# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS

January 1, 2011 — TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING — 10:30AM

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A Town Board Organizational Meeting was held Saturday, January 1, 2011, at 10:30AM 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was the Organizational Meeting, which is typically held every January 1<sup>st</sup> and added that there are approximately 28 resolutions to pass that will allow Town Government to function for the next year. He added that the record should reflect a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious.

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### **AGENDA**

- Resolutions
  - Establish Town Board Meeting Dates
  - Establish Town Board Workshop Dates
  - Establish Planning Board Meeting Dates
  - Establish Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates
  - Establish Dates of Holiday Observance
  - Authorization to Execute Union Agreements
  - Authorize Depository of Funds
  - Authorize Investment Policy
  - Authorize Advance Payment of Abstract
  - Authorize Official Newspaper
  - Establish Mileage Rate
  - Authorize Association of Towns Meeting Pre-registration
  - Authorize Association of Towns Meeting Delegate/Alternative
  - Appoint Administrator of Access
  - Appoint Planning Board Chairman
  - Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman
  - Appoint Civil Defense Director
  - Appoint Emergency Management Committee
  - Appoint Bingo Inspector
  - Appoint Bookkeeper
  - Appoint Confidential Secretary
  - Appoint First Deputy Clerk
  - Appoint Town Historian
  - Appoint Prosecutor for Traffic Tickets
  - Appoint Police Sergeant
  - Appoint Ethics Committee
  - Authorize Undertaking
  - Authorize Employees for 2011

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### RESOLUTIONS

### RES. #001-11 ESTABLISH TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2011

On motion of Councilman Touchette, 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 set the following dates for Town Board Meetings for 2011. Please note that Town Board Meetings start at 7:00pm.

January	01	June	27
January	10	July	25
January	24	August	22
February	14	September	12
February	28	September	26
March	14	October	11 *
March	28	October	24
April	11	November	14
April	25	November	28
May	09	December	12
May	23	December	27 **

<sup>\*</sup>Moved to Tuesday for Columbus Day.

### RES. #002-11 ESTABLISH TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS

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

WHEREAS, it has been determined that one Town Board Workshop Meeting per month is deemed necessary,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board establishes the following dates in 2011 as Workshop Meetings. These meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings, commencing at 6:00pm.

January	18	July	19
February		August	16
March	22	September	20
April	19	October	18
May	17	November	22
June	21	December	21

### **RES. #003-11 ESTABLISH PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette, 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 set the following dates for the Planning Board Meetings for 2011. Please note that Planning Board Meetings start at 7:00pm.

January	03	July	05
February	07	August	01
March	07	September	06 *
April	04	October	03
May	02	November	07
June	06	December	05

<sup>\*\*</sup> Due to Labor Day

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### RES. #004-11 ESTABLISH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

On motion of Councilman Dolan, 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 set the following dates for the Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings for 2011. Please note that Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings start at 7:00pm.

January	19	July	20
February	16	August	17
March	16	September	21
April	20	October	19
May	18	November	16
June	15	December	21

#### RES. #005-11 ESTABLISH HOLIDAYS FOR 2011

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, 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 set the following Holidays for 2011 for employees not covered by Union Contracts. Holiday schedules for covered employees are pursuant to active agreements in force.

01	New Year's Day
17	Martin Luther King Day
21	President's Day
30	Memorial Day
04	Independence Day
05	Labor Day
10	Columbus Day
08	Election Day
11	Veteran's Day
24	Thanksgiving Day
25	Day after Thanksgiving
26	Christmas Day (observed)
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# RES. #006-11 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES, CSEA AND COUNCIL 82

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 authorize Supervisor James C. Youmans to execute all agreements between the Town of Coeymans and contractual employees, CSEA and Council 82.

## **RES. #007-11 DESIGNATE DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, pursuant to Town Law, Section 64 (1), 20 and 35, that National Bank of Coxsackie, Key Bank, First Niagara, Citizens Bank, Bank of Greene County or any other bank or depository authorized by the State of New York, be designated as the depository of all funds of the Town of Coeymans. In addition, the Town Board directs that all Town Officials responsible for monies are hereby required to deposit said monies in said depository.

### **RES. #008-11 ADOPT INVESTMENT POLICY**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has previously adopted a Model Investment Policy supplied by the State Comptroller's Office on April 29, 1996, and

WHEREAS, all towns must adopt an Investment Policy according to the State Comptroller's Office and General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, that Investment Policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis and shall be adopted at the Annual Organizational Meeting,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby adopt the Investment Policy for the year 2011.

# **RES. #009-11 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF AUDIT OF CLAIMS** On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, 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 authorize the payment in advance of the audit of claims for public utility services, telephone, postage, freight and express charges, lease and maintenance agreements, and any other prepayments that would result in penalties against the Town of Coeymans. In addition, all payroll and employee benefits payable and due at specific times.

### RES. #010-11 DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

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 pursuant to Section 64, Subdivision 11 of Town Law, designates The News Herald, a newspaper regularly published in the Town of Coeymans, County of Albany, the official newspaper of the Town of Coeymans.

### RES. #011-11 ESTABLISH MILEAGE RATE

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, pursuant to Section 102, Subdivision 1 of the Town Law, establishes the rate of 51 cents per mile for the authorized use of personal vehicles by town employees in the performance of their duties based on the Internal Revenue Service rate.

# RES. #012-11 AUTHORIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TOWN BOARD MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING AND TRAINING

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

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Towns has developed an in-office, pre-registration procedure for the 2011 Annual Meeting, and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Towns has offered a preferential pre-registration rate of \$100.00 per person, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has authorized by previous motion, December 27, 2010, for the Supervisor to take advantage of the preferential preregistration rate of \$100.00 per person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that all Elected Official and employees specifically authorized by the Town Board may attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting and Training School in New York City, February 20-23, 2011, and that the Town will reimburse them at a per diem of \$75.00 per day.

# RES. #013-11 AUTHORIZE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONVENTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, 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 appoint Supervisor James C. Youmans as Delegate for the Town of Coeymans at the Association of Towns Convention, February 20-23, 2011, and Deputy Supervisor/Council Member Richard N. Touchette as an alternate.

#### **RES. #014-11 APPOINT ADMINISTRATOR OF ACCESS**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, 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, does hereby have an agreement with Mid-Hudson Cablevision to provide public access programming directly from the Town Building located at 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint William Horton as the Administrator of Access for the purpose of coordinating, programming, and overseeing individuals involved in the telecasting of approved programs, to serve without remuneration.

### RES. #015-11 APPOINT PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, 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 appoint Peter Foronda as Chairman of the Town of Coeymans Planning Board. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire December 31, 2011.

### RES. #016-11 APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, 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 reappoint Kerry Marsh as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire December 31, 2011.

### RES. #017-11 APPOINT CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, 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 appoint William Bruno as the Civil Defense Director for the Town of Coeymans, and Chairman of the Town Emergency Management Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2011. Compensation for this position is \$1,500.00 per year.

### RES. #018-11 APPOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans, Village of Ravena, Emergency Management Committee has an Emergency Management Plan to be implemented at the time of specific incidents of events which may result in severe or extensive damage, loss of property, casualties, deaths and/or disruption of the normal everyday routine of our specific geographic area, and

WHEREAS, the success of this plan depends on the cooperation and coordination of a number of individuals and organizations,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following will be participating and contributing agencies, Coeymans Fire Company, Coeymans Hollow Fire Corporation, Town of Coeymans Police Department, Ravena Hose Company, Ravena Rescue Squad, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall consist of the following for a period ending December 31, 2011:

Bill Bruno, Chairman, Town of Coeymans Chief Greg Darlington, Emergency Operations Director Mark Deyo, Coeymans Fire Company #1 Steven Payne, Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation Brian Dunican, Jr., Ravena Hose Company Sherle Slingerland, Ravena Rescue Squad William Bailey, Ad Hoc Member

### **RES. #019-11 APPOINT BINGO INSPECTOR**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is in need of a Bingo Inspector to ensure that games being run in the town are in compliance with New York State regulation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Edward J. Domanico as Bingo Inspector, at the yearly rate of \$2,600.00, with a term to expire December 31, 2011.

### **RES. #020-11 APPOINT BOOKKEEPER**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, hereby at the request of the Supervisor, and in accordance with Town Law, Section 29, appoints Nita J. Chmielewski as Bookkeeper, at the rate of \$20.00 hourly.

### RES. #021-11 APPOINT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, 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 authorize James C. Youmans to appoint a Confidential Secretary, pursuant to Town Law, Section 29, Subdivision (15),

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Coeymans Supervisor does hereby appoint Mary L. Lewandowski as Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor.

### RES. #022-11 APPOINT FIRST DEPUTY

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

**WHEREAS**, Lucinda Vatalaro, pursuant to Chapter 280 of the Laws of 2007, was appointed to the First Deputy position, and

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Millious is desirous that Ms. Vatalaro continue in this position,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby acknowledges the Town Clerk's appointment of Lucinda Vatalaro as First Deputy Town Clerk. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

### **RES. #023-11 APPOINT TOWN HISTORIAN**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, 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 appoint Harry A. Sturges, Town Historian for the Town of Coeymans, for a term to expire on December 31, 2011. Compensation for this position is \$600.00 per year.

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### **RES. #024-11 APPOINT PROSECUTOR FOR TOWN**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, 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 appoint Gregory Teresi, Esq., to serve as Prosecutor for Town related matters as follows:

\$5,356.00 per year – Traffic tickets issued by Town of Coeymans Police Officers to Town of Coeymans Court.

\$5,356.00 per year – Traffic tickets issued by New York State Police to Town of Coeymans Court.

\$2,472.00 per year – Town Code/Penal Law trial matters.

These services shall be payable by monthly voucher submissions by Mr. Teresi.

### RES. #025-11 AUTHORIZE PROMOTION TO RANK OF SERGEANT

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

**WHEREAS**, the Coeymans Police Department had had a vacancy in the second Sergeant position since May 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is desirous of maintaining two full-time Police Sergeants, and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Alberts has taken and passed the Albany County Civil Service examination #201077593, and

WHEREAS, Chief Darlington has reviewed this individuals experience record, and is satisfied that he meets the necessary qualifications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby promote Christopher Alberts to the rank of Sergeant, effective January 1, 2011, at the rate of pay consistent with the current Council 82 Contract, and subject to a probationary period of one year experiencing January 1, 2012, unless otherwise extended.

Councilman Touchette congratulated Mr. Alberts.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is a hard working, professional young man and they are glad to have him in that new rank.

### RES. #026-11 APPOINT ETHICS BOARD

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is advised that the terms of office for the members of the Ethics Board expire December 31, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to continue work of the Ethics Board,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby appoints Harry Sturges, Delores Martinez and Gary Bogardus to the Ethics Board with terms expiring December 31, 2011.

### **RES. # 027-11 AUTHORIZE UNDERTAKING**

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

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WHEREAS, Public Officer's Law Section II and Town Law Section 25, require that the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justices, Superintendent of Highway and such other officers and employees as the Town Board may identify, execute and file in the office of the Town Clerk, County Clerk and/or the Office of Court Administration, as appropriate and official undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a surety company authorized to transact business in the State of New York, should execute the aforementioned undertaking and the expense thereof shall be an authorized charge against the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board directs the acquisition of such undertaking pursuant to the above stipulations.

### RES. #028-11 AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEES FOR 2011

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has previously approved the 2011 Annual Budget for the Town of Coeymans, and

WHEREAS, that budget included appropriations for personal services for contractual and non-contractual employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the following employees for 2011, in accordance with Labor Contracts in effect and budgeted amounts for positions outside the scope of negotiated contracts. (see attached list)

NAME	POSITION	ANNUAL PAY PERIODS	RATE/HR. SALARY
J. Youmans	Supervisor	26	\$1,153.84
M. Lewandowski	Confidential Secretary	26	\$ 16.48
N. Chmielewski	Bookkeeper	26	\$ 20.00
L. Ziegler	Clerk I Part-Time	26	\$ 11.30
D. Purinton	Internal Control Officer	26	\$105.00
S. King	Clerk I	26	\$ 15.56
D. Rogers	Councilwoman	26	\$ 461.54
T. Boehm	Councilman	26	\$ 461.54
T. Dolan	Councilman	26	\$ 461.54
R. Touchette	Councilman	26	\$ 461.54 & \$307.90
G. Dardani	Justice	26	\$ 673.08
K. Reilly	Justice	26	\$ 673.08
L. Eissing	Court Clerk	26	\$ 23.49
D. Millious	Town Clerk	26 26	\$1,557.70
L. Vatalaro	Deputy Town Clerk Clerk 1 Part-Time	26	\$ 18.64 \$ 12.35
B. Lyons V. Besta	Clerk 1 Part-Time  Clerk 1 Part-Time	26	\$ 12.33
V. Besta	CICIK I I uit I iiiic	20	Ψ 11.00
L. VanValkenburg		26	\$1,071.13
D. DeRose	Clerk I Part-Time	26	\$ 12.97
A. DiAcetis	Clerk I Part-Time	26	\$ 11.30
R. Sevilla	Assessment Aide P/T	26	\$ 11.18
D. Crowley	Recreation Leader P/T	26	\$ 13.00
L. Breedlove	Chief Sewer Plant Operator	26	\$ 23.54
J. Lennon III	Sewer Plant Operator	26	\$ 20.45
K. Geraldson	Sewer Plant Operator Trainee	26	\$ 18.04

S. Scarles   Deputy Fighway Super.   26   \$ 20.77	A. Deering	Highway Superintendent	26	\$1,923.08
E. Barrett	S. Searles		26	\$ 20.77
G. Stevens	G. LaMountain	Equipment Operator II	26	
G. Stevens	E. Barrett		26	\$ 19.48
D. Merrill		1 1	_	
T. Bennett   Equipment Operator I   26   \$ 19.01		1 1 1	_	<u> </u>
P. DeLuke		1 1 1		
M. Coons		1 1 1		
L. Southwick				
L. Biance   Clerk I Part-Time   26   \$11.30		1 1 1		
G. Darlington				
D. Contento   Police Sergeant   26   \$ 28.63				
C. Alberts         Police Sergeant         26         \$ 28.33           N. Westfall         Police Officer Full-Time         26         \$ 26.05           J. Albert         Police Officer Full-Time         26         \$ 26.05           R. Johnson         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.28           R. Cross         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           F. McDonagh         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           T. Polverelli         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           G. DeLuca         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 22.90           J. Dunn         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           R. Griffith         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           S. Prokrym         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           S. Prokrym         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           G. Rivituso         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           K. Thompson         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Gallagher         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Gallagher	G. Burnington	T once emer	20	\$3,000.00
C. Alberts         Police Sergeant         26         \$ 28.33           N. Westfall         Police Officer Full-Time         26         \$ 26.05           J. Albert         Police Officer Full-Time         26         \$ 26.05           R. Johnson         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.28           R. Cross         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           F. McDonagh         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           T. Polverelli         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           G. DeLuca         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 22.90           J. Dunn         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           R. Griffith         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           S. Prokrym         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           S. Prokrym         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           G. Rivituso         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           K. Thompson         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Gallagher         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Gallagher	D. Contento	Police Sergeant	26	\$ 28.63
N. Westfall		•	26	
J. Albert				
J. Albert	N. Westfall	Police Officer Full-Time	26	\$ 25.75
R. Cross	J. Albert	Police Officer Full-Time	26	
F. McDonagh         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           T. Polverelli         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           G. DeLuca         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 22.90           J. Dunn         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           R. Griffith         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           S. Prokrym         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           B. Rinaldi         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           G. Rivituso         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.90           K. Thompson         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Gallagher         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Gallagher         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Wyers         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Myers         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Myers         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 21.08           J. Myers         Police Officer Part-Time         26         \$ 20.09           J. Myers	R. Johnson	Police Officer Full-Time	26	\$ 21.28
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H. Sturges	Town Historian	12	\$ 50.00
R. Hotaling	Cemetery Services Coor.	26	\$ 100.00
P. Foronda	Planning Board Chairman	12	\$100.00/\$50.00
C. Kunz	Planning Board Vice-Chair	12	\$ 90.00/\$45.00
D. Ross	Planning Board Member	12	\$ 80.00/\$40.00
W. Brown	Planning Board Member	12	\$ 80.00/\$40.00
E. Quinto	Planning Board Member	12	\$ 80.00/\$40.00
J. Kapusta	Planning Board Member	12	\$ 80.00/\$40.00
W. Irwin	Planning Board Member	12	\$ 80.00/\$40.00
K. Marsh	Zoning Board Chairman	12	\$125.00 per mtg.
R. Rivers	ZBA Member	12	\$ 75.00 per mtg.
P. Brown	ZBA Member	12	\$ 75.00 per mtg.
Vacancy	ZBA Member	12	\$ 75.00 per mtg.
S. Hafensteiner	ZBA Member	12	\$ 75.00 per mtg.
L. Ziegler	Recording Secretary	12	\$100.00 per mtg.

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### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, January 10, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, January 18, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, January 24, 2010, 7:00pm

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#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year and added that as Supervisor Youmans was reading through the list, the Town has a whole bunch of very dedicated Town employees and he would like to thank them for their service. He continued by saying that he hopes that everyone in town recognizes the fact that these people work very hard on their behalf.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wished to echo what Councilman Touchette had mentioned and added that he wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. He continued by saying that he is very excited and looking forward to this year and he believes that they have a solid Town Board and there are a lot of opportunities out there. He concluded by saying that he wanted to mention that on Rte. 143 there is pipe line maintenance going on and some large tanker trucks are lined up and added that a letter was sent stating that it is routine maintenance and he didn't want anyone to panic that the pipe line was having a problem.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the letter that they received mentions that the pipe line testing will continue for some time and what they are actually doing is testing the pipe line to make sure that it is intact and that it's integrity has not been compromised. He added that he wanted to echo Councilman Touchette's comments about the employees that they have and went on by saying that there is hardly a day that goes by that one of them approaches him with maybe a better idea on how to do things and they are conscientious and looking out for the taxpayers. He concluded by saying that he wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he also wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year and added that he is looking forward to this year and working with the Board for a full year and also wished luck to the new Police Sergeant who is sure will do a great job.

Town Clerk Millious also wished everyone a Happy New Year and added that the Tax Bill did get out on time and she wanted to thank Cindy Vatalaro, Deana Ferussi, Court Clerk Tammy Eissing and Chief Darlington who helped get them out and added that she really appreciates it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was a team effort.

Town Clerk Millious stated that her office will be open Monday with regular hours of 8:30-4:30.

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

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### ADJOURNMENT.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Supervisor Youmans, the Organizational Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 11:00am

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held January 10, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent (arrived late)

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police (arrived late)

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

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious.

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcement
  - Town Office Closed, January 17, 2010
- Public Comment
- Presentation Promotion to Sergeant
- Approval of Minutes
  - Public Hearing, December 13, 2010
  - Town Board Meeting, December 13, 2010
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### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2011 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and does not include the Police Department, which is a 24/7 operation.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

**Ms. Mary Driscoll** stated that she lives in the Village of Ravena and has lived in the Town of Coeymans for 45 years and continued by reading the following:

As everyone knows, Lafarge Cement has asked for a permit to modernize the Ravena plant and during the past few months I have attended three hearings that were held by the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Health at our highschool auditorium. It has been quite an experience. First of all these so called environmentalists against Lafarge have been very vocal with misrepresentations, untruths, whatever you want to call them. To me their actions constitute an attack on our community, yes our community. They have attacked our integrity with misinformation, installed a sense of fear in our residents, and invaded our privacy by so-called testing of our homes and our bodies. Even the Department of Health has stated that the testing by the Harvard researchers is illegal. As a result of these antagonists loud voices the values of our homes have decreased, we are scoffed at by people from other communities and they have instilled distress and fear of the cement plant in the minds of another generation of students at our schools. I have had two people come to me and tell me that the teachers have told them that the cement plant will kill them. We are even being blamed for attention problems in the Bethlehem schools and for sucking fish eggs out of the Hudson. I have lived here for 45 years, I read the obituaries everyday, that's what you do when you get old, I have not seen any indication of people dying by the dozen in our community nor have I heard of any epidemic of children being out of school because they are breathing that air. These antagonists are well financed, have the advice of lawyers and listen to people like Erin Brokovich and Ward Stone. They seem to be anti-government and definitely anti-industry. I also attended the Harvard School of Public Health Meeting detailing the results of their so called survey, the result of their survey was very favorable to Lafarge regardless of what the Times Union says and Harvard could not pinpoint Lafarge as a contaminator. The antagonists were very quiet at that meeting. However, the worse problem is that they are being heard and we are not. If Lafarge closes think of the repercussions, at the very least 180 people will be out of a job, that means 180 less people buying automobiles, 180 families going to already overworked food pantries, 180 less people paying taxes, state, county, village and school. The impact on the grocery stores, delis and so forth in this community would definitely hurt. I'm sure that you don't remember because you are all too young, but do you remember when the railroad moved out of Ravena or when the dress factories and Frangellas closed down, it hurt. Can you imagine what Lafarge's closing will do to our tax base and how the empty buildings will look? So to me it is not too late to start fighting back and we can all do our part. If you have a computer you can go to www.lafargeravenafacts.com and click on the blue square that says submit support letter and type in your name and address and click send. It only takes about 5 minutes of your time but it will mean a world of difference in the future of our community. Lafarge has not only been a member of our community but a good neighbor too by contributing a lot to our community and our schools. A good many families have been raised in this community because their parents had a job at the cement plant. We have a choice to make, either we can become a ghost community or we can be known as the home of the most modern cement town and enjoy 50 more years of prosperity. It is all up to you. On January 20<sup>th</sup> there is a Legislative Meeting at 7:00pm at the R-C-S High-School, if you could possibly attend, please support the cement plant.

She continued by saying that she has some hand outs and added that she thinks that some of the problem is that people don't realize what it is going to be. She went on by saying that it is not written in stone that they have the permit but hopefully they will be getting it.

Councilman Touchette asked that Ms. Driscoll repeat the website address.

Ms. Driscoll reiterated that it is <a href="www.lafargeravenafacts.com">www.lafargeravenafacts.com</a>.

Councilman Touchette thanked Ms. Driscoll.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Driscoll and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that she was there a little over a month ago and asked how the Town stood with last year's finances when the new budget came out and in turn she was told that it was too soon to know. She continued by asking if they know now how the finances were for the end of the year and whether or not they are on track because she heard at a Workshop that there was about a \$100,000.00 payroll check that had to be signed and that the money was not there.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not recall that and added that he can tell her that they ended the year with no deficit and they are on track and right where they hoped to be

Ms. Pasquini stated that she appreciates that especially with the spending freeze that was on all last year. She continued by saying that when the budget was adopted, the budget itself and the Board stated that taxes would be raised 2.54% and when she received her tax bill taxes actually went up 2.7%.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not have the number in front of him and added that he believes that it ended up at a 2.77% increase, which is accurate.

Ms. Pasquini reiterated that when the budget was passed they said 2.54%.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is etched in stone and it was adopted and it has not changed since it was adopted.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she can't figure it out because it has not been changed since it was adopted but yet the tax rate changed from what the budget said to what the tax bill says.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he can say that the rate certainly has not changed since the budget was adopted.

Ms. Pasquini stated that the County or whoever billed them made the mistake.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not know that a mistake was made at all.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she has a copy of the budget that says 2.54% on it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that if it says that, it is what it was and reiterated that he does not have it in front of him and it has been a couple of months.

Ms. Pasquini reiterated that she has a budget but she does not have her tax bill and added that it says 2.7%. She continued by saying that while sitting at a Workshop last month she heard a conversation being held about the Town being debt free and how lucky we are and then she heard someone mention the \$425,000.00 that was BAN'd for the Sewer Plant and the Board's comment was that the debt belongs to the Sewer District. She went on by saying that the last she new, the Sewer District is the Hamlet of Coeymans, which is part of the Town and to say the debt is strictly the Sewer Districts is wrong because they are not responsible for all the repairs and everything that is going on.

Supervisor Youmans stated that what was meant by that is that the Sewer District is what is known as a Special District, which is supported solely by those that benefit from it. He added that as an example, at his house he does not have sewer service so he does not pay a sewer charge and this is the way Special Districts work. He reiterated that in law they are supported solely by those that benefit from the District.

Ms. Pasquini stated that the debts belong to other parts of the Town, the Village uses the sewer as well as there being out-of-district users and reiterated that in saying that the debt strictly belongs to the Sewer District she does not think is right. She continued by saying

that to say the Town is debt free except for the Sewer District is not right because they are a part of the Town, like it or not. She concluded by saying that the Hamlet does exist, they are there and they are not going anywhere.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by asking if there were any other comments.

Mr. John Allen stated that he also lives in the Hamlet and continued by saying that he asked a question previously and was told that they didn't know the answer but in looking at the budget now that it is fully adopted, they had in the Tentative Budget, which included salary increases and personnel costs increases, inflated lines for retirement and other employee benefits pretty much in every budget category. He continued by saying that in the actual adopted budget, which included less personnel expenses pretty much across the board with the exception of the Police Department, if you net all the personnel costs out, there is actually a reduction globally in overall personnel costs. He went on by saying that they kept all of the inflated retirement numbers and other employee benefits went up huge in every single category and went from \$19,000.00 in one set of categories to \$62,000.00. He continued by saying that he asked them to explain so folks like himself who don't know the details behind it might have an idea of what it is they are paying for with the excess in retirement in that funding account and the other employee benefits, which across the board in every category has a 300% increase and given the times of austerity he didn't know they were giving other benefits. He reiterated that he would like to have some kind of an understanding as to what those benefits are.

Supervisor Youmans stated that pension costs have gone up very dramatically and in the other employee benefits they have holiday pay and some things like that for the employees. He added that without the numbers in front of him he cannot say and continued by saying that he will be in his office all day tomorrow if he would like to stop in and will go through the breakdown with him.

Mr. Allen stated that it would be helpful to know what the breakdown is because retirement costs for the Town, he is assuming to be the same as the State Retirement and that cost is a cost as a percentage of pay roll that did not increase. He added that there is an increase in the budget that is not reflected in anyone else's budget, including the State and if he is telling him that there is an increase for the Town of Coeymans only, that seems inconsistent with what the rest of the world is looking at. He went on by saying that it would be helpful and he will give him a call of stop in. He continued by saying that he received a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Conrad saying that there was s smoke test in his yard and that there are all kinds of leaks in his yard, which is true because he looked at his cameras that record things in his yard and there was smoke coming out of the storm sewer, which runs on the property line in his back yard. He added that there are no sewer lines in his back yard and given the fact that there is not an easement of the Town through his backyard for the storm system, and it is the Town's position that they don't own it, he wanted to advise them that he is going to fix it by eliminating that line through his yard so whatever upstream happens, it is not his problem. He reiterated that he is going to fix the issue that he was instructed to fix given that the Town has no right-of-way or easement through his property. He concluded by saying that the Town might want to think about what they are asking homeowners to do and added that his fix is simple because the Town does not have an easement and he can get rid of it.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Allen and then asked if there were any additional comments.

**Mr. John Vadney** stated that he lives on Old Ravena Road in Selkirk and then thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to address the Board. He continued by saying that his topic is Old Ravena Road in the Town of Coeymans and continued by reading the following:

The speed limit now is 40mph and after the north bridge is completed in the spring the speed limit will be 45mph as stated on the bridge prints. The 40mph and 45mph speed limit on this secondary road is a public safety issue clearly investigated by previous

Boards and Supervisor Hotaling. At a Town Meeting before the construction started the Town spoke that the speed limit during construction would be at 30mph and assuming after the construction the 30mph speed limit would remain so as to deflect the 30mph speed limit on the Bethlehem side of Old Ravena Road. Two drastically different speed limits on a short and narrow secondary road is a huge concern not only for residents but for all who travel the road. While 23% of the population lives in rural areas on secondary roads, 53% of fatalities are associated with secondary roads. I am hopeful that all of you will investigate the tapes and agree with the administration previously that agreed to change the speed limit sign with full regard to our community's public safety.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Vadney and stated that he and Mr. Vadney had spoke some time ago about this issue and in turn he spoke with Highway Superintendent Deering about that very issue. He continued by saying that the way that he recalls the conversation is that the Town does not set the speed limit without permission from the State of New York and the way that speed limits go about getting changed is that the Town has to ask the State for permission.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it has to be requested by the Town.

Supervisor Youmans stated that in turn the State sends out their traffic engineers out and analyze it and make a determination as to whether or not the Town can in fact change the speed limit. He added that it is his understanding that this was done on Old Ravena Road and they said it has to be left alone but he was told by Highway Superintendent Deering that if the Board so desires, they can make another request based on public input.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he can request it of the Board and in turn they can submit it to the State.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Highway Superintendent Deering will forward the request to the Board and in turn they will forward it to State DOT and added that he would be fine with going through the process.

Mr. Vadney stated that he wanted to also suggest that they see how they did it on the Bethlehem side and added that it may be helpful.

Highway Superintendent Deering interjected that he believes the Town of Bethlehem can set their own speed limit because they've got the population to set their own speed limit.

Mr. Vadney stated that he believes it was about four years ago when he came to the Board and Supervisor Hotaling investigated it and it was going to be moved down to 35mph but then they came up with the idea about putting in an emergency request for the construction time in hopes that DOT would move to keep that speed limit. He added that if they can get it lowered to 35mph it would be the first step instead of dropping it down to 30mph, which is a little bit tougher for municipalities. He concluded by saying that anything they can do he would appreciate it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will take a stab at it and he will keep him abreast of the developments as they unfold.

Mr. Vadney thanked the Board and added that he appreciates their time.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Vadney and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Larry Conrad stated that he is Code Enforcement Officer for the Town and added that he wanted to address Mr. Allen's letter that he received. He continued by saying that Mr. Allen is responding to this Board but has not responded to his office and he probably could have cleared up some of his points. He went on by saying that the Town of Coeymans does have an easement and right-of-way through his backyard for not only storing water but sewer as well and the smoke tests were of the sewer line and smoke was detected in numerous areas of his yard. He continued by saying that the Town owns up to the fact that where the smoke was leaking is not the Town's easement but rather laterals

coming from his house and to what extent they have no idea what they are but they are not sewer lines and must be some kind of illegally hooked up storm water lines into the sewer system, which is causing I&I that they are trying to remove. He added that he will be in his office tomorrow if Mr. Allen would like to stop and they can go over those as well as having copies of the easements through his property and they can discuss the issue of how to handle the repairs of which do require a permit to be taken care of through his office.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he and Mr. Conrad will be in tomorrow and will be glad to address it with him.

Mr. Allen stated that there are no registered easements on his deed or on any of his property as well as there not being a sewer line on his property and added that he does not know where he has plans for sewer lines. He continued by saying that the sewer line runs through his neighbors yard behind him but not through his yard.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will discuss it and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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### **PRESENTATION**

### **Promotion to Sergeant**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they are going to have a presentation of a promotion and continued by saying that Chris Alberts has served as a Police Officer for some time and some time ago he took the Civil Service Examination for the position of Police Sergeant and passed. He added that Chief Darlington is desirous of promoting Officer Alberts and at the Organizational Meeting by resolution they did in fact promote then Officer Alberts to the position of Sergeant. He went on by saying that the Chief would like to present him his new badge and swear him in officially.

Chief Darlington asked that Sergeant Alberts raise his right hand and repeat the Oath of Office.

Sergeant Alberts continued by taking the Oath of Office.

Chief Darlington presented Sergeant Alberts with his badge.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Board congratulates Sergeant Alberts.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were five sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing on December 13<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Workshop on December 21<sup>st</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup> and the Town Board Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2011. He continued by asking for a motion to approve the minutes.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the minutes were accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that she was absent from the December 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society Contract for Services**

Supervisor Youmans stated that on the agenda is a request for authorization for the Supervisor to sign the Contract for Exchange of Services with the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society. He continued by saying that it is a long standing agreement and the Town agrees to give the Historical Society \$1,000.00.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would read the outline submitted by the Society and read as follows:

**Main Objective** – To preserve and protect our local history.

**Museum** – Collecting, conserving, and displaying artifacts and documents. The museum located in the Village of Ravena building is open to the public for open house events, as well as scheduled tours for groups such as schools and other organizations.

**Cemetery Program** – Locating, cleanup, and cataloging of small private and abandoned cemeteries.

**Research** – Providing assistance on genealogy, historical sights, and other historical information requests.

**Public Relations** – Raise awareness in the community of our historical interest as well as informational resources. Provide tours and programs for RCS schools and other organizations.

Councilman Boehm stated that Mr. Ralph Biance is President of the Society.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they do all of those things very well and added that he would encourage anyone with an interest in local history, who has never been to their museum to look around, he would encourage them to do so because there is some really interesting stuff there that changes fairly frequently.

Councilman Dolan added that they have a great newsletter and for those who are not a member this is a good reason to become a member and they also were a big part of the Farmer's Market last year and would come down with displays. He added that it is interesting and there is always something new to learn and there are always people stopping by and they do a lot.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Contract for Exchange of Services with the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society in the amount of \$1,000.00.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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#### RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to give some background on the first resolution and added the every year they are required to submit an I&I Report in regards to the Sewer and every year the Report is turned over to the Department of Environmental Conservation, which is a document of what the Town has done throughout the year to reduce I&I in the Sanitary Sewer System. He continued by saying that for anyone that does not know, inflow is water that goes into the system that should not be there from places like sump pumps, old roof drains, floor drains in basements and infiltration is water that seeps in through the cracks that should not get in. He concluded by saying that it is important for them to reduce I&I because for every gallon that they

reduce, they can process a gallon more of sewage. He then asked that Councilman Touchette read the first resolution.

### RES. # 029-11 AUTHORIZE C.T. MALE TO PREPARE I&I REPORT

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requires the Town of Coeymans to do an Inflow & Infiltration (I&) Report based on the moratorium that occurred in the Sewer District in 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has to report to NYSDEC on an annual basis the improvements that they have made in addition to the amount of I&I that they have removed from the system, and

**WHEREAS**, the engineering firm of C.T. Male Associates, P.C. has provided the service of preparing the I&I Report in the past, and the Town of Coeymans is desirous of C.T. Male Associates compiling the report for 2010,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor James C. Youmans to engage with C.T. Male Associates for the purpose of preparing an I&I Report for 2010.

# RES. #030-11 AUTHORIZE C.T. MALE TO COMPLETE DESIGN AND PREPARE BID AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MANHOLE #3

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

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement of July 6, 2010 stipulated that future costs of operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Plant shall be based upon measurement of flow attributable to each municipality as measured by meters to be placed at appropriate mutually agreed up on locations, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also stipulated that meters shall be installed as soon as is practicable by the Town, and

WHEREAS, locations of these meters have been sited in the Town of Coeymans, and

**WHEREAS**, C.T. Male Associates, P.C. has presented a proposed scope of services and engineering fee schedule for the project through construction, and

WHEREAS, design construction has been completed on two of three of the designated metering pits,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize C.T. Male Associates to complete the design work for the final metering pit, prepare bid specifications for construction, and to provide construction administration services at the estimated cost of \$22,940.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that as the resolution states and he has said it in this forum multiple times, that the only fair way to split the cost between the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans is based on metered flows from each municipality. He added that there are a couple of issues where they have sewage from outside of the Village that enters the Village's collection system, flows through their system and then back into the Town's collection system to ultimately be delivered to the Sewer Plant. He continued by saying that the Agreement that they do have with the Village called for, and he has said it a bunch of times that the only fair way to apportion these costs are based on who is putting what into the system. He concluded by saying that this is to remedy that situation and get meter readings so that they know what everyone is contributing and people only pay their fair share.

### RES. #031-11 APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy due to the end of term resignation of Board Member Wayne Flach, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of filling this vacancy,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Stephen J. Schmitt to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

Councilman Touchette stated that he planned on voting against it, and it is nothing against Mr. Schmitt, but he believes very strongly that they should have a balanced Zoning Board of Appeals and they should have someone that lives in the Hamlet on that Board, and they don't.

Supervisor Youmans stated that his point is well taken.

### **RES. #032-11 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

WHEREAS, the following accounts have been exhausted because of unforeseen expenditures in 2010,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize James C. Youmans, to transfer the following amounts to the respective funds from the 2010 Budget:

### **GENERAL FUND – A**

<b>Amount</b>	From Account	To Account
\$ 1,593.02	A1010.4 Town Council (Contractual)	A1220.1 Supervisor (Personal Services)
\$ 1,516.79	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1410.1 Town Clerk (Personal Services)
\$ 1,465.59	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1430.1 Humans Resources (Personal Services)
\$ 2,992.50	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1620.4 Town Hall (Contractual)
\$ 1,561.80	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A1650.4 Central Communications (Contractual)
\$ 7,925.89	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A3120.11 Law Enforcement – Chief (Personal Services)
\$ 517.65	A1010.4 Town Council (Contractual)	A3510.1 Dog Control (Personal Services)
\$ 138.31	A1010.1 Town Council (Personal Services)	A5010.1 Highway Administration (Personal Services)
\$ 54.39	A1010.4 Town Council (Contractual)	A5010.1 Highway Administration (Personal Services)

\$ 714.30	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage (Contractual)
\$ 2,378.16	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A8510.4 Community Beautification (Contractual)
\$ 7,029.61	A1110.1 Justice (Personal Services)	A9030.8 Employee Benefits (Social Security)

### **HIGHWAY FUND (D)**

<b>Amount</b>	From Account	To Account
\$ 897.50	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB5110.4 General Repairs (Contractual)
\$ 4,469.28	DB9089.8 Employee Benefits (Other Employee Benefits)	DB9060.8 (Health Insurance)
\$ 1,271.74	DB9030.8 Employee Benefits (Social Security)	DB9060.8 (Health Insurance)
\$ 597.20	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)

# RES. #033-11 AMEND DECEMBER ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, 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 and allow the following amendment to the December Abstract. (indicated in red)

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
CTVTP 17 (1)		
GENERAL (A)	222 ( 2222 2440 2572 2572 2521	
General Pre-Pay	2336-2393, 2449, 2572, 2579,2581	\$306,236.72
General	2451,2496,2498-2504	\$ 31,398.51
	General Total	\$337,635.23
POLICE FORFEITURE		
Police Forfeiture	2497-2580	\$ 4,052.46
	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 4,052.46
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2394-2406, 2450, 2573	\$ 45,030.18
Part-Town	2505-2506	\$ 1,512.22
	Part Town Total	\$ 46,542.40
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2407-2417, 2574	\$ 54,559.06
Highway	2507-2552	\$ 12,223.66
	Highway Total	\$ 66,782.72
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2418-2438, 2575, 2578	\$ 22,787.76
Sewer	2553-2568	\$ 10,017.77

	Sewer Total	\$ 32,805.53
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. New Sewer	2569-2571	\$ 61,816.79
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 61,816.79
	Total For All Funds	\$549,635.13
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2439-2448, 2576-2577	\$328,263.48
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$328,263.48

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Greenville Central School District**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a correspondence from Greenville Central School District and continued by asking Code Enforcement Officer Conrad how many parcels in the Town of Coeymans are situated in the Greenville School District.

Code Enforcement Officer stated that he didn't have an exact total and added that it is not very many and they are at the top of the Gedney Hill area.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the correspondence is addressed to the Town & Planning Boards and continued by reading the following:

This letter serves as a follow-up to the invitation provided in October to you by our District Clerk through you respective Town Clerk.

We would like to invite you to join the members of the Greenville Central School District Board of Education along with Town Boards and Town Planning Boards of the eleven (11) Towns of the GCS District to a Board of Education Workshop.

When: Saturday, January 29, 2011, 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Greenville MS/HS Library Media Center

Topic: Presentation from townships on their Town Comprehensive Planning and

ideas for shared services among townships and local school districts.

We look forward to you joining us and to the exchange of ideas and dialogue.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was forwarding the correspondence to the Planning and Zoning Boards and also for any of the Town Board that would like to attend.

Code Enforcement Officer stated that the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards have already been formally invited on an individual basis.

Councilman Boehm stated that he also had an item of correspondence and added that it is a letter that was addressed to Chief Gregory Darlington from the Vice President of Recovery Services Absolute Software and continued by reading the following:

Dear Chief of Police Gregory Darlington,

I am writing to thank you for the prompt and efficient service we recent received from your department. Coming from an extensive law enforcement background, I know that

the quality and timeliness of leads regarding crimes committed can make all the difference in an investigation.

Our company, Absolute Software, is the developer of Computrace Lojack for Laptops patented computer theft recovery software. We have assisted law enforcement in recovering over 11,000 stolen computers. Often, the computers are recovered with proceeds of criminal activity, including additional stolen property, counterfeit money, narcotics, weapons, evidence of identity theft and arrests.

A customer reported a computer theft to Coeymans (NY) Police in November 12, 2010. Due to the forensic intelligence our technology provided and the investigative skills of Investigator Steve Prokrym, this case was successfully resolved with the recovery of the computer.

Our joint success largely depends on the cooperation and quick response time of Police Departments such as yours. I believe this case clearly emphasizes the success that can be achieved when such collaborative effort is applied.

Please pass on my compliments to Investigator Steve Prokrym, whose investigative diligence and skills closed this case. Our Theft Recovery Team looks forward to working with your department again.

Sincerely,

Lyle Singular VP, Recovery Services Absolute Software

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to share the letter and recognize Investigator Prokrym for his diligence in solving the case.

Supervisor Youmans stated that when he first read the letter he went downstairs to see Steve because that technology is fascinating to him and added that there is a program that is loaded on the computer and if the computer is ever stolen, they activate the software and can look at every key stroke that comes up on that computer and this is how they find them.

Councilman Boehm interjected that this recovery was actually in Buffalo.

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### **WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS**

- Town Board Workshop January 18, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting January 24, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting February 14, 2011, 7:00pm

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### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to welcome Mr. Schmitt to the Zoning Board of Appeals and also to thank him for his willingness to serve. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he believes that he can speak for them all in extending their thoughts and prayers for everyone that was affected by the shooting in Tucson on Saturday and added that they all feel it very deeply. He continued by saying that he wanted to offer his congratulations to Sergeant Alberts and Mr. Schmitt.

Councilman Boehm stated that he also welcomes Mr. Schmitt and congratulates Sergeant Alberts and Mr. Prokrym.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she wanted to wish the same.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to express his condolences and prayers and thoughts to everyone in Tucson as well as congratulating Sergeant Alberts and Mr. Schmitt and added that he had a water leak in front of his house and he wanted to thank the Village crew for fixing the leak in quick fashion with minimum disruption.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she also wanted to welcome Mr. Schmitt and added that she wanted to remind him that he needed to see her to take and sign an Oath of Office and continued by saying that her prayers are with those affected by the shooting. She went on by saying that Property Tax Bills are out and for anyone who did not receive their bill should call her office at 756-2100. She concluded by saying that the new dog procedure is moving along and every dog will be getting a new tag and renewal notices will be sent from her office and added that prices did change and it is \$7.00 for spayed/neutered and \$15.00 for unaltered and a rabies certificate is required in order to license a dog.

Chief of Police Darlington stated that he wanted to wish Mike VonSchenk a speedy recovery and added that he sustained an illness while he was working and actually dispatched his own ambulance and then called in someone to cover his shift. He continued by saying that the new car is in and will probably be in service by the end of the week. He went on by saying that he got news today from Town Attorney Wukitsch that the AT&T Contract is ready to be signed and once it is signed they will be moving forward.

Councilman Boehm interjected that they previously authorized Supervisor Youmans to sign the contract.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he thought long and hard about whether he should say anything about Mr. VonSchenk because of the privacy rules being what they are and added that he also wishes him a speedy recovery. He continued by saying that if you ever had a fire at your house or called an ambulance chances are you ran into Mike and concluded by saying that he hopes that he is soon back helping people like he has for so long and his thoughts and prayers are with him.

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

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time -7:50pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held January 24, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent (arrived late)

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

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

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### **AGENDA**

- Presentation
  - NYMIR
  - Lafarge Plant Modernization Project Update
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, January 10, 2011
- Supervisor's Report
- Department Reports
  - Police Department
  - Sewer Department
  - Town Clerk
  - Building Department
- Old Business
  - Authorize Police Chief to Dispose of Surplus Equipment
- New Business
  - Establish Special Town Board Workshop for Audit
  - Authorize Milton Cat Service Agreement for Highway Department Generator
  - Speed Limit Reduction, Old Ravena Road
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Clerk to the Supervisor
  - Amend December 2010 Abstract
  - Approve January 2011 Abstract
- Correspondence
  - Albany County Legislature, Sales Tax Sunset
  - Assemblyman Steven F. McLaughlin
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
  - Special Workshop, January 27, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, February 14, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, February 28, 2011, 7:00pm

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were a couple of presentations to start off the meeting and added that Susan O'Rourke representing NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) was present and then invited her to the microphone.

#### **NYMIR**

Ms. Susan O'Rourke stated that two years ago she had given them an update on NYMIR and gave them some good news and added that she is back to do the same. She continued by saying that she wanted to bring them up to date on what is going on since the last time and went on by saying that they have grown and there are now 630 subscribers insured with NYMIR, which continues to make them the largest insurer of New York State's local government. She added that they continue to listen to their members in regard to the coverage that they desire and need to support their town and some of the recent changes are that earlier in the year they increased the limits for land use coverage because many of the municipalities across the state are finding that to be a litigious area so they increased the limits available to New York State municipalities. She added that another area of change is that this past November the Town received an endorsement increasing the Sudden and Accidental Solution Coverage, which is a result of the incident that Lake George had a year and a half ago right before the 4th of July season was to open up, when they had a sudden accidental break of their pipe in their Waste Water Treatment Plant that spewed raw sewage on to the beach and into the lake, which caused them significant first party cleanup and they had to clean up the beach as well as having quite a few third liability claims coming in from people that were swimming in the lake at the time as well as boaters and a restaurant that could not open. She went on by saying that they had significant claims coming in and that coverage is excluded from the General Liability Policy as it is with most liability polices but the NYMIR Board felt that it is a coverage that municipalities like the Town of Coeymans should have coverage for because of the aging infrastructure at their Waste Water Treatment Plants. She continued by saying that she knows that the Town of Coeymans has a Waste Water Treatment Plant that is on a significant body of water as well and this is a coverage that is now available from NYMIR free of charge that got added on last November. She added that risk management continues to be an area that they focus on as well as hearing from members who said that training is important but they don't have the time and the budget to send their employees off-site for training and they wanted something that they could do on-site, so last year they came out with the Online University and just in case they might have misplaced their sign-on information she brought extra copies for the Town Clerk. She went on by saying that the Online University is available on the NYMIR website and they came out with Law Enforcement last year, which includes high-speed chase and use of deadly forces as well as land use training that can used by the Planning and Zoning Boards who need 4 hours of continuing education. She continued by saying that they also came out with Parks and Recreation and she knows that the Town has a pretty active Park Program, which Nelson does a good job with and added that there is a tutorial that they can take for recreation liability and risk management. She added that this month they came out with defensive driving, which she thinks will be a big use for municipalities because there is a Highway Department and other employees who use Town vehicles who they would like to see have defensive driving and you use to have to go to a class and sit for 8 hours and now they can sign in at home or use a computer at Town Hall or the Town Garage and you don't have to do the entire thing at one time because you can do bits and pieces by signing on and off. She continued by saying that this is the only thing in their Risk Management Program that has a fee to it, which is \$19.00 a person and this is because the State has mandated course material that you have to use that they have to get from the State. She went on by saying that she thinks it is probably one of the most reasonable charges around and it can be done at the individuals convenience and is something that the Town can elect to pay for if they want or the employee can pay for it themselves because they get a credit on their personal line insurance if they take the course, which is an advantage to them. She added that the other thing that she wanted to bring to their attention is that from a risk management end they may have heard about a couple of Highway Garage fires that have occurred around the State and NYMIR has had several over the past couple of years and two that happened in December were theirs, the Town

of Marshall had a total loss to their garage and equipment of 1.3 million dollars and in Oneida County, the Town of Veteran had a partial loss of their garage and equipment for \$600,000.00. She continued by saying that they are working with the NYS Fire Prevention Services and the Department of Transportation to get further information on the fires, which is still preliminary but the fires along with Schoharie County who last year had a significant loss and had just under 1 million dollars loss to their Highway Garage and equipment, which seem to be coming from snow-plow truck fires. She went on by saying that they are looking at ways to prevent those and at this time preventative maintenance looks to be the best thing to do and she knows that it is really tough this time of year with the weather conditions that they are having. She continued by saying that she is also leaving a bulletin from NYS Fire Prevention along with an article about the truck fires and NYMIR asks that they take a look at their trucks and with the Town's very active Highway Superintendent he probably is already doing it. She added that they are also taking a look at disconnect switches or master switches that might help prevent the truck fires because it tends to be from the eroding of the wiring because over time because of the salt and type of conditions that they have, the wires come up and contact metal and this is when there is a truck fire and reiterated that disconnect or master switches might help to prevent that but they just got a picture and notice from the Department of Transportation that had a plow plowing the thruway that had a truck totally engulfed in flames and they lost the entire vehicle while it was in the action of plowing. She then asked if there were any questions about the NYMIR Program, hearing none she said that she would get to the main reason why she was present, which is the good news and added that two years ago she mentioned that the NYMIR Board had taken a look at the surplus, which has grown over a number of years and it has grown again because of the good work that their members have done with risk management and the NYMIR Board decided that it was time to return it to local governments so they can use it at the local level because they realize that they have tight budgets that they are dealing with and another reason that the surplus is growing is because NYMIR pays the lowest commission out there and many brokers are hesitant to deal with NYMIR because of the loss of income to them. She added that she thanks Rick Reith who has stepped up to the plate and his concern was doing what was right for the Town of Coeymans and he is a very active partner with the Town and NYMIR and works hard to reduce losses for the Town and makes sure that they are adequately insured and reiterated that they appreciate Rick and Stolz Agency. She concluded by saying that she was present to give to the Town a check for \$8,382.00, which she hopes that they find something to do with it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is sure that they can and then thanked Ms. O'Rourke.

Ms. O'Rourke thanked the Board and added that they appreciate their support.

### **Lafarge Plant Modernization Project Update**

Supervisor Youmans continued by saying that they also have with them John Reagan who is the Environmental Manager with Lafarge and he was there to give them an update on the Modernization Project at Lafarge.

Mr. John Reagan thanked the Board for having him and added that it is good to be back and continued by saying that he wanted to give them an update as to what is going on and what they are looking forward to in the future. He went on by saying that last week was an important week for their Plant Modernization Project and DEC held its Legislative Hearing for both the draft permits and draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project, which is a pretty big step in the permitting process and he was present to report some of his takes on the meeting and an update of the schedule that they are looking forward to over the next few months. He added that the Legislative Meeting went very well and they received a lot of support from many people, including the Town and he wanted to thank them for their support last week and their support all along. He continued by saying that there were some people that raised some good points through their comments and he thought he could clarify some of the questions that people are asking to try and help people understand things a little better and he has a list of things that he thinks are the most salient points that were brought up and outlined the following:

• Confusion as to the monitoring that the new plant will do once it is operational.

Reply - The new plant will be equipped with continuous emission monitors and they will monitor for: nox, sulfur dioxide SO2, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, mercury, total hydrocarbons and hydrochloric acid. In addition to that Lafarge agreed with DEC to conduct post construction ambient air monitoring and once the new facility is operational they agreed to set up two monitors for a one year period at locations to be decided by DEC, which they presume one will be at the school because they are across the street from them, to monitor for PM2.5, which is particulate matter with a maximum diameter of 2.5 mil.

• Questions about regulations.

Reply - The EPA recently came out with new regulations for cement plants and the Portland Cement Assoc., which Lafarge is a part of, is suing the EPA over portions of those rules. The new plant is being designed to comply with the strict rules that are in place today.

• Comments about dust.

Reply - Today right now they have what is called a Fugitive Dust Plan and the plan is a document and part of their air permit and mining permit. It is a plan of all the different steps that they take during the operation of the facility to control dust. They will be updating the Fugitive Dust Plan for during construction and during operation of the new facility and whenever there is a change in the operation or when they discover a better method they revise their Fugitive Dust Plan. It will be revised for the construction phase of the project and then again once the new plant is complete to make sure that they are doing the best practices to control dust.

• Comments about the aesthetics of the facility, mostly from a local perspective about the road crossing of the two conveyors, one on Rte. 9W and the other on Rte.144 and also on the overall appearance of the plant.

Reply - They will be taking the comments to heart and they are going to develop a plan to work on the aesthetics of the facility. The conveyor belts are getting old and he can't say for sure what they are going to do, but they are going to try and make them look nicer as well as some landscaping to buffer the appearance of the facility especially from Rte. 9W. He hopes to come back to a meeting in the spring with a plan and some details as to how they are going to do that. Technically this is not part of the project for the new plant but in hearing the comments they think that it makes sense to do something and they will come up with some short-term things that they can do this year and long-term once they start building the new facility.

 Comments about demolition of the stack and concerns about how it is going to be done.

Reply - They have a schedule for demolishing the existing stack and it is laid out in their Environmental Impact Statement. That activity is several years away and they have to have the new plant operational before they can think about taking down the old stack. It will be a very sophisticated job and they are going to prepare a Demolition Plan at the time, which will take into account the safety of the workers as well as protecting the integrity of the other structures and protection of the environment.

• Comments about their quarry and their quarry reclamation.

Reply - They are proposing a new plant with a larger capacity, it might change the way that they operate their quarry. They have a Mining Plan and Reclamation Plan and it is built on the assumption that there is a finite quantity of limestone available for cement manufacturing. The amount of time that it takes to extract the rock is based on the demand for cement and during the past few years they have

producing a lot less cement than they were 4-5 years ago because of the economy. The Mining Plan contains the procedures for mining the stone and then reclaiming and restoring the quarry once they are finished. There will really not be a change in that overall plan; the timing might be different, which is based mostly on the economy and the demand for cement. Every year they restore and reclaim parts of the quarry and every year between 2-5 acres of land, which was previously mined, they restore and plant trees and grass.

Mr. Reagan continued by saying that his update on most of the comments and DEC's public comment period ends on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and he urges people that there is still time to participate in the process and the draft permit and Environmental Impact Statement are available at Town Hall as well on a website that they have set up, at www.lafargeravenafacts.com where you can go and view the documents and download them and in turn contact them if they have any questions. He added that after the close of the public comment period, DEC will prepare what is called a Responsiveness Summary so all of the comments that they received, they will respond to and then a final Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared along with a Finding Statement and in turn the agencies have the authority to issue the permits. He continued by saying that he is optimistic so far about the process and he thinks it is reasonable that by spring they will finish the process and obtain the permits and added that it is a long process, which he has been talking about for a couple of years but they are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel. He went on by saying that assuming his optimism pulls through, the remainder of this year consists of the final design of the new facility and procurement of the major pieces of equipment and construction will begin in 2012 although there might be some slight preparation toward the end of this year and added that it is a two year construction period so they plan and hope to have the new facility operational during 2014. He concluded by thanking the Board and added that he would be happy to entertain any questions.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Boehm stated that he was able to attend the Legislative Hearing and added that there were a lot of Legislators from the Village, Town and State who spoke very positively about the economic impact that they currently have and what the modernization will do for temporary construction jobs and maintaining the local tax base and the good things that they do not throughout the state and the world. He concluded by saying that there are a lot of positive things and one of the things that was read into the record was a resolution that they had on June 22, 2009 supporting Lafarge and in speaking with the Board earlier in the day he wanted to read a resolution to reaffirm the Town's commitment to what they are doing and then read the following:

# RES. #034-11 AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LAFARGE PLANT MODERNIZATION

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans recognizes that the Coeymans Cement Plant, a Lafarge North America Facility, located in Coeymans, New York, having produced materials vital to the construction industry for over 48 years, is a major employer and community partner in the Town, and

WHEREAS, the direct and indirect economic impact of the Coeymans Cement Plant is positive, significant and extends far beyond the grounds of the facility and deep into our community, and

WHEREAS, while the Coeymans Cement Plant and its dedicated employees have always produced high quality cement, now due to industry consolidation, global competition and technological advancement, Lafarge is modernizing the Coeymans Plant to reduce energy use, increase operating efficiency, improve environmental performance and maintain global competitiveness, and

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WHEREAS, the investment by Lafarge in the Coeymans Cement Plant is substantial and will help secure good paying manufacturing jobs in upstate New York for the future, and

WHEREAS, Lafarge has affirmed its commitment to operating its plant in full compliance with all applicable DEC and EPA regulatory requirements and in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board acknowledges the major investment Lafarge is making in their Coeymans Plant which will help secure and sustain good-paying, long-term jobs in Coeymans and surrounding communities, coupled with the significant economic impact in the local community and greater Capital Region, during construction of the modernized plant and after, and

WHEREAS, Lafarge has represented its environmental leadership in their commitment to design, construct and operate the new Coeymans Plant using the highest standards of control technology to ensure the protection of the environment and the health of area residents, and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is receiving public comments no later than February 22, 2011, and

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans strongly supports this modernization of the Coeymans Plant which will likely ensure the long-term future of cement manufacturing in Albany County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the Supervisor to send this resolution of support as part of the public comment period.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan thanked the Town Board for all of their support and added that as always they can contact Lafarge and they are willing to help.

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### PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was one set of minutes from a Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2011 and continued by asking for a motion to approve them.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette to accept the minutes as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

### December 2010

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
General	\$345,689.81	\$ 43,080.83	\$269,621.20	\$119,149.44

Part-Town	\$220,458.52	\$ 4,953.10	\$ 42,220.40	\$183,191.22
Highway	\$ 45,661.61	\$111,220.98	\$ 53,132.59	\$103,750.00
<b>Bridge Const.</b>	\$314,516.51	\$ 75.61	-0-	\$314,592.12
Sewer	\$221,012.24	\$ 485.15	\$ 88,847.01	\$132,650.38
Special Water	\$ 25.98	\$ .01	-0-	\$ 25.99
Police Forf.	\$ 5,072.86	\$ 5,853.32	\$ 4,052.46	\$ 6,873.72
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 18,348.62	\$232,068.91	\$232,258.71	\$ 18,131.82
Capital Proj.	\$ 35,975.94	\$ 7.63	-0-	\$ 35,983.57
Section 8 HUD	\$127,286.89	\$ 41,624.81	\$ 40,053.40	\$128,858.30
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			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,043,206.56

# SAVINGS ACCOUNTS COLLATERAL COV. FDIC COV. COLLARERALIZED

Unemployment \$ 4,069.03 Bank of Greene \$250,000.00 \$1,492,637.60 Grove Cem. \$40,811.98 National Bank \$250,000.00 \$ 145,660.19

C/H Cemetery \$14,326.85 Sewer – Ded. \$6,312.56

Total  $\frac{$65,520.42}{$65,520.42}$ 

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Supervisor Report was accepted as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Police Department – December 2010**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they did have a Police Department Monthly Report but Chief Darlington called him earlier in the day and informed him that he was covering the fire most of the weekend and all of today and was not going to be able to make the meeting. He continued by saying that he would move that they table the report.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan to table the Police Department Report.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### **Sewer Department – December 2010**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Touchette give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the report was accepted as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

#### Town Clerk - December 2010

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Authorize Chief to Dispose of Surplus Equipment**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a request from Chief Darlington to surplus some old equipment consisting of the following:

2008 Crown Victoria, 2007 Crown Victoria, 2005 Crown Victoria, 2003 Crown Victoria, 1998 Jeep, 2005 Volkswagen Golf, scrap rotors, misc. vehicle parts, misc. metals from closed cases, Pitney Bowes model C360 copier.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is his recollection that it was discussed at the last Workshop and they were all in favor of surplusing the equipment.

### MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Police Chief to surplus the equipment.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans asked if there was any other Old Business, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Establish Special Town Board Meeting for Audit**

Supervisor Youmans stated that a Workshop Meeting was scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of conducting the Town's Annual Audit of the Towns Department's books and due to the inclement weather they decided it was best not to proceed with the meeting and it was postponed. He continued by saying that he spoke to each Board Member individually and they decided that January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm they will conduct that audit. He then asked if everyone was still alright with that.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, to establish a Special Town Board Workshop on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:00pm to conduct the audit.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm suggested that Town Clerk Millious post a Notice.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Town Clerk Millious to his knowledge has handled the announcement of the meeting.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it did not go in the paper but it will be posted.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it does not have to go in the paper and it just has to be posted on the bulletin board as long as there is two days notice.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it will also be posted at the News Herald and at the Ravena Post Office.

### **Authorize Milton Cat Service Agreement for Highway Generator**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for the Supervisor to sign the Milton Cat Service Agreement for the Highway Department generator and added that it is a service contract. He added that it is his recollection that for the past several years that he has been here, they have entered into the agreement every year and it has paid off on a number of occasions and not only includes service should the generator break down but it also includes routine maintenance.

Highway Superintendent Deering stating that it is done twice a year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the cost is \$1,092.00 and then asked for a motion.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Customer Service Agreement in the amount of \$1,092.00. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would sign it and send it out tomorrow.

### **Speed Limit Reduction**

Supervisor Youmans stated that as they recall, at the last meeting Mr. Vadney from Old Ravena Road was present and requested that they reduce the speed limit on Old Ravena Road, which as a Town Board they can not do, nor can Highway Superintendent Deering do it without the approval of NYS DOT. He continued by saying that he has a letter that he has written to Walter VanDeLoo, Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Public Works and then asked Highway Superintendent Deering if this is where he starts.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that was correct.

Supervisor Youmans continued by reading the following:

Dear Commissioner VanDeLoo:

Highway Superintendent Albert Deering has presented the Town Board a request for speed limit modification for a section of Old Ravena Road, whose speed limit is currently 40mph, from Rte. 9W to just beyond the CSX North Bridge to the Town of Bethlehem line. Superintendent Deering has recommended (copy enclosed) a speed limit reduction to 30mph.

The Town Board, at their January 24, 2011 Meeting, accepted the request and recommendation from Highway Superintendent Deering, voting unanimously to forward it to you to commence the Albany County review in conjunction with the New York State DOT.

Please keep me informed as to the status of this review; we appreciate your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Youmans Supervisor

Supervisor Youmans asked for authorization to sign the letter.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the letter on behalf of the Town Board.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans asked if there was any additional New Business, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to give some background on the first resolution and added that last week he met in his office with Mr. Cummings, the Director of Albany County Civil Service, and there were a number of Civil Service issues that he wanted to discuss. He continued by saying that one of the issues is that according to Civil Service Law, a Supervisor cannot have both a Bookkeeper and a Confidential Secretary as exempt positions and in turn he explained to him that he was going to have to pick either the Bookkeeper or the Confidential Secretary one or the other and then go to the list of people that have taken tests for those positions and hire someone off the list. He added that it didn't sit very well with him and as everyone knows Mary, his Confidential Secretary is highly qualified and Mrs. Chmielewski, his Bookkeeper really has done a tremendous job in getting things back in shape for them and he would describe it as he was almost indignant by that and in turn asked what else could be done and he came up with the title of Clerk to the Town Supervisor, which is an exempt position with Civil Service and from his discussion with Ms. Chmielewski, she is willing to change the title. He concluded by saying that it is not a new appointment, there is not a change in hours or pay and it is simply to satisfy a Civil Service requirement and then asked that Councilman Touchette read the following:

### RES. #035-11 APPOINT CLERK TO THE SUPERVISOR

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

WHEREAS, Albany County Department of Civil Service has advised the Town that the position of Bookkeeper will no longer be an exempt positions, and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of retaining the services of the current holder of that title to ensure fiscal continuity, and

**WHEREAS**, Albany County Department of Civil Service has suggested the title of Clerk to the Supervisor, which is in the Exempt Class for all towns, and

WHEREAS, this position has the flexibility to perform the same duties that the incumbent is currently executing,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans adopts the title Clerk to the Supervisor, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans appoints Nita J. Chmielewski to that title, effective immediately, with no change in salary.

### RES. #036-11 AMEND DECEMBER ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, 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 approve and allow the following amendment to the December Abstract (indicated in red)

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	2336-2393, <mark>2446</mark> ,2449, 2572, 2579,2581	\$306,254.18
General	2451,2496,2498-2504	\$ 31,398.51
	General Total	\$337,652.69
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POLICE FORFEITURE Police Forfeiture	2497-2580	\$ 4,052.46
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	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 4,052.46
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2394-2406, 2450, 2573	\$ 45,030.18
Part-Town	2505-2506	\$ 1,512.22
	Part Town Total	\$ 46,542.40
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2407-2417, 2574	\$ 54,559.06
Highway	2507-2552	\$ 12,223.66
	Highway Total	\$ 66,782.72
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2418-2438, 2575	\$ 22,384.07
Sewer	2553-2568	\$ 10,017.77
	Sewer Total	\$ 32,401.84
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. New Sewer	2569-2571	\$ 61,816.79
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 61,816.79
	Total For All Funds	\$549,635.13
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TRUST & AGENCY (TA) Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2439-2445, 2576-2578	\$328,649.71
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$328,649.71

### RES. #037-11 APPROVE JANUARY ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette, 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 approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the January, 2011 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
CENEDAL (A)		
GENERAL (A)	1-55	\$207 120 80
General Pre-Pay General	108-149,226	\$207,139.89 <del>\$130,427.68</del>
General	(Pulled Voucher 129)	\$130,277.68
	General Total	\$130,277.08 \$337,567.57
	General Total	\$337,417.57
PART-TOWN (B)		\$337,417.37
Part-Town Pre-Pay	56-72	\$116,142.53
Part-Town	150-154	\$ 4,719.03
Tait-Town	130-134	φ 4,/17.03
	Part Town Total	\$120,861.56
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HIGHWAY BRIDGES (DA)	72	¢ 05 000 00
Highway Bridges Pre-Pay	73	\$ 85,000.00
Bridges	155	\$225,391.76
	Highway Bridges Total	6210 201 77
	Highway Bridges Total	\$310,391.76
HICHWAY (DD)		
HIGHWAY (DB) Highway Pre-Pay	74-83	\$ 60,554.48
Highway Fie-Fay	156-205,227	\$ 37,345.89
Highway	130-203,227	\$ 37,343.69
	Highway Total	\$ 97,900.37
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SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	84-100	\$ 18,602.82
Sewer	206-221	\$ 23,581.07
	Sewer Total	\$ 42,183.89
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. Sewer UV	222-225	\$ 46,276.16
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 46,276.16
	Total For All Funds	<del>\$955,181.31</del>
		\$955,031.31
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)	101.10=	00.40.070.00
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	101-107	\$242,370.82
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$242,370.82
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Councilman Touchette asked Councilwoman Rogers if she would be willing to amend the motion to remove from the A Fund – General Fund voucher #129 in the amount of \$150.00 for further review, which would make the General amount \$130,227.68 and the General total \$337,417.57 and the total for all funds \$955,031.31.

Supervisor Youmans asked if everyone was fine with it.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it would be with the exception of voucher #129 in the amount of \$150.00.

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

# **Albany County Executive Office**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he received a correspondence from Daniel P. McCoy, Chairman of the County Legislature and Michael G. Breslin County Executive and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans,

Since 1992, Albany County has been authorized to collect an additional 1% sales tax. In 2010, this provision generated more than 22.2 million in revenue for the cities, town and villages of Albany County.

The authorization for the collection of this revenue will, by state law, expire on November 30, 2011. Enclosed is a chart showing how much revenue each municipality received from the additional 1% sales tax in 2010.

Under state law, the county must enact a Home Rule Request in order to extend this authorization. In considering that step, we would very much like to have your opinion on the matter.

Please write to us with your views, clearly stating whether or not your municipality supports reauthorizing the collection of the additional 1% sales tax. We would like to receive your letter by January 31, 2011. Letters will be presented to the County Legislature and to our State Legislative Delegation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy, Director Michael G. Breslin County Legislature County Executive

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is an occurring situation and it comes up every 2 years and added that he will be reading the letter that he is sending back. He added that in the interest of disclosure he found the letter that Supervisor Hotaling wrote because he always admired his letter writing abilities and he changed it to reflect what it actually means to them at this point in the game and continued by reading the following:

Dear Chairman McCoy and Executive Breslin,

I received your January 18, 2011 letter on the above referenced subject and it was a subject of discussion by the Town Board at their January 24, 2011 meeting.

While all on the Board agree that municipalities should be holding the line on taxes in general, this particular additional 1% authorization appears too critical to permit at sunset. In the example attached to your letter, the additional \$446,314.00 in revenue generated for the Town of Coeymans by the 1% additional sales tax in 2010 represented a full 26% of our total sales tax revenue of \$1,785,255.00.

The Town Board has already begun to reduce non-essential appropriations in our recently enacted 2011 Budget in response to continued dire projection for our State's economy, which will obviously impact anticipated revenue such as sales tax. To potentially lose an additional \$446,314.00 in sales tax revenue due to the expiration of the 1% collection authority would require reductions in essential spending or cause unacceptable increase in local property tax rates.

The Coeymans Town Board unanimously supports the Albany County effort to renew and retain the authority to collect the additional 1% sales tax.

Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of the people of Albany County.

Sincerely,

James C. Youmans

Supervisor Youmans asked the Town Board if they feel the same way that he does.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they do.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not think that it requires any further action on their part and added that he will sign the letter and send it out tomorrow.

#### Assemblyman Steven F. McLaughlin

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a correspondence for newly elected Assemblyman Steven F. McLaughlin and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans,

I'm proud to be writing you as the newly elected Assemblyman of the 108<sup>th</sup> District. I am committed to working with you to make our communities more vibrant and economically competitive in order to ensure that every person is given the opportunity to achieve their goals.

By working together, we will give the 108<sup>th</sup> District a strong voice in the State Assembly. In order to be of service to you and best meet your needs, I'd like to know what your top three priorities are for the upcoming Legislative Session. I know that budget constraints and unfunded State mandates have hit our towns particularly hard and I would like to be as helpful as I can in responding to the specific needs of your town. To be as effective as possible, I would like to be as helpful as I can in responding to the specific needs of your town. To be as effective as possible, I need your help identifying and understanding the challenges your town faces and discussing solutions. It's time State Government becomes a partner in facilitating progress in our localities and I will work endlessly to ensure that our priorities are met.

Also, I would like to join in future Board Meetings so if you could lease notify me of the dates and times of any Town Board Meetings. I will certainly let you know in advance of the meetings I'll be attending. I plan on attending as many meetings as possible in order to understand your concerns and issues. I plan on visiting each community on a regular basis and will let you know in advance of my visit to see if you'd like to join me at events, etc. Likewise, if you'd like me to attend an event, function, or meeting, please let me know and I will do my best to be there. If I am unable to attend, we will try to have a staff member attend in my place.

Unquestionably, New York faces unprecedented fiscal challenges that require tough choices and real leadership. I look forward to working with you to meet the challenges that will move our state and our communities forward.

Sincerely,

Steven F. McLaughlin Member of Assembly 108<sup>th</sup> District

Supervisor Youmans stated that he provided each Board Member with a draft of a letter that he intends on sending back and added that he would like the rest of the Board's input and asked that they read it, digest it and tell him if they think that there is anything that

they think should be added to it. He continued by saying that he appreciates his interest in the Town of Coeymans.

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#### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Special Workshop, January 27, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, February 14, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, February 28, 2011, 7:00pm

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#### ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he attended on behalf of the Town, the Martin Luther King celebration at Pieter B. Elementary on January 14<sup>th</sup> and added that he spoke to two groups of children and it was reported in the News Herald. He continued by saying that he is pleased to report that a majority of the kids in the room expressed an interest in some kind of public service, particularly an Elected Official. He concluded by saying that he was happy that there was a celebrity in the audience at the afternoon session, Linda Boehm, Teacher of the Year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was quite an honor that Ms. Boehm was given at the school and added that she is a tremendous teacher. He then thanked Councilman Dolan for attending the event, which was an important event.

Councilman Dolan stated that two of the churches were represented by Mrs. Datri and Pastor Booth and added that it was really nice.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he assisted Chief Darlington in drafting an Abandoned Vehicle Policy, which they pretty much finalized and they will be bringing it to the Board next month for review and possible approval. He continued by saying that he has reached without getting in to the details, a favorable, tentative settlement with the Bank of Greene County on the tax case that has been pending for a few years. He went on by saying that the drafts of the proposed lease for J&S / AT&T were close to being closed but there has been some misunderstanding relative to the situation and they are hoping to wrap it up in the next few weeks and added that the changes he requested on behalf of the Town, they pretty much agreed to. He continued by saying that the Board has seen copies of the Mud Hill Road Agreement as it has progressed along and then asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he had seen or was aware of any of it.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he hadn't lately.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there are continuing complaints relative to the plowing and recently there was one from someone that said they didn't know what they were suppose to do if they didn't plow it correctly.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he was aware of that.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he is hearing it from the Attorney that is representing the parties. He continued by saying that with the Agreement, he wants to get the Board's view as to if they want him to continue to negotiate the Agreement with the Attorney's that are representing Bouchard, Neumann and Labocetta and added that he is not sure that they have all seen it. He went on by saying that he will e-mail it to each Board Member and see what their view is on whether it is an Agreement that they feel they have to have in place.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the last iteration that he sent to him sits on his desk and he has not distributed it because it seems that every time he sees a different document, something has changed. He continued by saying that if Attorney for the Town Wukitsch feels that it is the end of the line and they are not going to make further demands, he would say to e-mail to everyone. He concluded by asking that each Board Member take a look at it and decide if it is the thing to do and added that he will follow Attorney for the Town Wukitsch's advice.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that he believes that Highway Superintendent Deering should see it as well.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it makes perfect sense and then asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch send a copy to him as well. He continued by saying that it has been an extremely challenging January for Highway Superintendent Deering with the amount of snow and ice that we have had and added that he drives on the roads in town on a daily basis and he wanted to thank him and his men for the job that they have done plowing and keeping up with it and it is a job well done.

Highway Superintendent Deering thanked Supervisor Youmans and added that he is sure that his crew thanks them too. He continued by saying that he would like to get on a Workshop Agenda for discussion of equipment.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was on the agenda for last week's Workshop and added that he is on the next one. He continued by asking for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted: APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Special Town Board Workshop was held January 27, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

George Dardani, Judge Tammy Eissing, Court Clerk

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Nita Chmielewski, Clerk to the Supervisor

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Special Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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# NOTICE

# SPECIAL TOWN OF COEYMANS TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP

Pursuant to Section 123 of Town Law, please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Special Town Board Workshop on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:00pm for the purpose and an Annual Audit of Departments. The meeting will be held at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

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

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# **AGENDA**

- Highway Department Request for Replacement Box for Sterling Dump Truck
- Annual Audit
  - Town Clerk
  - Town Justices
  - Police Department
  - Bookkeeping Department

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to accept the Annual Audit as presented and read.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Annual Audit for 2010 was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES – 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS January 27, 2011 — SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOOP — 7:00PM

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Town Board Workshop.

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#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held February 14, 2011, at 7:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman

Richard N. Touchette, Councilman / Deputy Supervisor

Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

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

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board with the exception of Supervisor Youmans who is out of town on business doing a prestigious assignment in Detroit and added that they are happy to see him successful in that regard. He continued by saying that also present is Town Clerk Millious, Police Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering.

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcement
  - Town Offices Closed, February 21, 2011
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, January 24, 2011
  - Special Workshop, January 27, 2011
- New Business
  - Establish Automotive Mechanic Position in Highway Department
  - Authorize Chief of Police to Execute Operation Impact Grant Contract
  - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Operation Impact Grant Contract
  - Contract for Services, VFW
  - Agreement for ZBA Counsel
  - Request to Attend Train the Trainer Course
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Automotive Mechanic
  - Appoint of Police Officer
  - Re-Appoint Part-Time Carpenter
- Correspondence
  - Albany County Sheriff
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
  - Town Board Meeting, February 28, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Joint Board Meeting-RCS School Board Meeting, March 1, 2011, 5:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, March 14, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, March 22, 2011, 6:00pm

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#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

**Town Offices Closed February 21, 2011** 

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that in observance of President's Day, February 21, 2011, all Town Offices will be closed with the exception of the Police Department, which is a 24 hour 7 day operation.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Andrew Lopez stated that his wife was also present and they are residents of the Hamlet of Coeymans and their house is at the end of James Drive and they wanted to publicly state their dissatisfaction and speak for neighbors who are present or not present about the snow removal on Rte. 144 last Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. He added that he does not know if the Board can answer whether or not there was approval by anyone on the Board to have the snow removed and he was told by Highway Superintendent Deering on Saturday that he was told he had to do it. He continued by saying that he did not ask to have it done and in his 30 years this has been done maybe three or four times when they actually took the snow off the sidewalk. He then asked the Town Board if there was approval to have this done.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that as far as he knows there was no action on the part of the Board for that kind of removal and added that snow removal is the responsibility of the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Lopez stated that it is not done every year and when it was done the 3-4 times, it was due to the fact that there was a lot of snow and there was an eminent snow storm of various inches that was going to cause a problem and in this particular case that was not the case. He added that it was removed on Thursday and then it was placed in the lot next to his house, which is owned by the Ruff's with what he understands no approval by the Ruff's or himself to dump three stories worth of snow in that lot from what they gathered from the corner all the way up to his house. He went on by saying that subsequently to that, when approval was talked about it was then removed on Friday and then what happened is with all of the pounding of the trucks in that lot, they were out of water on Friday morning due to a pipe that had broke down along his driveway and it took most of the day to find out where it was. He continued by saying that in the 30 years that he has been there it has never been an issue and he didn't even know that the pipe was there. He then asked if he owns the sidewalk in the front of his house and the grass area that he mows every Sunday or is it owned by the Town or Village or whomever.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is in the State right-of-way.

Mr. Lopez interjected there was a memorandum a few years ago stating that it was required by him as a resident to make sure that the sidewalk is clean.

Collectively the Town Board agreed it was correct.

Mr. Lopez stated that every time they come through with a grader and go through that State owned grass area he tries to upkeep, he has to rent a tiller and go through and clean it up and reseed it. He continued by saying that he didn't ask to have it done and he didn't ask for the removal to be done or for the past 3-4 removals in the past 30 years and he was now questioning whether or not it was a good fiscal responsibility on Thursday to remove the snow with no eminent snow on the way. He added that if they were going to do that, with the amount of retired people that live around him, he thinks it would have been in the best interest of those that removed the snow, who pushed the snow in to those elderly people's driveway, to have at least cleaned out the ice and not expected the people on fixed incomes around him to have to pay another \$50.00 to have someone clean out the end of their driveway because unbeknownst to them in the middle of the afternoon they had another foot of ice left in their driveways as well as another pile of ice on the sidewalk that they are asking that he upkeeps and added that there is a lot of confusion as to who is responsible for the snow removal as well as why it happened. He then stated

that he is trying to get a feel for where he goes or who he talks to about the hedge that was removed from his house and the destruction of the driveway and reiterated he does not know if it is Village or Town problem and there seems to be a lot of finger pointing about the water and about whether or not they are responsible for it from a Village standpoint or if it is a Town responsibility. He added that he wants to go on record saying that there is a problem at his house and he would like to know from the Board where he goes in terms of getting it resolved.

Councilman Dolan questioned as to if he said that the snow was put there on Thursday and then removed on Friday.

Mr. Lopez stated that was correct and added that there was no approval but rather an assumption that the lot was owned by whomever owned it 20 years ago when there was a house there. He went on by saying that he has lived in his house for 30+ years and it was his grandparent's home so it has been in his family for 100 years and he knows who they are referring to but it was over 20 years ago when there was physically a house on the lot. He added that the lot is owned by the Ruff's and a portion of the lot is owned by him as the line goes through there, which is on the other side of the hedge so not only was Mr. Ruff not asked for permission to dump the three stories worth of snow but he was not asked either. He continued by saying that the snow was moved up against a hedge that is 100 years old and you can't just go to Hewitt's and get seeds and start all over again and they had to drill through it and now there is a disaster on Ruff's land from digging to find out where the leak was coupled by the fact that with the increased traffic it is now causing major cracks in front of his house on Rte. 144 and there was not that kind of traffic years ago but now they are all taking a shortcut up to Rte. 9W to go south. He added that after the bull dozer went through with all the snow, it also caused a number of new cracks in Rte. 144 and he would imagine that the whole area in front of his driveway is going to cave in shortly. He concluded by saying that by throwing all of the snow and ice on the sidewalk, it will probably take someone who is trying to get from their house, who is 65+ years old to get to their car to fall and hurt themselves before someone would take it upon themselves to make sure if they are going to throw the ice and snow in front of their house, that they are considerate enough to the constituents of the Town to go and clean up after themselves.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he wanted to respond to it.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he talked to them about it and added that it is something that they did and will fix and continued by saying that they were short on help that day. He continued by saying that he did not know that it was owned by someone else until Mr. Ruff said something about it and went on by saying that they have pushed it there before. He concluded by saying that this is why he went to Mrs. Ruff and said that he would take the snow off and added that from his understanding there is a sewer line and 6 inch water line down through there and apparently there is some kind of easement or right-of-way that belongs to either the water or sewer.

Mr. Lopez interjected that there is an easement under his driveway for sewer but not for water and added that with no offense to Mr. Deering he can't accept his word on Saturday that he will do whatever it takes to fix it because he is hearing various reports between the Town and Village as to who is actually responsible for the clean-up or who is responsible for the repair of the pipe because he also heard from the Village that they are responsible to fix the pipe but it is the Town's responsibility to fill the hole in, which didn't get done and reiterated that as residents they don't know who is responsible for what.

**Ms.** Lopez interjected that they are missing a portion of their driveway now and there is a sawhorse there to protect them from driving down in the hole.

Mr. Lopez reiterated that there is a big chunk of their driveway gone and there is a sawhorse that says Village of Ravena on it.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he did make the statement and they can believe him or not but anyone that knows him would know that he will repair it if it is his responsibility. He continued by saying that apparently there is an easement for a sewer line so there has to be something somewhere for the water line because they would not just run a water line with a 6 inch pipe.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that Larry Conrad will have an answer to that for him.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he didn't get into the details about it but he did talk to who repaired it and he told him that it is a 6 inch line and not a service line but rather a main.

Mr. Lopez stated that this does not really answer the root cause of the problem, which is the snow removal and continued by saying that he would like to know why they decided that it was an important thing to do last Thursday and reiterated that it is not done every year and there was no eminent snow coming that would indicate that they had to clean up the snow in front of there. He added that he would rather that the money that is spent in taxes be used to clean in front of the Post Office so that everyone can get to the Post Office, which is a requirement of the people that live in the Town rather than spending time in front of his house knocking down some snow banks and then running a grader through the grass area that he is trying to maintain.

Councilman Boehm asked Highway Superintendent Deering if the hole is open right now.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is covered up and come spring it is something that can be fixed.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked Mr. Lopez if he had any other comments, hearing none he asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Elyse Kunz stated that she lives next door to the Lopez's and added that her property was also affected by the snow removal last Thursday and added that she shares all of their sentiments and concerns because her grass was damaged and her sidewalk was filled with snow as well as her driveway and her walkway on the side of her house was blocked with a snow bank. She continued by saying that aside from the safety issue, it is also a liability issue for the homeowner and added that she appreciates the Town wanting to remove the snow but they should be doing it in a way that is not creating a burden on the homeowner as well as a liability. She went on by saying that she tries to be very conscientious to keep her sidewalk and driveway clear because people do walk up and down the road there and there are a couple of boys that ride their bikes on the sidewalk even in the snow and she does not want to see anyone get hurt. She continued by saying that the Town should be trying to help that, not making it harder for the homeowner who is actually trying to take care of their property and be responsible and added that it is going to snow again at some point, whether it be this year or the future, and she would like the Town to develop a policy for snow removal and there is a way to do it so it does not happen again in the future. She added that when they are taking snow out of the road they should stay in the road when they are doing it and when trying to remove a snow bank, they can remove it so they are not pushing the snow onto the sidewalk or into people's walkways or driveways. She went on by saying that it can be scooped up and there are a lot of different ways to do it but they came through with an enormous bull dozer with a giant plow on the front, which dug up part of the opposite side of the road from her house in addition to being way up over the curb on her side of the road where she has a hedge and her home, which was right up against it. She continued by saying that she literally feels like she got run over by the Town of Coeymans, which is not acceptable and reiterated that she would like for them to come up with a policy so it does not happen again in the future. She concluded by saying that after conversing with Mr. Lopez and Highway Superintendent Deering on Saturday, they did clean up the sidewalk but her driveway was left the way it was and added that she does not know if it was done for everyone else because it was up and down the whole road and added that she does think that they need a better plan for the future, which she would like for them to do.

Deputy Supervisor asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Nancy Warner** asked if they know if the Planning Board approved or voted on Mr. Chichester's business as well as if they know what the status of it is.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that based on the information that he has on it, they did indeed approve a Site Plan for that piece of property.

Ms. Warner stated that some of them that are present with varied comments were also present at the Planning Board Meeting and they were told that if they wanted to further express their concerns, they should go to a Board Meeting because they also have a say in what can happen and she does not know if that is accurate.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette interjected that he does not believe that it is accurate and added that the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals are independent bodies and are set up independently so there is not political interference in what they do. He added that the Town Board does not have veto power over a decision that they made and it would be improper for them to try to influence any decision that they have made.

Ms. Warner continued by asking if the Town Board would have any influence if residents came to them with concerns because there are several people present who have some statements that they would like to make and she will defer to them because they have more accurate and pertinent information but for her sake they have addressed the Planning Board and Building Inspector and they are not happy with what is going on there legally, and aesthetically it is not a pleasing site to have in the Town of Coeymans as well as not being neighborly to Ron Teator or anyone else that lives there because it looks awful and he has cars there that probably shouldn't be there as well as not having proper licenses and certificates that need to be had. She continued by saying that there are a lot of things that needed to be considered before they actually voted on it and they voiced it to all of them, whether it be environmentally or aesthetically and went on by saying that if the Town Board has any say or input, she thinks that they need to listen to what the people actually living there have to say, not only those that have to go by there.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that as he had said, they do not have the authority to overturn or to veto a decision that the Planning Board has made and added that it does not mean that there are not remedies. He continued by saying that any citizen can file a zoning complaint with the Code Enforcement Officer that the Code Enforcement Officer has to answer and if the person is not satisfied they can appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which is the procedure in that matter. He added that for any Board, if someone disagrees with the decision, they have the right to file an Article 78 proceeding in the State Supreme Court and reiterated that there are remedies to that but the remedy does not lie with the Town Board.

Ms. Warner asked if the Town Board would be willing to hear comments.

Collectively the Town Board said that they would.

Ms. Warner stated that she wanted to mention that at the Planning Board Meeting when people did speak their mind about how they weren't very happy with what might be opening there, the Building Inspector and a couple of members of the Planning Board ridiculed, embarrassed and made them feel stupid, which is not appropriate. She continued by saying that a lot of people don't understand the procedure so they don't need to be made to feel stupid when asking a question and this is exactly how a lot of people felt in the audience.

Councilman Dolan stated that she didn't need to tell them that because they are not going to ridicule anyone.

Ms. Warner stated that she knows that they won't and she is just telling them so they know because this was representative of the Town.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks that people should say what's on their minds.

Mr. Joseph Cinque stated that a lot went down that night and he spoke loudly but was not rude and added that certain Planning Board members said one thing and then contradicted themselves. He continued by saying that he thinks the Town Board should listen to the tape and if you go a step ahead, the Town Board is responsible for putting those people where they are by approving them. He went on by saying that he can't say that those guys are not any good because he is on the Village Planning Board and he does not want to start that it is us vs. them and added that on the flip side Larry's hands are tied and he can't enforce anything on his behalf unless he has something to go by. He added that people came before the Board from the Village and the Town to express their concerns and they went through the motions and they approved it and continued by saying that one person expressed concern about water and sewer run-off because of wells on the road and another person was concerned with the enforcement but the bottom line is that when push comes to shove, if the guy does not do what he said, as taxpayers they have to pay for it. He went on by saying that this guy makes Malphrus look like Mickey Mouse and makes Malphrus look like a guy who is just starting out, and this guy does not comply and when he was at the meeting he told the Planning Board that he does not comply and added that Donald Chichester sits in front of a Board and says that yes he will do this and that but when it comes to enforcement, he does not do it so they can't enforce it, which is non-compliance. He continued by saying that no one ever verified to see who those people were and it is like him sitting down in front of the Board and saying he is the spokesperson and agrees to comply but there is no accountability and added that he is pretty sure that the people who came before the Board have nothing to do with the corporation. He then asked who is going to be accountable for what and what Larry has to do is try to enforce it, which would be to go back to the owner of the property and find out who these people are. He went on by saying that the one guy is in bankruptcy and another has write-ups for non-compliance and he told the Board the story as quick and as easy as he could because he was limited to 4 minutes and they still voted him in. He added that the cars were brought there at night time and you would think it was like a chop shop and it was all self-inflicted hardship and he told the Board that they were not obligated to approve it and what he would have done was to seek legal counsel as a Board and no one did anything about it and they knew about it beforehand. He continued by saying that other than the fact that who owns the corporation, he could prove that they are not compliant and has no reputation and their work is no good and he has heard through the grapevine that the guy is going to sue him because he discredited him. He added that they gave them approval and now if someone ends up with oil in their well and says that they expressed it at a meeting, they would in turn sue the Town. He went on by saying that it is crazy and anyone could have walked in and said that they were a member of the corporation and in turn agreed to anything that was asked and added that he has not seen any paperwork that said the President of the Corporation but rather a piece of paper filed and approved. He continued by saying that it is frustrating and anyone can have a business but it has to be done right and you don't bring in 100 cars over night and say that they are used cars and there are all kinds of violations. He concluded by saying that they approved something that he personally feels that they don't know enough about and the taxpayers will be responsible for the aftermath and added that he is really concerned about this and whether or not he will be made to comply and clean up as well as who this person really is and what is his credibility.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that Cobleskill is glad to see them gone.

Mr. Cinque stated that they were evicted.

Councilwoman Rogers agreed that they were evicted.

Mr., Cinque stated that he personally knows the landlord that evicted them and added that they would not comply and it went back to the landlord to evict. He continued by saying that the Town does not want to become a dumping yard and he came here because it is a great town and added that the guy can have a business but he won't comply. He went on by saying that it is great to see someone there but he is not going to be an asset because he does not think that people change over night.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he did sign an Agreement to comply with the terms of the Site Plan Review within 180 days of the approval.

Mr. Cinque stated that it is great and added that on the flip side, where is the American Dream paperwork that authorizes him to be a spokesperson for it?

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the original application person has to verify that they had the right to file the application.

Mr. Cinque stated that according to the bankruptcy records, he testified in Bankruptcy Court that he nor Darlene Curtis do not own that company and this is what he is trying to say and added that they own another corporation, New York Carriage Corporation, which they were operating under in Cobleskill and Darlene was on those papers. He added that neither one of them are on the American Dream paperwork and the Planning Board gave them permission to do it, which is the craziness that he is talking about and by giving him permission, it is now a liability for the Town and the taxpayers.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Keith Geraldson stated that he lives at 187 Fuller Road, which is right by that place and added that he is concerned because as far as the business aspect, in order to run a business you have to come before the Town to be approved before you can actually start a business and he moved the cars in prior to that at night time and added that there were 8 roll-off trucks there dropping cars off in the middle of the night. He continued by saying that there are older cars from the 80's and no one is going to buy a car that is 30 years old and added that they are sitting up there and in that part of the town they are on wells and he does not want anything to happen to their wells from the cars leaking. He went on by saying that it is an eyesore and bad for Crossroads, who spent a lot of money to make their business look nice and as a Town we don't need something like the Malphrus property, which is right in the middle of town. He added that as taxpayers they will end up paying to have it cleaned up and he was told that he can only have 50 cars up there and they asked him to comply and he said last Monday that he made no effort to clean anything up. He continued by saying that he is making no effort and has been there already for three months and there is no reason why he can't try to comply and added that he said there are 96 cars but there has to be over 150 cars between inside, around the building and up on the hill. He went on by saying that he does not want it there and it would be alright if it was a legitimate business but from what he gathers and sees in the three months time, he does not think that it is going to be and he does not want it right down the street from his house and he's sure no one else in the town wants it there either. He concluded by saying that the Planning Board did say that they needed to talk with the Town Board and they dropped it in their lap and said that they can only follow the guidelines that they have in their books, but the Town Board can change the rules by changing the zoning there or something of that nature and in turn they can help the Planning Board decide what they can do.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that actually about a year ago the Planning Board did ask the Town Board to introduce a Local Law that would tighten up the Site Plan Review process and it was withdrawn because of very heavy public protest and added that this is one thing that could have helped this process, which they don't have right now.

Mr. Geraldson reiterated that the Planning Board said that they needed to come and see the Town Board and added that they were hoping that something could be done about it because he feels as though he is not going to cooperate with anything that the Town asks and added that they gave him 180 days but if he does not do it, who will enforce it and will he be fined and if he doesn't have money, will he have to pay or will it become a burden on them as taxpayers. He continued by saying that he has already been there three months without having a legitimate license to be there and he does not have a license to deal from the Department of Motor Vehicle because he said on Monday he does not have a license to sell cars but he has 150 cars to sell.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Al Visconti stated that he lives in the Village but is also a Town resident and continued by saying that Mr. Chichester was not authorized to speak on behalf of the

Corporation and continued by asking if it would make the decision of the Planning Board null and void because he didn't have the authority to speak on their behalf.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he is not a lawyer and it is a legal question. Mr. Visconti stated that they should check it out and continued by saying that it would make a difference as to whether he or the Corporation would be held responsible and added that he is assuming that the Corporation would be held responsible. He added that if he has nothing to do with the Corporation, he should not be allowed to speak on behalf of the Corporation.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that when he served on the Planning Board, it was not unusual to have someone else representing the applicant or the owner of the property.

Mr. Visconti interjected that it should be documented.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that it is usually documented in the application and added that he cannot speak to the facts in this particular situation.

Mr. Visconti stated that he would appreciate that it be looked into as to whether or not he had authority to speak on behalf of the Corporation and if not he wanted to know what is the result of the Planning Board's decision. He added that it would be like anybody coming forth to speak for someone else when they don't have the authority.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it is a good question for Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

Mr. Cinque inquired as to if the Town Board has the application.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they didn't.

Mr. Cinque stated that he was wondering who signed the application and their title and added that they are giving things to people that might not be authorized to do it. He continued by saying that if it comes out as true and they do paperwork to back up their tracks, it is a little too late.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette interjected that he believes it is a matter of a public record.

Town Clerk Millious stated that he can F.O.I.L. the information.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any further comments.

Mr. Keith Geraldson inquired as to if there is any legal action where they can ask them to remove the cars until he can run the business there and then bring them back in.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he thinks there are two remedies depending on what they object to and added that if they object to the decision of the Planning Board they can file an Article 78 proceeding, which challenges the decision and it is done in the State Supreme Court. He continued by saying that if they think that there is a zoning violation, the remedy there is to file a zoning complaint with the Code Enforcement Officer and in turn the CEO then investigates the decision and if you still don't agree with the decision you can then appeal it to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. John Rosato stated that he is a Village resident and continued by saying that his question is what the purpose of a Public Hearing is and added that there was a Public Hearing last week regarding Mr. Chichester's operation and unfortunately he could not make it because he was ill but he heard that the place was pretty well full and the consensus was that no one wanted it. He went on by asking why they waste people's time coming to a Public Hearing where everyone objects to a business coming in but yet they give them permission to come in anyway. He concluded by saying that he would like to

have an explanation as to why there is a Public Hearing and what it is for as far as a purpose.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that a Public Hearing is to let people explain their feelings of support or opposition.

Mr. Rosato reiterated that everyone was opposed but they said too bad we are going to give them permission to do it anyway and as he understood, everyone was opposed to it. He continued by asking why there was a Public Hearing in the first place if they were just going to listen but give permission any way and questioned again why you would waste people's time.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he didn't think that it was a waste of time and added that the Board has certain criteria that they look at and apparently they thought that this particular application met the criteria under the law and statutes of the Town and they granted the application.

Mr. Rosato inquired as to why there was a Public Hearing and what purpose it served.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that it was to allow the public to comment.

Mr. Rosato stated that they commented but it fell on deaf ears.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he was not there and he does not know if it was on deaf ears or not.

Mr. Rosato stated that the place was full and everyone was opposed and they still gave them permission anyway and continued by asking whether or not they listened as to why they didn't want this.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that it is one of the considerations but there are other considerations and added that if the application meets the criteria, it may be enough to approve the application.

Mr. Rosato stated that he still didn't get an answer as to why they had a Public Hearing.

Councilman Dolan stated that legally they have to and added that he can't speak for them because he has not spoken to anyone as to why they made the decision that they did. He added that even though people made a good, compelling argument, they may have found that based on the law that they are suppose to follow, they could not rule any other way. He concluded by saying that it does not mean that the arguments weren't well received or well done and maybe they just didn't feel that it met the criteria.

Mr. Rosato reiterated that it was a waste of time because they didn't listen to the people.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that when the Town Board has Public Hearings they listen to the people.

Mr. Rosato stated that he wanted to make his point that people came and opposed it but they game them permission anyway, which means that they didn't listen to the people and they wasted their time.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he thanked everyone for their comments and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

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# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>, and a Special Workshop on January 27<sup>th</sup> and continued by asking for a motion to approve them.

#### **MOTION**

On motion by Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Minutes were accepted as presented and read.

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

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Establish Auto Mechanic Position – Highway

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is a request from Highway Superintendent Deering to establish a formal establishment of a mechanic position at the Highway Department. He added that he also suggests that after the position if filled, they eliminate the Operator I position and then asked if there was any discussion.

Councilman Boehm stated that he thinks it is important to point out that as they discussed earlier, they are not doing two positions and that the person in the Operator I position, Tom Bennett will become the mechanic and the Operator I position will be eliminated.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion to establish the Mechanic position.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, to establish the Mechanic position at the Highway Department.

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

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what the pay rate is.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is stated in the resolution for later in the meeting.

# **Authorize Chief of Police to Execute 2011 Operation Impact Agreement**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that Chief Darlington has requested to be authorized by the Town Board to execute the 2100 Operation Impact Grant Letter Agreement with NYS DCJS regarding the acquisition of a Live Scan System. He then asked that Chief Darlington give some background on it.

Chief Darlington stated that quite a few months ago he requested permission to apply for an Operation Impact Grant in the amount of \$32,000.00 to purchase a Live Scan Finger Printing system, which is a required mandate that NY States puts upon municipalities. He added that they were awarded \$30,000.00 and the Acquisition Agreement says that the equipment that they purchase will meet their requirements.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there was any further discussion.

Councilman Boehm stated that it will be a big time saver and added that they literally physically run the cards up to be processed.

Chief Darlington stated that depending on how many arrests they had, sometimes twice a month they had to pay someone to go to the State Police Station in East Greenbush and run them individually through their machine.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if the whole cost of the training and the machine was grant money.

Chief Darlington stated that it is correct.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is a resolution that will authorize Chief Darlington to sign the agreement and continued by asking for a motion.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Touchette, authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Operation Impact Grant Contract.

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

Chief Darlington interjected that the motion should have been for him to sign the agreement.

#### **Authorize Supervisor to Execute Operation Impact Grant Contract**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the Board needs to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract authorizing the Grant Contract for \$30,000.00 for the purchase, installation and training of the Live Scan System.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract authorizing the Grant Contract for \$30,000.00 for the purchase, installation and training of the Live Scan System.

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

Chief Darlington inquired as to if the first motion should be amended to authorize him to sign the agreement.

Councilman Boehm stated that he did specify the Supervisor and added that he would amend the motion to authorize Chief Darlington to sign.

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

#### **Contract for Services with VFW**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is a Contract for Services with VFW Post #9594, which is a Contract for Exchange of Service or Compensation and continued by reading the following:

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made between the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, a municipality with its offices located at 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, 12143, hereinafter call the "Town" and VFW Post #9594, Ravena, NY, being a not-forprofit or a civic organization with its principal offices located at 12 Whitbeck Street, Ravena, NY, hereinafter called the "VFW".

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need of services consisting of Memorial Services, Veteran's Day Services, Flag Day Services for the schools, sickroom services for the community and cemetery flag placement, which can be performed by the VFW, and

**WHEREAS**, the "VFW" is in need of financial help of \$1,000.00 for Veteran's Services, which can be performed by the Town of Coeymans,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned parties hereby agree that they shall exchange services, which shall be beneficial to both entities, in that the Town of Coeymans shall provide services consisting of the above stated amount of \$1,000.00 for a time period of one (1) year and the said "VFW" shall provide services to the Town of Coeymans consisting of the above stated for Veteran's services for a time period of one (1) year.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank VFW Post #9594 and added that he recently had the opportunity to attend a School Board Meeting where they led the Pledge of Allegiance and then recognized a Veteran for getting his high-school diploma and continued by saying that they do a lot of valuable things here in the community.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette interjected that their sick room is a great help to the community.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing the Supervisor to enter in an Exchange for Services Agreement with VFW Post #9594.

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

#### **Agreement for Zoning Board of Appeals Counsel**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they are in receipt of an Agreement from Attorney Brendan Baynes who is counsel to the Town of Coeymans Zoning Board of Appeals and it clarifies that his rate is \$500.00 per month, however if there are any special projects that require extensive legal research, communications or written opinions, his rate is \$175.00. He added that the Town will not be obligated to pay for that unless it is previously identified and authorized by the Zoning Board of Appeals and / or Town Board. He concluded by asking if there was any further discussion and added that it will be on the agenda for the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if this changes the original resolution of \$6,000.00 per year and if this would go beyond that.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the resolution does not address any fees that might come up because of extensive research or litigation and added that their agreement with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch is the same in that there is a retainer and then there are things not included in the retainer and this will address those issues.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is identical to the attached December letter

# **Request for Chief Operator to Attend Training**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is a request for Chief Sewer Plant Operator Larry Breedlove to attend a two-day seminar on Train the Trainer and added that the course is described as follows:

"With the rapidly changing technology in our field and the ever-present need to prepare operators to qualify for and pass certification exams, quality training for water and waste water professionals has never been more important. This program is designed for environmental professionals who are responsible for developing and delivering training programs for water and waste water operators."

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that Chief Operator Breedlove states that it is being held in Sherrill, NY and he is willing to stay overnight on his own and use his own car and it is a very good seminar and one that he has been waiting to attend.

Councilman Boehm stated there is no reason why he should not be compensated for his mileage.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion.

# MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing attendance at the two-day training including mileage for use of his personal car for transportation to and from the training.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS

#### **RES. #038-11 APPOINT POLICE OFFICER**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Albany County Department of Civil Service has taken issue with parttime Police Officers working in excess of the 20-hour restriction for this title, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has cited that he is desirous of retaining the part-time Police Officers on staff, and

WHEREAS, Albany County Department of Civil Service has suggested appointment of our part-time Police Officers from the current Civil Service list, and

**WHEREAS**, this recommendation would provide relief from the 20-hour restrictions for part-time Officers in this title, and

**WHEREAS**, Office Frank McDonagh has taken and passed the Police Officer (Towns and Villages) Examination #200869510,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Frank A. McDonagh as a part-time Police Officer, in accordance with Civil Service regulation and contingent upon successful completion of the Albany County Civil Service physical fitness requirements, effective immediately. This appointment will be compensated at the rate of pay consistent with the negotiated contract currently in effect.

Councilman Boehm asked that Chief Darlington outline why they are doing this.

Chief Darlington stated that it looks like they are appointing a new Officer, but Frank McDonagh currently works for them as a part-time Officer and added that Civil Service routinely audits payrolls and there have been times that due to injuries and vacations, etc., some of the Officers had exceeded the 20 hour allotment, which Civil Service takes exception to. He continued by saying that one way around it is to maintain the part-time status but when they are hired off the Civil Service list and Civil Service basically allows them to work as many hours as needed. He concluded by saying that they hold a part-time position and are not receiving benefits but if they routinely get over that, they may be subject to that, which does not happen very often.

Councilman Boehm stated that the bottom-line is that they are trying to utilize part-time Officers more who are limited by the 20 hours and this will give them up to 40 hours and added that he thinks that it is a positive thing.

# RES. #039-11 APPOINT AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has recognized that the upkeep of highway vehicles is important to service of town roads and employee safety, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has voted to re-establish the position of Automotive Mechanic in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the position has been posted in Town Hall buildings seeking applicants, and

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has confirmed the candidate meets minimum qualifications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the appointment of Thomas J. Bennett to the position of Automotive Mechanic at the hourly rate of \$20.19, effective immediately.

Councilman Boehm stated that this is a position that they created earlier and added that Tom Bennett is vacating the Operator I position and taking this position at the Highway Garage.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette added that upon his appointment, the position of Operator I is abolished.

#### **RES. #040-11 RE-APPOINT PART-TIME CARPENTER**

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

WHEREAS, the Town has several projects related to repair and maintenance of Town buildings, and

WHEREAS, Bernard TeRiele's position of part-time Carpenter was inadvertently omitted from the employee rate list in January,

**NOW, THREORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby approves of the re-appointment of Bernard J. TeRiele as a part-time Carpenter, effective immediately, to be called on an "as needed" basis, to work on approved projects, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bernard TeRiele be paid at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, when authorized to work on said projects.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he would like to point out that it was an inadvertent omission at the Organizational Meeting in January and added that they have a need for Mr. TeRiele to begin some renovations in Town Hall to correct some ice buildup that has caused some leaking in various offices and he will begin on that immediately.

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Albany County Sheriff**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they were in receipt of a letter from the Albany County Sheriff's Office dated 02-04-11 to Supervisor Youmans and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans,

Since 1995 the Albany County Sheriff's Office has been providing Emergency Medial Service at the Advanced Life Support level to the residents of Albany County. Our primary area of operation has been the Towns of Bethlehem, Berne, Coeymans, New Scotland, Rensselaerville and Westerlo. On occasion, we have assisted other municipalities' services with mutual aid on an as needed basis. The Albany County Sheriff's Office has built the EMS Unit on the same foundations as it has its many other units of Public Service by assuring highly trained personnel, state-of-the-art equipment and an efficient means of delivering the service to the public by means of a regional approach. During the past 15 years of service, the Albany County Sheriff's Office EMS Unit has received multiple awards and recognition for providing high-quality Emergency Medial Services as well as set a standard that many other agencies have followed with regard to providing EMS on a regional approach.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office first recognized a need for a dedicated Paramedic to cover calls where municipalities laced a dedicated response. Today we are faced with a new challenge where the requests for emergency medical services continue to increase every year and the smaller agencies and even larger ones for that matter, continue to struggle with a number of factors that directly affect how they address this increase. Albany County has an extremely dedicated group of volunteers that give countless hours of their own time to answer calls, in addition to training and equipment upkeep. Unfortunately some of the agencies have seen their manpower pools dwindle and is some cases almost disappear as the demands on these professionals continue to increase. As these agencies move forward they are faced everyday with a "do more with less" situation. At these times we can experience extensive delays before an ambulance arrives at the scene. Also, since these ambulances are coming from other districts/municipalities faced with the same issues, there are times when it is possible that several agencies have to be contacted before an ambulance is assigned to a call. Furthermore, when these occurrences happen, it leaves other municipalities short of resources to handle their own requests for assistance. Here is an example: town of X Ambulance is unable to get a crew for a medical call, after 12 minutes Town of Y ambulance is requested to cover the call. When Y Ambulance responds to the call in the Town of X they are leaving their district and the municipality is uncovered. This situation is not unique to Albany County but rather a growing problem nationwide. In another example the Town of Z pays career EMS provider to handle calls during times when no volunteer providers are available. The career manpower is based on the needs to cover EMS calls on an average day. It is not financially possible to staff for the "worst case" scenario and when call volumes exceed their average, the Town's resources are depleted. This requires calls to be answered by an adjacent community and we get the same result, taxing our neighboring already faced with its own challenges. Make no mistake, in more and more cases we see a snowball type effect where one call can become the problem of 3 or more municipalities.

In July, 2009, the Albany County Sheriff's Office EMS Unit applied for and received a Municipal Operating Certificate to operate an ambulance. This is the beginning of a process that is commonly referred to as a "Certificate of Need". Article 30 of the Public Health Law defines "Public Need" as: "the demonstrated absence, reduced availability or an inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical services available to a geographical areas which in not readily correctable through the reallocation or improvement of existing resources". While the agencies we with do an excellent job providing emergency medical services, the challenges of manpower and financial constraint have impacted the timely delivery on these services in a number of cases.

Our plan is to use existing manpower to staff an ALS ambulance to assist agencies when their staffing levels are low. The proposed service will begin with immediate staffing during daytime hours, Monday through Friday from 6am-6pm, however the ambulance will be available to respond 24 hours a day in emergency situations. We will monitor those situations and address any further needs as they develop.

We are soliciting letters of support for this program. Please indicate in the letter that you have received the definition of "public need". Also, please assure the letter is signed by the CEO or an authorized designee. I have enclosed a sample letter for your review.

If you have any questions, you can contact me or call our EMS Unit Coordinator, Brian Wood. We would like to have all letters of support returned by February 28, 2011.

Respectfully,

Sheriff James L. Campbell

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there was a sample letter enclosed with the letter.

Councilman Dolan offered to read the letter and read as follows:

Dear Sheriff Campbell,

It is my understanding that the Albany County Sheriff's Office is applying for its permanent Certificate of Need to operate an ambulance as an expansion of the Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services Unit.

I understand that as part of the licensing process, the New York State Department of Health requires that there be a "Public Need". This is as defined by NYS DOH "the demonstrated absence, reduced availability or an inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical services available to a geographical area which is not readily correctable through the reallocation or improvement of existing resources."

I understand that based on a rising call volume, the increase in multiple simultaneous EMS calls and the lack of trained volunteers available to the professional volunteer agencies within Albany County, it adversely impacts the delivery of emergency medical services in areas of Albany County. The County-operated emergency only ambulance will continue, as it has for more than a year, to respond to EMS calls when our partnering agencies are unable to provide a qualified volunteer crew or who have multiple calls. This ambulance will respond, as available, to any request throughout Albany County and to surrounding communities via Mutual Aid and Disaster Plans as dictated. I believe this will greatly improve the delivery of emergency medical care in Albany County, specifically the rural areas this is intended to help.

Based upon the foregoing, I hereby endorse and support Albany County's application to operate an ambulance.

Sincerely,

Deputy Supervisor Touchette thanked Councilman Dolan for reading the letter.

Councilman Boehm stated that based on the letter and the sample letter, and that they should authorize the Supervisor to write a letter to Sheriff Campbell in support of this. He stated that it does not take much for an accident or small disaster to tax the EMS resources and having an additional ambulance would be helpful.

Chief Darlington stated that the only thing that he would caution the Board is that currently this ambulance, when they are doing a second tone-out will automatically start responding and his only concern is much like the Paramedic Program, they set the dollar amount that the Town will end up paying as well as just recently the Sheriff's Department just tried to tax the Town with a \$30,000.00 bill for Sheriff patrols that they don't get. He added that he received the same letter and he does not know if the need in this town is there and although the Rescue Squad does fall short, there are other options and he would caution the Board to haste into signing something that could ultimately cost taxpayers money who do not have a say in it.

Councilman Boehm stated that was true and added that they currently pay approximately \$140,000.00 for paramedic services and continued by saying that it does not mention any cost and continued by saying that the letter is a certification.

Chief Darlington interjected that it ultimately authorizes them to operate an ambulance and continued by saying that he cautions when they send something at the last hour and only give a minimum time to research it.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would like to call Brian Wood and added that if it is staffed by paramedics and runs, would they soft bill the Rescue Squad and would they keep the revenue if they run the call and if it is revenue paying for the call is there an additional cost.

Chief Darlington stated that they have had meetings with him because they have an Automatic Mutual Aid Plan that the dispatchers follow and this ambulance will just monitor and call to say they will be en route and he does not want to see the Town being taxed out.

Councilman Boehm asked if there have been any incidents where they have utilized this because it has been running for a year.

Chief Darlington stated that there have been and added that they have never called for it but it has volunteered itself and they have come in and handled calls.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette inquired as to if it was when the Town's services were not available.

Chief Darlington stated that basically once they call en route, they discontinue trying to get a second or even a third crew and added that there have been several times that they have called en route and the Rescue Squad has gotten a crew and they have cancelled them.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that by the same token, the funds that are a reflection of the Town by the Rescue Squad continued to increase at a rate that he thinks is alarming and continued by asking if there was a sense that they should act on it immediately.

Councilman Boehm suggested that they table it until the next meeting.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that they should table it until Councilman Boehm talks to Brian Wood.

Councilman Boehm stated that it just seems to be just a letter of support for certification for the ambulance and added that they should call Brian Wood and find out.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief Darlington if the Town has gotten charged for those cases.

Chief Darlington stated that currently they do not because everything is on a trial basis and added that when the Paramedic Program first started they were not charged. He continued by saying that in looking at the Town Budgets, they are held tight but the County is budgeted for it and charging them and added that he is a believer that as much as they can keep in-house, they control the expenses. He went on by saying that they have a say with the Rescue Squad whether they sign their contract or not and the County just comes in and says this is what they are going to charge.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they will table it until the next meeting when they have more information and will go from there.

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# WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, February 28, 2011, 7:00pm
- Joint Town Board-RCS School Board Meeting, March 1, 2011, 5:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 14, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, March 22, 2011, 6:00pm

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is not a Town Board Workshop scheduled for February.

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### ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that on Saturday he attended a Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet on behalf of the Town and presented nine Cub Scouts, who received their Arrow of Light Award and are going into the Boy Scouts, with a Certificate on behalf of the Town. He added that he thinks it is great that the Scouting Program, which is 100 years old, is still going strong and there is a lot of activity and support from parents,

grandparents and civic groups, which was gratifying to see. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that with regard to the used cars at Marshall's, they never were in compliance and there are well over 50 cars there and he does not know how they set it up and got it through with a promise that they will comply when initially they have not complied and added that he believes that it warrants further conversation with the Planning Board.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that on Saturday he attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Bowl at Joralemon Park and added that it is quite similar to golf but rather done with Frisbees of different sizes and weights. He added that they play on the ice once a year at Joralemon Park as well as other places like Syracuse, Rochester, Schenectady and it is also played in other places throughout the United States and Joralemon Park is also used in the non-winter months. He continued by saying that this year was their biggest Ice Bowl and there were 66 individuals and his connection with it is that they give some of their proceeds to the C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Program that they use to help Town residents.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any further comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not know if the Board is aware but the second Crown Victoria has been ordered and should be in within the next month or so. He continued by saying that at the last meeting during the approval of the abstract, one of his vouchers was pulled and additional information was requested and he wanted to make sure that the Board received it and if there is any thing additional that they need.

Councilman Boehm stated that he didn't need anything additional and he had initialed the voucher and the other Board members could speak to it.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he hadn't seen the additional information.

Councilwoman Rogers asked Councilman Boehm where he found it.

Councilman Boehm stated that he had a personal conversation with the Chief.

Chief Darlington stated that copies were sent upstairs.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not believe that he had gotten any additional information but he did have a conversation with the Chief.

Chief Darlington stated that he will have to find out where it went and added that it was a three page document.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that he had a conversation with Chief Darlington and is now fine with it.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any further comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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#### ADJOUORNMENT

# MOTION

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

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

Time – 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS February 24, 2011 — Bid Opening — 2:00PM

A Bid Opening was held Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 2:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Cindy Vatalaro, Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Searles, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Kay Ely, Arrowhead Equip.

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the Ravena News Herald.

# TOWN OF COEYMANS NOTICE TO BIDDER INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, hereby invites sealed bids for:

One (1) Multi-Purpose Dump Body

All prospective bidders may call the Highway Superintendent at 756-2251 between the hours of 7:00am - 3:30pm regarding this bid. Bid packages can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm

Bids will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY 12143 up to 2:00pm on Thursday, February 24, 2011, and read aloud on that same day at 2:00pm.

Non-Collusive Bidding Forms must be submitted with all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids.

The bidder is responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws and guidelines for this bidding process.

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

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### **BID OPENING**

Town Clerk Millious opened the bids and read them aloud as follows:

# BIDDER

Zwack Inc. \$20,495.00

Rte 22

Stephentown, NY 12168

T & T Sales Inc. \$25,499.00

409-411 Old Niskayuana Road Latham, New York 12110

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS February 24, 2011 — Bid Opening — 2:00PM

Wm. H. Clark Municipal Equipment, Inc. \$26,600.00 589 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Ext.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Loughberry Mfg. Corp. \$20,989.00 249 Excelsior Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Arrowhead Equipment, Inc. \$20,934.00 106 Luzerne Road Queensbury, NY 12804

The Bid Opening was concluded at 2:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held February 28, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police Albert Deering (arrived late)

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

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## **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and Chief of Police Darlington.

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#### **AGENDA**

- Presentation
  - Tax Levy Checks to Coeymans & Coeymans Hollow Fire Departments
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
- Supervisor's Report January
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, December & January
  - Police Department, January
  - Sewer Department, January
  - Town Clerk, January
- Old Business
  - Bowers Land Issue
- New Business
  - Training for Code Enforcement Officers
  - Award Bid for Multi-Purpose Dump Body
- Resolutions
  - Authorize Town of Coeymans to Repair and Upgrade Mud Hill Road
  - Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Counsel
  - Approve February 2011 Abstract
- Correspondence
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
  - Joint Town Board RCS Board Meeting, March 1, 2011, 5:30pm
  - Town Board Meeting, March 14, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, March 22, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, March 28, 2011, 7:00pm

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### **PRESENTATION**

Tax Levy Checks to Coeymans Fire & Coeymans Hollow Fire Companies

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Fire Companies are funded through a Fire Tax Levy and the Town collects the tax and then turns it over to the respective Fire Companies. He continued by saying that Mr. Orsino, representing the Coeymans Fire Department and Mr. Hotaling, representing the Coeymans Hollow Fire Department were present. He then invited Mr. Orsino for the presentation of the Coeymans Fire Department check and then Mr. Hotaling for the Coeymans Hollow Fire Department. He continued by thanking them for all and their organizations do for our community.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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# SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

## January 2011

EUND	DAI EWD	DECEIDTS	DISBURSEMENTS	DALANCE
FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISDURSEMENTS	BALANCE
General	\$119,149.44	\$1,910,960.16	\$541,264.54	\$1,488,842.06
Part-Town	\$183,191.22	\$ 455,253.32	\$333,082.37	\$ 305,362.17
Highway	\$103,750.00	\$ 200,556.28	\$132,636.89	\$ 171,669.39
<b>Bridge Const.</b>	\$314,592.12	\$ 65.00	\$310,391.76	\$ 4,265.36
Sewer	\$132,650.38	\$ 50,063.41	\$ 56,146.12	\$ 126,567.67
Special Water	\$ 25.99	\$ .01	-0-	\$ 26.00
Police Forf.	\$ 6,873.72	\$ 1.81	-0-	\$ 6,875.53
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 18,131.82	\$ 238,481.80	\$238,025.62	\$ 18,588.00
Capital Proj.	\$ 35,983.57	\$ 375,108.65	\$ 46,276.16	\$ 364,816.06
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Section 8 HUD	\$128,858.30	\$ 39,172.38	\$ 40,120.87	\$ 127,909.81
Units -78				
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,614,922.05

# SAVINGS ACCOUNTS COLLATERAL COV. FDIC COV. COLLARERALIZED

Unemploymen	t \$ 4,070.07	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$3,515,905.70
Grove Cem.	\$40,822.36	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 636,381.04
C/H Camatary	\$14 330 50			

C/H Cemetery \$14,330.50 Sewer – Ded. \$ 6,314.17 **Total** \$65,537.10

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Building Department – January 2011**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report for January 2011.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Building Department – December 2010**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report for December 2010.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans offered a motion to accept the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# Police Department - January

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

Chief Darlington continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

# **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

#### **Sewer Department – January**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Touchette give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans asked Councilman Touchette if he is aware of the status of the roof replacement at this point.

Councilman Touchette stated that he is not sure what percentage has been completed and added that he knows that C.T. Male has been down there and issued a report and some recommendations to the contractor. He added that there have been some delays due to the snow.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that it is ongoing.

Councilman Touchette stated that it is and where there were some leaks during the repair and replacement, steps have been taken to minimize any damage to the facility.

#### Town Clerk – January

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

## **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to mention that the water collection starts next week and the Village will be mailing out the bills and continued by asking the Town Board as to what her instruction would be for collection.

Supervisor Youmans stated that she should proceed as she always has.

Town Clerk Millious asked if he is saying that she should proceed like she has in the past.

Supervisor Youmans stated that was correct.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she did give the Village envelopes like she has in the past and added that she wanted to make sure that they were alright with that.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is no change at all in handling that matter.

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# **OLD BUSINESS**

# **Bowers' Land Issue**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch give an update on the Bowers' land issue.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they have been discussing the Bowers' land issue for several months and added that the Town Board has in their material, a letter that he received from Mr. Coffey who is the Attorney for Maria Bowers and added that he would summarize their current position. He continued by saying that they are asking for approximately \$4,800.00, which represents outstanding rent for past use of the property and the well and an indemnity clause holding Ms. Bowers harmless against any action that may be undertaken in the future against her for conditions of the land as well as ceding to the proposal to deed to the Town approximately three acres, which would include the subject property used for storage and where the well is located. He added that in exchange for that the Town will pay fair market value for the property based upon an

appraisal of an independent appraiser to be paid for by the Town as well any and all costs associated with surveying, mapping, title transfer and closing costs. He concluded by saying that this is basically the proposal.

Councilman Boehm stated that it also mentions a pier suspension bridge across the creek.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch added that it also mentions carving out an area for a garden for her son.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the way he reads it, she wishes the Town to pay for and provide to her any necessary permits and to provide its full cooperation and assistance in obtaining same from any other governmental agencies.

Councilman Boehm stated that this may result in possible litigation negotiations and then asked if it is something that they should discuss in a public forum.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there is no litigation pending at the present time and added that he does not see that there is anything that they are going to need to discuss by way of strategy or planning and it is simply a matter of a situation that should not have existed from day one, but they are now stuck and the question is what they should do. He continued by saying that if they want to acquire the property, it makes sense to have it appraised and maybe the cost of the appraisal should be split because she is going to benefit from the transfer. He added that he does not think that an indemnity is in order and he can't see the purpose of it and then asked Highway Superintendent Deering if the Town has been paying her rent and where the notion arises from.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it has arisen because the Town no longer does any work to the road and this is why she is going back two years, when everything stopped.

Supervisor Youmans stated that she currently has no easement or right-of-way over the Town's property to cross the stream to get to her property.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there is no legal easement but if the Town has permitted her to use the ingress and egress from the property, she can probably claim some kind of easement by prescription, which would be the same as a road by use and with continuous use and operation she could claim some kind of a right to get ingress and egress to her property.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that the simple answer is to purchase the property from her but it becomes complicated because she wants to reserve a portion for her son to do gardening, add easements that don't exist and issue permits that probably won't be up to the Town but rather DEC.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it would be DEC because of the stream.

Councilman Boehm added that it is highly complicated and he thinks that if they offer to get the appraised value of the land and in turn purchase the land, this is what they should do and not get entangled in all the stipulations.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there would still be the ingress and egress issue.

Councilman Boehm interjected that an option would be for her to use Greenbush Avenue to get to her property instead of going through the Town's property.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it is out of the question because there is not a road there and they can't do that. She continued by asking Highway Superintendent Deering how many years she has been going through there.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it was the mid 70's.

Councilman Boehm stated that she would be hard pressed to get DEC to allow a car to cross the Hannacroix.

Chief Darlington stated that he would question it because they had the same issue with Stanton.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they are now sitting there thinking out loud, which is not productive.

Councilman Dolan stated that the point of the letter seems to be that the Town's counter proposal lacks specifics and it did not address the outstanding issues and added that they should probably come up with specifics that address the issues.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would call Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and they will discuss it in more detail.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Training for Code Enforcement Officers**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request from Code Enforcement Officer Conrad to attend required 2011 training for Code Enforcement Officers and continued by reading the following:

To: Supervisor Youmans and Town Board Members

From: Laverne H, Conrad, Building Inspector, C.E.O.

I am requesting approval for Sandy DeBacco and myself to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hudson Valley CEO, Educational Conference 2011, being held at the Mid Hudson Civic Center & Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Poughkeepsie, NY. Classes are scheduled for April 20, 21, 22, 2011. This seminar will give us credit toward our required certified in-service training. The registration fee is \$285.00 per person.

Should the Board have any questions, I would be happy to respond at your convenience.

Councilman Touchette stated that he would move to approve the request.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers to approve the request and send Mr. Conrad and Mr. DeBacco to the training.  $VOTE-AYES\ 5-NAYS\ 0-SO\ MOVED$ 

### Award Bid for Multi Purpose Dump Body

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was a Bid Opening for a multi-purpose dump body for the Highway Department and continued by asking Highway Superintendent Deering if he had a chance to review the bids.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he had and added that the low bidder was Zwack Inc.

Supervisor Youmans asked if it meets the specifications.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is fine.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would move that they award the bid.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, awarding the bid to Zwack Inc. from Stephentown, NY in the amount of \$20,495.00. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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#### RESOLUTIONS

## RES. #41-11 APPROVE MAINTENANCE OF MUD HILL ROAD

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

**WHEREAS**, Catherine Bouchard owns real property identified as tax lots 154-1-19 and 154-1-21 of Mud Hill Road in the Town of Coeymans and Myra D. Neumann holds a life estate in the same; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Labocetta owns real property identified as tax lot 154-1-23 on Mud Hill Road in the Town of Coeymans; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Lohmus owns real property identified as tax lot 154-1-25 On Mud Hill Road in the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, following a lawsuit commenced by Frederick C. Neumann and Myra D. Neumann (predecessors in title to Bouchard) and Eugene Labocetta, against the Town of Coeymans, Robert H, Fisk, Jr. (Supervisor), Albert Deering (Highway Superintendent), Joseph O. Adams, and Lisa D. Adams, a Judgment was signed by the Honorable John T. Casey, JHO on April 30, 1999, directing the Town of Coeymans and the Highway Superintendent to proceed with regular maintenance and snowplowing of Mud Hill Road, up to and including the area where it enters upon and/or borders the property of Labocetta; and

WHEREAS, the Judgment is set to expire on or about April 30, 2014, at which time the parties are required to determine how to proceed thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans intends to address and resolve issues concerning the ownership and maintenance of Mud Hill Road at this time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does herby designate the subject Road as an official Town Road on all Town maps, and it shall be listed on the Highway Superintendent's official CHIP's list of Town roads and highways; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the official road designation shall apply to a minimum twenty (20) foot width of Mud Hill Road and a length of not less than five hundred eighty five (585) from the centerline of Mud Hill Road; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Coeymans shall maintain and plow Mud Hill Road as it provides access to the Bouchard, Labocetta and Lohmus properties (tax lots 154-1-19, 154-1-21, 154-1-23 and 154-1-25) up to and including the full length of Bouchard's and Labocetta's property, and a sufficient distance thereafter to access the existing Lohmus driveway as it borders Mud Hill Road. Such maintenance and snowplowing will be in accordance with the standards applied to similar roads in the Town of Coeymans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Coeymans shall repair and upgrade the condition of the subject Mud Hill Road as is deemed necessary in the opinion of the Town Highway Superintendent and when funding is available so that the overall Town Highway Superintendent and when funding is available so that the overall condition of Mud Hill Road is consistent with the condition of other similar Town roads.

# RES. #42-11 APPROVE BOOT ALLOWANCE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

**WHEREAS**, the Labor Management Agreement with CSEA provides for a boot allowance of \$150.00 per year to Bargaining Unit Members including laborer, mechanic, Equipment Operator I, Equipment Operator II, Working Forman, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator (Trainee) and Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Chief Wastewater Treat Plant Operator, and Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor, by Resolution #114-07 of November 12, 2007 in the belief that these non-union personnel should be required to maintain their footwear in the same manner as those in the unit, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board established a policy for reimbursement for up to \$150.00 per year for boots applicable to those non-union positions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Enforcement Officer, whose duties require him to visit construction sites and other areas where heavy protective footwear would be required, is currently not covered under this policy,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby include the Code Enforcement Officer under those titles covered by the boot allowance policy.

# RES. #43-11 APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ATTORNEY FOR RETAINER AND COMPENSATION OF \$175.00 PER HOUR FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

WHEREAS, the term of office in the position of Counsel to the Zoning Board of Appeals expired on December 31, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Board of Appeals is desirous of retaining Brendan Baynes Esq., who has completed the term of office of the previous counsel,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Brendan Baynes, Esq. to serve as legal counsel to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a yearly fee of \$6,000.00, payable by monthly voucher submission, through the end of 2011, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Baynes be compensated at the rate of \$175.00 per hour (in addition to the monthly retainer) for any special projects, which require extensive legal research communications or written opinions.

# RES. #44-11 APPROVE FEBRUARY ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, 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 and allow the following claims of vouchers for the February, 2011 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	228-299	\$1,537,155.16
General	361-420,506-508	\$ 104,103.16
	General Total	\$1,641,258.32

POLICE FORFEITURE		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	300	\$ 430.00
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	Police Forfeiture Total	\$ 430.00
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	301-317	\$ 424,924.46
Part-Town	421-426	\$ 932.24
	Part Town Total	\$ 425,856.70
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	318-330	\$ 85,039.53
Highway	427-482,509-510	\$ 43,653.33
	Highway Total	\$ 128,692.86
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	331-349	\$ 237,324.97
Sewer	483-501,511	\$ 6,869.09
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	Sewer Total	\$ 244,194.06
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SPECIAL WATER (SW) Special Water Pre-Pay	350	\$ 4,712.95
Special water Fre-Fay	330	\$ 4,712.93
	Special Water Total	\$ 4,712.95
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. Sewer Pre-Pay	351	\$ 65,203.00
Capital Projects	502-505	\$ 136,593.93
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	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 201,796.93
	Total For All Funds	\$2,646,941.82
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)	252 270	¢ 222 244 40
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	352-360	\$ 233,344.40
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$ 233,344.40

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# TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Joint Town and R-C-S School Board Meeting, March 1, 2011, 5:30pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 14, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, March 22, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 28, 2011, 7:00pm

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# **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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 Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:36pm

**APPROVED:** Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS March 1, 2011 — Town Board Meeting — 5:00PM

A Joint Workshop of the Town Board and the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School Board was held Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 5:00pm at R-C-S Central School Library.

**TOWN BOARD:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

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

**SCHOOL BOARD:** Scott Hughes, President

James Latter, Board Member

Josephine O'Connor, Board Member Sarah Hafensteiner, Board Member Mike Robbins, Board Member Tracey Traver, Board Member John Vadney, Board Member

**ABSENT:** Jeff Sorensen, School Board Vice President

Chris Pennock, School Board Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Laurence P. Farbstein, Consultant

Daniel Teplesky, Superintendent of Schools

Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent for Business Margo May, Esq., Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP

Sue Starr, School District Clerk

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The following Notice was published in the Ravena News Herald:

# NOTICE JOINT TOWN OF COEYMANS & R-C-S SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans and the R-C-S School Board have scheduled a Joint Special Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 5:00pm at the R-C-S Library for the purpose of convening an Executive Session to discuss a Lafarge P.I.L.O.T Agreement.

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

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# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

School Board Member Hughes opened the meeting and asked that it be moved to Executive Session. Executive Session convened in the R-C-S Library with both Boards present. Discussion ensued relative to negotiations of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Lafarge Cement. No decisions were made.

J	Executive	Session	was	adjourned	at 6:23pm	

A Town Board Meeting was held March 14, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious, Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering.

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### **AGENDA**

- Presentation
  - Proclamation for National Eye Donor Month
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, February 14, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, February 28, 2011
  - Joint Town Board, R-C-S School Board Meeting, March 1, 1011
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Request for Sewer Treatment Plant Operator to Attend Training
  - I.T.S. Professional Services Agreement for 2011
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Seasonal Laborer
  - Amend February 2011 Abstract
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
  - Town Board Workshop, March 22, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, March 28, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, April 11, 2011, 7:00pm

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# **PROCLAMATION**

### **National Eye Donor Month**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would be presenting a Proclamation and continued by reading the following.

WHEREAS, the first National Eye Donor Month was declared by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, and

WHEREAS, one of our most important senses is that of sight and restoration of this sense to those not so endowed is the goal of the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. and

**WHEREAS**, the Eye Bank in this area is supported by the Lions Club, a member of the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Sight Society of Northeastern New York Inc., seeks to raise awareness of the need for cornea, tissue and organ donation, and

WHEREAS, Lions Eye Bank of Albany treats over 5,000 children and 30,000 adults every year, and

WHEREAS, the success of the Eye Bank Program is dependent on eye donors, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to urge our community to consider participation in the Eye Donor Program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, proclaims the month of March as "Eye Donor Month" in the Town of Coeymans for the year 2011.

James C. Youmans, Supervisor Town of Coeymans Dated 03-14-11

Supervisor Youmans presented the Proclamation to Mr. Pat and Ms. Patricia Downes and continued by saying that he would urge all watching or reading about it to consider tissue and organ donation.

Ms. Downes stated that on behalf of the Lions Club she wanted to thank them for recognizing Eye and Tissue Donor Month and added that the Club wanted to encourage people to become tissue and eye donors. She added that she also wanted to remind people of the work that they do as a club within the area such as providing eye glasses to people in need and support eye and ear exams and went on by saying that they appreciate the support the Town has given them over the past 50 years and they look forward to working in conjunction with the community as they move forward.

Councilman Boehm asked who someone wishing to get involved with the Lions Club, should get in contact with locally.

Ms. Downes stated that they can contact any member and Pat Downes number is 756-2879 and he can give information.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that she watched a School Board Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> and they passed a resolution that they were jointly with the R-C-S School Board going to enter into a venture for \$12,500.00. She continued by saying that she believes that it has something to do with Lafarge and then asked for an explanation.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he could explain and thanked her for asking. He continued by saying that Lafarge is seeking a P.I.L.O.T. Agreement, which stands for payment in lieu of taxes, and it boils down to is, as Lafarge prepares to spend in excess of 300 millions dollars to upgrade their facility, they have some concern with their assessment going forward. He added that they are concerned that the Town could come in and say that they just invested 300 million dollars and in turn raise their assessment 300 million dollars and they need to know going forward to fit their business model, what they can anticipate paying in taxes. He went on by saying that he has had some meetings with representation from Lafarge and they assure the Town that they are certainly not looking to pay any less going forward but rather they need to know going forward over

the next 20 years what their tax liability will be and a way that a company has to do that, is they can enter into a P.I.L.O.T. Agreement where it is laid out and agreed upon as to what their tax liability will be going forward. He added that the School District is also a taxing entity in this town and where the Town collects approximately \$2.90 cents per thousand, the School collects approximately \$18.00, so they are going to be impacted by whatever agreement is reached with Lafarge and this is why they felt it was important to bring them to the table for the discussions as well. He continued by saying that during a meeting with Mr. Teplesky, the Superintendent of Schools, the Town had their representation, Mr. Farbstein who is a Commercial/Industrial Property Valuation expert and Mr. Teplesky was impressed with him and indicated that they wanted him to represent the School District as well and in turn came to an agreement that they would split the cost for the representation.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if it is a 20 year plan for them.

Supervisor Youmans stated that so far the discussion has centered around as to whether or not the taxing entities would be cooperative in a P.I.L.O.T. Program and the next step would be negotiating the actual details of such a thing. He added that it is very complex and this is why the Town has Mr. Farbstein as their representation.

Ms. Pasquini thanked the Board.

Mr. Pat Downes stated that the Town of Coeymans has worked well over 25 years with Mr. Farbstein and when he was an Assessor he did a lot of work with him on the cement plant. He added that he is very familiar with the needs of the Town of Coeymans and in his capacity throughout the State of New York he knows how to set the rates on industrial properties and concluded by saying that they have made a fine choice in working with Mr. Farbstein.

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# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> and a Joint Town Board, R-C-S School Board Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Minutes were approved.

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VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS	
None at this time.	
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# **NEW BUSINESS**

## Request for Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator to Attend Seminar

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for a Sewer Treatment Plant Operator to attend training and continued by reading the following:

John Lennon has requested approval to attend the NYRWA Wastewater Training Session, Simple Microscope Applications. It is being held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in Lake Luzerne. This is a very good seminar that all Operators should attend. I would like to request approval for John Lennon to attend and to use the Sewer Department truck.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there would not be a mileage and there is a fee of \$20.00 involved.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Operator Lennon to attend the seminar on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Lake Luzerne for a fee of \$20.00 as well as authorizing use of the Sewer Department Truck.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### **Intelligent Technology Solutions Inc. Professional Services Agreement**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for the Supervisor to sign a 2011 Professional Services Agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions and added that for anyone unaware, some time ago the Board retained I.T.S. from Coxsackie to be the Town's IT provider. He added that they have been very satisfied with the services that they have received and they would like to continue and then asked for a motion.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Coeymans and I.T.S. for the year 2011.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to comment on the first resolution and added that it has been an ongoing practice that the Beautification Department has had Seasonal Laborer, Richard Hotaling and continued by saying that he has been a big asset to that Department and helps with the busy time of mowing the cemeteries and such. He concluded by saying that it is not a new appointment and he does not want people to think that they are hiring a new employee but rather bringing him back for another season.

# RES. #45-11 APPOINT SEASONAL LABORER

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

**WHEREAS**, the Beautification Department is desirous of hiring a Laborer to assist in maintaining the parks, cemeteries and Municipal Building of the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget was approved for a reduced funding for the position of Laborer in Community Beautification, allowing a seasonal appointment from April 1 to September 30,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Richard D. Hotaling as Seasonal Laborer, effective April 4<sup>th</sup> through September 29, 2011 at the hourly rate of \$14.50.

Supervisor Youmans welcomed Mr. Hotaling back.

# RES. #46-11 AMEND FEBRUARY 2011 ABSTRACT

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby amend the following claims of vouchers for the February 2011 Abstract as indicated in red.

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# TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, March 22, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, March 28, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, April 11, 2011, 7:00pm

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to mention that earlier in the day her office sent out Property Tax Reminders, which is required and added that she collects until the end of March and has to settle by April 15<sup>th</sup> with the County. She continued by saying that people should call the County for information after that date and before anyone goes up there to make sure that she has taken her books and settled.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Chief Darlington stated that the Police Athletic League will be hosting a Basketball Free Throw Competition, Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the R-C-S Senior High for ages 7-18 and you can sign up Saturday morning. He added that there will be prizes as well as all participants receiving a free t-shirt from Olympia Sports.

Supervisor Youmans stated that on behalf of the Board he would like to say that it is great to get that off the ground and he knows that alot has gone into it at this point and then asked that Chief Darlington thank the Officers involved for their work on that.

Chief Darlington stated that the Board members are welcome to attend.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he would like to be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they can do that and continued by asking if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

## **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:17pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Workshop was held March 22, 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 Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Nelson Perry, Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **AGENDA**

- Status of Assistant Building Inspector
- Town Hall Roof Repair
- Disposition of Tires at Landfill Site
- Equipment Highway Department
- Route 143
- Executive Session Police Personnel

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### **Status of Assistant Building Inspector**

Supervisor Youmans stated that Building Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officers have different sets of duties and responsibilities and added that Mr. DeBacco passed the test for Code Enforcement Officer and it behooves them to make him a Code Enforcement Officer. He added that there is no change in pay but rather a Civil Service status change and he would recommend that at Monday's Town Board Meeting they move to make him Code Enforcement Officer.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers authorizing the Supervisor to prepare a resolution clarifying Sante DeBacco's current Civil Service title as Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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# ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues with Chief Darlington and added that they would return to close the Workshop Meeting.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time - 6:25pm

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# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office discussion ensued with Chief Darlington regarding police personnel, no action was taken and it ended at 7:30pm.

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# RECONVENE MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Youmans called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

# **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time -7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held March 28, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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# **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Chief of Police Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering.

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, 03-14-11
  - Town Board Workshop, 03-22-11
- Supervisor's Report February
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, February
  - Police Department, February
  - Sewer Department, February
  - Town Clerk, February
- Old Business
  - Speed Limit Reduction Old Ravena Road
- New Business
  - Town Hall Roof Replacement
  - Rte. 143
  - Coeymans Hollow Fire District Request
  - Surplus Equipment, Highway Department
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Code Enforcement Officer
  - Approve Abstract, March
- Correspondence
  - Albany County Executive
  - Albany County Office of Natural Resources
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
  - Town Board Meeting, April 11, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, April 19, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, April 25, 2011, 7:00pm

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# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were two sets of Minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> and a Town Board Workshop on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and continued by asking for a motion to approve them.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the minutes were approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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# SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

# February 2011

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
General	\$1,488,842.06	\$ 848,375.89	\$1,928,887.19	\$ 408,330.76
Part-Town	\$ 305,362.17	\$ 215,532.62	\$ 212,703.65	\$ 308,191.14
Highway	\$ 171,669.39	\$ 480.29	\$ 50,303.01	\$ 121,846.67
Bridge Const.	\$ 4,265.36	\$ 25.56	-0-	\$ 4,290.92
Sewer	\$ 126,567.67	\$ 212,115.06	\$ 223,363.34	\$ 115,319.39
Special Water	\$ 26.00	\$ 51,375.92	\$ 4,712.95	\$ 46,688.97
Police Forf.	\$ 6,875.53	\$ 5,119.28	\$ 430.00	\$ 11,564.81
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Trust & Agcy.	\$ 18,588.00	\$ 227,429.41	\$ 227,429.41	\$ 18,980.51
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Capital Proj.	\$ 364,816.06	\$ 113.71	\$ 65,203.00	\$ 299,726.77
Section 8 HUD	Ф 107 000 01	Ф 20 207 50	Φ 41.026.07	Ф 105 200 52
Units -78	\$ 127,909.81	\$ 39,307.58	\$ 41,826.87	\$ 125,390.52
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,460,330.46

# SAVINGS ACCOUNTS COLLATERAL COV. FDIC COV. COLLARERALIZED

Unemployment	\$ 4,071.01	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$3,497,611.70
Grove Cem.	\$40.831.74	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 629,399.63

C/H Cemetery \$14,333.79 Sewer – Ded. \$6,315.62 **Total** \$65,552.16

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### **Building Department – February**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Police Department – February**

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

Chief Darlington continued by giving his report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### **Sewer Department – February**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Touchette give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### Town Clerk – February

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving her report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

## Speed Limit Reduction on Old Ravena Road

Supervisor Youmans stated that on January 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Vadney, a resident of Old Ravena Road appeared before the Board and asked them to have the speed limit lowered on Old Ravena Road. He continued by saying that he was in receipt of a correspondence from Mark Kennedy, Regional Transportation System Operations Engineer with the Department of Transportation and indicated that he has received the necessary documentation from the Town and he seems to be moving ahead with the Town's request to lower the speed limit on Old Ravena Road. He concluded by saying that he is waiting further correspondence from him.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other Old Business topics to discuss.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she believes that they should bring up the salt shed again and added that Albert's crew had a difficult winter this year and during a couple major storms there was no material for the Town roads and Albert had to go elsewhere to find some. She continued by saying that the Coeymans Division got material either during or after the storm and added that the issue that she has is that the DPW from Bethlehem merged with Coeymans and the County had a verbal agreement that they would maintain Bethlehem roads and if the County was not maintaining Bethlehem roads there would be an ample supply to take care of Albert's crew.

Supervisor Youmans stated that when he was new on the Board there was talk of grant money being available at some point for the Town to build their own salt shed and added that there is a suitable place to do it at the old landfill site. He continued by asking Highway Superintendent Deering how he went about obtaining salt before the Town started getting salt from the County.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he got it through State Contract and the salt was stored at the Highway Garage and then it was moved to the landfill.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to if the salt was undercover at the landfill.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that they covered it with canvas.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would agree with Councilwoman Rogers that in order for Highway Superintendent Deering to effectively manage snow removal and road treatment and responsibilities, it is critical for him to plan ahead to make sure that he has the material that he needs to put on the roads. He then asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he is aware of any grant opportunities at this stage.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he has not heard of any.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she had spoken to Highway Clerk Biance and she is looking into that.

Supervisor Youmans stated that some steps to take toward that would be to find out what a shed would cost the Town to construct as well as to look to see what funding opportunities are out there to do so. He added that they all understand the dilemma that when it is time to put salt on the roads, the Town residents and taxpayers expect the roads

to be salted and if they don't have any control over the availability of salt it is problematic.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other Old Business topics to discuss, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Town Hall Roof Replacement**

Supervisor Youmans stated that in looking at the ceiling in Town Hall you will see spots from where there was leaking this past winter and they came to a determination that because the roof was not properly vented and the attic has very little insulation, it caused ice damming and buildup and backup on the roof. He continued by saying that Town employees purchased insulation to insulate the attic and alleviate the problem and in the course of doing that they found multiple places on the roof where the plywood is wet and water is coming in. He added that it was confirmed that the only way to repair that and to keep water from leaking, is to go ahead and replace the roof and in turn they got four quotes from different contractors and the low bid was from Wolfe Builders. He went on by saying that for full disclosure, the owner of Wolfe Builders is his brother-in-law and he would recuse himself from any further conversation or voting and would be passing it on to Councilman Touchette.

Councilman Touchette stated that as Supervisor Youmans had mentioned, the low bidder is Wolfe Builders and he would move that they accept the bid to replace the roof in the amount of \$14,300.00.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Dolan, to accept the bid from Wolfe Builders for material and labor in the amount of \$14,300.00. VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 (Supervisor Youmans) – SO MOVED

## Route 143

Supervisor Youmans stated that Councilman Boehm wrote a letter in response to a meeting that he had with Mary Ivy, Regional Director of New York State Department of Transportation Region I, relative to the condition of Rte. 143.

Councilman Boehm stated that he actually had a phone conversation with Mary Ivy, and it was relative to the section of Rte. 143 from Biechman Road to Nolan Road. He added that last year DOT did a Value Placement Paving Project from Greenbush Avenue to Biechman Road where they patched holes, put down a sub layer then a top coat and they plan on doing the same project from Biechman Road to Nolan Road to fill in that gap as soon as the weather thaws and the budget is in place. He continued by saying that he will stay in touch with Mary Ivy and she is very receptive to the idea and according to her there is no long-term proposed project for the bank in front of Osterhout's or where Gedney Hill is but they do see the immediate need to repave and improve the road. He added that in the letter he wrote to her, he made reference to a Traffic Safety and Mobility Report that was done on Rte. 143 and asked her to provide the Town Board with a copy of the report that was done last year and hopefully that will shed some more light on that as they continue to pursue long-term options for Rte. 143. He concluded by saying that it is good news and hopefully it will be done early in the spring.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Councilman Boehm for initiative and tenacity on that matter.

Councilman Boehm interjected that it is a toss-up as to whether it is Old or New Business because it is not a new problem and added that he would like to thank Ivan and Doris

Millett and the many constituents out in Coeymans Hollow for their letter writing and correspondence to Mary Ivy supporting this.

Councilman Touchette stated that in addition to that he had a meeting with Assemblyman Speaker McLaughlin last week and they talked about Rte. 143 and he agrees and thinks that it is the worst road in his Assembly District, which says a lot. He added that he plans to speak with Mary Ivy himself as well as Senator Breslin and if necessary Congressman Tonko and concluded by saying that he is following through from his side and if people in the Town and on the Board continue to press for this they might have a long term solution.

### **Coeymans Hollow Fire District Request**

Supervisor Youmans stated he was in receipt of a request from the Board of Commissioners at the Coeymans Hollow Fire District for three additional fuel keys for the District. He added that they purchase their fuel through the Town of Coeymans and use the Town's facilities to fuel their vehicles. He continued by saying that attached to their request is their Reimbursement Policy and then asked if anyone had anything that they wanted to add or if there were any questions.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to specify that the Coeymans Hollow Fire District purchases their fuel from the Town Highway Garage so they can take advantage of the cost savings and added that the Town does not provide the fuel to them. He continued by saying that he believes that it is a good Shared Services Agreement that everyone benefits from and then offered a motion.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Highway Superintendent Deering to issue three new keys 601, 602, & 603 so they can fuel their vehicles as prescribed in the Fuel Reimbursement Policy provided by the Board of Commissioners.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Deering asked to get something in writing from the Board.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would see that it gets it in writing.

# **Surplus Equipment – Highway Department**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is request from Highway Superintendent Deering to have Auctions International auction off some surplus equipment as follows: 1993 Toro CCR 2000 Snow Blower, 1989 Snapper Push Lawn Mower, 1994 Sarbo Commercial Push Lawn Mower and 1975 John Deere 214 Riding Lawn Mower. He then asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that they met them in New York City and then asked Chief Darlington if he uses Auctions International for Police surplus.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that they could not find the Town in their data base and then asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he really has a 1975 John Deere tractor.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that there is and added that the motor blew.

# MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing Highway Superintendent Deering to list the 1993 Toro Blower, 1989 Snapper Push Mower, 1994 Sarbo Commercial Push Mower and 1975 John Deere Riding Lawn Mower.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### RESOLUTIONS

### RES. #47-11 APPOINT PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, Sante DeBacco, Assistant Building Inspector (part-time), was appointed to that title via Resolution #97-05, dated September 12, 2005, and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBacco has also taken and passed the Code Enforcement Officer examination #200569455 on the same day as the Assistant Building Inspector, and

**WHEREAS**, the Building Department is desirous of having Mr. DeBacco fill both titles on a part-time basis,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has confirmed with Albany County Department of Civil Service that Mr. DeBacco had taken, and passed with a ranking of #2 on the list, the Code Enforcement Officer Examination #2005694455 in 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Department of Civil Service states that this list is still valid and advised the Town Board that they may appoint Mr. DeBacco to this title retroactively,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby appoint Sante DeBacco as Code Enforcement Officer from the aforementioned list, effective September 12, 2005, and his rate of pay to remain the same.

Councilman Boehm asked Supervisor Youmans for clarification.

Supervisor Youmans stated that basically it was an oversight and added that he took the Building Inspector Test and Code Enforcement Officer Test and they appointed him as Building Inspector when in fact Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officers have different duties. He added that by only listing him only as a Building Inspector, there are other duties that he could performing with the title of Code Enforcement Officer. He concluded by saying that it is a Civil Service classification and it is not a raise or change in his job and really no different other than now he can legally perform other duties.

# RES. #48-11 APPROVE MARCH ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, 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 March, 2011.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	512-573	\$1,565,286.36
General	619-677	\$ 36,095.57
	General Total	\$1,601,381.93
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	574-586	\$ 213,145.49
Part-Town	678-681	\$ 1,179.89
	Part Town Total	\$ 214,325.38
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	587-596	\$ 54,850.11
Highway	682-720,734	\$ 12,493.14

	Highway Total	\$ 67,343.25
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	597-613	\$ 46,019.04
Sewer	721-733	\$ 5,152.47
	Sewer Total	\$ 51,171.51
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. Sewer Pre-Pay	614	\$ 29,295.32
Cap. Proj. Sewer	735	\$ 1,496.50
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 30,791.82
	Total For All Funds	\$1,965,013.89
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	615-618	\$ 218,546.43
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$ 218,546.43
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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Albany County Executive**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had a correspondence from Albany County Executive Michael Breslin and continued by reading the following:

Dear Mr. Youmans,

Albany County is submitting an application for New York State Community Development Block Grant Program. The deadline for the application is May 27, 2011.

Previously, Albany County was awarded \$750,000.00 from the Office of Community Renewal and successfully rehabilitated thirty-three residential units within the County. We are reapplying for an additional \$750,000.00 to continue housing rehabilitation for low to moderate income individuals.

We are asking that you write a letter of support for this application, send it to the NYS Office of Community Renewal at the address in the attached sample letter, and send us a copy before May  $27^{th}$ . We will also include a copy in our application package to the NYS Office of Community Renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Staubach at 447-5667 or at <u>Elizabeth.staubach@albanycounty.com</u>. Thank you very much for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Breslin

Supervisor Youmans asked the Town Board how they feel about it.

Councilman Dolan stated that even though they are not a small city and will probably not get any money, he does not think that it would be a problem to send a letter of support.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone had anything to add, hearing none he continued by saying that he will send a letter of support.

# **Albany County Office of Natural Resources**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a correspondence from Albany County Office of Natural Resources and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor,

The Albany County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board recently completed a review of applications for inclusion in Albany County's Agricultural Districts pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA Section 303-b. Through this law, the County Legislature established an annual 30-day period beginning February 1, during which, landowners can request the inclusion of viable farmland within a certified agricultural district.

The annual review of Albany County Agricultural Districts for 2011 have been completed. Recommendations have been made by the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board that include parcels in the Town of Bethlehem (see attached).

A Public Hearing will be held in the Legislative Chambers, first floor Cahill Room, 112 State St., Albany at 7:15pm on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 for the purpose of receiving comments regarding proposed modifications to Agricultural Districts in Albany County.

If you have any questions regarding the Agricultural District review or the scheduled Public Hearing, please feel free to contact me at (518) 447-5670 or Ldegaetano@albanycounty.com.

Sincerely,

Laura DeGaetano Senior Natural Resources Planner Albany County Office of Natural Resources

Supervisor Youmans stated this was for informational purposed and added that there is a 12.6 acre parcel in the Town of Coeymans that they recommend adding.

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# TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, April 11, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, April 19, 2011, 6:00, pm
- Town Board Meeting, April 25, 2011, 7:00pm

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## **ADDITIOINAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to thank the Police Officers that participated in the Police Athletic League's Free Throw Event and added that he understands that it was very well attended. He continued by saying that he thinks that it is a good positive step for the Police to reach out to the youth of the community and impact them in a positive way. He went on by saying that they volunteered, did it on their own time and there were many and reiterated that he wanted to thank those from the Police Department that did it and it is important and he is pleased that they did it and then asked that Chief Darlington pass it along.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he attended the Police Athletic Event and added that he wanted to specifically congratulate Officer Thompson and McMullen in their leadership of the Program. He continued by saying that there were over 45 children there who had a great time and got to participate and added that it was a great first event and he hopes it

was one of many more. He went on by saying that Anatriello Insurance celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and he attended their Open House and he wanted to congratulate them and added that anyone in business 50 years deserves some congratulations.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he wanted to mention to the Board and Town Clerk Millious is aware, that Mr. Wickham had been before them a few times in regard to his plan to build an addition to his house and he has been working with Code Enforcement Officer Conrad. He added that as he dug deeper into it, he is going to need to do more research because Mr. Wickham's attorney presented them with a deed that he wanted to be conveyed of Old Gedney Hill, which was abandoned years ago and his understanding is that once a road is abandoned, the property automatically reverts to the abutting land owners and you don't really need a deed because it is abandoned. He continued by saying that with a deed it could impact other properties adjoining and as a result it is going to require some more research and he knows that he is very anxious to obtain a Building Permit but at the same time they don't want it to impact any neighbors adversely.

Supervisor Youmans stated that to clarify it, in order to build the addition he needs to prove that the land that he is building it on belongs to him.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he believes that it does but then there is the question as to how he proves it and added by virtue of abandonment that occurred years ago, when the Town abandoned the road his research leads him to believe that the property automatically reverts to the abutting land owner, so there is no necessity for a deed because there is nothing to deed because they abandoned it and there is no ownership interest in the road. He added that he is afraid by conveying a deed, although it looks like an easy fix, they may be interfering with someone else's property rights.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that in doing so, it opens the Town to future liability. He thanked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and then asked if there were any other comments.

Chief of Police Darlington stated that he wanted to thank his Department for the Pal Program, which was attended by approximately 40 youth as well as 22 volunteers that consisted of employees of the Police Department, Communications and some spouses. He added that it was really nice that some Officers stayed a good two hours after the tournament to play basketball with some of the kids and some parents got involved, and it was nice to see something positive. He continued by saying that currently the Police Department is organizing a Bicycle Rodeo for late April and it will hopefully be at Pieter B. Elementary and kids can actually get their bikes there without being transported. He went on by saying that in this week's News Herald there was an article about Cuddle Buddies and two SCCLA members, Morgan LaDuke and Emma Hughes made the stuffed animals and provided them to the Police Department earlier in the day. He added that they will be used when they have incidents involving small children to try and calm them down and to make a situation a little better and he wanted to thank them for working hard on them and they were able to do it all within a month. He went on by saying that he thinks that it is going to be a successful program thanks to two middle school kids who had the vision to come up with it. He continued by saying that in reference to car 920 that was damaged in the flood, the appraiser came back and said that he is 100% sure that the insurance is going to pay for the damages to that vehicle, which is good news. He went on by saying that as of today his car is out of service and he was at a call and fuel started pouring out of it and it appears that the gas tank and the fuel lines have rotted out of it and he has an estimate of approximately \$800.00 just for parts to fix it. He continued by saying that they are starting to get back to where their cars are less and less and right now the 921 has 153,000 miles on it and the replacement car is due in June or July and they now know that that insurance will cover the 920 and hopefully they can get it in and have it fixed. He added that he is looking for direction as far as what he should do with his vehicle and maybe they can discuss and figure out a plan.

Supervisor Youmans asked Chief Darlington how he was getting home.

Chief Darlington stated that he will probably have one of the police cars bring him home.

Supervisor Youmans stated that his recommendation for what he should do right now, is to drive one of the patrol cars home.

Chief Darlington stated that possibly he can and added that they average three cars on the road and this is about what they have in service and 921 with 153,000 miles has some mechanical issues.

Supervisor Youmans stated that for the record they have updated their fleet of police vehicles based on the recommendations that Chief Darlington made and the information that they had. He added that there is one inbound to replace the one that is on its way out and as far as patrol vehicles go, they have updated the fleet and continued by saying that the last issue that they have is the vehicle that he uses and they are working through replacing it as they speak and there some equipment needs that he is currently working diligently on. He went on by saying that his thoughts would be to take what is out there tonight and whether or not they spend the \$800.00 to fix his car is a decision that they would have to think about.

Chief Darlington stated that there are other issues that are underlying that will determine whether it actually passes inspection, which is up the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is absolutely ridiculous for them to be in that position with a vehicle.

Chief Darlington stated that he will contemplate taking a vehicle home and added that he is not comfortable having a marked police car sitting in his driveway, which is a safety issue not only for himself but also his family. He added that unfortunately he does not have the ability to be there 100% of the time with a marked police car in his driveway and his kids in the yard.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would think that it would make his house the safest on the street and added that they will work through it.

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

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

# MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held April 11, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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### **OPENING COMMENT**

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

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Bid Opening, February 24, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, March 28, 2011
- Old Business
  - Housing Choice Voucher Program
- New Business
  - Authorization to Sign 2011 MVP Gold Insurance Contract
  - Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Assoc. Contract for Services
  - Alcove Preservation Assoc. Contract for Services
  - Senior Projects of Ravena Contract for Services
  - Portable Sanitation Units for Parks
  - Grange Week Proclamation
- Resolutions
  - Amend Resolution Appointing Code Enforcement Officer
- Correspondence
  - Albany County Executive
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
  - Town Board Workshop, 04-19-11, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, 04-25-11, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, 05-09-11, 7:00pm
- Additional Comments
- Adjournment

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# PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Mrs. Mary Driscoll stated that she is a resident of the Town of Coeymans and added that there was an article in the Times Union a week ago Sunday about the census and she had some questions. She continued by asking the Town Board when they knew the results of the census.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would guess that he knew the results two weeks ago.

Ms. Driscoll continued by asking if it was two weeks before the article came out.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is not sure exactly when the article came out.

Ms. Driscoll reiterated that it came out a week ago this past Sunday and it was on the front headline.

Supervisor Youmans asked that she continue to make her comments and added that they may or may not have a response.

Ms. Driscoll continued by asking if they went over it when they got the results and then asked why the Town dropped.

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is something that he was going to touch on during the meeting and reiterated that she should make her statement.

Ms. Driscoll continued by asking what the Board did to make sure everyone was counted.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is not a question and answer time.

Ms. Driscoll stated that she would have to agree with the statement about Rte. 144 and continued by saying that she wonders why the reporter did not check out between Rte. 144 and Rte. 9W because it looks like they went down 144 and came up 9W. She went on by saying that the article said that Supervisor Youmans did not respond to repeated requests for comment and then asked when he was going to start standing up for this community. She continued by saying that there are ways to do it such as letters to the editor or invite the reporter down to show him what a great community we do have. She went on by saying that there was also mention of Lafarge being notorious for its discharge of toxic mercury and she is getting tired of the bullying, which is what the Times Union is doing to our community and it seems as though they are teaching them at the school not to start rumors and untrue statements about kids but this is what Lafarge is doing to our community. She continued by saying that it is time that they instill pride in our community, which cannot be done without leadership and if they don't start sticking up for the community they can't do anything about it. She added that she wanted to know about Main Street in Coeymans and she didn't want to start anything between Coeymans and Ravena and then asked if there are some grants that they can get to paint those buildings or clean them up. She concluded by saying that none of them are talking and she does not care to continue talking to a wall.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Driscoll and continued by saying that he didn't answer what is characterized as repeated requests for and interview, which was actually two calls in one day because at that time he was coming to grips with what may be the financial implications of the census count. He added that he finds as Ms. Driscoll does that the Times Union is biased against the Town of Coeymans and he is not in a hurry to give them anymore information to use against the Town. He went on by saying that he is glad that Ms. Driscoll brought up the census because it was something that he wanted to address because the Town of Coeymans shows a decline in population of 733 people, which on the surface sounds like a lot of people but when you look at the financial implications, the census count is what Albany County uses to determine the formula for the Sales Tax distribution that is shared by different towns and other municipalities within Albany County. He continued by saying that as a result of a 9% drop in population and also as a result of other places in Albany County rising in population, it equates to a 16% loss in Sales Tax Revenue, which is based on the current formula and trends but they won't know the true implications of that until they start receiving the checks from Albany County, which should be within the next two weeks, which will give them more of a solid idea as to where they stand financially. He concluded by saying that the census count was a startling thing for them and his first inclination was that it could not be right and they are by all means looking at every possible avenue that they have but when you look at the School District enrollment numbers, which went down by 352 students since 2000, with the majority living in the Town of Coeymans, when you put one parent with

each student it comes up to 700 and added that he is not that optimistic that the census could be all that wrong and this is where they stand on that.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he continued by saying that he wanted to let the Board know that the Annual Financial Report, that the Town Supervisor is responsible for submitting to the State Comptroller's Office by March 31<sup>st</sup>, was in fact submitted to them prior to that date and copies are available from the Town Clerk. He added that in addition to that they all also completed the one for 2009, which was seven months overdue when he became the Town Supervisor and concluded by saying that he wanted to report that both have been done and were submitted.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Bid Opening on February 24<sup>th</sup> and a Town Board Meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> and continued by asking for a motion to approve them.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the minutes were accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

# **Housing Choice Voucher Program**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a letter from James Mastrianni, President of JEM Inc., which is the company that administers the Town's Section 8 Housing Voucher Program and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans,

This letter follows up on my letter of December 13, 2010 regarding the Town of Coeymans Housing Choice Voucher Program. In that last letter I explained former Supervisor Traver requested I contact him in April of 2011 to address the moratorium of new assisted tenancies at Oakbrook Manor.

Federal regulations at 24CFR982.306(c)(6) state that a Housing Agency may deny approval of assisted tenancies if the owner of a property has a history of practice of renting units that fail to meet State or local housing codes. In March of 2005, documentation on file with the Village of Ravena and with our office clearly indicated a history of units at Oakbrook Manor failing to meet village codes and Housing Quality Standards. Accordingly, a moratorium was placed on new assisted tenancies until Oakbrook Manor could remediate the local code deficiencies.

It is my understanding that new management at Oakbrook Manor has significantly improved the operations of the complex over the past few years. In light of these improvements, the regulations that allowed for the moratorium may no longer be applicable. To determine if there is still "history or practice of renting units that fail to meet Sate or local housing code" the Village of Ravena's Building Department would need to be contacted. Would you prefer that my office contact the Building Inspector directly, or would you prefer to have the Town contact the Building Inspector?

That you for your cooperation and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James E. Mastrianni, President

Supervisor Youmans asked the Board if this is something that they want to investigate on their own or do they want to leave it up to JEM Inc. to contact the Village of Ravena.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it will still be the Town's decision as to whether or not they want to open Oakbrook back up to Section 8 again.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not know if that is necessarily the case and added that according to the letter, the way he reads it is that if they do not have substandard or housing that does not violate code, then it's eligible for Section 8 Housing.

Councilman Touchette interjected that there are a number of units rented under the Program at Oakbrook.

Supervisor Youmans stated that to be clear they did make an exception recently because there was an elderly person who had resided there for over ten years and became eligible for the Program and rather than uproot that person and make them move, they as a Board determined that it made sense to allow that one to go through. He concluded by saying that his best guess would be that they should probably have Code Enforcement Officer Conrad contact the Village of Ravena's Building Inspector and see what his finding are and this would be the course of action that he would recommend and with the Board's blessing this is what he will do.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Building Inspector Conrad to contact the Village Building Inspector regarding the improvements for the Oakbrook facility.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Authorization to Sign 2011 MVP Gold Insurance Contract**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for authorization for him to sign the 2011 MVP Gold Insurance Contract, which is the Health Insurance that covers the retirees of the Town of Coeymans.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Supervisor Youmans to renew the contract with MVP Health Care who provide health care to the Town of Coeymans retirees.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association Contract for Services**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a Contract for Exchange of Services or Compensation with the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association and continued by reading the following:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is in need of services consisting of assistance in improving the quality of life in the Hamlet of Coeymans, including periodic cleaning drives and neighborhood development which can by performed by Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association,

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association is in need of services consisting of financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00, which can be performed by the Town of Coeymans.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned parties hereby agree that they shall exchange services, which shall be beneficial to both entities, in that the Town of Coeymans shall provide services consisting of financial assistance of \$1,000.00 for a time period of one (1) year and the said Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association shall provide services to the Town of Coeymans, consisting of improving the quality of life in the Hamlet of Coeymans for a time period of one (1) year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is something that they have done for a number or years and then asked for authorization from the Board to sign the Contract.

Councilman Boehm stated that he believes that this is new and the first time for a Contract with Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he didn't believe so.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it was done last year and the year before.

Town Clerk Millious stated that Bookkeeper Chmielewski was shaking her head no.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thought it was authorized.

Councilman Boehm stated that they looked into it but he didn't believe they actually did it.

Councilman Touchette stated that it was budgeted but the Neighborhood Association was not in a position to accept the money because they weren't incorporated and didn't have a bank account and they were not able to do it last year.

Councilman Boehm reiterated that this is the first time that it has been done.

Councilman Touchette stated that is the first time that it has actually been done and the second time that it was put in the budget.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there was a motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the contract.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing the Supervisor to enter execute the Contract for Exchange of Services or Compensation with the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 (Dolan) SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan stated that he was recusing himself from the vote because he is a member of the Association.

### **Alcove Preservation Association Contract for Services**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a similar Exchange of Services or Compensation Contract with the Alcove Preservation Association and continued by saying that it is for future site work at the Valley Paper Mill Park to transform it into a Pocket Park for Town residents. He added that he understands that once the park is completed, the Alcove Preservation Association plans on turning it over to the Town of Coeymans for a Town Park. He then asked for authorization to sign the contract.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into a Contract for Exchange of Services or Compensation with the Alcove Preservation Association.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Senior Projects of Ravena Contract for Services**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is also a Contract in Exchange of Services for Compensation with Senior Projects of Ravena and added that the building serves as an Emergency Shelter; they provide meals, a training facility as well as providing income tax services for seniors. He added that many of the Town's seniors enjoy the camaraderie they share and the meals and went on by saying that this is not anything new and as long as he has been on the Board they have done it. He concluded by saying that the amount is \$7,000.00 and then asked for authorization to sign the contract.

### MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Contract for Exchange of Services or Compensation with Senior Projects.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### **Portable Sanitation Units for Parks**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there are four quotes for Portable Sanitation Units for Coeymans Landing Park and Joralemon Park and read the following:

• Blue Diamond Septic \$347.00 + Vandalism Charges From \$150.00 - \$1,800.00

• Stone Industries \$450.00 + Damage Waiver of \$8.00 per month

• Greene County Septic \$490.00 + Vandalism Damages Invoice Separately

• Yankee Restrooms \$500.00 No Vandalism Damage Charges

Supervisor Youmans stated the Town has used Blue Diamond Septic right along and has received satisfactory service from them and then asked if anyone had anything that they wanted to discuss.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she knows that they have been tipped over and pushed into the field and continued by asking if there has been any severe damage at Joralemon Park

Supervisor Youmans stated that to his knowledge he does not know of any and added that it does not mean that it didn't happen. He continued by saying that he believes that there were a couple of times that there have been charges to come and stand them back up and clean them out when they are tipped over. He added that when they see vandalism damage charges, he's not sure that it means that they won't charge the same to come down if someone tips them over and it looks to him like some more investigation needs to be done and it needs to be made more clear. He concluded by saying that he would like to table it until the next meeting.

Councilman Boehm stated that he believes that they should authorize the Supervisor to investigate it because they do want to get them placed because there are already people with boats in the river and people at Joralemon Park and he does not want to wait until the next meeting.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would like clarification because one quote mentions if a unit is burnt down there is a certain cost and another cost if a panel is destroyed and he would like to know if the costs are factual.

Supervisor Youmans suggested that they authorize the Supervisor to enter into a Contract with which ever one makes the most sense, not to exceed \$500.00.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Agreement for Portable Sanitation Units for Coeymans Landing and Joralemon Park not to exceed a monthly charge of \$500.00.

### **Grange Week Proclamation**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had a Proclamation for the Ravena Grange and added that April 18-22 is National Grange Week and he will be at their meeting on the  $18^{th}$  to present them with the official Proclamation and added that he wished to read it into the record.

WHEREAS, the Grange has sought to advance the interest of farmers, rural Americans and our Nation's families for 144 years through the simple but potent concept that by working together we can accomplish mush for our communities, and

**WHEREAS**, voluntary association with the Grange not only provides the benefits of economic and political cooperation for its members; but also elevates their character by providing social, cultural and educational programs with opportunities for personal growth, and

WHEREAS, the Grange provides members the opportunity to service their community through projects and programs that make a difference in the lives of children, youth and neighbors in need of assistance, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravena Grange in Coeymans Hollow has served this community since 1919,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, proclaims the week of April 18-22, 2011 as Grange Week, in recognition of the contributions made by the Grange throughout their many years of faithful service.

James C. Youmans, Supervisor Town of Coeymans

Supervisor Youmans continued by saying that the Grange Chicken and Biscuit Dinner is Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> if anyone wished to enjoy that.

Councilwoman Rogers asked what time the meeting was on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is at 7:30pm.

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# RESOLUTIONS

# **RES. #49-11 AMEND RESOLUTION #47-11**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board appointed Sante DeBacco, Code Enforcement Officer by Resolution #47-11 at the Town Board Meeting on March 28, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany County Department of Civil Service previously stated that the list is still valid and advised the Town Board that Mr. DeBacco may be appointed to this title retroactively, and

**WHEREAS**, Albany County Department of Civil Service recently advised that Mr. DeBacco's appointment must be dated during the second certification period of the list,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby amend Resolution #47-11 appointing Sante DeBacco as Code Enforcement Officer, effective August 28, 2006.

Councilman Boehm stated that as they discussed at a Workshop, it does not mean an increase in pay.

Supervisor Youmans stated that was true and the reason that the resolution came about was because Mr. DeBacco's title was Building Inspector when in fact he is a qualified Code Enforcement Officer, meaning that he passed the Civil Service Exam and added that there are different duties that a Code Enforcement Officer can perform as opposed to a Building Inspector. He continued by saying that by only having him classified with Civil Service as a Building Inspector, the Town was not getting the most bang for their buck and concluded by saying that it is a formality and better for the Town.

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### **CORESPONDENCE**

# **Albany County Executive**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had a correspondence from County Executive Michael Breslin and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans,

In my recent State of the County address, I announced again my commitment to continue to explore shared services with all municipalities in Albany County.

We are facing unprecedented economic and fiscal challenges at all levels of government, particularly at local levels. We must reduce costs; and to do so, we must overcome the many obstacles to achieving efficiency. I believe by working together we can generate significant savings, while continuing to provide quality services.

We have prepared the enclosed preliminary inventory of existing county, city, town and village services as a starting point in identifying functions that overlap and potential opportunities to look for collaboration, efficiencies and savings. I would like to meet with you to get your ideas and begin meaningful discussions about sharing services and any other ways we can improve government and save money.

My office will be in touch with you shortly to schedule a meeting. I look forward to working with you to address our similar challenges.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Breslin

Supervisor Youmans stated that he applauds County Executive Breslin and his desire to share services and added that Councilman Boehm has been involved in some meetings in the past with the School District and others about this very topic. He continued by saying that when he gets the call to schedule a meeting he will check Councilman Boehm's availability because he would like for him to be in on the conversation.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would like to be included.

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# TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, April 19, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, April 25, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 9, 2011, 7:00pm

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that the County of Albany held a Redistricting Meeting at Town Hall on April 5th and added that if anyone wants they can go online at albanycounty.com/legislature/redistricting, you can look at the minutes of the meeting as well as others that were held throughout the County. He added that his understanding is that New York State is the last state to receive their Census Data, which the County received on March 25<sup>th</sup> and the first he knew about it was April 1<sup>st</sup>. He continued by saying that if anyone wishes, you can go online and submit comments to them and the purpose of this is that the County is charged by law to make equal Legislative Districts throughout Albany County based on Albany County's census population, which is roughly 7,800 people per District. He went on by saying that they now have a copy of the map that Councilman Boehm secured from the County Commissioners and reiterated that if anyone wished to comment they could give them directly to the Albany County Redistricting Commission. He added that he also wanted to mention that Saturday morning he spent some quality time with some members of the Capital District Titan's Baseball Team and the R-C-S Travel Soccer team at the Coeymans Landing field and they have worked out an arrangement where both leagues can share the field and have the field available for when they need it for practice and games. He went on by saying that in talking with the people from the Soccer Club, they mention that teams come from all over as far as Cooperstown and of all the fields that they play on, this is one of the more favorite fields because of its location along the river and there are things for families to do prior to the game such as go down by the river or go to Yanni's. He continued by saying that it is a good economic development tool and it is good to highlight things that are going on in this town and in only looking at Main Street Coeymans, Main Street Ravena and Rte. 9W you are missing the bulk of the Town because there is the Alcove Preservation Association, Grange, Senior Projects and Historic Coeymans Landing trying to get grants to do improvements in the Hamlet.

Councilman Boehm interjected that to piggyback on that, the railings are done at the Landing, there is new playground equipment with wood chips under it and Councilman Dolan and Councilman Touchette have done a lot of work with the Farmer's Market as well as Evenings on the Green and there have been a lot of improvements in the Hamlet.

Supervisor Youmans stated that earlier Mrs. Driscoll mentioned Main Street and recently he spent some time walking up and down Main Street in the Hamlet of Coeymans and he would have to say that in the past he may have painted it with the same broad brush that a lot of people do. He continued by saying that as you walk up and down between Westerlo Street and Church Street, there are only 2 buildings in his view that need some help and there are many homeowners in that particular area that do take a lot of pride in their homes and invest heavily in them. He added that you can see some revitalization starting down there and in the past the Kellogg Foundation had invested heavily in the Hamlet and helped people get some facades and their homes painted. He concluded by saying that there is only so much that is in control of the government and he would like to think that the things that they do have control over, they do a pretty good job of taking care of such as the Town's parks and facilities.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to mention that the last day to pay taxes with her was March 31<sup>st</sup> and she will be settling with Albany County Wednesday morning and added that anyone wishing now to pay their taxes should call (518) 447-7070 prior to going there. She continued by saying that as far as the census, her office has been working on making sure that everyone was counted and the Town does have a chance to challenge it but has to wait until June and she will look into doing what they can do.

Councilman Boehm asked that Town Clerk Millious post the Legislative Map on the side of her window and added that it has some interesting demographic information about the population of the Legislative Districts.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she would.

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

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

# **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted; APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Workshop was held April 19, 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 Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Richard N. Touchette, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Larry Conrad, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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# **AGENDA**

- Westerlo Street Parking Lot Use and Purpose
- Site Plan Review Law

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Time - 6:32pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held April 25, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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# **OPENING COMMENT**

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

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, April 11, 2011
  - Town Board Workshop, April 19, 2011
- Supervisor's Report March 2011
- Department Reports
  - Building, March 2011
  - Police, March 2011
  - Sewer, March 2011
  - Town Clerk, March 2011
- Old Business
  - Housing Choice Voucher Program
- New Business
  - Spending Freeze
  - Highway Superintendent's Request to Attend Highway School
  - Highway Department Surplus Equipment
- Resolutions
  - Budget Amendment (Insurance Recovery)
  - Budget Amendment (Highway Garage Well)
  - Budget Amendment (Refuse & Garbage)
  - Transfer of Funds
  - Approval of April Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Meeting, May 9, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, May 17, 2011,  $6{:}00\mathrm{pm}$
  - Town Board Meeting, May 23, 2011, 7:00pm

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Public Comment period is not a time for debate and the Town Board will not take questions during that time and they may or may not choose to respond to any comments made. He continued by inviting the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and a Town Board Workshop on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and continued by asking 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

Councilman Touchette interjected that his vote would be with a stipulation that he was not in attendance for the Workshop on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

### March 2011

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$408,330.76	\$1,054,825.11	\$1,174,872.32	\$288,283.55
PART-TOWN	\$308,191.14	\$ 31,197.97	\$ 219,235.36	\$120,153.75
HIGHWAY	\$121,846.67	\$ 200,450.56	\$ 124,761.67	\$197,535.56
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 4,290.92	\$ 22.54	-0-	\$ 4,313.46
SEWER	\$115,319.39	\$ 50,275.83	\$ 63,412.19	\$102,183.03
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SPEC. WATER	\$ 46,688.97	\$ 30,382.11	-0-	\$ 77,071.08
POLICE FOR	<b>*</b> * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	<b>A A A A A</b>		<b>* * * * * * * * * *</b>
POLICE FOR.	\$ 11,564.81	\$ 2.94	-0-	\$ 11,567.75
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TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 18,980.51	\$ 306,563.01	\$ 305,289.38	\$ 20,254.14
H-FUND CAP. Proj.	\$200,200,52	\$ 62.21	¢ 167 205 75	¢122 402 22
in rend emilion.	\$299,390.52	\$ 02.21	\$ 167,385.75	\$132,403.23
SECTION 8 78 Units	\$125,390.52	\$ 40,519.60	\$ 42,328.47	\$123,581.65
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			Tot. Rec. Balance	\$1,077,347.20

# CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS

# **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX.	(A) General	30 Days	\$800,000.00	04-08-2011
BANK OF GREENE	(B) Part-Town	60 Days	\$200,000.00	04-08-2011
NAT. BANK OF COX.	(DB) Hgwy.	9 Months	\$ 85,000.00	10-07-2011

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		<b>COLLATERAL</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		COVERAGE		
Unemployment	\$ 4,072.05	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,482,740.80
Grove Cemetery	\$40,842.13	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 871,087.24
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,337.44			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,317.23			
Total	\$65,568.85			

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

## **Building Department – March**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Police Department – March**

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

Chief Darlington continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### Sewer – March

Supervisor Youmans asked the Councilman Touchette read the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### Town Clerk - March

Supervisor Youmans asked that Deputy Clerk Vatalaro give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Deputy Clerk Vatalaro continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans stated that to be clear, the striper season will be as soon as the water warms up a little bit more and to fish striped bass in the Hudson River, you no longer need a license to do so.

Deputy Clerk Vatalaro stated that was correct.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he has received some inquiries from the fishing public as to when the docks will be installed and Parks & Maintenance Supervisor Perry has assured him that they are out and ready and as soon as the weather cooperates long enough to put them in, they will be put in. He added that he appreciates everyone's patience with this but the weather has not cooperated very well, as everyone is aware.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

# **Housing Choice Voucher Program**

Supervisor Youmans stated that at the last meeting they discussed a letter from Joseph Mastrianni, Inc., the Administrator for the Section 8 Housing Program and he was inquiring as to if the Town Board would be willing to lift the moratorium on new Section 8 housing units in Oakbrook Manor and in turn they had Code Enforcement Conrad check with Building Inspector Burns for the Village of Ravena and he advised that there are four violations there. He added that he would recommend that they give it more time and let it continue to improve and with the Board's direction he will send a letter to Mr. Mastrianni stating that.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Councilman Boehm stated that he had another Old Business topic, which is the parking issue and added that he along with Chief Darlington and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch had discussed it prior to the meeting. He added that they will be preparing a resolution that will not require a Local Law and it will basically be a resolution that they work out at a Workshop to move at their next Town Board Meeting. He added that it will prohibit repairs being made in the parking lot and require that all vehicles must be registered with no allowance for storage of trailers, ATV's, boats and personal items.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Councilman Boehm and added that for clarification Councilman Boehm is referencing the Town parking lots located throughout the Town and they are not talking about street parking at this point.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Spending Freeze**

Supervisor Youmans stated that as everyone is aware, they were notified by Albany County that based on the Town's census number they would see a reduction in their Sales Tax Revenue that that they share with the Town. He added that he was of the opinion that they should wait and see what the first check was and when the news came to them in the beginning of April; they knew that the first distribution would be mid April and in turn they would see where they stood with it. He continued by saying that the unfortunate truth is that the first distribution check is short by approximately \$50,000.00, which puts them at the expectation that they had that they would be missing roughly \$212,000.00 for the year, which could change and be a bigger loss than that because if gas prices continue to rise it is going to take a bite out of people's disposable income. He went on by saying that he is concerned that the \$212,000.00 is not the end and even if it is, it is not a good thing and it is a big chunk of the Town's revenue for the year and they are not going to be able to make up that much revenue within the budget by simple belt tightening. He added that this is going to require some hard work on the Board's part and some of what he is afraid will be difficult choices and before they can have a firm handle on where they stand at this stage, they need to get this month's Abstract in the books and in turn do some analysis to find out year to date expenditures as they relate to percentages of different accounts as well as requiring a line by line budget analysis by the Board. He concluded by saying that until it is done and they determine the path forward, he is recommending a hard spending freeze on all expenditures for all departments, which he does not see as a long term freeze but lasting until they see their way forward, which will be a matter of weeks until they have made decisions and know exactly what they are going to do with the budget to make up the \$212,000.00. He then offered a motion.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, issuing a spending freeze to all departments, effective immediately and until further notice.  $VOTE-AYES\ 5-NAYS\ 0-SO\ MOVED$ 

Councilman Boehm reiterated that it will be effective immediately and then asked if all expenditures should go through the Supervisor's Office.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they should and added that he cannot emphasize how critical a point they are at.

### Highway Superintendent's Request to Attend Highway School

Supervisor Youmans stated that they have a request from Highway Superintendent Deering to attend 2011 Highway School in Ithaca and continued by reading the following:

TO: Town Board

FROM: Highway Superintendent Deering

I am requesting authorization to attend the 2011 Highway School being held from June 6-8 at Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY.

Early registration fee of \$90.00 should be submitted to the Association of Towns by May 23, 2011.

Please see the attached registration form.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that this is the one that Albert does every year.

Supervisor Youmans reiterated that it is the one that he does every year and there are credits and training requirements that he has to have.

Councilman Boehm interjected that they just authorized a spending freeze.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they did, which means there is no discretionary spending whatsoever and now they have before them a request to spend \$90.00 and Highway Superintendent Deering needs it for course credits. He then asked Highway Superintendent Deering to elaborate.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it will be \$90.00 for registration plus a room for three days.

Councilman Touchette asked if there was a motion on the floor.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, with no second, to authorize Highway Superintendent Deering to go to Highway Training School from June 6-8 for a total cost of \$90.00

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that it would also be plus the hotel.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if Highway Superintendent Deering knew how much the hotel would be.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that off the top of his head he didn't and added that he thought it was on the registration form.

Collectively it was decided it was not on the form.

Councilman Boehm asked Highway Superintendent Deering what would happen if he doesn't get the credits.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is a Certificate of Attendance for the number of years attending and added he is working on 15 years.

Councilman Boehm asked again what would happen if he didn't get the credit.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that nothing would happen.

Councilman Boehm stated that given the situation of a hard spending freeze he will be voting no on it and added that it does not make sense at this point.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that the registration form says that payment must be received by May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the early registration discount and added that they have some time and he would move that they table it. He then asked if there was a motion on the floor.

Deputy Clerk Vatalaro stated that Councilwoman Rogers made a motion.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they will lose the early registration fee.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that it would then be \$125.00.

Councilman Dolan stated that they have until May 23<sup>rd</sup> and added that they can discuss it at the next meeting.

Supervisor Youmans reiterated that he is recommending that they table it.

Councilman Dolan asked if they can have the cost of the hotel at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he has to get the hotel reserved and it should be done tomorrow or the next day because it fills up and then you get bounced all over the place trying to find somewhere else.

Supervisor Youmans stated that in all fairness, they can't authorize a hotel that they don't have any information on and it does not say anything on the registration form and then asked if he was missing something. He added that they certainly have time to table it.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Councilman Boehm interjected that he will be voting no but for now they can table it.

Highway Superintendent Deering interjected that if the Town Board does not approve it he will have to pay for it by himself, which would make him not happy and added that he has been going to this school for years and it would be a spending freeze for \$300.00 - \$400.00.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that everyone else went for their training.

Councilman Boehm reiterated that they just voted for a hard spending freeze.

# **Highway Department Surplus Equipment**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for authorization to put up the old box and spinner from truck C22, as is, for auction on Auction International and then asked Highway Superintendent Deering if the new box is installed.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it has been completed.

Supervisor Youmans asked the Board if they were alright with it and if there was a motion.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing Highway Superintendent Deering to place the box and spinner for auction on Auction International.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that maybe he will get enough for that and the mowers to go to school.

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### RESOLUTIONS

### RES. #50-11 AMEND BUDGET – INSURANCE RECOVERY

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans 2011 Adopted Budget did not provide a revenue line item for insurance recovery, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has received insurance recovery monies for a Law Enforcement Vehicle, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of establishing a revenue line item in the 2011 Adopted Budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby establish revenue line item A2680 – Insurance Recovery in the 2011 Adopted Budget, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2011 Budget be amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Line Item A2680 Insurance Recover \$3,596.11

Increase Appropriation Line Item A3120.4 – Law Enforcement \$3,596.11 (Contractual)

### RES. #51-11 AMEND BUDGET – HIGHWAY GARAGE WELL

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has expended funds from A5132.4 to repair the Highway Garage well, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has received insurance recovery monies from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) for the repair of the Highway Garage well,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2011 Budget as follows:

Increase Revenue

A2680 Insurance Recovery \$4,389.51

**Increase Appropriation** 

A5132.4 Highway Garage \$4,389.51

### RES. #52-11 AMEND BUDGET – REFUSE & GARBAGE

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans 2011 Adopted Budget did not provide for expenditures from Refuse and Garbage, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has experienced unforeseen expenditures in this line item, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of paying these expenditures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2001 Adopted Budget as follows:

Decrease

Contingency A1990.4 Contractual \$2,655.00

Increase

Refuse & Garbage A8160.4 Contractual \$2,655.00

### **RES. #53-11 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

WHEREAS, the following accounts have been exhausted because of unforeseen expenditures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor James C. Youmans to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts.

# **GENERAL FUND – A**

<b>Amount</b>	From Account	To Account
\$ 642.83	A7110.4 Parks (Contractual)	A1010.4 Town Council (Contractual)

\$2,288.36

A7270.4 Band Concerts (Contractual)

A1910.4 Insurance (Contractual)

# RES. #54-11 APPROVE APRIL 2011 ABSTRACT

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the following claims of vouchers for the April 2011 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
CDN/DD AV (A)		
GENERAL (A)	727, 790	\$724 4 <b>2</b> 7 (0
General Pre-Pay General	736-789 843-914	\$734,427.68
General	843-914	\$ 48,785.21
	General Total	\$783,212.89
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	790-805	\$ 12,993.69
Part-Town	915-919	\$ 3,080.86
	Part Town Total	\$ 16,074.55
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	806-817	\$ 51,991.52
Highway	920-955	\$ 27,592.12
	Highway Total	\$ 79,583.64
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	818-833	\$ 17,976.01
Sewer	956-975	\$ 10,941.58
	Corvey Total	0 20 017 50
	Sewer Total	\$ 28,917.59
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. Sewer Upgrades	976-977	\$ 10,709.16
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 10,709.16
CAPITAL PROJ. (H36)		
Cap. Proj. Sewer Meters	978-980	\$ 7,517.95
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 7,517.95
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	Total for all Funds	\$926,015.78
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	834-842	\$234,856.81
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$234,856.81

# TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, May 9, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, May 17, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 23, 2011, 7:00pm

# **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to announce that the Coeymans Police Athletic League will be hosting a Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 9:00am to 3pm at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School and they will be doing bicycle safety inspections and riding safety in addition to there being prizes, which will include bikes and helmets and added that the rain date is May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS May 5, 2011 — SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOOP — 6:00PM

A Special Town Board Workshop was held May 5, 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 Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent Scott Searles, Deputy Highway Superintendent

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Special Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Workshop.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

#### **NOTICE**

# SPECIAL TOWN OF COEYMANS TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP

Pursuant to Section 123 of Town Law, please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled Special Town Board Workshop for Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 6:00pm. The purpose of the Workshop will be to discuss the 2011 Budget and will be held 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

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# **AGENDA**

### • 2011 BUDGET

Supervisor Youmans stated that the purpose of the Workshop, as everyone is aware, is that there is shortfall in revenue for the year due to the census numbers and added that the Town did receive the first sales tax distribution from Albany County and it was short \$50,000.00 + that was projected, which puts them on track for roughly a \$212,000.00 shortfall for the year. He continued by saying that it is going to be important going forward that they make some adjustments to account for it and added that each of them have a list that has been prepared with some proposals and they represent a total of \$116,355.00, which is a little more than half of what they need. He then read the proposed changes line by line as follows:

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS May 5, 2011 — SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOOP — 6:00PM General (A)

Line Item	Description	Amount
A1110.1	Justice PS	\$ 4,000.00
A1220.2	Sup. Equipment	\$ 826.73
A1220.4	Sup. Contractual	\$ 500.00
A1310.2	Finance Equipment	\$ 200.00
A1355.2	Assessor Equipment	\$ 500.00
A1410.2	Town Clerk Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
A1430.2	Human Resources Equip.	\$ 1,358.34
A3010.4	Public Safety (Signs)	\$ 3,000.00
A3640.4	Civil Defense	\$ 315.00
A7310.4	Youth Service	\$ 500.00
A7510.4	Historian	\$ 250.00
A8510.2	Comm. Beaut. Equip.	\$ 4,045.00
Longevity (5 people)	Med. Buy Back (3 people)	\$10,793.84
A1110.4	Justice	\$ 267.18
A1330.4	Tax Collections	\$ 273.41
A1410.4	Town Clerk	\$ 155.16
A1460.4	Records Management	\$ 147.01
A1620.4	Town Hall	\$ 1,098.86
A1660.4	Central Storeroom	\$ 613.29
A3020.4	Communications	\$ 1,187.02
A3120.4	Law Enforcement	\$ 907.15
A5010.4	Highway Administration	\$ 50.00
A5132.4	Highway Garage	\$ 1,028.69
A6410.4	Publicity	\$ 22.73
A7110.4	Parks	\$ 480.64
A8510.4	Community Beautification	\$ 386.93
	Total	\$33,906.98
PART-TOWN (B)		
B1420.4	Legal Services 5%	\$ 750.00

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS May 5, 2011 — SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOOP — 6:00PM

B1680.4	Shared Services – Cont.	\$ 500.00
B1990.4	Contingency	\$ 5,000.00
B3620.1	Safety Inspections – Per.	\$29,126.00
B3620.2	Building Depart. Equip.	\$ 1,000.00
B4020.4	Registrar of Vital Stat. 5%	\$ 10.00
B8020.2	Planning Board Equip.	\$ 1,500.00
B8020.4	Planning Board Cont. 5%	\$ 37.08

B1680.4 Take away \$500.00 and leave \$500 for supplies

B3620.1 Salary that John Cashin would have received plus 4 hours of Sante's salary.

B9089.8 \$500.00 longevity pay.

# HIGHWAY (DB)

DB1440.4	Engineer	\$ 5,000.00
DB5110.4	General Repairs 5%	\$ 2,855.19
DB5112.4	Special Improvement 5%	\$ 9,556.00
DB5130.2	Machinery – Truck	\$21,066.00
DB5130.4	Machinery 5%	\$ 2,691.41
DB5142.4	Snow Removal	\$ 857.13

The following are some suggestions I have received from several employees.

- 1. Uniforms It has been suggested not to purchase uniforms for employees. Most of the employees that are suppose to wear them, do not.
- 2. Youth Program We paid \$1,300.00 for the bus driver and approximately \$614.00 for diesel fuel. The fuel was figured at a per gal rate of \$3.546 and the usage was 173 gallons for 2010. The main bus driver is also in the retirement system and we paid \$186.59 towards her retirement.
- 3. Cleaning of Buildings It has been suggested that the current cleaning service be discontinued and hire someone for 10 hours a week at \$15.00 per hour, just to vaccum and dust. Community Beautification men can empty the garbage when they come to open the building in the morning. Our current cleaning service makes \$12,455.00 per year. He has been paid for January and February, leaving 44 weeks left for a total of \$10,340.00.
- 4. Charge for Parking at Boat Launch Put parking meters in the parking lot.
- 5. Land Owned by the Town Sell land, such as; Mud Hill, parking lots in Coeymans.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS May 5, 2011 — SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOOP — 6:00PM

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VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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**PRESENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

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

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

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

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, April 25, 2011
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Evening on the Green Schedule
  - Request for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to Attend Local Government Planning and Zoning Workshop
  - Police Department Request re: Surplus Equipment
  - State Environmental Quality Review Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility
- Resolutions
  - Negative Declaration Under SEQRA for Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility
  - Parking Regulations, Westerlo Street Parking
  - Budget Amendment General Fund (A)
  - Budget Amendment Part-Town Fund (B)
  - Budget Amendment Highway Fund (DB)
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Workshops, May 17, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, May 23, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, June 17, 2011, 6:00pm

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### ADDITIONAL SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Budget Workshop was hugely attended, which resulted in a brain storming session and he wanted to thank the Department Heads who stepped up to the plate and in some cases provided the Town Board with more savings that they had asked for. He concluded by saying that it was not easy to do because as they are all aware, the Budget this year was already extremely lean and reiterated that he wanted to thank the Department Heads who worked so hard to come up with the changes as well as his appreciation to CSEA and Council 82 and the employee members of those

two unions who did settle for a pay freeze for 2011, which was also a big help to them in their quest to balance the budget after the Town lost \$212,000.00 in Sales Tax Revenue.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was one set of minutes for approval, a Town Board Meeting on April 25, 2011 and continued by asking 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

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#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were no Old Business topics for discussion.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Evening on the Green Schedule**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a schedule for Evenings on the Green and this is something that he organized for his first three years on the Board and added that he knows how difficult it is to coordinate it. He continued by saying that Councilman Dolan took this over because he has a direct interest in it and then asked that he read the 2011 schedule.

Councilman Dolan stated that before there were Evenings on the Green, he was the first act to play at that spot as a fundraiser to raise money for the gazebo, which was either 1994 or 1995. He added that he has had the pleasure in the past of booking some acts as the Parks Chairperson as well as having the pleasure of playing there himself with Folding Sky over the past few years. He continued by saying that when he was asked to do this he was more than willing to because he is in the music business and he would only do it with the understanding that if his band were to play, they would not get paid for it. He added that they will be playing but will not be taking any money from the Town and he usually has a little get together in his front yard, which everyone is invited. He then read the following schedule:

July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Folding Sky
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Music Magic
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dusk 'til Down
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hilltown Ramblers
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	The All Paul Show
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Playing with Fire Bank
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Rourke & the Lost Wages
August 25th	Pageaful Country

August 25<sup>th</sup> Peaceful Country

He added that the performances are 6:30 to 8:30pm and the rain policy will be that if it is raining on Thursday, they will try to do it on Sunday. He continued by saying that the Farmer's Market will be taking place on the same evenings as Evenings on the Green with the first night being July 7<sup>th</sup> and the hours will be from 4:00pm to 6:30pm and there are some returning vendors from previous years as well as some new additions.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to thank Councilman Dolan for taking it on and reiterated that the first night is July  $7^{th}$  and it runs every Thursday night from 6:30-8:30pm through August  $25^{th}$ , which is in conjunction with the Farmer's Market.

# Request for Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals to Attend Local Government Planning & Zoning Workshop

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for the Planning and Zoning Boards to attend training and they have until June 6<sup>th</sup> to register and added that in light of the spending freeze, he will move that they table it. He continued by saying that he expects by their next meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>, they will have the spending freeze squared away and they will let all the Departments know what direction they are going and will be able to go ahead and answer requests for training.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that it includes Highway Superintendent Deering's request.

# Police Department Request re: Surplus Equipment

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a Police Department request to surplus the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria and continued by asking if it was the black one.

Chief Darlington stated that it is and it was his car.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to if there are any parts that he wants to take off the car.

Chief Darlington stated that they won't match any of the other cars.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would offer a motion.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Chief Darlington to put out to auction the 1999 Crown Victoria as soon as possible. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **State Environmental Quality Review Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they had to do a State Environmental Quality Review of the site for the communications tower and JNS Tower took it on and did it. He added that it is an interesting document if anyone wished to read it and it is a Negative Declaration and he needs authorization from the Board to sign it.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Supervisor Youmans to sign the Negative Declaration.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### RESOLUTIONS

# RES. #55-11 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

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

**WHEREAS**, JNS Towers has assisted the Town in conducting a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA) of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility, and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Review has been undertaken in accordance with State Law and regulations, and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has taken the required hard look at the potential environmental consequences and hereby issues and approves a Negative Declaration under SEQRA for the project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor James C. Youmans to sign the Environmental Assessment Form.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to thank Chief Darlington for the huge amount of work that he did on it and added that the Town had a need for a new communications tower for the Town's radio equipment and Chief Darlington did some out-of-the-box thinking and came up with a way to build the tower and not cost the Town a nickel. He added that AT&T has voiced an interest in going on that site and signed a contract to go on the tower so not only are they getting the tower built for free but it also provides a revenue source for the Town for a minimum of 20 years.

Chief Darlington stated that it is a 20 year lease and added that they are also in negotiations with Verizon.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is exactly the type of thing that they should be doing and reiterated that he wanted to say thank you for the work that he did, which was a lot of hours.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there are two parking lots on Westerlo Street and he does not want anyone to think that they are talking about the boat launch but rather the little one up the street from the gazebo and the other that they made on Westerlo Street when they knocked a house down. He added that there have been some issues with trailers being stored and most recently some ongoing mechanical repairs have been done and oil and antifreeze was dumped on the ground and as a result it started being a quality of life issue for some of the residents that live down there and they decided that they needed to make some rules for those parking lots and post them on some signs. He then asked that Councilman Boehm read the resolution addressing this.

# RES. #56-11 AUTHORIZE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TOWN OWNED PARKING LOTS

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is interested in providing its Hamlet residents a safe alternative to street parking, especially during snow emergencies, and

WHEREAS, there are two lots located on Westerlo Street in the Town of Coeymans, which are owned by the Town and are offered as an alternative to street parking hereinafter referred to as the "lots", and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to establish rules and regulations concerning the use of the lots,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town hereby sets forth its rules and regulations concerning parking on the aforesaid lots:

1. Repair and maintenance of vehicles on the lots is strictly prohibited.

- 2. The storage of personal items including containers, boats, trailers, ATV's and campers/RV's on the lots is strictly prohibited.
- 3. All motor vehicles parked on the lots, including motorcycles, must be property registered and inspected.
- 4. The Town shall not be responsible for damage or theft to any vehicles parked on the lots or to personal items left on the lots.
- 5. All vehicles should be parked so as not to obstruct free movement or passage of other vehicles using the lots.
- 6. All vehicles or other items left unattended for more than 48 hours on the lots shall be towed or stored at the owner's expense.
- 7. Any violator of any of the provisions as set forth above shall forfeit his/her ability to use the lots.

Councilman Boehm stated that he will be working with Chief Darlington to get some signs up so people are aware of the rules and regulations.

# RES. #57-11 AMEND GENERAL FUND TOWN-WIDE (A) AND GENERAL FUND PART TOWN (B) 2011 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, Albany County distributes the municipal portion of sales tax receipt on the basis of population to Towns within the County, and

**WHEREAS**, Albany County is directed by New York State Law, Section 1262-C and Local Law 3 of 1967 with subsequent amendments, and

WHEREAS, those laws compel the use of the latest decennial census published prior to the quarterly distribution of Sales Tax Revenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has experienced a loss of 733 residents in the 2010 Census, and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of population is resulting in a reduction of Sales Tax Revenue amounting to approximately \$212,000.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the General Fund Town-Wide (A) and General Fund Part Town (B) in the 2011 Adopted Budget as follows:

Decrease Revenue  B-1120 Sales Tax Revenue	\$76,915.00
Decrease Appropriations B-9901 Transfer to General Fund (A)	\$76,915.00
<u>Decrease Revenue</u> A-5031 Transfer from Part Town (B) Fund	\$76,915.00

Decrease (A) Fund Appropriations as Follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1110.1	Justice (Personal Services	\$ 4,000.00
A1110.4	Justice (Contractual)	\$ 1,000.00
A1220.1	Supervisor (Personal Services)	\$ 4,923.00
A1220.2	Supervisor (Equipment)	\$ 826.00

A1220.4	Supervisor (Contractual)	\$ 500.00
A1310.2	Finance (Equipment)	\$ 200.00
A1330.4	Tax Collections	\$ 1,000.00
A1355.2	Assessor (Equipment)	\$ 500.00
A1410.2	Town Clerk (Equipment)	\$ 1,000.00
A1430.2	Human Resources (Equipment)	\$ 1,298.00
A1620.4	Town Hall (Contractual)	\$ 975.00
A1660.4	Central Storeroom	\$ 1,500.00
A3010.4	Public Safety	\$ 1,500.00
A3020.4	Communications	\$10,000.00
A3120.1	Law Enforcement (Per. Service)	\$26,000.00
A3120.2	Law Enforcement (Equipment)	\$ 8,000.00
A3120.4	Law Enforcement (Contractual)	\$ 5,500.00
A3640.4	Civil Defense	\$ 315.00
A5010.4	Highway Administration	\$ 50.00
A5132.4	Highway Garage	\$ 1,029.00
A6410.4	Publicity	\$ 23.00
A7110.4	Parks	\$ 481.00
A7310.4	Youth Services	\$ 500.00
A7510.4	Historian	\$ 250.00
A8510.2	Community Beautification (Equip)	\$ 4,045.00

### RES. #58-11 AMEND PART TOWN (B) FUND 2011 BUDGET

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

**WHEREAS**, Albany County distributes the municipal portion of sales tax receipt on the basis of population to Towns within the County, and

**WHEREAS**, Albany County is directed by New York State Law, Section 1262-C and Local Law 3 of 1967 with subsequent amendments, and

WHEREAS, those laws compel the use of the latest decennial census published prior to the quarterly distribution of Sales Tax Revenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has experienced a loss of 733 residents in the 2010 Census, and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of population is resulting in a reduction of Sales Tax Revenue amounting to approximately \$212,000.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the Part Town (B) Fund in the 2011 Adopted Budget as follows:

### Decrease Revenue

B-0909 Fund Balance \$40,414.00

Decrease Part Town (B) Fund Appropriations as Follows:

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Amount</b>
D1420 4	I1 C	¢ 750.00
B1420.4	Legal Services	\$ 750.00
B1680.4	Shared Services	\$ 500.00
B1990.4	Contingency	\$ 5,000.00
B3620.1	Safety Inspections (Per. Services)	\$29,126.00
B3620.2	Building Department (Equipment)	\$ 1,000.00
B3620.4	Safety Inspections (Contractual)	\$ 2,500.00
B8020.2	Planning Board (Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
B8020.4	Planning Board (Contractual)	\$ 38.00

# RES. #59-11 AMEND HIGHWAY (DB) FUND AND GENERAL PART TOWN (B) FUND 2011 BUDGET

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

**WHEREAS**, Albany County distributes the municipal portion of sales tax receipt on the basis of population to Towns within the County, and

**WHEREAS**, Albany County is directed by New York State Law, Section 1262-C and Local Law 3 of 1967 with subsequent amendments, and

WHEREAS, those laws compel the use of the latest decennial census published prior to the quarterly distribution of Sales Tax Revenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has experienced a loss of 733 residents in the 2010 Census, and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of population is resulting in a reduction of Sales Tax Revenue amounting to approximately \$212,000.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the Highway (DB) Fund and General Part-Town (B) Fund in the 2011 Adopted Budget as follows:

Decrease Revenue	
B-1120 Sales Tax Revenue	\$95,403.00
Decrease Appropriations	
B-9901 Transfer to Highway (DB)	\$95,403.00
Decrease Revenue	
DB-5031 Transfer in from Part Town (B) Fund	\$95,403.00

Decrease (DB) Fund Appropriations as Follows:

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
DB1440.4	Engineer	\$ 5,000.00
DB1910.4	Insurance	\$13,453.00
DB5112.4	Special Improvements	\$30,000.00
DB5130.2	Equipment	\$20,939.00
DB9089.8	Other Employee Benefits	\$26,011.00

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# TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, May 17, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 23, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, June 17, 2011 6:00pm

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will be starting their summer schedule in June and only have one Workshop and one Town Board Meeting.

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### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that on Friday at Town Hall, he had a lengthy meeting with representatives from Lafarge Cement in reference to the proposed P.I.L.O.T. Agreement and it was a good meeting and he thinks that they made progress. He added that he expects to be meeting with them again at the end of this month to try and hammer out the

details because it is very important to this community that Lafarge stays here and continue on for the local economy. He continued by saying that it is also important that it does not create an unfair tax burden on the rest of the taxpayers in Town, which they have not indicated a desire to do and it appears to be completely above board and he is hopeful that it works out to be the best for everyone. He went on by saying that he has a meeting on Friday morning with County Executive Mike Breslin, who wants to talk about some shared services opportunities and in light of budget situations, they are looking to think outside-the-box and Friday afternoon he has a meeting with Susan O'Rourke, Supervisor for the Town of New Baltimore as well as the Supervisor from the Town of Coxsackie and they are going to talk about economic development opportunities along the 9W corridor. He added that the meeting is to discuss a potential infrastructure project that could be a big draw for all three communities, which is the type of thing that they need to work on together to try and make it economically feasible for everyone. He then asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he believes that the Lafarge meeting was very positive and they are a large part of the community and they are receptive to the Town's negotiation with them and it is moving in a positive direction. He added that he attended the first meeting with Susan O'Rourke and one of the things they agreed on is that they each look at their own infrastructures for sewer and water because they are important parts and in going forward it would be a positive thing for the community because without any infrastructure you can't really expand.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank the Department Heads and staff at Town Hall for looking at some hard numbers and coming up with some ideas that will hopefully put them in a better place financially than they were just a couple of weeks ago. He added that he spent some time at the Bike Rodeo on Saturday morning.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it was mentioned at the last meeting about fishing in the river for stripers and added that if you are fishing for stripers you don't need a license but you do need to register, which is free but you do need a license if you are fishing in the river for fresh water fish. She continued by saying that she wanted to mention that there are a couple of dogs at the kennel, a Jack Russell that was picked up on May 6<sup>th</sup> and it is a white and brown female that was picked up on Powell Hill Road as well as a beagle that was picked up on Lawson Lake Road on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is a tri-colored male. She added that if anyone is missing a dog they can contact her office at 756-2100 or Police Dispatch and went on by saying that in order to pick up one of the dogs you have to go through her office so it can be verified that there is a license and updated rabies and it would be the same procedure if anyone is thinking about adopting one of the dogs.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that in reference to the budget cuts, he knows that all of the Departments had submitted what they felt could be cut and added that they all realize that it is hard times and they will provide the best service that they can with the cuts that have happened. He continued by saying that the P.A.L. Program had a Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday and there were approximately 26 youth in attendance and they gave away six bikes as well as several helmets and bike accessories and added that the weather held out and a good time was had by all. He went on by saying that he wanted to thank Councilman Dolan for his donation as well as showing up and staying a while. He concluded by saying that there is no audio going out from the meeting and the people at home can't hear them.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was unfortunate that there was no audio and added that he thanks Chief Darlington as well as his Officers involved with the P.A.L. League and it is a great thing that they are doing for the community.

Chief Darlington stated that they are currently doing a Safety Poster Contest in the elementary schools, A.W. Becker and Pieter B. and on June 24<sup>th</sup> they will be having an end of the year program that will be at Coeymans Landing and the National Guard will be there with a rock climbing wall as well as there being a portable skate board park.

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

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Workshop was held May 17, 2011, at 6:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ABSENT:** Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Gregg Darlington, Chief of Police

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **AGENDA**

- Request for Outdoor Concert at Coeymans Landing Brian D'Avanzo
- Proposed Fund Raising Concert at Joralemon Park Dan Gonyea
- Establish Park Rules
- Abandoned Vehicle Policy & Fee Establishment
- Joralemon Park Request to Harvest Seed from Plants Not Found Elsewhere

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# ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Time -7:04pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held May 23, 2011, at 7:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman Richard N. Touchette, Councilman Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board with the exception of Councilwoman Rogers and added that also present were Town Clerk Millious, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Chief of Police Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering.

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Food for Thought July 11 August 12, No Transportation Provided
  - Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, May 30, 2011
- Presentation
  - Notification of Sex Offenders in RCS School District
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Special Town Board Workshop, May 5, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, May 9, 2011
  - Town Board Workshop, May 17, 2011
- Supervisor's Report April 2011
- Department Reports
  - Building, April 2011
  - Police, April 2011
  - Sewer, April 2011
  - Town Clerk, April2011
- Old Business
  - Request for Planning & Zoning Board to Attend Workshop
  - Request for Highway Superintendent Deering to Attend 2011 Highway School
- New Business
  - R.C. Sportsman's Club Annual Fishing Derby
  - Approve Bids for Surplus Police Equipment
  - Authorize Supervisor to Sign CSEA Agreement
- Resolutions
  - Adopt Rules & Regulations for Town Parks
  - Approve Budget Amendment
  - Approve March 2011 Amended Abstract
  - Approve May 2011 Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings

- Town Board Workshop, June 21, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, June 27, 2011, 7:00 pm

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#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Food for Thought Program**

Supervisor Youmans read the following:

As in previous years, the Food for Thought Program for children 5-11 years of age, of the Town of Coeymans, will be held at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School. The program will run from July 11 to August 12.

Registration forms will be available in the Supervisor's Office at Town Hall, RCS Community Library, and from Danyell Crowley. The deadline for registration is June 27<sup>th</sup>. Any registrations returned after that date will be subject to space available.

Due to budgetary restrictions for both the Town and RCS School District, busing for the program will not be available this year.

### **Town Office Closed Memorial Day**

Supervisor Youmans read the following:

Monday, May 30, 2011, all Town Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

As always, the closing of Town Offices does not include the Police Department, which is a 24-hour, 7 day operation.

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# **PRESENTATION**

### Notification of Sex Offenders in RCS School District

Supervisor Youmans stated that this subject came about because there were some questions regarding the School District's notification of sex offenders within the Town and the Police Department's role in it. He then asked that Chief Darlington take it a little further.

Chief Darlington stated that the Police Department is annually notifying people who are considered vulnerable to sex offenders, which usually involves schools and day cares, churches and parks and as part of it they notify the RCS School District who in turn notify the parents and as a result a lot of questions came from parents as to why they were not directly notified by the Police Department as well as questions as far as what the Police Department is doing and what their requirements are. He continued by saying that approximately 3 years ago they set up a Sex Offender Monitoring Program within their department and Officer Thompson and Officer Rivituso were the two officers who spearheaded it and as such he asked that Officer Thompson give a brief overview of what they do. He went on by saying that as a result of all the questions they are reevaluating their notification policy and checking with other agencies to see what more proactive but safe practices they can put in place. He then asked that Officer Thompson come to the microphone.

Officer Thompson stated that basically as the Chief had said, they developed this plan where they were going to safely monitor the sex offenders very strong and be on top of what the offenders were doing such as what their addresses were and where they worked. He added that over the past four years he and Officer Rivituso have gotten to know all of the sex offenders really well and whenever there was a change such as employer or they moved, they called right away. He continued by saying that when they first started the

program, it was not that way and when they looked for some of the sex offenders in Town they did not find them and they were not where they were suppose to be and when the change happened, as a result they arrested ten people and several of them were in other municipalities and they tracked one as far as North Carolina as well as several more that were arrested in Town because they didn't notify that they were in Town and did not register and as a result they were prosecuted. He went on by saying that one of the things that a sex offender has to do is answer their annual verification letter, which is sent out by the State and when they do not answer, the police go out and find out why it was not answered, which could be a lost letter or they forgot to do it. He added that another thing that they have to do is photograph Level III offenders every year, which is transmitted to the State's website and Level I and Level II have to be done every three years as well as collecting DNA samples for the database. He continued by saying that Level III offenders have to report to their station and prove that they are still living at the same address every 90 days and Level I's are the least likely to offend with Level II being a moderate risk and Level III are likely to offend. He added that right now there are two level III's in the community but as Chief Darlington said, they are on top of these guys and they know what they are doing and one of the Level III calls him all the time because he is afraid that he will be arrested for not being in compliance with Article 160 of the Corrections Law and every time he changes a job or hours at a job he calls. He concluded by saying that the offenders know that they are watching and the point of the notification is for public awareness and the more aware you are, hopefully you will be able top protect your children against those out there that could harm them. He then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Boehm asked if there is a website where people can go to find out the names and addresses.

Officer Thompson stated that you can Google NYS Division of Criminal Justice Sex Offender Registry and it will bring it up and you will be able to get a link to follow.

Councilman Boehm asked if it is by geography.

Officer Thompson stated that it will ask what county as well as being able to search by state or specific name.

Chief Darlington interjected that you can also go to their website coeymanspolice.org and there is a link to the registry.

Supervisor Youmans stated that to be clear, the law does not require the Police Department to give notification to anyone and currently their procedure has been to notify at risk individuals and institutions.

Officer Thompson stated that under law they are referred to vulnerable entities and they have a list of those entities that they identified when they first started the program and letters have been sent for the past three years and this is the first time that they have been sent out to anyone else and this is what their requirements are.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they are currently examining their policy to make a determination as to if there should be any changes.

Chief Darlington stated that some of the things that they had talked about is people within a certain radius and the number of people in Coeymans Hollow within a ¼ mile radius is minimal compared to the number of people in the Village of Ravena, which is tremendous and probably more than they truly can handle. He added that they definitely want to make entities that are vulnerable aware so that they can also look out and possibly notify people.

Councilman Boehm asked Chief Darlington if questions can be directed to him.

Chief Darlington stated that they could contact the Police Department and ask either himself Officer Thompson or Officer Rivituso any questions at 756-2059.

Councilman Dolan asked if vulnerable entities are free to notify whomever they choose.

Chief Darlington stated that he would recommend that they speak with their counsel before they make any further notification.

Officer Thompson interjected that basically the notifications go out with a disclaimer that they cannot be used for unlawful means and although everyone has a different opinion on it, sex offenders have rights too and they have to be protected. He added that the Attorney for the Town should be involved when they set up the Policy to protect the Town's rights and they do not want to be sued over notifying someone the wrong way and they wanted to make sure that it was done properly.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch agreed and added that he can help with it.

Officer Thompson stated that if anyone wants to be on the list as a vulnerable entity and included, they can stop at the station and fill out paperwork and in turn it is reviewed by the Chief and if he deems it necessary, they will be put on the mailing list and included automatically as well as their being a book for anyone that may not have the internet.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Officer Thompson and Chief Darlington and asked that Chief Darlington keep them apprised as warranted as it progresses.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Michael Conners stated that he resides at 42 James Drive in Coeymans and added that he was present on behalf of his Mom, Susan Conners who resides on Main Street in Coeymans and his sister Kim who also lives in Coeymans as well as two fellow neighbors. He continued by saying that he is there in regard to the recent storm that there was on Friday and the damage that ensued from an open storm pipe and added that he first wanted to say thank you for their attention to the matter and their sense of urgency and for the Town workers who came to assist his Mom and fellow neighbors. He added that they believe that the damage that was caused is the result of an open storm drain that was applied at the end of Colvin Avenue and dumped south at the top of the hill, which is the edge of his property, and travels the length of his property to a point that is about 30 feet west of a trailer that is there and the origin of the pipe is 4-5 feet and the water that comes out of it during a storm, the small pipe at the end of the property can not handle. He continued by saying that he is present for a couple of things with the first being that something has to be done to redirect the path of the water because they are going to continue to receive storms of that nature on Friday and the damage is going to continue and the heartache is going to continue. He went on by reiterating that something needs to be done and he is giving permission to put something on his property on the end of the driveway that joins Rte. 144 so the water can be diverted away from the homes and into an open field that adjoins his Mom's property. He added that secondly the storm pipe coming off Colvin Avenue has to be addressed and that pipe has to extend to Rte. 144 and the pipe that comes from under Rte. 144 has to be extended towards the river because the path of the water now is open and it joints adjacent to his Mom's property and the water coming out of it is not only storm water, it's sewage and it has to be addressed as well. He went on by saying that they are looking for restitution for the damage that was caused to his Mom's house, his sister's driveway, his neighbor's property as well as his own property and their intent at this point is to file a letter of complaint with the Town of the actual damage that has happened up to this point and they are hoping that it ends there but if not they will file a Notice of Intent to File a Claim. He concluded by saying that hopefully, based on conversations that he has had with some of the members of the Town Board, they are going to be able to resolve this before it goes that way.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he got a call from Mr. Conner's brother Scott on Friday afternoon as the flooding was occurring and he went down and saw what was going on and saw the damage that was done to people's property and homes and for that he would

say that he feels for them and he can tell him that they are pursuing engineering and parallel to the engineering, legal to make sure that they have gotten things right. He added that he had a conversation there with Highway Superintendent Deering earlier in the day and there is a pipe that runs under the porch of the trailer, which is a 12 inch pipe and they now believe that the pipe needs to be a bigger diameter and he contacted Mr. Greenburg the owner of the property and had a discussion about possible options with one being that the pipe has to be replaced and might involve ripping the porch off the trailer, at which time he told him that the trailer was an inhabitable space, which led him to wonder how long it's been since he actually had seen it and the end result of the conversation was that later this week he has offered to come down and walk the site with him and hopefully Highway Superintendent Deering will be there at the same time so that they can come up with a solution. He went on by saying that there is also an issue with DOT pipe from where it runs into the catch basin on what would be the east side of the road and then it goes under the road and there are cones across the street where there is a sink hole is, and as a result they believe that has an issue as well and is a contributing factor and added that DOT was onsite earlier in the day and they are bringing the pipe and giving the support to make that repair. He concluded by saying that he wants to say to him, and he believes that he can speak for the entire Board, that they take the matter extremely seriously and they are sorry that there has been a problem and they look forward to working together with him and the other property owners to bring about a permanent solution.

Mr. Conner's thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans stated that his heart goes out to those who suffered damages and added that at his house over the winter, when there was a rain and snow storm, his family room got some water in it and it ruined the carpet and he can tell them first hand how upsetting that was to him and he can't imagine because he saw the downstairs of his Mom's home and he understands how upsetting it was.

Mr. Conner's thanked him and added that he appreciates it.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she didn't have a comment and added that she wanted to make sure that he received a letter that she had put in earlier in the day.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he did receive a letter from her today and then thanked Ms. Pasquini.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Special Town Board Workshop on May 5<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> and a Town Board Workshop on May 17<sup>th</sup>. He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

# **MOTION**

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

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

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

# April 2011

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$288,283.55	\$865,127.59	\$770,450.47	\$382,960.67
PART-TOWN	\$120,153.75	\$594,365.27	\$516,777.54	\$197,741.48
HIGHWAY	\$197,535.56	\$ 195.94	\$ 79,471.87	\$118,259.63
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 4,313.46	\$ 32.17	-0-	\$ 4,345.63
SEWER	\$102,183.03	\$ 1,883.13	\$ 36,461.95	\$ 67,604.21
SPEC. WATER	\$ 77,071.08	\$ 25,565.30	-0-	\$102,636.38
POLICE FOR.	\$ 11,567.75	\$ 1,141.07	-0-	\$ 12,708.82
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 20,254.14	\$226,354.28	\$229,473.04	\$ 17,135.38
H-FUND CAP. Proj.	\$132,403.23	\$ 48.93	\$ 10,709.16	\$121,743.00
SECTION 8 78 Units	\$123,581.65	\$ 39,857.80	\$ 43,977.47	\$119,461.98
70 Cints				
			Tot. Rec. Balance	\$1,144,597.18

# **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

# **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX.	(A) General	30 Days	\$500,000.00	05-11-2011
BANK OF GREENE	(B) Part-Town	30 Days	\$500,000.00	05-26-2011
NAT. BANK OF COX.	(DB) Hgwy.	9 Months	\$ 85,000.00	10-07-2011

SAVINGS ACCOU	J <b>NTS</b>	<b>COLLATERAL</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Unemployment	\$ 4,073.05	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,505,620.20
Grove Cemetery	\$40,852.19	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 860,814.91
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,340.97			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,318.79			
Total	\$65,585.00			

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read.

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

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### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### Police - April

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

Chief Darlington continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

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

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

### Sewer – April

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Touchette give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

#### **MOTION**

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

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

### Town Clerk - April

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

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

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

Town Clerk Millious stated that there might have been some confusion with fishing and added that when you are fishing in the Hudson River you do need a license for freshwater fishing and if you are fishing for migratory fish, there is no fee but you do need to register.

Councilman Boehm asked for clarification as to whether you need a license for fishing for stripers only.

Town Clerk Millious stated that you do not need a license but you need to register.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that you don't know what's on the end of your line.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it has been confusing and within the past three weeks DEC has said that you need to register and added that she does not know if it is because they want to keep count. She added that it was a \$10.00 Marine License fee but then they took it away.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is safe to say that anyone who is considering fishing in the Hudson River should stop in the Town Clerk's Office to make sure you have what you need to avoid any potential problems.

Town Clerk Millious agreed and added that you would be safe getting a fishing license and registering for the migratory fish because it is complicated.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to what the cost is for a fishing license.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is \$29.00 for age 69 and under and for seniors 70 or

older it is \$5.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is worth the price to avoid any potential problems.

### Building – April

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Boehm give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Boehm continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

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

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

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

# Request for Planning & Zoning Board Members to Attend Workshop

Supervisor Youmans stated that previously they tabled a request for the Planning & Zoning Board Members to attend a Local Government Planning & Zoning Workshop and added that it was tabled in light of the spending freeze that was instituted. He continued by saying that they said they would take requests on a case by case basis because they wanted to get a better feel for where they were. He went on by saying that it is required training for Planning & Zoning and then asked the Town Board how they felt about it.

Councilman Touchette stated that he would move to approve the training for the Planning & Zoning.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing the Planning & Zoning Board Members to attend the Workshop on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Councilman Boehm stated that it is hard to get a hold of training and it is something that they need to have and they should go.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is mandated by State Law that they have to have it.

Councilman Touchette interjected that there are not that many opportunities to have specialized training like this and added that he has attended some of the seminars himself and it is valuable tool.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is another unfunded mandate that the State pushed on the municipalities.

### Request for Highway Superintendent to Attend 2011 Highway School

Supervisor Youmans stated that there also was a previously tabled request by Highway Superintendent Deering to attend Highway School in Ithaca, NY.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing Superintendent Deering's request to attend the 2011 Highway School, June 6-8 at Ithaca College and to pay the registration fee and related expenses.

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

Highway Superintendent Deering interjected that he already sent a personal check because if it was received by May 23<sup>rd</sup> the fee was \$90.00 and he didn't want to have to pay \$125.00 for registration after that date.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they can reimburse Highway Superintendent Deering by voucher.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

# R.C. Sportsmen Club Annual Fishing Derby

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a letter from the R.C. Sportsmen Club and continued by reading the following:

The R.C. Sportsmen Club in conjunction with Ravena Fish & Game Association is sponsoring our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Derby for children ages 1-16, who reside in the RCS School District. The derby will be held Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Town of Coeymans Filtration Plant on Route 144.

To insure that this Derby is successful, we are once again soliciting contributions. In past years your generosity has enabled us to award each participant with a prize and a serving of hot dogs and drinks after the completion of the derby.

At this time, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us on June 19<sup>th</sup> so you can see a first-hand the reactions from the children participating as they reel in their "big one". We hope to see you there.

Very truly yours,

James Reilly, Fishing Derby Committee

Supervisor Youmans stated that in the past the Town has donated \$100.00 to help buy trophies and hotdogs and added that in light of their current budgetary situation they had discussed it on a one-by-one basis and decided that it would not be prudent to do that again. He continued by saying that they have agreed to each contribute money themselves to make up the \$100.00 because they feel as though it is a worthy cause and they as citizens will be providing the money and look forward to the Fishing Derby.

### **Approve Bid for Surplus Police Equipment**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request from Chief Darlington to accept the bids on the surplus equipment and continued by reading the following:

Lot # 1 – 1998 Jeep Cherokee Sport	\$ 601.00
Lot # 2 – 2007 Crown Victoria	\$2,950.00
Lot #3 – 2003 Crown Victoria	\$ 761.00
Lot #4 – 2005 Crown Victoria	\$2,500.00
Lot # 5 – 2005 Volkswagen Golf GL	\$6,510.00
Lot # 6 – Pitney Bowes Copier	\$ 104.00

Supervisor Youmans asked Chief Darlington if he had anything to add.

Chief Darlington stated that this was equipment that was sitting down at the impound lot and it was old Police cars that have been there for years as well as one being a drug

seizure vehicle that was taken as the result of a criminal case.

Councilman Boehm stated that local individuals can bid on these even though they are on Auctions International and added that there were some local bidders.

Chief Darlington stated that some local residents from Coeymans Hollow viewed the cars that they were interested in and added that they may be one of the bidders, he does not know because it is done by e-mail.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to be clear that they were not excluding anyone in Town from bidding on the items but rather they are trying to get the best price by using Auctions International.

Chief Darlington stated that was correct and added that they are also doing the whole bid process, which is costing the Town nothing and an administrative fee is charged to the winning bidder.

Councilman Boehm asked Chief Darlington if the bids seemed reasonable and acceptable in knowing the condition of the vehicles.

Chief Darlington stated that some of them are far more than he ever expected to get for them and added that he believes that they are reasonable.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Touchette, approving the bids on the surplus equipment.

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

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if some of the proceeds go into the Police Forfeiture Fund.

Chief Darlington stated that the VW Golf would go under the Police Asset Forfeiture and the rest would go to the General Fund.

# Authorization to Sign CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of the CSEA Bargaining Agreement and as everyone is aware, they have been in negotiations for some time and have come to an agreement with them in which they have accepted a wage freeze for 2011. He added that he now needs authorization from the Board to sign the Agreement.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing and direct Supervisor Youmans to sign the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.

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

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank Supervisor Youmans and added that a lot of work goes into it as well as thanking Chief Darlington for his participation.

Councilman Touchette stated that the entire Town owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the Union for agreeing to a wage freeze for this year and recognizing the situation that the Town is in at this time.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to give some background on the first resolution and added that it became obvious some time ago through conversations with Chief Darlington about enforcement of certain park rules and it became apparent that they needed a more structured set of park rules to make it easier to enforce them and in turn Councilman Dolan worked hard on putting together a set of rules. He then asked that Councilman Dolan read the first resolution.

#### RES. #60-11 ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TOWN PARKS

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the following resolution was APPROVED - VOTE - AYES  $4-NAYS\ 0-ABSENT\ 1\ (Rogers)-SO\ MOVED$ 

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board does not have a comprehensive list of rules and regulations governing use of Joralemon Park and Coeymans Landing Park, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Town to have such regulations in place at all Town-owned facilities,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby adopt the attached listing of rules and regulations for use at all parks in the Town of Coeymans, effective immediately.

### Rules & Regulations for Use of Town of Coeymans Parks

- Application for Use (reservation) is required for all large organized activities 15 or more people; in addition, a \$25.00 fee is required for use of Coeymans gazebo and Joralemon Park pavilion, obtainable from the Town Clerk. All rules Application for Use are applicable.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in Town parks without a Town of Coeymans Department permit, which must be on display for police inspection.
- Animals must be under the control of their owner. Owners are responsible for after their animals.
- Hunting is prohibited, vegetation shall not be removed.
- Unruly activity and abusive, loud and/or foul language is prohibited and violators subject to ejection from the park.
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles, including ATV's and motorized bikes are vehicles must remain on roads and parking areas.
- Soliciting or posting of signs is not permitted unless authorized by the Town
- Camping and open fires are prohibited unless authorized by the Town Board. grills are permitted in picnic areas only.
- All trash and all other litter must be removed immediately following the even and areas used must be left in a clean and orderly fashion.
- Playing music loudly is prohibited.
- Dangerous devices such as air guns, explosives, guns and archery equipment are prohibited.
- Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- In the event of a hazardous condition, any facility may be closed to the public at discretion of the Beautification Department, Police Department or Town Board.
- Special events or group usage requires prior approval of the Town Board.
- All fund-raising activities must be approved by the Town Board.
- All usage of facilities must be recreational except by authorization of the Town
- Hours of operation for Joralemon Park are: summer 7am to 10pm; winter 7am to Coeymans Landing Park are 7am-10pm.
- Violation of the above rules may result in revocation of any permit granted to
- All other cases involving use of park facilities will be determined by the Town
- The Town Board may allow exceptions to one or more of these rules in the case special events or circumstances.
- Town residents and groups within the Town of Coeymans will be given priority organized activities (15 or more people), reservation of gazebo and pavilion, and fields when a conflict occurs.

Councilman Boehm stated that the Rules and Regulations will be available when Town

Clerk Millious issues the permit.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there are no radical changes to the rules and they are pretty much the same by slightly more clear.

#### **RES. #61-11 AMEND 2011 BUDGET**

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

WHEREAS, Albany County distributes the municipal portion of sales tax receipt on the basis of population to Towns within the County, and

**WHEREAS**, Albany County is directed by New York State Law, Section 1262-C and Local Law 3 of 1967 with subsequent amendments, and

**WHEREAS**, those laws compel the use of the latest decennial census published prior to the quarterly distribution of Sales Tax Revenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has experienced a loss of 733 residents in the 2010 Census, and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of population is resulting in a reduction of Sales Tax Revenue amounting to approximately \$212,000.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the General Fund Town-Wide (A) and General Fund Part Town (B) in the 2011 Adopted Budget as follows:

<b>Decrease</b>	Revenue

B1120 Sales Tax Revenue \$18,323.92

# **Decrease Appropriations**

B9901 Transfer to General Fund (A) \$18,323.92

### **Decrease Revenue**

A5032 Transfer in from Part Town Fund (B) \$18,323.92

Line Item	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1620.4	Town Hall Contractual	\$ 7,285.00
A8510.1	Comm. Beautification (Personal Services)	\$11,038.92

# RES. #62-11 AMEND MARCH 2011 ABSTRACT

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

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**Total** 

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**Town Total** 

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**Highway Total** 

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Total

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Capital Proj. Total

Funds

Pre-Pay

### 218,546.43

### RES. #63-11 APPROVE MAY 2011 ABSTRACT

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

**FUND** 

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**General Total** 

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**Part Town Total** 

Pre-Pay

**Highway Total** 

833 **28,917.59** 977 **10,709.16** 980

Total for all Funds & Agency Pre-Pay Total

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### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

Supervisor Youmans stated that they were switching to their summer schedule in June where they have one Workshop and one Meeting per month as opposed to one Workshop and two Meetings per month.

- Town Board Workshop, June 21, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, June 27, 2011, 7:00pm

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# ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Deering and the Highway crew for their quick response in the Hamlet earlier in the day for the work that they did. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he would echo Supervisor Youmans' sentiments about the Highway crew and other Town employees for their efforts on Friday and earlier in the day.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Boehm asked Chief Darlington if he ever found out the status of the dog at the Town's kennel.

Chief Darlington stated that he has a call in to DCO Shear and he is waiting for a call back.

Councilman Boehm asked if there is a dog there right now.

Chief Darlington stated that he knows one was picked up Friday and he does not know if they were able to locate the owner and added that it was picked up on Rte. 9W.

Councilman Boehm stated that it was a white Terrier with a collar if anyone knows of the dog or the owner. He then inquired about the time limit that the dogs are held before they can be adopted.

Chief Darlington stated that they hold the dogs for a period of ten days.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to who anyone interested in adopting a dog should contact

Chief Darlington stated that they should contact either the Police Department or the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to echo Supervisor Youmans' sentiments to the Conners' and added that he feels really bad for them and having gone through a flood himself he knows how it feels. He continued by saying that it was totally different circumstances and in the Conners' circumstance it is even more of a feeling that it was not just nature and went on by saying that it was a fierce storm and he just happened to be out surveying the damage and the water in front of the Conners home was incredible. He added that the other thing that he wanted to mention was through his day job they offer summer employment to youth up to age 19 if they are still in school and is for five weeks up to 20 hours per week and you do have to be income qualified, which for a four person family income would be \$44,700.00. He concluded by saying that if you are age 19 down to age 14 and interested in summer employment, you can call his office where he works during the day at 756-8640 for an application.

Councilman Boehm stated that Town Clerk Millious, Highway Superintendent Deering and Parks Supervisor Perry have had workers in the past and he might want to check with them.

Supervisor Youmans stated that for clarification, Councilman Dolan's day job is with the C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Program.

Councilman Dolan added that the deadline for applications is June 10<sup>th</sup>. He continued by saying that he would also like to make a pitch for the Farmer's Market, which will be every Thursday beginning July 7<sup>th</sup> and ending the last Thursday in August and will be the same night as the Evenings on the Green. He continued by saying that they are looking into potentially moving closer to the river and there are new vendors and anyone interested in becoming a vendor should contact Councilman Touchette.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that her thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Joanna Maki.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he was just informed that the dog was claimed and the owner has it and added that the P.A.L. Program on June 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, will be having an end of the school year bash at Coeymans Landing with the National Guard present along with rock climbing and a skate board park as well as refreshments and a State Police helicopter coming. He continued by saying that construction of the communications tower has started and it is moving forward.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there was an approximate time-frame for construction.

Chief Darlington stated that the tower is suppose to be here the beginning of June and they hope to have it up and running by the end of June.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what time the end of the school bash was.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not have the exact time and added that it is in the afternoon after the last day of school.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he asked him earlier in the day when the

spending freeze was going to be lifted because he has a lot of stuff to do.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would say that the Board is not yet ready to lift the spending freeze but that does not mean that he can't do the work that he needs to do. He added that if he would give him a list of what he needs, which is an extra step, they will get him what he needs and concluded by saying that they don't expect him to not be in business and not function.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that this is about what is going on and added that he thought that the freeze was lifted and he did purchase some things and he will be billed in June.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he understands and reiterated that he should send a list of what he needs and they will give him an approval for what he needs. He then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Workshop was held June 21, 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 Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Richard N. Touchette, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Larry Breedlove, Chief Operator WWTP

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **PRESENTATION**

### Lafarge Presentation of Check for Evenings on the Green

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Boehm introduce Mr. John Reagan from Lafarge.

Councilman Boehm stated that he is a member of the Citizens Liaison Panel with Lafarge Cement and approximately six months ago he had a conversation with Mr. Reagan about events that the Town does, with one being Evenings on the Green, which will be starting in July. He continued by saying that Mr. Reagan, representing Lafarge Cement has offered to fund those performances, which will be seven at \$300.00 each with Councilman Dolan still playing for free. He added that during these tough economic times and challenges that everyone is facing at all levels, this is a nice thing to do for the community.

Mr. Reagan stated that Lafarge appreciates the support that they have had from the Town and added that it is a great event at a wonderful park and some Lafarge employees enjoy it and they are proud to present the check.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is a savings for the Town and he cannot express his gratitude enough to Lafarge.

Supervisor Youmans continued with the remainder of the agenda.

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### **AGENDA**

- LaFarge Plant Modernization John Reagan
- New York Capital Region Road Race
- Sewer Leachate, Catwalk Lighting, Westerlo Street, Blaisdell to Colvin
- Route 143 Update
- Recreation Coordinator & Assistants for Summer Recreation Program
- Guidelines for Recreation Assistants for Summer Recreation Program

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- Request from Chief of Police to Attend Training
- Request for Authorization to Re-bid Police Equipment
- Proposal by Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery for Electronics Recycling
- Challenge of Census Numbers

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

## **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAY 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

Time: 7:04pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held June 27, 2011, at 7:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ABSENT:** Thomas A. Boehm

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cindy Vatalaro, Deputy Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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## **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the record should reflect the absence of Councilman Boehm and added that the remainder of the Town Board was present in addition to the presence of Deputy Clerk Vatalaro, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering.

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, July 4, 2011
- Presentation
  - PAL Presentation to R-C-S Middle School Students
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, May 23, 2011
- Supervisor's Report May 2011
- Department Reports
  - Building, May 2011
  - Sewer, April 2011
  - Town Clerk, April 2011
- Old Business
  - Intermunicipal Agreement with RCS School District
  - Bids on Surplus Police Equipment
- New Business
  - Pest Control Program
  - Request to Attend Chief of Police Annual Training
  - HUD Civil Rights Certification Form
  - Bid Meters and Meter Pit Installation and Repair on Rte. 9W
  - Expenditure of Highway Monies
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Recreation Assistants for Food for Thought Program
  - Appoint Recreation Leader & Assistants for Summer Recreation Program
  - Appoint Summer CHOICES Supervisor
  - Amend Budget Amendment
  - Approve Amended Abstract, May 2011
  - Approve June 2011 Abstract
- Correspondence NYS Department of State

- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Workshop, July 19, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, July 25, 2011, 7:00 pm
- Adjournment to Executive Session
- Reconvene Meeting
- Adjournment

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### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor Youmans stated that Town Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011 in observance of Independence Day with the exception of the Police Department, which is a 24/7 operation.

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#### **PRESENTATION**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the first thing on the agenda would be a presentation to two middle school students Emma Hughes and Morgan LaDuke who did a project for Family Consumer Science, which was a neat idea, and they manufactured dolls that were called "Cuddle Buddies". He continued by saying that the idea was to donate the dolls to the Police Officers to have in their car for when they encountered a child in distress, such as a domestic call or car accident and when that happens they could give the child a "Cuddle Buddy" to help calm them. He added that they then took the idea to a competition and won first place and now they are on their way to Anaheim California for a National Competition. He went on by saying that the Police Athletic League thought that it was such a worthy cause that they in turn wanted to make a presentation and continued by inviting Officers McDonagh and Thompson to join the girls.

Officer Thompson stated that on behalf of the Coeymans Police Department, the Police Athletic League and the Coeymans PBA they wanted to donate two checks for a total of \$200.00 to help them compete nationally and added that they appreciate all that they do and wished them luck.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

**Mr. Ivan Millett** stated that he wanted the official status of Rte. 143 as far as if and when it is going to be done.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Councilman Boehm gave the Board an update at their last Workshop Meeting and he was told by Mary Ivy, Regional Director for NYS DOT that the work will commence in mid July.

Mr. Millett asked if the work will be contracted or if they will be doing it themselves.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he did not know that.

Mr. Millett inquired as the whether or not the project is a definite and if it will be from where they left off last year at Nolan Road.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that it is from Biechman Road to Nolan Road.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is being told by a resident that lives on Rte. 143 that there are actually three different areas that they are going to be working on and he will verify it, and he was told that there are three different sections between Rte. 32 and Nolan Road that they are going to be working on. He added that it makes sense as to why the

Bicycle Club was alerted by DOT that there might be construction in the area for their race and went on by saying that the section that is the worst is from where they left off last year from Biechman Road to Nolan Road and it is horrendous. He concluded by saying that thanks to in part for some of the petitions that they signed and sent in as well as some work by Councilman Boehm and Assemblyman Gordon when he was in office, they are going to do the work.

Mr. Millett inquired as to if they are going to contract it out or do it themselves and added that last year they did it themselves.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is not aware and does not know.

Mr. Millett thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Millett and then asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that after seeing the Village Board Meeting last week she is quite a bit upset and added that the Village seems to be getting out of control and slimy when it comes to the Town of Coeymans in talking about the water and how they are going to rescind the contract with the Town and raise water rents 200% and if the Town does not like it they will shut the water off and they can drink out of the river. She continued by saying that someone needs to straighten them out a little bit or maybe the Town can shut their sewer off and they can find another place to pump it. She went on by saying that it is one community and the Village is within the Town and they are all Town people regardless whether you live in the Village, Hamlet or the Hollow. She concluded by saying that for the Village to be carrying on the way they are, it is very unprofessional and slimy as far as she is concerned and she hopes that the Town Board is on top of the water situation and then thanked the Town Board for their time.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by saying that she brings up an important point and he has given it a tremendous amount of thought. He added that before he was born the Village and Town have had disagreements of one kind or another about water and sewer and as he thinks the situation through, it occurs to him that no one has ever addressed what the real problem is, which is they have a limited amount of infrastructure resources within the Town. He continued by saying that in a day when everything that you hear out of Albany is shared services, he thinks that it is time that the sewer system be managed as a single entity and continued by saying that when someone who lives across the street contributes to the sewer system, it goes to the same treatment plant for treatment as when someone in the Hamlet flushes their toilet. He went on by saying that he hears on a regular basis from people who say that there is no business in town and they need to bring in more business but currently they are under a moratorium from NYS DEC in which they cannot add new sewer hook-ups and without sewer and water resources they are not going to get an industrial park or any kind of retail development. He continued by saying that his proposal would be that instead of arguing about it and writing letters back and forth, they should come together on the issue and look at new possibilities and that they think outside of the way that it has been done over the years and bring more people into the system. He added that the plant needs to be made much bigger and they need to run sewer in places that currently don't have sewer, particularly those places that have been identified as ripe for future development and by bringing more users into the system, they can bring the cost down for everyone and it is time that they all take a fresh look at it and it should not be handled any longer as a them/us problem because it is an us problem and he has said multiple times that if the Town of Coeymans is losing business and 10% of their population, the Village does not go unscathed and if the Village has problems it is a problem for the Town as well. He concluded by saying that it is time that they come together and work together on these issues as opposed to working against each other and it is time that they do something different and added that they are completely on top of the situation and the Village Board at their Board Meeting voted to rescind the letter in which they stated that they would no longer honor the water contract, as they should.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Paul Ryan stated that he notified the Supervisor's Office after the storm that caused damage in the Hamlet and he asked that Supervisor Youmans get back to him, which no one had done. He continued by saying that he lives at 1 Riverview Drive and he had a lot of damage at his place where it washed out part of his patio, footings on his deck and alongside the deck there is a big gully where he had a retaining wall. He added that one of the biggest problems is that water comes from the school over the hill and there are not any storm sewers or anything else up there and they keep getting dumped on at Riverview Drive and no one seems to really care about it or do anything about it. He went on by saying that the driveways of other people are being fixed but they ignore him.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the reason that the driveways were fixed is because they felt a recent storm sewer redesign played a role in the property damage that occurred and the Highway crew did go and fix some driveways and lawns.

Mr. Ryan continued by asking why no one at least responded to his call.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would take responsibility for that and added that it is his fault that he didn't and added that he was overwhelmed at that time with what was going on.

Mr. Ryan stated that he waited a couple of weeks and he heard nothing.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is unaware of how he would feel as though the Town is responsible.

Mr. Ryan stated that there are no storm sewers up there and he has been fighting water for years and years and every time it rains he gets five times as much water because it is coming off the hill and on to his property and his neighbor is out there in a ditch with a shovel all the time and his neighbor with the apartments has put several thousands of dollars in trying to retain it and he put a lot of money into the other side of his garage to try to retain it as well putting in all kinds of retaining walls behind his house. He reiterated that the problem is up near the school and when it rains they get all of the water and something needs to be done about it and added that he may have to take legal action against the school and the Town.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is an option but before he does it he would suggest that he go down and take a look at it and listen to him to see if there something they can do. He then asked Highway Superintendent Deering is he is aware of where Mr. Ryan is talking about.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he is.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there are no storm sewers at all in that area and he does not know what they could do.

Mr. Ryan stated that they are getting hammered with water all the time.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would be willing to go there and he can meet with him at noon on Thursday if it is alright with him.

Mr. Ryan stated that he would be available and then thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Ryan and then asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was one set of Minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on May 23, 2011 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 (Boehm) – SO MOVED

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## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Youmans read his report.

### May 2011

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$382,960.67	\$546,786.55	\$703,161.69	\$226,585.53
PART-TOWN	\$197,741.48	\$502,137.89	\$ 13,101.10	\$686,778.27
HIGHWAY	\$118,259.63	\$ 1,182.31	\$ 65,611.73	\$ 53,830.21
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 4,345.63	\$ 19.49	-0-	\$ 4,365.12
SEWER	\$ 67,604.21	\$ 42,110.23	\$ 20,357.73	\$ 89,356.71
SPEC. WATER	\$102,636.68	\$ 2,910.47	\$ 82,266.17	\$ 23,280.68
POLICE FOR.	\$ 12,708.82	\$ 3.23	-0-	\$ 12,712.05
TRUST & AGCY.	\$ 17,135.38	\$282,522.46	\$283,675.23	\$ 15,982.61
CAP. PROJ.	\$121,743.00	\$ 46.27	\$ 6,983.73	\$114,805.54
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SECTION 8 HUD 80 UNITS	\$119,461.98	\$ 38,912.99	\$ 43,214.85	\$115,160.12
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,342,856.84

# **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

# **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX.	(A) General	30 Days	\$500,000.00	06-13-11
NAT BANK OF COX	(DR) Howy	9 Months	\$ 85,000,00	10-07-11

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		<b>COLLATERAL</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Unemployment	\$ 1,643.75	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,522,675.50
Grove Cemetery	\$40,862.58	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,107,031.94
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,344.62			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,320.40			
Total	\$63,171.35			

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read.

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

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

## **Building Department - May**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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

### **Sewer Department - May**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Touchette give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

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

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

## Town Clerk - May

Supervisor Youmans asked that Deputy Clerk Vatalaro give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

Deputy Clerk Vatalaro continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

## MOTION

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

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

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# **OLD BUSINESS**

## **Intermunicipal Agreement with RCS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he has before him a signed copy of an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Coeymans and RCS Central School District, which was signed by Scott Hughes, President of the Board of Education. He continued by saying that in giving a little background for anyone not familiar with the Intermunicipal Agreement, some time ago they were approached by Lafarge Cement and were made aware that they were going to make an application with the County IDA to enter into a PILOT Agreement, which is payment in lieu of taxes. He added that Lafarge is getting ready to invest over 300 million dollars to upgrade their facility and to modernize their plant, which will address any environmental concerns and make their plant much more

efficient and they are switching from a wet to dry process for manufacturing cement. He went on by saying that as part of their business plan, Lafarge needs to go back to Paris, where their corporate headquarters are and present a business plan and their concern is that if they are going to invest 300 million dollars in their plant, they are concerned that the Town as the assessing unit would come in and say that the assessment would be raised 300 million dollars. He added that they need some certainty going forward as to what their tax payments would be, which is not up to the Town or the School District but they had a feeling that in order to have the IDA approve it, they needed the blessing of the Town and School District and didn't want to shove it down their throats. He continued by saying that the biggest recipient of tax dollars in our community is the School District and they collect close to \$19.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value and the Town collects \$2.96 per \$1,000.00 and in turn the Town retained Larry Farbstein who is an industrial and commercial valuation expert and in a meeting with some Board of Education members it was decided by them that they would contribute to the cost for Mr. Farbstein because they have a bigger horse in the race than the Town does and they agreed to pay half of the cost of the consultant. He then asked for a motion to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into the Intermunicipal Agreement with the R.C.S. School District. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Boehm) – SO MOVED

## **Bids for Surplus Police Equipment**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there are two vehicles that Auctions International put out to bid, a 1998 Jeep Cherokee Sport with a winning bid of \$560.00 and a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria with a winning bid of 1,028.00 and then asked for a motion to accept the bids.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers to accept the bids for the 1998 Jeep Cherokee Sport for \$560.00 and a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria for 1.028.00.

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

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if the Crown Victoria is the Chief's old car.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Pest Control Contract**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they have before them a Pest Control Contract from Ehrlich Pest Control and added that certain times of the year in the Police Station and Dispatch there is a bug problem. He added that Chief Darlington got a price from Ehrlich Pest Control, who also does pest control at the Highway Garage and it is a \$365.00 one time fee and in turn they come back once a month for \$80.00 to keep control over the pests. He then asked Chief Darlington if they did an inspection.

Chief Darlington stated that they had.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the pests include: pavement ants, carpenter ants, carpenter bees, citronella ants, etc. etc. He continued by saying that it is a very long list of undesirable pests.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the list includes earwigs.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he can't expect people to work in an environment with pests.

Chief Darlington stated that the contract includes all of Town Hall and it is not just downstairs and it is for the entire building.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing Ehrlich Pest Control to do an initial treatment and then provide monthly protection. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Boehm) – SO MOVED

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if they would be approving both the initial charge and the monthly charge.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the initial treatment is to kill all of the pests that are here now but they tend to reenter a building so the monthly would be preventative. He added that they would be approving the monthly maintenance as well.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that there is no term stated and added that it just says \$80.00 per month and then inquired as to if it would be forever.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it is a one time fee of \$365.00.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that it says \$80.00 per month and then suggested that they add for one year with the possibility of renewal. He added that there is no limit as far as how many months they are going to be billed for.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is a good point.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that where it says \$80.00/month, Supervisor Youmans should add for one year and initial it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will add that change.

# **NYS Association of Chief of Police Annual Training**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they have a request from Chief of Police Darlington to attend training and added that it was discussed at the last Workshop Meeting.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Chief to attend the NYS Association of Chief's Training.

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

Councilman Dolan interjected that Chief Darlington had provided the agenda for the 4 days.

## **HUD Civil Rights Certification Form**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request for authorization for him to sign HUD's Civil Rights Certification Form and added that it is a form that they have to sign with Joseph Mastrianni Inc., who manages the Town's Section 8 Housing Program.

# MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Civil Rights Certification for the Section 8 Housing Program. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Boehm) – SO MOVED

## Meter & Meter Pit Installation and Repair

Supervisor Youmans stated that as everyone is aware, the Town has a contract with the Village of Ravena for the sewer treatment and part of the contract is to install meters in three different places with two on the Rte. 9W corridor where Town of Coeymans sewage enters the Village of Ravena Sewer System and one across from Peter B. Coeymans school where the Village sewage enters back into the Town's system. He continued by saying that this is the only fair way to apportion the cost and currently the engineering design is nearing completion and will be ready to be put out to bid next week and they need to authorize Town Clerk Millious to advertise for bids.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for bids.

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

Supervisor Youmans stated that part of the bid packet is to perform sanitary sewer repair on Rte. 9W, which is a Town only charge and does not affect the Village and it was less expensive to include it in this work at this time and added that it is a fix that they need to make.

### **Expenditure of Highway Monies**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they have before them Highway Superintendent Deering's road list and his request to spend Highway monies and then asked for a motion.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing Highway Superintendent Deering's request for the Expenditure of Highway Monies in the amount of \$89,737.42.

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

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#### RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would be recusing himself from the first resolution.

# RES. #64-11 APPOINT RECREATION ASSISTANTS FOR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABTAIN 1 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette)

**WHEREAS**, the Summer Food for Thought Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the Food for Thought Summer Program:

Lauren Cumm
Patrick DiBiase
Burak Ertas
Christiane Holodook
Savannah Hotaling
Madison Kolis
Kelci Margiasso
Brittany O'Brien
Ryan Perotte
Victoria Youmans
Matthew Krein
Michael Zullo

The appointment is effective July 11 to August 12, 2011, and will be an hourly wage of \$7.25.

# RES. #65-10 APPOINT RECREATION LEADER & ASSISTANT FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena established a Summer Recreation Program to be based at Mosher Park, and

**WHEREAS**, both the Town Board and Village Board has agreed to equally fund this Program by each contributing \$3,500.00, and

**WHEREAS**, seasonal part-time staff is needed to operate this Program, which will run from July 5 to August 5, 2011,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints Erienne Rieth as part-time seasonal Recreation Leader at the hour rate of \$11.00, effective immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoint part-time seasonal Recreation Assistants, effective July 5, 2011 at the hourly rate of \$7.25 as follows:

Katie Bestwick Nicholas LaMountain Kasey Biernacki Timothy McBride Keith Geraldson Eric Norris

## RES. #66-11 APPOINT SUMMER CHOICES PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has approved to receive summer season personnel assistance through the CHOICES Program from July 11 through August 12, 2011, and

WHEREAS, these summer employees are being assigned to perform various seasonal tasks in the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of providing supervision for these summer seasonal CHOICES funded employees,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize payment for the services of Ralph Surrano to provide the necessary and required supervision for these employees, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Surrano shall receive \$1,000 for these services during the approximate five-week duration of the program. This payment will be made by voucher in the August 2011 Abstract.

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is a program that performs work for the Town over the summer that he supports and added that it is a chance for some young people who otherwise would not have a summer job, to do some work and earn a paycheck. He added that the money that they pay Mr. Surrano, they would find that he spends most of it buying the kids breakfast everyday and it is a wonderful thing for them to be exposed to him as well.

# **RES. #67-11 AMEND BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans passed Resolution #61-11, at a Town Board Meeting held on May 23, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, the General Fund Town Wide (A) listed an account code as A5032 transfer in from Part Town (B) Fund, and

WHEREAS, a typographical error occurred in the coding, which was listed as A5032 should have been listed A5031,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend Resolution #61-11 to read as follows:

### **Decrease Revenue**

A5031 Transfer in from Part-Town (B) Fund \$18,323.92

## **RES. #68-11 AMEND BUDGET JCAP GRANT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans Justice Court has received grant money from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP), and

WHEREAS, the Justice Court must purchase equipment with the funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans 2011 Budget must be adjusted to reflect this grant money.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2011 Budget as follows:

## **Increase Revenue**

A3021 JCAP Grant \$7,848.00

# **Increase Appropriation**

A1111.2 Equipment & Capital \$7,848.00

# RES. #69-11 APPROVE AMENDED ABSTRACT, MAY 2011

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

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

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	981-1036	\$ 681,542.15
General	1078-1097,1099-1111,1114	\$ 22,105.16
	General Total	\$ 703,647.31
GENERAL UNEMPLOYEMENT (A)		
General Unemployment Pre-Pay	1037	\$ 2,429.82
	General Unemployment Total	\$ 2,429.82
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1038-1048	\$ 513,235.46
Part-Town	1112-1113	\$ 26.72

Part Town Total	\$ 513,262.18
	\$ 36,225.17
1115-1133, 1139-1140	\$ 29,078.89
Highway Total	\$ 65,304.06
1058-1069	\$ 14,850.45
1134-1138, 1141-1147	\$ 5533.68
Sewer Total	\$ 20384.13
1148	\$ 6,983.73
Capital Proj. Total	\$ 6,983.73
1070	\$ 82,266.17
Special Water Total	\$ 82,266.17
Total for all Funds	\$1,394,277.40
1071-1077	\$ 289,930.12
Trust & Agcy. Total	\$ 289,930.12
	1049-1057 1115-1133, 1139-1140  Highway Total  1058-1069 1134-1138, 1141-1147  Sewer Total  1148  Capital Proj. Total  1070  Special Water Total  Total for all Funds

# **RES. #70-11 APPROVE JUNE ABSTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – 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, 2011 Abstract

. FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNI
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1149-1201	\$210,354.04
General	1261-1284,1286-1309	\$ 24,988.89
	General Total	\$235,342.93
GENERAL (A) Police For.		
General Police Forfeiture	1285	\$ 2,379.50
	Police Forfeiture Tot.	\$ 2,379.50
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1202-1218	\$212,613.49
Part-Town	1310-1315	\$ 2,350.02
	Part Town Total	\$214,963.51
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1219-1232	\$ 55,175.87
Highway	1316-1342,1371	\$ 14,578.10

	Highway Total	\$ 69,753.97
CEWED (CC)		
SEWER (SS)	1222 1251	¢ 10.960.88
Sewer Pre-Pay	1233-1251	\$ 19,869.88
Sewer	1343-1365	\$ 8,981.61
	Sewer Total	\$ 28,851.49
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Cap. Proj. Sewer Pre-Pay	1252	\$ 169.50
Capital Projects	1366-1369	\$ 56,521.23
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 56,690.73
CAP. PROJ. (H-36)		
Capital Projects	1370	\$ 2,186.75
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 2,186.75
	Total for all Funds	\$610,353.88
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1253-1260	\$247,267.19
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$247,267.19

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **NYS Department of State**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had a correspondence from NYS Department of State that might be of some importance to some and continued by reading the following:

RE: Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats Along the Hudson River

Dear Mr. Youmans:

New York State Coastal Policy, implemented through law, calls for the designation of coastal fish and wildlife habitats which are significant due to ecosystem rarity, vulnerable species, benefit to humans, and wildlife population levels. Areas are so designated are to be protected, preserved, and where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats.

This letter is to notify you that the following habitats have been revised, modified, or proposed within your municipality:

- Coeymans and Hannacroix Creek Complex
- Shad and Schermerhorn Islands

The significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife along the Hudson River, originally designated in 1987, are currently being updated to include current information and data. A total of 35 previously designated Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat areas have been revised to 33 Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats and 7 new habitat areas have been recommended for designation by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Boundary extensions have been proposed for 14 habitats and four habitats have been combined into two.

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Notice regarding two public meetings and one public hearing that the Department of State will be holding to seek comments relevant to the accuracy of the information contained in proposed revisions. We are asking municipalities to post this notice in an appropriate location in the Town/Village/City Hall.

Copies of the draft narratives and maps describing boundaries for the habitats can be viewed online at <a href="http://www.nyswaterfronts.com/index.asp">http://www.nyswaterfronts.com/index.asp</a> (click on 'Department of State Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats Updates' under New Stories), and will be available for review and comment at the information meetings.

Please contact Stephanie Wojtowicz, New York State Department of State, 99 Washington Ave., Suite 1010, Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000 with any questions.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would post the Notice prominently in Town Hall.

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### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, July 19, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, July 25, 2011, 7:00pm

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#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would like to point out that the Farmer's Market begins on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm down by the river as well as Evenings on the Green starting on that same night with the first performance by Folding Sky with the other bands beginning on July 14<sup>th</sup>, which are being sponsored by Lafarge.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he thinks it is important to note that Folding Sky is not sponsored by Lafarge because they are playing for no charge as Councilman Dolan is the bass player for the band.

Councilman Touchette stated that he will not be receiving any money from the Town either.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that as he had mentioned at the Workshop that the communication tower is fully constructed and up and added that he wanted to thank the Highway Department who did some grading around it, which will save some expense. He continued by saying that AT&T within the next week or so will start their construction of putting their building up with a fence around it and shortly after that they will be on and installing the Town's antenna's, which will start generating some revenue. He added that the car that they ordered in late January is suppose to be delivered tomorrow and went on by inquiring as to if the Police Chief Training could be a prepay because he would have to pay it out of his pocket and wait to be reimbursed. He continued by saying that the next Board Meeting is well after the actual training, which is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to whether or not they would accept a voucher.

Chief Darlington stated that the Chief's Association accepts the voucher but he does not know if the hotel will.

Supervisor Youmans stated that typically they do based on training that others have gone to and usually hotels do.

Chief Darlington stated that he would confirm that.

Supervisor Youmans stated that if it is a problem he should get back to him.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to thank Parks and Maintenance Supervisor Perry and crew for the cleaning that they have been doing and added that there is a remarkable difference in the Police Station and he is no longer getting complaints.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will have the pests taken care of as well and then asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering asked if Supervisor Youmans had gotten his request for pipe which was sent along with his request to spend Highway monies.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he has it on his desk.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he was down there on Saturday working with sandbags and added that he would like to at least be able to do that much of it, which will solve 99% of the problem.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had spent some time on Friday with Code Enforcement Officer Conrad and they have formulated a plan that he would like to run by him and added that later this week he will show it to him to see if it is the way to go. He continued by saying that one way or the other they will be moving very quickly to take care of the situation.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that if he could do what the pipe was requested for, they could stop what was going on and someone called the Police on Saturday because they were nervous.

Supervisor Youmans stated that after seeing what happened the last time, he didn't blame them. He then asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

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## MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

## MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a Town employee.

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

Supervisor Youmans stated that they would reconvene the Meeting for a formal adjournment.

Time – 7:55pm

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following the Town Board Meeting. A full Town Board with the exception of Councilman Boehm was present as well as Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the employment history of a Town employee. No action was taken during Executive Session.

# RECONVENE MEETING & ADJOURN

Supervisor Youmans call the Town Board Meeting back to order and then asked for a motion to adjourn.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman	Touchette,	seconded by	Councilman	Dolan, th	e Town	Board
Meeting was adjourned.						

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

Time – 8:29

Respectfully Submitted,	<b>APPROVED:</b>	
Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk	•	

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS July 19, 2011 — TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP — 6:00PM

A Town Board Workshop was held July 19, 2011, at 6:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT:

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman Richard N. Touchette, Councilman Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Larry Breedlove, Chief Operator WWTP

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Supervisor Touchette opened the Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **AGENDA**

- Computer Issues & Appropriate Use Policy
- Sewer Manhole Work
- Executive Session

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### ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Touchette stated that they would be adjourning to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a Town employee and added that they would return to formally adjourn the Workshop. He then offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

## **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Youmans, Rogers)

Time – 6:27pm

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called to order immediately following the Workshop. Councilman Touchette, Councilman Boehm and Councilman Dolan were present in addition to Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Breedlove, Supervisor Youmans and Councilwoman Rogers were absent. The purpose of Executive Session was to discuss the employment history of a Town employee. No action was taken during Executive session.

Councilman Touchette asked for a motion to adjourn Executive Session.

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS July 19, 2011 — TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP — 6:00PM

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, Executive Session was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Youmans, Rogers)

Time 7:15pm

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# RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Councilman Touchette called the Workshop back to order and asked for a motion to formally adjourn.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 (Youmans, Rogers)

Time 7:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

## MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS July 21, 2011 — BID OPENING — 2:00PM

A Bid Opening was held July 21, 2011, at 2:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** Cindy Vatalaro, Deputy Clerk

Deana Ferrusi, Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ed Vopelak, Engineer, C.T. Male

Jon Amos, Trinity Construction

Robert Keller, Wm. J. Keller & Sons, Construction

Linda Haight, Carver Construction

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Deputy Clerk Vatalaro called the Bid Opening to Order.

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the News Herald.

### **INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed Bids will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Coeymans, Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY 12143, until 2:00 PM local time on July 21, 2011 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud for:

# **Town of Coeymans Sewer System Flow Metering**

The work includes furnishing and installing 3 sanitary sewer flow metering stations, including total site restoration. The work also includes as a bid alternate, the replacement of 42 feet of 8" diameter sanitary sewer pipe across Route 9W.

The project shall be completed by November 15, 2011.

Bids will be received on a Lump Sum basis with an alternate.

Bids should not include sales and compensating use taxes on materials incorporated into the work.

Bids actually received by mail or by hand after the appointed time on the date specified shall be rejected, notwithstanding that such Bid may have been placed in a mail box or other mail receptacle regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service before such time, and ordinarily in sufficient time to have been delivered on time.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined on and after July 5, 2011 at 9:00 AM at C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES, 50 Century Hill Dr., Latham, NY 12110, tel. (518) 786-7400, from 7:30 AM to 4:15 PM Monday through Friday, and at Town of Coeymans, Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Documents may also be examined at Eastern Contractors Association, Inc., 6 Airline Dr., Albany, NY 12205, tel. (518) 869-0961, from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday; at McGraw-Hill Construction, online only at <a href="https://www.network.construction.com">www.network.construction.com</a>; and at Reed Construction Data, online only at <a href="https://www.needconstructiondata.com">www.needconstructiondata.com</a>.

Complete sets of Bidding and Contract Documents may be purchased from C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES, P.C. The deposit on the first set is fifty dollars (\$50), to be refunded in full to all Formal Bidders provided that the complete set of Bidding and Contract Documents (Drawings and Project Manual) is returned to C. T. MALE ASSOCIATES, P.C., postage paid and in good condition within 30 days after the Bid Opening. Full refund will be made to non-bidders only if the complete set of Documents is returned to C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES, P.C., in good condition within 7 days after the bid opening. Additional sets of Documents are available at non-refundable cost as listed in the Instructions to Bidders. If requested, documents will be mailed by mail or overnight delivery at additional nonrefundable cost of \$8.00 per set for postage and handling.

Payment for Documents should be made either in cash or by check. Separate checks should be written for the first set, for any additional Documents, and for postage and handling. Checks for the first set and any

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additional Documents should be made payable to Town of Coeymans. Check for postage and handling should be made payable to C. T. MALE ASSOCIATES, P.C.

The Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bids received, or to reject any or all Bids without explanation.

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

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## **BID OPENING**

Deputy Clerk Vatalaro opened the bids which were read aloud by Ed Vopelak, Engineer from C.T. Male.

Company	Base Bid	Alternate Bid
American Evergreen	\$197,000.00	\$59,000.00
ANJO Construction	\$148,600.00	\$38,500.00
Carver Construction	\$204,118.00	\$40,200.00
J&A Bayly Construction	\$175,200.00	\$36,000.00
Trinity Construction	\$188,913.00	\$49.220.00
Wm. J. Keller & Sons	\$159,940.00	\$28,200.00

Respectfully Submitted, **APPROVED** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held July 25, 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: Diane Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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## **OPENING COMMENT**

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

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Workshop, June 21, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, June 27, 2011
  - Town Board Workshop, July 19, 2011
  - Bid Opening, July 21, 2011
- Supervisor's Report June 2011
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, June 2011
  - Town Clerk, June 2011
  - Police Department, May 2011
- Old Business
  - ITS Quote
- New Business
  - Resignation of Coordinator of Cemetery Services
  - Health Insurance, Active Employees
  - Request to Surplus Police Vehicles
- Resolutions
  - Authorize Issuance of Serial Bonds & Bond Anticipation Notes for New Dump/Plow Truck
  - Authorize Issuance of Serial Bonds & Bond Anticipation Notes for Two Vehicles, Pickup Truck & Police Chief Vehicle
  - Amend Commercial Building Permit Fee Schedule
  - Amend Supervisor's Report
  - Amend Resolution #68-11
  - Amend Budget, Communications
  - Amend Budget, Other Compensation
  - Approve July 2011 Abstract
- Correspondence
- Town Board Workshops/Meeting
  - Town Board Workshop, August 16, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, August 22, 2011, 7:00pm

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that she was from the Hamlet of Coeymans and continued by reading the following:

"The Board is created to serve the needs of the community; Board members are elected to represent their citizens and their needs. The Board has negligently ignored legitimate damages caused by the Town and its infrastructure instead of protecting its residents and legitimate claims for damages from the Town's own insurance carrier. The Board has ignored the very people who elected them. This Board needs to do the right thing to make it right for the residents who have sustained damages."

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. John Allen** stated that he lives at 37 Westerlo Street and continued by reading the following:

"Towns were created and still exist by and for residents and to provide services and support for the people of the Towns which they are created by. We're concerned because there have been recent damages not to just Ms. Pasquini, but Ms. Conners and others that appear to people in the town to be cleanly and clearly caused by the Town's infrastructure, yet in spite of that this Board has consistently neglected at least to support its residents for legitimate claims for damages yet paid for other claims for damages for manure being on a road as a result of certain things. In spite of its own insurance carrier in allowing its insurance carrier to hide behind the public process, New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal is an insurance program run by and for local governments, in spite of that its responsibility, thinking that it is for local government should be to support its citizens when they have an appropriate legitimate claims of legitimate damages caused by the Town and Town's infrastructure. In spite of Supervisor Hotaling and Traver talking to this Board and reminding them of their responsibility and obligations to repair damages, this Board has consistently sided against town residents even going so far and as he understands, Councilman Touchette and Councilman Boehm cited lawsuits and litigations as a reason for issuing gag orders against town employees, which prevented them from responding to resident's concerns and addressing their issues when no law suits were yet present and yet had the municipal employees responded to concerns, maybe lawsuits would have been totally prevented. I'd like to demand that the Town consider immediately terminating the contract with NYMIR after finding an appropriate insurance carrier that will balance cost containment with responsiveness to its citizens who had legitimate concerns for damages and that the Town then further send a letter to the Counsel of Mayors and municipal officials as well as the Association of Counties, who are the ultimate owners of NYMIR that NYMIR is only providing support for towns and not support for people that are legitimately harmed by local processes. I understand from watching and listening to the meetings that Councilman Touchette consistently advance that residents be responsible for paying for hook-ups or other things as a part of the infrastructure for which we consistently paid taxes and sewer bills and other things as a result of the Town not appropriately insuring that the hook up were done years ago, often before many of us even bought those homes. I'd like to suggest and remind you that we have already paid our taxes, we've paid for the infrastructure and we would like to have the Town insure that the infrastructure is maintained appropriately, provides appropriate services and support and that when damages actually occur that the Town assists residents not by stonewalling and not by telling them that they will take care of it as he has heard it said in meetings a number of times when residents come forward with damages and yet they are told by the Town's insurance carrier that the Town has told them that they don't even own the infrastructure in some cases and in one case of the sewer they own it down to his house but all of the sudden it miraculously jumps from his house to the river by some process unknown to mankind but yet you don't own it although the rest of it you did own. We would like to ask that the Town do the appropriate thing, repair the damages to the infrastructure, not continue to cause residents concern and suffer more damages, Ms. Conners is an elderly woman whose house was

devastated by the recent floods that have happened down there and yet I understand from talking to her that almost as the letters passed in the night, her claim was denied even before it even got the insurance carrier, which seems to me absurd, these are calls by the Town, the Town knows that it owns the infrastructure, the Town should do the right thing.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Allen and continued by asking is anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Cynthia Kunz stated that sink holes and raw sewage are unacceptable but it is what is happening in the Hamlet, which is not right and it is unfair how the storm water and the sanitary sewage issues have impacted the homes of the Pasquini and Conners families. She added that they need to remember that an impact like this negatively affects how you live in your home when you are no longer comfortable through no fault of their own, which is important to remember. She continued by saying that they need to listen very carefully and one strand of support creates a rope and you never know when you are going to want the rope of support from the community in instances like this. She went on by saying that they have faith in their government and she has faith in them to do the right thing. She concluded by saying that she is not there to play a "blame game" but rather she is asking them to do the right thing by those two families with no wiggle room and no backtracking because it is too important and the families have lived here a long time, have well maintained their homes and paid taxes and the Board has to stand behind them and do the right thing.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Kunz and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Judy Sylvester** stated that she lives in Coeymans Hollow and is friends with Ms. Pasquini and she honestly thinks that it is time to step up to the plate and do something for her. She added that when there is raw sewage in your yard, it is time to step up to the plate and do the right thing.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Sylvester and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Gary Bogardus** stated that he does not pretend to know a lot about Coeymans but he has heard about problems for 3-4 years about the infrastructure down there and added that he thinks that they ought to put together a plan so they can put this problem behind them and move on. He continued by saying that maybe they can come up with a plan for the whole Hamlet so the people know where they are headed and what is going to happen.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Bogardus and added that he would respond by saying that Friday afternoon in his office he had a meeting with Chief Operator Breedlove, Highway Superintendent Deering and Code Enforcement Officer Conrad who is well versed in the Town's infrastructure, Councilman Touchette, Bookkeeper Chmielewski and Internal Control Officer Purinton and they did come up with a plan to deal with current issues and they are moving on it just as fast as they possibly can. He then asked if there were any other comments.

**Mr. Antonio Booth** stated that he is a Pastor at Riverview Baptist Church and added that each year they have a block party and this year it is August 20<sup>th</sup> and will be at the church and continued by saying that they wanted to inform the Town in case there is anything that they need to do. He went on by saying that they invited the Fire Company to come and do a demonstration and there will be a number of games and activities as well as free food for those who come. He concluded by saying that he wanted to invite everyone to come and reiterated that it is Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they did it last year and it was well attended and then asked if it will be the same sort of event this year.

Reverend Booth stated that it was well attended and it will be the same sort of event and it is free.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Reverend Booth and continued by asking if there were any other comments.

**Ms. Judy Sylvester** asked that Supervisor Youmans elaborate on the plan for the Hamlet and whether or not the people that are having the problems are going to be included in the planning.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there are multiple projects that need to be addressed and some of them they have already done to address certain problems such as laying \$5,000.00 worth of storm sewer pipe to the west of the Conner's property where the problem happened. He added that Highway Superintendent Deering has said that as soon as possible they will install a new manhole near Ms. Pasquini's property for the sanitary sewer, which is next on their list and on top of that there is a storm sewer replacement that needs to be done from Blaisdell Avenue down the hill, which they are going to do. He continued by saying that some say that there is sanitary sewer hooked up to the storm sewer, which is a problem and the sanitary sewer and storm sewer lay side by side and while they have it open they will look for whatever connections are made into the storm sewer with sanitary sewer and they will hook those into the sanitary sewer while they are there.

Ms. Sylvester asked if they have a ball park time frame and added that the best laid plans sometime blow up in your face and then asked if it will be taken care of within the next 2-3 months.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he can't speak in detail to Highway Superintendent's schedule.

Highway Superintendent interjected that it will be started within a week or so.

Ms. Sylvester stated that when he said that there was a plan, Supervisor Youmans didn't mention what they were and she really wanted to know what they were.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Sylvester and added that it certainly is long overdue and added that they are getting it done, they are doing it and they are doing the best they can. He then asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were four sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on June 21, 2011, a Town Board Meeting on June 27, 2011, a Town Board Workshop on July 19, 2011 and a Bid Opening on July 21, 2011 and then asked for a motion.

## **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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# SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

**June 2011** 

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$226,585.53	\$610,371.83	\$263,901.00	\$600,056.36
Part-Town	\$686,778.27	\$ 12,413.05	\$215,637.51	\$483,553.81
Highway	\$ 53,830.21	\$202,032.86	\$ 69,477.77	\$186,385.30
Highway Bridge Const.	\$ 4,365.12	\$ 42.22	-0-	\$ 4,407.34
Sewer	\$ 89,356.71	\$ 40,628.02	\$ 31,268.23	\$ 98,716.50
Special Water	\$ 23,280.68	\$ 717.02	-0-	\$ 23,997.70
Police For.	\$ 12,712.05	\$ 6,513.29	\$ 2,379.50	\$ 16,845.84
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 15,982.61	\$244,747.24	\$244,639.78	\$ 16,845.84
H-Fund Capital Proj.	\$114,805.52	\$ 42.35	\$ 169.50	\$114,678.39
Section 8 HUD Units 80	\$115,160.12	\$ 39,642.81	\$ 42,322.87	\$112,480.06
			Total Rec. Bal	\$1,657,211.37

# **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

# **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX. (DA) Hwy. Bridge 9 months \$85,000.00 10-07-11

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		<b>COLLATERAL</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Unemployment	\$ 1,644.15	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,788,376.40
Grove Cemetery	\$40,872.64	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 551,478.32
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,348.15			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,321.96			
Total	\$63,186.90			

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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# DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

## **Building Department – June 2011**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Building Department Monthly Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

#### Town Clerk – June 2011

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Clerk's Monthly Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### Police Department – May 2011

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

Chief Darlington continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Police Department Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **ITS Quote**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had asked that Councilmen Dolan and Touchette work on the ITS quote and in turn they had a meeting on Tuesday with Joe from ITS. He added that there has been some confusion with the contract with ITS and then asked that either Councilman Dolan or Councilman Touchette clarify where the Town is and where it is headed.

Councilman Touchette stated that there were two pieces to the original proposal, which dates back to sometime last year and added that one part of it was to revamp the system and bring it up to speed so everything is current such as current version software that is licensed to the Town as well as the networks being configured because there are two servers with the same domain name and there are issues with user names and passwords and reiterated that the first part was to bring the computer system up to current state-ofthe art and continued by saying that the second part of the solution is the on-going maintenance and troubleshooting, which were both approved by resolution at a Town Board Meeting. He went on by saying that somewhere along the line the first part of it was suspended or put on hold, which he is not sure how it happened and added that they continued with the maintenance part of the contract and there have been a lot of maintenance calls for issues that should have been addressed with the first part as well as issues with the server being a 2000 server, which will no longer be supported after next year and issues with the police network Live Scan and some of the things in the Police Department will be paid for with grant money. He continued by saying that they need to reaffirm the first part quote as modified because there have been a couple of things such as the server needing to be upgraded and added that the original quote for the work was almost \$12,000.00 and the current quote with the new server and other things that need to

be done is \$23,742.92 with part of it being paid for with grant money. He concluded by saying that if the Town does not do this, they are going to continue to have the problems that they have had in the past and it is only going to get worse.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that he was reviewing the quote and continued by saying that he is having a difficult time understanding it because it looks like the first 14 items that are listed appear to be equipment charges.

Councilman Touchette stated that is not necessarily true and added that the server licenses is not equipment.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he is trying to distinguish between what is the hard equipment purchase, licensing, etc. and what is the service component of the quote and added that if he is reading it correctly, items 2-14 deal with either equipment, licenses, memory upgrades and things of that sort and item 15-22 deal with some form of service that is being provided, such as server load & reload, server application migration, network configuration and continued by asking if it is the hours next to quantity that is being expended for each of the items.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is the number of machines in the case of load & reload.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch inquired as to if it is 20 machines that he will be working on.

Councilman Dolan stated that was true.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if it is the total price on the extended price for that particular component of what he is doing.

Councilman Dolan stated that was correct.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he is trying to get a handle on what the quote actually is.

Councilman Touchette stated that they may be able to save some money and added that in the Police Department there are a number of different work stations that are there because of the way the network is configured and added that the way that he understands it is that a computer had an individual log-on so one computer was dedicated to one person and they can not log-on to someone else's computer.

Chief Darlington stated that the ones that are individual are the ones in his and his secretary's office.

Councilman Touchette stated that his point is that they may look at it and determine how many work stations they need and they might be able to adjust the numbers.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there was any further discussion.

Chief Darlington stated that he is not sure what they are referring to as far as what may be covered by a grant and added that he knows what grants they have and some of it is purchasing equipment but he does not know if any of it is in the upgrade.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if it is the remote agent through Live Scan.

Chief Darlington stated that it may be equipment that's actually being purchased through Live Scan and added that he does not want to agree to it without knowing specifically.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to if they are currently paying for service calls because part two was not completed and added that she thought it was all included in the original, one lump sum to come fix and repair.

Councilman Touchette interjected that they didn't do that and what they did is continue with the maintenance part of it and added that they didn't address the real structural problems in the system.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to if this is why they are charging every time there is a call.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Town is not necessarily being charged more because of they are calls for problems because two of the servers are named the same thing as well as not all of the computers being up to Windows 2011, which would not happen if the computers were upgraded. He reiterated that they are not necessarily being charged more but rather the number of calls has increased with computers being down.

Supervisor Youmans stated that from a budgetary standpoint, they did not budget an additional \$23,000.00 this year for IT Services and he is somewhat surprised that there is still that much work left to do. He added that what they have worked with for a long time has been a patch work of computers and the system evolved over time with computers being added as it became necessary for each person to have a computer on their desk to do their job and in turn they added another server to handle it and ended up with a patch work. He continued by saying that IT infrastructure has become such an important part of Town Government business that people can't function without the proper equipment, which has to be working properly and they are at a point where there is four more months of this year and he is of the opinion that they need to fit this in the 2012 budget because he does not know where they would find an extra \$23,000.00. He then asked how everyone felt about it.

Councilman Touchette stated that the majority of it was approved last year and he does not know who put it on hold and Joe from ITS advised that he was given instructions not to proceed with it. He added that it is the cost of doing business and the fact that it has been ignored for a number of years is why it is catching up with them now.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he agrees and added that they are close to overspending that line item in the budget already this year. He continued by saying that he is not suggesting that they ignore it any further but rather they need to make a better plan going forward and he does not know how much of a difference the next four months will make in that plan.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if he is referring to a plan to address it or a plan to pay for it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that how to pay for it is his concern and added that he does not have an issue as to how it is proposed to be addressed.

Councilman Touchette asked Chief Darlington if he can install Live Scan.

Chief Darlington stated that he cannot and added that when they planned on Live Scan, it was his understanding that the infrastructure was either done or to be done and continued by saying that the infrastructure has to be in place in order for the Live Scan to be installed and he does not know if the grant will hold open until 2012 and they might lose the \$30,000.00 grant.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they need to find out.

Councilman Boehm stated that the Live Scan allows them to transmit fingerprints.

Chief Darlington stated that as of right now on an average of 3-4 hours a month he has to pay someone to go to East Greenbush and have the fingerprints scanned, which is another unfunded mandate by New York State. He added that they can no longer send the cards in to DCJS and they have to be scanned and this would alleviate that.

Supervisor Youmans stated that his question would be what portion of the \$23,000.00 has to be done in order to make the Live Scan work and if in fact they would lose the grant

money if it is not done by the end of the year because there is a lot that does not have anything to do with Live Scan.

Chief Darlington stated that was correct.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they need to get more information and reiterated that his concern as always is how they are going to pay for it and as he said earlier they are close to overspending that budget line already at the end of July with several months to go.

Chief Darlington stated that there is an expense to do it but they also have to realize what the expense will be when they lose everything because the Police Department's infrastructure as well as the Town's is on the verge of being unsupported.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it certainly needs to be addressed.

Chief Darlington stated that this is the third year that they have discussed addressing it and have approved it and added that it is getting very frustrating. He added that law enforcement is high in technology and everything is done by transmission and on a system that should be all by its self transmitting tickets and they have to go to a computer and push a button because the system won't keep up with the technology of the rest of the world and reiterated that it is frustrating.

Supervisor Youmans asked how everyone felt about taking another month to digest it a little better and look for possible funding solutions.

Chief Darlington stated that one funding possibility might be the Archiving Grant and there was some money originally available for that and added that he will look up what the grant was and if it is still available. He continued by saying that a lot of it is the backing up of it all and involves off-site backup.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will bring it up again at the next meeting and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

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## NEW BUSINESS

## **Resignation of Cemetery Coordinator**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a resignation from Cemetery Coordinator Hotaling by letter dated July 18<sup>th</sup> and continued by reading the following:

Dear Town Supervisor and Town Board Members:

I hereby resign from the post of Cemetery Coordinator effective immediately.

I have turned in all keys, and information that was given to me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. Hotaling

Supervisor Youmans continued by saying that he wanted to thank Mr. Hotaling for his services as Cemetery Coordinator who did an excellent job and then asked for a motion to accept his resignation.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the resignation was accepted.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

## **Health Insurance – Active Employees**

Supervisor Youmans stated that earlier in the month he provided the Board with a spread sheet for health insurance for active employees and added that he met with Susan King, the Human Resource Clerk and a representative from Benetech, who handles the Town's health insurance. He continued by saying that after a close comparison analysis, it seems apparent that the best way to go is to renew the current plan, which is a 5.8% increase, which sounds like a lot but when you hear of 20-40% increases; 5.8% on a family plan is that you go from a monthly premium of \$1,255.00 to \$1,293.00. He continued by saying that he is aware of what the employees go through with their health insurance and having to find new doctors when it changes and in turn having to get records transferred and if they have a cost effective way, which he views it as being, to not have everyone change their insurance plan it makes sense to him. He concluded by saying that his recommendation is that they renew the CDPHP HMO 25 Plan and then asked if there were any questions.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the way that he reads it the increase in family is only 3.1%.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is 5.8% for the individual, 5.7% for the employee plus 1, and 3.1% for the family.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is excellent compared to others that he has heard about.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the contract does not need to be signed until early September and added that he need authorization from the Board to tell Benetech what their intentions are so they can go ahead and start the process.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Council, authorizing Supervisor Youmans to contact Benetech to indicate that they will be renewing the CDPHP HMO 25 Plan.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Request to Surplus Police Vehicle**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a request from Chief Darlington to surplus a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, which is a police car that has reached the end of its useful life and has been replaced. He added that as they are aware, they have been surplusing the vehicles through Auctions International, which is a website that opens it up to bidders all over the country and is a good way to dispose of the equipment because it gives them more exposure and the Town has done well with it. He then offered a motion.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing Chief Darlington to surplus the 2006 Crown Victoria.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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## RESOLUTIONS

# RES. #71-11 AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF \$54,756.00 SERIAL BONDS AND ISSUANCE OF BAN FOR SAME

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$54,756.00 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS TO PAY THE COST OF TWO NEW

VEHICLES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$54,756.00 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The specific object or purpose for which the obligations authorized by this Bond Resolution are to be issued is purchase of (a) a new pickup truck for use by the Parks Department at a cost not to exceed approximately \$23,656 and (b) a new vehicle for use by the Police Chief at a cost not to exceed approximately \$31,100, to replace similar vehicles previously in service, and related preliminary and incidental costs (the "Project"), and this specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$54,756.00

Section 2. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost of the Project is the issuance of up to \$54,756.00 serial bonds and/or bond anticipation notes of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 107(d)(9), a down payment from current funds is not required.

<u>Section 3</u>. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose is three (3) years pursuant to Section 11(a)(77) of the New York Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such years. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable.

<u>Section 5.</u> For the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of the Project, there are hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Town up to a maximum amount of \$54,756.00, the maximum maturity of which shall not exceed the period of probable usefulness set forth above, and which shall mature on or before such date as measured from the date of the bonds or from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. Such bonds may be in the form of a Statutory Installment Bond pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 62.10.

<u>Section 6</u>. There are hereby authorized to be issued bond anticipation notes for the specific object or purpose in an amount up to but not exceeding the \$54,756.00 maximum amount of serial bonds authorized to be issued, in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds authorized, including renewals of such bond anticipation notes.

<u>Section 7</u>. Any bond anticipation notes shall be payable from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds or otherwise redeemed in the manner provided by Section 23.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the bond anticipation notes and the interest on them.

<u>Section 8</u>. There are no bond anticipation notes outstanding which have been previously issued in anticipation of the sale of these bonds. Neither are the bond anticipation notes hereby authorized renewal notes. These bond anticipation notes will not be issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement. These notes shall mature at such time as the Town may determine and may be renewed from time to time, provided that in no event shall such notes or renewals extend more than one (1) year beyond the original date of issue except as permitted in the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 9.</u> Subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this Resolution and the renewal of these notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and the power to sell and deliver the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds issued pursuant to this Resolution by manual or facsimile signature, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix or impress or imprint a facsimile of the seal of the Town to any of the serial bonds or bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal by manual or facsimile signature. If executed by facsimile signature, such obligation shall be authenticated by the manual countersignature of the Town Clerk or a designated fiscal agent. The Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent of the provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 10.** The exact date of issuance of the bonds and/or notes and the exact date upon which they shall become due and payable shall be fixed and determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, provided, however, that the maturity of the notes or renewals shall not exceed one (1) year from the date of issue except as permitted by the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 11</u>. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall prepare the bonds and/or notes and sell them in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and at such sale shall determine the interest rate to be borne by such bonds and/or notes, and whether fixed or variable. The Town Board authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to establish substantially level annual debt service for the repayment of such Bonds if he believes it is in the best interests of the Town.

<u>Section 12</u>. If issued, the notes shall be in registered form and shall bear interest at the determined rate.

<u>Section 13.</u> The Chief Fiscal Officer shall deliver the bonds and/or notes to the purchaser only against a certified check or other immediately available funds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds and/or notes shall be deposited and/or invested as required by Section 165.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the power to invest the proceeds of sale is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer and the power to invest in any instruments described in Section 165.00 is expressly granted.

<u>Section 14.</u> To the extent that it is permitted to do so under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Town hereby designates the bonds and/or notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Town hereby covenants that it will (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be excluded from gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be included in gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes.

<u>Section 15.</u> Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC, Glens Falls, New York, is hereby designated bond counsel.

<u>Section 16</u>. This Resolution shall be published in full, or a summary of this Resolution shall be published, in *The Ravena News Herald*, which has been designated as the official newspaper of the Town, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 17.** The validity of these serial bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) These obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution or a summary thereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the State Constitution.

**Section 18.** The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that Town Clerk Millious should call a roll.

Town Clerk Millious continued by doing a roll call vote as follows:

ROLL CALL: Youmans – Aye, Rogers – Aye, Boehm – Aye, Touchette – Aye, Dolan - Aye

The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Town Board.

# RES. #72-11 AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF \$175,474.00 SERIAL BONDS AND ISSUANCE OF BAN FOR SAME

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$175,474.00 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS TO PAY THE COST OF A NEW DUMP/PLOW TRUCK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO

\$175,474.00 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The specific object or purpose for which the obligations authorized by this Bond Resolution are to be issued is a new dump/plow truck, and related preliminary and incidental costs (the "Project"), and this specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$175,474.00.

<u>Section 2</u>. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost of the Project is the issuance of up to \$175,474.00 serial bonds and/or bond anticipation notes of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 107(d)(9), a down payment from current funds is not required.

**Section 3.** It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose is fifteen (15) years pursuant to Section 11(a)(28) of the New York Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five (5) years.

<u>Section 4.</u> The faith and credit of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such years. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable.

<u>Section 5</u>. For the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of the Project, there are hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Town up to a maximum amount of \$175,474.00, the maximum maturity of which shall not exceed the period of probable usefulness set forth above, and which shall mature on or before such date as measured from the date of the bonds or from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. Such bonds may be in the form of a Statutory Installment Bond pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 62.10.

**Section 6.** There are hereby authorized to be issued bond anticipation notes for the specific object or purpose in an amount up to but not exceeding the \$175,474.00 maximum amount of serial bonds authorized to be issued, in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds authorized, including renewals of such bond anticipation notes.

<u>Section 7</u>. Any bond anticipation notes shall be payable from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds or otherwise redeemed in the manner provided by Section 23.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the bond anticipation notes and the interest on them.

**Section 8.** There are no bond anticipation notes outstanding which have been previously issued in anticipation of the sale of these bonds. Neither are the bond anticipation notes

hereby authorized renewal notes. These bond anticipation notes will not be issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement. These notes shall mature at such time as the Town may determine and may be renewed from time to time, provided that in no event shall such notes or renewals extend more than one (1) year beyond the original date of issue except as permitted in the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this Resolution and the renewal of these notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and the power to sell and deliver the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds issued pursuant to this Resolution by manual or facsimile signature, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix or impress or imprint a facsimile of the seal of the Town to any of the serial bonds or bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal by manual or facsimile signature. If executed by facsimile signature, such obligation shall be authenticated by the manual countersignature of the Town Clerk or a designated fiscal agent. The Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent of the provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 10.** The exact date of issuance of the bonds and/or notes and the exact date upon which they shall become due and payable shall be fixed and determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, provided, however, that the maturity of the notes or renewals shall not exceed one (1) year from the date of issue except as permitted by the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 11</u>. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall prepare the bonds and/or notes and sell them in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and at such sale shall determine the interest rate to be borne by such bonds and/or notes, and whether fixed or variable. The Town Board authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to establish substantially level annual debt service for the repayment of such Bonds if he believes it is in the best interests of the Town.

<u>Section 12</u>. If issued, the notes shall be in registered form and shall bear interest at the determined rate.

Section 13. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall deliver the bonds and/or notes to the purchaser only against a certified check or other immediately available funds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds and/or notes shall be deposited and/or invested as required by Section 165.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the power to invest the proceeds of sale is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer and the power to invest in any instruments described in Section 165.00 is expressly granted.

**Section 14.** To the extent that it is permitted to do so under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Town hereby designates the bonds and/or notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Town

hereby covenants that it will (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be excluded from gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be included in gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes.

<u>Section 15.</u> Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Haffner, LLC, Glens Falls, New York, is hereby designated bond counsel.

<u>Section 16.</u> This Resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Article 7 of Town Law and Section 35 of Local Finance Law, and shall not take effect until such time as provided. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to post and publish the notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum.

**Section 17.** This Resolution shall be published in full, or a summary of this Resolution shall be published, in *The Ravena News Herald*, which has been designated as the official newspaper of the Town, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 18.** The validity of these serial bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) These obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution or a summary thereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the State Constitution.

**Section 19.** The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that Town Clerk Millious should call a roll.

Town Clerk Millious continued by doing a roll call vote as follows:

ROLL CALL: Youmans – Aye, Rogers – Aye, Boehm – Aye, Touchette – Aye, Dolan - Aye

The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Town Board.

**RES. #73-11 AMEND COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE** On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has adopted a fee schedule located in Chapter A170, Article 1 of the Town Code, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has adopted by Local Law Chapter 71 Building Construction and Fire Prevention, and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 71, Section 71-16 allows the Town Board to establish and amend fees from time to time by resolution,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans amends A170 Section A170-1 (F) of the Town Code as follows:

## (F.) Commercial Building Construction

- 1. Each 1,000 square feet of area or fraction thereof: \$200.00 for occupied structures.
- 2. Each 1,000 square feet of area or traction thereof: \$100.00 for unoccupied structures (storage buildings/pole barns)

Councilman Boehm asked that Supervisor Youmans go over the purpose of the resolution.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it has been brought to their attention that when someone wanted to construct a 50,000-60,000 square foot storage building, the fee structure takes into account the building inspections that must be done on those sites and a pole barn, salt shed or unoccupied storage building that has no insulation, plumbing and minimal electric, is going to be a lot less of an inspection process for the Building Department than would say a 20,000 square foot apartment building with plumbing and electrical where someone would have to go everyday to keep up on the inspections. He added that it's really an attempt to be a little more reasonable for individuals and businesses that may wish to build such structures.

Councilman Boehm asked if it is currently going on at the Port of Coeymans.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is nothing currently being built there that he is aware of that this would pertain to but a possibility of it in the future.

Councilman Boehm stated that he was made aware that he is planning a structure.

Councilman Touchette stated that it is anticipated.

Supervisor Youmans stated that if it is a structure of 60,000 square feet being contemplated, the way it is now it would be \$12,000.00 worth of building permits for something that the CEO would have to inspect when the footings and concrete walls are poured and then again when it's complete. He added that it would be the same fee schedule as an occupied building like an apartment building and when it was brought to his attention it seemed excessive to him. He then asked if there were any further comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

## RES. #74-11 AMEND SUPERVISOR REPORTS FOR MARCH, APRIL & MAY

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

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor's Report for March, April and May 2011 were read and accepted at the regular Town Board Meetings of April 25, 2011, May 23, 2011, and June 27, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the reports listed a Certificate of Deposit for the (DB) Highway Account for \$85,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the Certificate of Deposit should have been for the (DA) Bridge Account of 85,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the above mentioned Supervisor's Reports to reflect the (DA) Bridge Account.

#### **RES. #75-11 AMEND BUDGET – COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans passed Resolution #68-11 at the regular Town Board Meeting held on June 27, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, a typographical error occurred in the coding, which was listed as A1111.2 and which should have been listed as A1110.2.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend Resolution #68-11 to read as follows:

## **Increase Appropriation**

A1110.2 Equipment & Capital \$7,848.00

## RES. #76-11 AMEND BUDGET – COMMUNICATIONS

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

**WHEREAS**, the following equipment: 2007 Ford Crown Victoria - \$2,950.00, 2003 Ford Crown Victoria - \$761.00, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria - \$2,500.00, and a Pitney Bowes copier - \$104.00 were sold at Auction International, and

**WHEREAS**, the General (A) Fund does not have a revenue line item A2665 – Sale of Equipment in the 2011 Adopted Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of creating such a line item in the 2011 Adopted Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby create line item A2665 – Sale of Equipment, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2011 Adopted Budget as follows:

## **Increase Revenue**

A2665 Sale of Equipment \$6,315.00

#### **Increase Appropriations**

A3020.2 Communications

Equipment & Capital \$6,315.00

## **RES. #77-11 AMEND BUDGET - OTHER COMPENSATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has received funds from the Village of Ravena Court, and

**WHEREAS**, the funds were for restitution for damages to the Coeymans Town Hall Court entrance, and

**WHEREAS**, the General (A) Fund does not have a revenue line item A2690 – Other Compensation for Loss in the 2011 Adopted Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of creating such a line item in the 2011 Adopted Budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby create line item A2690 – Other Compensation for Loss, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2011 Adopted Budget as follows:

## **Increase Revenue**

A2690 Other Compensation for Loss \$267.28

#### **Increase Appropriations**

A1620.4 Town Hall Contractual \$267.28

#### RES. #78-11 APPROVE JULY 2011 ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE 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 July 2011 Abstract

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	1538-1559	\$ 14,194.66
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	Sewer Total	\$ 30,960.86
CAPITAL PROJ. (H36)		
Capital Projects	1560	\$ 60.00
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 60.00
CAP. PROJ. (H-37)		
Capital Projects	1561	\$ 1,306.10
Capital Flojects	1301	\$ 1,500.10
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 1,306.10
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	Total for all Funds	\$301,267.11
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1452-1458	\$215,975.36
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## TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, August 16, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, August 22, 2011, 7:00pm

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## ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he wanted to mention that the Farmer's Market is off to a good start with two produce vendors, two bakers, a food concession from the Ravena Hose Company and a young woman selling her fine art photography as well as some community events or features and this week they will be featuring Master Storyteller David Ross.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that the Summer Recreation Program is going strong and will be concluding on August 5<sup>th</sup> and added that if there are kids that want something to do they can go to Mosher Park.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilwoman Rogers asked Chief Darlington how the lines are coming for the tower.

Chief Darlington stated that it is going good and added that he just received a letter indicating that the Town will soon start receiving the revenue rents from AT&T and added that they are pouring the slabs this week for their building and continued by saying that they are still in negotiations with Verizon.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any further comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would miss working with Rich Hotaling and added that he was good to work with and her staff will miss him as well and he had a lot of knowledge with the cemeteries. She added that hunting licenses will be going on sale mid August.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would echo Town Clerk Millious' comments about Mr. Hotaling and the job that he did as Cemetery Coordinator and added that it is a job that requires some pretty detailed record keeping as well as a little bit of specialized knowledge. He continued by saying that if there is anyone who is home watching the meeting or anyone who is present, knows someone who is interested in the position, which is a paid position at \$200.00 a month, they should contact his office. He concluded by saying that it is an important function of Town Government since the Town now owns three cemeteries and reiterated that if anyone is interested they should call his office and express their interest and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that the police car that they ordered back in January finally arrived and will be going in service the following day and continued by saying that he had discussed with the Supervisor putting the Chief's car out to bid.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the car is not currently available on State Contract and he would like to move that they start to move the process along because it is going to take some time to get bids and in turn order the vehicle.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing Chief Darlington to seek bids for a new police vehicle.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – APPROVED – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if it is a 2011 or 2012.

Chief Darlington stated that it is a 2012.

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

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **MOTION**

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

APPROVED – VOTE 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED -

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Workshop was held August 16, 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 Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Vatalaro, Deputy Town Clerk

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### **AGENDA**

- Appointment of Marriage Officer
- Cemetery Services Coordinator
- Metering Project Recommendation of Award
- Storm Sewer Project

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#### ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Youmans offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 6:25pm

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session commenced in the Supervisor's Office immediately following the motion to adjourn. The full Town Board was present for discussion of personnel issues, no action was taken.

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## RECONVENE MEETING & ADJOURN

Supervisor Youmans reconvened the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 6	:51	pm
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Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held August 22, 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:** Diane Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

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

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Route 143 Paving
  - Town Offices Closed, September 5, 2011
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, July 25, 2011
- Supervisor's Report July 2011
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, July 2011
  - Police Department, June & July 2011
  - Town Clerk, July 2011
- Old Business
  - Award Bid for Surplus Equipment
- New Business
  - Request to Surplus Police Equipment, Generator
  - Request for Authorization to Sign DWI Agreement
  - Request for Authorization to Sign E-Waste Alliance Network Electronics Recycling Services Agreement
  - Request by Assessor to Attend NYS Institute of Assessing Officers Seminar
  - Contract for Services, Ravena Grange
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Coordinator of Cemetery Services
  - Appoint Marriage Officer
  - Amend Supervisor Report H-Fund, June 2011
  - Approve Abstract, August 2011
- Correspondence
  - Albany County Sheriff's Office
- Town Board Workshops/Meeting
  - Town Board Meeting, September 12, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, September 20, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, September 26, 2011, 7:00pm

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Route 143 Paving**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were a couple of public announcements and continued by reading the following:

"As most of you and the viewing audience may already be aware, the Department of Transportation will be paving Route 143 from Nolan Road to Route 32, starting on August 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be Monday to Friday, 6:00am to 6:00pm. It is a mobile operation, flagger's will be in the road with the equipment; no detours will be created. They have planned it as a two-part operation. The asphalt will be milled and laid back down, then it will have to sit for 10 days before they can pave over it. It will be drivable and temporary markings will be put down. The whole process will take about one month."

Supervisor Youmans continued by saying that this has been a long time coming and he is grateful that they have decided to undertake that project and then asked how far out they are

Councilman Boehm stated that it is to Rte. 111.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they are moving fast.

Councilman Boehm stated that the nice thing about it is that from Rte. 9W to Rte. 32 there is going to be a nice road.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the road has been a source of bent rims, tires, damaged vehicles and reiterated that it has been a long time coming. He added that there has been some community involvement in the form of petitions and he knows when Assemblyman Gordon was in office, he worked for the Town on it as well as Councilman Boehm working tirelessly on it, which is an extremely positive thing.

## **Town Office Closed – Labor Day**

Supervisor Youmans continued by reading the following:

"On Monday, September 5, 2011, all Town Offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day. As always, the closing of Town Offices does not include the Police Department, which is a 24-hour, 7-day operation."

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Mary Driscoll read the following: "This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001, I am sure that everyone can remember where you were when you heard the horrible news of the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. The victims of that devastating attack were every day citizens just going about their everyday activities, certainly unaware that they soon would become heroes in everyone's hearts forever. This year on September 11, 2011, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veteran's of Foreign War Post 9594 will be hosting a Remembrance Walk as a way to honor all the sacrifices that were made on that fateful day. We will be joining thousands of Villages, Towns and Cities all over the United States in remembering those who gave their lives that day. The Remembrance Walk will be held at the Village of Ravena Municipal Building at 2:00pm, at that time we will be honoring the members of our local fire companies, rescue squad and police department. With the same train of thought as the heroic members of the New York City fire companies, rescue squads and police departments, our neighbors put their lives on the line every time they answer a call. This ceremony will give us all a chance to show our appreciation, not only for the victims and heroes of 9/11 but also for our local heroes. I would like to stress that this ceremony is

not in any way politically motivated nor is it a fund raiser; it is simply a way to express our gratitude for living in our great country where we are free to remember and honor our everyday heroes. We would like to extend an invitation to everybody in our community to join us at the Remembrance Walk on September 11 at 2pm at the Village of Ravena Municipal Building on Mountain Road.

Collectively the Town Board thanked Ms. Driscoll.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he also thanked the Ladies Auxiliary and added that it seems an appropriate way to mark that very dark day in our nation's history. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that first of all she wanted to thank Mr. Deering and his crew for doing an excellent job on the sanitary sewer at her house working and getting up the storm sewer. She continued by saying that second of all she wanted to straighten something out and went on by saying that she had a few friends and other people who heard about her story at the last Town Board Meeting who spoke and said a few things and in turn one of them was told that they should get their facts straight before they speak and she is there to straighten the facts out. She added that back in 2007 the Town's sanitary sewer line backed up from Westerlo Street up to the barn and flooded her property completely and she has pictures if anyone would like to see them, and her lateral popped up out of the ground and she had sewer everywhere, this was when she found out that she was not hooked in to the sewer, which was the same time when Supervisor Hotaling found out as well as Councilman Touchette who was there as well. She went on by saying that in asking where her sewer was running, it was running in the storm sewer and right into the Hudson River along with several other homes and houses up and down the street and she was told that day that the sanitary sewer would be taken care of and that she would be hooked in immediately. She continued by saying that she wanted to set the record straight that the people that were there speaking knew the facts and didn't think that they had to put it on public TV that her sewer was running into the storm sewer along with several other homes, which they are all aware of. She added that the second thing that she wanted to get straight is that she was there when they dug up the sewer and found the hole, which was a foot and a half by 2 foot and she has pictures of that also and for someone to say that it is the texture of the soil is bizarre and she would like to see the Engineer Degree of the person that came up with that idea. She went on by saying that her neighbor built nothing on his property and his property came all the way down in and she does not agree that it is the texture of the soil and she will never agree with it and reiterated that she wants to see some Engineer Degrees of the people that said that. She concluded by thanking the Board for their time.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini for her time and continued by saying that he wanted to set the record straight by saying that the hole that was found in the storm sewer was at least 20 feet to the east of her residence and there were no signs of soil undermining or dirt and water commingling in that storm sewer. He added that they stuffed a camera up the storm sewer and it was found to be intact and continued by saying that his heart goes out to her that there were problems with the addition.

Ms Pasquini interjected that she wanted to ask him what he meant by intact.

Supervisor Youmans asked that Ms. Pasquini allow him to finish and that by intact he means that the top is not compromised, not broken and not collapsed, which was stated. He added that frankly the dirt that they dug around the foundation, which he has pictures of, has ashes, clam shells and everything else in it and they do believe that it is a soil compaction issue. He continued by saying that he does not want to get into a back and forth with her but he wanted to clarify the Town's case.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she didn't want to either and added that as far as the storm sewer, whoever built the storm sewer is who put the dirt on the storm sewer and it was not her and added that as far as the hole, a hole is a hole, it does draw that and with her sewer still being in it, and with laundry, dishwasher and shower, things are still being flushed out. She continued by saying that she didn't want to put Mr. Deering on the spot but he

was there and found the hole and came out and said that it was the problem and he had seen it before and someone with 35 years experience knows better than someone that has none

**Ms. Barbara Tanner** stated that she had read in the News Herald about the fiasco that is going on at the old Marshall's Garage, was not approved and added that she went by there Saturday and there were people cleaning cars and moving cars up to the front. She added that something is going on and she really hopes that something is done about it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he could speak to that a little bit and added that he can certainly understand her concerns and in being someone that worked in that location for a pretty big part of his life, it is saddening to him to see the condition of the property. He added that the Planning Board has an obligation to determine if it is an appropriate use of the property and they gave him 180 days and by his calculation it does not run out until late October. He concluded by saying that he would mention her concerns to the Code Enforcement Officer and asks that he keep an eye on it and make sure that there is nothing improper going on there.

Ms. Tanner inquired as to if he knew the date was for the 180 days.

Supervisor Youmans stated that off the top of his head he doesn't and added that it is his recollection that it puts it in late October and continued by saying that he shares her concern. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Jeff Sorenson stated that he is the President of the Capital District Titan's Baseball Club and added that on behalf of the team he wanted to thank the Town Board, in particular Tom Dolan for allowing them to use the field at the Coeymans Landing Park for their home games this season. He continued by saying that with the help of the Town and the families of the players they were able to turn what was a deteriorating ball field into a resource for the entire community and they purchased material to renovate the infield, built a pitcher's mound, built benches and installed protective fencing in front of the benches. He went on by saying that the team players participated in the Albany County Global Youth Service Day where they came and spent the day cleaning and painting the shed, cleaning up the grounds and trying to make the park look nice for the Town. He added that he also wanted to recognize Nelson Perry for the great work that he has done down there and he really helps in maintaining the field, mowing the field and keeping it in good shape and everyone that came down there that they played from other communities had nothing but positive things to say about that area down there. He continued by saying that they would be remiss if they didn't thank the Town Board, specifically Tom Dolan and also Nelson as well as thanking the Ravena Youth Soccer Club for being such a willing partner in sharing the field with them. He concluded by saying that they are looking forward to doing even more repairs and renovations next year and they hope to partner with the Town in doing it.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to what more needed to be done.

Mr. Sorenson stated that there is some work that needs to be done in terms of the backstop where there is some loose fencing as well as convert the grass infield, with the Town's permission, and purchase some dirt to put down to make it a regular infield. He continued by saying that they would have to work with the soccer club because they don't want to do anything that will interfere with what they are doing. He reiterated that he wanted to thank them and added that he looks forward to working with them in the upcoming season.

Supervisor Youmans stated that personally he is thrilled to see the park land used for positive activities for young people. He added that they mow it anyway and it is great to see that it is being put to more use.

Mr. Sorenson stated that these are challenging economic times and he didn't want to leave the impression that they are using Town resources to do this and continued by saying that they have been using their own money through donations and fundraising and he wanted to be clear that it is not Town money that they are spending.

Councilman Boehm stated that he has seen several kids use the baseball field when they are not down there and added that they would not have been able to had they not made the improvements.

Mr. Sorenson stated that there is a great kick-ball team down there every night.

Councilman Boehm stated that it's a great benefit to the community.

Mr. Sorenson said that it is why they are doing it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to reiterate that Mr. Sorenson and members of his team spent a lot of time and a good deal of resources getting the infield into shape building a pitchers mound and building benches with their own money. He added that as Councilman Boehm had said, it is being used every night, regardless of whether the Titan's are playing or not and he had spoken with Doug Porter, who is involved with the Soccer League and he was saying how wonderful the cooperation with the baseball team was and whenever there was a possibility of a conflict, they worked it out themselves. He continued by saying that he had given both teams his cell phone number in case of a problem and he never had a call because they worked it out. He concluded by saying that the field was used this year more than it ever was.

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

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on July 25, 2011 and then asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

#### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

**July 2011** 

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$600,056.36	\$ 57,007.43	\$186,832.01	\$470,231.78
Part-Town	\$483,553.81	\$398,012.07	\$ 21,867.97	\$859,697.91
Highway	\$186,385.30	\$ 359.55	\$ 51,368.18	\$135,376.67
Inghway	ψ100,505.50	ψ 557.55	Ψ 21,200.10	ψ133,370.07
Highway Bridge Const.	\$ 4,407.34	\$ 32.03	-0-	\$ 4,439.37
Sewer	\$ 98,716.50	\$ 58,436.17	\$ 32,101.78	\$125,050.89
Special Water	\$ 23,997.70	\$ 5.09	-0-	\$ 24,002.79
Special Water	ψ 23,771.10	φ 5.07	-0-	ψ 2π,002.77
Police For.	\$ 16,845.84	\$ 4.42	-0-	\$ 16,850.26
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 16,090.97	\$216,289.58	\$216,026.98	\$ 16,352.67

H-Fund Capital Proj.	\$ 58,157.16	\$ 17.47	-0-	\$ 58,174.63
Section 8 HUD Units 80	\$112,480.06	\$ 43,578.92	\$ 42,518.48	\$113,540.50
			Total Rec. Bal	\$1,823,717.47

## **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

#### **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX. (DA) Hwy. Bridge 9 months \$85,000.00 10-07-11

SAVINGS ACCOU	NTS	<u>COLLATERAL</u>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Unemployment	\$ 1,644.57	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,917,791.87
Grove Cemetery	\$40,883.04	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 548,008.09
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,351.80			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,323.57			
Total	\$63,202.98			

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

## Police Department – June & July 2011

Supervisor Youmans asked that Chief Darlington give the Police Department Monthly Reports for June & July.

Chief Darlington continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the reports.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the reports were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

#### Town Clerk - July 2011

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to comment on the upcoming elections and added that there will be a Primary Election for the Conservative and Independence Parties on Tuesday, September 13, and the polls will be open from 12:00pm to 9:00pm. She added that there is a major change and she wanted to encourage people that when they get their little yellow postcard in the mail, to really look at them because there are a lot of changes. She continued by saying that they will no longer have a polling site at the First District and District One and Two will now be at the Coeymans Fire House at 67

Church Street in Coeymans, District Three will move to the Congregational Christian Church at 175 Main Street, District Four, which use to be the Congregational Christian Church will now be at the R-C-S High School at 2025 US Rte. 9W, Districts 5 & 6 will be at the Coeymans Hollow Fire House with the elimination of District 7. She continued by saying that some people will have no change but a lot will and this is due to the Albany County Legislative redistricting and mapping. She concluded by reiterating that she encourages people to look at their cards and if they have any questions they can call either her office or the Board of Elections and concluded by saying that she will be mentioning it at every meeting prior to the election.

#### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

## **Building Department – July 2011**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans 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

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

## Request to Award Bid for Surplus Equipment

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request from Chief Darlington to award a bid for surplus equipment and added that it is for a 1998 Jeep Cherokee Sport with the high bid being \$419.77 and continued by saying that he would move to accept that bid.

## MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Boehm awarding the bid to the high bidder for \$419.77.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans stated that to streamline the process going forward, he would suggest that when they authorize the auctioning of the equipment, that they also authorize acceptance of the highest bid because in the summer when they only have one Workshop and one Meeting, if they authorize an item to go out to bid, they would then have to wait a month to accept a bid and sometimes you end up with buyers remorse and you lose your bid. He continued by saying that particularly with something as low in value as the Cherokee and concluded by saying that it is something that they ought to change.

Chief Darlington stated that this went out to bid three times and when this bid ended it was three weeks out for approval and Auctions International was concerned that they would lose it.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if there is a reserve or minimum bid on items that they put on there.

Chief Darlington stated that normally they don't unless there is something that they know has a value or value to the Town that they can set it at.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what would prevent the Jeep from going for \$100.00.

Chief Darlington stated that he has to give the approval and added that if he feels as though he can get more by taking it to a junk yard he would not approve it and added that he believes that it would have been \$250.00 as junk.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Request to Surplus Police Equipment**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request to surplus police equipment, which is a generator and continued by reading the following e-mail from the Chief:

"I am requesting that we put the Onan 7.5kw generator and transfer switch as surplus equipment and auction it. The generator currently is at the tower site and is to large for its purpose there and the transfer switch does not work. I would like to auction this off and use the proceeds to purchase a smaller more efficient unit for back-up power at the tower site for our police/fire/highway/ems transmitters."

Supervisor Youmans asked Chief Darlington if he had an idea as to what the generator could be worth at this point.

Chief Darlington stated that he doesn't and added that it is an older generator that was used to run Town Hall years ago. He added that it went out to the tower and was transferred to propane and continued by saying that it runs but to fix the transfer switch, it would probably be cheaper to buy the generator that they really need out there. He continued by saying that it is only running four repeaters and the one out there would run the whole Town Hall building.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to how much a new generator would be.

Chief Darlington stated that he hasn't priced a new one and added that it was a thought process of dealing with out there and if the Board approves, he will look into the processes that are needed. He added that he believes that it won't be more than a couple thousand based on some quick figures in talking to some people.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to if it would be worth more as scrap.

Chief Darlington stated that the generator is worth more as an operating unit and added that the switch is probably worth more for parts.

Councilman Boehm interjected that local residents can bid on the auction items by going to the website like everyone else.

Chief Darlington stated that it is <a href="www.auctionsinternational.com">www.auctionsinternational.com</a>.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he moves that they authorize the Chief to put the generator out to bid and to accept the highest bid within reason.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing Chief Darlington to put the generator out to bid and to accept the highest bid within reason.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

## **Authorization to Sign DWI Agreement**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of the Albany County Stop DWI Agreement, which needs his signature and then asked for a motion.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman, authorizing the Supervisor to sign and execute the Albany County Stop DWI Agreement, which is Contract #11-251.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

## **Authorization to Sign E-Waste Alliance Network Electronics Recycling Service Agreement**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the E-Waste Alliance Network Electronics Recycling Service Agreement needs his signature and added that it is the Town's Electronics Recycling Program. He continued by saying that for anyone not familiar with the Program, there are many with old computers, tv's and other electronics of every shape and form sitting in their basements that they have no way of disposing of easily and this is a company that recycles those items, which is no charge to the Town resident. He added that the only requirements are that you are a Town resident and will deliver the items to the Beautification Building, which is the old Coeymans Firehouse on South Main Street in Coeymans. He continued by saying that it is a win-win, it does not cost the Town anything and it does not cost the resident to drop off any old electronics.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if a date had been set.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to clarify that it is not a general drop-off at the Beautification Building and it will be certain dates and times.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there would be a subsequent announcement as to the date and time that you will be permitted to bring the items. He then asked for a motion authorizing him to sign the contract.

#### MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Contract with Rochester Computer Recycling & Recovery, LLC. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

## **Request by Assessor to Attend Seminar**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a request for Assessor VanValkenburg and continued by reading the following:

To: Town Supervisor and Board

From: Laura J. VanValkenburg, Assessor, IAO

Subject: Continuing Education Credits

I respectfully request permission to attend a one day seminar, given by the NYS Institute of Assessing Officers. The seminar, (a copy of the application attached), is "Land Valuation Schedules", which would be very beneficial to me and would provide six hours of mandated education credits. It is being held at the Columbia-Green Community College on September 27<sup>th</sup>, the cost will be \$85.00. Unfortunately the State is not reimbursing any training for Assessors for the rest of this year; therefore I request that payment be taken out of my 2011 Budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Assessor VanValkenburg to attend the conference for a cost of \$85.00, plus mileage. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

## **Contract for Services – Ravena Grange**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a Contract for Exchange of Services with the Ravena Grange and added that it is a little late coming across his desk. He continued by saying that sometime ago, he believes it was 2007 or 2008 when there was a terrible ice storm in town and there were people in the Coeymans Hollow area who were without power for numerous days and the Ravena Grange opened up their facility, with the help of Highway Superintendent bringing a generator, as a shelter for those that needed shelter from the cold and added that they even served some meals and the Red Cross was present. He went on by saying that at that time the Town Board decided that it was a good idea to enter into a contract with the Grange by which they would give them \$1,000.00 a year for the use of their facility in an emergency situation, which they have a similar agreement with the Senior Center. He continued by saying that it was brought to his attention by Mr. Kirrms, President of the Grange, that they did not receive what was approved and after investigating it he found that they didn't submit a voucher so in turn he sat with him and they filled out the voucher and now they need to get it paid but he needs authorization to sign the contract with the Ravena Grange.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to engage in a Contract for Exchange of Services with Ravena Grange for use as an emergency shelter

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Chief Darlington stated that the last he knew, he received a call from Steve Payne who advised that they had a problem with their chimney collapsing and the Town would not be able to use the facility.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that she believes it has been fixed.

Chief Darlington stated that he had not been notified that it was fixed.

Councilwoman Rogers and Councilman Boehm collectively stated that they believe it was fixed.

Councilman Touchette interjected that he also thinks that the motion should also indicate how much the agreement is for, which is \$1,000.00

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Chief Darlington stated that when they did the shelter it was for several days.

Supervisor Youmans agreed that it was and it was needed.

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## RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to give some background on the first resolution and added that some time ago Cemetery Coordinator Hotaling took on a different job and was unable to fulfill his duties and as a result the Town has been without one for several months and it had not posed much of a problem because there were not any burials. He continued by saying that for anyone who does not know, the Town is responsible for three cemeteries that were in the past run by Associations and over the years they shriveled up and withered and in turn they were handed over to the

town in which it is located and State Law requires the Town to maintain the cemeteries, which the Town has gone quite a bit further in their respect for the dead because State Law requires mowing 2-3 times a year but the Parks Department goes beyond that in maintaining those. He added that there are also plots available in those cemeteries and it makes sense from a revenue standpoint to sell those plots and there are a lot of people born and raised in the area that have a strong desire for one of the cemeteries to be their ultimate resting place. He continued by saying that the Cemetery Coordinator handles the sales of plots, in conjunction with the Town Clerk and when there is a burial the Cemetery Coordinator marks out the plot, which is somewhat involved because the maps of the cemeteries are dated and in some cases not clear so in turn it requires probing the ground to make sure that you are locating the grave in the proper place. He went on by saying that the Cemetery Coordinator also works with the Funeral Director that is doing the burial and handles all the necessary paperwork and without a person to fill that position it is troublesome as he and Town Clerk Millious learned last week. He added that he wanted to thank Jeff Hoose from the Beautification Department who put in some overtime to help, who worked with Mr. Hotaling in the past, and they were able to facilitate the burial. He concluded by saying that they advertised for a couple of weeks in the Ravena News Herald as well as putting the word out in actively looking for a Cemetery Coordinator and hoped to find someone within the Town of Coeymans to fill the position and ultimately it did not happen and Mr. Warfield, a licensed Funeral Director saw the ad in the paper and he expressed an interest and in talking with him it became apparent that he has all the necessary skills and knowledge to perform the duties and they are appointing him to this position.

#### RES. #79-11 APPOINT COORDINATOR OF CEMETERY SERVICES

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town has been without a Coordinator of Cemetery Services since the resignation of Richard D. Hotaling, and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Coeymans is responsible for the Coeymans Hollow, Indian Fields and Grove Cemeteries, and

WHEREAS, the position requires a working knowledge of cemetery operation and an ability to work well with Funeral Directors, and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany County Civil Service Department is considering the title of Coordinator of Cemetery Services as well as the qualifications of our selected candidate.

Supervisor Youmans stated that in regard to the next resolution they had an individual come forward with the desire to fill the Office of Town Marriage Officer, which has been vacant since the passing of Mr. Marvin Wolfe and it is an unpaid position.

#### **RES. #80-11 APPOINT MARRIAGE OFFICER**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Town has been without the services of a Marriage Officer since the passing of Marvin Wolfe, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of filling this unsalaried position.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Mi-Lyn Dolan as Marriage Officer for the Town of Coeymans with the responsibilities as determined by Town Law. This appointment expires December 31, 2011.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would be recusing himself from the vote.

## RES. #81-11 AMEND SUPERVISOR'S REPORT H-FUND JUNE 2011

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

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor's Report for June 2011 was accepted as presented at the regular Town Board Meeting of July 25, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, H-35 Capital Projects disbursements of \$56,521.23 were omitted from the report.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Supervisor's Report for June 2011 be amended as follows:

H-Fund Capital Projects Disbursements \$ 56,690.73 H-Fund Capital Projects Balance \$ 58,157.16 Total Reconciled Balance \$1,600,690.14

## RES. #82-11 APPROVE AUGUST ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, 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 2011 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1565-1620,1622-1623	\$200,664.12
General	1674-1718	\$ 57,348.96
	General Total	\$258,013.08
GENERAL (A)		
General Unemployment Pre-Pay	1624	\$ 913.90
	General Total	\$ 913.90
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1625-1637,1639-1640	\$ 19,390.12
Part-Town	1719-1721	\$ 108.71
	Part Town Total	\$ 19,498.83
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1641-1649	\$ 38,278.51
Highway	1722-1761	\$ 22,765.42
	Highway Total	\$ 61,043.93
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1450-1666	\$ 16,335.22
Sewer	1762-1775	\$ 5,898.79
	Sewer Total	\$ 22,234.01
CAPITAL PROJ. (H36)		
Capital Projects	1776-1777	\$ 2,878.76
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 2,878.76
CAP. PROJ. (H-37)		

Capital Projects	1778-1790	\$ 7,798.38
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 7,798.38
CAP. PROJ. (H-38)	1621-1791	\$ 165.93
CAL. 1 KO3. (11-30)	1021-1771	ψ 103.73
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 165.93
	Total for all Funds	\$372,546.82
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1667-1673	\$226,071.69
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$226,071.69

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#### CORRESPONDENCE

## **Albany County Sheriff's Office**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Acting Sheriff Craig Apple with the Albany County Sheriff's Office and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans:

The Albany County Sheriff's Office is exploring the possibility of establishing an Offsite Inmate Work Program. This work crew will be available to Albany County Municipalities that have a need for outside community work projects such as painting, raking, picking up roadside litter and doing general clean up at any designated area. One are that I would like to address is the painting of fire hydrants and clearing of brush around them.

Any agency utilizing this crew shall be responsible for providing the necessary equipment, supplies and materials need for the project. All inmates on the work crew should be instructed on the proper use of all equipment prior to starting of said project.

This program will not deprive a person in the public or private sector of an employment or business opportunity. Furthermore, this program will not interfere with established workforce protocols. During these tough economic times, where budgets have been cut and municipalities have had to downsize, this crew will help in areas that have been disregarded. The only cost to the agency will be for materials and supplies.

All inmates assigned to the crew will be sentenced, non-violent, low level offenders and will be supervised at all times by Corrections Staff.

Anyone interested in utilizing a project of this kind is asked to contact my office at 487-5440 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Craig D. Apple Acting Sheriff

Supervisor Youmans asked how the Board felt about it.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that the Town used them in past years when they had the landfill.

Councilman Touchette stated that there is an area at Coeymans Hollow Cemetery that needs to be cleared and that might be a way to use them.

Supervisor Youmans asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he had any thought on it.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he liked when they did it at the landfill.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it seems to be a promising thing and with the Board's approval he will contact Acting Sheriff Apple to seek more information and voice the Town's support for the program.

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#### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, September 12, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, September 20, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 26, 2011, 7:00pm

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#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he noted in the Ravena New Herald that there is a ecumenical effort to distribute brown bag lunches to families that have children in grades K-12 to receive free or reduced priced lunches and added that this is a great opportunity for the children that may not have all the resources that you would hope that they had and if anyone is interested in helping or receiving this help they can call Melanie Collins at 756-8059. He added that another thing that he noted in the paper is that the Department of Health, based on the results taken by Harvard University researchers, has found that the mercury that is found in some of the samples concludes that it poses no risk to area residents and it is not enough to cause health problems and if there is mercury, it is not coming from Lafarge, which is good news. He went on by saying that Lafarge is embarking on a 300 million dollar project to produce a state-of-the-art model, green cement plant in our town, which is good news. He added that during the work on the sewer project at Westerlo Street, he wanted to express his appreciation to Superintendent Deering for going above and beyond the call of duty in providing the help that was needed and he was personally involved in the project. He concluded by saying that he applauds the VFW Auxiliary for organizing the Remembrance Walk and continued by saying that Town Government does some things well and other things not so well but what make them a community are the organizations that are not part of Town Government like the Riverview Baptist Church that had a Block Party, which was well attended as well as the Capital District Titans and Youth Soccer, which helps make it a great community and added that he would like everyone to come forward and support the VFW and the Remembrance Walk on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Boehm stated that he also had an opportunity to attend the River View Baptist Church Block Party, which was a lot of fun, and he wanted to thank them for their hospitality and he really enjoyed himself. He then asked Highway Superintendent Deering about the Roads List and if he has started on the Town roads.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that they started on VanDerzee to Marshall, Lawson Lake Extension and Indian Hill Road and will continue working on them.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would also like to thank Highway Superintendent Deering and his crew and added that it would be an easy thing for him to say that sewer works fall outside his area of responsibility and by doing the work it saves the Sewer District a lot of money and makes things easier on those folks. He added that he also stopped for a time at the Block Party, which was a nice time.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she wanted to give a follow-up on the Bike Race, which went well but there was one biker down in her area but it was minor.

Chief Darlington stated that there was also one on Rte. 101, which was also minor and added that there were no major incidents.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that the race went off good again this year.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to discuss the proposal to possibly close two Post Offices in the Town of Coeymans, Coeymans Hollow and Alcove. He added that Councilman Touchette had drafted a letter initially addressed to Congressman Tonko but it will probably be sent to other elected officials, asking them to register opposition to the closings. He continued by saying that he ran into Congressman Tonko and advised him that there was a letter and in turn he put him in contact with someone in his office and gave him some background and advise about what the Town and residents should do if they are opposing the closures. He went on by saying that apparently the closures were based on statistical analysis about how much revenue is brought in during a year, utilization of post office boxes, foot traffic into the building and revenue and expense forecasts. He added that the District Director in Congressman Tonko's office suggested that if individuals are interested about voicing their opposition, they should circulate a petition as well as collect anecdotal information from people who depend on them. He continued by saying that it is not a done deal whether it will close or not and there are 40 in Albany County that are slated to be closed and went on by saying that the more people that indicate that they use and depend on the post offices, the better chance there is for keeping them open. He added that he also indicated that he had received calls from other people in the community regarding both post offices and he would be happy to work with anyone if they would like and District Director at Congressman Tonko's Office, Sean Shortell has offered to speak with constituents and the Town Board to lend any assistance that they can. He continued by saying that he also spoke with him regarding the census data and he had indicated that he would be willing to lend some support in filing the challenge and will put him in touch with some people that know a little bit more about it than he does. He went on by saying that Thursday is the last Farmer's Market and Evening on the Green with the theme being children's activities with sno-cones and cotton candy, the Farmers Market will be 4:00-6:30 and Peaceful Country Band will be playing at the Evening on the Green. He concluded by saying that he also attended the Block Party at the Baptist Church, which was a nice time.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she worked with Chief Darlington on the Invitation to Bid, which is going to be September 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm for the 2010 Ford Explorer and added that she did the Notice for the paper and it was forwarded to 3 vendors. She continued by saying that Hunting Licenses are on sale for 2011-2012 and the books are now in, which were not available for the first few days.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that the Tower Project is moving forward and they started receiving rents and hopefully this week the antennas will be installed because AT&T had a delay on their installation, which delayed the Town's installation. He continued by saying that he along with Supervisor Youmans received an e-mail from Auctions International regarding the 2007 Crown Victoria that had been auctioned off two to three months ago and the Town had stated that they could not locate the title and there could be a delay. He added that they petitioned DMV for a new title and had not heard anything and in turn he called an investigator to find out what was going on and apparently the car was sold to the Town of Coeymans but never titled and he then contacted Warnock Ford, who they bought the vehicle from and they are in the process of getting a Certificate of Origin so the Town can get the title and give it to the new owner. He continued by saying that the reason he is bringing it up is because the person who bought the car now wants to return it and charge the Town \$700.00 for an inconvenience fee and added that his

opinion and belief is that within the Bid Documents it said that the Town did not have the title and as result there may be a delay and he told Auctions International that his stance is that they are not taking the car back because he knew there might be a delay. He concluded by saying that the last he knew is that Warnock Ford is working with Ford to get the Title.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin is something that should be as simple as plugging into a computer a request for a reprint and it would typically show up at the dealership within days. He then asked Chief Darlington how long it has been since he requested it.

Chief Darlington stated that Warnock is very large in New Jersey and it is his understanding that the wrong dealership received it, didn't know what it was and threw it away so they put in another request.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they may be able to transfer the vehicle with the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin because when you title a vehicle, DMV takes the MSO and added that he will investigate it and get an answer for him. He then asked that Chief Darlington contact Warnock.

Chief Darlington stated that he had and has not heard anything back.

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

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

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

Time-8:02pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Bid Opening was held Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 2:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Deana Ferrusi, Deputy Clerk

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the News Herald:

TOWN OF COEYMANS NOTICE TO BIDDER INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, hereby invites sealed bids for:

## One (1) Ford Explorer, Black, K8D 4WD 4dr XLT

All prospective bidders may call the Chief of Police at (518) 756-3388 between the hours of 9:00am – 4:00pm regarding this bid. Bid packages can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Bids will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY 12143 up to 2:00pm on Thursday, September 1, 2011, and read aloud on that same day at 2:00pm.

Non-Collusive Bidding Forms must be submitted with all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids.

The bidder is responsible for compliance with all Federal and State Laws and guidelines for this bidding process.

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

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## BID OPENING

Town Clerk Diane L. Millious opened the bids and read them aloud as follows:

Crossroads Ford \$28, 349.40 2351 Route 9W P.O. Box 190 Ravena, NY 12143

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

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

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#### **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.

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#### **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

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## **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.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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#### **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

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## **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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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#### **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.

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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	<del>1551-1552</del> ,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

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#### **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.

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## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### **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

A Town Board Workshop was held September 20, 2011, at 6:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman Richard N. Touchette, Councilman Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Town Board Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### **AGENDA**

- E-Waste Recycling
- Request for Use of Joralemon Park
- Revision of Town Employee Handbook

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# **E-Waste Recyling**

Discussion ensued regarding the computer and electronics recycling collection which Councilman Dolan put together and will be on four dates over the next 12 months. Collectively the Town Board agreed that two dates will be at the Beautification Department in the Hamlet and two dates at the Highway Garage in Coeymans Hollow, which will be determined and given at the next Town Board Meeting as well as being posted on the Town's website, in the News Herald, and around Town.

# Request for Use of Joralemon Park

Discussion ensued regarding use of Joralemon Park for a Girl Scouts event either the evening of October 15<sup>th</sup> or October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Collectively it was decided that they would encourage the use of Joralemon Park by groups such as the Girl Scouts and it will be followed up by Councilman Dolan.

#### **Revision of Town Employee Handbook**

Discussion ensued regarding revision of the Town Employee Handbook, collectively it was decided that the Town Board will review the draft prepared by Payroll Clerk Ziegler and then forwarded to Michael Richardson.

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#### ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 6:17pm

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following the Workshop with the full Town Board with the exception of Councilwoman Rogers. The topic of discussion was pending litigation, no decisions were made.

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#### **RECONVENE MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans called the Workshop back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time - 7:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held September 26, 2011, at 7:00PM at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman

Richard N. Touchette, Deputy Supervisor

Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** James C. Youmans, Supervisor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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Deputy Supervisor Touchette opened the Meeting and let the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board with the exception of Supervisor Youmans. He continued by saying that also present is Town Clerk Millious, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, and Highway Superintendent Deering.

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Town Office Closed, Columbus Holiday
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, September 12, 2011
  - Town Board Workshop, September 20, 2011
- Supervisor's Report August
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, August 2011
  - Police Department, August 2011
  - Town Clerk, August 2011
- Old Business
  - Electronics Recycling Collection Dates
- New Business
- Resolutions
  - Approval of Abstract, September
- Correspondence
  - Grace Covenant Church, The Matthew Project
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Special Town Board Meeting, September 30, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, October 11, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, October 18, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, October 24, 2011, 7:00pm

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# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there was a public announcement and continued by reading the following.

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On Monday, October 10, 2011, all Town Offices will be closed in observance of Columbus Day. The closing of Town offices does not include the Police Department which is a 25-hour, 7-day operation, 365 day a year operation.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Starr Ross stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that she is present to address the Board about some issues that they have in the Hamlet right now. She continued by saying that there are unsecured buildings, with windows completely knocked out of them with some being street level and are accessible to animals and children as well as being a health hazard and fire hazard. She went on by saying that in looking at the Town Code, it is very sketchy with what you can do about it but in Chapter 74 it does address unsafe buildings, which leaves it to a subjective opinion by the Code Enforcement Officer. She added that the Town Code does not specify what it considers to be unsafe and it is left up to the Code Enforcement Officer to decided whether it is or not while other towns are more specific and use words like dangerous or unsafe to the general public, attractions to juveniles under the age of 16 and vagrant trespassers, and rodent infested. She stated that the Town's Code does not have those words but she is sure that any of them can be find all of them in any of the houses. She concluded by saying that she would like for the Town Board to try and address the issue by contacting the owners and that they are compliant with securing the buildings and added that she had pictures for the Board.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they received e-mail copies of some of the pictures.

Ms. Ross stated that she tried to get pictures of the front of the houses so they could see the street numbers and added that the house that is the most deplorable is on First Street and it is completely wide open and because it was accessible they went inside and took inside pictures. She added that other houses are on Main Street where the sidewalk is level with open windows and recently on Second Street police were called to respond to a break-in of another house where children broke windows to access the house.

Collectively the Town Board looked at the pictures.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that in the interest of full disclosure he wanted to mention that they did talk about it at a Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association meeting and they discussed the Vacant Building Registry Law that was recently enacted in the Town of Colonie.

Ms. Ross stated that she is concerned that the windows are street level and wide open and there are neighborhood kids that are going inside.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there are a couple of things that they can do and added that they can forward all the information to the Building Department to investigate the specifics.

Ms. Ross stated that it is the order of the way that things need to go and added that she does not think that he will have any problem with agreeing that all of those buildings are issues and should be closed up and secured, which would be a first step.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they can do that and then asked if she believes that the Vacant Building Registry Law is something that they should look into.

Ms. Ross stated that if she remembers correctly the Town of Coeymans Laws date back to 1971 and she believes that it could certainly be updated with some specific wording and possibly some Property Management Laws that would at least keep things on the

average in the Town and that there are homeowners down there that would like to see it kept up and some standards would be better than none.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette thanked Ms. Ross and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and is also a member of the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association and continued by saying that when the Association first started she was at every meeting when the young college students were present making suggestions and drawings trying to show them how the Hamlet could look. She continued by saying that when the Association first got together the Town Board was approached and they had asked that the Town Board be on their side because they could not do it alone and they needed the support of the Town. She added that they can just go and nail up a house knowing that it is dangerous, a fire hazard, with kids, rats and snakes and reiterated that as an Association they can not walk in and do it and they did ask the Town Board to support them. She went on by saying that one hand has to help the other in order for them to accomplish what they want to in the Hamlet and concluded by asking that they please consider the promise that was made back then.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> and a Town Board Workshop on September 20<sup>th</sup> and then asked for a motion to approve them.

# **MOTION**

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

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

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# SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

#### August 2011

FUND	BALANCE FWD.	RECEIEPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$470,231.78	\$107,174.61	\$327,057.15	\$250,349.24
Part-Town	\$859,697.91	\$ 5,130.47	\$119,545.65	\$745,282.73
Highway	\$135,376.67	\$ 99,098.05	\$ 79,339.34	\$155,135.38
Bridge Const.	\$ 4,439.37	\$ 22.57	-0-	\$ 4,461.94
Sewer	\$125,050.89	\$ 27,480.42	\$ 36,312.18	\$116,219.13
Special Water	\$ 24,002.79	\$ 5.09	-0-	\$ 24,007.88
Police For.	\$ 16,850.26	\$ 4.27	\$ 300.00	\$ 16,554.53
Communication Tower	\$ 1,483.87	\$ .04	-0-	\$ 1,483.91

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Trust & Agcy.	\$ 16,352.67	\$312,897.61	\$308,825.68	\$ 20,424.60
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 58,174.63	\$ 12.34	-0-	\$ 58,186.97
Section 8 HUD	\$113,540.50	\$ 39,999.26	\$ 43,368.54	\$110,171.22
		Total		\$1,502,277.53

#### **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

#### **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX. (DA) Hwy. Bridge 9 months \$85,000.00 10-07-11

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		<b>COLLATERAL</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Unemployment	\$ 1,730.86	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,933,832.97
Grove Cemetery	\$40,893.44	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 545,645.06
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,355.45			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,325.18			
Total	\$62,304.93			

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

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

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch inquired as to if an unemployment claim was filed recently because the fund balance had dropped significantly since last month.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that he would check with the Supervisor on that.

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# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Building Department – September**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Building Department Report was accepted as presented and read.

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

# **Sewer Department – September**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette continued by giving the Sewer Department Report and then asked for a motion to approve it.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Sewer Department Report was accepted as presented and read.

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

# **Town Clerk – September**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Clerk's Report was accepted as presented and read.

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

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#### **OLD BUSINESS**

# **Electronics Recycling Collection Dates**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Councilman Dolan give an update on the Electronic Recycling Collection dates.

Councilman Dolan stated that the first date is October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Beautification Building in the Hamlet from 7am – 3pm and it is for recycling electronic products that otherwise should not be put in the garbage and then read the flyer of accepted and not accepted items. He added that the drop off is for the stated specific hours and can not be left prior to or after those hours and other tentative dates have been scheduled with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> pickups at the Highway Department.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to what the tentative dates are.

Councilman Dolan stated that the tentative dates are January 25, 2012 at the Highway Department, April 25, 2012 at the Beautification Department, and July 25, 2012 at the Highway Department.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if it will be advertised in the News Herald.

Councilman Dolan stated that it will be as well as flyers being distributed.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette thanked Councilman Dolan and then asked if there were any additional Old Business topics or any New Business topics, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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# RESOLUTIONS

# RES. # 84-11 APPROVE SEPTEMBER ABSTRACT

On motion Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the following resolution was APPROVED –VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Youmans)

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the following claims of vouchers for the September 2011 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1792-1843	\$284,434.11
General	1900-1959	\$ 51,680.92

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	General Total	\$336,115.03
GENERAL (A) Police For.		
General Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1844	\$ 300.00
General Police Forfeiture	1960	\$ 400.00
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	General Total	\$ 700.00
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1845-1860	\$122,804.33
	Part Town Total	\$122,804.33
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1861-1869	\$ 75,294.76
Highway	1961-2003	\$ 90,376.50
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	Highway Total	\$165,671.26
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1870-1892	\$ 21,511.91
Sewer	2004-2025	\$ 21,852.74
	Sewer Total	\$ 43,364.65
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CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Capital Projects	2026-2027	\$ 14,533.05
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 14,533.05
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CAP. PROJ. (H-36)		
Capital Projects	2028	\$ 3,271.46
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	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 3,271.46
CAP. PROJ. (H-37)		
Capital Projects	2029-2035	\$ 5,861.82
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	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 5,861.82
	Total for all Funds	\$692,321.60
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)	1002 1000	#22.4.7.4.C.CO
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1893-1899	\$334,746.60
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$334,746.60
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$334,746.60

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# **CORRESPONDENCE**

# **Grace Covenant Community Church – The Matthew Project**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they were in receipt of a letter relative to the Matthew Project, which is a community based Summer Feeding Program and continued by reading the following:

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September 21, 2011

Dear Town Supervisor Jim Youmans and the Town of Coeymans Board,

We would like to take this opportunity to update you as to the impact that The Matthew Project Summer Feeding Program has had on our community. The program was a huge success in so many ways! Helping to meet the basic nutritional needs that the children within our School District have during summer vacation was a great undertaking and a great blessing that could not have happened without your support.

In 2010 we served 2,600 lunches at 6 locations. As a result of economic conditions and increased awareness, this year over 4,400 lunches were served at 7 locations. This represents a 69% increase of distribution. Each lunch bag contained a sandwich (meat or PBJ), juice box, bag of chips, fruit snacks, and a string cheese. It was great to see the smiles on children of all ages! Toddlers through high school ages were served. NO child was ever turned away and there was always enough to go around!

During July and August, this community outreach served children from the RCS School District for 8 consecutive weeks in these seven locations:

Oakbrook Manor -1364 lunches served Mosher Park Recreation Program - 182 lunches served Mosher Park Pool - 209 lunches served Food for Thought Program - 468 lunches served Coeymans Gazebo -1049 lunches served Flemings Trailer Park - 630 lunches served Meilak's Trailer Park - 517 lunches served

As you can see, there is a great need for this service within our community. Our eyes continue to be open as to the hunger issues in our community. When children are waiting rain or shine to get a lunch, you know there is a need to be met. As we tried to reach the locations of greatest need within our community, we recognize that there are still other areas within the district that are in need of this service as well. We hope that next summer we will be able to further expand our distribution sites in order to meet the needs of even more children.

More than 80 people, ages 4-80+, volunteered over 400 hours of community service from nine local churches and from dedicated community members providing all labor, which resulted in zero cost to prepare and deliver the lunches. How wonderful it was to see the community arise and work together to meet this need within our community!

Again, we thank you for your support and for giving us access into the distribution sites mentioned above. You have helped to make a difference in the lives of numerous children! May God bless you greatly!

Sincerely,

Jim & Sheri Datri Pastors of Grace Covenant Community Church

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that it is great work that they do and added that when they begin to do it next summer he hopes that more people can help out because they are always in need of help and contributions. He concluded by thanking all of those they helped out with the Program.

# **Disaster Food Stamp Benefit Program**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Councilman Dolan read the News Release from Albany County Executive Michael G. Breslin's office.

Councilman Dolan stated that the News Release was sent by David Kircher, acting Commissioner of Social Services and continued by reading the following:

# News Release – Disaster Food Stamp Benefits Available for Victims of Hurricane Irene

The Albany County Department of Social Services is accepting applications for a Disaster Food Stamp Benefit Program for eligible households impacted by Hurricane Irene today through September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Federal Program expands eligibility levels so that households impacted by Irene may receive some food assistance.

The Federal Government recently approved the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to operate a Disaster Food Stamp Benefit Program. To qualify, households must meet one of the following conditions:

- Loss of food.
- Damage to or destruction of the household's home or self employment business (e.g. complete destruction, loss of roof or walls, destruction of heating equipment).
- Disaster related expenses not expected to be reimbursed during the benefit period (e.g. home/business repairs, temporary shelter expenses, evacuation expenses, home/business protection, and disaster related personal injury including funeral expenses); or
- Loss or inaccessibility of income, including reduction or termination of income or a delay in receipt of income for half the benefit period.

If the household meets any one of the above criteria they may be able to receive assistance if there income is below these limits:

Household Size	Disaster Gross Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,503
2	\$1,815
3	\$2,126
4	\$2,449
5	\$2,787
6	\$3,124
7	\$3,436
8	\$3,748
Each additional Member	+ 312

Households can apply at the Albany County Department of Social Services at 162 Washington Avenue in Albany or at the Albany County Disaster Recovery Center at the Cornell Cooperative Extension at 20 Martin Road in Voorheesville weekdays from 8:30 to 4:30pm today through Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Disaster Recovery Center is also open on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 1:00pm. Applications are available on the County website at <a href="http://alturl.com/rs99y">http://alturl.com/rs99y</a>.

The Albany County Department of Social Services reminds applicants:

- Tell the truth when applying for food benefits.
- Do not sell, trade or give away benefits.
- People who get benefits they are not entitled to will be required to pay them back.
- People who break the Program rules may be disqualified from the Program, fined \$250,000 or put in jail for 20 years.
- It is illegal to receive disaster food stamp benefits twice for the same disaster.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is a note on the coversheet which reads as follows:

In addition to the offices listed in the Press Release, Albany County Social Services will be accepting applications at CHOICES in Ravena on Thursday, September  $29^{th}$  from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette added that CHOICES is located in Faith Plaza and in addition to those who are currently receiving food stamps that lost their food can apply

for a replacement of those benefits at 162 Washington Avenue at the Department of Social Services or at the CHOICES in Ravena at Faith Plaza. He concluded by saying that they will post it on the bulletin board in Town Hall and makes it available to various news outlets and the website.

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#### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP/MEETING

- Special Town Board Meeting September 30, 2011, 6:00PM
- Town Board Meeting October 11, 2011, 7:00PM
- Town Board Workshop October 18, 2011, 6:00PM
- Town Board Meeting October 24, 2011 -7:00PM

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#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to echo Councilman Touchette's comments about the Matthew Project and added that they do a tremendous job in filling the niche in the summer when school is not in session. He concluded by saying that it is a simple Program that is highly successful and Jim and Shari Datri deserve a lot of thanks for having the Program.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any other comments.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that on October 11<sup>th</sup> they will be starting with two Public Hearings, one at 6:00 and one at 6:30.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that in case anyone thought that they don't listen to the issues that the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association brings to them, he has spoken with the Building Inspector about 5 properties on Main Street in the Hamlet and in turn he issued violations to each of the owners as well as sending letters to the owners. He added that they do take quality of life issues in the Hamlet seriously and after attending the meetings he passes their concerns on to the Building Inspector and Town Board and as pointed out in some cases there are not specific laws that address specific things. He then asked if Attorney for the Town Wukitsch had anything to add.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the problem of unsafe, dilapidated buildings or structures is a problem faced by many towns and villages throughout New York State and added that they not only pose an eyesore but they also negatively impact surrounding neighborhoods and cause what is called an attractive nuisance where children, teens, young adults and others come on the property to harbor themselves to use alcohol and other substances as well as being a danger to themselves to the extent that the property is unsafe to even trespass. He continued by saying that the Town of Colonie recently enacted a Local Law which gives the Town more teeth in terms of its enforcement powers and Common Law, even without an ordinance or local law, if there is a public nuisance created by a structure, the Town has adherent powers to correct the situation to the extent that there is a danger to public health and safety and added that it would be a good idea for the Town Board to review their laws to see whether something similar to the Local Law that Colonie recently passed is in order. He went on by saying that one of the issues that causes many problems, is that the Town Court is a Court of limited jurisdiction and they have the power to assess fines for violations of Local Laws but has no power to order someone by way of an injunction to do anything and lacks injunctive power. He continued by saying that the NY State Supreme Court is the Court that would have jurisdiction to order a condemnation or removal of a structure but the problem with that is that it is not only costly but it involves other issues that commonly come up such as jurisdiction when there is an absentee owner that lives out of state and you would have

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to acquire jurisdiction over that person in order for a court to act and another issue is that often times the owner of the property is unrepresented and the court makes extra efforts to protect the rights of an unrepresented party. He added that they should not be deterrents to the correction of a dangerous condition but it is something that they have to be aware of while moving ahead to try and correct the problems. He concluded by saying that he believes at a minimum the Town Board should consider review of the current law to see whether something like the Town of Colonie's recent law would be appropriate for the Town of Coeymans.

Councilman Boehm stated that an immediate step would be to secure the property and board the windows and doors and continued by asking if the expense can be assessed to the landowner on their tax bill.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he does not believe that there is anything in the Town of Coeymans Code that you can do that and added that there are many towns that have Local Laws that provide any cost incurred by the Town in correcting a situation may be assessed against the property, which constitutes a lean against the property.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if the Town secures the property by boarding them up, if there is a right to due process.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that you are dealing with private property and even to go on the property, unless there is an eminent danger to someone could be a problem.

Councilman Boehm stated that open doors and windows would be an eminent danger.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it probably would be and added that it's always better when you are going on to private property to have a Court Order that would insulate Town Officials from any claim that they were trespassing or invading the property rights of the landowner. He added that the way the law is set up; there certainly are protections in place for members of the public and adjoining neighborhoods as well as protections established for the landowner and the Town is not the judge and jury that can determine what is going to be done with that person's property because you have to go through the legal procedures that are available.

Councilman Boehm interjected that the Town would actually have to go to court for the right to board up a property.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the Town of Colonie has a procedure in the law that provides for that sort of action and the Town of Coeymans does not have it. He concluded by saying that if the Town is going to move in that direction, they need to beef up what they have on the books in terms of their law.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if a version of what Colonie has would be suitable for here.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it would and added that the reason why Colonie did it, even as big as it is with their own Law Department, is that they recognized that their laws did not have enough teeth in them to allow for them to go forward and do what they needed to do. He reiterated that if the Town is going to move in that direction, the Town needs to be protected too and they have to have the appropriate procedures in place.

Councilman Dolan stated that several of them have seen a copy of Colonie's law and they think that in most cases it will address the issues.

Councilman Boehm suggested that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch take a look at it and draft a law from it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he would.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to mention that Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for getting a Deer Management Permit at her office as well as there being a lot of changes with the Election Districts and Polling Sites and she would encourage everyone to look at the yellow card that came in the mail because it is possible that there may have been a change. She added that if there are any questions, they can call her office at 756-2100 or Board of Elections at 487-5060.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he wanted to thank the Garden Club for the great job that they did at the Highway Garage Memorial and added that it really looks nice.

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

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

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

APPROVED – VOTE 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT -1 (Youmans) – SO MOVED

Time - 7:45PM

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

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

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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

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# 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.

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# 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.

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 Ravena, and although not at the same level, Alcove Preservation Society, Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society and Ravena 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.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

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.

**APPROVED:** 

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A Public Hearing was held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### **OPENING COMMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing, which was posted in the News Herald.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans on October 11, 2011 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue on Proposed Local Law #1 of 2011 as follows:

# Town of Coeymans Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2011

# A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO SITE PLAN REVIEW AUTHORIZATION AND CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL.

A copy of the Proposed Law may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

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

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# PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2011

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read Proposed Local Law #1-2011. Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

# A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO SITE PLAN REVIEW AUTHORIZATION AND CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

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

§136-1 Title.

This Chapter shall be known as "The Site Plan Review Law".

#### §136-2 Statutory Authorization.

The Town of Coeymans Planning Board is hereby authorized pursuant to Town Law, §274-a, and the Municipal Home Rule Law, §10, to review and approve site plans as provided in this Chapter.

#### §136-3 Intent.

The site plan review procedures and requirements of this Local Law are intended to achieve the following:

- A. Achieve efficient use of the land.
- B. Protect natural, archaeological and historical resources.
- C. Provide a consistent and uniform method of review of certain proposed use(s) and development plans.
- D. Ascertain that any significant redevelopment complies with current standards.
- E. Review adverse impact on adjoining or nearby properties.
- F. Retain rural and natural resources with a clean and attractive environment as well as continued development of the economy of the town and the general welfare of its inhabitants.
- G. Conform to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning requirements as amended of the Town of Coeymans.
- H. Create an accurate record of approved development.

# §136-4 Projects Requiring Approval.

Projects requiring Site Plan Review and approval;

- A. The construction of any new structures, development of any new use(s), and all other building or development activities shall require site plan approval from the Town of Coeymans Planning Board prior to the issuance of any building permit.
- B. Site Plan Review shall also be required for the resumption of any use discontinued or not used for more than one (1) year, or for the expansion of any existing use." Expansion" shall include a floor space increase of twenty-five (25) percent or more within any (1)-year period, or the introduction of new materials or processes not previously associated with the existing use.
- C. All projects which require a Special Use Permit or Use Variance by Chapter 165 Zoning of the Town of Coeymans and amendments thereto.

# §136-5 Projects Exempt from Site Plan Review.

- A. Any construction, moving, relocating or structurally altering a single-family dwelling or two-family dwellings. Also any incidental accessory structures thereto.
- B. Any construction, moving, relocating or structurally altering agricultural use only structures.

# §136-6 Review Elements and Criteria.

In acting on any site plan application, the Planning Board, in addition to all other applicable laws, shall consider the following:

- A. Traffic patterns. (Ingress & Egress)
- B. Pedestrian safety and access.
- C. Parking and loading areas
- D. Screening and landscaping.
- E. Environmental air quality.
- F. Fire protection equipment.
- G. Drainage / Storm water runoff.
- H. Refuse disposal.
- I. Location and placement of signs.
- J. Location and dimension of buildings.
- K. Impact of the proposed use on adjacent land uses.

- L. Snow removal.
- M. Location design and all construction materials of all utilities, energy and communications distribution facilities including gas, solar, wind energy, telephone, cable, water and sewer.
- N. Impact of the proposed use on both on-site and off-site infrastructure.
- O. Effects of smoke, noise, glare, vibration, odors and/or other noxious and offensive conditions if any.
- P. Effects on historical properties listed on the National, State, Historical registers if any.
- Q. Effects of other cultural, archaeological and historical resources of the Town if any.

# §136-7 Conceptual Site Plan.

- A. An applicant may request a meeting with the Planning Board for the purpose of review and discussion, the proposed preliminary site plans for the purpose of determining the feasibility of the project. The request shall be put on the agenda of a regularly scheduled meeting upon proper application and payment of the established fee.
- B. Conceptual site plan submissions shall present a flexible design concept that may be readily changed by the Planning Board and shall contain adequate information as required for site plan review to assist the Planning Board in determining the feasibility of the project. The Planning Board shall indicate its general acceptance of the proposed layout of buildings, roads, driveways, parking areas, other facilities, and have the general character of the proposed development.
- C. Conceptual site plan submissions are likely to contain less detailed information than a final site plan submission, after review of the plan, there may be different results to consider. All review of conceptual site plans is tentative and subject to reconsideration upon submission and review of additional details provided in a final site plan.

#### §136-8 Site Plan Requirements.

The requirements for a final site plan review and approval shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

- A. Submission of a site plan application forms with payment of the required fee as established by the Town Board.
- B. The site plan may require a plan drawn by a design professional if required by Planning Board. The scale shall be based of not more than fifty feet to the inch and shall be on an 11"x 17" sheet.
- C. The checklist provided with the Site Plan Review application shall be reviewed and then submitted to the Planning Board by the applicant along with the completion agreement.
- D. All Site Plans shall conform to the Town's Zoning Chapter 165 and amendments thereto.
- E. Applicant shall complete the project within 180 days of approval. Applicant may request one 90-day extension.

# §136-9 Submittal of Incomplete Site Plans.

Submittals of site plans that do not contain the required information as set forth in this Chapter or otherwise required are not considered complete and therefore not subject to review deadlines. Failure of the Planning Board to provide a decision in accordance with the time frames does not constitute approval or conveyance of a vested right for said development. The Planning Board shall notify the applicant of the incomplete status of the application upon review.

# §136-10 Site Plan Approval Process.

- A. Except those applications for which the Planning Board has waived site plan review, the Planning Board shall issue a notice of completed application to the Applicant upon determining the site plan to be complete.
- B. Within sixty-two (62) days of a complete application, the Planning Board shall schedule a public hearing and provide public notice of the hearing in the official newspaper at least five (5) days prior to the date set for the public hearing.

- C. The Planning Board shall make a determination for final site plan approval within sixty-two (62) days of the closing of the public hearing. The Planning Board shall a render a decision or they may mutually extend the time frame by consent of the applicant and the Planning Board.
- D. The decision of the Board shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk within five (5) business days of the date such decision is rendered and a copy thereof shall be mailed to the applicant.

# §136-11 Amendments to Site Plans.

- A. Any amendment of a final site plan previously approved by the Planning Board shall be subject to the same approval procedure as provided by this Chapter.
- B. The Planning Board may waive any of the procedural steps to the extent it deems appropriate for an application provided. The amended site plan shall be formally submitted to amend and receives formal approval thereof, and the application to amend is submitted within two years of the date of the original approval.

# §136-12 Appeals.

The Town of Coeymans Planning Board shall bear sole and final authority in its decisions pursuant to this chapter. Decisions of the Planning Board shall be subject only to judicial review in the manner prescribed by law.

#### §136-13 Severability.

If any provisions of this Chapter are held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the Chapter shall remain in effect.

# §136-14 Repealer; Conflicts with Other Provisions of Local Laws or Ordinances.

In the event that any provisions of any other Town of Coeymans local law, ordinance, or regulation are in conflict with the provisions of this Chapter, those provisions only are hereby repealed.

# §136-15 Penalties for Offenses.

- A. Any person or persons, associations or corporations committing an offense against this Chapter or any section or provision thereof is guilty of a violation and shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 or imprisonment not exceeding 15 days, or both.
- B. In the event of a continuing offense of any section or provision of this Chapter, each day that such offense shall continue shall be a separate violation and subject to a separate fine, imprisonment or combination thereof.
- C. Notwithstanding a conviction for any offense against any provision or section hereof, an association or corporation convicted shall be subject to revocation of any permit therein granted without reimbursement of fees paid thereof.
- D. In lieu of or in addition to any fine or imprisonment, or both, imposed for a conviction of an offense of this Chapter, each such offense may be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 to be recovered in an action or proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction. Each day an offense continues shall be subject to a separate civil penalty.
- E. The Town Attorney may maintain an action or proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with this Chapter, notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections A, B and C of this section, for a penalty or other punishment.

#### §136-16 Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect twenty days after it is filed as provided in section twenty-seven of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

#### SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans stated that the first and most important thing that he would like to say about the Proposed Local Law is that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear the public's comments. He added that he wanted to assure everyone that no action will be taken at this time and the purpose of the public hearing is for the Board to hear what the public has to say about the proposed law and in turn take some time to consider what they hear. He continued by saying that the reason for the Proposed Local Law is that it was brought up some time ago by some within Town Government that perhaps the Planning Board did not have the absolute authority to go through Site Plan Reviews with people and added that Ms. Kunz, Vice Chair of the Planning Board was present and then asked if she wanted to speak to it at all.

Ms. Cynthia Kunz stated that she will be a listener to see what people say and added that she thinks that it is a very important issue because it brings up the future of the Town and things have to be legal and even the authorization of the Planning Board is suspect and they have to do that and they have to have Site Plans.

Supervisor Youmans stated that what transpires is that some members of the Planning Board were of the belief that the Site Plan Review process might not be an airtight process and they might not have absolute authority in the law. He added that through talks with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, he has indicated that in absence of that law written into the Code of Coeymans, they follow State Law, which he believes would give them those authorities but this Proposed Local Law would shore it up a bit. He reiterated that the purpose is to hear the public's comment and anyone wishing to comment should sign the sign-in sheet.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Carver Laraway stated that he is from P&M Brick at the Port of Coeymans and added that in the times that they are in now with the recessions and everything else he understands that it is important to have the character and continue the character but on industrial locations where they have been exempt for so many years it is difficult for them to try to lure business and try to get business into the community and then be held to a 6-12 month approval process on every thing that they do, which he finds to be very difficult. He continued by saying that on the census the Town of Coeymans has lost 9% since 2000 and in looking at tax base they try their best to lure people into the Town and one of the reasons to come to Coeymans is that they want their business, revenue and people to live in this community and the way to do that is to make it easy on people to come here and that is what he is promoting. He added that in an industrial location there are guidelines and rules that are allowed and it they go outside of that, his feeling is that they should come to the Planning Board and get a Special Use Permit for that particular thing. He went on by saying that it is important in this community on Rte. 9W for store fronts and there needs to be reviews because they don't want to change the character too much but they should work with people on it and reiterated that there is a tax base problem and they have seen it because some of the people working at the Port are living in the community. He added that they are trying to get business in this community and being held to anything is going to be difficult at best and he agrees with rules and regulations, which they have but they need to take the industrial and promote it as much as possible because along with industry comes people and they are trying their best to do whatever they can at the Port and the adjoining properties to assist them to get the population back and to get a good community. He continued by saying that if the Site Plan goes into effect it has to go to the County and there is a 30-60 day review and the approval process will be dragged out between 6-12 months and the nice part about the Port is that soon after they submit a Building Permit they are up and running and reiterated that industrial needs to be separate because they are in an Industrial Park with rules and regulations to follow, which they do. He reiterated that labor comes along with

it and the more they grow, the more people come with it and with more people are more taxes by using the local amenities and this is what they would like to do.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to if he understands that he would like industrial uses exempted along with single-family, two-family and agriculture uses.

Mr. Laraway stated that he thinks that it needs to be refined and he believes that they are on the right track but it needs the input of the communities and more Workshops to work it out. He added that he is not saying that he believes that industrial should have no regulations, but what he is saying is that if they are an approved site for heavy industrial, then they need to have the community and the Town work with them to grow these projects in the outlying areas and they follow the same program like with storm water and he thinks that everything is important.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Laraway and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Ann Marie Vadney stated that since State Law is typically followed she wanted to know what section of the Proposed Law is like the State Law and added that the reason she is asking is because often times they get very redundant and if there is already something in existence that is being followed, why would they need a municipality or a Local Law with the specificity that is in the State Law. She continued by saying that she believes that the time frames are not encouraging business and in looking around the Town within the last ten years, everywhere you look the businesses are gone and with small businesses they have to jump over hoops with the timeframes and most of the information that is being requested again for commercial/industrial areas is already in the file and unless there are major or dramatic changes she does not think that people should have to go through it all again. She went on by saying that she has had personal experience and her project was delayed 8-9 months and they lost a lot of money that they don't have and in trying to make ends meet in this town it is pretty difficult because they have an appraisal telling them that they should be getting \$35.00 a square foot and they are actually getting .35 - .50 a square foot, which is wrong and taxes are assessed on the Assessors estimate based on those appraisals and all of their profits go to pay the Town taxes. She added that some of the wording makes her nervous in working and in having business in the town and people want to know exactly what they are talking about and there are times when a Site Plan is approved very quickly then another person comes in with the same kind of plan and proposal and are told that they need this, that and the other thing. She continued by saying that there needs to be consistency and they should start making the people in town feel good about being here in wanting to open businesses and get more people moving back into this area, let alone people on the outside who laugh about the Town of Coeymans. She went on by saying that she finds the penalty part offensive and continued by asking how they are going to encourage people to come into the town when they are talking about putting someone in jail and added that if someone is not compliant it means that Public Officials are not explaining what the proper requirements are and she does not believe that there is one business person in the room that is blatantly trying to break the law and reiterated that if something is wrong, then someone has to explain it properly and to make people available to explain it and what the options are. She continued by saying that you only find out about it when you get a notice and then a fine, which is not how you encourage business and reiterated that the penalties should be reconsidered and added that as far as the effective date, she is glad to hear that it will not be approved immediately because she believes that many people have concerns and many people that wanted to be present were not there.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Vadney and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Barbara Kunz** stated that she agrees with what Ms. Vadney had to say and continued by asking how many people received the notice or was aware of what is in the Proposed Local Law and whether or not they got notice out to people.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was done the same way that they always do and it was published in the official newspaper in the prescribed fashion in the prescribed amount of time between the publication and the Public Hearing as well as posting it on the website.

Ms. Kunz stated that some people don't get the paper and not everyone has a computer.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he supposed that they could have gone door to door.

Ms. Kunz inquired about a mailing.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would suspect that it would have been very costly to do a mailing.

Ms. Kunz stated that something as important as this should have gone to every family in the Town of Coeymans.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is the way that every other Local Law has ever been proposed and discussed and added that he does not see it as any more important than other laws and he does not believe that anyone on the Board saw a need to stray from the prescribed method.

Ms. Kunz interjected that this would have a big impact on the community and she thinks that more people should have had the opportunity to be informed.

Councilman Boehm stated that there is a full room and a lot of people did know about it.

Ms. Vadney stated that obviously there is an issue and added that just because it was done that way in the past does not mean that it is right. She continued by saying that many of the people are there because they have been talking to other people and they are tired of having things passed that have impacted them in a negative manner. She added that maybe the intent has not been negative but it ends up being negative and they did not find out about it from the newspaper or the computer, which means that it is not working very well from her perspective. She continued by saying that there has to be some alternative methods so that people of this community know about it and there are other mechanisms out there and it is important that they are utilized so people are aware because there are people out there that are out of touch with what is going on. She concluded by saying that they are a group of business people and people interested in building the community up who have talked to each other a great deal and they are there to support whomever is in office but they need for it to be reciprocal.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they also talked about it at Town Board Meetings, which are televised and reiterated that as Superman Youmans had indicated they do not plan on rushing it through and the purpose of the Hearing is to get public comment and from those not present, they will be more than happy to hear them and for those present if they want to comment additionally or provide additional documentation, they will be happy to look at it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the purpose of the Hearing is to hear the public's concerns and there will be a period of time before they would even vote on it and if anyone knows of someone that wanted to attend but could not make it, they should contact a Board Member and added that they would be eager to hear other comments from anyone that could not make it to the Public Hearing. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Gary Bogardus stated that approximately two years ago they went through the same scenario, same law basically and everyone decided that it was a bad idea then, including the Town Board but know he guesses that they think it is a good idea. He continued by asking what has changed between then and now that would change things all around and added that he thought it was a bad idea then and he still thinks that it is a bad idea and he thinks that there are enough laws, rules and regulations in this town and they don't need any more. He added by saying that they almost used up the alphabet on the review elements criteria and they are down to the letter Q and they need to realize what hoops

they put people through with that page of nonsense and many of the items are already covered by State Law or other laws and don't even have to be addressed. He continued by saying that 25% or more of floor space within one year will require another A-Q hassle or if you change your process or materials, like Carver, he has to go back in for the A-Q review. He concluded by saying that this won't get business in the Town and it is already too expensive and up and down the road gas is 5-10 cents cheaper than this town and with three stations he would assume that there would be competition but to cover their expenses they have to have their prices higher and more rules and regulations isn't going to grow the Town.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Bogardus and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that she picked up the Proposed Local Law and read them and prior to that she was told that it was on the website, which is was, but not being a person that has worked with computers her whole life like probably some other people, it took a while to figure it out and when they were posted on the website they were posted sideways. She continued by asking how you are suppose to straighten them out to read them if you are not familiar with computers and added that she wishes if they are going to use the internet that they make it more simple for people to understand.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he didn't realize it was like that and added that in addition the Town Clerk could provide copies. He continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Barbara Tanner** stated that she had a question regarding any construction, moving, relocating or structurally altering and continued by asking if it is inside and out.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not believe that it would apply to inside at all and added that construction, moving, relocating or structurally altering a single or two-family dwelling are things that are not included in the law.

Ms. Tanner continued by saying that the law proposes that they would have to be drawn on an 11X17 sheet and added that it would be small because blueprints are on bigger sheets.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Building Inspector Conrad was present and asked that he speak to it.

Building Inspector Conrad stated that he was going to speak as soon as all of the comments are made to clarify a few of the points.

Ms. Tanner inquired as to if after the plans have been submitted and they get the 90 day extension and still don't do it, would they have to start from ground level again or not be permitted.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not think that there is anything that would say that they can't come back again and it appears that they would pay another application fee

Ms. Tanner stated that she lived in Ravena and then moved to New Baltimore and the one thing that she liked about down there was when they were trying to put a dump down there and the people didn't like it and as soon as it was turned down by the Board, they immediately made a law that no dump would be allowed there. She concluded by saying that we do need some kind of law to take care of this.

Mr. George Landgon stated that approximately 10 years ago he and his wife started a business in Town and he went through all of this so it seems to him that they already have the laws in place to accommodate making sure that they went to their neighbors and made sure that it was going to comply and not hinder their lifestyle and they put together a Site Plan, which was better than 10 years ago. He reiterated that he is curious as to why there is a need to have something added when it was in place a decade or more ago.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the answer is that it has been said that if you challenged the Town's authority to make you go through Site Plan Review you may have had a viable argument and this is something that the Planning Board wanted them to do to solidify and make a part of the Code of the Town of Coeymans because currently it isn't.

Mr. Langdon stated that he was told at the time that it was in the Code and his wife was told that she was running an illegal business at the Hearing because she was not complying with the Code and they accused her of running an illegal business and now they are saying that it never existed.

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is Site Plan Review.

Mr. Langdon stated that this is what they did and they went through the process and once they knew what they were supposed to do they did it. He continued by saying that they are business owners and it appears that most of the people in the room are as well and the idea is that they want to help grow but when people are looking for someplace to do business, this kind of activity will make them not come here, which will not improve the situation. He concluded by saying that Main Street looks like a Ghost Town, which it didn't look like 25 years ago when he moved to this town and they should consider what type of message they are sending out to prospective investors, business owners and the residential people that live here.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Langdon and then asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. John Vadney stated that he has been investing for over 30 years in different areas and added that in 2008 he invested in Coeymans and since then he was able to get an apartment rented. He continued by saying that many of the investors that he works with are afraid of this town and the reputation because it does not seem as though it is open for the business person and when you are a mall business owner, the time restraints that you have, many of them cannot afford. He went on by saying that maybe in different circumstances they would attract more business and they would not have the problem of Main Street looking like a Ghost Town, which is only his opinion and as Mr. Bogardus said, two years ago they looked at this and it did not go through and if it goes through this time they will be sending up red flags to other business people who would like to come here to invest and that they should not come down here because of all the restrictions.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Vadney and continued by saying that something that needs to be clear is that the proposal is not reinventing the wheel but rather putting in the Code for the last 30 or so years and it is not as though this is all new. He added that in talking about two years ago, he was around two years ago and that was all about a complete rezoning, which they decided not to do and his recollection is that Site Plan Review was not part of what they worked on back then.

Councilman Touchette stated that two years ago the Planning Board first proposed a Site Plan Review Law and there was a Public Hearing and ultimately the Town Board did not adopt the law.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he stands corrected.

Councilman Touchette stated that the Planning Board made some revisions and brought it back to the Town Board and there are some similarities but it is a new law.

Supervisor Youmans reiterated that he stands corrected and added that it was not his recollection and ultimately that may be what happens again and it is something that they are looking at. He continued by asking if there were any other comments.

Mr. Rodney Krzykowski stated that they keep going back two years ago and added that he can go back 30 years ago and it still keeps coming up and they say that they are going to streamline it but it keeps getting worse instead of better and he has brought it up several times and they said they were going to work with him but that hasn't happened. He added that about a year ago a group of them came to Town Hall and sat and reviewed

the Zoning Laws, which was a lot of time and effort and they promised something would be done but what they did was they made it disappear and no one even knows where it is anymore, which is not being helpful.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Krzykowski and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Ms. Sarah Hafensteiner stated that she is probably speaking with great peril based on some of the other comments and added that she has also lived here for a long time and 35 years is far more than half of her life and it's no longer nor has it been in a long time a very vibrant town. She added that she had not taken the time to research this particular set of rules and set them up against Catskill, Coxsackie, Bethlehem, Voorheesville or some of the others towns but in the work that she has done independently, these are not unusual rules and regulation. She continued by saying that if the timeframes are way off from other towns around them, they have to take a look at that because they should not be making roadblocks and they should be comparing them and went on by saying that what makes the Town of Coeymans different is that New Baltimore has new business, Coxsackie has new business. She added that the Town of Coeymans owns great property and a lot of it such as Rte. 144 right on the river, Rte. 9W and thruway access, which are all the right ingredients along with an amazing number of people in this town that care about it and yet it does look like a Ghost Town. She continued by saying that she likes the idea of looking at what kind of general rules and regulations they should have, to have Site Plan Review and to talk about a Comprehensive Plan to bring this community to the present day so that they might thrive with new businesses the way all of the other towns are doing. She went on by saying that some of the businesses that have built in New Baltimore and Coxsackie thought about coming here and it was not the Town's laws that kept them out of here, it was because they have a process that is clear, direct, properly adopted and they followed regulations and everyone is getting the business and tax dollars except the Town of Coeymans. She continued by saying that industry is great and she hears great things about the Port of Coeymans but not all industry brings jobs and the dump, which is a topic of conversation isn't going to bring residents to this Town and it will take over 350 acres and make the town a place that you won't want to come to and reiterated that not all industry, not all businesses provide jobs, but most industry and most businesses have an impact on the traffic, infrastructure, storm water management, etc., which is listed in the Proposed Law. She continued by saying that communication is key and all they are using is the News Herald, which is no longer a local business and they are in Hudson publishing 8-9 different news papers and reiterated that it is not a local paper and not the majority paper that everyone receives anymore and added that it was but isn't anymore and it is a great place to stick your Legal Notices because it does not have to be published in the town that you are setting up your business, which helps pay for the paper. She went on by saying that they have to do a better job with communication, whether it is a newsletter, e-mails, flyers or posters because they are not getting to people and there are a lot of business people who are key but there are also a lot of people who live here, other than those lost in the census. She concluded by saying that they have to look really hard and make sure that their laws are adopted and on the books, they need to have a Comprehensive Plan and they need for those who think that they don't need to have rules or laws, to look at every other community who have grown and thrived and see if they are trying to do anything different and figure out what the other towns are doing to get the tax dollars and residents because they are not coming to the Town of Coeymans and they need to figure it out because doing nothing certainly has not worked for the past 25 years for any of the businesses, taxpayers or the community and they need to move forward and get out of the 1960's.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Hafensteiner and then asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Carver Laraway stated that he wanted to say that the Town Board has worked with him and the community to try to develop and he agrees that they need rules and regulations and he will have his Attorney draw up her concerns so that they work together to develop it. He reiterated that he does not disagree that they need rules and regulations but they don't need new rules and they should refine what they have and fix whatever problems there may be rather than trying to develop, adopt and push something

down people's throats that they don't understand. He concluded by saying that by working together they could develop it.

Ms. Anne Marie Vadney stated that she wanted to add that just because everyone is jumping off a bridge does not mean that they have to and she thinks that there has to be some guidelines but in talking with many business people she has found that they have to jump through hoops and added that it is all a direct result of the Town's Government who is overseeing what is going on in this area. She continued by saying that people have to start listening to those in the town that live in this town and run businesses and she knows that they are focused on bringing people back into the Town but they are not going to get people coming back into the Town if they look at the town and there is nothing going on here. She went on by saying that she rents to U-Haul and to people running self-storage units and there are people coming from downtown Schenectady because it is the lowest price as well as people buying houses because the price is so low and this should not be how we are drawing people to this town. She concluded by saying that she believes that they could have guideline and rules that are very positive and enhance people's thoughts in what they want to do rather than turn them off and they can be written in a manner and specific so people can have a clear understanding of what they are talking about and what your expectations are and this is the only way that they will get this town moving again.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Vadney and then invited Code Enforcement Officer / Building Inspector Conrad to speak.

Code Enforcement Officer Conrad stated that he wanted to clarify some things that were said and added that George Langdon had spoken earlier and he and his wife came in for a Special Use Permit rather than a Site Plan Review and this law stands on the books currently. He continued by saying that he wanted to speak about the law itself and added that they are not questioning the viability of the law, it is what it is and they do have Site Plan Approval but unfortunately the Legislature didn't give the authority to have the teeth of the law until 1976 under Section 274. He added that basically up to that point in time, everything that has to do with Site Plan Review, which the Planning Board has the authority to do right now and has been doing for years, is advisory, which is the difference and in order to enforce it they had to have some other way to penalize and take care of the problem. He went on by saying that a few weeks back the Town Board heard equally as many who came in from the Village, within the Town, as well as attending a Planning Board Meeting on two separate occasions and they hammered the Planning Board over not allowing a business to come into the town and in turn attended a Town Board Meeting and then hammered the Board members individually with phone calls. He added that he does not see all of those people now and the Village concurrently, once they found out they had a problem, adopted a new law, which is 11 pages and this law is 6 and the fact of the matter is that Mr. Laraway is right and the one thing that was previously exempt under the Site Plan approval process was that industrial uses did not have to do anything and it was an argument for some on the Planning Board who thought they should be reviewed as well, maybe in a different manner. He continued by saying that as far as the 11X17 size, they can be copied in Town Hall without having them sent out to make maps and they were trying to accommodate those that want copies and it was to standardize the paperwork process so it didn't cost a fortune to reproduce. He went on by saying that as far as it being turned down a year or so ago, it was turned down basically because the Planning Board forgot to exempt agricultural use, which has been put in it and it was not the whole law that was trashed and it was because the Planning Board inadvertently missed agricultural uses and there is a possibility that industrial uses could be exempt and still proceed. He continued by saying that it basically pertains to the commercial corridor and they are trying to clean it up and when the Marshall's building started to become an issue, it was basically an advisory opinion and all they could do was to say what they would like for them to do and in turn nothing was done and now the cars sit there with flat tires. He added that when people came and hammered the Board about it, they in turn came to him and he advised that he cannot do a thing about it until he has a law to work with and he is only trying to enforce the rules and based on some in the audience that were complaining about not having such rules. He went on by saying that it is confusing as far as if they want rules or don't want to have rules and added that there has to be a happy medium somewhere and the Planning Board is not trying to stymie anybody. He continued by saying that currently under the Site Plan Review Law that they

now have, anything within 500 feet of a State or County Highway has to go to Albany County Planning Board and they have to be given 30 days as well as Special Use Permits and Variances, which are State Laws. He went on by saying that the reason the Town has to have this is because Section 274 authorizes the towns to adopt these laws and they do not say that you can enforce them automatically but says that you can adopt them and set up guidelines and added that the point is that they are just guidelines to look at and not necessarily a stumbling block. He added that Mr. Laraway has come in on a couple of occasions and has been in front of the Zoning Board and they made a decision and it was all worked out within a couple months. He continued by saying that he is not saying that the process is quick and added that if they want something enforced they have to have the teeth to do it and as far as violations, they are standard violations that have been with any Local Law that has been adopted and they can be made to be less but the bottom line is that there needs to be some kind of fine, which will be up to the court to decide and 9 times out of 10 if they comply with the rules there is no fine. He concluded by saying that it is work in progress and the Planning Board works on it at their open public meetings and reiterated that it is not a new law and it has not been modified much since 2009.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Building Inspector / CEO Conrad.

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#### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he has heard in the comments that there is a desire for a balance, and he gets that and added that he wants to make it clear that there is no one on the Town Board who wants anything more than to encourage business in this Town and no one is looking to impede business because it is their lifeline. He continued by thanking everyone who spoke and continued by saying that they will take the comments to heart and consider them thoroughly and if any one knows somebody that wanted to attend but could not, to have them reach out to the Board by a phone call or letter and they would love to hear their concerns as well.

Mr. Joseph Scalzo inquired as to if there would be any change for a follow-up meeting for those that could not be at the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is always a chance and added that it is also his understanding and belief that should they alter it, it will require another Public Hearing because it is not the same law once it is altered. He then thanked everyone for their participation and added that he would move to close the Public Hearing.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

A Public Hearing was held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### **OPENING COMMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing, which was posted in the News Herald.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans on October 11, 2011 at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue on Proposed Local Law #2 of 2011 as follows:

# Town of Coeymans Proposed Local Law #2 of 2011

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMERS OF SAID BOARD.

A copy of the Proposed Law may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

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

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# PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2011

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read Proposed Local Law #2-2011. Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the following:

#### PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2011

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO SAID BOARD

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

#### §34-1. Title.

This Chapter shall be known as "The Powers and Duties of The Planning Board"

#### §34-2. Statutory Authorization.

This local law is hereby adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and §271 through §281 inclusive of Town Law.

#### §34-3. Intent.

The purpose of this Local Law is to revise and replace Chapter 34, which deals with the powers and duties of the Planning Board, and to provide for the appointment of alternate members to said Board.

#### §34-4. Definitions.

- A. "Planning Board" means the Planning Board of the Town of Coeymans established by the Town Board pursuant to the provisions of Town Law.
- B. "Regular Member" means an individual appointed by the Town Board to serve on the Town Planning Board pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.
- C. "Alternate Member" means an individual appointed by the Town Board to serve on the Town Planning Board when a regular member is absent or unable to participate on an application or matter before the Planning Board as provided herein.

# §34-5. Continuation; Appointment; Terms.

There shall be continued a Planning Board appointed by the Town Board, which Planning Board shall consist of one regular member to serve for one year, one regular member to serve for two years, one regular member to serve for four years, one regular member to serve for five years, one regular member to serve for six years and one regular member to serve for seven years. Their successors shall be appointed for seven years.

# §34-6. Chairperson.

The Town Board shall designate a regular member of said Planning Board to act as Chairperson thereof.

# §34-7. Experts and Staff.

The Planning Board shall have the power and authority to employ experts and a staff and to pay for their services and such other expenses as may be necessary and proper, not exceeding the appropriations that may be made for the Planning Board by the Town Board.

#### §34-8. Rules and Regulations.

The Planning Board may adopt rules and regulations in respect to procedure before it and in respect to any subject matter over which it has jurisdiction under this Chapter or any statute subject to the approval of the Town Board.

#### §34-9. Powers and Duties.

#### The Planning Board shall have and exercise the powers and duties as follows:

A. To prepare and change a Comprehensive Plan for the development of the entire area of the Town of Coeymans outside of the limits of the Incorporated Village of Ravena and to make investigations and reports relating to the planning of the Town and its future growth and affording adequate facilities for the housing, transportation, distribution, comfort, convenience, safety, health and welfare of its population.

- B. To approve all plats showing any streets or highways within that part of the Town outside of the limits of the Incorporated Village of Ravena.
- C. To approve or disapprove changes in the lines of existing streets, highways or public areas shown on subdivision plats or maps filed in the County Clerk's office.
- D. To approve or disapprove the laying out of, closing off or abandonment of such streets, highways or public areas under and subject to the provisions of the Town and Highway Laws.
- E. Simultaneously with the approval of any such plat, to confirm and make changes in the zoning regulations applicable to the land included in any such plat, in accordance with the provisions of §281 of the Town Law and amendments thereto.
- F. To exercise all other powers conferred upon it by the provisions of the Town Law and to pass upon all matters which may be referred to it from time to time by resolution of the Town Board, it shall conduct hearings and perform its duties in accordance with such procedure as provided in §272 through §281, inclusive of the Town Law.
- G. To approve or disapprove Special Use Permits pursuant to §274-b of Town Law and the Town of Coeymans Zoning Chapter 165 and amendments thereto.

#### §34-10. Filing of Certificate with County Clerk.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Coeymans shall file with the Clerk of the County of Albany a certificate certifying that the Planning Board of the Town of Coeymans has been authorized to approve plats showing new streets or highways in accordance with the provisions of §278, as amended, of the Town Law.

# §34-11. Process for Appointing Alternate Planning Board Member(s).

- A. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans establishes this process for appointing "alternate" members of the Planning Board. These individuals would serve when regular members are absent or unable to participate on an application or matter before the respective board.
- B. Alternate members of the Planning Board shall be appointed by the Town Board for a one-year term.
- C. The Chairperson of the Planning Board may designate an alternate member to substitute for a regular member for any application, matter, or period of time such member is absent or unable to participate on an application or matter before the board. When so designated, the alternate member shall possess all the powers of a regular member of the board. Such designation shall be entered into the minutes of the initial Planning Board meeting at which the substitution is made.
- D. Any discussion or determination of the Planning Board, which includes the vote of one or more alternate Planning Board members, shall have equal force and effect as determinations made solely by a vote of the regular members of said Planning Board.
- E. All provisions of state law relating to Planning Board member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education, compensation and attendance, shall apply to alternate Planning Board members.

#### §34-12. Severability.

If any provisions of this Chapter are held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the Chapter shall remain in effect.

#### §34-13 Repealer.

Chapter 34 of the Code of the Town of Coeymans is hereby repealed and replaced with this local law.

#### §34-14. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect twenty days after it is filed as provided in Section 27 of Municipal Home Rule Law.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

**Ms. Sarah Hafensteiner** stated that at the very beginning it says "and providing for appointment of alternate members" and continued by asking if she can assume that most of what is in there is already part of the Code and this is primarily for alternate members to be added.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it an exact correct assumption.

Ms. Hafensteiner stated that most of it is not new and added that as a Zoning Board Member she wanted to speak to the issue of an alternate and the fact that the Planning Board is larger and many, many towns have alternates and she knows first hand that there is not a lot of money that goes to these people who serve on either Board. She continued by saying that most of the business people present have talked about having to wait and having it take longer than they had hoped and she completely respects their frustrations and added that if they had an alternate, such as the Town of New Scotland, that alternate comes to the meetings, is familiar with the Code that they have to go by and understands that if they have missed a meeting, they can step in as need be. She added that there is nothing more frustrating as a business person or an applicant than to have everything ready and find out that there is not a quorum and if there is not a quorum you cannot do anything and it is critical that they have to make sure as a Planning Board is always there to serve the people and there cannot be an attendance issue. She went on by saying that maybe 30-40 years ago they didn't have as often, people that might be out of town for work and it is very difficult if not impossible to find the laws that allow you to do anything remotely when it comes to Planning and Zoning Boards. She concluded by saying that she supports something like this because she believes it would facilitate and speed up the process for anybody that is an applicant before the Planning Board, so that they can do their business and get on with business and the Planning Board can do the same and added that she appreciates this coming forward.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Hafensteiner and added that it was well said. He continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Rob VanEtten** inquired as to how they plan on doing it and if they will be letting the Planning Board prepare and change the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had the same question early on with this as well and it was a big red flag for him but what he has learned is that it is typical that a Planning Board would update and change Comprehensive Plans, which in turn would be subject to Town Board approval.

Mr. VanEtten stated that the Zoning is based on the Comprehensive Plan and he would question letting a Planning Board update and change it.

Supervisor Youmans reiterated that it is typical and it is subject to Town Board approval.

Mr. VanEtten interjected that it sounds like a lot of power for the Planning Board and it concerns him and added that he is aware that the Town Board has oversight on it and they would just be making suggestions.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. VanEtten and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Anne Marie Vadney** stated that she was wondering what the Board's reasoning was for the alternates and if it was as Mrs. Hafensteiner had stated.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was exactly as she stated.

Ms. Vadney stated that she has personally encountered the effect of not having a quorum but some of her concern while reading it is that conceptually it sounds great but if someone is coming in just when someone is absent, how would they be privy to the details that may have been discussed at a previous meeting and be able to properly make a decision on what is before them. She continued by saying that the Proposed Law states that they will be trained equally as well as the individuals who are on the Board and she wanted to bring up what the fiscal impact would be and how it would be addressed. She went on by saying that the biggest issue would be the consistency and there are already rules that if someone is taking commission on a Planning and Zoning Board, there are requirements for absenteeism and they are required to be in attendance at the meetings. She continued by saying that if in fact there is that criteria, will the Proposed Law assist them if someone cannot consistently attend meetings and if it is a consistent absence they should not be on the Board.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that they addressed this issue a couple of years ago and there are a certain number of meetings that they must attend.

Ms. Vadney inquired as to if it is in effect and if so what is the requirement.

Councilwoman Rogers reiterated that it is in effect and added that it addresses the issue if there are three absences in a row.

Ms. Vadney stated that she is not sure whether or not they would need alternates if this were the case and then asked what happens if they miss three meetings.

Supervisor Youmans stated that in this particular case they have thought that Recording Secretary Linda Ziegler, who attends every meeting, would be an excellent alternate because she is there, she is up to speed and knows the details. He added that on both Planning and Zoning Boards it is extremely rare that they don't have a quorum but it would be frustrating for someone coming before that Board, to get here and find out that two to three people are out. He continued by saying that although it is rare, they are trying to plan for the eventuality and he understands her concern.

Ms. Vadney stated that her point is that although it is an unusual circumstance, she has personally had the experience of there not being a quorum for 2-3 different meetings on some of their projects. She continued by saying that her point is the consistency and fluency of what is going on and the fiscal impact on training and keeping someone up to par if they are only going to be sitting on one of the Boards at a meeting once every 6-12 months. She added that it is very important that people make a commitment that if they are going to be on the Board that they are present.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he understands her concerns and thanked her. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that Mr. VanEtten had commented on the powers and duties of the Planning Board and Supervisor Youmans had indicated that it is subject to Town Board approval.

Supervisor Youmans stated that what he commented on was for the Planning Board to prepare and change the Comprehensive Plan for the development of the entire area of the Town of Coeymans outside of the limits of the Incorporated Village of Ravena and to make investigations and reports relating to the planning of the Town and added that the Town Board would ultimately be responsible for the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to why it is not in the Law that the Town Board is going to be responsible.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that it was a good question and thanked Ms. Pasquini. He continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Rodney Krzykowski** inquired as to what the criteria is for selecting an alternate and how they will go about selecting one.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would say that it will be basically the same way that Planning Board Members are selected.

Mr. Krzykowski inquired as to if an alternate, who is at a meeting, would be able to vote on something that they have a personal interest in.

Supervisor Youmans stated that no one with a personal interest should be involved.

Mr. Krzykowski interjected that he has been in that position several times over the years and it has been like going to a casino and a crap shoot and he gets faced with people that have personal agendas against him who are at the meeting and vote and when the next meeting comes around they are gone. He continued by saying that they are stacking the deck and do it all time and then asked if it is going to continue.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he has no specific knowledge of that.

Mr. Krzykowski stated that he will sit down with him and show him the paperwork.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would be glad to sit with him anytime and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he wanted to clarify that an alternate has been a topic of conversation for many years now and it has been amended to Town Law to authorize alternates and specifically one of the things that Mr. Krzykowski is referring to is conflicts. He added that there have been several occasions where people have personal ties to people or neighbors as in Mr. Krzykowski case, where they have recused themselves or needed to recuse themselves and by doing it, it caused a lack of a quorum. He continued by saying that it is important that the alternate be an active member and he would definitely say that they need to be kept up to speed in one manner or another and this could be a requirement when the alternate is made aware of the position. He added that Ms. Ziegler was obviously the best choice for both Boards because she does the minutes and is well up to speed with what goes on and that was the ideal circumstance when it was suggested to the Board that she be that person and

reiterated that she sits there for every meeting and hears everything that is going on and some meetings go back and forth with the Planning Board making referrals to the Zoning Board and obviously she is aware of all of it. He concluded by saying that the primary thing was that there were conflicts rather than absenteeism in that case and he wanted to bring it up.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Public Hearing was adjourned. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 7:22pm

**MOTION** 

**APPROVED:** Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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#### **OPENING COMMMENT**

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

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcement
  - Electronic Recycling Collection
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, September 25, 2011
  - Special Town Board Meeting, September 30, 2011
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Authorization to Sign CDPHP Contract
  - Establish Budget Workshop Meeting Dates
  - Establish 2012 Preliminary Budget Hearing Date
- Resolutions
  - Affirmation of CSEA Contract 2012-2014
  - Authorization for Issuance of Bonds to Pay Cost of Acquisition & Installation of Waste Water System Flow Meters
  - Authorization of Issuance of Bonds to Pay Cost of Acquisition, Construction & Installation of Coeymans Hamlet Sewer District Sewer Upgrades
  - Interfund Loan for Highway Fund (DB)
- Correspondence
  - Albany County Department of Health
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Workshop, October 18, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, October 24, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, November 14, 2011
- Adjournment

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#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

**Electronic Recycling Collection** 

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS October 11, 2011 — TOWN BOARD MEETING — 7:00PM

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had a public announcement and continued by reading the following:

The Town will host several collection days for recycling computer and electronic equipment. The first collection date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2011, from 7:00am to 3:00pm ONLY at the Town's Beautification Department, 70 South Main Street in Coeymans (former Coeymans Firehouse).

Items will not be accepted before or after the designated times. Town personnel will be available to assist.

Town residents are asked to bring only those items on the list: televisions (portable or console), computer equipment, typewriters, video game systems, cell phones, I-Pods, monitors, scanners, ink cartridges, fax machines, printers, keyboards, and other computer accessories.

We will NOT accept liquids, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, kitchen or personal appliances, batteries or fluorescent lamps.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Notice will be on the Town's website and added that this is a nice thing that Councilman Dolan had helped put together. He continued by saying that there will be four over the next 12 months and it is of no cost to the Town whatsoever or to the residents that wish to dispose. He concluded by saying that there was a Recycling Company that was interested in getting their hands on the items to be recycled because there is value to them.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

**Ms. Barbara Tanner** inquired as to whether the Town would be getting any money for the electronic recycling.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will not be.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that at the last Town Board Meeting the dates were announced for the Recycling Program and continued by asking that he clarify them because she had written down October 28<sup>th</sup> for the first one.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was a mistake and the first one is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Pasquini continued by saying that she has January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Department for the next date.

Councilman Dolan stated that the date is correct.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if any of the other dates changed.

Councilman Dolan stated that they had not and added that he only made a mistake for the first date.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that the dates are also correct on the website as well and added that is <a href="www.coeymans.org">www.coeymans.org</a>.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on September 26, 2011 and a Special Town Board Meeting on September 30, 2011. He then asked for a motion to approve them.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the minutes were accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No items on the agenda.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Authorization to Sign CDPHP Contract**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he needed a motion authorizing him to sign the CDPHP Contract.

#### **MOTION**

Councilman Touchette stated that he would offer a motion and continued by reading the following:

This contract provides a prepaid Health Care Program, to the extent hereinafter defined and limited to Town of Coeymans, Group #10001936. This Contract is issued by the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, Inc.

This Contract between the Group and CDPHP entitles the enrolled, eligible Members to receive the benefits as hereinafter set forth for the period September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. The Group is responsible for providing to CDPHP timely and accurate notification of any Member's change in eligibility. Coverage is conditioned upon the terms set forth in the attached Subscriber Contract and any attached Riders, all as amended from time to time, as well as the underwriting guidelines filed with the premium rates listed below.

•	Individual Premium	\$	497.64
•	Subscriber and One Dependent	\$	995.26
•	Subscriber and Children		N/A
•	Family Premium	\$1	,293.84

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing Supervisor Youmans to sign the CDPHP contract.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Establish Budget Workshop Meeting Dates**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would like to establish, as they have in the past, Budget Workshop Meeting dates and continued by saying that he proposes Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to noon. He added that for anyone not familiar with this, he has released his Tentative Budget and at the Workshop Meetings the Board sits with Department Heads and go through their budgets and address any questions or concerns that they have, which is typical of what they have done in the past. He then asked if the dates were alright with the Town Board.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the dates were alright.

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious see to it that the Notice of Special Workshops is posted.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would.

# **Establish 2012 Preliminary Budget Hearing Date**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they also needed to establish a Public Hearing Date for the 2012 Preliminary Budget and added that he is proposing Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Town Hall and then asked if the date was alright with the Town Board.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that the date was fine.

Supervisor Youmans asked that the Notice of Public Hearing be posted at the appropriate time.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would.

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## RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Youmans stated that the first resolution was regarding the CSEA Contract and added that he along with Councilman Touchette sat and negotiated with representatives from CSEA, the Union that represents most of the employees with the exception of the Police who are represented by another Union, and they agreed to a zero raise for 2012, a 1% raise in 2013, and a 2% raise in 2014.

## RES. #85-11 AUTHORIZATION TO REAFFIRM CSEA CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board undertook negotiations with CSEA Local #801 to replace the extended Labor/Management Agreement that expires December 31, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board authorized Supervisor James C. Youmans and Councilman Touchette to act on behalf of the management in the aforementioned negotiations, and

WHEREAS, the tentative agreement was recently ratified by a vote of the union's membership,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans reaffirms the agreement reached for the three-year term of the contract, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

# RES. #86-11 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE DENNIS APPRAISALS, LLC

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town is desirous of determining the value of Property Tax Parcel #168.12-1-40.1, and

WHEREAS, determining the value would require a licensed Real Estate Appraiser, and

WHEREAS, a proposal to do such appraisal in the amount of \$400.00 has been received,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor James C. Youmans to hire Dennis Appraisals, LLC, of Ballston Lake, NY, to appraise the Property Tax Parcel #168.12-1-40.1 at a cost of \$400.00.

## RES. #87-11 AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$150,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS TO PAY THE COST OF ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF WASTEWATER SYSTEM FLOW METERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$150,000 IN BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans (the "Town") entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Village of Ravena (the "Village") relating to conveyance, treatment, and disposal of sewage at the Town's waste water treatment plant ("WWTP"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the criteria to be used for allocation of future costs of operation and maintenance of the WWTP will be based upon the measurement of flow attributable to each municipality as measured by meters to be installed by the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coeymans Hamlet Sewer District (the "District") wishes to install such meters;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The specific object or purpose for which the obligations authorized by this Resolution are to be issued is the acquisition and installation of meters to determine the flow of wastewater from the Village into the Town's WWTP, and further including related preliminary and incidental costs (the "Project"), and such specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).

<u>Section 2</u>. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is the payment by each of the Town and the Village of its respective percentage of the total cost as allocated pursuant to the Agreement. The plan for the financing of the Town's share of such maximum estimated cost is issuance of up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in serial bonds or bond anticipation notes of the Town, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

The proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes may be used to reimburse expenditures paid by the Town from other funds or otherwise on or after the date of adoption of this Bond Resolution. Pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 107(d)(9), no down payment from current funds is required.

<u>Section 3</u>. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose is thirty (30) years, pursuant to Section 11(a)(4) of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five (5) years.

<u>Section 4</u>. The faith and credit of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due

and payable in such years. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the District a fee sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable.

Section 5. For the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, including related preliminary and incidental costs, there are hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Town up to a maximum amount of \$150,000, the maximum maturity of which shall not exceed the thirty (30) year period of probable usefulness set forth above, and which shall mature on or before the date of the expiration of the period of probable usefulness as measured from the date of the bonds or from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. The bonds may be issued in the form of a statutory installment bond.

**Section 6.** There are hereby authorized to be issued bond anticipation notes for the specific object or purpose in an amount up to but not exceeding the \$150,000 maximum amount of serial bonds authorized to be issued, in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds authorized, including renewals of such bond anticipation notes.

<u>Section 7</u>. Any bond anticipation notes shall be payable from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds or otherwise redeemed in the manner provided by Section 23.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the bond anticipation notes and the interest on them.

<u>Section 8</u>. There are no bond anticipation notes outstanding which have been previously issued in anticipation of the sale of these bonds. Neither are the bond anticipation notes hereby authorized renewal notes. These bond anticipation notes will be issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement. These notes shall mature at such time as the Town may determine and may be renewed from time to time, provided that in no event shall such notes or renewals extend more than one (1) year beyond the original date of issue except as permitted in the Local Finance Law.

**Section 9.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this Resolution and the renewal of these notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and the power to sell and deliver the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution by manual signature, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix or impress or imprint a facsimile of the seal of the Town to any of the serial bonds or bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal by manual signature. The Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent of the provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 10.** The exact date of issuance of the bonds and/or notes and the exact date upon which they shall become due and payable shall be fixed and determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, provided, however, that the maturity of the notes or renewals shall not exceed one (1) year from the date of issue except as permitted by the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 11</u>. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall prepare the bonds and/or notes and sell them in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 169.00, if applicable, and at such sale shall determine the interest rate to be borne by such bonds and/or notes. The Town Board authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to establish substantially level annual debt service for the repayment of such Bonds if he believes it is in the best interests of the Town.

**Section 12.** If issued, the notes shall be in registered form, and shall bear interest at the determined rate.

Section 13. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall deliver the bonds and/or notes to the purchaser only against a certified check or other immediately available funds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds and/or notes shall be deposited and/or invested as required by Section 165.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the power to invest the proceeds of sale is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer and the power to invest in any instruments described in Section 165.00 is expressly granted.

**Section 14.** To the extent that it is permitted to do so under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Town hereby designates the bonds and/or notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Town hereby covenants that it will (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be excluded from gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be included in gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes.

<u>Section 15.</u> Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC, Glens Falls, New York, is hereby designated bond counsel.

**Section 16.** The validity of these serial bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) These obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the State Constitution.

<u>Section 17.</u> The full text of this Resolution or a summary thereof shall be published in *The Ravena News Herald*, which has been designated as the official newspaper of the Town, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 18</u>. The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Town Board.

Town Clerk Millious continued by doing a roll-call vote.

Supervisor Youmans – Aye, Councilman Rogers – Aye, Councilman Boehm – Aye, Councilman Touchette – Aye, Councilman Dolan – Aye

## **RES. #88-11 AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$100,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS TO PAY THE COST OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION OF COEYMANS HAMLET SEWER DISTRICT SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$100,000 IN BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with New York Town Law, the Town of Coeymans (the "Town") Town Board duly established the Coeymans Hamlet Sewer District (the "District"); and

**WHEREAS**, upgrades to the collection system are now needed in certain areas of the District;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The specific object or purpose for which the obligations authorized by this Resolution are to be issued is the acquisition, construction, and installation of improvements to the sewer collection system in the areas of Colvin Avenue and Westerlo Street, Church Street and Route 9-W north and south, and further including related preliminary and incidental costs (the "Project"), and such specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

<u>Section 2</u>. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is issuance of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in serial bonds or bond anticipation notes of the Town on behalf of the District, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

The proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes may be used to reimburse expenditures paid by the Town from other funds or otherwise on or after the date of adoption of this Bond Resolution. Pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 107(d)(9), no down payment from current funds is required.

<u>Section 3</u>. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose is thirty (30) years, pursuant to Section 11(a)(4) of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five (5) years.

<u>Section 4.</u> The faith and credit of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such years. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property

of the District a fee sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable.

Section 5. For the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, including related preliminary and incidental costs, there are hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Town up to a maximum amount of \$100,000, the maximum maturity of which shall not exceed the thirty (30) year period of probable usefulness set forth above, and which shall mature on or before the date of the expiration of the period of probable usefulness as measured from the date of the bonds or from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. The bonds may be issued in the form of a statutory installment bond.

**Section 6.** There are hereby authorized to be issued bond anticipation notes for the specific object or purpose in an amount up to but not exceeding the \$100,000 maximum amount of serial bonds authorized to be issued, in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds authorized, including renewals of such bond anticipation notes.

<u>Section 7</u>. Any bond anticipation notes shall be payable from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds or otherwise redeemed in the manner provided by Section 23.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the bond anticipation notes and the interest on them.

<u>Section 8</u>. There are no bond anticipation notes outstanding which have been previously issued in anticipation of the sale of these bonds. Neither are the bond anticipation notes hereby authorized renewal notes. These bond anticipation notes will be issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement. These notes shall mature at such time as the Town may determine and may be renewed from time to time, provided that in no event shall such notes or renewals extend more than one (1) year beyond the original date of issue except as permitted in the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this Resolution and the renewal of these notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and the power to sell and deliver the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution by manual signature, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix or impress or imprint a facsimile of the seal of the Town to any of the serial bonds or bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal by manual signature. The Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent of the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 10</u>. The exact date of issuance of the bonds and/or notes and the exact date upon which they shall become due and payable shall be fixed and determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, provided, however, that the maturity of the notes or renewals shall not exceed one (1) year from the date of issue except as permitted by the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 11</u>. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall prepare the bonds and/or notes and sell them in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 169.00, if applicable, and at such sale shall determine the interest rate to be borne by such bonds and/or notes. The Town Board authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to establish substantially level annual debt service for the repayment of such Bonds if he believes it is in the best interests of the Town.

**Section 12.** If issued, the notes shall be in registered form, and shall bear interest at the determined rate.

Section 13. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall deliver the bonds and/or notes to the purchaser only against a certified check or other immediately available funds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds and/or notes shall be deposited and/or invested as required by Section 165.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the power to invest the proceeds of sale is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer and the power to invest in any instruments described in Section 165.00 is expressly granted.

**Section 14.** To the extent that it is permitted to do so under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Town hereby designates the bonds and/or notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Town hereby covenants that it will (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be excluded from gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be included in gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes.

<u>Section 15.</u> Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC, Glens Falls, New York, is hereby designated bond counsel.

**Section 16.** The validity of these serial bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) These obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the State Constitution.

<u>Section 17.</u> The full text of this Resolution or a summary thereof shall be published in *The Ravena News Herald*, which has been designated as the official newspaper of the Town, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 18</u>. The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Town Board.

Town Clerk Millious continued by doing a roll-call vote.

Supervisor Youmans – Aye, Councilman Rogers – Aye, Councilman Boehm – Aye, Councilman Touchette – Aye, Councilman Dolan – Aye

## RES. #89-11 AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY FUND PART-TOWN

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Fund (DB) has bills that are due, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Fund is in need of cash to pay such bills, and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to pay these bills on time,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Part Town Fund (B) will loan the Highway Fund Part Town (DB) account \$75,000.00 cash to pay such bills as they come due.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Highway Fund (DB) will repay the loan with no interest payment.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they have encountered a cash-flow issue while waiting for Highway CHIPS money in the amount of approximately \$80,000.00 as well as waiting on the third quarter sales tax distribution.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **Albany County Department of Health**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Albany County Department of Health and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Youmans:

As part of the "Cities Readiness Initiative" (CRI), which is a Federal Grant Program to assure that all citizens have access to important medical countermeasures during a public health emergency, the Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) worked with you and other municipal leaders in the fall of 2007-2008 to establish individual municipal Community Dispensing Plans. That collaborative planning initiative was undertaken with the overarching goal of protecting public health while safeguarding the personnel infrastructure of your local government. As you know, your Community Dispensing Plan outlines the process for the delivery of timely medical countermeasures (such as vaccines or antibiotics) to your municipal employees, family members and residents. This planning is critically important in the event of a widespread communicable disease threat to our citizens.

In an effort to review and update these plans, ACDOH is offering a limited amount of free flu vaccine to interested municipalities to conduct a Flu POD Exercise this fall. The free flu vaccine is being provided through a grant from the New York State Department of Health and is expected to be available by late October 2011. The exercise is designed to assess your municipality's capability to set up, staff, and dispense medical countermeasures (flu vaccine) to a defined population. Staffing from ACDOH is available to assist you with the planning and execution of this drill. In addition, clinical support for vaccinations can be made available through ACDOH and/or the Albany County Medical Reserve Corps.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this valuable opportunity, we ask that you complete and return the attached request form as soon as possible. Following the receipt of this form, Jill Dunkel, Senior Public Health Planner, will contact you to schedule an initial Planning Meeting. ACDOH will make every effort to equitably allocate free flu

vaccine to interested municipalities who would like to participate. In order to effectively plan, responses must be received on or before October 15, 2011.

If you have any questions prior to or following the completion of the request form, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jill at (518) 447-4633 or <a href="mailto:jill.dunkel@albanycounty.com">jill.dunkel@albanycounty.com</a>.

Sincerely,

James B. Crucetti, MD, MPH Commissioner of Health

Supervisor Youmans stated that essentially it is a drill in case of a widespread outbreak and Supervisor Hotaling initiated it and it was a plan to immunize Government Officials, key personnel and also residents. He added that he thinks that it is worthwhile to take part in the drill and if they can get them to come he will find out how much vaccine there is on a first come first serve basis and in turn distributed to people who could use it who otherwise would not get it.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to contact Jill Dunkel at Albany County Health Department and complete the Request Form to participate in the Flu POD exercise.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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# TOWN BOARD MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

- Town Board Workshop, October 18, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, October 24, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 14, 2011, 7:00pm

Supervisor Youmans added that additionally there will be a Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:00pm and will be held in Town Hall.

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## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that on September 27<sup>th</sup> he attended a meeting with the Emergency Management Committee to debrief on Hurricane Irene, which was chaired by Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Bruno with Chief Darlington in attendance as well as Chiefs from various Fire Company's and EMS personnel. He continued by saying that he is very grateful that we have the kind of Emergency Management infrastructure that we have in this town and those people were flat out for days at a time as well as having a great resource in the Emergency Management Committee of which Chief Darlington is able to take control of the situation in terms of finding resources that are available within the Town and Police Department. He went on by saying that we are tremendously blessed to have those folks around and there is an Emergency Management Committee that has been through this and have been doing it longer than other many communities. He added that people have pointed out that they need more outlets for communication such as access to reverse 911 and there was good cooperation from the media but without access to the media they can friend the Coeymans Police Department, which was updated throughout the emergency and they need to look at NIXEL, which isn't what it used to be and there is also media like twitter. He continued by saying that another thing that they talked about and something that he feels strongly about is that when they have a mandatory evacuation, he thinks that there needs to be some consequence for people that ignore it and then call for help later and some fire fighters

and police officer's lives were in jeopardy going after these people and as a Town they need to look at what they need to do to put some teeth into a mandatory evacuation because they almost lost some people. He concluded by saying that it was a good meeting and he hopes that they don't have to convene that Committee again for a long, long time but he is confident that if they do they've got personnel and resources in place.

Councilman Boehm stated that the School District communicates through a messaging system and continued by asking Chief Darlington about doing something like that.

Chief Darlington stated that Mr. Persico, Village Trustee had e-mailed the School District to find out if they could piggyback on their system and there was no response. He added that he has been researching a couple of programs such as Code Red, Rapid Notify and he actually went on NIXEL earlier in the day to find out their pricing plan and they are offering their service for free again due to an outcry when they got everyone to join saying that there was no charge and then charged. He continued by saying that it is system that they have however there are added systems that they can use and one of the things that is going to happen with NIXEL is that when they send a message it will automatically go on the Facebook page as well as Twitter. He went on by saying that there are dial locations, which is a fee and he had asked that a representative call him and he will see what their prices are and added that he was taken back when he found out what the systems charge, with Code Red charging a minimum of \$5,000.00 per year but in circumstances where you need it, it is of value. He concluded by saying that hopefully they will be able to come up with an inexpensive manner to notify the public of issues going on in town.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she want to mention that she was down with the Police Department the day of the flooding taking notes and helping with FEMA and added that it is good to know of the support and everyone working together and keeping it organized between the Fire Departments and Police Department. She added that it was scary that day, witnessing and sitting though all of that and she wanted to thank the Town, Chief of Police, Police Department, Highway Department and everyone else for doing what they did, which was a nice team effort. She continued by saying that it was scary when people didn't get out when they were told to and people risked their lives to get in and help those people and concluded by saying that she hopes that it does not happen again.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief of Police Darlington stated that IT upgrades will be starting next week and as some may know, part of their system crashed and they did lose a lot of data and they were able to recover some of it and added that ITS is going to do a walk through inspection and are currently waiting for a piece of equipment. He continued by saying that police vehicle 923 was damaged when a deer hit the side of the car and there was one car for spare parts down at the garage and they were able to replace the door. He added that he has renewed his request to meet with the Board to discuss staffing.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is on the Workshop agenda and then asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 8:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman

Richard N. Touchette, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor

Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

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Deputy Supervisor Touchette opened the Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the record should reflect a full Town Board with the exception of Supervisor Youmans and added that Town Clerk Millious and Chief Darlington were also present.

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## **AGENDA**

- Police Department Staffing
- Highway Work Rule Directive

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# **DISCUSSIONS**

# **Police Department Staffing**

Discussion ensued between Chief Darlington and the Town Board regarding the need for more Police Department staffing; collectively it was decided that if the Chief's recommendation fits into the budget for next year, they will accept the proposal to convert Officer McDonagh to full-time as well as hiring two part-time officers, which will be on the agenda at the next Town Board Meeting.

# **Highway Work Rule Directive**

Discussion ensued regarding a Highway Work Rule Directive and collectively it was decided that it should be a town-wide policy and it will be revised to include all employees and be incorporated in the new Handbook and introduced by resolution at the next Board Meeting.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 6:30pm

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

A Special Town Board Workshop was held Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 9:00am at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Nita Chmielewski, Clerk to the Supervisor

Laura VanValkenburg, Assessor

Nelson Perry, Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent Scott Searles, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Linda Biance, Highway Clerk George Dardani, Justice Kevin Reilly, Justice

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Special Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice for the Special Workshop that appeared in the News Herald and on the bulletin board in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

## **NOTICE**

# TOWN OF COEYMANS SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled two Special Budget Workshops for Saturday, October 22, 2011 and Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 9:00am. The meetings 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

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## **AGENDA**

- Assessor's Budget
- Community Beautification Budget
- Highway Department Budget
- Justice Court Budget

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS October 22, 2011 — SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP — 9:00AM

## **BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board and Department Heads relative to their budget's proposed for 2012. No action was taken, no decisions were made.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Budget Workshop.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 11:55am

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, October 24, 2011, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman

Richard N. Touchette, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor

Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

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Deputy Supervisor Touchette opened the Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## **OPENING COMMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board with the exception of Supervisor Youmans and added that also present was Town Clerk Millious, Highway Superintendent Deering, Chief of Police Darlington and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

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## **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Electronic Recycling Day
  - Town Offices Closed, Election Day & Veteran's Day
- Public Comment
- Supervisor's Report September
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, September
  - Sewer Department, September
  - Town Clerk, September
- Old Business
  - Award Bid for Sewer Repair
  - Proposed Local Law #1-11 Revisions
- New Business
  - Resignation of Cemetery Services Coordinator
  - Partial Payment for Repair of Coeymans Landing Railing
  - Hurricane Irene Recovery & Hannacroix Creek Restoration
  - Economic Development
  - Joralemon Park Playground Equipment
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Budget Workshop, October 29, 2011, 9:00am
  - Public Hearing, November 10, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, November 14, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, November 22, 2011, 6:00pm
- Executive Session
- Adjournment

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Electronic Recycling Day**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette read the following:

This is a reminder to our residents that the town will "host" a recycling day for computer and electronic equipment. The first collection is scheduled for this Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 7:00am to 3:00pm at the Town's Beautification Department, 70 South Main Street in Coeymans (former Coeymans Firehouse). Town personnel will be available to assist.

Residents are asked to bring only those items on the list such as: televisions, computer equipment, typewriters, video game systems, cell phones, I-Pods, monitors, scanners, ink cartridges, fax machines, printers, keyboards, and other computer accessories.

We will not accept liquids, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, kitchen or personal appliances, batteries or fluorescent lamps.

This list has been posted on the website.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that on the agenda it says that the date is October 28<sup>th</sup> but it actually is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Town Offices Closed – Election Day & Veteran's Day

Deputy Supervisor Touchette read the following:

The public should be aware that Town Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day. Additionally, Veterans' Day falls in the same week; therefore, offices will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of that occasion.

As a 24-hour, 7-day operation, Police Department services will be available.

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## **PRESENTATION**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette invited Ms. Joan Borriello from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary to come forward for a presentation.

Ms. Borriello stated that she wanted to take the opportunity to recognize the Town's participation of the 911 Remembrance Walk and added that she wanted to present a 911 flag to the Town Board.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette thanked Ms. Borriello and added that it was a very nice ceremony that was organized by the VFW.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette invited the public to comment at this time.

**Mr. Jerry Hall** stated that he lives at 10 Greening Lane and the issue that he has is a project that is ongoing cleaning, which is cleaning out the Hannacroix Creek, and on many occasions they have asked for information on the status and how it is moving along and they are at the point where they are still very curious because it is four years later from the time that it started. He continued by saying that since that time they have been impacted by Hurricane Irene and they strongly feel as though the game and rules have changed because ENCON for a period of time, totally eliminated their requirements for permitting, which has also come and gone and they missed that window of opportunity.

He added that right now in their permitting process, which he had given to Councilman Dolan, it looks very simple and the information as interpreted by himself pertains to exactly what they intend to do, which is clean out the debris and modify the streambeds so the creek can flow where it is supposed to. He went on by saying that it is impacting their properties and back in 2007 when the first meeting took place, at the end of that meeting there was a summary which he wanted to read and a resolution that said:

"This site poses an immediate threat to public safety, health and property and is eligible under Public Assistance Program."

Mr. Hall stated that the word immediate jumps out of the sentence and added that four years later he does not think is has been an immediate response and they would like to know what is going to happen from hereon, starting today, with some type of a timetable as to the permitting process because the way that he interprets it, it should not be very detailed. He went on by saying that his neighbors have joined him as well as Mr. Skip Hummel who interpreted from Governor Cuomo on a website, that he would be allowed to go into streams and take immediate action to protect his property, which he did and he took it upon himself to rent an excavator and he restored 500 feet of streambed to as good a quality as anybody is going to do and it took him a day and a half, which is the kind of response that they should be getting.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the Hannacroix Creek is on the agenda and will be addressed later in the meeting and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Rodney Krzykowski** stated that he lives at 957 SR 143 and he wanted to address a meeting that was held over the past weekend and he was shocked and disappointed that he heard about it through the grapevine. He added that when he did finally make it to the meeting, he was greeted with a handshake and welcome but he did not feel very welcome and he would have felt more sincerity if he had been invited to the meeting rather than having to walk in on it. He went on by saying that he is curious about the meeting, which was basically to discuss town business and things concerning the town and there were 4 out of 5 of the Board Members there, which he believes constitutes a Board Meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette inquired as to if it is a question.

Mr. Krzykowski stated that it was about town business, a majority of Town Board Members were there, and there was a quorum. If continued by saying if it was a Board Meeting the rest of the town should have been notified so they had a chance to go.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch inquired as to if he was referring to a Political Fund Raiser.

Mr. Krzykowski stated that he didn't know if it was a Political Fund Raiser.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the event that he was referring to was a Political Campaign function that was hosted by the Coeymans Democratic Committee.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that this was his answer.

Mr. Krzykowski stated that if it was by the Committee, it is fine and he will accept it and added that he never heard about it and if the Committee was looking for people to back them, they would let people know about things like this.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Steven Moutopoulos stated that he lives at 31 Hannacreek Road and he has lived there for approximately 15 years and it seems to him that he and his neighbors constantly come to the Board and ask what is going on with the creek and within the 15 years that he has lived there, he has noticed that it gets worse and worse. He added that four years ago he and Mr. Hall had submitted pictures and 8 years prior to that he submitted pictures and video of the creek and the debris and he has never seen such slow response to such a problem and as Mr. Hall had said, it's not that much of a creek bed to clean out, it's not

rocket science, they just have to go in there and clean it out. He concluded by saying that it poses a large threat to his family, his home and his neighbor's homes and then asked that the Town Board please do something about it.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that it is on the agenda later in the meeting and they will tell him exactly where they are on it.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that as she understands it, the Sewer District was created and belongs to the Hamlet of Coeymans.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the Sewer District is users within the District.

Ms. Pasquini stated that the residents in the Hamlet of Coeymans are the main users and then there is the Village of Ravena and from what she understands from looking at budgets, the Sewer District is considered the Hamlet.

Councilman Dolan interjected that there are other homes outside the Hamlet that are in the Sewer District.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it is the Village.

Councilman Dolan stated that there are other homes outside of the Village that are not in the Hamlet.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to why it is the Hamlet that pays the brunt of it and she understood that it is the Hamlet Sewer District. She added that when they created the Sewer District, it is her understanding that there had to be a Board to run the District and then inquired as to whether there is a Board other than themselves.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is a Special Improvement District under Town Law and there is a provision for the appointment of Commissioners of any Special District but it is not mandatory and you don't have to appoint Commissioners.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if anyone other than the Town Board has to oversee it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the Town Board is the oversight function and there is an alternative to appoint a Board of Commissioners but the Town does not have to and they can do the oversight themselves.

Ms. Pasquini stated that maybe she misunderstood something that she read on the internet and added that she thought it said when a District was created; a Board had to be set up.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that you can set up a Board but it is not necessary.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she understands that it is a Hamlet Sewer District and she wanted to know if there was a Board that oversees the District because maybe it would help out if they had some outside input when it comes to contract and things like that.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Bill McFerran** stated that he lives at 9 Greening Lane and added that he is there with his neighbors and the Board had indicated that it is on the agenda for later in the meeting and indicated that there would be some sort of detailed plan laid out. He then asked if they will be able to ask questions at that point in time.

Councilman Dolan stated that typically they would not be able to.

Mr. McFerran stated that they have heard since 2007 that the problem would be remediated but would take some time and added that they have waited patiently for four

years and he thinks that where it was left off is that they needed a Fluvial Geomorphologist and there were only two in the country that could help design something that deals with the flow of water. He added that Mr. Hall had stated that all of that had been waived because of the fact the Hurricane Irene and they don't need a Fluvial Geomorphologist to come in and talk about the design and flow of water and what they are looking for is action and not words. He continued by saying that he sent a letter to previous Supervisor Hotaling in June 2007 outlining his concerns with regard to the Hannacroix Creek and he and his wife took the time to meet with Supervisor Hotaling as well as Code Enforcement Officer Conrad and at that time a plan was laid out and the plan was to take place in 2008, but never happened and things have occurred since then. He added that he wants the Board to recognize that Mr. Deering has done a lot of work out there, whether it was on his own or whether it was being directed and he and his neighbors are very appreciative of the work that he has done to help remediate some of the B Stream issues and they are waiting for someone to take action with regard to the Hannacroix Creek. He concluded by saying that he hopes that they allow them to ask questions when they outline the plan and action that they are going to take.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Jerry Hall** inquired as to whether or not any of the Board members have stepped foot on the property in question in all these years.

Collectively the Board stated that they had.

Mr. Hall continued by asking if they had been since Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that they had been.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was to the end of the road but not in the stream itself since Irene.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Henry Traver stated that he wanted to address the Town Board regarding reclaiming the Creek and added that Councilman Touchette had told him while he was on the Board that he was handling the whole situation and wanted for him to step back and he stepped back and here they are today still squabbling over the creek. He continued by saying that it does not take a Rocket Scientist to figure out that they have all these trees in the creek that is holding back the water and he brought it up before but they squashed it down when he was on the Board. He went on by saying that all they have to do is go in the creek and cut the trees and then most of the rocks and dirt will wash out itself, which is a very quick fix and after they cut the trees there will be an immediate fix to getting the flow down through there. He added that then they can still work on doing what they have to do to either realign the creek or take out more debris and he believes that all they have to do is contact DEC and let them know that they are going in the creek as well as the homeowners along the creek and get permission to take that stuff out. He reiterated that an immediate fix is to go in there and get the trees out as soon as possible, which he believes will alleviate a lot of the problems that are taking place right now.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Traver is indeed partially right and added that there are debris dams all over the place with trees that have fallen down and have been ripped out by the roots but it is far beyond that problem. He continued by saying that there is sediment, rocks and earth that has moved and in the initial study they did an estimate of cubic feet because they are engineers and added that he is not an engineer but there is a whole mess of earth that has moved from where it was supposed to flow, everywhere in the flood plain and it is way past the day of tree cutting, which is a start because you have to do that to get the machinery in. He reiterated that it is way, way beyond that and he wishes that Mr. Traver would visit the site after Irene because it is five times worse and some of his neighbors have not been out there yet and he described it to them as well as have

taken a lot of pictures, which is worth 1,000 words but you have to be there to look at the damage.

Councilman Dolan interjected that there are in fact from the first storm 10,734 cubic yards of debris.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

**Ms. Sharon McCloskey** stated that she lives at 16 McIntosh Street and she really wants to convey the urgency of the matter, which is not just a bunch of people trying to protect their pretty property at this point. She continued by saying that with the last storm, and she has lived there 20 years, they were evacuated and faced with leaving their property and having to say to their daughter that they had to leave to be safe and having her crying because she didn't want to leave her father who was staying behind to protect their property. She concluded by saying that it is not just a bunch of whining neighbors but rather an immediate, urgent problem that needed to be addressed yesterday.

Councilman Dolan interjected and reiterated that they were going to address this specifically, and it was on the agenda, later in the meeting and added that when they met with FEMA he made a point of telling them that they are not just talking about a creek bed that has however many cubic yards but rather people's homes and families that are affected. He continued by saying that this is how he views it and he thinks that he convincingly made the point with FEMA and he believes the tone of the conversation changed when he said that and added that he does understand.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Skip Hummel stated that he is a retired State employee and has lived in Coeymans Hollow for the last 30 years and retired after 28 years and added that he was responsible for construction of a major State Agency, New York City Department of Corrections and prior to that State Correction. He continued by saying that he has watched this with interest and he understands the frustration on both sides of this and even the Police Chief has tried to fix it and he would like to wait and hear what they have to say before he gives a recommendation because he has done thousands of projects for the State and he knows how difficult it is with DEC and getting them to improve anything or get anything done. He added that when the Governor made the approval back in September that landowners could actually fix their own property he was staggered because it is very rare for a high-ranking politician to do something that is reasonable and quick and he could not get an excavator quick enough because he knew everyone at DEC would be so upset and would be nagging him to change it, which he did on October 7<sup>th</sup> but they still have an opportunity to fix it and reiterated that he would like to hear what their plans are before he tells them what he thinks might be a good idea.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Rodney Krzykowski** inquired as to what the status of the Route 143 paving was because the bumps on the bridges are atrocious and he just blew a tire on a truck hitting one of the bumps and he knows of a lot of other people that have as well and then asked if they can stretch the aprons out a little bit more. He continued by saying that he wanted to know when it is going to be corrected.

Councilman Boehm stated that it is a race against the winter and they got as far as Greenbush Avenue with the final topcoat and they have been taking shoulder material out of Albert Deering's yard and are doing that part. He reiterated that he thinks it is just a race against the weather and hopefully they can get it done and then Highway Superintendent Deering if he knew any more.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that Callanan moved a roller in by Nolan Road and hopefully they are going to do something.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Jerry Hall stated that he wanted to publicly thank Albert Deering for all of his efforts and work that he has done for them and added that they feel from the bottom of their hearts that he is one of the only hopes at the end of the tunnel out there and concluded by telling Highway Superintendent Deering to keep up the good work.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he thanked everyone for their comments and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

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## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

## September 2011

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$250,349.24	\$ 70,704.68	\$268.724.26	\$ 52,329.66
Part-Town	\$745,282.73	\$ 1,700.29	\$ 18,981.37	\$728,001.65
Highway	\$155,135.38	\$ 6,336.11	\$150,257.98	\$ 11,213.51
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Bridge Const.	\$ 4,461.94	\$ 22.82	-0-	\$ 4484.76
Sewer	\$116,219.13	\$ 1,770.15	\$ 49,431.11	\$ 68,558.17
Sevier	\$110 <b>,2</b> 13 <b>,110</b>	4 19770010	ψ 19,1 <b>0</b> 1111	Ψ 00,00017
Special Water	\$ 24,007.88	\$ 25,229.00	-0-	\$ 49,236.88
Police Forf.	\$ 16,554.53	\$ 2.45	\$ 400.00	\$ 16,156.98
Comm. Tower	\$ 1,483.91	\$ 0.16	-0-	\$ 1,484.07
Truct & Agov	© 20.424.60	\$229 272 00	\$240.729.72	© 17.059.77
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 20,424.60	\$238,272.90	\$240,738.73	\$ 17,958.77
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 58,186.97	\$ 0.16	-0-	\$ 43,660.13
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Section 8 HUD	\$110,171.22	\$ 43,736.33	\$ 44,021.76	\$109,885.79
			Total Rec. Balance	\$1,102,970.37

# **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

# **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX. (DA) Hwy. Bridge 9 months \$85,000.00 10-07-11

SAVINGS ACCOU	<u>NTS</u>	COLLATERAL COVERAGE	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
Unemployment Grove Cemetery Coey. Hollow Cem. Sewer-Dedicated Total	\$ 730.97 \$40,899.48 \$14,357.57 \$ 6,326.11 \$62,314.13	Bank of Greene National Bank	,	\$1,929,865.30 \$ 75,876.63

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion to approve the report.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

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

Councilman Boehm asked Chief Darlington about the .16 for receipts on the tower and why it is so fractional.

Chief Darlington stated that he assumes that it is interest.

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#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

## **Building Department – September 2011**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion to approve the report.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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

# **Sewer Department – September 2011**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette read the Sewer Department Monthly Report and then offered a motion to approve it.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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

# **Town Clerk – September 2011**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked for a motion to approve the report.

## **MOTION**

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

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

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **Award Bid for Sewer Repair**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they need to award the bid for sewer repair on Rte. 9W south with a Change Order from Anjou Construction and added that what it amounts to is that their original bid for the sanitary sewer project was \$38,500.00 and after they awarded the bid, the contractor discovered that they can do a Change Order on the bid and take away the mobilization if they do it at the same time and they don't need a bond permit, which would reduce their bid by \$2,500.000. He added that they would

like to issue a Change Order, which would bring it down to \$36,000.00 and then asked for a motion to accept the Change Order.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if they would be authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Change Order.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that was correct.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to do a Change Order from \$38,500.00 to \$36,000.00.

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

## **Proposed Local Law #1-11 Revisions**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they had a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1-2011, which is a Site Plan Review Law and some of the comments were that the timeframes were not in the best interest of the applicants or maybe even the Town. He continued by saying that there are a couple of places that have timeframes, timelines or time limits and there was some discussion and in turn he asked that it be on the agenda to ask anyone who has recommendations on what the timelines and time limits should be and to submit it preferably in writing in the next couple of weeks so they can move forward from there.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to where the comments should be directed and if it should be the Supervisor's Office.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that it should be the Supervisor's Office.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Resignation of Cemetery Services Coordinator**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there was a resignation letter received from the Cemetery Services Coordinator and continued by reading the following:

October 17, 2011

I, Dean Warfield, do hereby resign from the position of Cemetery Coordinator for the Town of Coeymans on October 17, 2011.

Dean Warfield

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that at this point the Town is without a Cemetery Coordinator and then asked for a motion to approve the resignation.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, accepting the resignation of Dean Warfield, Cemetery Coordinator.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Youmans) - APPROVED

# Partial Payment for Repair of Coeymans Landing Railing

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that the railing by the boat launch was damaged in an accident earlier this year, which was totally covered by the driver's insurance company and in turn they received reimbursement in full. He continued by saying that Mr. Newburgh has asked for partial payment to cover some of his expenses to start the repair work and added that he does not see an amount on the request.

Councilman Boehm suggested that they authorize half the amount, which is \$3,000.00 so he can buy material and then pay the balance upon completion of the project.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing payment for half the amount, which is \$3,000.00.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Youmans) - APPROVED

## Hurricane Irene Recovery & Hannacroix Creek Project

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Councilman Dolan discuss the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would give some information and then turn it over to Chief Darlington because he has been dealing with it for a long period of time. He continued by saying that he and Chief Darlington met with FEMA representatives last week and during their ride to the meeting they discussed the project and that they might be able to move the State off the dime, which from his understanding is where the holdup is. He went on by saying that when they met with a FEMA representative about Hurricane Irene, they brought up the issue about the previous storm and the fact that they applied for an extension for the project and in essence got no response from the State. He continued by saying that his understanding is that after a certain period of time had elapsed, the State was no longer able to approve extensions and had to get approval from FEMA and added that the FEMA representative that they met with seemed very receptive and said she would personally take it upon herself to see what the problem was. He went on by saying that Carol Brain met with he and Chief Darlington earlier in the day and when they explained the situation, she said she would personally go to whomever they need approval from at the State and she will get the extension approved. He continued by saying that they also spoke about the damage that was done this year, which is considerable and with the delay in the project from the State, it certainly contributed to everyone's misery that happened the day of Hurricane Irene, which was actually affecting people in their homes, lives and their investments in their homes. He added that they talked about what would be the best approach to get this done as soon as possible and they are pursuing two tracks right now, one is to get the extension from the State and the second is to have FEMA go out and look at the damage that is there now and if necessary roll the previous damage into this year but in any event address both incidents, the original one and the one with Hurricane Irene. He continued by saying that they also talked about some mitigation money that might be available, which is not just clean up the creek but also do whatever they can to make sure that it does not occur again, which is not an ironclad guarantee that it won't happen again but they certainly can do what they can with the best advice to make sure that further erosion does not occur and added by saying that he does not want to end up where they are now in a few years because of another storm that has clogged up the creek again. He concluded by asking that Chief Darlington give a summary of the project.

Chief of Police Darlington stated that the way the process went is that they asked for approval through NYS Emergency Management Office and because of the amount of time that was going to be needed, the State could not approve the extension and had to get approval from FEMA and in turn FEMA is the one that is not giving the definite answer to the State to allow them to move forward. He continued by saying that there were several stages to the project and there was a debris cleanup where Albert and his crew went in and removed the trees from the initial 2006-2007 storm and from there they had a larger project, which is called the Hannacroix Creek Project, which is a major realignment of the entire creek from the boundaries of what the Town of Coeymans owns. He added that at the beginning it started to move forward and then got bogged down and at some point it was given to him and in moving forward during the permitting process, which they were required to do, and they were required to go through Army Corp of Engineers and DEC, they found out that they needed the engineering and in turn did an RFP and it was an additional \$98,000.00, which was not in the original cost. He continued by saying that they turned it in for approval and in turn got approval and after they started they found out that they needed topographical maps done, surveys, and some

other engineering, which was in excess of \$30,000.00 and then they asked for that approval, which came at the same time that the deadline was coming for the whole entire project, September 30, 2010. He went on by saying that at the same time he was asking for a 1½ year extension to get the work done because everyone knows that with the Hannacroix Creek you might be able to get in today but tomorrow you may not and to give them plenty of time and not limit themselves they asked for 18 months, which is what the original project called for. He added that the deadline passed and FEMA approved all of the funding that they asked for beyond the deadline but never authorized the time extension and Internal Control Officer Purinton and New York State said that if they spend any money beyond the extension, the Town could be on the hook for so at that time it was decided that they had to wait for the extension in order to move forward. He continued by saying that on a bi-weekly basis he contacted Mary Ann Wollaber from SEMO (State Emergency Management Office) asking if she had heard anything from FEMA and was getting no response. He went on by saying that as a result of Irene there was another meeting this past Thursday, and when it was brought back up Ms. Brain was astonished to find out that the extension for something that affected homes was not acted upon and originally when they talked it was indicated that it was along the Town's park and she did not realize that it affected homes and lives were at stake. He added that she took the urgency and called him back and said there were two potential plans and she wanted to meet with him, which they did earlier in the day and he along with Councilman Dolan met with her and currently they are looking at moving forward with the current project adding on any additional debris that was added and the potential at looking further upstream and downstream because originally they were told that they had to own the land to get in and do the work but FEMA said there might be a way that they can continue. He went on by saying that the potential of further clearance of the stream from wherever the debris starts to where it ends is also going to be looked at and reiterated that the Hannacroix Creek Project is digging out the streambed, and realigning where it's going, because he and Code Enforcement Officer walked it earlier in the day and it is going where it never went before and the urgency is there and they will push FEMA to move forward. He added that one of the concerns is that the bids for the engineering are over two years old and whether or not the bid that was approved, is still standing and by a phone call earlier in the day, F.X. Brown is standing behind that bid and they said the bid was still good, which was an e-mail so he has it is writing but the timetable schedule has specific dates that have to be changed. He continued by saying that he and Councilman Dolan agree on the urgency of keeping it moving and getting it done and they were moving forward trying to push it along as fast as they could but the biggest hold up was FEMA's additional funding approval and then the time extension. He concluded by saying that once FEMA gets in touch with him and says that they are good to start moving forward he will immediately contact F.X. Brown and C.T. Male to get the topographical maps done and engineering permitting process and then hopefully get the construction started.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette thanked Chief Darlington and added that typically they don't have public comment after the initial Public Comment period but they would reopen Public Comment to people who would like to speak specifically to the issue of the Hannacroix Creek and then asked that the comments be kept to 3 minutes. He then invited additional comment.

**Mr. Bill McFerran** stated that he lives on Greening Lane and added that the first question that he had is that it appears that the holdup had to do with funding and not the availability of getting into the creek.

Chief Darlington stated that was correct.

Mr. McFarran continued by saying that it appears to be an urgent issue and from all signs it appears that they will be getting the funding so there should not be anything holding up getting in the creek and starting the process. He added that he understands that they want all the sign-offs and don't want to be left on the hook, but they have to realize how long of an issue it has been for his neighborhood, him personally and funds that he has expended to help keep water away from his family, keep him in his house and keep him a taxpayer of this town and county. He went on by saying that he heard Mr. Dolan say that they don't want another Hurricane Irene, while that affected some people, a good rain

affects him because it is already backed up and the hydrostatic pressure is there and he has eight pumps in his basement and he is pumping on all eight and was doing so before Irene, which he did not have to do eight years ago. He added that when he first moved into the neighborhood eight years ago he had two pumps and Mr. Hall said during his first flood not to worry because 11 months of the year it is beautiful around here and he will only have to deal with the bad two weeks but since then there have been two onehundred years floods and a five-hundred year flood so they should be good for 700 years. He continued by saying that he has to laugh because if he didn't he would put a For Sale sign up and get the heck out, but he can't and they just want to be able to enjoy their properties and not fear the rain. He continued by saying that he is excited to hear that they are looking to extend the project further up and down the creek as well as other possible remediation, such as the B Stream which comes across the Golf Course and they have seen water coming at them in a lot of different ways that it has never before and it doesn't have to do with the storms themselves but rather because the creek beds are full. He concluded by saying that he is hopeful and he heard about a timeline but there still is not a concrete start date, which is what they want to hear and added that they understand that the creek ebbs and flows and water rises but what they want is to see the project started.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he did not believe that he said he didn't want there to be another Irene but rather he does not want them to come back in a couple years because they were waiting for this to be taken care of and he doesn't want him to have to come back in the future.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Skip Hummel** stated that he has done thousands of State projects over the past 28 years and continued by asking if they have a cost estimate for the project.

Councilman Dolan stated that they do up to this date.

Mr. Hummel asked what the cost was.

Chief Darlington stated that there are cost estimates for engineering, permitting and a rough estimate for the actual construction and added that they can't get the solid numbers on the construction because as they apply for permits with NYS DEC and the Corp of Engineers, they ultimately set what happens in that streambed. He continued by saying that they are putting rip rap in and ENCON says that they don't want that in there because the fish don't like it and then they want something else. He added that these are the hurdles that they have to jump to realign the bed and when F.X. Brown did the site survey, they indicated that they are familiar with the Corps of Engineers and DEC and in turn would limit the amount of rip rap on certain areas, which would be more for the banks rather than the bed. He reiterated that the actual cost would ultimately depend on what ENCON and the Army Corps of Engineers requires.

Mr. Hummel inquired as to if they are looking at about \$250,000.00.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is over \$300,000.00.

Chief Darlington stated that the total project right now is approximately \$320,000.00.

Mr. Hummel asked if that included construction.

Chief Darlington stated that he believes that there was approximately \$100,000.00 for the construction part of it and added that most of it is for the removal of debris.

Mr. Hummel stated that they are looking at \$200,000.00 for design and \$100,000.00 for construction.

Chief Darlington stated that these are estimates given by the Federal Government at the time and added that FEMA has indicated that as they get into the project and there are cost overrun, it's not an open checkbook but as long as the work that they are doing is within the scope of what is on the project worksheet, they will pay for it.

Mr. Hummel inquired as to if it would be paid 100%.

Chief Darlington stated that it would be 75% and he believes that New York State will be paying the 25% and originally one of their plans was to roll it over and put it in the most current storm except NYS only is paying 12.5%, which would put 12.5% in tax dollars. He added that under the 2006 storm, he believes that NYS said they would fund the 25% that the Federal Government is not funding.

Mr. Hummel stated that normally the design for a project is 12% and when he saw that this was \$225,000.00 for design his thought was that they are looking at a million dollar project, which would not surprise him if they do what ENCON will suggest because they will make the project as complicated as they possibly can and reiterated that he had done projects with them for almost 30 years. He continued by saying that they have an opportunity to simplify this and they have a man that can fix this that may not have all the equipment that he needs to do it but he can certainly run the equipment and fix it in a matter of weeks. He added that he thinks politically they could get the approval to put the equipment in the creeks, clean it out and dump it on the sides, which DEC will not like and they will fight it. He went on by saying that they will have to start with the initial approval of the permit and when they say no, they are going to have to ask who their boss is and work their way up to the Commissioner and they may have to go to the Governor's Office to get it approved, which he would be surprised if he didn't approve the project. He continued by saying that they cancelled the Governor's authorization on October 8<sup>th</sup> and he is surprised that they didn't do it sooner but there are all kinds of excavators and bulldozers in the Schoharie Creek right now as he speaks and they are not about to move them out of there and Prattsville is talking about suing DEP because they did not let them fix it before the storm and then it caused all this damage. He added that the public is tired of spending all this money and if they spend one million dollars in the creek, it is just as apt to flood two years from now and they will have to do it again. He went on by saying that Kelt Vosburg, who was Highway Superintendent Deering's boss, used to run a bulldozer up and down the creek every couple of years and solved the problem and you can still see the berms where he did it, and this is basically what they have to do, but DEC says right in the permit that they don't want berms along the creek, which keeps the water in the creek. He reiterated that DEC is not going to be helpful and they are going to have to go above them if necessary and get approval and the Governor is very practical and there is an opportunity right after the storm and if they are looking at a million dollar project they are looking to 2-2 ½ years before it is done and then they won't know how long it will last and added that he does not know if they have access to the Governor's Office or the Commissioner of DEC because they can get it approved.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he does not believe that their pull extends that high but he understands what he is saying.

Councilman Dolan stated that they will certainly try and added that a conversation that he and Chief Darlington had on the way to the FEMA Meeting was along those lines.

Mr. Hummel stated that when you look at the scope of the work, aerial photos and stream flows, it's all part of the process because everyone makes money, the programmer makes money, the designer makes money, the contractor makes money and the bigger and more complicated they make the project, the more money everyone makes, but the public pays for it. He continued by saying that whether it is coming from FEMA or the State or the Town, we are all paying for it and they should really take advantage of the present situation and try to simplify it and let Al get in there and fix it, which may require renting an excavator. He then asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he has a big excavator.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he does not have one.

Mr. Hummel stated that he can drive one, he can drive anything and he could fix this in a couple of weeks.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

**Mr. Wayne Noyes** stated that he lives at 7 Greening Lane and added that he guesses the biggest problem is that if they don't take care of it now, come next Spring they are going to be in trouble, which means the Town will be in trouble, which is the bottom line and it has to be done with no if, ands or buts. He concluded by saying that he has been there 11 years and the first 5 years he never pumped but now he pumps every time it rains and he is a lot higher than other people and reiterated that the bottom line is that they have to get it done.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Jerry Hall stated that they are getting back to discussing the same old, same old and the routine of permits and he does not think that the Town Board was privy to the information that he just gave Councilman Dolan on the permitting process following Irene. He added that even though the State lifted the restriction and that time has come and gone, the way he understands it is that there are still ways to get the permit in a rapid mode, and this is what they need to look at and getting the engineering done is fine and dandy for the big picture but for the immediate fix from what he is reading, is that they can get a permit and do what they want and get out of trouble and then do the grandiose project that ENCON seems to want. He concluded by saying that the way that they are taking care of their watersheds, they should change their name to Department of Environmental Destruction not Conservation.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

**Mr. David Flach** stated that he lives in Coeymans Hollow and added that he just wanted to say that he owns a couple of excavators, which he rents for thousands of dollars and would donate his time to do it.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that in the conversation with Ms. Brain from FEMA, she suggested that they get the permit and then move ahead with the work and this seems like a shortcut to get a permit and this is exactly what they will do and then move ahead with the work.

Chief Darlington stated that FEMA would not pay if they got an excavator and dug it out and it would be on Town funds.

Councilman Dolan stated that if they did the labor, it would be on the Town and added that it could be done with volunteer labor.

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### **Economic Development**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked that Councilman Boehm address this topic.

Councilman Boehm stated that Supervisor Youmans and Sandy Mathis, the former IDA of Greene County had a meeting to discuss several options, which included a formation of a Local Development Corporation and seeking grant money for Economic Development activities here in town. He added that he will be following it up this week and will bring the Board up to date on the proposal and push forward.

## Joralemon Park Playground Equipment

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that at the Budge Workshop last Saturday, Parks and Maintenance Supervisor Nelson Perry had requested new playground equipment at Joralemon Park and unfortunately in the economic climate that they find themselves, this is not going to be possible. He added that he was able to identify a grant from the EPA, DEC and NYS Parks and Historic Preservation, that has a component for municipal parks and one of the available funding grants is for playground equipment, which he will be applying for after they authorize it in a resolution.

#### RESOLUTIONS

# RES. #90-11 AUTHORIZE FILE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the following resolution was APPROVED - VOTE - AYES 4 - NAYS 0 - ABSENT 1 (Youmans) - SO MOVED

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Town Board's attention that funding may be available through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for rehabilitation of parklands, and

WHEREAS, Joralemon Park's playground equipment has not been upgraded in a number of years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize and direct Richard N. Touchette, as Deputy Supervisor, to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a Project Agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of Coeymans for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Joralemon Park.

Councilman Boehm stated that it is a great idea because there is a lot of use at the equipment in the Hamlet and he hopes they can duplicate it at Joralemon Park and then thanked Councilman Touchette for doing it.

## RES. #91-11 APPROVE OCTOBER ABSTRACT

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the following claims of vouchers for the October 2011 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	2036-2079	\$202,437.60
General	2129-2161	\$ 44,491.32
	General Total	\$246,928.92
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2080-2094	\$437,649.23
	Part Town Total	\$437,649.23
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2095-2104	\$ 43,591.08
Highway	2162-2202	\$ 20,401.91
	Highway Total	\$ 63,992.99
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2105-2121	\$ 17,765.69
Sewer	2203-2217	\$ 3,983.72
	Sewer Total	\$ 21,749.41

CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Capital Projects	2218	\$ 11,049.30
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 11,049.30
CAP. PROJ. (H-37)		
Capital Projects	2219	\$ 2,620.00
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 2,620.00
	Total for all Funds	\$783,989.85
	Total for all rulius	\$103,707.03
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2122-2128	\$219,871.75
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	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$219,871.75

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is one more resolution that unfortunately didn't make the agenda and added that it was something that they talked about at the last Workshop. He then asked that Chief Darlington give an introduction to the resolution and why they are doing it.

Chief Darlington stated that currently they have a couple of personnel out on injury, all from outside their employment with the Town and one full-timer has been out for a week due to surgery and a part-timer has been out for quite some time. He continued by saying that the hourly rate that they pay part-time compared to the hourly rate of a starting full-time employee is widely different and due to the availability of some of the part-time staff, as a cost savings he requested that one of the current part-time employees be given a full-time position. He added that ultimately it is less to cover the 40 hours with the full-timer, including benefits, than it was with the current part-timer.

# RES. #92-11 AUTHORIZE HIRING OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that there is a need for the hiring of a full-time patrolman to reduce the amount of overtime logged by the Coeymans Police Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously appointed Frank McDonough off the Albany County Civil Service list as less than full-time in the Coeymans Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Frank McDonough as a full-time patrolman at the start of the second year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective immediately pending Albany County Civil Service approval and subject to a probationary period of one year.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there was any discussion.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Chief had mentioned that there is a differential in the rates and he wanted to clarify that the full-time Officer gets paid less than the part-time Officer per hour.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if it is effective immediately. Councilman Dolan stated that it is.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette interjected that it is pending Civil Service approval.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to add that this is currently budgeted in the Proposed Budget so there would not be any more added to next year's budget as presented.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that it is budget neutral and then asked that Chief Darlington extend the Board's congratulations to Officer McDonagh.

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## TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Budget Workshop, October 29, 2011, 9:00am
- Public Hearing, November 10, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 14, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, November 22, 2011, 6:00pm

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## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to remind everyone that on the upcoming election, people need to look at the cards that come in the mail because they may not be going to the same polling site and added that anyone that is not sure should check with either her office or Board of Elections because she would hate to see someone get to their polling site where they have always voted and have it be somewhere else. She reiterated that there have been a lot of changes and she wants to save people from running around.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch inquired about the Workshop on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and whether it is a regularly scheduled Workshop or if it is the second Town Board Meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that there is a Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, a Workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and then a Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>, which is not listed on the agenda. He then asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that one thing that came out of the meeting with FEMA on Thursday pertains to the clean-up Joralemon Park and that FEMA only pays for overtime and because the clean-up would be on regular straight time, it would be non-reimbursable and added that if they were to hire a contractor it would be paid in full. He continued by saying that he is looking for direction as to how they want to move forward with it and get bids to see how much it would cost to clean it up and if they do, they need to work on it quickly as they will be having their next and possible final meeting with FEMA for the Irene storm.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette inquired as to if they have to follow the same bidding protocol if it is an emergency.

Chief Darlington stated that it is an emergency as far as falling under a Disaster Declaration but it is not an emergency as far as creating an issue and added that the urgency would be the time period that FEMA is giving them to get their paperwork done.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to the scope of the project.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not know 100% and added that in speaking with Nelson he had indicated that it will probably be spring before they can do it because of the amount of other work that they are doing and they have not given him an estimate yet.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if it is fallen down trees and clean-up like that.

Chief Darlington stated that there is also clean-up from where the creek flowed out.

Councilman Touchette suggested that they follow-up with Nelson and coordinate it, which he thinks is a good plan.

Chief Darlington stated that he also wanted to remind everyone that not only for emergency notifications but for notifications in general, the Police Department is using NIXEL again and you can go to <a href="www.NIXEL.com">www.NIXEL.com</a> to sign-up, which is free. He added that any time the Police Department puts out a message; you will receive it in your e-mail and/or cell phone if you wish.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if it would include snow emergencies.

Chief Darlington stated that it would as well as the flooding that they had.

Deputy Supervisor Touchette asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

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## ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

## **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Deputy Supervisor Touchette stated that they would be returning from Executive Session to formally adjourn the meeting.

Time: 8:24pm

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following the Town Board Meeting with a full Town Board minus Supervisor Youmans, with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch also present to discuss possible litigation, no decisions were made or action taken.

Executive Session Adjourned - 8:46pm

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# RECONVENE MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Supervisor Touchette called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to formally adjourn the meeting.

### **MOTION**

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

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

Time 8:46pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Special Town Board Workshop was held Saturday, October 29, 2011, at 9:00am at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Nita Chmielewski, Clerk to the Supervisor

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Larry Conrad, Building Inspector – Code Enforcement Officer

Larry Breedlove, Chief Operator WWTP

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Special Workshop and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice for the Special Workshop that appeared in the News Herald and on the bulletin board in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

## **NOTICE**

# TOWN OF COEYMANS SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled two Special Budget Workshops for Saturday, October 22, 2011 and Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 9:00am. The meetings 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

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### **AGENDA**

- Police Department Budget
- Building Department Budget
- Sewer Department Budget
- Town Clerk Budget

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### **BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board and Department Heads relative to their budget's proposed for 2012. No action was taken, no decisions were made.

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS October 29, 2011 — SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP — 9:00AM

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Budget Workshop.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Special Budget Workshop was adjourned.

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VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 12:17pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

November 10, 2011 – Public Hearing – 7:00PM

A Public Hearing was held Wednesday, November 10, 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 Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Richard N. Touchette, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

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Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Town Clerk Millious read the following Notice.

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will meet and hold a Public Hearing, at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, at 7:00pm on Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011 for the purpose of hearing comments on the budget.

Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law, listed below are the proposed salaries of Elected Officials.

Supervisor	(1)	\$30,000.00
Council	(4)	\$12,000.00 each
Justice	(2)	\$17,500.00 each
Highway Super.	(1)	\$50,000.00
Town Clerk	(1)	\$40,500.00 each

A copy of the 2012 Preliminary Budget will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, where it may be viewed, and a copy can be obtained during regular business hours.

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

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### **AGENDA**

Public Comments - 2012 Preliminary Budget

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public at this time.

### MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS November 10, 2011 – Public Hearing – 7:00PM

**Mr.** Gary Bogardus stated that he sees that most Departments have taken a hit except the Police Department and added that it appears to be up and if the rest of the departments are going to take a hit and sacrifice a bit he believes that they all should.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he appreciates what he is saying and although it does appear to be up, it actually is not and the reason that it appears to be up is that last year there were things in the Employee Other Benefit Line that should not have been, which was his call to do it that way. He continued by saying that the things he is talking about is holiday pay for employees, medical insurance buy-backs and longevity pay. He added that they have moved them into the .1 account and he did the math and it actually comes out a little less when you look at it that way, than the budget was last year if you added that back in.

Mr. Bogardus stated that he was looking at the overall figures and it looked like it was up and added that \$700,000.00 + is a lot of money to run the Police Department and that he is not telling them where to cut or what to cut but with people being laid off at Lafarge and the general economy the way it is, he thinks that they are going to have to do some serious cuts. He continued by saying that maybe they can get the State Police and the Sheriffs to help out a little bit and with attrition, when someone leaves, if they don't have to, don't replace them right away. He concluded by saying that he would appreciate it if they would try to do something to get the budget down a little bit more.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Bogardus and then asked if there were any additional comments.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** inquired about on page 5 where under Contingency, the Contractual went from \$22,345.00 to \$45,781.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is just what is says and is Contingency, which is for unforeseen things that come up such as last year when they had to put a roof on the building and when they had to spend \$8,000.00 to put a motor in a truck for the Beautification Department.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if the roof was covered under insurance.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was not.

Ms. Pasquini continued by saying that on page 10 under Employee Benefits, Retirement has gone up every year and this year it went up \$76,000.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is exactly what it went up.

Ms. Pasquini questioned Retirement going up that much every year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would not say that it goes up that much every year but it did go up that much this year and added that it is something that they have absolutely no control over whatsoever.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it went up a certain percentage this year and reiterated that it seems like it is awful high.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would agree with her that it does seem awful high, and it is awful high and \$70,000.00 on top of that this year was a lot of money. He continued by saying that with that said, they are working under a 2% tax cap and 2% of the tax levy was \$39,000.00 and the Employee Retirement System payment alone went up \$70,000.00. He added that it is very difficult and they have it down to a 1.18% increase opposed to the original 2% that they talked about.

Ms. Pasquini stated that on page 21 under Sewer the Retirement Benefit went from \$13,962 to \$21,229.00, which seems like a lot for three employees.

Supervisor Youmans agreed that it does seem like a lot.

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS November 10, 2011 – Public Hearing – 7:00PM

Ms. Pasquini interjected that it is for 3 employees that are not retiring.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they will retire someday and this is what it costs and added that if she is asking if there is anything extra built into that, the answer is absolutely not.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she is not sure what the percentage is that they raise the Retirement every year and added that she knows that it is done by percentage.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not done by percentage but rather by a calculation from the Comptroller's Office that says this is how much money the Municipality needs to contribute this year, which is done on a yearly basis.

Ms. Pasquini interjected that the Retirement Employees are way up there for retirement money because the Sewer Department is listed separately.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they are listed separately because it is a Special District, so they have to.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if it is a "bare bone" budget.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that the increase is down to 1.8%.

Ms. Pasquini interjected that 0% would have been nice.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is actually 1.18% and then thanked Ms. Pasquini. He continued by asking if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the actual rate increase is found on page 25 of the Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Youmans stated that if no one else wished to comment he would add that the process in moving forward is that the Town Board takes the public comment under consideration, make final adjustments and then they plan on adopting the budget with any changes that they make at Monday's Town Board Meeting. He continued by saying that if no one else wishes to comment he would ask that Mr. Horton take the sound down and give it another 10-12 minutes for anyone else who wished to make a comment.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Ivan Millett** stated that Justice Personal Services went up \$10,000.00 from last year and then asked why.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that it came down.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if he was referring to last year.

Mr. Millett stated that he is going from last year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Judge Reilly actually performed the duties of a Court Clerk and they knew that it was going to be a possibility because Judge Reilly said if he was still here, he was no longer going to do that and in turn they knew that they were going to need an extra person in that office to handle the volume.

Mr. Millett inquired as to if this for an extra person.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is for a half-time person and added that they originally budgeted in the Tentative Budget a full-time position, which was double what he is actually seeing and then the Board decided on a half-time position.

Mr. Millett stated that the Leachate has gone up \$16,500.00 and inquired as to if it is what's on Jarvis Road.

# MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS November 10, 2011 – Public Hearing – 7:00PM

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is on Jarvis Road.

Mr. Millett stated that they ran it for \$10,000.00 but now they need \$26,500.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they didn't really run it for \$10,000.00 and this was the problem.

Mr. Millett inquired as to what is done out there.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is actually a miniature Waste Water Treatment Plant and he may recall that when they capped the landfill, they put a system in the ground to capture the liquids that come out of the facility.

Mr. Millett interjected that he knows what it does and what it is about and added that he thought that it was dormant and they were not treating it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is not and added that they still have to treat it and added that it is frustrating to him because he believes that they originally said that after 10 years they were not going to need to operate it anymore and added that it has been double that and is increasingly costly.

Mr. Millett stated that he was under the impression several years ago that it wasn't even needed anymore because the water is clear.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it certainly is not and added that he wishes that they were at that point, but they still need it and no one can tell them how much longer it will go on and it could be anywhere from 2 – 100 years because they just don't know. He thanked Mr. Millett and continued by asking if there were any additional comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

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

Time: 7:24pm

Respectfully Submitted, **APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

# A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, November 14, 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:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent (arrived late)

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

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious and Chief of Police Darlington.

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### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Town Offices Closed
  - Snow Emergency Procedures
  - Free Flu Shots
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Public Hearing, October 11, 2011
  - Public Hearing, October 11, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, October 11, 2011
  - Town Board Workshop, October 18, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, October 24, 2011
  - Special Town Board Workshop, October 29, 2011
  - Public Hearing, November 10, 2011
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adoption of 2012 Budget
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Workshop, November 22, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, November 28, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, December 12, 2011, 7:00pm
- Adjournment

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# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Town Offices Closed**

Supervisor Youmans read the following:

Town offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Police Department services will be available due to its 24-hour, 7-day week operation.

### **Snow Emergency Procedures**

Supervisor Youmans read the following:

Reminder to the public – Snow emergency procedures will go into effect when snowfalls accumulate in excess of 3 inches.

No vehicle parking, stopping or standing will be allowed on any Town of Coeymans street or highway.

Violators will have their vehicles towed.

#### Free Flu Shots

Supervisor Youmans read the following:

As part of the Federal Cities Readiness Initiative, the Town will conduct a Point of Dispensing Exercise in conjunction with the Albany County Department of Health.

Free flu shots will be available for anyone 19 years of age and over, on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 3:00-4:00pm at Town Hall.

If you are interested in obtaining a free flu shot, you must register by calling the Supervisor's Office (756-6006) no later than the close of business, Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is a readiness drill to see how they would do if there was an emergency where medication needed to be dispensed and added that if anyone is in need of a flu shot, this is a way to get one for free.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

**Mr. Buddy Irwin** stated that he lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that he has been on the Town Planning Board for many years and in 2007 they started drafting new laws for the Planning Board, which was not because they wanted to and they didn't want any new laws because the laws in place most of the times were adequate. He continued by saying that they were asked to because they found that there was an inconsistency in some of their Planning Laws with the first being what enabled a Planning Board to be a Planning Board and second to do Site Plans and Property Reviews. He went on by saying that Town Law 274 A – Site Plan Review states:

"Approval of Site Plan – The Town Board may as part of a Zoning Ordinance or Local Law adopt pursuant to this Article or other enabling law authorities, the Planning Board or other such administrative body that it shall so designate, review and approve, approve with modification or disapprove Site Plans prepared to specifications set forth in the Ordinance or Local Law."

Mr. Irwin stated that it says "may", and the problem they found was that as they reviewed the laws during the codification they found out the Town Board had never had a Local Law that did it, they could have done it, but it was not done. He added that it cannot be done by a resolution and has to be done by a Local Law or you have to go through the Legislature to put a law on the books for them. He continued by saying that twice they put through a resolution allowing the Planning Board to do Site Plan Review, which was not the proper format for it to be done and as a result they were asked to come up with some laws, which they did and have worked on it since 2007 making numerous changes. He added that the first time they forgot to make sure that they left agriculture out of it so when they have buildings that they put up, they would not come under any of it as well as leaving out one and two-family homes being renovated, which would not fall under the

Site Plan Law at all. He continued by saying that he has heard some complaints about businesses coming under Site Plan Law, which they have done and the intent was not to hold them up and in doing this they found several problems with usage changes and they would check for adequate parking, parking for handicap, etc. He went on by saying that they also found where people had businesses on other people's property, which were handled by a letter from the owner of the property and people that have tried to put businesses in that they didn't own and the one that comes before them has to be the owner unless authorization is given by letter from the owner saying that it is alright to put the business there. He added that they work with large businesses and work with Lafarge all the time and they really don't have any oversight over them and ENCON has the oversight for anything that happens with Lafarge. He went on by saying that they did come before the Planning Board and showed them the plans for their upgraded plant and the one thing that they did ask about is getting the 9W corridor looking better and they asked them if they would help in that effort because they own a large portion along 9W and they said that they would put it in their action plan. He continued by saying that new businesses will go in where there are businesses because they will know that it will be profitable and the Planning Board is definitely pro-business and have gone out of their way to make it easier. He went on by saying that part of the law is going to make it easier because when someone had to go for an area variance, they had to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals and in turn they asked the Planning Board for a written recommendation and with this law it now gives the authority to the Planning Board, which takes out a whole step that was probably a two-month step. He added that it will take out that gap in time and this way the Planning Board will deal with the variance and it will actually be a much faster and easier thing and they have a check list that they give the business telling them what things they will need when they come before the Planning Board with the application and the business owner or land owner are prepared and know exactly what they need before they come back before the Planning Board. He continued by saying that the Planning Board is trying to make the Town of Coeymans look better so it is more business friendly because businesses will bring more people into the community and hopefully they will like it here and they will stay here. He went on by saying that someone asked him if the person next to him wants to sell his home and he told him that he did and his reply was that no one will spend that kind of money in the Town of Coeymans and in turn he told him that he is advertising outside of the Town of Coeymans and for someone living in Staten Island or Long Island, they would pay \$800,000.00 for a 2X4 house but this house is on the market for approximately \$400,000.00, which would be a palace compared to the small residence that they are living in. He added that the same person asked how they are going to bring new people into the Town, which is what they really need and this is what they are trying to do in making sure that all of the entrances into the Town are respectful and stand up to what the Town of Coeymans can really be. He concluded by asking that everyone consider it when it comes before the Town Board.

Councilman Boehm stated that Industrial Zones were addressed by Mr. Carver Laraway during the Public Hearing and he talks about a positive relationship with Lafarge and then asked why he would want to have Site Plan Review over industrials given they have such a positive relationship now.

Mr. Irwin stated that Mr. Laraway is in an Industrial Zone, which is also right on the river and added that he is sure that ENCON is going to be interested in anything that he does, more so than the Planning Board. He continued by saying the only thing that the Planning Board would do is look for instance at an entrance that might be in a bad spot and added that maybe he can help with some plantings to make the whole area look better. He stated that telling him what he can and cannot do, the Planning Board would not be very involved.

Councilman Touchette stated that there were some concerns about the timeframes that are included in the law.

Mr. Irwin stated that there were a lot of projects that came before them and approval was given but nothing happened for several years and they now included 180 days with an extension of an additional 60-day extension. He added that also in the law it says that the Town Board has given the Planning Board the ability to waive any parts of the law that

they feel needs to be waived and obviously if a business is going to change it will probably take more than 180 days, which they can waive and reiterated that they can waive any part that they feel is necessary to move the project along. He continued by saying that they should not be concerned with the timeframe and reiterated that the timeframe was put in there because they had so many that sat there for years with nothing happening.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the timeframe that was mentioned was not so much that timeframe but rather the timeframe when someone first applies to when they actually get approval.

Mr. Irwin interjected that the timeframe is 62 days, which is New York State Law and it is the same one that is in the new law and it is from the time you apply to when they have to act. He added that he does not know of hardly any that have gone that long and if it is not done within 62 days it can be approved by default.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if the Village has a similar law.

Mr. Irwin stated that the Village has the same exact law and for the same reason and their laws were done at the same time as the Town's and the first law that was put in for a Planning Board was a joint Town/Village Planning Board and then it was changed and they were split up, but it was done by resolution and not by Local Law. He reiterated that they do have the same law and as far as he knows it seems to be working fine for them and they put it through several months ago. He added that the Town works closely with the Village and recently there was a situation where someone came into town and wanted to put a repair shop and a used car lot where an existing car lot was already and the Zoning Board said that the area is zoned for that, so the Planning Board cannot do anything about it. He continued by saying that because of that they sat down with the owner and told him what they were asking him to do such as the cars being in running condition and certain areas where they can park cars and the cars in the back that were wrecks and junk had to be removed with the exception of 50 that he could keep. He went on by saying that it was all put in writing, they made a contract and he and the Planning Board signed it, which sounded like a great deal except because they didn't have the law that allowed them to do Site Plan on those buildings, they could not do anything about it and even though he didn't do anything for the first 180 days he came back and was given an additional 60 days and nothing has happened but because they don't have a law and the Building Inspector does not have the right to write tickets for violating the agreement. He added that they literally had an agreement as to what they wanted, which he agreed to and signed and the Planning Board signed but without the law to back it up they have no ability to enforce it, and enforcement is the hardest part of the whole thing. He concluded by saying that this was all he had to say and then asked that everyone take it into consideration.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Irwin and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Jerry Hall stated that he lives on Greening Lane and added that he would like to have an update on the status of the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Councilman Dolan stated that they have been in contact with the State and FEMA and originally they were told that they should file for a new Plan of Work under 2011 and heard back that if they did that, the damage that was done, Plan of Work 1692 might jeopardize some of that work. He continued by saying that they were told that it has been approved but they have not seen it in writing, which is the original Plan of Work 2007.

Mr. Hall stated that they still don't know where they are and the November 28<sup>th</sup> deadline on the permit that they gave the Board is going to come and go, which was a deadline for any work to be done on the creek.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he believes that Highway Superintendent Deering has applied for the permit.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is made out but is not submitted and added that he had a question that he called about and they have not gotten back to him and he has called them twice and hopefully he will soon have an answer for his peace of mind.

Mr. Hall stated that they will then have to wait until the next meeting to come and get a response.

Councilman Dolan stated that as soon as Highway Superintendent Deering finds out, they can call him or he can call them and added that he does not have to wait for a scheduled meeting to get an answer.

Mr. Hall stated that he would appreciate it.

Chief of Police Darlington stated that he would like to add and would caution that if they go in and do any work, they need to make sure that it is along the avenues of the FEMA Project or they potentially might lose the whole funding of the project, which would mean they will be stuck doing a band-aid fix rather than a true fix.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Chief Darlington and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that another reason why he waited on the permit is because he called and asked one of the Board Members about it and he said he will talk with the other Board Members and when he didn't hear anything back he called him again and asked what they are going to do and was advised that he should move on with the application, which he did earlier in the day and continued by saying that he also heard that it will mess up the wait.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that the plan is to have the application submitted tomorrow and FEMA is days away from approving the money.

Chief of Police Darlington stated that he e-mailed Ms. Carol Brain, who unfortunately is not going to any longer be their point of contact, and he asked her in reference to the Town's FEMA Project and she basically said she should have had the answers by now and he advised that the only answers that he has gotten were her e-mails stating that she put the pressure on and who the main contact was. He continued by saying that when he told her this, she made contact with the person, who was quite upset that the Town does not have a response yet.

Highway Superintendent Deering inquired as to if he should follow through with it.

Chief Darlington stated that he should file the permit and they should work with the FEMA Project to make sure that they coincide.

**Ms. Joyce Behuniak** stated that she lives off Miller Road, in the flood zone area and is the farm at the end of Kruger Road and besides seeing Highway men a few times; she has not seen anyone on the Board down at Miller or Kruger Roads.

Councilman Touchette stated that he was there over the weekend.

Ms. Behuniak asked him what his opinion was about it.

Councilman Touchette stated that he didn't understand exactly what she meant.

Ms. Behuniak interjected that there is a mess with garbage all over and people lost their homes who you don't know if they are moving back in or not, dumpsters all over, and boats and trailers all over. She added that it is a flood zone and she understands that but if she had known how bad it is they would have never bought where they bought and the only good thing is that she does not get flooded but the lower end of the road does. She continued by saying that she would like to know who is responsible to clean up all of the mess on both sides of Miller Road.

Supervisor Youmans inquired if she was asking about private property.

Ms. Behuniak stated that she does not know whose property it is on both sides of Miller Road or who is responsible where you turn on to Rte. 9W where the bridge is and in looking to the left there are culvert pipes way in the back and she does not know if it is the State or Town. She continued by saying that she thinks that's where the problems are and it is probably loaded with stuff and there are culvert pipes near where she lives that they constantly clean out and maybe this is why it doesn't flood. She reiterated that it is a mess and she does not know if she should talk to Code Enforcement Officer Conrad about whether or not the people are coming back to their homes and there needs to be a general clean-up, which is terrible. She continued by asking who in their right mind wants to live in the Town of Coeymans because Coeymans has nothing to offer. She added that once she saw the Highway crew brush-hogging, which she usually does herself and she is 68 years old and then asked what she is paying taxes for because half the time potholes are not fixed and she does not understand what is happening with the Town that she has lived in for 68 years. She went on by saying that it is getting worse and they now have their farm up for sale, which she does not want to sell because she does not want to move at her age and had planned on staying there but going in and out of Miller Road, she cannot take anymore because it is a mess and it was a mess even before the flood and now she wants to know who is responsible for both sides of Miller Road.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Town's Highway Department is responsible for the roads.

Ms. Behuniak inquired as to how far in they are responsible.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Highway Superintendent Deering could answer that.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is 25 feet from the center of the road.

Ms. Behuniak stated that it does not cover it and there are things' laying there that she has never seen in her life.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he believes that the answer to her question would be to find out who owns the property and complain to them and he believes that Mr. Conrad could be of help to her.

Ms. Behuniak stated that she figured that's who it was and decided that it was time to come to a meeting to find out for sure.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he spoke with Mrs. Lambert over the weekend, who still has no finality with her insurance company and she does not know if she is going back in her house or not.

Ms. Behuniak stated that she does not know how she could and added that she can't imagine 7 feet of water.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he can imagine it and the tremendous upheaval that it has caused her family and he can't tell her when they will get to clean it up. He reiterated that if there are specific properties that she has an issue with, she should check with Building Inspector Conrad to see if Code violations exist.

Ms. Behuniak stated that there are Code violations and it has been all the years that she has been there and she has been there 30 years.

Supervisor Youmans reiterated that it is something that he would address.

Ms. Behuniak stated that having people start new businesses in this area is great because it will help senior citizens like herself with the taxes but no one wants to do any business here and there have been people calling her about her property for sale and when they ask what school district and she tells them R-C-S, they say forget about it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there's a lot of different ways that she can get involved to try and make a difference and added that she could run for office or try to get on the Planning Board.

Ms. Behuniak interjected that they would not be able to put up with her and she would have left or had the Town Board fired because she is a very outspoken person. She added that something needs to be done, there is no garbage pickup, and they have to pay for it and continued by asking what the Town offers the people and then asked the Town Board if they live in the Town of Coeymans.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is a requirement for being on the Board.

Ms. Behuniak asked what area of the Town they live in.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he lives on Deans Mill Road and is very happy there and it is a wonderful neighborhood.

Ms. Behuniak stated that he should be because he probably does not have garbage lying alongside the road.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does not.

Ms. Behuniak stated that Mr. Conrad is going to have to make a trip up and down Miller and Kruger Roads to find out what is going on and everyone is going to have to get up off what they are sitting on and do something for the Town.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Behuniak and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Ann Marie Vadney** stated that she thinks she knows what Joyce was talking about and she believes that it's from the floods because she drove through Livingston County and Middleburg earlier in the day and it is terrible there as well with personal belongings and all kind of other stuff.

Ms. Behuniak from the audience asked who is responsible for cleaning it up and added that Mr. Vadney bought property on Miller Road and it looks great and she wishes that he had bought it all and if she could afford it, she would buy it all and fix it up.

Ms. Vadney stated that she wanted to mention to Mr. Irwin something that they had started and to invite him to attend.

Supervisor Youmans reminded Ms. Vadney that it is Public Comment to the Town Board and if she wanted to have discussion with someone in the audience that would be at a different time.

Ms. Vadney stated that it is a Public Comment and added that Mr. Irwin was not present for the Public Hearing on the new Local Law and she wanted to say to him that she thinks many of the comments were very valid and they would like to invite him to discuss that with the Business Organization that they started so that more people would hear what he was talking about because there were so many questions on the night of the Public Hearing. She continued by saying that she also wanted to remind everyone that there is more than the two major businesses in the Town of Coeymans and they are all looking forward to working with the Town and Planning Board to bring more people in to our town.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Vadney and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Wayne Noyes** stated that he lives at 7 Greening Lane and added that he hopes that they get in the creek before November 28<sup>th</sup> and then asked if it means that they have to be in and out by that date or that they just have to be in by that date.

Supervisor Youmans asked Highway Superintendent Deering what it means.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it depends on DEC and the permit part and added that they control when you can get in and have to be out. He continued by saying that he will meet with them when he gets the permit and they will come down and see what he has to do and they will go from there and continued by saying that he does not know exactly about the dates.

Mr. Noyes stated that he is sorry that they are in their face about this but they have been at it for four years and their patience is running very thin and if it is not taken care of by next Spring, they are going to be under 7 feet of water, like the people on Miller Road, which is not right. He concluded by saying that they have had enough and they want an answer now and they have to expect to hear this.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Noyes and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Bill McFerran stated that he lives at 9 Greening Lane, across from Mr. Hall, and he has lived there for seven years and he has watched it get worse and they are anxious at this point. He continued by saying that in listening to what happened on Miller and Kruger Roads, they can see it happening to them because it is getting worse and they are fearful that it will happen. He went on by saying that if there are actions that can be taken to remediate it, they want them to happen and the thing that concerns them is that they are talking about a permit that has not been filed yet, and there is a date of November 28th and it's November 14<sup>th</sup> right now. He continued by saying that they don't know if they have to be in or in and out by November 28<sup>th</sup> and they see the timeline deadline being compressed and they are talking about whether or not the permit lines up with other FEMA funds. He added that all of this takes time and the time is dwindling and the anxiousness that they have and have shown is because they see a door that is open right now that may be shutting very quickly and what they don't want is to wait around. He continued by saying that he is sorry that the contact has changed from Ms. Brain but it is the Federal Government and he understands that it happens but he also understands that there is a transition period and that is going to take time and reiterated that they are working with a 14 day window from what they understand. He went on by saying that they want to have an expectation of what is going to happen and Mr. Deering had indicated that he will call Mr. Hall and it will be nice to know not only that something has been filed but also that there has been some sort of follow-up as to when they will get an answer knowing that they have the shrinking deadline and when they get the information it will put them a little bit at ease that they are making progress toward it. He added that they have heard about applications and a lot of back and forth but they don't see progress yet and maybe it's because it is transparent to them and maybe it has been hard for them to communicate it. He concluded by saying that the progress may be slow and steady but they see the timeline changing and he agrees with Mr. Noves that if something does not get done he is fearful that his property will be greatly affected this Spring and if steps could have been taken to remediate it and didn't, he would be remiss to say that he would be disappointed in the Town that the lives in.

Chief Darlington stated that he and Councilman Dolan are very ambitiously pushing the Federal Government to give a time extension at his request and he spoke with Supervisor Youmans and Councilman Dolan about contacting Senator Breslin's office, which was at the recommendation of New York State Emergency Management Office. He added that he has reached out to him and supplied him with the information and in turn they are also going to be pushing FEMA to give them an answer and hopefully it will be that they have the extension that they can move forward, if not they will have to reapply. He continued by saying that on an every other day basis he has been contacting Ms. Brain to push her along to get answers and even though she is transitioning, she will remain a contact behind the scenes if he is not getting anywhere with the person that is coming in, who he will be meeting with on November 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the FEMA Project as well as this year's issues. He added that if Highway Superintendent Deering gets the permit through ENCON and continues working with them, this is who they have to get the permit from for the Hannacroix Creek Project and he would imagine that either way it will align and he wanted to make sure that the creek was being reviewed by ENCON and not just the

Town going in and cleaning the creek out and then them saying that it's on the Town's dime.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not just an issue of money and added that it is not that they won't be reimbursed but rather they would be held liable and possibly personally liable if they did things that they are not suppose to do.

Mr. McFerran interjected that they could be held personally liable if they don't do anything.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the answer to that would be no.

Councilman Dolan stated that they are also applying for a permit that would go beyond any blanket permit process and they are taking steps to apply for a permit that would do all of the work that they have talked about doing. He continued by saying that the project that he and Chief Darlington are trying to move forward is the whole series of work that they have described onward.

Mr. McFerran interjected that the big project can't be handled in a month's time but a month's worth of work will save them next year.

Councilman Dolan agreed and added that they are working on both tracks simultaneously and they sometimes cross and sometimes they don't.

Mr. Wayne Noyes inquired as to if the Board knew when Governor Cuomo said that they could go in the creek and clean it out.

Councilman Dolan stated that they heard it but were advised that they should not go in and do it.

Mr. Noyes stated that everyone else did it.

Councilman Dolan reiterated that it is what they were told.

Mr. Hall inquired as to who advised it.

Mr. Conrad from the audience stated that it was DEC.

Supervisor Youmans stated that if he as an individual does something, he takes it on his shoulders and if it is a problem he gets fined but as a Town Government they do it, and there is a fine, it's not their money, it's everyone's money that they put at risk, which is the other side of it. He continued by saying that it is easy to say individuals were in the creek and did it and he even told some of the individuals in Coeymans Hollow that it was what they should do.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that they got permission from DEC to go in the creek and they cleaned the whole creek and with the mess from the flood in Coeymans Hollow everyone got together and cleaned things up, which was not a Town Board thing, but neighbors that got together to help clean up the mess.

Mr. Noyes stated that Skip Hummel went in the creek in front of his house and cleaned the whole creek.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would have done the same thing if he were him and reiterated that they cannot do the same thing with everyone else at risk and when they go in the creek they need to make sure that they have the proper permits for a big project. He continued by saying that for the month worth of work, the money is not as big an issue but for the whole project, money is an issue. He concluded by saying that he understands their frustration but to go in the creek without permits and the right paperwork will put the Town at risk, which is everyone's money and if there is a million dollar fine, he does not know where they would come up with an extra million dollars in the budget and it would be difficult.

Mr. Noyes interjected that it has been going on since 2007 and continued by asking if someone dropped the ball and not do what they were suppose to be doing as far as permits.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would say no.

Mr. Noyes stated that it sounds like it to him.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he understands his frustration.

Mr. Noves interjected that he will understand in the spring and he won't like it.

Mr. Irwin stated that they are hoping that the FEMA is extended as it was in Newburg, Hunter, Prattsville, etc. where they were decimated by Irene.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were seven sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing on October 11<sup>th</sup>, a Public Hearing on October 11<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Workshop on October 18<sup>th</sup>, a Town Board Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, a Special Town Board Workshop on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and a Public Hearing on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He then asked for a motion to approve them.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the minutes were accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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OLD BUSINESS	
None at this time.	
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NEW BUSINESS	
None at this time.	
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RESOLUTIONS	
None at this time.	
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### **ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGET**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the budget had not changed from the Public Hearing.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what the increase in the tax levy was.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a 1.18%.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the 2012 Budget was adopted.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

#### 2012 SUMMARY OF ADOPTED BUDGET

CODE	FUND	APPROPRIATIONS	LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES	LESS APPROPRIATED REVENUES	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES
A	General	\$ 3,099,497.00	\$ 1,221,730.00	\$ 65,680.00	\$ 1,812,087.00
B	Part Town	\$ 1,818,720.00	\$ 1,617,346.00	\$ 201,374.00	s -o-
DA	Bridges	s	S	s	5 -0-
DB	Highway	\$ 1,045,618.00	\$ 825,618.00	\$ 220,000.00	s -0-
SS	Special Sewer	\$ 437,605.00	\$ 437,605.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

# TOWN OF COEYMANS

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A1330.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 5,540.00	\$	4,540.00	\$	4,500.00	S	4,500.00	\$	4,500,00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,540.00	\$	4,540.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00		4,500.00
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A1355.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 53,508.00	s	53,508.00	•	43.225.00	\$	44.550.00	•	44.050.00
A1355.2	EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$ 500.00		33,300.00	Ψ	43,225.00	4	41,653.00 1,500.00	\$	41,653.00 1,500.00
A1355.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 6,700.00	\$	6,700.00	\$	7,350,00	\$	7,350.00	\$	7,350.00
	TOTAL	\$ 60,708.00	\$	60,208.00	\$	50,575.00	\$	50,503.00	\$	50,503.00
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A1410.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 96,749.00	5	96,749.00	\$	101,466.00	s	101 400 00		101 100 00
A1410.2	EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$ 1,000.00		-	\$	1,000.00	\$	101,466.00 1.000.00		101,466.00 1,000.00
A1410.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 3,300.00	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300,00
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A1430.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 41,434.00	s	41,434.00	\$	41,434.00	\$	41,434,00	\$	41,434,00
A1430.2 A1430.4	EQUIPMENT & CAP	\$	\$		\$	154.00	\$	154.00	\$	154.00
A 143U.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$	\$		\$	13,000.00	\$	13,000.00	\$	13,000.00
	TOTAL	 59,134.00	\$	57,836.00	\$	54,588.00	\$	54,588.00	\$	54,588.00

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A1460.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL		\$	4,000.00 4,000.00	\$	4,000.00 4,000.00	\$	3,550.00 3,550.00	\$	3,550.00 3,550.00		3,550,00 3,550.00
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A1620.1 A1620.2 A1620.4	PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT & CAP CONTRACTUAL TOTAL		\$ \$ \$	5,000.00 20,000.00 33,000.00 58,000.00	\$	5,000.00 20,000.00 25,007.28 50,007.28	\$ \$ \$	38,000.00 38,000.00	\$ \$ \$	38,000.00 38,000.00	\$ \$ \$	38,000.00 38,000.00
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A1640.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL		\$	32,000.00 32,000.00		32,000.00 32,000.00	\$	38,000.00 38,000.00	\$	38,000.00 38,000.00	\$	38,000.00 38,000.00
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#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

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A1660.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 15,000.00	\$	13,500.00	\$	14,000.00	\$	14,000.00	\$	14,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 15,000.00	\$	13,500.00	\$	14,000.00	\$	14,000.00	\$	14,000.00
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A1670.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ 8,000.00		8,000.00		8,000.00		8,000.00		8,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$_	8,000.00
INSURAN	ICE									
A1910.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 84,065.00		86,353.36		89,259.00		89,259.00	\$	89,259.00
	TOTAL	\$ 84,065.00	\$	86,353.36	\$	89,259.00	\$	89,259.00	\$	89,259.00
ASSOCIA	TION DUES									5
A1920.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	s	1,200.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,200.00	.\$	1,200.00	S	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	8	1,200.00
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A1989.1	PERSONAL SERVICESReval Project	\$ : <u>-</u>	\$	(#)	\$	23	s	2	\$	-
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	TOTAL	\$ -	4		\$		\$		\$	

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

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A1990.4	CONTRACTUAL		\$ 25.000.00	\$ 22,345.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	45.781.00	\$	45,781.00
	TOTAL		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,345.00		25,000.00	\$	45,781.00		45,781.00
PUBLIC S	SAFETY ADMINISTRATION									
A3010.4	CONTRACTUAL		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	s	2,000.00	\$	2.000.00	s	2.000.00
	TOTAL		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	S	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
COMMUN	NICATIONS									
A3020.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	*1	\$ 194,851.00	\$ 194,851.00	\$	198,107.00	\$	198,107.00	5	198,107.00
A3020.2	EQUIPMENT		\$ 20,000.00	26,315.00		32	S	1=8	\$	=
A3020.4	CONTRACTUAL		\$ 25,000.00	14,500.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
	TOTAL		\$ 239,851.00	\$ 235,666.00	\$	223,107.00	\$	223,107.00	\$	223,107.00
LAW ENF	ORCEMENT									
	CHIEF SALARY		\$ 79,768.00	\$ 79,768.00	\$	86,776.00	\$	86,776.00	\$	86,776.00
A3120.1	PERSONAL SERVICES		\$ 568,484.00	\$ 542,484.00	\$	593,496.00	5	593,496,00		593,496.00
A3120.2	EQUIPMENT & CAP		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000,00
A3120.4	CONTRACTUAL		\$ 28,000.00	\$ 26,096.11	\$	27,500.00	\$	27,500.00	\$	27.500.00
	TOTAL		\$ 716,252.00	\$ 680,348.11	\$	717,772.00	\$	717,772:00	\$	717,772.00
BUNY										
A3310.1	PERSONAL SERVICES		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2.500.00
A3310.2	EQUIPMENT		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			\$	500.00		500.00
	TOTAL		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	S		\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	Р	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET	2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
STEP						100				72.00
A3311.1 A3311.2	PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT TOTAL	\$ \$ \$	3,000.00 500.00 3,500.00	\$	3,000.00 500.00 3,500.00	\$	4,500.00 500.00 5,000.00	\$	4,500,00 500.00 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00 500.00 5,000.00
VEST										
A3312.2	EQUIPMENT TOTAL	\$		\$		\$	6,000.00 6,000.00	\$	6,000.00 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00 6,000.00
TRAFFIC	SAFETY DETAIL									
A3315.1 A3315.2	PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT TOTAL	\$ \$	3,000.00 2,000.00 5,000.00	\$	3,000.00 2,000.00 5,000.00	\$	6,500.00 500.00 7,000.00	\$	6,500.00 500.00 7,000.00	6,500.00 500.00 7,000.00
DOG CON	NTROL									
A3510.1 A3510.4	PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$ \$	3,000.00 1,850.00 4,850.00	\$	3,000.00 1,850.00 4,850.00	\$ \$	3,000.00 2,800.00 5,800.00	\$	3,000.00 2,800.00 5,800.00	\$ 3,000.00 2,800.00 5,800.00
CIVIL DEF	ENSE									
A3640.1 A3640.4	PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$	1,500.00 500.00 2,000.00	\$ \$	1,500.00 185.00 1,685.00	\$	1,500.00 100.00 1,600.00	\$		\$ 1,500.00 100.00 1,600.00

### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	Р	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
OTHER H	EALTH										
A4540.4	CONTRACTUAL-Ambulance	\$	81,000.00	\$	81,000.00	\$	81,000.00	\$	81,000.00	\$	81,000.00
A4589.4	CONTRACTUAL-Paramedic	\$	187,135.00		187,135.00	\$	181,700.00	\$	181,700.00		181,700.00
	TOTAL	\$	268,135.00	\$	268,135.00	\$	262,700.00	\$	262,700.00	\$	262,700.00
HIGHWA	Y ADMINISTRATIVE										
A5010.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	105,985.00	\$	105,985.00	\$	108,985.00	\$	108,985.00	s	108,985.00
A5010.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	1,000.00		950.00		1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	106,985.00	\$	106,935.00	\$	109,985.00	\$	109,985.00	\$	109,985.00
HIGHWA	Y GARAGE										
A5132.2	EQUIPMENT	-									
A5132.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	40,000.00		43,360.51	\$	40,000.00		40,000.00	\$	40,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	40,000.00	\$	43,360.51	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00
PUBLICIT	ſΥ										
A6410.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	1,000.00	\$	977.00	\$	1,000.00	s	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	1,000.00	\$	977.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
VETERA	<b>1</b> S				## <del>***********************************</del>						
A6510.4	CONTRACTUAL	s	2.000.00	s	2.000.00	s	2,000.00	\$	2.000.00	\$	2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	2,000.00		2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET	z	2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	Ρ	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
PARKS					*						
A7110.1 A7110.4	PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$	10,000.00	\$	8,876.17	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$ S	6,000.00
BAND CO	DNCERTS	\$	10,000.00	\$	8,876.17	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00
A7270.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$	5,000.00 5,000.00		2,711.64 2,711.64		2,400.00 2,400.00			s s	-
YOUTH S	SERVICE				2						
A7310.1 A7310.4	PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$	10,000.00 1,000.00 11,000.00	\$	10,000.00 500.00 10,500.00	\$	10,000.00 500.00 10,500.00		10,000.00 500.00 10,500.00	\$	10,000.00 500.00 10,500.00
HISTORIA	AN				*						
A7510.1 A7520.2 A7510.4	PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$ \$	650.00 - 500.00 1,150.00	\$ \$ 5	650.00 250.00 900.00	555	650.00 250.00 900.00	\$ \$	650.00 250.00 900.00	\$ \$	650.00 - 250.00 900.00
ADULT S	ERVICES										
A7620.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$	7,000.00 7,000.00		7,000.00 7,000.00	\$	7,000.00 7,000.00	\$	7,000.00 7,000.00	\$	7,000.00

		25 27	2011 ADOPTED BUDGET	31	2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
OTHER C	CULTURE & RECREATION										
A7997.2 A7989.4	EQUIPMENT CONTRACTUAL	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1.500.00
	TOTAL	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
LEACHA	TE FACILITY										
A8090.1 A8090.2 A8090.4	PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$ \$	5,000.00 5,000.00 10,000.00	\$	5,000.00 5,000.00 10,000.00	\$ \$ \$	5,000.00 14,000.00 7,500.00 26,500.00	\$ \$ \$	5,000.00 14,000.00 7,500.00 26,500.00	\$ \$ \$	5,000.00 14,000.00 7,500.00 26,500.00
REFUSE	AND GARBAGE										
A8160.1 A8160.4	PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$		\$	2,655.00 2,655.00	\$ \$	500.00 500.00	\$ \$	500.00 500.00	\$	500.00 500.00
COMMUN	NITY BEAUTIFICATION								8		
A8510.1 A8510.2 A8510.4	PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT & CAP CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$ \$	184,530.00 4,045.00 14,432.00 203,007.00	\$	173,491.08 14,432.00 187,923.08	\$ 5 5	170,997.00 11,661.00 15,000.00 197,658.00	\$ \$ \$	170,997.00 11,661.00 15,000.00 197,658.00	\$ \$	170,997.00 11,661.00 15,000.00 197,658.00
CEMETE	RIES	e									
A8810.1 A8810.4	PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$ \$ \$	2,600.00 4,000.00 6,600.00	\$	2,600.00 4,000.00	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00
	TOTAL	<u> </u>	0,000.00	3	6,600.00	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

		2011 ADOPTED BUDGET			2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET		2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
EMPLOY	EE BENEFITS				m		3540				
8.010eA	RETIREMENT	\$	202,537.00	S	202,537.00	5	278,058.00	\$	278,058.00	\$	278,058.00
A9030.8	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$	126,009.00		126,009.00	\$	125,752.00		124,231.00		124,231.00
A9040.8	WORKERS COMP	\$	18,897.00	\$	18,897.00	\$	20,045.00	S	20,045.00		20,045.00
A9045.8	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	2,707.00	\$	2,707.00	\$	2,707.00	\$	2,620.00		2,620.00
A9050.8	UNEMPLOYMENT INS	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00		4,000.00
A9055.8	DISABILITY	\$	7,434.00	\$	7,434.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00		7,000.00
A9060.8	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	231,444.00	\$	231,444.00	\$	259,389.00	\$	189,261.00		189,261.00
A9070.8	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$	20,910.00	\$	20,910.00	\$	20,103.00	\$	19,230.00		19,230.00
A9089.8	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	62,892.00	\$	62,892.00	\$	1,000.00	Ş	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	676,830.00	S	676,830.00	\$	718,054.00	\$	645,445.00	\$	645,445.00
DEBT											
A9710.6	SERIAL BONDS	\$	8	\$	,=,	\$		\$	-	\$	-
A9710.7	SERIAL BONDS, INTEREST	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
A9730.6	B.A.N.S	\$	-	\$		\$	17,376.00	\$	17,376.00	S	17,376.00
A9730.7	BANS INTEREST	\$	-	\$	-	\$	634.00	\$	634.00	\$	634.00
	TOTAL	\$				\$	18,010.00	\$	18,010.00	\$	18,010.00
Total (A)	Fund Appropriations	\$	3,148,654.00	\$	3,078,830.98	\$	3,172,106.00	\$	3,099,497,00	\$	3,099,497.00

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
GENER/	AL (A) REVENUES										
A0511	Appropriated Reserves	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	s	-	s	_	\$	
A0909	Fund Balance	\$	· · ·	\$		\$	65,680.00	\$	65,680.00	\$	65,680,00
A1001	Money to be Raised by Real Property Taxes LOCAL	\$	1,788,232.00	\$	1,788,232.00	\$	1,827,486.00	\$	1,812,087.00		1,812,087.00
A1081	Civil Housing P.I.L.O.T.	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300,00	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300.00
A1090	Penalties	\$	5,500.00	\$	5,500.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00		
A1170	Franchise Fees	\$	-	\$	=	\$	-	\$	5,000.00	s	-,
A1255	Town Clerk Fees	\$	6,012.00	\$	6,012.00	\$	5,650.00	\$	5,650.00		
A1520	Police Fees-Subpoenas	S	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00		-,
A1589	TSD (Albany County)	\$	7,000.00	S	7,000.00	S	7.000.00	\$	7.000.00		7.000.00
A1689	Ambulance ALS Reimbusment	\$	25,985.00	\$	25,985.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00		25,000.00
A2190	Sale of Cernetery Lots	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00		3,000.00
A2192	Charges for Cemetery Services	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00		3,000.00
A2401	Interest	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,000.00	ŝ	3,000.00		3,000.00
A2530	Games of Chance	\$	40.00	\$	40.00	Š	75.00	S	75.00	4	75.00
A2540	Bingo	\$	1.100.00	\$	1,100.00	\$	640.00	S	640.00	\$	640.00
A2544	Dog License	S	1,800.00	s	1,800.00	\$	3,828.00	S	3.828.00	\$	3,828.00
A2610	Justice Court Fund	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	S	200,000.00	4	200,000,00
A2655	Minor Sales	\$		\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	•	200,000.00	4	200,000.00
A2665	Sale of Equipment	Š	-	\$	6.315.00	4	1,650.00	9	1,650.00	\$	4 050 00
A2680	Insurance Recovery	S	-	\$	7.985.62	Q.	1,030.00	Φ.	1,050.00	1	1,650.00
A2690	Other Compensation of Loss	\$	_	\$	267.28	S	-	Φ	-	9	127
A2701	Police Forfeiture	\$	_	4	201.20	9	-	9	-	4	-
A2770	Employee Health Contribution	\$	51,231,00	S	51,231,00	9	F7 040 00	<b>D</b>		\$	-
A2771	E-Z Docks	\$	01,201.00	9	31,231.00	0	57,210.00	Ф	-	S	-
A2801	Inter Fund	Ψ	-	Ψ	~	Φ	•	ф	-	\$	-

		 2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
	STATE AID								90%	
A3005	Mortgage Tax	\$ 40.958.00	S	40,958.00	\$	65,000.00	\$	65,000.00	\$	65.000.00
A3021	JCAP Grant	\$ 	S		8	00,000.00	4	00,000.00	d.	00,000,00
A3040	State Aid-Real Property Tax Admin.	\$ 721	S	-	\$	28,000.00	4	28,000.00	D.	20,000,00
A3389	Law Enforcement Vests	\$ 3,000.00	5	3,000.00	\$	3.000.00	4	3.000.00	Φ	28,000.00
A3390	BUNY	\$ 1,500.00		1,500.00	¢		\$	3,000.00	φ.	3,000.00
A3391	STEP	\$ 3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	6		35	5,000.00	Þ	3,000.00
A3820	Youth Program State Aid FEDERAL AID	\$ 2,200.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	1,050.00	•	1,050.00	\$	5,000.00 1,050.00
A4389	Law Enforcement Vests TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$ 3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
A5031	Transfer in from B Fund INTERFUND TRANSFER	\$ 962,196.00	\$	866,957.08	\$	853,437.00	\$	853,437.00	\$	853,437.00
	Cemetery Funds	\$ 10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	¥	\$	-	\$	=
TOTAL	GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 3,148,654.00	\$	3,069,993.98	\$	3,172,106.00	\$	3.099.497.00	Ś	3.099.497.00

### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET	2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
PART TO	WN (B) APPROPRIATIONS									
LEGAL SI	ERVICES									
B1420.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	15,000.00		14,250.00		15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	15,000.00	. \$	14,250.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
SHARED	SERVICES									
B1680.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
B1680.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	1,000.00	\$	500.00		500.00		500.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$	8,000.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
INSURAN	CE .									
B1910.4	CONTRACTUAL .	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,510.00	\$	1,510,00	\$ 1,510.00
	TOTAL	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	S	1,510.00	\$	1,510.00	\$ 1,510.00
CONTING	ENCY									
B1990.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00	S	5.000.00	\$ 5.000.00
	TOTAL	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00
SAFETY I	NSPECTIONS									
B3620.1	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	114,271.00	\$	85,145.00	\$	96,467,00	\$	96,467,00	\$ 96,467.00
B3620.2	EQUIPMENT	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$	1,000.00		1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
B3620.4	CONTRACTUAL	S	9,000.00	\$	6,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
	TOTAL	\$	124,271.00	\$	91,645.00	\$	104,967.00	\$	104,967.00	\$ 104,967.00

### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET	2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	Р	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
REGISTR	AR OF VITAL STATISTICS	, see								
B4020.4	CONTRACTUAL		\$ 200.00	\$		200.00		200.00	\$	200.00
	TOTAL		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
STREET	LIGHTING									
B5182.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL		\$ 32,000.00 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00 32,000.00		32,000.00 32,000.00	\$	32,000.00 32,000.00	\$	32,000.00
SIDEWAL	.KS		 02,000.00	 02,000.00	Ψ_	32,000.00	-	32,000.00	₽	32,000.00
B5410.4	CONTRACTUAL		\$ 	\$ 	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	TOTAL		\$ 		\$		\$		\$	-
PUBLICH	Υ									
B6410.4	CONTRACTUAL		\$ 1,500.00	 1,500.00		750.00			\$	750.00
			\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	750.00	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
ZONING E	BOARD									
B8010.1 B8010.4	PERSONAL SERVICES		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00		6,000.00		6,000.00	\$	6,000.00
DOU (U.4	CONTRACTUAL TOTAL		\$ 1,000.00 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00 8,000.00	\$	1,000.00 7,000.00	\$	1,000.00 7,000.00	\$	7,000.00

		=	2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
PLANNIN	G BOARD						***				***
B8020.1 B8020.2 B8020.4	PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT & CAP CONTRACTUAL	\$ \$ \$	15,540.00 1,500.00 800.00	\$	15,540.00 - 762.00	\$ \$ \$	15,000.00 - 1,000.00	\$ \$ \$	15,000.00	\$ \$ \$	15,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	17,840.00	\$	16,302.00	\$	16,000.00	_\$	16,000.00	\$	16,000.00
TRANSFE	ER TO OTHER FUNDS										
B9901.0 B9901.0 B9901.0	TRANSFER TO GENERAL (A) TRANSFER TO BRIDGE RECON (DA) TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY (DB)	\$ \$ \$	962,196.00 793,804.00	\$ \$	866,957.08 - 698,401.00	\$ \$	853,437.00 - 732,424.00	\$ \$	853,437.00 732.424.00	\$ 5	853,437.00 - 732,424.00
		\$	1,756,000.00	\$	1,565,358.08	\$	1,585,861.00	\$	1,585,861.00	\$	
EMPLOY	EE BENEFITS						N CO	- 00			
B9010.8 B9030.8 B9040.8	RETIREMENT SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS COMP	\$ \$ \$	12,221.00 11,180.00 1,212.00	\$ \$	12,221.00 11,180.00 1,212.00	\$ \$	14,573.00 9,522.00 1,285.00	\$ \$	14,573.00 9,522.00 1,285.00	\$	14,573.00 9,522.00
B9045.8 B9055.8 B9060.8	LIFE INSURANCE DISABILITY INSURANCE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ \$ \$	195.00 300.00 17,811,00	\$ \$ \$	195.00 300.00 17,811.00	3 S S S	195.00 195.00 604.00 18.632.00	\$	195.00 604.00	\$ \$ \$	1,285.00 195.00 604.00
B9070.8 B9089.8	DENTAL INSURANCE OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	\$ \$	1,673.00 2,788.00	\$	1,673.00 2,788.00	\$	1,748.00 100.00	\$ \$	14,905.00 1,748.00 100.00	\$ \$ \$	14,905.00 1,748.00 100.00
		<u> </u>	47,380.00	Þ	47,380.00	\$	46,659.00	\$	42,932.00	\$	42,932.00
TOTAL (B	) PART TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$	2,016,891.00	\$	1,785,835.08	\$	1,822,447.00	\$	1,818,720.00	\$	1,818,720.00

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	Р	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
PART TO	DWN (B) REVENUES										
	100 Maria 100 Ma										
B0909	Fund Balance	\$	235,228.00	\$	194,814.00	\$	201,374.00	\$	201,374.00	\$	201,374.00
B1120	Sales Tax Revenue	. \$	1,756,000.00	\$	1,565,358.08	\$	1,585,861.00	\$	1,585,861.00	\$	1,585,861.00
B1170	Franchise Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	12,392.00	\$	12,392.00	\$	12,392.00
B2110	Zoning Fees	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	600.00
B2115	Planning Fees	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1.500.00	\$	1,500.00
B2401	Interest Earned	s	2,500,00	\$	2,500.00	s	2.373.00	\$	2.373.00	\$	2,373.00
B2555	Building Fees	\$	10,600.00	5	10,600.00	S	7.070.00	\$	7.070.00	\$	
B2590	Mobile Home Permits	S	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	4	3,500.00
B2591	Sign Permits	\$	_,	s	-,000,00	Š	0,000.00	4	0,000.00	4	5,500.00
B2655	Minor Sales (Booklets, etc)	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	Ġ	300.00	9	300.00	9	300.00
B2770	Employee Health Contribution	s	3,563.00	¢	3.563.00	S	3.727.00	4	300.00	S	300.00
B3820	Shared Services	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$		4	2.760.00	-	2.750.00
			4,000.00	Φ	4,000.00	Φ	3,750.00	\$	3,750.00	\$	3,750.00
TOTAL P	ART TOWN (B) REVENUES	\$	2,016,891.00	\$	1,785,835.08	\$	1,822,447.00	\$	1,818,720.00	\$	1,818,720.00

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

		2011 ADOPTED BUDGET	2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	Pi	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET	100	2012 DOPTED SUDGET
BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION (DA) APPROPRIATION	IS								
DA5120.4 Old Ravena Road Bridge Reconstruction	\$	237,245.00 <b>237,245.00</b>	\$ 237,245.00 237,245.00	\$	-	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-
BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION (DA) REVENUES									
DA0909 Fund Balance DA5031 Transfer in from B Fund	\$	237,245.00	\$ 237,245.00	\$	= 2	\$	-	<b>5</b>	-
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HIGHWAY FUND (DB) APPROPRIATIONS										
ENGINEER										
DB1440.4 CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$	5,000.00			\$	5,000.00 5.000.00	\$ \$	5,000.00		5,000.00 5,000.00
INSURANCE	.,,,,		-	27				0,000.00	*	0,000.00
DB1910.4 CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$	30,850.00 30,850.00	\$	17,397.00		26,970.00		26,970.00	\$	26,970.00
MANDATORY TESTING	ф	30,030.00	Þ	17,397.00	. 5	26,970.00	\$	26,970.00	\$	26,970.00
DB4189.4 CONTRACTUAL TOTAL	\$	600.00		600.00	\$	400.00		400.00 400.00	\$ \$	400.00 400.00
GENERAL REPAIRS			- 2						_	
	\$ .	162,861.00 59,000.00 221,861.00		162,861.00 59,000.00 221,861.00		169,148.00 59,000.00 228,148.00	\$ \$	169,148.00 59,000.00 228,148.00	\$ \$	169,148.00 59,000.00 228.148.00
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS										
DB5112.4 CONTRACTUAL TOTAL		191,120.00 191,120.00	\$	161,120.00 161,120.00	\$	190,000.00 190,000.00	\$	190,000.00 190,000.00	\$	190,000.00
MACHINERY							_		_	150,500
DB5130.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$ \$ \$	42,000.00 80,000.00 122,000.00		21,061.00 80,000.00 101,061.00		70,000.00 70,000.00	\$ \$	70,000.00 70,000.00	\$	70,000.00 70,000.00
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#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

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SNOW REMOVAL							355			
DB5142.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	175,783.00	\$	175,783.00	\$	188.095.00	\$	188,095,00	\$	188.095.00
DB5142.4 CONTRACTUAL	\$	98,000.00	\$	98,000.00	\$	88.000.00	\$	88,000.00		88.000.00
TOTAL	\$	273,783.00	\$			276,095.00	\$	276,095.00	\$	276,095.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS										
DB9010.8 RETIREMENT	\$	34,737.00	s	34,737,00	s	56,459.00	\$	56,459.00	S	56,459.00
DB9030.8 SOCIAL SECURITY	. \$	31,264.00	\$	31,264,00	\$	27.330.00	5	27.330.00	\$	27,330.00
DB9040.8 WORKERS COMP	S	53,887.00	\$	53,887.00		57,161.00	\$	57,161,00	\$	57,161.00
DB9045.8 LIFE INSURANCE	\$	845.00	\$	845.00	S	758.00	\$	758.00	\$	758.00
DB9050.8 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	100.00	\$	700.00
DB9055.8 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$	1,241.00	\$	1,241.00	S	1,423,00	\$	1,423.00	\$	1,423.00
DB9060.8 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	113,900.00	\$	113,900.00	\$	99,263.00	\$	78,732.00	\$	78,732.00
DB9070.8 DENTAL INSURANCE	\$	7,528.00	\$	7,528.00	\$	6,992.00	\$	6,992.00	\$	6,992.00
DB9089.8 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	35,866.00	\$	9,855.00	\$	1,650.00	\$	1,650.00	5	1,650.00
TOTAL	\$	279,268.00	\$	253,257.00	\$	251,036.00	S	230,505.00	\$	230,505.00
DEBT SERVICE										
DB9730-6 B.A.N. PRINCIPAL	s	_	\$	_	\$	18,500.00	\$	18.500.00	\$	18,500.00
DB9730.7 B.A.N. INTEREST	\$	<del>_</del>	\$		\$	.0,000.00	\$	10,500.00	\$	10,300.00
TOTAL	\$		\$	-	\$	18,500.00	\$	18,500.00	\$	18,500.00
TOTAL WOUNDAY (BD)				93						
TOTAL HIGHWAY (DB) APPROPRIATIONS	\$	1,124,482.00	\$	1,029,079.00	\$	1,066,149.00	\$	1,045,618.00	\$	1.045.618.00

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

	a a		2011 ADOPTED BUDGET	ī	2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	F	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
HIGHWA	Y (DB) REVENUES							100			
DB2401 DB2650 DB2665 DB2770 DB0909	INTEREST SALES OF SCRAP SALES OF EQUIPMENT EMPLOYEE HEALTH CONTRIBUTION FUND BALANCE STATE AID CHIPS TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	***	1,350.00 200.00 18,000.00 25,128.00 200,000.00	\$ \$ \$ \$	1,350.00 200.00 18,000.00 25,128.00 200,000.00 86,000.00	\$ \$ 5 5	720.00 200.00 5,000.00 20,531.00 220,000.00 87,274.00	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	720.00 200.00 5,000.00 - 220,000.00 87,274.00	\$ \$ \$ \$	200.00 5,000.00 220,000.00
DB5031	Transfer in from B Fund	\$	793,804.00	\$	698,401.00	\$	732,424.00	\$	732,424.00	\$	732,424.00
TOTAL H	IGHWAY (DB) ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$	1,124,482.00	\$	1,029,079.00	\$	1,066,149.00	\$	1,045,618.00	\$	1,045,618.00

		2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
SEWER (SS) APPROPRIATIONS	l					-				
SS1910.4 INSURANCE CONTRACTUAL	\$	6,210.00	\$	6,210.00	\$	6,550.00	\$	6,550.00	\$	6,550.00
SS8110. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	30,000.00	5	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
SS8120.5 COLLECTION SYSTEM	\$	-	\$		\$	18,338.00	S	18,338.00	\$	18,338.00
SS8130.1 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	132,375.00	\$	132,375.00	\$	137,640.00	S	137,640.00	5	137,640.00
SS8130.2 EQUIPMENT	\$		S	-	\$	3,550.00	\$	3,550.00	\$	3,550.00
SS8130.4 CONTRACTUAL (JOINT)	\$	140,000.00	\$	140,000.00	\$	140,000.00	\$	140,000.00	\$	140,000.00
TOTAL	\$	297,375.00	\$	297,375.00	\$	336,078.00	\$	336,078.00	\$	336,078.00
BENEFITS				10 100				· <u> </u>		
SS9010.8 RETIREMENT			770.000							
SS9030.8 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$	13,962.00		13,962.00	68.0	21,229.00		21,229.00	\$	21,229.00
SS9040.8 WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$	9,974.00		9,974.00	\$	10,530.00		10,530.00	\$	10,530.00
SS9045.8 LIFE INSURANCE	\$	6,795.00		6,795.00	\$	7,207.00		7,207.00	\$	7,207.00
\$89055.8 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$	261.00		261.00	\$	261.00	\$	261.00	\$	261.00
SS9060.8 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	400.00	10.00	400.00	\$	556.00	\$	556.00	\$	556.00
SS9070.8 DENTAL INSURANCE	\$	43,544.00	5.00	43,544.00	\$	44,716.00	\$	35,772.00	\$	35,772.00
\$\$9089.8 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	26.00	\$	26.00	\$	2,622.00	\$	2,622.00	\$	2,622.00
TOTAL	\$		\$	<u>:</u>	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
TOTAL	\$	74,962.00	S	74,962.00	\$	87,321.00	\$	78,377.00	\$	78,377.00
DEBT SERVICE				2000				1		
	V V									
SS9710.6 SERIAL BOND PRINCIPAL (T&V)	\$		\$	-	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00
SS9710.7 SERIAL BOND INTEREST (T&V) SS9730.6 BAN - PRINCIPAL (T&V)	\$	•	\$	2	\$	1,400.00	\$	1,400.00	\$	1,400.00
SS9730.7 BAN - INTEREST (T&V)	\$	(=)	\$	· -	\$		S		\$	1=
SS9730.6 BAN - PRINCIPAL (TOWN)	\$	-	\$	=	\$		\$	3,750.00	\$	3,750.00
SS9730.7 BAN - INTEREST (TOWN)	\$	i :=:	\$	12	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
SS1380.4 FISCAL AGENT FEES	\$	-	\$		\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
SS9795.7 INTERFUND LOAN INTEREST	\$	-	\$	70	\$		\$	-	\$	120
TOTAL	\$		\$	<u> </u>	\$		\$	-	s	-
ISTAL :	\$		\$		\$	23,150.00	\$	23,150.00	\$	23,150.00
TOTAL SEWER APPROPRIATIONS					Ξ					
OTAL OLIVER AFFRONKIATIONS	\$	372,337.00	\$	372,337.00	ş	446,549.00	\$	437,605.00	\$	437,605.00

### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

			2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 MODIFIED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	Р	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET	- 2	2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
SS2120 SS2122 SS2128 SS2374 SS2401 SS2402 SS2655 SS2680 SS2701	SS) ESTIMATED REVENUES  SEWER RENTS SEWER CHARGES INTEREST & PENALTIES-RENTS SEWER SERVICES - OTHER GOVTS INTEREST FARNED INTEREST FARNED INTEREST SPEC. RESERVE MISC. INCOME INSURANCE RECOVERIES REFUND PRIOR YEARS EXPENSES	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	153,452.00 	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	153,452.00 - 241,387.00	5555555	172,025.00 1,400.00 264,180.00	******	172,025.00 - 1,400.00 264,180.00 - - -	*****	172,025.00 1,400.00 264,180.00
SS2770 SS0909	EMPLOYEE HEALTH CONTRIBUTION FUND BALANCE	\$	8,708.00 -	\$	8,708.00	\$	8,944.00 -	\$		\$	-
TOTAL S	EWER (SS) ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$	403,547.00	\$	403,547.00	\$	446,549.00	\$	437,605.00	\$	437.605.00

#### TOWN OF COEYMANS 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET

		2011 ADOPTED BUDGET	2011 MODIFIED BUDGET	2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET		2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
FIRE DISTRICTS (FOR TAX INFORMATION ONLY)	ſ							DOBOLI
COEYMANS HOLLOW FIRE DISTRICT	\$	268,900.00	\$ 268,900.00	\$ 276,600,00	\$	276,600.00	s	276,600.00
COEYMANS FIRE DISTRICT	\$	326,685.00	\$ 326,685.00	\$ 332,730.00	\$	332,730.00	\$	332,730.00

ON PROPERTY AND A			2010 ADOPTED BUDGET		2011 ADOPTED BUDGET		2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET	P	2012 RELIMINARY BUDGET	2012 ADOPTED BUDGET
SALARIE	S FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS									
	COUNCIL MEMBERS (4 @ \$12,000)	\$	48,000.00	\$	48,000.00	\$	48,000.00	S	48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
	JUSTICE (2 @ \$17,500)	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
	SUPERVISOR	\$	45,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	TOWN CLERK	s	40,500.00	S	40,500.00	S	40,500.00	\$	40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00
	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

		2012 TAX RATE SUMMARY ( WITH 2011 RATE COMPARISON)					
	Faxing Authority	Total Assessed Value	Amount to be raised by taxes (\$ actual)	Current Rate (per \$1000 of assessed value)	Prior Rate (per \$1000 of assessed value)	% change	
Town of Coeymans	2011	603731.697	1,788,232.00	2.961965	2.888580	2.54%	
Coeymans Hollow Fire Dis		233545.526	268,900.00	1.151382	1.184320	-2.78%	
Coeymans Fire District		220479.047	326,685.00	1.481705	1.476572	0.35%	
Town of Coeymans	<b>2012</b> trict	604642.893	1,812,087.00	2.996954	2.961965	1.18%	
Coeymans Hollow Fire Dis		235302.333	276,600.00	1.175509	1.161382	2.10%	
Coeymans Fire District		220978.722	332,730.00	1.505711	1.481705	1.62%	

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a correspondence from Time-Warner Cable and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor,

Please find our new pricing for cable packages that customers in your community will receive with their next statement from Time Warner Cable. Over the past year we have continued to invest in our infrastructure to increase network reliability, program offerings and enhanced customer service. We continue to expand our service area, now offering our advanced video, voice and broadband services to more residents.

Connecting our customers to entertainment, information and each other is the focus of everything we do. This year we continued to add value through our digital services and leveraging out network by offering customers more integrated services like Look, Back, TW Cable TV App for I-Pads, additional High Definition channels, and expansion of Wideband Internet services, with download speeds up to 50 Mbps into many new areas.

Our local focus includes providing quality customer care – delivered by more than 10,000 Time Warner Cable employees across New York and Massachusetts. With 24/7 local call center support located in every region; we strive to create a simple and easy customer service experience.

The Basic and Standard prices for your municipality are noted below; package pricing is attached.

New	<u>Current</u>	<u>New</u>
Basic	\$13.40	\$14.40
Standard	\$67.95	\$72.45

Our investment and commitment to the local communities we serve will continue in 2012 and we look forward to working with you and your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John S. Mucha Director, Government Relations Time Warner Cable, Northeast - Albany

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### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, November 22, 2011 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 28, 2011 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, December 12, 2011 7:00pm

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### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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

# **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman	Touchette,	seconded b	y Councilman	Boehm,	the To	wn Boa	rd
Meeting was adjourned.							

Respectfully Submitted,	APPROVED:	
Time:		
VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVE	D	

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman Richard N. Touchette, Councilman Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT: Deana Ferrusi, Deputy Clerk

Linda Ziegler, Payroll Clerk

Susan King, Human Resource Clerk

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

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### **AGENDA**

- Retiree Health Insurance Renewal
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Employee Handbook

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# **DISCUSSIONS**

# **Retiree Health Insurance Renewal**

Discussion ensued between the Town Board and Human Resource Clerk King regarding the costs of the current retiree health insurance program and the standard rider being offered. It was noted that if the standard rider was chosen, employees will save \$5 per year on their spousal health coverage. The Board's recommendation was that the standard rider be chosen for next year.

### **Local Waterfront Revitalization Program**

Discussion ensued regarding the grant for the waterfront revitalization. It was noted that the grant is all matching funds, so that if the Town received \$20,000.00 from the State, it would still have to raise \$20,000.00 before anything could be done. Supervisor Youmans also noted that the grant put a lot of restrictions on what the town could do with the waterfront. He also offered to write to the Department of State with whatever decision the Board made. Mr. Touchette noted that the grant does let the Town decide what to do with the land, and that he feels the grant should be kept alive. There was a discussion among the Board as to where the Town would find the matching funds. Supervisor Youmans suggested that the 100% health insurance coverage for retired employees and their spouses be cut, and noted that there are a lot of things that can be cut out of the budget. The discussion continued, and it was decided that a final recommendation would be made sometime after Thanksgiving. Mr. Dolan mentioned that there is an opportunity for other grants, but that the grant in question had to be kept alive in order to apply for those other grants. He said that it makes sense as part of economic development.

# **Employee Handbook**

Discussion ensued regarding the revision of the employee handbook. The previous edition has been reviewed by Payroll Clerk Ziegler, and suggested revisions were

presented to the Board. There were a number of topics discussed, such as the Official Personnel File, Sexual Harassment and Internet Policies, Workplace Violence, and Full Time versus Part Time employees, an Overtime Policy and State Labor Laws. There were also a number of benefit-related issues discussed, such as vacation buyouts, uniforms, and payment of CDL licenses. There was an in depth discussion of payment for retiree health benefits, and it was decided that Mr. Dolan would research what other organizations who pay into the NYS Retirement System do, and report back to the Board. There was also a discussion on Accident Reporting Procedures, and a Smoking Policy it was decided that Mr. Boehm would research other towns' Smoking Policies and report back. The final decision for the evening regarding the Employee Handbook was that Mr. Dolan would research Retiree Health Insurance Benefits, and Mr. Boehm would research other towns' Smoking Policies, and report back as well as research being done on an Internet Policy.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Youmans, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

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

Time: 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted, **APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, November 28, 2011, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

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

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### **OPENING COMMMENT**

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

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
  - Old Ravena Road Bridge
  - Snow Emergency Procedures
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - October 22, 2011
- Supervisor's Report October
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, October
  - Sewer Department, October
  - Town Clerk, October
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Part-Time Clerk I, Justice Clerk
  - Professional Services Agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions
  - JNS Towers Management Agreement
- Resolutions
  - Authorization to Sign JNS Towers Management Agreement
  - Amend September Abstract
  - Approve November Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Meeting, December 12, 2011, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, December 20, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, December 27, 2011, 7:00pm
- Additional Comments
- Adjournment

### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Annual Tree Lighting**

The annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The kick-off will be the lighting of the Town's Christmas Tree at Coeymans Landing Gazebo at 6:30pm. Carols will be sung by members of the Riverview Baptist Church and the Historic Coeymans Landing Association will be there providing hot chocolate and cookies.

At 6:45pm the parade will make its way up the hill for the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony at the corner of Central and Main Streets.

### Old Ravena Road Bridge

The Board is pleased to announce that the Old Ravena Road North Bridge crossing the CSX rail lines was reopened on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

As you know, the bridge was closed due to safety concerns in January 2009. The current bridge is 410 foot long, multi-girder, single span steel and concrete structure. The project was 80% Federally funded, 15% State funded and the Town of Coeymans provided the remaining 5% share.

The improvement to the Town's infrastructure will ensure the safety of Old Ravena Road for the continued use by drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

# **Snow Emergency Procedures**

Reminder to the public – Snow Emergency Procedures will go into effect when snowfalls accumulate in excess of 3 inches.

No vehicle parking, stopping or standing will be allowed on any Town of Coeymans street or highway.

Violators will have their vehicles towed away.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Special Budget Workshop on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, he then asked for a motion to approve them.

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

### October 2011

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$ 52,329.66	\$434,512.66	\$246,170.64	\$240,671.68
D4 T	6730 001 (5	0420 022 67	6427 220 16	6711 507 17
Part-Town	\$728,001.65	\$420,833.67	\$437,328.16	\$711,507.16
Highway	\$ 11,213.51	\$ 75,263.01	\$ 61,325.00	\$ 25,151.52
Bridge Const.	\$ 4,484.76	\$ 4.13	-0-	\$ 4,488.89
Sewer	\$ 68,558.17	\$41,067.48	\$ 24,058.69	\$ 85,566.96
Special Water	\$ 49,236.88	\$ 37,269.48	-0-	\$ 86,506.36
Police Forf.	\$ 16,156.98	\$ 2.08	-0-	\$ 16,159.06
Comm. Tower	\$ 1,484.07	\$ 1,000.00	-0-	\$ 2,484.07
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 17,958.77	\$207,837.66	\$209,306.20	\$ 16,490.25
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 43,660.13	\$ 3.87	\$ 11,049.30	\$ 32,614.70
Section 8 HUD	\$109,885.79	\$ 40,479.27	\$ 43,714.65	\$106,650.41
			Total Rec. Balance	\$1,328,291.06

# **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

# **MATURITY DATE**

NAT. BANK OF COX. (DA) Hwy. Bridge 2 months \$85,447.70 10-07-11

SAVINGS ACCOU	NTS	<b>COLLATERAL</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Unemployment	\$ 731.06	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,575,646.70
Grove Cemetery	\$40,904.69	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 69,129.85
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,359.40			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,326.92			
Total	\$62,322.07			

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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# BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

# **Building Department – October 2011**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

#### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

# **Sewer Department – October 2011**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Touchette give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans 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 - October 2011

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the report.

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Hearing 2012 Sewer Rates**

Supervisor Youmans stated that they need to set a Public Hearing date for the 2012 Sewer Rates and continued by asking Town Clerk Millious if there is enough time for posting if they have it on December 12<sup>th</sup> prior to the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is too late for this week's paper and added that it won't come out until next Wednesday, which might be cutting it too close and added that it might be better to schedule it for the 27<sup>th</sup>'s meeting.

Supervisor Youmans asked why the 12<sup>th</sup> is too soon.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it would be five days and it is alright.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Public Hearing for the 2012 Sewer rates is set for December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### Part-Time Clerk I – Justice Court

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a request by the Justice Court to post for a Part-Time Clerk I position internally for the Justice Court, which is in the budget for 2012. He added that the way that Civil Service works is you have to post internally for so many days before it is posted externally. He went on by asking Judge Dardani if that was their intention.

Judge Dardani stated that it is and he wanted to make sure that they follow through.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would offer a motion and added that he would authorize the Judges to post it internally.

Judge Dardani interjected that he thinks that it has to come from the Supervisor's Office and it has to be posted internally for 10 days and added that this is how they have done it in the past.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he will get it done for them and continued with the motion.

### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Supervisor and Justice Court to take any actions necessary to advertise for the position of a part-time Court Clerk for the Justice Court.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### **Professional Service Agreement with ITS**

Supervisor stated that there is a Professional Service Agreement with ITS, which needs to be signed and continued by asking if there was any discussion.

Councilman Dolan asked if there was a signed copy from ITS.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if ITS is caught up with all of the preliminary things that they were authorized to do last year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he believes they are most of the way through and then asked Chief Darlington if it was true.

Chief Darlington stated that they performed the upgrades and migrations in his department and now they are working on a lot of the "bugs".

Supervisor Youmans stated that the answer to Councilman Touchette's question is yes and then asked if there was any additional discussion.

Councilman Boehm stated that the billable rate is \$72.25 and the base contract cost is \$3,500.00.

Supervisor Youmans and Councilwoman Rogers collectively stated that it is considerably more than that.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is \$9,975.00 for all of the services listed plus the block time.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm authorizing the Supervisor to execute the contract with Intelligent Technology Solutions. VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

### **JNS Towers Management Agreement**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a JNS Towers Management Agreement.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that after giving it a little more reflection and in speaking with Chief Darlington about it, he feels they should just go forward and sign the confirmation letter because it appears that JNS is no longer in business and that they are simply transferring assets, which is probably a part of an Asset Purchasing Agreement. He continued by saying that he does not see the point in going back to them and he thinks they are just spinning their wheels and added that it would be his recommendation that they move forward with the resolution and sign the confirmation.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there was any further discussion, hearing none he added that there is a resolution for it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they have to sign three copies of the Management Agreement Confirmation and return them in a postage-paid envelope, which Confidential Secretary Lewandowski has.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he has it and will make sure that it is signed before he leaves.

Councilman Boehm asked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch if he would explain what is going on.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it appears from looking at the document that was sent as well as talking with Chief Darlington, that this has been basically an asset sale and JNS does not appear to be in business, which was not a matter of them simply flipping the Agreement to a third party and the sale was part of an acquisition. He continued by saying that the new communication company, Crown Communications is a national company with facilities located throughout the United States, which is a large solvent company. He reiterated that he does not see under those circumstances, them going back and renegotiating a more favorable deal.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if there are any changes to the current Agreement.

Attorney stated that was true and added that it simply confirming that there is an Agreement.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there was any further discussion, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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### RESOLUTIONS

# RES. #93-11 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN JNS TOWERS MANANGEMENT AGREEMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2011, JNS Towers, LLC (JNS) and Crown Communication LLC (Crown) entered into an agreement for the assignment of certain assets of JNS including without limitation the Master Management Agreement between JNS and the Town of Coeymans, and

WHEREAS, as a condition of this transaction, each municipality that is a party to a Master Management Agreement is being requested to confirm the status of the Master Management Agreement it holds with JNS, and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney for the Town has reviewed and approved the Management Agreement Confirmation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor James C. Youmans to sign the Management Agreement Authorization.

### RES. #94-11 AMEND SEPTEMBER 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 amend the following claims of vouchers for the September 2011 Abstract as indicted in red.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
CENEDAL (A)		
GENERAL (A) General Pro Poy	1792-1843	\$284 424 11
General Pre-Pay General	1900-1959	\$284,434.11 \$ 51,680.92
General	1900-1939	\$ 31,000.92
	General Total	\$336,115.03
GENERAL (A) Police For.		
General Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1844	\$ 300.00
General Police Forfeiture	1960	\$ 400.00
	General Total	\$ 700.00
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1845-1860	\$122,804.33
	Part Town Total	\$122,804.33
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1861-1869	\$ 75,294.76
Highway	1961-1963,1966-2003	\$ 90,329.29
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	Highway Total	\$165,671.26
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1870-1892	\$ 21,511.91
Sewer	2004-2025	\$ 21,852.74
	Sewer Total	\$ 43,364.65
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CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Capital Projects	2026-2027	\$ 14,533.05
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 14,533.05
CAP. PROJ. (H-36)		
Capital Projects	2028	\$ 3,271.46
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 3,271.46

CAP. PROJ. (H-37)		
Capital Projects	2029-2035	\$ 5,861.82
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 5,861.82
	Total for all Funds	\$692,274.39
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1893-1899	\$334,746.60
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$334,746.60

# **RES. #95-11 APPROVE NOVEMBER ABSTRACT**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, 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 November 2011 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	2220-2287	\$246, 619.76
General	2346-2387	\$136, 733.23
	General Total	\$383, 352.99
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2288-2301	\$ 11, 856.30
Part-Town	2388	\$ 98.78
	Part Town Total	\$ 11, 935.08
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2302-2312	\$ 42, 177.69
Highway	2389-2430	\$ 10, 562.34
	Highway Total	\$ 52,680.03
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2313-2330	\$ 16,771.91
Sewer	2431-2448	\$ 13,370.35
	Sewer Total	\$ 30, 142.26
SPECIAL WATER		
Special Water Prepay	2331	\$ 85, 128.93
	Special Water Total	\$ 85, 128.93
CAPITAL PROJ. (H30)		
Capital Projects Prepay	2332	\$ 7,773.46
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 7,773.46
CAPITAL PROJ. (H35)		
Capital Projects	2449-2451	\$ 20, 418.91
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 20, 418.91

CAP. PROJ. (H36)		
Capital Projects Prepay	2333	\$ 15, 914.92
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 15,914.92
CAP. PROJ. (H-37)		
Capital Projects Prepay	2334	\$ 23, 167.30
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 23, 167.30
	Total for all Funds	\$ 630, 513.88
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2335-2345	\$304,602.53
	Trust & Agey. Total	\$304,602.53

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### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, December 12, 2011, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, December 20, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, December 27, 2011, 7:00pm (on Tuesday due to Christmas Holiday on Monday)

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### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time - 7:26pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Public Hearing was held Monday, December 12, 2011, at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Youmans opened the Public Hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Youmans stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments on the proposed 2012 Sewer Rates and continued by asking that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the News Herald.

Town Clerk continued by reading the following:

# NOTICE TOWN OF COEYMANS TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

In compliance with Public Officer's Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed Sewer Rates. The Public Hearing will be held at 6:30pm on December 12, 2011 at Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY.

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

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### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that for those in attendance, and for those listening at home, the proposed Sewer Rates for 2012 are the same rates as 2011 with no increase and continued by reading the following:

- \$375/ per unit\* per year residential & commercial Coeymans Sewer District
- \$375/per unit\* per year Martins Hill Gray Water Sewer
- \$100/ per year Vacant Lot (with access to sewer service)

Supervisor Youmans stated that they bill twice a year and the payment will be \$187.50 twice a year, as it was in 2011.

<sup>\*</sup>One unit is the equivalent of \$80,000 gallons of water or fraction thereof.

### MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS December 12, 2011 — PUBLIC HEARING — 6:30PM

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time and added that there was a sign-in sheet by the microphone and anyone wishing to speak needs to state their name and address.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that not knowing until they arrive for the Public Hearing does not help know if the rates are up, down or the same. She continued by saying that a little of advance notice would be helpful in knowing what they were doing. She went on by saying that she had a letter from Mrs. Burton, who could not attend and continued by reading the following:

Dear Sirs,

I would not like the Sewer Rates to go up, as a senior person on Social Security with only a certain amount of money, you may price me out of my home. This goes for taxes on water also.

Ms. Pasquini continued by saying that her letter goes along with what she has been saying for a long time about people on Social Security and fixed incomes and when things like this go up, it does hurt the community. She concluded by saying that on behalf of Ms. Burton, she feels the same and is glad that the rates are not going up for next year and then thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and then asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he added that they will keep the Public Hearing open for a period of time in case someone shows up late and would like to comment. He continued by saying that he understands Ms. Burton's concerns with being a senior citizen on a fixed income and paying sewer and water bills and added that the system of charging per unit, he finds to be antiquated and hopes that the future Town Board will address that issue. He went on by saying that he believes the only fair way to charge for water and sewer would be to put a meter on every home and that way a senior citizen that lives by himself and drinks a gallon of water, and flushes the toilet four times a day does not pay the same as a family of eight with four bathrooms, which is how it is now. He concluded by saying that it is no one's fault and it is the system that was handed down from many, many Boards before them and it is what it is and hopefully sometime in the future, some change can come to that.

Councilman Dolan interjected that some of them do have meters, like himself but they are not read.

Supervisor Youmans added that he had a meter on his house when he lived in the Village and it also was never read and he does not know if it was even operable and in some cases the meters are already there.

Ms. Pasquini asked that the Town Board look closer at the way it is done because businesses like Yanni's, a restaurant and bar pays the same as she does in a home of two and continued by saying that she believes there is a lot of water used and flushing done compared to what she uses.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would doubt very highly that they are paying the same as her and added that businesses are charged per unit and typically from what he has seen on the billings, is that it goes by how many bathrooms are on the premises. He added that he knows that there are two bathrooms for the restaurant and there are bathrooms in the marina area and if they look into it, he believes they would find that they are being charged for no fewer than four units. He continued by saying that she is right and a meter would certainly make it more fair.

Ms. Pasquini stated that at the last Public Hearing she believed that it was done so residential and commercial rates were the same.

### MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS December 12, 2011 — PUBLIC HEARING — 6:30PM

Supervisor Youmans stated that they are per unit, and it depends on how many units they are being charged. He added that another for instance is that Cumberland Farms is charged two units and truth be told he believes that they use very little sewer but they are charged based on a long time ago someone saying that there is the gas station as well as the retail store and they should be charged for two units. He went on by saying that year to year he has looked them over with Mr. Conrad, who is very knowledgeable on that subject and there have been cases where some of the businesses have contacted them and said that they don't think that it is fair that they are being charged for two units when they are using very little and it has been looked at on a case by case basis.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she understands that and she looks at is as a business has revenue coming in where home owners have a fixed income.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he understands completely.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it is a big difference between a business like Yanni's compared to her home where there are two people living and she did not understand why when it was done last year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it has always been done that way and it depends on how many units each business is being charged.

Ms. Pasquini inquired as to if they are being charged by bathrooms or by units.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is units and added that he believes the way units were determined in some cases was by how many bathrooms they had and in other cases like Nolan's where he gets charged two units but only has one bathroom. He added that the way that it was explained to him is that there is the retail propane business with the trucks that deliver and then there is the storefront as well and all along he has been charged two units. He continued by saying that it has been done on a case by case basis, town-wide probably ever since the Town has been billing for sewer, which in his mind does not make a lot of sense and meters is the smarter way to go.

Ms. Pasquini stated that years ago some of them did have been meters and a lot of them were ripped down with snow and different things because they were so old. She added that she believes it would be the way to go because she knows residents that fill their pool and she does not have a pool.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he stated that they would hold the Public Hearing open for a period of time and if no one else wished to comment they would close the Hearing.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were not any additional comments and continued by offering a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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## ADJOURNMENT

# MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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#### **OPENING COMMMENT**

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

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Town Offices Closed
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, November 14, 2011
  - Town Board Workshop, November 22, 2011
  - Town Board Meeting, November 28, 2011
- Old Business
  - Tree Lighting Ceremony
- New Business
  - Resignation of Telecommunicator
  - Authorization to Sign Renewal Agreement with CSEA Employee Benefit Fund for Dental & Vision
- Resolutions
  - Appointment of P/T Police Officer
  - Establishment of Sewer Rates for 2012
  - Enactment of Local Law #1-11, Site Plan Review
  - Enactment of Local Law #2-11, Establishing the Powers and Duties of the Planning Board & Providing for Appointment of Alternate Members
  - Amend Budget, Police Department
  - Amend Budget, Community Beautification Department
  - Transfer of Funds
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Town Board Workshop, December 20, 2011, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, December 27, 2011, 7:00pm (due to Holiday)
  - Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2012, 10:00am

#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **Town Offices Closed 12-26-11 for Holiday**

Supervisor Youmans read the following public announcement:

On Monday, December 26, 2011, all Town offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

As always the exception will be the Police Department, which is a 24 hour, 7 day operation.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Carver Laraway stated that he is from P&M Brick LLC and added that back in 2007 they asked the Town to rezone the northern section of the town, which is the Trickey, Tracey, P&M and Biers property and it was tabled. He continued by saying that he is present to see if they can get it back on the table for the rezoning and in talking to some members of the Town Board during the past week he was advised to come in and do a formal request in trying to get the ball moving to rezone the property to Industrial Zone from Residential/Agricultural. He went on by saying that he noticed that listed in the resolutions is enactment of Local Law #1-2011 for Site Plan Review and added that he was under the impression that they were going to have a Workshop and go over it so they can help businesses in the community instead of hindering them. He continued by saying that by enacting the Law, they all agreed that it would be a 6-12 month procedure by the time that it goes to the County for anything that they are doing, which he does not think is helping businesses. He added that if they could, he would like to see it tabled and set a Workshop Meeting date in January because he does not think that there is a big rush on it and go over it and get the input from businesses instead of trying to railroad something through, which make him a bit nervous because they all have concerns about it. He continued by saying that nothing was mentioned and all of the sudden he sees that they are going to slide it though and for his interest it is not great and he thinks for everyone present it is not great and they need to improve it. He concluded by saying that he is not saying that they don't need laws but they need laws that are done for everybody and not just a few.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Laraway and then asked if there were any additional comments.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that she was at a meeting when they discussed Local Law 1&2 and she was advised that the powers and duties of the Planning Board is subject to Town Board approval and in turn she asked why it was not written in the law. She continued by asking if it has now been put in the law.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Law has remained unchanged because if they were to change the law it would then be subject to another Public Hearing and it is not there but is based in law so it really does not need to be in the Local Law. He then asked if there were any additional comments.

Ms. Ann Marie Vadney stated that she was present to represent herself as well as the Coeymans Community & Business group and she is there because she received the agenda very late, which she does not think is if not illegal to be in good faith. She added that at the last meeting she would have to concur that the Public Hearings that were held for Local Law 1&2 they were told that there would be Workshop and that everything discussed would be reviewed and further discussion would take place with the community. She continued by saying that it obviously has not occurred and he just stated that nothing has changed in the law and then asked how as the public's representatives,

after the Public Hearings, just act as if they can push it through when no one is happy with it. She went on by saying that it is not user friendly, business friendly and she does not understand the role that Public Officials are playing in this Town if this is how the process or lack of process works. She added that more Workshops was a great idea and that way the community and businesses could get together with the officials and review it and there is a lot of talent and knowledge in the people in the community and they should be working together rather than being battled and harassed all the time. She went on by saying that she is hoping that it will not be approved and there are many people that are very interested in what happens in the Town and because of such last minute notice they were unable to come as well as a School Board Meeting and concerts. She concluded by saying that minimally there should be a Workshop to review both the laws because they will affect the Town dramatically.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Vadney and continued by asking if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Jerry Hall stated that he lives at 10 Greening Lane and continued by saying that he is there for his usual question and answer period about the status of the Hannacroix Creek Project. He added that last week his neighbor Wayne Noyes made many phone calls and a few got back to him and one that did is a gentleman that is a representative from Albany County Water & Soil and he visited the site last Thursday or Friday. He continued by saying that he impressed him as being very knowledgeable and he gave him a booklet titled "A Guide to Living in Harmony with Streams", which contains a lot of common sense information as well as details as to how the process of working with streams can be started and finished. He added that he believes that they Town would be very wise to implement the resource and they are a department with a lot of knowledge and have done it before because there is no mystery to it and reiterated that the Town should follow some of the guidelines. He went on by saying that within the Guide they even give the process where they are available for the permitting process and could give great assistance wherever they stand on it and he really thinks that they should follow-up on it and utilize the resources that are already out there. He continued by saying that within 15 minutes of questions and answers with the gentlemen gave him more information that he had received in four years and ninety days, which is the time period that they have been talking about the project. He added that it is there if anyone wants the information and the gentleman is going to come back when the water is a little lower and he was extremely impressed with him and he believes that the Town Board would be as well and reiterated that they should utilize the resource that is there and available because they are not reinventing the wheel. He went on by saying by that the rest of the State of New York has been going in and cleaning creeks whether it be municipalities or individuals and they have been getting the job done and their problems are going to be gone for many years and they are in agreement that Mother Nature is going to bring dirt and rocks back but there is no reason why they have to wait for the next 20 years to see if it is better or worse. He concluded by saying that in the meantime the stream, which they have to face in the spring, is now flowing down the old road, coming out with great vigor and with the 1 inch of rainfall that there was last week the velocity of the water was pretty impressive and when someone has an answer they would appreciate hearing it because they have heard from no one.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Hall and continued by asking if there were any further comments.

**Mr. Peter Masti** stated that he lives in Coeymans Hollow.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that he is Councilman Elect Masti.

Mr. Masti continued by saying that in regard to Local Law #1&2-2011 he has talked to numerous people and he agrees with Ms. Vadney that they had said that there would be another Public Hearing after some amendments. He continued by asking when the last time was that the laws were amended as far as the Planning Board and added that he believes that he saw that it was the late 60's or 70's.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is not to amend any laws but rather it is two new laws.

Mr. Masti stated that it had not been addressed in years and he does not understand what the rush is to get it through when it would seem to make more sense to have a Public Hearing where businesses were invited to work with them. He concluded by saying that his take is to work with businesses that are going to affect them directly.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Masti and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Gary Bogardus stated that he realizes that it exempts farms but the way that taxes are going, his property may not always be a farm. He continued by saying that he might not have any choice and this would affect him and as he stated before he does not believe that they need it because they have more than enough laws to cover most of those things and all they are doing is making more laws in this town all the time. He added that everybody gets ticked off every time laws are made and the Town Board has to take the heat and as they know there is an election every year and it is part of the reason why people change on the Board. He concluded by reiterating that it is a bad idea to push the law through, especially now at the end of some people's terms and it does not look good.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Bogardus and continued by asking if there were any other comments.

**Mr. Wayne Noyes** stated that he lives at 7 Greening Lane and continued by saying that he wanted to know what the status is of the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is a Public Comment time and to please go ahead with his comment.

Mr. Noyes stated that he agrees with what Mr. Hall said in that they have not heard a thing in four years and he is trying to help push it along and get things going and all they want to do is get the Creek fixed and it needs to be done. He continued by saying that the bottom line is that they want to save their own property and they are going to do anything that they possibly can to get it done and he is not going to be getting \$30,000.00 from FEMA for his house that is worth \$300,000.00.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Noyes and then asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Bill Zabel stated that he lives on Zabel Hill Road and added that he was not present for the Public Hearing because he was in the hospital and continued by saying that all he sees is that they keep trying to pass laws when there is a whole community of people that don't want it. He went on by saying that there are no businesses and the ones that are in town they are trying to direct where they are going to go and what they are going to do and if their kids come along to do something there are no doors open for them down the road. He continued by saying that they are closing doors continually in coming up with new laws and they keep fighting them and this has been going on since the 90's and then asked how many times they are going to have to come back and go over it. He added that they need to sit down with all the business people and try to make something that is workable for everyone and to have the Planning Board all of the sudden to take stuff from the Zoning Board is not good and personally he feels as though the Planning Board has had some people on it for way too many years and it needs to have some new blood put into it, which his own opinion. He continued by reiterating that he does not think that they need all of these laws that keep getting shoved down their throats and if the stuff comes through and they end up with a Comprehensive Plan and Greenway that comes in behind it, which no one is looking for and he does not know why they always want to come up with new laws. He went on by asking that they leave everyone alone and let the businesses grow in the town and not put restrictions on them because no one wants to do anything, which is one of the biggest problems and half of the businesses have left and then asked that they table it, work with people and the businesses so it is all agreeable to everyone. He concluded by saying that they keep trying to shove this through all the time and they went through it way back when and all of the sudden there was a law that got snuck through, which he does not agree with and he is getting very upset with it and added that they tell them and tell them what they want but nobody wants to listen.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Zabel and continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Rob VanEtten stated that to prepare and change a Comprehensive Plan of the development of the entire area is pretty cut and dry and says what the Planning Board can do and they say it is State Law, which is kind of a given knowing that they have oversight. He added that there is a lot more that goes into preparing a Comprehensive Law and it sounds to him because it is pretty black that they are giving that power to the Planning Board, which definitely needs to be changed. He continued by saying that he believes that they should put a hold on things and reconsider because he does not think that it is going to work out even legally.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. VanEtten and then asked if there were any additional comments.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** asked that they please reconsider the law and under penalties and offenses it says that they can fine people up to \$250.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 15 days or both and continued by saying that it is a bit strong for people who are community members, residents, families. She continued by saying that we are all one community and to fine and put people in jail with this law is a little stiff and they should consider that the community is people who live here and what makes the community and if they run people out of town there is going to be nothing left to the Town of Coeymans. She concluded by saying that the community is getting fed up with all this and reiterated that they should reconsider the law and some of the words that are pretty harsh to be put out to fellow community members.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Pasquini and continued by asking if there were any other comments.

Mr. Carver Laraway stated that he is not saying that they don't need rules and regulations and added that he is not saying that at all and added that he believes that everyone in the room has some concerns about what is going to be taking place. He asked that they set a date for discussion and if no one shows up they can pass the law and reiterated that everyone should be a partaker of the community. He continued by saying that they are all trying to help the community and they need business and some of the rules and regulations put a hamper on opportunities that are coming for the Port with a six to twelve month review process, which is going to hurt everyone. He concluded by saying that he does not believe that this is what the Board is planning to do and asked again that they all reconsider and review it.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Laraway and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Steve Swartout stated that he does not own a business in Coeymans but is a resident as well as not working in Coeymans and added that he does not know any of them and he does not know if it is politically motivated to pass the laws and everyone can draw their own opinion. He continued by saying that he moved here roughly 20 years ago from a State that enacted laws similar to this and the reason that he moved here was because he lost three jobs in a span of 9 months because the companies that he worked for left and added that it is getting tougher for New Yorkers to keep jobs and he looking in North Dakota for a new job because of the business climate and taxes. He went on by saying that they can lay blame in anybody's corner and to pass the law now would make people question their political motives and they need laws to control growth within reason and they should be in place and you would not want someone to set up shop next to a school that deals with mercury. He added that businesses depend on the residents to make money and they need the ability to make money and hindering them for 8-9 months would be wrong and a Board, which ever Board it is should have the ability to decide what is right for the Town of Coeymans and not Albany County. He went on by saying that Albany County wants to shove a dump down the Town's throat, so Albany County does not have their best interest at heart and local resident should know what they need and local business owners should know what local residents and in turn the elected Board should know what the businesses and residents want. He concluded by saying that he

would ask that they table it and let new members work with the members that are staying and deal with it next year after they let the public give their comments as well as businesses and residents and there is no point in doing this now because it will create hard feelings for everyone.

Supervisor thanked Mr. Swartout and continued by asking if there were any additional comments.

Ms. Ann Marie Vadney stated that she would hope that a meeting will be scheduled for discussion and that she would hope that there would be a couple of weeks prior to it so people can plan for it and they can insure that as many people as possible have an opportunity to participate. She continued by saying that she thinks that many of their positions is that guidance vs. control is a much better way to do business and she would also say that about the Planning and Zoning Boards and she agrees with the individual that stated that many of the members have been there for many, many years and based on her experiences with them, she does not know them personally and she can comment only professionally, they need to take a look at the background of the people that are appointed to the Boards and whether or not they have expertise or are business owners. She added that this is important when you are looking at and reviewing the proposals that are coming in front of them. She concluded by saying that she wanted to thank Councilman Boehm for coming to their Business Meeting and he is the first public official that did attend the Coeymans Community Business Meeting and continued by saying that she would also like to invite all of the business owners and members of the community to their next meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and the location will be listed in the News Herald.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Ms. Vadney and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Supervisor Elect Flach** stated that he wanted to state publicly that Supervisor Youmans and the Town Board have gone out of their way to meet with him as the incoming Supervisor and he wanted to let them know in a public forum that he appreciates that. He added that other things that they have discussed are a lot of issues coming forth in the Town and Supervisor Youmans had stated to him that when there was a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Laws 1&2, no one had submitted any changes to the law and there was talk of having a Workshop and they do need laws so that the businesses can run and function properly within the guidelines of the Town. He concluded by saying that there are some issues with the wording and he would be willing when the time comes in 2012, when he is in office, to look at the laws and have a Public Workshop and reiterated that he thanks the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Supervisor Elect Flach and then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he added that he wanted to say a few words himself and to start with Mr. Laraway asked about the rezoning of that particular area of Rte. 144 and there is a map that was made in 2007 that depicts the area and oddly enough it is part of the Master Plan that was developed some years ago. He continued by saying that he has had one on one conversations with most of the Board Members and with Supervisor Elect Flach about that very topic and everyone seems to be on Board with making it a reality as well as having spoke with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch who instructed him on what needs to be done to get it to happen. He added that over the next week they will be drafting it and it can be done as simply another Local Law, which will make it happen and it is his intention that at the December 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting they will set a date for a Public Hearing, which he will not be present but the ball will be rolling and the next Town Board and Supervisor can pick up and run with it. He went on by saying that as far as the Hannacroix Creek goes, they did have somewhere there from DEC two weeks ago and then asked Highway Superintendent Deering to advise what they were told.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that they were told that they could not go in the creek and do anything and if they have any questions they can call DEC.

Supervisor Youmans stated that Mr. Deering would be willing to provide the name of who he spoke to at DEC.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he spoke with two people, one from the Fishery and one from DEC.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is sure that everyone would love to speak to the people that told them they can't go in the creek to clean out what they could because as they discussed they wanted to go in and clean out what they could before it got too cold this winter and DEC is saying that they can't.

Mr. Hall asked if this is the final answer and continued by asking if he spoke with clerks or technicians.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the public can reach out to them and talk to them.

Mr. Hall stated that they have and this is what they have been doing and they are getting different answers and they were told that they never should have built there and now the Town is taking it as the final word. He continued by saying that they are going to go all the way to the Commissioner if they have to.

Supervisor Youmans stated he would encourage them to do so.

Mr. Hall stated that they will have to do it themselves because the Board has not done anything in 4 years 90 days.

Supervisor Youmans stated that with that said he would move to the next item on the agenda.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were three sets for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on November 14, 2011, a Town Board Workshop on November 22, 2011, and a Town Board Meeting on November 28, 2011. He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

#### 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

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Tree Lighting Ceremony for the Town and Village trees was held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Majestic Tree Farm of Selkirk, NY, generously donated an 8' White Pine for our use at the Coeymans Landing Gazebo and they wanted to thank them for their generosity and for anyone still needing a Christmas tree should check them out in Selkirk.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resignation of Telecommunicator**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had a resignation letter that he wanted to read into the record and continued by reading the following.

To: Greg Darlington, Chief of Police From: Kevin Babcock, Telecommunicator

Date: December 1, 2011

Subject: Resignation

Please accept this letter as advanced notification of my resignation from the Town of Coeymans Police Department as a part-time Dispatcher, effective December 27, 2011. My unpredictable and sometimes demanding schedule will not allow me to properly fulfill the availability requirements.

I am grateful for the opportunity that you gave me when you hired me on November 15, 1996. Working here has been rewarding and invaluable to my success both professionally and personally.

It has been a pleasure serving you, the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena residents. The trust, respect and friendship that we've built through the years means a lot and I wish noting but the best for you, Dawne and my co-workers.

Sincerely,

Kevin B. Babcock Dispatcher 211

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to accept the resignation.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, accepting the resignation of Mr. Kevin Babcock.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank him for his service to the Town.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the wanted to echo Councilman Boehm's thanks for Mr. Babcock's service to the Town and added that he is a true professional and very compassionate man as well.

# Authorization to Sign Renewal Agreement with CSEA Employee Benefit Fund for Dental & Vision Benefits

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is requesting authorization for him to sign the Renewal Agreement with CSEA Employee Benefit for Dental & Vision Benefits.

### MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Touchette, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Renewal Agreement with CSEA Employee Benefit for Dental & Vision benefits.

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#### RESOLUTIONS

# RES. #96-11 APPOINT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has conducted a search for available part-time Police Officers to supplement the monthly schedule and provide the coverage desired, and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended candidate has been forwarded to Albany County Civil Service for qualification review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby appoint Joshua M. Lare to the position of part-time Police Officer, effective immediately, contingent on Civil Service approval, at the hourly rate designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement of \$17.42.

#### RES. #97-11 ESTABLISH SEWER RATES FOR 2012

On motion of Councilman Boehm, 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 is required to establish Sewer Rates for 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board considers the number of uses per parcel to calculate the parcel billing for operation and maintenance and each unit is charged:

\$375/per unit\* per year Residential and Commercial – Coeymans Sewer District \$375/per unit\* per year – Martins Hill Gray Water Sewer \$100/ per year – Vacant Lot

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has established a late payment penalty of ten (10) percent to be imposed on all balance thirty (30) days from the due date of the billing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to collect for the first billing cycle and second billing cycle of 2012, pursuant to the above established rules.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Proposed Local Laws are desired by the Planning & Zoning Board Members and he had spent some time studying that very issue and he had heard a lot of people say to him over the past number of years that to the north of them in Bethlehem there is a ton of development and to the south of them in Coxsackie there is a lot of development but in the Town of Coeymans they are stuck and not developing. He continued by saying that he and Councilman Touchette had done some research and they have for anyone that would like to see copies of the Site Plan Review Laws for both of those communities, which are mirror image of what they are attempting to pass. He added that once the laws are voted on and passed, it is not the end of the road for the Laws because any Town Board at anytime can amend, change and repeal laws and at their Public Hearing they asked for written comments, changes and suggestions and to date have not received. He then asked that Councilwoman Rogers read the next resolution.

### RES. #98-11 ENACT LOCAL LAW #1-2011 – SITE PLAN REVIEW

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, Local Law #1-2011 relating to Site Plan Review Authorization and Criteria for Approval has been introduced to the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has held a Public Hearing on Local Law #1-2011 after providing at least five days prior to the public, and

**WHEREAS**, Local Law #1-2011 has been in final form for at least seven calendar days, exclusive of Sundays.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby enacts Local Law #1-2011 in the form attached hereto.

Councilman Boehm stated that it is frustrating in listening to Mr. Laraway in saying that they need to have a Local Law to have the Zoning changed so they can properly develop their property and added that they do get constantly batted around. He continued by saying that he did have the opportunity to attend the Business Meeting that Ms. Vadney mentioned and it is a good group, which he hopes they get a foothold here. He added that he spoke at the meeting and he thinks that it is important for businesses to get a strong cross section of the people here in Town so they can come to the Board with concrete

things about the Zoning Laws, which are not necessarily bad and the laws should help business. He continued by saying that he believes that there are some components in the laws that he struggled with and they asked for written comments but have not gotten any and his thought is that he would be willing to vote no or table it just to move forward with the businesses and they do need to set a timeline to get it done. He went on by saying that the laws are not all bad and part of the problem in attracting business is that they don't have proper laws and reiterated that he does think that it is important to get input from local business leaders and they are looking for this type of commitment. He concluded by saying that this is his position and then invited other Board Members to speak.

Councilman Touchette stated that this is something that this is a process that has been ongoing for over a year and it is a grass roots effort which came from the Planning Board and they have the support of the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer and he sees it as pro business because the adjacent communities in Coxsackie and Bethlehem have laws that are virtually identical. He added that in speaking to the Comprehensive Plan, they has a Comprehensive Plan that was passed in 2007 and questions relative to that would have to be approved by the Town Board, which he does not see as a major impediment and he fully supports the law and is ready to vote yes.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a Role Call Vote.

Town Clerk Millious continued with a Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Youmans – AYE, Councilwoman Rogers – AYE, Councilman Boehm – NAY, Councilman Touchette – AYE, Councilman Dolan – AYE.

# RES. #99-11 ENACT LOCAL LAW #2-2011 – ESTABLISH POWER AND DUTIES OF PLANNING BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Local Law #2-2011 Establishing the Powers and Duties of the Town Planning Board and Providing for the Appointment of Alternate Members of Said Board has been introduced by the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has held a Public Hearing on Local Law #2-2011 after providing at least five-days prior notice to the public, and

**WHEREAS**, Local Law #2-2011 has been in final form for a least seven calendar days, exclusive of Sundays.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby enacts Local Law #2-2011 in the form attached hereto.

Councilman Boehm stated that his position is the same as the last one.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he asked for a Role Call Vote.

Town Clerk Millious continued with a Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Youmans – AYE, Councilwoman Rogers – NAY, Councilman Boehm – NAY, Councilman Touchette – AYE, Councilman Dolan – AYE.

#### RES. #100-11 AMEND BUDGET – POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans Police Department is desirous of purchasing a new vehicle for the Police Chief, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board issued a Statutory Installment Bond on July 25, 2011, in the amount of \$31,000.00 for the purchase of said vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received and deposited said funds in the General Find (A) Account, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Ford Explorer vehicle has been delivered and the Police Department has taken possession of said vehicle,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2011 Budget as follows:

#### **Increase**

A530	Obligations Authorized	\$31,100.00
A960	Appropriations	\$31,100.00
A3120.2	Law Enforcement (Equipment & Capital)	\$31,100.00

#### RES. #101-11 AMEND BUDGET - COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans Beautification Department is desirous of purchasing a new pick-up, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board issued A Statutory Installment Bond on July 25, 2011, in the amount of \$21,656.00 for the purchase of said truck,

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received and deposited said funds in the General Fund (A) Account,

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Ford F-350 Pick-Up Truck has been delivered and the Community Beautification Department has taken possession of said truck,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the 2011 Budget as follows:

#### **Increase**

A530	Obligations Authorized	\$21,656.00
A960	Appropriations	\$21,656.00
A8510.2	Community Beautification	\$21,656.00

### RES. #102-11 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the following accounts have been exhausted because of unforeseen expenditures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor James C. Youmans to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

# **GENERAL FUND (A)**

<b>Amount</b>	From Account	To Account
\$ 1,970.80	A9078.8 Employee Benefits (Dental Insurance)	A1355.4 Assessor (Contractual)

\$ 6,383.87	A9089.8 Other Employee Benefits	A1620.4 Town Hall (Contractual)
\$ 8,949.67	A9089.8 Other Employee Benefits	A1640.4 Central Garage (Contractual)
\$ 9,795.32	A9089.8 Other Employee Benefits	A1650.4 Central Comm. (Contractual)
\$ 5,358.96	A9089.9 Other Employee Benefits	A3120.11 Law Enforcement (Chief Salary)
\$21,372.84	A9089.9 Other Employee Benefits	A3120.1 Law Enforcement (Personal Services)
\$ 119.13	A9055.8 Employee Benefits (Disability Insurance)	A3120.1 Law Enforcement (Personal Services)
\$ 127.53	A9070.8 Employee Benefits (Dental Insurance)	A3120.4 Law Enforcement (Contractual)
\$ 1,008.00	A9070.8 Employee Benefits (Dental Insurance)	A3640.4 Civil Defense (Contractual)
\$ 30.58	A9070.8 Employee Benefits (Dental Insurance)	A6410.4 Publicity (Contractual)
\$ 1,000.00	A9055.8 Employee Benefits (Disability)	A7989.4 Other Cultural & Recreational (Contractual)
\$18,558.50	A1990.4 Contingency	A8090.4 Leachate Facility
\$11,031.34	A9089.8 Other Employee Benefits	(Contractual) A8510.4 Community Beaut. (Contractual)
\$ 129.41	A9070.8 Employee Benefits (Dental Insurance)	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage (Contractual)
PART-TOWN FUN	<u>VD (B)</u>	
\$ 61.04	B8010.1 Zoning Board (Personal Services)	B8010.4 Zoning Board (Contractual)
HIGHWAY FUND	<u>(DB)</u>	
\$ 500.00	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB1440.4 Engineer (Contractual)
\$13,321.21	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB5110.1 General Repair (Personal Services)
\$13,931.11	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB5110.4 General Repair (Contractual)

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# TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, December 20, 2011, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, December 27, 2011, 7:00pm
- Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2012, 10:00am

#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank the Coeymans Neighborhood Association for helping them sponsor the Tree Lighting at the gazebo and they did a great job as well as the Riverview Baptist Choir who sang for them, which was nice as well as wanting to thank everyone for coming out.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was a wonderful time and asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it was nice, the weather treated them nice and it was a good turnout.

Supervisor Youmans stated that a good time was had by all and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to echo their thoughts as well as having the pleasure of attending the Ravena-Coeymans Historic Society's Annual Open House at Village Hall.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Property Tax Bills will be going out by January 1<sup>st</sup> and added that she collects from January through March and for anyone that has not paid their School Tax, the County stopped collected November 30<sup>th</sup> and it will be put on with the Property as well as uncollected Water, Sewer and Village taxes.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that as indicated in the resolution, the car was delivered on Wednesday.

Supervisor Youmans asked if it was all in order.

Chief Darlington stated that the rest of the equipment is being ordered.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to if Crossroads Ford was the low bidder.

Chief Darlington stated that they were the only bidder.

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

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

### **MOTION**

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

APPROVED - VOTE - AYES 5 - NAYS 0 - SO MOVED

Time - 7:55pm

Respectfully Submitted, APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane Millious, Town Clerk

Greg Darlington, Chief of Police Linda Ziegler, Payroll Clerk

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

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#### **AGENDA**

- Part-Time Clerk to the Court
- Health Insurance for Part-Time Employees
- Health Insurance for Elected Officials
- Employee Handbook

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#### **DISCUSSIONS**

#### **Part-Time Clerk to the Court**

Supervisor Youmans moved that the discussion of candidates for Part-Time Clerk to the Court be tabled.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, to table discussion of candidates for the Part-Time Court Clerk.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

#### **Health Insurance for Part-Time Employees**

Discussion ensued regarding a part-time employee wishing to purchase life insurance at his cost with no cost to the Town. Collectively it was decided that they did not have a problem with it. There was no formal action taken.

#### **Health Insurance for Retirees & Elected Officials**

Discussion ensued regarding suggested changes for health insurance for retirees and elected officials. No formal action was taken.

# **Employee Handbook**

Discussion ensued regarding the Town's Smoking Policy. Councilman Boehm submitted a draft policy to Supervisor Youmans for review. Collectively it was decided that they would add new wording to the Employee Handbook, no vote was taken.

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#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that they had received the appraisal on the Conner's property.

Discussion ensued regarding the Conner's property and the Town's purchase of the property. Collectively it was decided that they should seek legal counsel.

Councilman Touchette offered a motion.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Touchette, directing the Supervisor to pursue whatever action is required to purchase the property.

VOTE – AYES 2 – NAYS 3

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would seek out legal advice in the morning and have the Attorney for the Town e-mail each member of the Board and in turn discuss it at the next Town Board Meeting.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 6:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, December 27, 2011, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** James Youmans, Supervisor

Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Richard N. Touchette, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent

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

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#### **OPENING COMMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board in addition to Town Clerk Millious, Highway Superintendent Deering and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

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#### **AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Assessor's Office Hours
  - Town Offices Closed 01/02/12
- Presentation
  - Proclamation, Richard P. Jacobson
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Public Hearing, 12-12-11
- Supervisor's Report
  - Amend October 2011
  - Approve November 2011
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, November
  - Sewer Department, November
  - Town Clerk, November
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Retainer & Fees for Legal Services of Attorney for the Town
  - Contract for Services, VFW Post #9594
- Resolutions
  - Amend Authorization of Issuance of Serial Bonds & Bond Anticipation Notes for New Dump Truck/Plow
  - Abolish Deputy Supervisor Position
  - Transfer of Funds
  - Approve December Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2012, 10:00am
  - Town Board Meeting, January 9, 2012, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, January 17, 2012, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, January 23, 2011, 7:00pm

#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Assessor's Office Hours**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there will be new hours in the Assessor's Office effective January 1, 2012 and continued by reading the following:

In an effort to provide better access to the public, effective January 1, 2012, the Assessor's Office will change its hours as follows:

 Monday
 9:00am - 2:30pm

 Tuesday
 5:00pm - 8:00pm

 Wednesday
 8:30am - 2:30pm

 Thursday
 8:30am - 2:30pm

 Friday
 Closed

 Saturday
 9:00am - 12 Noon

The information is also available on the website.

# **Town Offices Closed 01-12-12**

Supervisor Youmans stated that Town Offices will be closed for New Year's Day and continued by reading the following.

On Monday, January 2, 2012, all Town Offices will be closed to observe the New Year in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

As always, the closing of the Town Offices does not include the Police Department, which is a 24-hour, 7-day operation.

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#### **PRESENTATION**

#### Proclamation - Richard P. Jacobson

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Dolan handle the Proclamation for Richard P. Jacobson.

Councilman Dolan stated that as a little background, Mr. Jacobson was the Public Defender for the Town of Coeymans for three years and had indicated that he loved coming to the Town of Coeymans and working in the Town Court and continued by saying that he knows that he did a good job while he was here. He added that he wanted to present him with a proclamation and continued by reading the following.

**WHEREAS**, Richard P. Jacobson has served as the Albany County Public Defender the Coeymans Justice Court for the past three years, and

**WHEREAS**, Richard P. Jacobson served the citizens of the Town of Coeymans while working diligently with the Coeymans Justice Court, and

**WHEREAS**, Richard P. Jacobson was elected to the Albany County Legislature in the 23<sup>rd</sup> District, and received the most votes of any County Legislator, and

**WHEREAS**, Richard P. Jacobson will resign from the Public Defender's Office on December 15, 2011, due to his election to the County Legislature,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby recognizes Richard P. Jacobson as an honorary citizen of the Town of Coeymans and designates December 15, 2011, as Richard P. Jacobson Day in the Town of Coeymans.

Councilman Dolan stated that Mr. Jacobson could not attend the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> and then asked that he come to the front of the room to accept the proclamation.

Councilman Dolan presented Mr. Jacobson with the proclamation.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Jacobson as well as Councilman Dolan for handling it.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Henry Traver stated that he resides in Ravena and continued by saying that once again he sees on the agenda that they are going to be playing game and are going to abolish the position of Deputy Supervisor. He continued by saying that they went through this when he was elected Supervisor and due to his ordeal, under the direction of Attorney for the Town, he strongly suggested that they have the position of Deputy Supervisor in place in case a problem arose. He added that once again it is being taken off the table and he does not know why because it should be left in place due to unforeseen circumstances that may happen to the Supervisor. He went on by saying that he does not know why they are playing this game again and concluded by saying that he strongly urges them not to abolish the position.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Mr. Traver and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Conners stated that he is present as a follow-up to a meeting that he attended and continued by reading the following:

I am here as a follow-up to a meeting that I attended on May 23, 2011 because of damage that was caused as a result of an open storm pipe that was installed by the Town without my permission near the top of my property and the damage to my Mother's property and my property that ensued because of a storm on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. That storm directed storm waters through said open pipe at a high rate of speed, which caused extensive flood damage throughout my property and on to Rte. 144 in front of my Mother's home. No recorded flooding had ever occurred to that area in the past. I attended a Town Board Meeting on May 23, 2011 and brought to the Board's attention that it was evident that the flood was created by the Town's decision to divert water from Westerlo Street to Colvin Avenue and onto my property via a new open storm-drain pipe installed by the Town in late winter of this year without my permission. Further, at a May 23, 2011 Town Board Meeting it was the decision of the member's of this Board to do the right thing in regards to my Mother for damage to her home and my property, to date nothing has been done to compensate either one of our losses, nothing has been done with the open storm-drain pipe, and ensuing storms have carved as much as a 6-7 foot ravine by the path of water as it flows down the hill through my property and the ravine continues to grow. An open concrete storm receiving station has been installed at the bottom of my property, again without my permission, further evidence that the open storm pipe needed corrective action at the bottom of the hill on my property in order to alleviate another storm flood on Rte. 144 in front of my Mother's home. After meetings, e-mails, and many telephone calls over the past 7 months, with the Supervisor and some of the Councilmember's present this evening I would like to pose a few questions to you in order to try and gain some clarification on the Town's intentions in regard to this matter. I have a copy of the Town's appraisal of my property, since the appraisal on my property had been completed on November 4, 2011 and valued at \$23,000.00 by the Town Appraiser, Margaret Dennis, what is the Town's decision in lieu of the damage that has been created by the installation of a storm pipe in regard to purchasing my property.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch instructed the Town Board not answer any questions.

Mr. Conners continued by saying that if they knew that they were going to purchase the property, why would they move forward and spend taxpayer's money for the appraisal?

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch instructed the Town Board not to answer.

Mr. Conners continued by asking what decision has forced the Town to not do the right thing and provide restitution after the appraisal came in, especially after the previous conversations and e-mails.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that as he is well aware that a Notice of Claim has been filed on his behalf and the insurance carrier has entered the picture, the Attorney for the Town has entered the picture and negotiations are occurring and added that they are not going to debate the case with him in an open public forum.

Mr. Conners stated that it is his understanding that it was voted down at the Workshop Meeting last week.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he is aware of the vote but the matter is in litigation and it's under advisement at this point in time.

Mr. Conners continued by asking what kind of timeframe they are looking at.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he had some conversations with the carrier's attorney earlier in the day and added that he will be informed in due course and he will not be giving him a specific time other than saying that they are working on it now.

Mr. Conners stated that the only reason why he posed what he did is because a neighbor's property, Mr. & Mrs. Persico's driveway was rutted extensively from the flood waters and that driveway was repaired by the Town and his Mother's neighbor, whose driveway was flooded extensively as well as their backyard where the stone ended up, was cleaned up and removed and the driveway was restored to its original state by Town employees. He added that more than the purchase of his property, he is looking at his Mom who is a 76 year old woman who had her home flooded because of a storm pipe and they are 7 months into this at a substantial cost to her and he would like to know if they are near something or is it going to drag on and he wants a ballpark timeframe.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch reiterated that he is having discussions with the carrier's attorney now and they will be advising him in the near future of where things stand and added that he is trying to coordinate the insurance company as well as working with the carrier's attorney.

Mr. Conners stated that he can wait but he does not want it to be forgotten.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it has not been forgotten.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that he was under the impression that his Mother's claim had long been settled.

Mr. Conners stated that it hadn't been and his understanding is that whatever happens with his property determines the outcome of her claim and added why it is he does not know.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that it does not make any sense to her.

Councilman Dolan stated that this is the first that they have heard it.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it makes no sense to them and he was long under the assumption for months and months that it had been settled.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that he will follow-up on it.

Mr. Conners stated that it might not sound like a lot of money to the Town because they deal with hundreds of thousands of dollars but to his Mom who is 76 years old, it is just under \$12,000.00 and a lot of things that were damaged she didn't even claim.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in her home the morning after it occurred and he saw what happened and added that he wanted him to know that they worked extremely hard, which Attorney for the Town Wukitsch can attest to, to get the insurance carrier to cover it.

Mr. Conners reiterated that it has not been done yet and added that he will wait for Attorney for the Town Wukitsch's call and they will go from there.

Councilman Dolan stated that as far as last week's vote, Supervisor Youmans and he noted at that meeting that they needed to discuss it with Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and added that he didn't think that they should have voted on it.

Mr. Conners stated that it is his concern that a new Board member is coming on and there is going to be a new Supervisor and he didn't want it to fall by the wayside.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was fair enough and he understands.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it will be the same Attorney for the Town and then thanked Mr. Conners. He continued by asking if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Donna Pasquini** asked if the Deputy Supervisor position was changed to a non-paid position this year.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is a Public Comment period and added that they are not taking questions but he would tell her that to answer it he would say that yes, very early in the year it was turned into a non-paid position.

Ms. Pasquini stated that if it is a non-paid position, why are they abolishing it? She continued by saying that her concern is that they are going to abolish something that does not cost anything and if something happens and someone is ill, someone can step in. She went on by saying that the storm sewer was done and Chief Operator Breedlove had been to her house a few times and this time of year, when it is cold you can see the steam coming out of there and it look's like Lafarge's stack and added that it reeks to high heaven.

Supervisor Youmans asked her where she was talking about.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it is in her yard where they dug up and put the manhole in for the water to run off and added that you can smell raw sewer coming out of it. She continued by saying that she is not sure if it is houses from below or where it is coming from and reiterated that you can smell the raw sewer coming up out of there and when it is cold it is like a smoke stack constantly pouring out of there. She concluded by saying that she does not know who should be checking on it.

Supervisor Youmans asked Councilman Dolan if he is the current Sewer Liaison.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is not and it is Councilman Touchette.

Supervisor Youmans stated that in Councilman Touchette's absence he would ask that Councilman Dolan check with Chief Operator Breedlove in the morning.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would.

Ms. Pasquini asked if they would be doing something about the smell.

Supervisor Youmans stated that they would certainly investigate it and then thanked Ms. Pasquini. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Carver Laraway asked for an update on the Industrial Zone and added that he is there to follow-up to see where they are at.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had come to a conclusion recently that it is going to be more involved and he was not going to have the time to get it done so it is up to the people that will be on the Board next week to finish up of it. He added that it is not as simple as rezoning one section and there are multiple zone updates that need to occur and it is more than he has had time to handle in the last two weeks and for that he apologizes because he wasn't able to get his teeth in it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that any change in the Town's Zoning Districts would require a Local Law, Notice and Public Hearings and a whole process would have to be followed.

Mr. Laraway inquired as to if he would need to make a formal presentation at the next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he does think that there is a need for him to make any further requests or presentations and it is a matter that he has discussed with Supervisor Elect Flach and he is on board with it as well as the rest of the Board and reiterated that it was much more involved than he was going to be able to handle in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Laraway stated that he recognizes that and then asked if he should be looking for a 6-12 month time-frame.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that 6 months would be reasonable and added that zoning would have to be amended to reflect what precise district they are talking about as well as the boundaries of the new Industrial Zone.

Mr. Laraway stated that it was originally on the agenda in 2007 and added that he does not think that it was voted on and he is wondering if it can be put back into place to get it done.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he believes that it predated him as Attorney for the Town.

Mr. Laraway stated that it did predate him and added that it was almost done but then it was tabled.

Councilman Boehm asked if his request in 2007 was the same as it is now.

Mr. Laraway stated that it involved Mr. Biers.

Mr. William Burns stated that it was when LaBerge did the Comprehensive Plan and they could not "spot zone".

Supervisor Youmans stated that the Comprehensive Plan and the Economic Development Plan that are in place are all for industrial development in that area and added that it only makes sense to have it zoned industrial at this point.

Mr. Laraway stated that he thinks that they all agree in trying to get it zoned industrial.

Supervisor Youmans reiterated that it was a little late in the game for him to get it done for him and he apologizes.

Mr. Laraway stated that he totally recognizes that and he appreciates it.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Councilman Elect Masti stated that it is hard to be prepared for Public Comment when they only get the agenda when they arrive for the meeting and added that he will be addressing it because people should be informed about what the Board is going to be talking about so they can be prepared. He added that he was looking at the agenda and saw the topic of abolishment of the Deputy Supervisor and in turn read the Town Manual

about the establishment, appointment and duties of the Town Board and then read the following:

"Any time that they establish the Office of Deputy Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor is appointed by the Supervisor under Section 713."

Councilman Elect Masti continued by saying that he is still on this side of the table and he does not know how it works but it seems like good common sense to have someone able to step up and be second in command because any business man has a VP and he would think that any Supervisor would want to have a Deputy Supervisor. He went on by saying that he does not understand what is to be gained by abolishing it and maybe next week he will have better sense of it but for right now he would ask that they not do it because it does not make sense.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Councilman Elect Masti and then asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing on December 12, 2011 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

#### **MOTION**

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

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

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#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

#### October 2011 - Amendment

Changes are indicated in red.

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$ 52,329.66	\$434,512.66	\$246,170.64	\$240,671.68
Part-Town	\$728,001.65	\$420,833.67	\$437,328.16	\$711,507.16
Highway	\$ 11,213.51	\$ 75,263.01	\$ 61,325.00	\$ 25,151.52
Bridge Const.	\$ 4,484.76	\$ 4.13	-0-	\$ 4,488.89
Sewer	\$ 68,558.17	\$41,067.48	\$ 24,058.69	\$ 85,566.96
Special Water	\$ 49,236.88	\$ 37,269.48	-0-	\$ 86,506.36
Police Forf.	\$ 16,156.98	\$ 2.08	-0-	\$ 16,159.06
Comm. Tower	\$ 1,484.07	\$ 1,000.20	-0-	\$ 2,484.27
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 17,958.77	\$207,837.66	\$209,306.20	\$ 16,490.25
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 43,660.13	\$ 3.87	\$ 11,049.30	\$ 32,614.70
Section 8 HUD	\$109,885.79	\$ 40,479.27	\$ 43,714.65	\$106,650.41

	Total Rec. Balance	\$1,328,291.26
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Supervisor Youmans stated that he would move that they approve the amended report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the October 2011 amended Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read. VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans continued by giving the November 2011 Supervisor's Report.

#### November 2011

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$240,671.68	\$471,652.45	\$378,308.46	\$334,015.67
Part-Town	\$711,507.16	\$ 2,109.30	\$429,957.86	\$283,658.60
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Highway	\$ 25,151.52	\$ 38,264.73	\$ 51,654.84	\$ 11,761.41
Bridge Const.	\$ 4,488.89	\$ 1.72	-0-	\$ 4,490.61
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Sewer	\$ 85,566.96	\$ 81,810.82	\$ 30,280.73	\$137,097.05
Special Water	\$ 86,506.36	\$ 3,961.78	\$ 85,128.93	\$ 5,339.21
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Police Forf.	\$ 16,159.06	\$ 1.99	-0-	\$ 16,161.05
Comm. Tower	\$ 2,484.27	\$ 1,000.29	-0-	\$ 3,484.56
Trust & Agency	\$ 16,490.25	\$296,462.56	\$298,117.16	\$ 14,835.65
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 32,614.70	\$250,059,04	\$ 67.274.50	\$215 209 15
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Section 8 HUD	\$106,650.41	\$ 41,758.62	\$ 45,321.65	\$103,087.38
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,129,329.34

# **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS**

**MATURITY DATE** 

NAT. BANK OF COX. (DA) Hwy. Bridge 2 months \$85,447.70 12-07-11

Supervisor Youmans stated that he needs to correct the Certificates of Deposit because it was for the bridge fund and it matured and that money should be reflected in the Bridge Construction Account and it is not.

SAVINGS ACCOU	NTS	<b>COLLATERAL</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	COLLATERALIZED
		<b>COVERAGE</b>		
Unemployment	\$ 731.15	Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,753,332.20
Grove Cemetery	\$40,909.73	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 61,132.55
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$14,361.17			
Sewer-Dedicated	\$ 6,327.70			
Total	\$62,329.75			

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to approve the November 2011 Supervisor's Report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Supervisor's Report was accepted as presented and read.

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

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#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### **Building Department – November**

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to accept the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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

#### **Sewer Department – November**

Supervisor Youmans stated that in Councilman Touchette's absence he would be reading the Sewer Department Report.

Supervisor Youmans continued by giving the report and then offered a motion to accept the report.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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

### Town Clerk - November

Supervisor Youmans asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Youmans asked for a motion to accept the report.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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

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#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Youmans stated that there were no Old Business topics on the agenda.

Councilman Boehm stated that they had briefly discussed the PILOT Agreement and then suggested that they have Town Clerk Millious draft a letter asking for payment for past due outstanding arrears.

Supervisor Youmans stated it is relative to Civil Senior Housing and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILOT) and added that they had not received payment in 2 years.

Councilman Boehm asked that Town Clerk Millious draft a letter with the accurate figures according to the Agreement and have it at the next meeting for the Supervisor's signature for the first of January. He added that Internal Control Officer Purinton has the numbers too.

Town Clerk Millious inquired as to whether he had done the figures.

Councilman Boehm stated that he does not know if he has them for the current amount due.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she was in receipt of their Annual Financial Statement for 2011 and it use to be her that sent the letter mid January and when Mr. Hotaling was in office, he did it. She continued by saying that there is interest to be added and she can work with Internal Control Officer Purinton.

Councilman Boehm stated that they can give the figures and then draft a letter for the Supervisor to sign and send out and added that he believes it is \$19,000.00 - \$20,000.00 for the past two years.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that the amount is dispersed to the Town, County and School.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to request it in the form of a motion.

## **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, requesting Town Clerk Millious to draft a letter with the assistance of Internal Control Officer Purinton for the Supervisor's signature requesting payment for the Civil Housing PILOT Agreement. VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans stated that they have a better chance of seeing Elvis at Dunkin Donuts in the morning than they have of collecting the money and added that in the upcoming year they need to consider options, which would not be limited to canceling the PILOT Agreement and putting it back on the tax roles and in turn letting the County do battle with them. He concluded by saying that he thinks it would be the sensible thing to do but it is just his opinion.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Retainer & Fees for Legal Services for Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is request from Attorney for the Town Wukitsch relative to the 2012 retainer and fees for his professional legal services. He continued by saying that he would read the letter into the record and read as follows:

Dear Supervisor Youmans,

The following represents my proposal to provide legal services to the Town of Coeymans for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. I agree to provide such contractual services on the following terms and conditions:

(1) Payment of a retainer in the amount of \$28,000.00 to be disbursed by the Town in equal quarterly payments of \$7,000.00 each, upon submission of a voucher and statement.

Retainer services shall include legal advice and counsel to you, members of the Town Board, Highway Superintendent, Building Department and Police Chief as needed. Basic research as well as written legal opinions shall be included in retainer services. Also, I agree as part of retainer services to attend 12 regular second monthly Board Meetings during 2011, as well as up to four additional meetings and/or settlement conferences by manual agreement.

- (2) Excluded from the scope of retainer legal services are the following:
  - (a) Representation on court litigation matters (except Article 7 Real Property Assessment litigation up to the actual trial).
  - (b) Representation of the Town in bond matters.
  - (c) Other major projects (i.e. annexations, special districts, etc.)
  - (d) Environmental matters.

Provided I am retained for the above non-retainer legal services under (2), same shall be billed at a rate of \$185.00 per hour; my normal hourly rate is \$250.00 per hour.

(3) Disbursements incurred in the performance of retainer and non-retainer legal services shall be billed on a regular basis. All disbursements incurred will be reasonable in amount. The amount of disbursements for which the Town is obligated shall be exclusive of, and in addition to, the total retainer referred to in (1) above.

If you and the members of the Town Board agree to the terms and conditions state herein and agree to so obligate the Town of Coeymans, please sign this letter in the enclosed copy thereof. Return the original to me; the copy is for your files.

Very truly yours,

David J. Wukitsch

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is the same fee that was charged in 2011 and it did not go up from 2010.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if the amount is worked into the budget.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is what they budgeted for his services and he believes that everyone will agree that the Attorney for the Town has been extremely reasonable, easy to work with and reachable and he could not say enough good things about him. He then asked for a motion authorizing him to enter into an Agreement as presented by Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

# **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Agreement as presented by Attorney for the Town Wukitsch. VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Youmans thanked him for all of his hard work this past year.

## **Contract for Services – VFW Post #95944**

Supervisor Youmans stated that he was in receipt of a Contract for Exchange of Services or Compensation with VFW Post #9594 and added that as everyone is aware, they enter into this Contract with the VFW and several other community organizations every year

for their services to the Town and it is standard fare that they approve it for the VFW and continued by offering a motion.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Boehm, that they approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Contract with the VFW.

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

Councilman Boehm stated that some of the things that they will be doing is to package goods for deployed veterans, Veteran's Day flags, Memorial Day celebration, special events, Operation Up Link making sick room supplies available for people in need and providing flowers and bibles at funeral services for deceased veterans.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the VFW has a stock of medical equipment including hospital beds and walkers and will help anyone in town who finds themselves in need of such equipment.

Councilman Boehm stated that he had an item for New Business discussion and continued by saying that Councilwoman Rogers brought to his attention the dam construction out at the Alcove Dam. He added that he had a chance to stop by and talked with Willy VanIderstine, the Chief of Security who advised that it is routine maintenance and concluded by saying that he didn't want anyone to think that the dam was being repaired or there was a danger of collapse.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it is a repair and although a minor repair, the City of Albany should have informed the Chief of Police, Emergency Coordinator Bruno or the Town and advise that they were doing repairs to it. She added that when she passed by the spillway there was an excavator on top of the dam and it was when she inquired about it and reiterated that the City of Albany should inform the Town of Coeymans of any work on the dam.

Councilman Boehm interjected that it would prevent people from panicking and reiterated that it is not anything like a danger of collapse and it is routine maintenance on the drain valve. He continued by saying that he had spoken with Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno and asked him to come to the Town Board Meeting in January to talk about the inspections and so forth.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that for those that are inquiring, they are making a concrete form for a pad for the equipment.

Councilman Boehm stated that they are going to put housing around the drains in the spring and repair the valve.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Councilman Boehm and Councilwoman Rogers and continued to the next item on the agenda.

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#### RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Youmans stated that there was a clerical error when they did the Bond Resolution for the dump truck and plow truck and the numbers in the advertisement that were posted and the resolution did not jive and the first resolution is what Mr. Haffner put together to correct it.

# RES. #103-11 AMEND AUTHORIZATION OF ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS & BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR NEW DUMP TRUCK/PLOW

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING BOND RESOLTUION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$54,756.00 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS TO PAY THE COST OF TWO NEW VEHICLES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$54,756.00 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2011 the Town Board adopted a Resolution (the "Bond Resolution") authorizing the issuance of up to \$54,756.00 in Serial Bonds and/or Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Bonds/BANs") for the purpose of purchasing (a) a new pickup truck for use by the Parks Department at a cost not to exceed approximately \$23,656.00 and (b) a new vehicle for use by the Police Chief as a cost not to exceed approximately \$31,100.00 to replace similar vehicles previously in service, including related preliminary and incidental costs (the "Project"), and authorizing such specific object or purpose at a maximum estimated cost of \$54,756.00; and

**WHEREAS**, following the Board's adoption of the Bond Resolution, the Town published the notice authorized by New York Local Finance Law 81.00 (the "Estoppel Notice") which indicated that the Bond Resolution authorized the issuance of Bonds and/or BANs up to \$52,756.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town issued its General Obligation Serial (Statutory Installment) Bond dated as of August 30, 2100 (the "Bond") in the amount of \$52,756.00 as indicated in the Estoppel Notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to amend the Bond Resolution to conform to the information included in the Estoppel Notice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Bond Resolution is hereby amended as follows:

**A**. The title of the Bond Resolution is amended to read as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$52,756.00 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS TO PAY THE COST OF TWO NEW VEHICLES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$52,756.00 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE

**B**. Section 1.of the Bond Resolution is amended to read as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The specific object or purpose for which the obligations authorized by this Bond Resolution are to be issued is purchase of (a) a new pickup truck for use by the Parks Department at a const not to exceed \$21,656.00 and (b) a new vehicle for use by the Police Chief at a cost not to exceed approximately \$31,100.00, to replace similar vehicles previously in service, and related preliminary and incidental costs (the "Project"), and this specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$52,756.00.

C. Section 2 of the Bond Resolution is amended to read as follows:

**Section 2.** The plan for financing of such maximum estimated cost of the Project is the issuance of up to \$52,756.00 Serial Bonds and/or Bond Anticipation Notes of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 107 (d)(9), a down payment from current funds is not required.

**D.** Section 5 of the Bond Resolution is amended to read as follows:

**Section 5.** For the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of the Project, there are hereby authorized to be issued Serial Bonds of the Town up to a maximum

amount of \$52,756.00, the maximum maturity of which shall not exceed the period of probable usefulness set forth above, and which shall mature on or before such date as measured from the date of the bonds or from the date of the first Bond Anticipation Note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. Such bonds may be in the form of a Statutory Installment Bond pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 62.10.

**E.** Section 6 of the Bond Resolution is amended to read as follows:

**Section 6.** There are hereby authorized to be issued Bond Anticipation Notes for the specific object or purpose in an amount up to but not exceeding the \$52,756.00 Maximum amount of Serial Bonds authorized to be issued, in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Serial Bonds authorized, including renewals of such Bond Anticipation Notes.

**Section 2.** All other provisions of the Bond Resolution not specifically amended by this Resolution shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 4.** The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Town Clerk Millious continued by doing a roll call vote as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Youmans – Aye, Rogers – Aye, Boehm – Aye, Dolan – Aye, Absent – 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Town Board

#### RES. #104-11 ABOLISH DEPUTY SUPERVISOR POSITION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – ABSTAIN 1 (Youmans) – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans previously created the position of Deputy Supervisor pursuant to New York Town Law Section 42, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has the power to create the office of Deputy Supervisor and the power to abolish it,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the position of Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Coeymans is hereby abolished.

#### **RES. #105-11 TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

WHEREAS, the following accounts have been exhausted because of unforeseen expenditures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor James C. Youmans to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts.

# GENERAL FUND (A)

Amount	From Account	To Account
\$16,798.25	A1430.1 Human Resources (Personal Services)	A1310.1 Finance (Personal Services)
\$ 52.84	A1355.1 Assessor	A1355.4 Assessor
\$ 3,386.26	(Personal Services) A1990.4 Contingency	(Contractual) A1420.4 Attorney (Contractual)
\$ 1,356.43	A1355.1 Assessor (Personal Services)	A1620.4 Town Hall (Contractual)
\$ 5,435.02	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A1640.4 Central Garage (Contractual)
\$ 1,106.48	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A1650.4 Central Comm. (Contractual)
\$ 1,437.13	A3010.Public Safety Adm. (Contractual)	A3020.1 Communications (Personal Services)
\$ 3,259.09	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A3120.11 Law Enforcement (Chief Salary)
\$29,510.09	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A3120.1 Law Enforcement (Personal Services)
\$ 719.14	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A3120.4 Law Enforcement (Contractual)
\$ 959.71	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A5010.1 Highway Admin. (Personal Services)
\$ 212.70	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A8090.4 Leachate Facility (Contractual)
\$ 898.32	A9060.8 Employee Benefit (Health Insurance)	A8510.2 Comm. Beaut. (Equipment Capital)
\$ 1,473.62	A1355.1 Assessor (Personal Services)	A8510.4 Comm. Beaut. (Contractual)
PART-TOWN FUN	(D (B)	
\$ 942.50	B9089.8 Other Employee Benefits	B3620.1 Safety Inspections (Personal Services)
HIGHWAY FUND	(DB)	
\$ 1,213.51	DB5112.4 Special Improvements (Contractual)	DB5110.4 General Repair (Contractual)
SEWER FUND (SS	)	
\$ 9,710.10	SS1220.4 Administration Fees	SS9070.8 Employee Benefit (Dental Insurance)

# RES. #106-11 APPROVE DECEMBER ABSTRACT

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the December 2011 Abstract as follows:

FUND	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)	0.170.020	<b>**</b>
General Pre-Paid	2452-2503	\$191,847.01
General	2551-2555,2557-2585	\$ 50,679.58
	General Total	\$242,526.59
GENERAL TOWER (A)		
General Tower	2556,2586	\$ 2,672.29
	General Tower Total	\$ 2,672.29
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Paid	2504-2518	\$429,573.16
Part-Town	2587	\$ 11.84
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	Part Town Total	\$429,585.00
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Paid	2519-2527	\$112,331.53
Highway	2588-2631	\$ 8,947.63
	Highway Total	¢121 270 16
	Highway Total	\$121,279.16
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Paid	2528-2542	\$ 17,000.65
Sewer	2632-2645,2651	\$ 10,252.99
	Sewer Total	\$ 27,253.64
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CAPITAL PROJECTS (H) 36		
Capital Projects	2646-2648	\$ 57,283.18
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 57,283.18
CAPITAL PROJECTS (H 37)		
Capital Projects Pre-Paid	2543	\$ 42,646.74
Capital Projects	2649-2650	\$ 4,956.75
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 47,603.49
CAPITAL PROJECTS (38)		
Capital Projects	2544	\$ 30,822.13
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 30,822.13
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$959,025.48
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TRUST & AGENCY (T&A)		
Trust & Agency	2545-2550	\$218,911.46

TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL \$218,911.46

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#### TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2012, 10:00am
- Town Board Meeting, January 9, 2012, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, January 17, 2012, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, January 23, 2012, 7:00pm

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#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to take a minute and say that this is his last Town Board Meeting for a while and it has been his honor and a privilege to serve the people of the Town of Coeymans, first as a Councilman and later as Supervisor. He added that it has been an honor to serve with each member of the Board as well as a special thank you to Nita Chmielewski who served as his Bookkeeper while being the Town Supervisor and also Mary Lewandowski who was his Confidential Secretary. He went on by saying that without those two people he would not have been able to do the job that he did. He concluded by saying that he won't say that it was a pleasure to serve but it has been an honor and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank Jim for his services as Councilman and then as Supervisor as well as Mr. Touchette, who is not present, for his service to the Town.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Councilman Boehm and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it has been fun, she had a good time and he is going to be missed.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Councilwoman Rogers and added that he has spent some time with Supervisor Elect Flach and for those on the Board who will be there on January 1<sup>st</sup> they will do everything they can to make him and Councilman Elect Masti feel welcome and he is sure that the Town will be in good hands. He then asked if there were any further comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he believes that he did a great job as Town Supervisor and it was a pleasure to serve on the Board with him and to echo what Councilwoman Rogers had said, it was fun.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Councilman Dolan and then asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to wish both him and Councilman Touchette best wishes and then offered a welcome to Supervisor Elect Flach and Councilman Elect Masti and added that she tries to do the best she can, whoever is on the Board. She continued by saying that she will be getting the Property Tax Bills shortly and they will work as hard as they can to get them out and they will be out by the first business day on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and her office will be ready to collect. She concluded by saying that if anyone has any questions they can phone her office at 756-2100 and then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he wanted to thank Jim for his service to the people of the Town of Coeymans and it had been a pleasure working with him. He continued by saying that public service is not an easy thing, which he can attest from his own personal experience with it and nor is the election process a lot of fun either. He continued by saying that he believes that he always tried to do the right thing, had the

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interest of the people of the Town at heart and reiterated that he wanted to thank him for his service.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and then asked if there were any additional comments.

Highway Supervisor Deering stated that he didn't have any.

Supervisor continued by offering a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

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

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

Time: 7:57pm

Respectfully Submitted, **APPROVED:** 

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk