

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Friday, September 30, 2011, at 6:00pm 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

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice for the Special Meeting that appeared in the News Herald and was posted in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

**NOTICE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

In compliance with Public Officer’s Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Town Board Meeting for Friday, September 30, 2011 at 6:00pm. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Town Clerk to submit the 2012 Tentative Budget to the Town Board. The meeting will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

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

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET TO TOWN BOARD

Town Clerk Millious distributed copies of the 2011 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the record should reflect the absence of Councilman Dolan.

SUPERVISOR’S BUDGET MESSAGE

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would like to read his Budget Message into the record and continued by reading the following:

September 30, 2011

Today, I am submitting my 2012 Tentative Budget. Because of shrinking revenues and escalating costs, it has been very difficult to prepare a budget that does not impact the taxpayer or town services.

For instance, in 2011 we lost \$212,000.00 in Sales Tax Revenue as a result of the 2010 Census. Consequently, this is a permanent reduction and will continue to be felt for the next ten years. Most other revenue sources have not gone up or they have declined.

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Expenses for 2012 have risen sharply. Retirement costs for Town employees have gone up 37% or more than \$75,000.00. Health Insurance, Worker’s Compensation, fuel, and ice melting materials have increased substantially.

Our working budget, like most household budgets, has become increasingly lean over the last several years. It does not contain a great deal of excess, Yet I have been able to continue the funding for such worthy organizations such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Senior Projects of Ravenna, and although not at the same level, Alcove Preservation Society, Ravenna-Coeymans Historical Society and Ravenna Grange. All are organizations that provide public benefit to Town residents.

My 2012 Tentative Budget reflects a 2% tax increase, staying within the limits of the State Legislature’s imposition of a 2% tax cap, while not having any major impact on Town services.

I am confident that this spending plan, if accepted by the Town Board will provide the services necessary for the residents of this municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Youmans offered a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Special Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk