

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
June 22, 2017 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** Philip Crandall, Supervisor  
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman  
George E. Langdon, Councilman  
James C. Youmans, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk  
Paul Pastore, Attorney for the Town  
John Cashin, Building Inspector  
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent  
John Kerr, Chief Operator WWTP  
P.J. McKenna, Chief of Police

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

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**OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Crandall stated that we have our County Executive, Daniel McCoy and our County Legislator, Rick Touchette and we have a lot of other people our CAC committee and a full staff of personnel and Mr. Cashin and Chief of Police everybody else that's here.

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**AGENDA**

- Presentations
  - Melissa Trainor
  - Daniel McCoy – County Executive
  - Rick Touchette
- Public Announcements
  - Village of Ravena Public Hearing
  - Town Hall Closed – July 4th
  - Public Comment Period
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, May 18, 2017
  - Town Board Public Hearing, May 18, 2017
  - Town Board Meeting, May 25, 2017
- Department Reports

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- Building Department, May 2017
- Town Clerk, May 2017
- Sewer Department, May 2017
- Old Business
  - Route 143 and 144
  - Gazebo
- New Business
  - Code Enforcement Officer Training
  - Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society
  - NYSERDA – Clean Energy Communities
  - Authorization to Auction Car
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Summer Recreation Program Assistants
  - Appoint Food for Thought Program Assistants
  - Appoint Police Officers
  - Authorization to Sponsor Police Trainee
  - Audit of Claims
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
  - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, June 28, 2017 – CANCELLED
  - Planning Board Meeting, July 3, 2017 – 7pm
  - Conservation Advisory Council Meeting, July 11, 2017 – 6pm
  - Town Board Workshop, July 20, 2017 – 6pm
  - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, July 26, 2017 – 7pm
  - Town Board Meeting, July 27, 2017 – 7pm

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Melissa Trainor stated that she is from the Cancer Services program of Albany and Rensselaer counties. We offer free Cancer screening to individuals without health insurance. We focus specifically on breast, cervical and colon rectal cancers and our target populations are woman 40 to 64 years old and men 50 to 64 years old without health insurance. I visited the Town Board sometime last year, maybe back in November or December and I thank you all for letting me speak again. I will be here for a few minutes during the presentations and I will stay afterwards for questions and answers. Thank you for letting me present and it is a pleasure being allowed to speak.

Daniel McCoy, County Executive stated it is an honor to be here again and when I started taking on the county executive roll in 2012, one of the things I wanted to do when we did the state and the county was to get through the whole county and really let people know how county government effects them in their daily life. We have over 26 agencies that go from mental health to health and DCWF, DSS that we intertwine with special needs through early transportation. There is variety of things that we do throughout the county that people are not even aware of. From our public defender's office, alternate public defender's office our ATB program. There is a variety of things we do. I wanted to let the people know what we do in county government and where your taxes go. Our budget is roughly \$651,000,000.00. A lot of people don't realize that.

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If you take every budget in Albany County and roll it into one including the City of Albany, Colonie and all of the big towns and cities it doesn't touch our budget. One of the things I take pride in, is that we have the ninth lowest taxes in the State of New York out of 62 counties. We strive to do even better, but when you look at Saratoga and they are number 5, but they have a Racino and two tracks. They have a population of roughly about 200,000 people so we are doing pretty well. If you go over to Rensselaer County, it is a population of 150,000 and they are like 27th of the highest taxes in New York State. Schenectady which has about 150,000 residents is 37<sup>th</sup>, with their casino, I think they are hoping to go down from that list but it is not an excuse to raise taxes.

He asked how many people like the 2% property tax cap. Everyone does but there is a problem with that. We don't want to raise your taxes but there are vital services that need to be delivered. Doesn't your cable bill go up every year, your house insurance, and car insurance? Everything goes up. The cable company doesn't say everything is good this year, so we are not going to raise your cable bill. We are constantly fighting with them because they are saying they are going to drop HBO, trying to keep your bill within respect. That is the same thing the town goes through, what we go through in County government. You have to figure out everything. When you put a budget together, it is a working document and you hope what you are forecasting for that following year is what is going to happen. You run into things that you didn't plan on. County Executive Daniel McCoy continued saying he has been working closely with the Supervisor and Town Board Members regarding Lawson's Lake. The County received a letter from the boys and girls club saying that they could no longer afford the lake and were unable to run it. So quickly in partnership with the sheriff's department and the County Executive's office came up with a plan and Lawson's Lake was opened back up in 2013. With the help of the unions, private companies, and volunteers we have been fixing the place up ever since. In the first year we ran a day camp for six weeks, it is free to any resident in your town. Residents can participate in the camp, they have to go through the boy's and girl's club to register. They can't just drop them off and say I'm leaving for the day. It's a structured program and they can go there for the day and DEC comes in and teaches the kids how to fish. This year we are going to be offering a couple of new things. We will be offering computers. We are going to take our surplus of computers before we sell them to eBay and have our IT department come out and work with the kids and rebuild them and break them down. At the end of six weeks they take it home and keep it. We have reading programs and variety of different things. A kid can be a kid, but we also add that educational element in to it. New this year, the caretaker's house is now open year round. We have snow shoes and cross country skies that you can borrow and you can go in there and get warm. You can get a cup of hot chocolate or coffee on us. Rich and Tom donated the coffee for the year. You can go in there any time, it is open year round and really enjoy what is going on around there. It is a gem in your backyard, in your town. There is a pavilion there. We built a handicapped accessible ramp so handicap people can pull down to the water and fish. That was done by the Boy Scouts of America for Eagle Scout Projects. There have been four Eagle Scout Projects out there and there will be a lot more. There will be signs going up out there and different things around the lake. We had 900 volunteers come up from New York City by bus and they painted. All of this at Lawson's Lake is possible because of the partnership with the Town of Coeymans, through the Town Supervisor and Town Board. We are thankful for that partnership and plan to continue to move that forward. So, please this summer stop out and see the kids. We are planning to pave it and add basketball court. Thank you to

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Chief of Police McKenna. He has really been out there with us. He has been working closely with Brian.

We opened up Parks and Recreations this year in January because we know around the county, that we live in this 2% property tax cap. So we can't have youth programs and we have kids on the street in the summer with nothing to do and what happens is they get in trouble because they are bored and there is nowhere to go and there is nothing to do. Two years ago in another partnership with the sheriff's department we started a youth outreach program, that the legislature allowed us do standalone this year. We did a partnership with an Amateur Athletic Union and that's what made the karate and flag football possible here. We have flag football registration going on now for the next six weeks. Through these partnerships we are able to bring these programs into the community without charge anything. We pay for the registration and the equipment, but most importantly we added an educational approach to it. We do cyber bullying and a variety of different classes that we have the kids go through at different periods so they are not just learning flag football. 99.9 of these kids that go through this program are never going to play professional sports, but we can give them a foundation to be a good citizen for the future of Albany County. We can build a foundation so they learn to give back, by taking the experience that they received here and giving back to the community. This is the most important element of this whole program that we are learning.

We are slowing up a little because we are getting too big and some people say that's good. Yes and No because we have to plan a budget out and not just for 2018, 2019 and 2020. I have to make sure we can afford what we are doing. Everybody liked that 2% property tax cap correct? The last couple of years we contracted with U Albany in a partnership and we ran it through King County in Washington. They basically come into your office and see how the employees feel about the services they are delivering. It is a hard fact because it comes back on me and it is a reflection on my administration and the workplace. You can't fix something if you don't know there is a problem. You want to see what the employees think of the services that they are delivering and if they are happy. Phase two is to reach out to the community, to the people who are receiving the services and are they working. If you have programs down here that are working better than our programs then, we want to ban ours and get in touch with your programs and enhance them. We want to provide the programs that work for your community.

We have sixty thousand seniors living longer that want to stay in their homes. What we did with AARP is, we are only one out of hundred counties in the nation that are designated age communities but a lot of work went into that and there is a lot of work that will continue to go into that to meet that. Like your senior center down here with the meals they provide. There are a lot of services that we have to provide and I look forward to that challenge. We want to service the people that service us. They raised their families and they have lived here their whole lives and paid their taxes. It is time we give back and take care of the people who took care of us. I always say to the kids when we go down to the lake and we have different presentations, put your phone down and your iPad and if you really want to learn about history or something then take the time and sit with a senior. Just listen to them and they are going to walk you through it and not the garbage you are going to read online. It really is about giving back, but also keeping those seniors home. We have a variety of programs that we are doing with the senior center. We are going to try to take seniors from here and bus them into the city if they want to go to the park play house for the night. These are things that again, they are a luxury but it is a quality of life luxury. This is something for someone's quality of life, to make it better. We have changed; we have 27 new programs in the county project growth. There is project orange. There is an opium

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epidemic in the county. Heroin is around this whole nation. There are thirty nine people a day dying and it is getting worse. It is the worse it has ever been. We are going to be suing the pharmaceutical companies. We are suing them because eighty percent of kids that get hooked on heroin started with prescription drugs. I say to every parent that is here I have three kids. I have a twenty one year old, twenty and a thirteen year old, just turned thirteen last week. I can go home and tell you if a beer is missing. I can tell you where my vodka bottle is. I know when something is missing. Can you tell how many pills have been taken out of your medicine cabinet or if there should be twenty or thirty? The answer is no. Some pharmacists have an envelope that you can mail your prescription to VEA and that is the most important thing and is the first step to stop this. The second step is don't take the prescription if you really don't need it. I am going to DC this Saturday to see the president of the National Opioid task force that is going out nationally across this country to really try to tackle this epidemic that we are in. It is scary. We have to watch our kids more now. It is adults, seniors, it is everyone. We need to discuss it with everyone and check everyone. There are a lot of good things going on. We received an award from Harvard, an innovative award for a couple of programs we run. Project Growth was one of them. With this program we take kids, low level offenders and instead of incarcerating or punishing them we put them through a thirteen week program. We run it out at the lake in the upper part with the trades union. We train them in the trade and we pay them at the end because we are teaching them a lesson of a dollar. They earn the money and have to go to Rich and say here you go, I'm sorry for the windshield that I broke and here is the check for \$200.00. The purpose is to help them understand the value of a dollar, to teach them a value lesson in life. Project Growth has been a successful program. We have done the same with those on probation. Through the thirteen week program we teach them how to dress, how to apply for a job and help them find a job and ninety percent so far have not reoffended. Twenty percent of people on probation do not have a driver's license. So with DMV we started a pilot program, the first of its kind in the State of New York, where people on probation can take the five hour course and get their driver's license. You have to give them hope for opportunities to better their lives or they will just keep reoffending and incarceration is not the answer. Out at the jail, when a certain governor back in the 1980's closed all the mental institutions across the State of New York and saved all this money, we put a seventeen million dollar addition on our jail. We have mental health doctors around the clock seven days a week. There are some who should not be in jail. They should be getting the treatment that they need to keep them from reoffending, by getting them on the medication that they need. We are trying to do a mental health court in the County of Albany. I have gotten through OCA and that is the biggest hurdle. I am just waiting for the District Attorney to sign off on it, because he wants to see more proof on it. The judges are already involved and believe in it. We have one city court judge, Judge Holly Trexler who I have met with and she believes in it. We have several other judges that want to get on board with this. It is a vital program because if you look at our court system and you look at the people in jail, not all of them should be there. I am not saying everyone. If you don't give people an opportunity than we are never going to change. I was at this meeting and they were talking about all the negatives in the community and I responded with why do you live here? Let's focus on the positive things and build off of that. We can sit here and be negative all night long and say we don't like this or that. You live here because you believe in and love your community down here and hopefully you love the government. There are reasons why you live here and they are what we need to focus on. As we go through Albany County as a whole, really sit back and say what is good for our community and what do we need to go forward. There are 310,000

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people in Albany County. I will leave you with two different things. One is, I work for you and what do you want out of government, not what do I want. I can tell you all day long how I want to do things, but I have to listen to the people. It is the people that speak and if you don't speak or talk to your legislator or to your town board, than you can't be angry. We have changed so much in the county but it has been through partnerships. We meet once a quarter and this consolidation that the governor put out with the senate and the assembly, I have blasted the senators and the assembly members. We have been doing this for years. When he took over and we talked about positions we can work with. It is another unfunded mandate. We had to spend \$75,000, and thank you Rich for letting us do that, with Rockefeller College to come in and help us meet these deadlines that the governor, senate and the assembly put in place. It's smoke and mirrors and it is point the fingers at us saying we are not doing our job, but your budget is passed every year correct and your bills are paid correct. I say this, that the senate did not do their job again. They pat themselves on the back for some of the good things that they have done in the assembly and the senate, but they didn't pass the 1% tax extender here in the county. What does that mean to you? It means 65 million dollars to Albany County. It means about 38 million dollars to me and \$70,000 to the town that they have to find next year if we can't extend the tax. It turns into politics because it is all down state New York problems and certain people don't want to give Mayor de Blasio control of the schools. So what does the assembly do, is they tie this tax extender into de Blasio's control of the schools. They left town and if they don't come back in November, we lose 68 million dollars. How do I make that up, I would have to raise taxes 40% to raise that next year or cut a variety of services like parks and recreational and a variety of different things. I tell you this, so when you see your senators and assembly members remind them. The worst thing I can say about politics is don't play politics with people's lives. Govern to do the best that you can, roll up your sleeves and at the end of the day work hard for the people. That way together in a partnership. Thank you again. I will take any questions and there were none.

Councilman Dolan thanked County Executive McCoy for coming on his birthday.

Rick Touchette stated he would like to thank the board for allowing him to be on the agenda and County Executive McCoy is a very hard act to follow. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the County Executive on his progressive agenda. The things that he has done go beyond what that most of us think of what county government does. The focus is really on people and on the community. I am a member of the audit and finance committee and the social services committee. Over the past year and a half I have really been impressed with how the County deals with the most vulnerable among us, which are children, families, youth and seniors, even people who are incarcerated. It has been a real eye opener and I really didn't expect to see some of the programs that we have going on in the county such as Lawson's Lake. I was at Lawson's Lake on Tuesday for a meeting of the soil and water conservation district board and it is really a tremendous facility out there. If you haven't been out there than you should go. There are hiking trails and fishing. It is a great facility and there are a number of cabins and buildings. I think there are 10 or 12 buildings out there through the good work of Brian. He does a great job out there.

One of the other things that the County does is, the County Legislature has a program to present grants to various, mostly not for profit, community oriented organizations throughout the county. This year the awards were made earlier this month and there was a total of \$109,000 worth of

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awards that were granted to various organizations. I am happy to say that \$11,000 of that came to Coeymans organizations. We had \$2,000 that went to the Riverview Missionary Baptist Church for their summer camp that will help support field trips to the Palace Theater, the U.S.S. Slater, the state museum and things like that. This a great activity and the Riverview church has been doing that program for a long time and they do a great job. \$5000.00 has been awarded to the VFW to help renovate some of their space and develop more social and meeting space for them. Last but not least, if I could have Scott and Chris come up here. The County Legislature is happy to award a grant of \$4000.00 to the Mystery Lake Trail Riders Snowmobile Club. This money is to be used to buy a grooming machine to help groom snowmobile trails some of which are in Lawson’s Lake. Congratulation to Mystery Lake Trail Riders Snowmobile Club and thank you very much.

Scott Osterhout, on behalf of the Mystery Lake Trail Riders Snowmobile Club, stated he would like to thank Mr. Touchette for this Grant and he would also like to thank the property owners within the town that allow us to use private and public lands. Without that use, we would not have a place to continue our sport and grow it throughout our town. As Rick said, this grant will be used to help upgrade our equipment.

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Crandall stated that there are a couple of public announcements.

Supervisor Crandall read the notice for public hearing.

**Public Hearing**

Please take notice that the village of Ravena ZBA/Planning Board will hold two (2) Public Hearings on Monday, June 26, 2017 starting at 7PM at the Ravena Village office, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, NY 12143.

Application received from Cumberland Farms for a site plan at 2466 US RT 9W to construct a 4786 square ft. convenience store and 4 fuel islands. Property is located north of Shop and Save Plaza, south of 222 Main St., east of Rite Aid Pharmacy and west of 6 Wendell St.

Application received from Brian Bagley for a site plan at 16 West Shore St., Ravena, NY 12143 for a motor vehicle repair/storage shop (Motorcycles). Property is located north of 29 West Shore Drive (Village of Ravena), south of 14 West Shore St., east of Railroad, west of 18 Russell Ave. (Town of Coeymans)

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

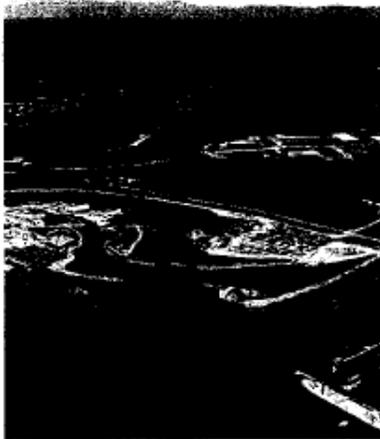
Mary Ellen Rosato

ZBA/Planning Board Secretary

**Invitation**



**COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY &  
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

from 1:00-4:00pm

Rain Date: August 27

**Coeymans Industrial Park**

100 Coeymans Industrial Park Lane | Ravena, NY 12143

The Port of Coeymans would like to thank our local community for its support over the last ten years. To celebrate this milestone, we'd like to invite you to our Community Appreciation Day event.

Please direct any inquiries to:

Mike Calamari  
Office Manager & Sales Assistant  
**518-756-2164**  
mcalam@portcoeymans.com

- **Food & Beverages**
- **Kids Activities**
- **Giveaways**
- **Site Tours**
- **Free, Open to the Public**

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**Town Hall closed July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Supervisor Crandall announced that Town Hall will be closed on July 4, 2017

**Evening on the Green  
2017 Evening on the Green Schedule**

Councilman Dolan stated that the Evening on the Greens begins July 5<sup>th</sup> and start at 6:30 to 8:30 each week and those days are Wednesdays and the rain dates are the next following day, Thursday.

- July 5<sup>th</sup> Dusk til' Dawn
- July 12<sup>th</sup> Mike and the Monsters
- July 19<sup>th</sup> Frank & the Bargain Bingers
- July 26<sup>th</sup> Dennis D' Asaro/Shakespeare in the Alley
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Honey Ridge Blues
- August 9<sup>th</sup> The 317
- August 16<sup>th</sup> Morrighan's Flight
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Tom Atkins Band
- August 30<sup>th</sup> R-C-S Community Open Mic Night

Councilman Dolan stated that open mic night is when people are invited to come down and play on stage if they so choose. We are going to have some vendors there, including Kennel Corn.

Supervisor Crandall added that Mr. Pearson will be there with his food cart and will sell hot dogs, hamburgers and soda. If any other vendors would like to come down, feel free to contact the town at the Supervisor's office and we will make arrangements for you.

**Summer Recreation**

Councilman Youmans stated that the Summer Rec and Food for Thought programs start on July 10, 2017 and run through August 11, 2017 and they are free summer programs for kids. Additional information is available on our Town website. The Food for Thought program requires registration and the form can be found on the website or can be picked at the Town Supervisor's Office. The Rec Program at the park is drop in program so no registration required. I encourage any families with children to take advantage of those programs because they are a lot of fun.

Supervisor Crandall added the Food For Thought Program is at Peter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

Councilman Youmans added that the Rec Program is at Mosher Park and is done in conjunction with the Village of Ravena.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

Michael McGuire Conservation Advisory Council stated one quick thing again about Lawson's Lake. On July 19, 2017 the Conservation Advisory Council in conjunction with New York State Environmental Conservation will be having a free fishing day. It is Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and DEC staff will be there to help teach kids how to fish. If you have any children or anybody you want, let them know about the free fishing day. It will be posted on the Town website as well. Sylvia Lawlor added, she did not know the hours but she knew that you did not need a license for that day.

Mary Driscoll stated that it is too bad that Mr. McCoy left because she would have liked to tell him that she is a senior citizen and she has a lot of opinions about this community. Over a year ago a Grandmother came to a Town Board meeting to advise you of a dangerous situation in the Coeymans Park. She explained how part of the fencing by the river could result in a small child being seriously hurt. Your parks and recreations department fixed the situation by putting up plastic snow fencing along the original fence. As of today which is over a year later that snow fence is now torn and flapping in the wind offering no protection what so ever for keeping a small child from falling onto the rocks. Maybe, now that you have hired your clerk's son for the parks and recreations department, they might come up with a better solution. She didn't want to start on your spending freeze and the effect it might have on the welfare of children using that park.

Her second item for comment is a question, but she is sure she will not get an answer regarding the two suits in the courts that we, the taxpayers, are being sued for. Does any settlement awarded out of either case come out of tax payer's money? She knew she wouldn't get an answer to that. Do we have insurance for such instances? Of course tax payers are paying for the insurance so no matter which way you look at it, we the taxpayers will be paying for these settlements. The third item she would like to comment on tonight, is the informational meeting, the Conservation Council held a couple of weeks ago here. First of all it is too bad you were not there. You would have seen real democracy at work. In the first place the presentation itself was horrible, but of course if you are really into saving the eels, toads and frogs in this town it might have been interesting.

The standing room only tax payers certainly took the opportunity to ask important and intelligent questions and again which seems to be the normal of this administration they could not get any straight answers to their questions. The refreshments looked nice as did the crayons and all the printed maps. It would be interesting to know especially under your spending freeze if the refreshments came from the tax payer's money or the so called grant that is taking away another one of our freedoms. She would like to remind the tax payers and the residents of the town that there is no law on the books that says that they have to allow these people on their property. If they don't want the people on their property, than they can consider that trespassing and they can have them arrested. She thinks having people go on your property without telling you and leaving a little handwritten note on the door that "oh we were here and surveyed your property",

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is ludicrous. She would just like to remind people that they don't have to let those people on the property. Thank you

Councilman Dolan stated that no tax payer money, nor any grant money was used for the refreshments. They were provided by a person on the committee. Neither grant or tax payer money was used to pay for the maps.

Mary Driscoll asked Councilman Dolan if he belonged to this council.

Councilman Dolan answered and said no.

Mary Driscoll stated we have a spending freeze.

Councilman Dolan answered that there has been no money spent for it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the spending freeze was lifted two months ago.

Sylvia Lawlor stated that the CAC doesn't have a budget. I think we are allowed to submit vouchers for printing or if there is a conference. To date we decided those expenses should come out of our own pocket. Not a penny has been billed to the town and the refreshments for the meeting were at my expense, not the Town's expense. As far as trespassing on people's property, we don't have that right. We are an advisory Committee. The natural resource inventory which we are undertaking consists of gathering already existing data and putting it in a readable form for the planning board, ZBA and Town Board. The only time that we might go on land is when I go on public land such as Joralemon Park and Lawson's Lake. There is no on ground survey scheduled and if there were, I would have to ask permission, the same way they would ask me to come on my property.

Councilman Youmans asked if she had been on anyone's property or left any notes that you did a survey of the property.

Sylvia Lawlor answered no.

Councilman Youmans stated that he knew the answer. I just wanted to make it clear.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Crandall stated that we move on to the approval of minutes of meetings.

There are three sets of minutes for Town Board approval,

Town Board Meeting on May 18, 2017

Public Hearing on May 18, 2017

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**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, approving the minutes are present and read.

VOTE-AYES 4- NAYS 0-ABSENT 1(BURNS)-SO MOVED

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Building Department – May 2017**

Supervisor Crandall asked that Building Inspector Cashin give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Building Inspector Cashin continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

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

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

**Town Clerk – May 2017**

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Sewer Bills for second half will be going out next week. We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 and they should be getting their bill by Monday. She just wanted to mention that for those that are in our Sewer District.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

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

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

**Sewer – May 2017**

Supervisor Crandall asked that Chief Operator Kerr give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

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Chief Operator Kerr continued by giving the report.

**MOTION**

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

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

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is a note to be made here. He was in contact with the City of Albany and Town of Bethlehem and they were all fined for the same violation we had with the excessive water.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that did not surprise him.

Councilman Dolan asked Mr. Kerr if the work was done and completed on Route 144?

Chief Operator answered that is correct for the Capital Projects on the Sewer.

Councilman Dolan stated correct.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Route 143 and 144**

Supervisor Crandall stated that he and Councilman Dolan had a meeting with Sam Zhou from the Department of transportation again on Route 143 and Route144. We are trying to get the rest of 144 paved from the Port of Coeymans right straight through to the Town line going north as well as trying to get the speed limit lowered on 144 and 143. We are also trying to get 144 straightened out at the curve where the truck went flying off the road fully loaded, almost ending up on the thruway. It was a very cordial meeting. Supervisor Crandall stated he wasn't very wasn't very nice to Mr. Zhou. He is sick of hearing the same old line from them. They give us this line; you can't do this and can't do that. They can never give enough good reasons why. We did get them to at least look at some of the things we talked about. They are going to get back to us on that meeting. It was an interesting meeting to say the least and he will continue to try to get these things fixed. He is not going to just let it go and he will at keep at them.

Councilman Dolan added we pressed them really hard on lowering the speed limit on Biechman Road. They don't like lowering speed limits was their response.

Supervisor Crandall stated it seems crazy but needless to say, he will keep at it.

**Gazebo Roof**

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Supervisor Crandall stated the gazebo needs a new roof and he needs a motion to put it out to bid.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Youmans, I move to authorize the Town Supervisor, to direct the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for a new roof on the Gazebo at the riverside park in the hamlet of Coeymans, seconded by Councilman Dolan for discussion.

Councilman Dolan asked Town Clerk Millious if she still has all the bids specs.

Town Clerk Millious answered yes and she would go over it and make sure if you are alright with things and if there are any changes. There was a spec sheet to it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would take a look at it on Monday.

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Code Enforcement Officer Training**

Supervisor Crandall stated he needed a motion to authorize John Cashin our Code Enforcement Officer to take some training and asked CEO Cashin to explain this.

Code Enforcement Officer Cashin explained that it is a four hour course on the sale of fireworks in New York State. CEO Cashin thought it was interesting that it came up, since we are going to have a fireworks tent in the town for the next two weeks, and he would like to attend the course.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was not our tent and we are not selling fireworks.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it was up by the old Marshalls Garage.

Code Enforcement Officer Cashin answered yes.

Councilman Youmans asked Mr. Cashin if he was the only one attending.

Code Enforcement Officer Cashin answered with yes.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorize Code Enforcer Officer Cashin to attend the training for \$30.00 and not to exceed the \$30.00.

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VOTE-AYES-4-NAYS 0- ABSENT 1 (BURNS)-SO MOVED

**Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract for services with the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society.

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

Councilman Langdon asked what that was for.

Supervisor Crandall answered that it a contract with the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society in order for them to receive the funding they get from the town and the village and it is not much money. It is what they get every year.

Councilman Youmans that if you have even a slight interest in local history and have not toured the historical society museum over at the Village building you should visit the museum. It is quite a collection of local artifacts in history and stories that go along with them. They do a wonderful service to this town. If you haven't been yet, stop and take a look at it.

Councilman Dolan added it is in the old gym and library space.

**NYSERDA-Clean Energy Communities**

Supervisor Crandall asked Councilman Dolan if he would speak on this a little bit.

Councilman Dolan stated that this refers to the meeting that we had with NYSERDA and the contractor from NYSERDA, John Cashin, Sante DeBacco and Joseph Burns from the Village. He provided information to us as legislators and to building inspectors regarding the new energy code. I think, John, we gave two sets of plans to them that they were going to review.

Code Enforcer Officer Cashin answered yes we did.

Councilman Dolan continued with saying, to see how we would conform with the new energy codes.

Code Enforcer Officer Cashin answered yes.

Councilman Dolan asked Mr. Cashin if we received them back.

Code Enforcer Officer Cashin answered with not yet.

Councilman Dolan continued with this is the fourth step in becoming a clean energy community. It is really helpful to Building Inspectors and this company New Port Ventures will give them support about what they need, to comply with the law and how to convey the information to builders.

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Supervisor Crandall added that this is a meeting that we had with the gentlemen from the NYSERDA. He is a town contractor from Schenectady and he has been in business for over 30 years himself in construction and he is very knowledgeable on this subject. This is not going to cost the town a dime and that was his biggest concern, yet it will bring better business to the community.

Supervisor Crandall asked Mr. Cashin if there was anything he would like to say on this.

Code Enforcer Officer Cashin answered that he is waiting to hear back and then the next step is to review what we did with our plans and tweak what we should be doing. This will be helpful in the plan review with the field inspections.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was a meeting, but also part of an ongoing process.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #87-17 APPOINT SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM ASSISTANTS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the *Summer Recreation* 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 to work 20 hours a week as part-time Recreational Assistants for the *Summer Recreation* Program:

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| Babcock, Michael     | LaDuke, Taylor   |
| Burns, Brian         | Lukens, Miles    |
| Cumm, Spencer        | Orsino, Caitlin  |
| Deragon, Christopher | Racey, Shane     |
| Feliciano, Jordan    | Williams, Trevor |
| Galusha, Noah        | Zeoli, Chad      |
| Hotaling, Jonah      |                  |

The appointment is effective July 10 to August 11, 2017, and will be at the hourly wage of \$9.70.

**CONTINUED NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorization to Auction Car**

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Supervisor Crandall asked Chief McKenna to speak about auctioning a car. It is a 2010 Audi that was confiscated by the Coeymans Police Department.

Police Chief McKenna stated the car was confiscated as a result of a traffic stop which yielded a narcotics arrest. The plea agreement with the individual was that the vehicle, a 2010 Audi, was turned over to the Police Department. Chief McKenna said he would like authorization from the Board to place the car for sale on Auctions International. That is the site that we normally use to sell anything, with the proceeds to be placed in the forfeiture fund to be used to purchase specifically vests and other items for the Police Department and the officers out there. The sale through Auctions International is a great program, because it is a one hundred percent auction. Whatever they bid, that exact amount would come to the police department.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Chief McKenna to auction the 2010 Audi.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYES 0 – ABSENT 1 (BURNS) SO MOVED

**RES. #88-17 APPOINT FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM ASSISTANTS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the *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* Program:

Banahan, Juliann	Klercker, Emma
Eckl, Sarah	Pittz, Taylor
Hotaling, Dana	Rexford, Kayla
Klercker, Alexandra	Rowzee, Emma

The appointment is effective July 10 to August 11, 2017, and will be at the hourly wage of \$9.70.

**RES. #89-17 APPOINT POLICE OFFICERS**

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans' Chief of Police has a need to increase hours worked by two part time Police Officers in the Police Department in order to meet staffing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Burton and Officer Dorsey have recently completed all steps necessary to be appointed from the Competitive Police Officer Exam from Albany County Civil Service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Officers Isiah Burton and Jonathan Dorsey to the position of Competitive, Part-Time Police Officer effective June 26, 2017, contingent upon approval by Albany County Civil Service. These Officers will be compensated at the rate designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief McKenna how this process would not cost more money.

Police Chief McKenna explained, every two or three years the Town and Village police exam comes out and that is the list we hire from. There are several people on the list that we are working through. By appointing these officers off the civil service list and changing the status of Officer Burton and Officer Dorsey from part time police officer to Civil Servant Police officer they are no longer restricted in the amount of hours they can work. They are now restricted to 1,040 hours per fiscal year, January 1 to December 31. By hiring them and having civil service status, they are still not full time officers and there is no vacation package and no benefit package but they are not restricted in the twenty hour per week rule. There have been issues in the past when the department gets short, the part time officer will go over those hours and civil service sends a letter that you have to get in compliance or they can decertify our status. This allows us to keep the exact same officers at the exact same rate of pay, but it doesn't restrict them to sixteen or twenty hours a week and that way I can fill the hours without having to hire more or pay more.

**RES. #90-17 AUTHORIZATION TO SPONSOR POLICEE TRAINEE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police would like to sponsor one recruit to the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, local resident, Amanda Mueller, has passed all parts of the Competitive Police Officer Exam for Albany County Civil Service and is desirous of attending said academy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, based on the recommendation of the Chief of Police, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby sponsor Amanda Mueller to attend the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy beginning July 16, 2017.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that this is a fine move as far as he was concerned. Ms. Mueller is a member of this community and her parents are upstanding members of this community. Supervisor Crandall asked Ms. Mueller to stand and welcomed her aboard.

Councilman Youmans stated that we are very proud to have you.

**RES. #91-17 APPROVE JUNE ABSTRACT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for June, 2017, as follows:

**PRE-PAID VOUCHERS** – 174382-174448, for a total of **\$221,769.19**

**VOUCHER NUMBERS** – 174449-174534 for a total of **\$47,315.17**

**TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS** – **\$269,084.36**

**RES. #92-17 AUTHORIZE WATER LINE PROJECT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of Route 144, Route 143 - ADA and Pavement Maintenance in the Town of Coeymans, and Village of Ravena located in Albany County, PIN 1007.19, and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with hereinabove described project by this Resolution, adopted on June 22, 2017, the Town has requested and authorized the State Department of Transportation to process the necessary arrangements to incorporate an installation of a new water line and its appurtenances in the hereinabove mentioned State transportation project, with the cost of said work in connection therewith to be borne by the Village of Ravena, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board recognizes that said installation of a new water line and its appurtenances, be constructed at the sole expense of the Village of Ravena, in connection with the above mentioned State transportation project, as set forth in the plans for said project,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, after this Resolution is passed by the Town and received by the State, the State will start the design process and produce the detailed estimate for the installation of the new water line and its appurtenances and include it in the project as the Village of Ravena's Itemized share, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mr. Philip A. Crandall, Supervisor, has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Town Board, any and all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this project as it relates to the Town of Coeymans, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be filed with the State Comptroller and with the State Commissioner of Transportation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Coeymans grants permission to the Village of Ravena, to come to the geographical jurisdiction of the Town to maintain, or cause to maintain the newly installed water line and its appurtenances after construction thereof as set forth above, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Town Board is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the forgoing Resolution to the State Department of Transportation.

Councilman Langdon asked are they going to do a new water line.

Councilman Dolan answered not necessarily.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is to give them permission to do it on our property.

Councilman Dolan stated that this resolution was sent to us by mistake.

Supervisor Crandall stated the State DOT had DEC send it to us.

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**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS**

- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – CANCELLED
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Planning Board Meeting – 7pm
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Conservation Advisory Council Meeting – 6pm
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Town Board Workshop – 6pm
- July 26<sup>th</sup> – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – 7pm
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – Town Board Meeting – 7pm

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would like to thank the members of the Conservation Advisory Community for all their hard work and he would like to apologize on behalf of the

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people that came here and beat them up the other night. He was sorry they had to go through that the other night. Councilman Youmans also apologized that he was unable to be there the other night due to work commitments. He explained those commitments have been met and the CAC can expect more support from him in the future. He thinks it is unfortunate that there are so many misconceptions out there about the work the CAC is doing. It is like that old game of telephone. One person tells one and it goes to the next and by the time we get done it is a whole different story on what you are doing. Let us be clear that the advisory committee is just that. An advisory committee with no authority, the roll is simply to advise the Town Board on conservation issues. He is a pretty staunch private property rights person and is not interested in having anybody come on his property and tell him what he can do with it. He knows Mr. McGuire owns 140 acres in Coeymans Hollow and he is pretty sure he doesn't want anybody telling him what to do with that. We all agree on that and that is not the roll of that committee whatsoever. Councilman Youmans continued by saying, we have all followed the news out of Hoosick Falls on what's going on with their water. The goal with the CAC is really to prevent that from happening here. Maybe if someone in Hoosick Falls had started a committee like this twenty years ago maybe they wouldn't be going through that right now. Again he thanked the CAC for all of their hard work.

Sylvia Lawlor stated she is the chair for the Conservation Advisory Council she viewed that meeting a little differently. She thinks a lot of people had real concerns and it was good that they heard what people had to say. She hopes that they can engage and she knows Mr. Tryon had some very strong concerns. When she filled out the application for an intern to help the Council through the summer, the non-adversarial nature of the endeavor should take strides for community building and she thinks it will. It is good to hear people's concerns. It is good to know what people are thinking and what their fears are. She encouraged people to attend a meeting or visit the website.

Mr. Tryon stated that he apologized for being so enthusiastic, but he feels our children really do deserve those freedoms purchased at Normandy all of those place's and it is real. There are agencies that take away our private property rights. Look all over the country, this is happening out west. Eighty five percent of Nevada is now controlled by the Federal Government. What is happening there? Heaven forbid that we just simply say "oh that is out west". Why wouldn't it happen here? Mr. Tryon continued by saying anything that seems to come along that is kind of heading in that direction and that alarms us. He is a Dad and a Grandad and he full well intends that the freedoms purchased by his Dad and ten million others in World War II, that our children get to enjoy them. The primary one is private property rights and Freedom. We are a little bit excited. The comment about the second amendment was registration always precedes confiscation and confiscation usually precedes genocide. So when we are cataloging we are preceding control and that was the comment. It has nothing to do with the second amendment or guns. It is just the same kind of strategy. First you catalog and why catalog.

Joseph Tracey answered that it is already cataloged

Mr. Tryon asked if it's already cataloged so what are we doing?

Joseph Tracey answered that we are preparing a concise report to give to the Supervisor.

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Mr. Tryon stated so you are simply taking existing information.

Joseph Tracey answered most of it.

Supervisor Crandall stated they are verifying existing information.

Mr. Tryon stated that is fine as long as it doesn't entail coming out. What really concerns him is reassessing our wetlands.

Joseph Tracey stated that nobody said anything about reassessing anything. You are putting things there that are not there.

Sylvia Lawlor stated that there is an area of Coeymans that is not part of National Wetlands inventory. It does make sense to do that. That may not be the scope of this and that is why we had this meeting.

Councilman Youmans stated let us be clear, if those wetlands are on your property sir there is nobody on this board that has any intentions on telling you what to do with it.

Mr. Tryon stated and that's what they fought for and one more thing. There is a thing called a Deed and that is kind of a permit. It is kind of a blanket permit that is kind of where we really stand in this country and that is what they fought for. We should not have Government intrusion on our private property.

Joseph Tracey stated we are volunteers working for the Supervisor. We were asked by the Supervisor to volunteer. He is a representative of the Fish and Game Club and he thinks the Supervisor did a good job assembling people for the council. We have some very educated people and it has nothing to do with infringing on people's rights. Mr. Tracey asked if there is a cover statement on the computer regarding what the CAC is all about and was it on the Town of Coeymans website.

Mr. Tryon stated the reason he was standing up right now is to just keep it that way. These things seem to grow. They seem to get new power from who knows where.

Supervisor Crandall stated that Mr. Tryon has founded fears and he has no problem with that. He went on to say that the New York State Constitution is a lot different than the constitutions' of states out West. Property rights in New York State are just like the Ten Commandments. It is very hard for the government or state to infringe on your rights as a property owner.

Councilman Langdon stated this is where some of the concerns come from. When things turn around and get classified as wetlands and if you do own property that classified as wetlands and what it takes to do what you want to do on your property.

Councilman Dolan stated no one is talking about doing that.

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Councilman Langdon stated no but he is just saying that those are the concerns that they have.

Mr. Tryon stated that he is satisfied with what they are saying here and he will just hang around and maybe come to some of the meetings if that's okay.

Councilman Dolan stated he would like to thank the CAC for all their hard work and also thank Mr. Tryon for speaking out. He knows how he feels about the subject and he will just give him an open invitation because the CAC is a creation of the Town Board. They report to the Town Board and they only have the authority that the Town Board gives them which was enunciated in the resolution that created them. If there is ever a problem with something the CAC is doing, feel free to contact the Town Supervisor or the Town Board and they will sit down with you because he know you take this very serious. There are others that do too and he knows people can be suspect of others motives, but we will be totally open with you and invite you anytime you think something is headed in the wrong direction to give us a call and we will sit down and discuss it.

Police Chief McKenna stated he was glad Melissa Trainor stopped out. The PD is actually trying to partner with her. The PD has four officers, two are on bike patrol and two are walking beats. Each Officer would have a different cancer awareness ribbon with a patrol shirt to start the conversation. So that when people see the ribbon and ask what it is for, the officer would respond with child cancer, prostate cancer or breast cancer etc., and they would provide the literature for the services Melissa Trainor mentioned earlier; so that people know what services they can receive for cancer screenings. Secondly, through the first half of the year, our department answered 6,600 calls for service with a 90 case clearance ratio, 72 arrests, and 654 traffic stops, 311 tickets issued. He couldn't be more proud of the three officers who took their PT exam on Monday. Those of you who don't remember it was 147 degrees when Amanda, Isiah and Jonathon did their mile, sit ups and pushups. He thinks he is still hoarse from screaming at them that day but it was worth every minute. They should be proud of what they accomplished out there. He is excited to see the status change and thanked them very much for their time.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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

Time – 8:30PM

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**APPROVED –**

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*Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk*