A Town Board Meeting was held September 12, 2011, at 7:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: James C. Youmans, Supervisor

Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman Richard N. Touchette, Councilman Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Deana Ferrusi, Deputy Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board in addition to Deputy Clerk Ferrusi, Highway Superintendent Deering and Chief of Police Darlington.

AGENDA

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Workshop, August 16, 2011
 - Town Board Meeting, August 22, 2011
 - Bid Opening, September 1, 2011
- Old Business
 - Award Bid for Sewer Meter System
- New Business
 - Authorization to Sign Gasboy Software Agreement
 - Authorization to Sign Advanced Life Support Services Agreement
 - Award of Bid Proposal for Police Vehicle
 - Authorization to Hire Real Estate Appraiser to Appraise Conners Property
 - Establish Public Hearing Date for Proposed Local Law #1
 - Establish Public Hearing Date for Proposed Local Law #2
- Resolutions
 - Amend August Abstract
- Correspondence
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Town Board Workshops/Meeting
 - Town Board Workshop, September 20, 2011, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 26, 2011, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, October 11, 2011

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Barbara Tanner stated that she was at the Planning Board Meeting the other night and they were told that there is no law on the books to keep the business from coming to Marshall's Garage and added that she can't believe that the Town would let it go and not have some kind of law due to the problems that they had with Malphrus and other people

bringing cars into the Town. She continued by saying that it does not make sense to her and then asked if it is true.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Planning Board is governed by Town Code and Town Law and added that if they say that there isn't, he does not have any reason to believe that they are wrong.

Ms. Tanner asked if there is anything in the works to make a law.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to if she means specifically regarding this.

Ms. Tanner stated that it would be for someone coming in and dumping 96 cars and saying that they are going ton do this, this and this and start a business but then they don't do it and reiterated that the Planning Board said that there is nothing they can do.

Supervisor Youmans stated that if she looks at the agenda for the meeting, she will see under New Business that they are going to establish two Public Hearings for Proposed Local Law #1, which is Site Plan Authorization and Proposed Law #2, which will establish powers and duties of the Planning Board, which in the opinion of some, will give that Board more teeth. He continued by saying that whether or not it remedies that particular situation he could not say.

Ms. Tanner inquired as to if there is anything on the books saying that you can't have more than 2 cars in your yard without coming to the Planning Board or to start a business.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the issue as he understands it, which he does not want to comment too much, is that when it comes to a change of use of a business it is different and added that he is of the opinion that when the last operator of the dealership left, it sat more than a year, which would require different steps to be taken. He continued by saying that it has been said that the previous operator did some kind of sales there during that period when none of them saw anything going on, which changes things slightly. He concluded by saying that he is just as frustrated as anyone about that particular situation.

Ms. Tanner stated that she likes to see business come in and she if for business but it has been 18 months since he said he was going to put a berm up, paint, etc. and now they gave him 90 more days.

Supervisor Youmans reiterated that he is as frustrated by it as she is.

Ms. Tanner stated that she thinks that they should look into some kind of law and then thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Tanner and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Henry Traver stated that he is there to discuss some things that Supervisor Youmans has brought to light himself and continued by saying that as Town Supervisor; ethically he is asking him to stop bashing him and calling him a felon, especially while he is on duty as the Supervisor. He continued by saying that during his personal time he can say all he wants and if he has something to say to him, as a citizen, he should come and talk to him. He reiterated that as the Town Supervisor, ethically he should be watching how he says things, how he posts things on the computer in regard to experience and how he had to train people. He went on by saying that every one of them on the Board, including himself, had no experience coming into the job and to sit there and say he is experienced is not even close in his opinion and in bringing up people's past, there are things that he could bring up about people on the Board including himself but he doesn't because he does not think that it is the right way to do it. He continued by saying that he is asking him as Supervisor to lower his tone, use it in a professional manner in regard to him and reiterated that if he has an issue with him; bring it to his attention rather than running their mouths on the streets. He concluded by saying that he would like to ask Mr. Dolan as Democratic Chairman, to sit down and talk about how they campaign because he feels as though it could get out of hand if he continues to talk the way he has on the

street as Supervisor and added that all he is asking for is respect for the way the campaign is being run and if they have a problem with him, come and see him and not run their mouths.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that it is her understanding that the Planning Board met before and came up with a law quite a while ago and gave it to the Town Board

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is on the agenda to set a date for a Public Hearing.

Ms. Pasquini thanked Supervisor Youmans.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on August 16th, a Town Board Meeting on August 22nd and a Bid Opening on September 1st 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

OLD BUSINESS

Award Bid for Sewer Meter System

Supervisor Youmans stated that as many may recall there was a bid for the three sewer meter installations, two of which will be on Rte. 9W and one at the point by the new Coeymans Fire House, which will satisfy the contract with the Village of Ravena as it pertains to sewer. He added that low bidder was Anjo Construction with a bid of \$148,600.00 and they have negotiated a Change Order with Anjo Construction to remove some optional equipment from those meters like convenience outlets and changing the manholes from fiberglass to precast, which brings the bid down to \$129,000.00. He concluded by saying that a formality is that they need to first award the bid at \$148,600.00 and then they would authorize the Change Order.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what the Village will pay out of the \$129,000.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Village will pay 65% and the Town pays 35%.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to accept the bid from Anjo Construction Limited in the amount of \$148,600.00.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization to Sign Gasboy Software Agreement

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Board had previously received information on the Gasboy Software Agreement, which is the system that keeps track of the fuel usage at the Highway Garage. He then asked for authorization to sign the Agreement.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the renewal Agreement for Gasboy Software for annual maintenance. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Authorization to Sign Advanced Life Support Services Agreement

Supervisor Youmans stated that he needs authorization to sign the Advanced Life Support Services Agreement with Albany County.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if this is the Agreement that they had done in the past

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Advanced Life Support Services Agreement with the County of Albany.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Authorization to Hire Real Estate Appraiser

Supervisor Youmans stated that he needs authorization to hire a real estate appraiser for property on Rte. 144 in Coeymans.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Agreement and hire a Real Estate Appraiser to appraise the Conner's property on Rte. 144.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Award Bid Proposal for Police Vehicle

Supervisor Youmans stated that they solicited bids for a new police vehicle and to his pleasure the low bidder is Crossroads Ford right here in town. He added that it has been a source of frustration for many of them when it comes time to buy Ford vehicles, which the Town often does buy, because they are all of the opinion that they prefer to do business with the local dealer in Town who pays Town Taxes. He continued by saying that the State Procurement Policy and law forbids them from just going there and buying it so it is always a happy thing for all of them when they bid on a vehicle and actually end up the low bidder. He concluded by saying that he is recommending that they award the bid of the Ford Explorer at the price of \$28,349.40, which does not include DMV fees, to Crossroads Ford Mercury.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Boehm, awarding the bid to Crossroads Ford Mercury.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm inquired as to when they can expect delivery.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they have not ordered it yet and added that he would not expect it to be more than an 8-10 week delivery.

Establish Public Hearings Local Law #1-2011 & Local Law #2-2011

Supervisor Youmans stated that they need to establish dates for two Public Hearings and continued by saying that he would suggest the first meeting in October, which will be Tuesday, October 11th, due to the fact that Columbus Day will be Monday and added that he would suggest that the first one be at 6:00pm for Local Law #1 and the second at 6:30pm and then asked if the date was alright.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comment on the two proposed Local Laws and added that he would encourage anyone listening at home or reading it in the News Herald, to stop and pick up a copy of the proposed Local Laws from the Town Clerk's Office. He added that he would suggest very strongly that people do come and let them hear their opinions on the two Local Laws because this is the purpose of a Public Hearing.

Councilman Touchette asked if they could be placed on the website.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #83-11 AMEND JULY 2011 ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby Amend the July 2011 Abstract as follows and indicated in red.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1372-1416	\$157,280.22
General	1459-1501,1503-1507,1562-1563	\$ 40,876.99
	General Total	\$198,157.21
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1417-1428,1564	\$ 13,466.89
Part-Town	1508-1513	\$ 5,873.22
	Part Town Total	\$ 19,340.11
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1429-1438	\$ 41,473.56
Highway	1502,1514-1537	\$ 9,969.27
	Highway Total	\$ 51,442.83
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1439-1451	\$ 16,766.20
Sewer	1538-1550,1553,1559-1560	\$ 8,673.66
	Sewer Total	\$ 25,439.86
CAPITAL PROJ. (H36)		
Capital Projects	0	\$ 0

	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 0
CAP. PROJ. (H-37)		
Capital Projects	1551-1552 ,1561	\$ 6,887.10
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 6,887.10
	Total for all Funds	\$301,267.11
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1452-1458	\$215,975.36
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$215,975.36

CORRESPONDENCE

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Dolan read the correspondence from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Councilman Dolan continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans,

Please find the attached flyer promoting a free Energy Workshop being held at the CCE/CHOICES Program on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 1:00pm.

As the Workshop focuses on easy ways to reduce the cost of energy in one's home, I believe it would be of value to your constituents. Any help you may provide in promoting this program would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Maria DeLucia-Evans Extension Community Educator

Councilman Dolan stated that the Workshop will be ways to save energy and dollars and added that Maria will be the presenter and she does a great job.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that the flyer sent with the letter says that they will explore ideas on how to reduce energy bills by identifying the biggest energy uses in your home and to learn about available Energy Programs. He added that it also states that all attendees will receive a free Energy Kit, which includes outlet/light switch, outlet caps, rope caulk, CFL, shrink fit window insulation kit and a refrigerator thermometer. He concluded by saying that advanced registration is required and anyone that wants to register can call 756-8650.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that the Workshop is free.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, September 20, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 26, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, October 11, 2011, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to take a minute to express his sorrow for the people in Town and out of Town who suffered damage to their homes during Hurricane Irene and to express his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Emergency Management Committee of the Town of Coeymans and added that he will not mention people by name because he does not want to leave someone out. He continued by saying that he walked into the room on Sunday morning as the storm was occurring and he was very troubled when he walked in the room but when he saw some of the people that were in the room to manage the emergency, it became clear to him quickly that those were all people that had been there before and knew exactly what to do and they were unflappable. He went on by saying that no one was excited, no one lost their cool and some people spent 24-48 hours in that room without leaving and the Town of Coeymans is extremely fortunate to have that system in place should disaster strike. He continued by saying that they are also fortunate to have the First Responder Community and the Police Officers and Highway workers who worked long shifts and perhaps had their own personal chaos at their homes. He added that a lot of times the Police and Firemen get all the glory but without the Highway Department making sure that the roads are passable, a fire truck or police car is not much good if you can't get down the road and they also put themselves in harms way and put themselves there for all of our safety. He concluded by saying that he wants to thank all involved, which includes the staff from the Village of Ravena, the Public Works employees from the Village, the Mayor and everyone involved that helped to make a horrible situation turn out alright.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he had the occasion to spend a fair amount of time with the Emergency Management Committee and he too was greatly impressed by the professionalism shown by those folks, which include Chief Darlington, Bill Bruno, Steve Payne, Jerry DeLuca, everyone in the Fire Companies, the Police Officers, Town employees, Highway Department and John Lennon from the Sewer Plant and he wanted to add his thanks and gratitude to all of those folks and he hopes that we don't have to face a situation like that any time soon. He went on by saying that most of the Board attended the Walk for Remembrance, which was sponsored by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, which was a very moving event in that our community, like much of the country, came together. He added that it was a very well done event and everyone there recognized that we are part of a community here as well as part of a larger community and he wanted to thank the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for sponsoring it. He continued by saying that he wanted to make a brief comment on his experience when he was elected to the Board for the first time and added that when he was elected he had previously spent several years as a member of the Planning Board and Chairman of that Board and in that position he saw a lot of how Town Government worked and he thinks it is misleading to say that all of them came on the Board without any experience.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to single out the school and added that he had the opportunity to go to the Emergency Shelter that was at the school and Brian Dengler and Doug Porter were already there. He added that anything that they wanted, they were provided such as a hot lunch, coordinating getting cots from the Red Cross, and making people feel welcome that were evacuated from their homes as well as providing bus drivers and buses to get people bused out of the flooding. He continued by saying that the School District provided anything that was asked for and no one asked about where the money was coming from or how to do it but rather what they could do and it was a pleasure working with them. He went on by saying that he also had the opportunity first hand, during the evacuation to go to Miller Road and watch the Coeymans Fire Department bring someone out and for anyone thinking that it wasn't life threatening

should have been there that day to see the water come over the bow as they were bringing two kids out, which was an amazing experience to see. He added that there are a lot of people to mention and they have only mentioned a few but the amazing thing to him was how everyone came together as a team, the Town Board, Police Department, Fire Companies, Rescue Squad, and those who manned the shelters. He continued by saying that it shows that people in this community should be proud of themselves and their neighbors and added that he didn't see the whole operation such as the Highway Department fixing the roads, the Police who were on several calls and EMS calls during the emergency. He reiterated that there are so many people to thank and he feels very proud of the neighbors and people in the community who stepped up. He went on by saying that he also had an opportunity to do the Remembrance Walk and he wanted to thank Mary Driscoll for setting it up and it was mentioned that Henry Traver did a good job setting it up and putting the flowers out, which are positive comments because he thinks that everyone is talking negative about him but his name was mentioned in a very positive way. He concluded by saying that everyone remembers where they were that day as it happened in Washington, New York and Shanksville, PA, and it affected everyone locally and reiterated that it was nice for them to provide the service for everyone and he was proud to attend it as well.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that Albert and his crew did a fantastic job and added that she was not able to join them because she was flooded in and could not get out. She continued by saying that she did see that neighbors were helping neighbors and it was amazing that when something that drastic happens, they do come together.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to echo what everyone had said about the flood and wanted to add that he did have flooding but thankfully it did not get into the main part of his house. He continued by saying that Supervisor Youmans did have flooding in him home and it led to a conversation as to how they were doing what they needed to do as far as the community but also had concerns at their own homes and the Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Departments, Village workers and people at the Emergency Shelters who all had concerns with those that the left behind while they were out helping others. He continued by saying that personally there were many that helped him, the Highway Department, Police Department, and Fire Department and he appreciates that those people were willing to leave their homes to help him out and he appreciates everything that people did to help him and his neighbors. He went on by saying that he also wanted to echo the comments about the Remembrance Walk, which Mary Driscoll did a great job organizing and he had the experience to bring his grandson, who is 3 and although he didn't understand what was going on, he is sure that it is something that in successive years when that date is marked he can tell him that on the 10th Anniversary he was there. He concluded by saying that it was a good day of community and Mary should be commended as well as everyone else that helped and it was a remarkable event that they can look back on in a positive way in future years when they are marking that day.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Deputy Clerk Ferrusi had an announcement.

Deputy Clerk Ferrusi stated that Town Clerk Millious wanted her to read the Election Notice and added that she wanted to reiterate what everyone said about the storm because she lives about ½ block from Mr. Dolan. She added that she did see everything that was happening and in watching it she knows as a very small town with a small workforce, everyone came out which included the Highway Department, Police Department, Town Board who came down and checked on the Hamlet and the show of support was amazing even while the storm was going on and they are thankful that people were looking out for them. She continued by saying that by listening to the tapes of the EMO, which she is transcribing from for Town Clerk Millious, it is very impressive how truly unflappable and professional everyone was during the whole time. She continued by reading the Primary Election Notice as follows:

NOTICE ELECTION DISTRICTS HAVE CHANGED PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CONSERVATIVE

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INDEPENDENCE PARTIES Tuesday, September 13, 2011 Polls are open 12:00pm to 9:00pm

TOWN OF COEYMANS **POLLING PLACES**

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., Ravena
4th District	R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte. 9W, Ravena
5th District	Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow
6th District	Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow

All Polling Places are handicapped accessible. Any questions as to voting district or eligibility, please call 756-2100.

Deputy Clerk Ferrusi stated that they ask that everyone look at their yellow card that they received in the mail because your Polling Place may have changed and added that two members of a household may have a different Polling Place. She added that this is due to the redistricting that was done by Albany County and reiterated that if anyone has a question they should call the Town Clerk's Office, which will be manned all day until 9:00pm.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he has a request to be put on the agenda at the next Workshop, which is staffing level at the Police Department. He continued by saying that he wanted to go over a couple of the disaster related things that went on and added that he wanted to thank everyone, the Board for their support, the Village of Ravena and R-C-S School District and added that to see the three entities come together and work in unity for the safety of the public was amazing and it was a matter of what needed to be done, was done, which made his and Bill Bruno's jobs very easy. He went on by saying that he wanted to thank all the Fire Companies for the endless hours that they put in as volunteers, the Ravena Rescue Squad who manned the shelters, with the R-C-S School District being the most responsive and between Councilman Boehm working up there and keeping him informed the line of communications was amazing and made everything go smooth, which was a huge relief on the Emergency Management Committee.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he went to the School Board Meeting specifically to thank them and he made mention that when he stopped in the shelter on Sunday evening,

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he was surprised by the attitudes of the people who were being sheltered there, who were in excellent spirits considering what they were going through. He continued by saying that the point that he really wanted to make was that they voiced their appreciation for being brought into the loop early, which was Chief Darlington's call, which gave them some advance notice for planning and it was good that he had that forethought.

Chief Darlington stated that the preliminary estimate for the Town's incident with Hurricane Irene is in excess of \$480,000.00, which includes damaged roads and overtime as well as the Village of Ravena. He added that after Hurricane Irene there was a tropical storm and flooding was still going on and they had a water rescue where some kids were swimming in the creek and got sucked into the main stream. He continued by saying that luckily they were able to get to shore and the female was banged up pretty bad and one male had to be brought in from the opposite side of the banks. He went on by saying that there is a Declaration for the storm and some recoveries but right now the Town of Coeymans is not in it but it is anticipated that there will be some relief for it.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that he was referring to the second storm.

Chief Darlington stated that he was referring to Tropical Storm Lee, the second storm. He added that amongst all this there was another day that was very trying and he wanted to thank many of the emergency services that assisted his department with a search & rescue, the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company, Ravena Rescue Squad, Coeymans Police, Rensselaer County search and rescue bloodhounds, the Rensselaer City ATV Unit, State Police canine and State Police all assisted them with the search and rescue. He continued by saying that many of them were volunteers and spent over 12 hours in the pouring rain, with several of them almost getting struck by lightning, and they were able to do their job in finding the person that they were looking for. He concluded by saying that he wanted to thank everyone for sticking with it and ultimately they got the job done.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he wanted to thank everyone who helped during the storm and added that they did a very good job.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time -7:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk