Proclamation to VFW Ladies Auxiliary**

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that Councilman Dolan had a presentation of a Proclamation to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and asked that he read it.

Councilman Dolan read the following Proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9594 serves the Town of Coeymans and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars was established in 1914 to serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the veterans of Foreign Wars live by the motto, “Honor the dead by helping the living”; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9594 provides support to veterans and active duty service men and women and their families through programs such as; the Legislative Program, Americanism, Cancer Aid and Research, Veterans and Family Support, The Buddy Poppy Program, Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen Scholarships, as well as many other programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to proclaim the third Friday in September of each year as VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9594 Day

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby designate Friday, September 21, 2012 as VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9594 Day in the Town of Coeymans as a symbol of our support to this organization.

Councilman Dolan invited those present from the VFW to come forward to receive the Proclamation and added that Ms. Christine Snyder, President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary wished to say something and invited her to the microphone.

**Ms. Christine Snyder** stated that she is the President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 9594 and she wanted to thank them for the Proclamation because it not only gives them an opportunity to continue what they do, which is to honor the Veteran's that are within in our community as well as all the communities in our nation. She continued by saying that on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September they are hosting a POW-MIA Ceremony and have flyers posted around town and it is the first on its kind in this area and they are hoping to bring awareness to those men and women who did not return from war and those that did return but were prisoners and that she wanted everyone to join them for that event. She added that they are wearing a tear drop pin on their uniforms today and throughout the month of September because they are bringing awareness that September is Military Suicide Awareness Month because they lose approximately one soldier each day due to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other situations when they return from combat. She continued by saying that they have pins available for anyone wishing to have one and they are free and she hopes that everyone helps them in support of this project because it means a great deal to them and they want to honor veteran's that may be struggling from situations from war.

Collectively the Town Board thanked Ms. Snyder and the entire Ladies Auxiliary.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Masti invited the public to comment at this time and asked that anyone commenting should keep their comments under three minutes as well as asking those not at the microphone to give respect to the person that is.

**Mary Driscoll** stated that she had three items to discuss and continued by reading the following:

My name is Mary Driscoll and I live in the Village of Ravena. I have four things tonight; first of all I would like to thank Chief Darlington and the Town of Coeymans Police Department for their swift and very effective response to my request to have the speeders on Winnie Avenue checked. I understand several tickets have been issued and because of that I feel the children on Winnie Avenue are much safer now. There is a rumor going around that you want to get rid of the Police Force. Knowing the politics in this town like I do, in my opinion there is some more dirty Albany politics going on. This country was founded on small government, not big government, we have been very fortunate in this community in not only having a Police Force but our own dispatchers, which I know has been a thorn in a lot of the county politicians and others. A few years ago my house became the target of an attempted burglary; we foolishly dialed 911 and were told that someone would be there soon, 50 minutes later a State Trooper showed up. Is that what we want here in the community? About 60 years ago we were sold a bill of goods about saving money by centralizing our schools and you know what happened there. A few years ago Village residents were convinced that the Village would be better off if their small Police Force was combined with the Town and I believe that several members of this Town Board were at that meeting. We were promised three cars each shift, every year since then the Board has downsized the Police Budget and we don't seem to get those three cars every shift now. What is the County going to promise and then not deliver? I shudder to think of that. Years ago we only had one or two Police Officers; we also could leave our front doors unlocked. Times have changed; we need our Police Force even more now.

Ms. Driscoll continued by saying that she had another comment and read the following:

A few weeks ago a young marine from Massachusetts was killed in Afghanistan; unfortunately his burial was marred by protestors. This has happened several times to service personnel killed in the line of duty. Although I am a firm believer in the right to

protest anything, I feel with that right, comes a responsibility. Every military family has a right to bury their child or spouse without interference from any religious or anti-war group. People who are grieving should receive respect and consideration from the community; funerals are not the place for protest or demonstrations no matter what the cause is. Some communities have instituted a ban on any kind of a protest or demonstration within so many yards of a church or a funeral home. I would like to suggest that this Board consider this option before we find ourselves in this difficult fight of position.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked Ms. Driscoll is she had much more.

Ms. Driscoll stated that she had one more and read the following.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone to remember all of the victims of 9/11 tomorrow. Say a prayer, light a candle, or just spend a moment of silence in memory of their heroic acts and deeds.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Joseph Dunn** stated that he not a local resident but is President of the local Police Benevolent Association for the Police Department and has been a member of the Town Department since 1994, which are several years. He added that the reason why he came is because they are a little concerned about the developments in the Supervisor's Report and the safety of the community and as they can see a number of members were present to show their concern. He continued by saying that they are not all members of the community and live in the community but those like himself feel as though they are members of the community and they feel if something is missing, or the Supervisor thinks that there is something that they are doing wrong that needs to be corrected, they would like to hear from him what the problem is. He went on by saying that he realizes that there are money issues and he knows as Union President from the past contract negotiations and they have been very flexible and have not asked for raises. He concluded by saying that they would like the members of the Town Board to make sure that they really examine what they are going to lose if they do lose a department like theirs and it has happened in other towns and villages and they are going to lose the services that they get and asked that they keep that in mind.

**Ms. Kathy Emory** stated that she has lived in this town for the last 27 years and since she has been here they have always had their own Police Force. She continued by saying that unfortunately over the last 9 months she has had a need to have the police at her residence several times and her feeling is, because they have been through this before and this is not the first time this issue has come up, is that it is really nice to be able to put in a call to the Police Department and have some idea who is going to respond. She added that in the instances that she needed them she did not want strangers and the Town's Police Force was there in full force and they are compassionate, do their jobs and know the people here and it would be much easier for this town in a lot of ways. She went on by saying that if you are having problems you are not going to go to a Sheriff because you know the local Police Officers and are comfortable with them and when you need a Police Officer it is nice to know who is on your side and who is going to respond and the familiarity is a major issue that they are not going to have with the Sheriff's Department. She continued by saying that cost is a factor but they can't sit there and tell her that there aren't other ways to cut here and there to protect our town and they don't have the drug and gang problems like they do in Albany and surrounding areas. She added that this is because of the Police Officer's who are on top of it and know what's going on and when it is going down and that stops a lot of it because they know the people involved. She concluded by saying that they are not going to have this with the Sheriff's Department and she pleads with the Board to please find a way to keep our local Officers.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Audrey Toussaint** stated that she lives in Ravena and for the past 26 years she lived in Clifton Park, which is over 70,000 and they did not have a Police Department, they subbed out and their crime rate was way down and their fiscal accountability and

responsibility to the community was met. She continued by saying that she has had occasion to be involved with the Police Department of Coeymans once because she owns a rental property in town and she had a squatter there for three days and her tenants called the police and they came and they filled out a blank report because the squatter that lived in the cellar was a drug dealer and a known informant and was allowed to simply walk free and there were not any trespassing violations. She added that as the owner of the property she came to the Police Department to ask that she be notified if something were to happen, because the safety of her tenant is a concern of hers, and to have someone living on the floor below that was discovered when the tenant went down to do the laundry was frightening. She continued by saying that she was met very rudely by a Sergeant who said that they don't have the time to track down everyone and when she asked if she could leave her name to be informed he advised that she could file a F.O.I.L. request and she is the property owner. She concluded by saying that her point is that she should have been the person that decided whether or not a trespassing violation occurred because it was her property and there are ways that you don't have to have a Police Department in town.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Jeff Lukens** stated that he has lived in town since 1974 and when he was growing up as a kid there was a very small Police Department and he remembers Sergeant VanKempen who was a wonderful guy and did a good job. He continued by saying that he remembers a State Trooper that a group of them in Coeymans Hollow called him Uncle Al, Al Ostrander Sr., and he checked up on him and his group of friends at least once a week and he knew what color their dirt bikes were and knew a lot about them and had coffee with his parents as well as a lot of this friend's parents. He added that he understood that our area was his patrol route and he was very personable, which he does not see in the Coeymans Police Department right now. He went on by saying that he really wants the best for our community and he believes that the best for the community would be the very best trained Police Department, which he thinks would save tax dollars as well with better training and he would hope that all of the current policemen could become Sheriff's or Troopers and could patrol our district because they do know the district better than other departments. He continued by saying that he thinks that the best scenario would be if we could have the best trained police, which would be the Sheriff's or Troopers and if they are doing a contract with them, maybe a part of the contract would be that they hire some of the people that they have now. He concluded by saying that he thinks the best for our community, they would do best with better trained and he does not know why they are trained more and it's probably because they spend more money for training that the Town can afford.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Ann Marie Vadney** stated that she thinks that they should approach this and review it from a fiscal and economical perspective and they have to be very careful not to personalize it even though many of them feel as though there should be some type of Police Department. She continued by saying that there is always room for improvement and room to look at their budgets to cut costs and maybe reapply costs in other areas and if they downsize or eliminate it, the Union should be working very closely to transition individuals to other jobs or retrain. She went on by saying that she does not think that anyone wants to see someone lose a job but she also thinks that they have to be responsible economically and not just with the Police Department but with the Rescue Squad and everything else in the community. She concluded by saying that she thinks it should be a plan presented to the public so that people can prepare and look for other options and ensure that the people who are currently involved are treated fairly and equitable as well as insure that the community is protected.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Mark Maher** stated that a few years back he ran the Rescue Squad when Ron Hotaling was Supervisor and when he first came into office he did the same thing and wanted to get rid of the Rescue Squad and Police Department and go to a paid agency outside of our district and he insisted that he could do it cheaper. He continued by saying

that he proved a point to him that there is no way that he could bring a paid Rescue Squad into this community based on figures and at the same point he dropped the subject along with the Police Department and in hearing an earlier comment about the Rescue Squad, they wasted money to do it again. He added that if you go to New Baltimore to see how long it takes a County or State Police unit to respond, when he was in the Fire Department down there it could take up to 40 minutes for someone to show up and the Sheriff's Department is great but it does not mean that there is a car in the community all the time and it is going to happen, the same as it happens everywhere else, there is not a sub station sitting here with 8-10 cars like Clifton Park or a station or barracks like there is in the middle of Clifton Park. He continued by saying that there is a lot to look at and he was told first thing this morning that someone with the Village Department told him that the Town Board had some closed door conversations that leaked out and they should be careful about, when they leave, who they talk to that had been previously on the Board and in turn starts making phone calls.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Pat Downes** stated that with their own Police Department they have within minutes to the scene, whether it is a fire, someone having a heart attack or someone breaking into your home, those first couple of minutes. He added that it means a lot and the money means nothing when someone is trying to break in your house and you are inside or you are laying there having a heart attack and want to someone come through the door to help you. He continued by saying that they should make sure that they worry about first response and when they are in Westerlo, Cohoes or Voorheesville, they prioritize it and the Town of Coeymans will be on the short end of the stick as they showed them with the chase car. He concluded by saying that when they took the chase car out of here over two years ago and didn't tell anyone in the public and what they have now is a bill for \$180,000.00 and maybe they will be here in 20-25 minutes.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Richard Beck Sr.** stated that he understands that there are a few lawsuits against the Town of Coeymans Police Department and he was wondering who foots the bill for their defense. He added that he knows that there has been a lot of good with the Police Department and he knows over the years there has been a lot of not so good right out of our own Police Department and there was an Officer convicted of actually starting fires and burning barns. He went on by saying that he is wondering and his concern is that it falls on the taxpayer to pay for their defense with what they have had in the past and from what he understands what is happening in the present.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Laszlo Polyak** stated that the Supervisor's statement said that Sheriff Apple will be present on September 24<sup>th</sup> and they can't draw any conclusions until he makes his presentation and added that he had to correct Mr. Mahar in that there is a satellite now in New Baltimore where a Sheriff stays in Town Hall.

Mr. Mahar stated that there is a car parked with no one in it most of the time.

Mr. Polyak stated that these are the type of questions that the community need to know and like Pat Downes had said, response time is important and if they are going to put a satellite like there is in Voorheesville with 4-5 cars and take over downstairs, he believes that they will need some of the Town's employees along with some of their employees and find other people jobs and transition them. He continued by saying that right now he is open to ideas and suggestions until he hears what the Sheriff himself has to say and he understands there are dollars and cents and they are in hard times but he agrees with Mr. Downes that there is response time also. He went on by saying that if they are going to have to come 20 miles in 40 minutes it is not worth it, or if they are going to be close by through a marriage of a smaller Coeymans Police Department and the State Troopers also using it as well as the Sheriffs it would be. He added that he is going to stay open minded to all of the suggestions here and he does not want to see anyone go uncovered because they do a lot of good and 1-2 in every Police Department unfortunately ruins it for all of

the officers who put in the time and effort to be good. He continued by saying that maybe they should go to the schools so they get to know people and people get to know them so then they won't have all of rumor and gossip, which factually is 99% false, and deal with just the facts.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Rodney Krzykowski** stated that he too would want to wait until the Sheriff's Department comes down and gives their presentation but no matter who is here, they need to make sure that procedure is being followed properly and to date he can't say that they are. He concluded by saying that in his own instance he could talk to them about several that have not been followed at all and he is not too happy about it and he knows that there are others that have the same problem and reiterated that procedures need to be done and they need to be done properly, no matter who does it.

**Mr. George Babcock** stated that he has lived in the Town all of his life, 62 years, and it seems to him that what they are hearing a lot of is a lot of complaints about different personnel in the Police Department and it would behoove the Town Board to form a Police Review Board that will not only field complaints from the public but also do something about them and if nothing else, answer back whether it is justified or unjustified. He concluded by saying that he thinks that this is what really needs to be done if the Coeymans Police Department is going to survive around here.

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

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## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Town Office Closed – Columbus Day**

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the Town Offices will be closed on October 8<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day with the exception of the Police Department, which is a 24/7 operation.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on August 27, 2012 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 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Employee Drug Testing**

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that they had discussed Employee Drug Testing at prior meetings and asked for a motion to accept the proposal and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Concentra Drug Testing.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, accepting the proposal from Concentra Drug Testing and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Part-Time Mechanic & Seasonal Employee – Highway Department**

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that a part-time mechanic and seasonal employee are on the agenda for discussion.

Councilman Boehm stated that there is a resolution later in the meeting addressing it and added that it is filling in LaMountain's vacancy that he created.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that the resolution is for Tom Bennett to become an Operator II and then asked if Councilwoman Rogers could read the resolution.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #108-12 APPOINT HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Highways is desirous of filling a position of Operator II 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,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Thomas Bennett to the position of Highway Equipment Operator II, effective immediately, at a salary consistent with the Labor Management Agreement in effect.

Councilman Boehm stated that they should authorize Highway Superintendent Deering to advertise for a part-time mechanic.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that they had already given him permission to advertise.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that they gave his permission to advertise for part-time unless they want to make it full-time.

Collectively the Board said they didn't want to make it full-time.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the seasonal driver is for December 1<sup>st</sup> and not now and the mechanic position they are doing now.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if the seasonal driver is for snow plowing, effective December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that was correct reiterated that the mechanic is to be advertised for now.

Town Clerk Millious asked if they wanted her to do the ad.

Collectively it was agreed that Town Clerk Millious would do the ad.

**RES. #109-12 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR NEW LINE ITEM**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans received \$3,000.00 in donations from Lafarge Building Materials, Inc. for Evenings on the Green, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans 2012 Adopted Budget did not provide a revenue line item for Gifts and Donations, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of establishing a revenue line item in the 2012 Adopted Budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby establish revenue line item A2705 – Gift and Donations in the 2012 Budget,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2012 Budget be amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Line Item A2705 – Gifts & Donations \$3,000.00  
Increase Appropriation Line Item A7270.4 – Bands Contractual \$3,000.00

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to point out, as he always does, is that even though his band played they did not get paid or compensated in any way.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank Lafarge for their generous gift, which enabled them to do the Evenings on the Green without using taxpayer dollars.

**RES. #110-12 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF HIGHWAY MONEY**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the following account has been exhausted due to unforeseen expenditures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amount to the respective account.

**Highway Fund (DB)**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
\$16,551.16	DB9730.6 BAN Principal	DB5110.4 General Repair (Contractural)

Councilman Boehm stated that this was the money left over from the BAN on the truck.

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**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS**

- Public Hearing, September 24, 2012, 6:00pm
- Planning Board Meeting, October 1, 2012, 7:00pm
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to congratulate and thank the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for the service that they provide to our community and they do a great job.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there is a Primary Election on Thursday, which is usually on a Tuesday but it was changed because of 9/11 and that the Polls are open from 12:00-9pm. She continued by reading the location of the Districts.

- 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 it is a Democratic and Green Party Election and you have to be enrolled in one of the two in order to vote and anyone with questions can call her office at 756-2100. She concluded by saying that her thoughts and prayers are with the Flach family.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he e-mailed a contract to get the Hannacroix Creek Project moving to the Town Supervisor and asked for it to be put on the agenda for approval.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that it was not on the agenda and he didn't hear anything.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to make the Board aware that they are on a very tight schedule and only have until December 2013 to finish the project. He continued by saying that at previous Workshops they had discussed the purchase of a new patrol car for this year and then asked if they want to move forward with putting it out to bid.

Councilman Boehm asked what putting it out to bid means and if they are just looking for pricing.

Chief Darlington stated that they get bids from who ever choose to bid on it and it gives them a price to work with and go forward from there.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they need bids because it is not something under State Contract.

Chief Darlington stated that currently the Ford Taurus Police Package is not under State Contract as of last week and they are supposed to notify him when it goes out.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that there isn't any reason why it can't go out to bid at this point.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would offer a motion to put it out to bid.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Chief Darlington to advertise for bids for a new patrol car.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Chief Darlington asked that he be placed on the next Workshop Agenda to discuss Retirement Badge and ID's because several of the employees had retired from the Department under the previous Chief's and never received anything.

Councilman Boehm asked if there is a cost associated with that.

Chief Darlington stated that for the ID it is \$13.00 and most of them agreed to purchase their own badge, which is usually \$20.00-\$30.00.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that it would be placed on the next Workshop Agenda.

Councilman Boehm asked Chief Darlington for an update on Colvin Avenue parking.

Chief Darlington stated that he believes that they said they wanted to move forward with the parking in the whole town rather than dealing with just one issue and he will e-mail it to the Board so they can move forward.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering asked if he can get permission to advertise for a truck.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he could not.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it was worth a try.

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he helped Grace Covenant Church with the Matthew Project, which provides lunches to school aged children over the summer and they put together 5,258 lunches that they served. He added that it was an average of 135 a day at 8 different locations and they started the program 3-4 years ago with 4-5 locations, which means that the program had gotten bigger. He continued by saying that the cost was \$5,731.00, which averages out to be \$1.14 per lunch and it included a sandwich of peanut butter & jelly or meat, bag of pretzels or chips, fruit snack roll, juice pouch drink and string cheese. He added that there were 14 different community churches, not just from the Town of Coeymans who participated with 97 volunteers and there was no cost because it was 100% donated with 50% being from the private sector, 25% from the churches and 25% from corporate within the area. He continued by saying that it is a awesome program and some of the kids offered a prayer of thanks for the food, actually helping pass out the lunches and taking ownership that they are helping their own community, which is a great thing to encourage. He concluded by saying that it shows what communities can do without Federal aid.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to adjourn.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Flach) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:50pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**APPROVED –**

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*Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk*