

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, April 26, 2010, at 7:00pm at Town Hall,
18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

PRESENT: Henry C. Traver, Supervisor
Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman
Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman
James C. Youmans, Councilman
Richard N. Touchette, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Vatalaro, Deputy Clerk
Deana Ferrusi, Clerk
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police

Supervisor Traver opened the meeting and asked that VFW Unitas Memorial Post #9594 Ladies Auxiliary lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Traver stated that the record should reflect the presence of Deputy Clerk Vatalaro, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Chief of Police Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering and continued by giving an overview of the agenda.

AGENDA

- Presentation of Proclamation
 - VFW Unitas Memorial Post #9594 Ladies Auxiliary
- Public Announcement
 - Assessor's Hours
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, March 22, 2010
 - Public Hearing, April 12, 2010
- Supervisor's Report
- Department Reports
 - Building Department, March 2010
 - Sewer Department, March 2010
 - Town Clerk, March 2010
 - Police Department, February & March 2010
- Old Business
 - NYS Department of Transportation, Rte. 143
 - Hannacroix Creek, Award Bid
 - Maria Bowers Land Use Issue
- New Business
 - Coeymans Landing Park Railing & Gazebo Electrical Outlet
 - Resignation of Confidential Secretary
 - Part-Time Clerk I for Justice Court
 - Planning Board Training at Five Rivers
- Resolutions
 - Approval of Abstract, April 2010
- Correspondence
 - Star Ross, Police Officer Commendation
 - NYS DEC, New York – Mossy Hill Quarries
 - NYS DEC, Dock

- Captains Choice
- Town Board Workshops / Meetings
 - Town Board Meeting, May 10, 2010, 7pm
 - Town Board Workshop, May 18, 2010, 6pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 24, 2010, 7pm

PRESENTATION

VFW Unitas Memorial Post #9594

Supervisor Traver read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary was established as a “partner in service” to the VFW Unitas Memorial Post #9594 on April 18, 1950, and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary is composed of thirty members, representing the families of those service men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during World Wars I & II, Korean War, Vietnam and other conflicts on foreign soil, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary is to demonstrate and foster patriotism, and allegiance to the Government of the United States and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws, and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary assists VFW Unitas Memorial Post #9594, with its various memorial observances and community events, and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary of Post #9594, as individuals and as an organization, advance patriotism in our community through school programs, assist veterans and their families, volunteer their time at Stratton Veterans Medical Center, remember and support our troops currently deployed in other countries through “Operation Uplink”, and recognize other local organizations and individuals for their community service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, hereby recognizes the VFW Unitas Memorial Post #9594 Ladies Auxiliary in this year of their 60th Anniversary for their volunteer efforts to serve veterans, their families and our community.

Councilman Youmans thanked the VFW for all that they do for our veterans.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Assessor’s Hours

Supervisor Traver read the following:

At a recent Workshop, the Town Board approved the request of Assessor Laura VanValkenburg to change her evening hours of operation (5:00pm-8:00pm) from Monday to Tuesday.

This change will affect her evening hours only. The daytime and Saturday hours will remain the same.

This change will take effect on Tuesday, May 4, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Traver invited the public to comment at this time.

Ivan Millett introduced himself and continued by saying that he would like to know if they can get back the televised Town Board Meetings and added that it is something that they have always had and it is his understanding that Mid-Hudson Cable is suppose to supply that service for the Town as part of the Agreement with the Town. He concluded by saying that he wants to know why they can't get those back on so people in the Town are able to see them because it is something that people like.

Supervisor Traver stated that he spoke with Mr. Horton earlier in the day and he advised that the Church did go back to Channel 11 and Mid-Hudson is working on getting the Town Meetings back to Channel 11. He added that he's not sure if it made it to this meeting or not but they are working on getting it back so the Town's people can see it.

Mr. Millett inquired as to if they are contracted with the Town to do supply that live.

Supervisor Traver stated that they are.

Mr. Millett thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Donna Pasquini stated that she's from the Hamlet of Coeymans and added that her question is about the Sewer Contract between the Town and Village. She continued by saying that she was at the Joint Workshop on March 30th and she was told that they were close to an agreement that night and Councilman Youmans was hoping to have a contract signed by April 12th but Bill Bailey went on vacation. She went on by saying that it is now April 26th and she wanted to know if they are any closer to a contract than they were on March 30th considering Larry Breedlove's report on the Sewer Plant at a Workshop about work that needs to be done down there. She added that she is curious to know if they are close to getting the 18 months of money that the Village of Ravena has not paid the Town in Sewer money, which they have been collecting from their residents and probably holding it in a separate account and collecting interest when the Town is getting nothing.

Councilman Youmans stated that on Wednesday of last week he forwarded an amended copy of the Town's Agreement that their Attorney drew up based on listening to the tape of the meeting because he had not yet received the minutes for it, which the Village said they would provide. He continued by saying that he listened to the tape word for word and made the changes to the document that were agreed upon and in turn forwarded it to them on Wednesday morning and he has been told that they have a Workshop Meeting tomorrow night and Wednesday morning they will be back in contact with the Town to tell them if they are good with it, which is what he expects. He concluded by saying that this is where it stands and added that no one is more frustrated with it than him because he has worked on it for a long time.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she is a Hamlet resident and sewer payer and added that she has been paying a good deal of money for quite a few years and now the Town is letting them hold their money, which does not make sense.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Danny Boomer stated that he wanted to know what progress there has been if any on the repairs of State Rte. 143, which is in an absolute deplorable condition and the State just seems to be ignoring the Town because they said publicly last year that our Town isn't important enough to repair it. He added that he is looking to the Board, who he knows is working on it and continued by asking how they are doing with it.

Councilman Boehm stated that it is on the agenda under Old Business and added that they will be discussing it later.

Mr. Boomer stated that they had discussed at a meeting about Tim Gordon coming down and riding along the route and continued by asking if that has happened.

Councilman Boehm stated that they do have a tentative date and he is supposed to be coming down this week.

Mr. Boomer stated that he has been in touch with his office and all he gets is a recording because they will not answer his calls.

Councilman Boehm stated that he managed to get a hold of his Chief of Staff and did speak directly to Tim earlier in the day and reiterated that hopefully he will be coming down this week with a photographer because he wants to see first hand the situation especially between Tompkins Road and the Ravenna Grange where it is the worst with the guiderails coming out and the road bed is shot and added that he should be able to confirm it with him tomorrow and they will take it from there. He added that they did receive a letter basically saying that they put up a 35 MPH sign and rough road sign.

Mr. Boomer stated that in the time that they spent putting up the rough road and speed limit signs they could have ripped up the old pavement.

Councilman Boehm stated that he thinks that everyone would agree with him and everyone in the audience that lives out that way would agree with him and added that they are working as hard as they can. He continued by saying that there was a petition drive earlier and Tim Gordon has been the only person that has given them any kind of attention on this matter and this is why they are following up with him.

Mr. Boomer stated that he feels as though our Town has been forgotten by the State and added that maybe we should start forgetting to hand in taxes if they are going to flatten us that much.

Councilman Boehm interjected that he would not recommend that.

Mr. Boomer stated that it is nonsense and added that for a good 30 years that he knows of Powell and Minnock trucks ran on Rte. 143 and it was never in the shape that it is and continued by saying that it seems to be more of a mismanagement problem with DOT when you look and see how Rte. 81 for example out in Greenville-Norton Hill was completely repaved in three days last year. He continued by saying that anything would be an improvement over what they have and added that they could rip it up and put gravel it and it would be better than what we have and reiterated that it is deplorable.

Councilman Boehm stated that it is in poor condition and added that maybe the extra media that is there could help them bring some attention to it because they are struggling to get attention to it and added that they have the same frustrations that he does.

Councilman Touchette stated that Mary Ivey from NYS DOT did suggest that they have a meeting with Assemblyman Gordon and herself and added that he thinks it was left open and they are not completely shut out and continued by saying that this is something that they can continue to exploit.

Councilman Boehm stated that once they meet with Tim hopefully they will have a meeting where members of the public can speak about their concerns.

Mr. Boomer thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Ivan Millett stated that he and his wife last year got a public petition out with over 500 names on it and continued by saying that they sent a letter to Tim Gordon and spoke to him personally and he was suppose to come out and review the road as well as sending letters to Paul Tonko. He added that in return they got a response from the head of DOT who indicated that they were not going to do anything with the road and Paul Tonko's office told them to get back to his office in the beginning of the year, which they did and

in turn they were sent a stimulus letter to apply for stimulus money to do Rte. 143. He went on by saying that he does not know if it was sent to Tim Gordon or the State and continued by saying that they spent quite a lot of time and effort last year trying to get something done and nothing had become of it and so far nothing has become of it this year except a lot of empty answers from Tim Gordon's office, who is the main contact. He concluded by saying that he's not sure how the ladder goes up but it is not happening and some how as a town of 8,500 people they should be able to get a State highway so people can maintain their cars and maintain the safety of everyone.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Bill Fitch stated that his comment is for the Board and added that he keeps reading more and more articles in the paper about the Town Board's embarrassment on the situation with the Town Supervisor and added that he is embarrassed to be a Town resident by their actions. He continued by saying that they as a Board need to stop communicating with the press and do what they have to do in closed door Executive Session and deal with the Town Supervisor because it is uncalled for. He went on by saying that if they feel as though he is not in the right place or right mind, they need to do what they have to do and go to a higher level because he is charged with a crime that he has not been found guilty of and has not pled guilty to the crime and added that there have been Town Supervisor's in the past that have. He concluded by asking that they please keep it out of the papers because he is tired of reading the paper and the blogs because it is uncalled for and they should be better than that.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Tom Dolan stated that he is a Coeymans resident as well as the Chairman of the Democratic Party, which he is not going to pretend that he is not present as. He continued by saying that he has heard the comment that Henry was elected and it is a fact that they all agree that he was elected and added that he sat with Henry and the Republican Chair and counted the absentee ballots and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that Henry was elected in the most recent election. He added that it is also a fact that each of the Town Board Members were elected as well as it being a fact that they each received more votes than Henry got as well as it being a fact that each of the Board members is doing exactly what they think is in the best interest of the Town, which does not mean that it is pretty or nice, but it does mean that they are doing what they believe is in the best interest of the Town. He continued by saying that there is nothing that has even been suggested that the Town Board has done that would rise to the level of them even considering resigning and none of them have been mentioned in the press or have their lawyers mentioned to the press about them having a need to take time to reflect and certain days that they have had were bad days. He reiterated that there has been nothing that they have done or has even been suggested that they have done or that has even been suggested that would rise to a suggestion that they resign. He concluded by saying that his final point is that while this has all risen to the level of politics, it should not rise to the level of thugary where people get threats and when a person does receive a threat it should be condemned by all and not just shaken off as some sort of retaliation that is acceptable and added that politics is one thing but a person's life is something above that and anyone that has threatened someone should be dealt with by the law and anyone that condones it is not fit to hold any sort of office elected or otherwise.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Nancy Warner stated that based on the previous two comments she would have to say that she agrees partially with Tom as far as no one deserves threats of any sort either way but as the first gentleman stated, she would agree to the fact that it has become some what of a dark day when our Board is quoted in the newspaper as totally unsupportive of our Supervisor. She continued by saying that we do know that past political elected officials here have run, won and been fully supported by this Board with criminal convictions and added that they need to wait until something happens before they decide to throw Henry out with the bath water and treat him like they have treated the past Supervisors because he deserves at least that respect. She concluded by saying that they all need to work together because they did elect all of them and they might not like each other or agree

with each other but they are all there for the residents and they need to set aside whatever bad feelings they have and work together for the residents.

Ginny Pearson stated that she has a request for the Board and continued by saying that she would like for them to put two Public Comment periods on the agenda for each meeting, one in the beginning and one at the end. She continued by saying that after they have their discussions and acted the public should be able to comment or ask a question about what happened during the meeting.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Traver stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a previously tabled Town Board Meeting on March 22nd and a Public Hearing on April 12th. He continued by asking for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers to accept together the Town Board Meeting on March 22nd and the Public Hearing on April 12th.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would move that they table the April 12th because he just got them from his mailbox.

Councilman Touchette stated that there is also a minor revision that needs to be made.

Supervisor Traver asked for a second to the motion.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would second the motion.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Traver read the Supervisor’s Report.

March 2010

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,307,350.50	\$ 70,807.24	\$316,835.70	\$1,061,322.04
Part-Town	\$ 403,743.17	\$ 3,396.07	\$227,099.53	\$ 180,039.71
Highway	\$ 117,323.92	\$200,938.60	\$ 92,644.84	\$ 225,526.68
Bridge Const.	\$ 273,561.50	\$ 122.72	-0-	\$ 273,684.22
Sewer	\$ 151,002.25	\$ 2,226.93	\$ 30,788.16	\$ 122,441.02
Special Water	\$ 42,381.30	\$ 18,413.95	-0-	\$ 60,795.25
Police Forf.	\$ 3,138.28	\$.93	\$ 580.00	\$ 2,559.21
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 14,340.81	\$341,393.33	\$243,685.21	\$ 112,048.93
H-Fund Cap. Proj.	\$ 46,168.64	\$ 11.71	-0-	\$ 46,040.33

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Sect. 8 Hud Units 83	\$ 149,168.64	\$ 37,359.54	\$ 38,990.00	\$ 147,538.18
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,231,995.57

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the Supervisor's Report was approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – March 2010

Supervisor Traver asked that Councilwoman Rogers give the Building Department Report.

Councilwoman Rogers continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Building Department Report was approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – March 2010

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

Councilman Youmans continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Sewer Department Report was approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – March 2010

Supervisor Traver asked that Deputy Clerk Vatalaro give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

Deputy Clerk Vatalaro continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Town Clerk Report was approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Police Department – February, March 2010

Supervisor Traver asked that Chief Darlington give the Police Department Monthly Reports.

Chief Darlington continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to approve the reports.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

NYS Department of Transportation – Rte. 143

Councilman Boehm stated that Rte. 143 was brought up during the Public Comment and added that he was going to read the letter that was received back addressed to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

April 12, 2010

Dear Mr. Wukitsch:

This is a follow-up to the March 17, 2010 letter from Mary E. Ivey, Regional Director, regarding the condition of Route 143 between Tompkins Road (CR106) and the Ravena Grange in the Town of Coeymans.

My office recently conducted a review of this section of highway. Currently, there is a “Rough Road” warning sign posted for eastbound traffic near Greenbush Avenue and another similar sign posted for westbound traffic near Tompkins Road (CR 106). Based on our review, we have determined that additional signing may be beneficial. We will arrange to have “Next ¾ Mile” and “35 MPH” panels added to the existing “Rough Road” signs as our workload permits to provide more information to motorists regarding the condition of the road and advise them to reduce their travel speed.

If you have any additional comments or concerns, please feel free to call me at 300-0380.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Kennedy
Regional Director

Councilman Boehm stated that he would encourage the public to call Mark Kennedy and added that he will make the letter available for anyone that wants to see it after the meeting.

Supervisor Traver stated that he will post it on the bulletin board in Town Hall.

Hannacroix Creek – Award of Bid

Councilman Touchette stated that he was going to read a letter addressed to Supervisor Traver from C.T. Male Assoc. regarding the Hannacroix Creek Project and continued by reading the following:

April 12, 2010

Dear Supervisor Traver:

At the October 20, 2009 Meeting of the Town Board, C.T. Male Associates, PC was asked to assist the Board in selecting a consultant from the pool of seven (7) proposals that were received to analyze and design the Hannacroix Creek Restoration Project.

The lowest proposed fee (\$98,550.00) for the consultant work was received from Infinigy. A close review of their proposal indicates that they did not possess the necessary experience as a team to perform the complex analysis and design that would be required to complete this project.

The second lowest proposed fee (\$110,800.00) was received from F.X. Browne, Inc. A close review of the proposal revealed extensive stream restoration work and a highly qualified staff that would be assigned to the project.

On March 10, 2010, Rick Touchette, Jerry Hall and I met with Deborah Slawson of F.X. Browne, Inc. to gain some insight into how they would complete the analysis and design. In short, I was very impressed with the competency and experience of Ms. Slawson.

As a result of this meeting and a site visit it was agreed that some changes to the original scope and proposal were warranted. The March 22, 2010 proposal fee from F.X. Browne, Inc. incorporated these changes such that the total proposal fee was reduced from \$110,800.00 to \$104,130.00. One significant change was that the survey services would be performed by others. F.X. Browne, Inc. agreed to perform the field survey for an additional \$20,000.00 (a total of \$124,130.00).

Consequently, it is the recommendation of C.T. Male Associates, PC that the Town of Coeymans, pending F.E.M.A. acceptance of the additional fees, award the consultant services contract to F.X. Browne, Inc. for \$104,130.00 per their March 22, 2010 proposal.

Please contact me at (518) 786-7463 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

C.T. Male Associates, P.C.

T. James Houston, PE
Project Manager

Councilman Touchette stated that they have C.T. Males recommendation that they accept F.X. Browne's scope of work pending F.E.M.A. approval for the additional scope and continued by saying that what is not included is a survey, which is required. He added that F.X. Browne quoted the survey for \$20,000.00, which he thought that they could probably do with a local firm for a more cost efficient price and added that Supervisor Traver located a local surveyor who indicated that he didn't have the necessary equipment to do the survey and in turn they asked C.T. Male to provide a quote, which they did in the amount of \$17,800.00. He continued by saying that he thinks that they need to act on the surveying fairly soon and in order to do it most effectively it needs to be done in the near future before there is too much foliage, which will increase the price.

Councilman Boehm interjected that this is all paid for by F.E.M.A.

Councilman Touchette stated that he understood that Chief Darlington was going to contact F.E.M.A.

Chief Darlington stated that he spoke with the Town's representative, which is actually S.E.M.O. earlier in the day and added that there have been a couple of concerns that have risen concerning the grant. He continued by saying that when they were originally talking

they received \$27,000.00 as a percentage for the engineering cost and in speaking with the Internal Control Officer, apparently there has been reimbursement levied against that, which he was not aware of and in turn he was brought up to speed as to what is pending against the grant. He added that the concern that he has is that anything has to be approved by S.E.M.O. and F.E.M.A. before the Town will get any reimbursement and originally they talked about a topographical map because of the foliage and if the Board is desirous of it they can go ahead with it but S.E.M.O. said that they would have to show why it is a requirement in order for them to reimburse it because it was above and beyond what was originally in the scope of work.

Councilman Touchette inquired about them not understanding why they need it in order to do the stream restoration.

Chief Darlington stated that he is not going to say that they don't understand why but rather they are requiring that the Town justify why.

Councilman Touchette asked if they indicated that they would be amenable to accepting it.

Chief Darlington stated that they would be and added that as long as DEC or F.X. Browne said that it would be a requirement in order for the engineering to be done appropriately, they should then accept it. He continued by saying that he talked with S.E.M.O. about the additional funding that was going to be needed for F.X. Browne and he was advised to submit it and they will review it and it would then be pending approval with them. He went on by saying that he had a concern and sent out an e-mail because it stated that there were some changes to the scope of work and apparently there was a second project worksheet issued from the initial that he does not have and continued by saying that he needs to make sure that whatever they are doing is within the project worksheet.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if the project worksheets are from S.E.M.O.

Chief Darlington stated that they are and added that it is the one from the F.X. Browne proposal that they authorized the money and apparently there was one for \$200,000.00 that S.E.M.O. will locate and e-mail him a copy. He reiterated that if they go anywhere outside the scope without approval first, they will risk all their funding being lost and when it says the scope of work was changed, they have to get approval from S.E.M.O. before they consider approving F.X. Browne.

Councilman Touchette stated that what Mr. Houston was recommending is that they accept the proposal pending F.E.M.A. acceptance of the additional scope.

Chief Darlington stated that was correct and added that he didn't want to put the Town on the hook for some money and added that they should not start any work until the Town gets approval.

Councilman Touchette stated that it would be until they execute the contract and added that he is more concerned about the survey right now.

Chief Darlington stated that he agrees and added that the cheapest way to get it done is aerial and with the foliage coming on it has to be done prior to. He added that C.T. Male did say that they would be willing to do just the aerial part of it until they get all of the pending approvals.

Councilman Touchette asked Chief Darlington about his experience with S.E.M.O. and F.E.M.A. and what would he recommend.

Chief Darlington stated that if they can approve it pending approval of additional funding and approval of the plan, he would be comfortable with it and reiterated that he does not want them to approve something and then be stuck with \$200,000.00 that they would have to put on the backs of taxpayers.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if he had a sense of how long the approval would take.

Chief Darlington stated that the last one took 6 months, which was for the \$98,000.00 and added that they can add the urgency that they are limited on when they can get in there.

Councilman Youmans interjected that it is maddening.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if it is based on the dollars that have been approved or the scope that was approved or a little of both.

Chief Darlington stated that it is a little of both and added that basically there is a scope of work that you are authorized to do and obviously prices change and if there are overruns they can submit them with an explanation and in turn if it is justified and within the scope you should be approved.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to how they would find out what the difference in the scope is.

Chief Darlington stated that S.E.M.O. gives you a project worksheet and in it is states the scope of duties and the \$98,000.00 says basically that it was the engineering for the work that was previously approved. He added that he does not know what the scope of work said on the original one, which is the one that he is trying to get a copy of so he can compare it. He continued by saying that he does not think that F.X. Browne will be an issue because it is an engineering cost and not physical work but if they are doing engineering studies on work that was not approved, they are wasting their time because once they start doing that work they would lose their funding.

Councilman Touchette interjected that the RFP that went out was based on the scope that was approved.

Chief Darlington stated that he was correct but there were changes, which he does not know what they were and added that once he is provided with what the changes were he can make sure that they are not putting the grant in jeopardy.

Councilman Touchette stated that Supervisor Traver was involved in some of the conference calls and continued by asking how he feels about it.

Supervisor Traver stated that he has no problem with moving forward as far as accepting it, pending that they don't lose the funding from F.E.M.A. and S.E.M.O.

Councilman Touchette asked if it was a motion.

Supervisor Traver stated that he would move it as a motion.

Councilman Boehm stated that he should specify the dollar amount.

Supervisor Traver stated that it is \$104,430.00 for F.X. Browne and \$17,800.00 for the topographical survey.

Councilman Touchette stated that he would second it.

Councilman Boehm interjected that he would clarify that it is subject to approval from S.E.M.O. and F.E.M.A. and he would like to amend the motion.

Chief Darlington stated that the \$17,800.00 is for the topographical survey that they want to do as soon as possible.

Councilman Boehm stated that the trees are leafing out now.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if they will pay for the survey and if it is part of the original scope.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not believe that it was and added that it is something that just came out. He added that they said that it was originally approximately \$5,000.00 for them to do the aerial part of it now and continued by saying that they should approve the aerial part of it so they can fly over and get it done and then the groundwork would be pending approval.

Councilman Touchette stated that they would be on the hook for approximately \$5,000.00 if it's not approved.

Chief Darlington stated that it is saving them that if they get it done.

Councilman Touchette stated that if they don't do it, it will be putting it back another year.

Chief Darlington stated that they could do it all via the ground but they also said they would be \$20,000.00.

Supervisor Traver inquired as to how the Board felt and added that there is a motion and second.

Councilman Touchette asked if he wanted to amend the motion to include the \$5,000.00.

Supervisor Traver stated that he would amend the motion.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if Councilman Boehm was ok with the amendment.

Councilman Boehm stated that he was.

Supervisor Traver called for the vote.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Maria Bowers Land Use Issue

Supervisor Traver asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch discuss the Maria Bowers land issue.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that this is an issue that has been dated back and forth for years and added that it resurfaced a couple months ago when the Attorney for Ms. Bowers, Attorney Blanchfield contacted him and in turn there were some phone conversations where he expressed the view that the Town is obligated to Ms. Bowers by virtue of the fact that there is a well on her property together with storage of highway materials. He continued by saying that he invited Mr. Blanchfield to attend the meeting with his client and he claims in a letter that is before the Board that he had another commitment and added that what they have before them is a proposal by Ms. Bowers attorney that the Town enter into negotiations with her Attorney to consummate a lease arrangement whereby the Town would be obligated to make payment for the well as well as any material that is stored on the property. He went on by saying that the Town Board needs to reach a consensus if they can with regard to the proposal and whether or not they want to move in that direction and added that he would not get stuck on any of the numbers that were offered in the proposal because he says in the letter it is subject to negotiation. He continued by saying that the benefit would be that it would bring closure to the issue that has been pending for several years and continued by saying that it should be subject to his review and examination of the maps that Code Enforcement Officer Conrad had said that he has showing the location of the well and where the material is stored. He concluded by saying that the guidance that he would like from the Board is if they want to move in the direction of some form of a lease arrangement.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that personally she is not in agreement to pay her a monthly lease agreement.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if at some point there was a swap for the land.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it was suppose to be to build her a road and added that this has been going on since the mid 70's.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that a couple years ago they started an agreement to make her road that came out on Greenbush Avenue in exchange for the property.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that originally there was talk about the Town buying it and added that he does not want to get into that.

Councilman Boehm stated that he does not think that a lease will solve the issue because she uses the Highway parking lot as a driveway and crosses the Hannacroix Creek to get to her home and added that he thinks that they need to address that issue.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that in the past she had not asked for much and added that they would help her if she needed it, which was very rarely and continued by saying that he thought it was a pretty good trade.

Councilman Boehm inquired about the well on her property.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the well is on her property,

Councilman Youmans inquired as to how that came to be and continued by asking if it predates Highway Superintendent Deering.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it was there before him and continued by saying that it is a good well.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that there are some deed maps that go way back that she just received and added that she would like to take a look at them to see exactly where the property line is.

Councilman Youmans stated that she has to cross Town property to get to her property and added that for \$600.00 a month over a 10 month period, they could drill a new well and be off her property and in turn put a gate up and then she would be stuck. He continued by saying that he has a problem with someone holding them hostage over this and now wants money from the Town and added that it probably has not been handled right from the beginning and he does not want to now handle it wrong going forward and throwing it in the next Board's lap. He concluded by saying that if they have material on her property, they should take it off her property and drill a new well and in turn she can put her own driveway in somewhere else to get to her property and added that this would be his inclination.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what is on her property now.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that there is stone, shale, and pipes.

Councilman Boehm asked if the lower building is on her property.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it's not.

Councilman Youmans inquired as to how much of a hardship it would be if he stored the material at the landfill or somewhere else.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the landfill is the only place that he could go with it and added that it would be further away from the building when they want something.

Councilman Youmans stated that it would then create a hardship for him.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is up to what the Board decides.

Councilman Touchette stated that they should look at all of their options before they agree on anything and added that he does not believe that it is a good deal for anyone other than Ms. Bowers.

Councilman Youmans stated that he agrees.

Councilman Boehm reiterated that it does not solve the problem and added that he thinks they should look for an outright purchase of the property right to the creek.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he has received enough guidance from the Board and is now in a position to respond to the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Coeymans Landing Park Railing Additions & Gazebo Electrical Outlet Upgrades

Supervisor Traver stated that he received a memo from Nelson Perry, Parks and Maintenance Supervisor for Parks and Recreation and continued by reading the following:

To: Supervisor Traver & Town Board
From: Nelson M. Perry, Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor
Subject: Quotes for Coeymans Landing Railing Additions & Electrical Outlet Upgrade to Gazebo
Date: April 20, 1010

Attached for your review and approval are quotes for work at Coeymans Landing Park.

Newburg Steel Fabrication – End rails to complete railing projects as required by NYMIR \$3,712.50. Parks will supply labor necessary for painting and installation. Mr. Newburg will do the welding installation as per previous rate of \$65.00 per hour.

Bullock Utilities – Halide flood light with photocell at basketball court \$775.00
400 W Metal Halide \$575.00

Price quotes include labor & material. I would recommend the Halide flood light as it is a better quality light and would provide more area coverage for security purposes. (Supplies light for both basketball court and soccer field).

Electrical Service – Installation of additional 20 amp circuits (6) at Gazebo – quote includes labor and material - \$705.00.

There is sufficient funding in A711.4 to allow for these upgrades.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any comments from the Board.

Councilman Boehm stated that he thinks it is important to finish the project on the railing.

Councilman Youmans stated that he had been down there and looked at it and continued by asking if they are talking about the little pieces that go perpendicular to the river

Supervisor Traver stated that it has to go all the way to the end of the concrete and added that they are perpendicular.

Councilman Youmans stated that he just ran some quick numbers on the sales tax that they got for the first quarter and added that it looks to him like they are trending almost \$20,000.00 behind in sales tax revenue and he thinks that it would be prudent to wait until later in the year when they know where they stand because there is a list for \$5,755.00 of things that he wants to do, which are all things that would be nice to do but

his opinion is that they wait on it for a while He concluded by saying that the railings look beautiful down there.

Councilman Boehm stated that his only concern is with NYMIR and this is an issue that they brought up and without completing the job he does not know what it would accomplish by not increasing the safety to their standards.

Councilman Youmans stated that he does not understand how that short piece that is perpendicular to the water is a safety issue and added that it is not a piece that prevents you from going in the water. He added that it would look a little nicer but he does not see it as a safety issue and continued by saying that if NYMIR disagrees it would be another thing.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to the purpose of it.

Supervisor Traver stated that it is down on the very end where there is still concrete and it is about a six-foot drop going off the very end.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to what that small piece does.

Councilman Touchette stated that it closes off Town property.

Councilman Youmans inquired as to if they are talking about the south end.

Supervisor Traver stated that they are and added the north end is done.

Councilman Boehm suggested that they separate the steel fabricating charges from the floodlights and added that he would like to see the floodlight there so people can play soccer and basketball. He continued by asking if the lights are on a timer or if they are on all night.

Chief Darlington stated that some of it is on a timer but he believes the basketball courts are lit all night.

Councilman Boehm stated that he didn't see any sense in keeping it lit all night and added that it would be good to get the spotlight on the soccer and basketball court and continued by saying that the gazebo has had chronic problems in the past and they actually ran lead cords from Tom Dolan's house and other neighbors. He went on by saying that he would be in favor of proposing the electrical service upgrade for \$705.00 and specifying the installation of some type of mechanism to time the flood lights as well as replacing them so people in the community can play basketball and/or soccer after dark.

Supervisor Traver asked if it was a motion.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would make it in the form of a motion.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to whether or not he was proposing that they do the steel fabricating.

Councilman Boehm stated that he will check with Nelson on it because it seems like a lot of money for a tiny piece of steel and he would like to get more information on that. He continued by saying that he would like to move forward with the installation of 20 AMP circuits at the gazebo for \$705.00 as well as upon Nelson's recommendation, install the Halide flood light for \$775.00.

Supervisor Traver asked if there was a second.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she would second it.

Supervisor Traver called for a vote.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Resignation of Confidential Secretary

Supervisor Traver stated that he received a letter from his Confidential Secretary and continued by reading the following:

April 12, 2010

Dear Supervisor Traver:

Please accept this letter as notification of resignation from my position as Confidential Secretary, to be effective May 28, 2010.

My decision has not been an easy one to make. Acting as caregiver to an aging parent, maintaining my home, as well as some recent health concerns make this a necessary step.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Coeymans.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Lewandowski

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to accept Mary's resignation.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she has worked with Mary over the years and added that she's been great and continued by saying that she really does not want to accept it but they have to and continued by offering a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded with regret by Councilman Youmans, the resignation was accepted.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm stated that she has been with the Town since he has been here and added that she is an integral part of the office and will be sadly missed and he too would accept it with regret.

Supervisor Traver asked Councilman Touchette if he had any comments.

Councilman Touchette stated that he hates to see her go.

Supervisor Traver stated that for the short time that Mary has served him, she has been an excellent asset and a tremendous amount of help in helping him get through the learning process of the Supervisor's position.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that he's been spoiled and no one will be able to fill her shoes.

Councilman Boehm jokingly stated that they could force her to stay by not accepting the resignation.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he wanted to chime in and added that generally he does not add anything but from his dealings with Mary she has done a terrific job and will be difficult to replace.

Councilman Boehm interjected that she also indicated that she is willing to train the next person and if they move quickly she can do that in bringing that person up to speed.

Supervisor Traver called for the vote to accept her resignation.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Part-Time Clerk I – Justice Court

Supervisor Traver stated that they discussed a part-time clerk for the Justice Court at the last Workshop and continued by asking for a motion to allow the hiring.

Councilman Boehm interjected that it is Clerk I position and not a Court Clerk and added that part-time is not to exceed 17.5 hours and continued by offering a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the hiring of a part-time Clerk I in the Justice Court.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Planning Board Training at Five Rivers

Supervisor Traver stated that he spoke with Councilwoman Rogers earlier in the day regarding Planning Board Members attending training at Five Rivers and added that they did not submit it for payment but it was required training. He continued by saying that he is requesting that they be able to put in a voucher so they can be paid the right way as well as advising them that they have to get Town Board authorization before they go to any additional training.

Councilman Boehm asked Councilwoman Rogers if she knew the cost.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she didn't have any idea and added that it keeps getting put off even though they did it the wrong way and should have gotten Town Board approval.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to who attended.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she believes that it was Buddy Irwin, Joe Kapusta, Peter Foronda and Dave Ross, who was present in the audience.

Councilman Youmans asked Mr. Ross if he remembered how much it was and added that he thought it was around \$25.00.

Planning Board Member Ross stated that it was minimal and added that he does not have his notes to refer to and continued by saying that there was some question as to whether it was going to be submitted because some of the training they take on their own and they don't submit anything.

Councilman Boehm interjected that he thinks it is appropriate that they reimburse them.

Councilman Youmans agreed and added that they would not expect them to pay for training on their own because they are serving the Town.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to when the training was.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it was in February.

Supervisor Traver agreed that it was in February.

Mr. Ross stated that he would have to look at his notes.

Councilman Boehm stated that he would make a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Youmans, authorizing reimbursement for the Planning Board that attended the training at Five Rivers.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #046-10 APPROVE APRIL 2010 ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Youmans, 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 approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the April, 2010 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	688-752	\$276,341.82
General	823-882	\$ 30,732.70
	General Total	\$307,074.52
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forf. Pre-Pay	753	\$ 580.00
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 580.00
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	754-775	\$224,434.99
Part-Town	-0-	-0-
	Part Town Total	\$224,434.99
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	776-790	\$ 65,038.74
Highway	883-929	\$ 43,589.03
	Highway Total	\$108,627.77
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	791-813	\$ 25,000.86
Sewer	930-947	\$ 8,733.02
	Sewer Total	\$ 33,733.88
	Total for all Funds	\$674,451.16
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	814-822	\$335,454.79
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$335,454.79

CORRESPONDENCE

Star Ross – Police Officer Commendation

Supervisor Traver stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Starr Ross and continued by reading the following:

April 14, 2010

Dear Chief Darlington,

I am writing in reference to the incident on April 11, 2010 in the Hamlet of Coeymans.

As I approached the bridge area where a young girl had fallen, I noticed that she was not alone down there. One of our Coeymans Officers was down there by her side, comforting her and assessing her condition. I believe his name was Frank McDonagh.

I just wanted you to know that I was so proud of him and you should be too. He didn't have to climb down there, but he did. I watched him until the bigger rescue teams arrived. It was obvious that he was making a difference to a bad situation for that child. He stayed with her to the end; in fact, he was the last one to be pulled up.

Sincerely,

Starr Ross

Supervisor Traver stated that Ms. Ross wanted to pass along to the Town Board and Chief of Police what Officer McDonagh had done that day.

Councilman Youmans stated that they are all very proud of Officer McDonagh and his actions and added that he was glad to hear that the little girl is ok.

Councilman Touchette asked Chief Darlington if Officer McDonagh had seen the letter.

Chief Darlington stated that he had as well as it being in his personnel file.

NYS DEC – NY and Mossy Hill Quarries

Supervisor Traver stated that he was in receipt of a permit from DEC for a SEQR Review and added that it is for expansion of Mossy Hill Quarry. He continued by saying that he passed it along to Building Inspector Conrad and he does not believe that it has gone to the Planning Board and he feels as though it should be passed on to the Planning Board.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there is a deadline for comment and continued by saying that the letter is soliciting comments from the Town. He continued by saying that he does not want the Board to miss the deadline because if they do they are not going to consider their comments. He concluded by saying that they better check it to make sure what the deadline is.

Supervisor Traver asked the Board if they had any comments and added that he has the whole packet.

Councilman Boehm suggested that Supervisor Traver read the letter and added that it might make more sense.

April 13, 2010

Applicant: New York Quarries Inc.
305 CR 111
PO Box 70
Alcove, NY 12007

Facility: Mossy Hill Quarry
305 CR 111
Alcove, NY 12007

Application ID: 4-0124-00009/00001

Permit(s) Applied for: Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES – Surface Discharge 1-
Article 23 Title 27 Mined Land Reclamation

Project is located: Town of Coeymans in Albany County

Project Description:

The Department has received an application from the company for a new mining permit to continue mining bluestone from its quarry, which has been in operation for many years. Mining is proposed over a 14.3 Life of Mine areas, of which, 12.7 acres would be mined during the permit term. Bluestone is mined and cut and shaped using various pieces of equipment such as excavators, wheel-loaders, and several types of wet saws. Storm water will be controlled though the use of on-site storage ponds. The mine is situated within a 174 acre property on the east side of SR 111, approximately ¾ mile south of Alcove.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination:

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was performed.

SEQR Lead Agency:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:

Cultural resource lists and map have been checked. No registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified at the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Public Comment:

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 05-21-10 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person:

Angelo A. Marcuccio, NYSDEC
1130 N. Westcott Road.
Schenectady, NY 12306
(518) 357-2069

Councilman Boehm suggested that he place a copy of the Notice on the bulletin board in case anyone has any questions.

Supervisor Traver asked the Board if he should forward it to the Planning Board.

Councilman Touchette suggested that it also be sent to the Zoning Board and added that both would be involved in the project.

NYS DEC – Docks at Landing

April 22, 2010

To: Town of Coeymans

Subject: Coeymans Landing – New E-Z Dock System “Parts Trade-In”

Dear Mary:

We are very pleased to have assisted in the Town’s acquisition of the subject dock system. DEC’s long-term success in collaborating with various Town Officials over the years has made such on-site improvements possible. Nelson’s continued dedication to your Parks Department is an obvious asset to the Town and we have no problem allowing him to use any extra dock parts or DEC provided funds at his discretion to maintain the subject facility for the safety and convenience of all public users. Installation and deployment of this new E-Z Dock System passed my visual inspection on April 8, 2010 without a hitch. Thus, any future dock maintenance can be performed without reporting back to the DEC, Region 4 Fisheries. We anticipate much positive feedback from the appreciative public regarding this high use site. Again, we thank Nelson and Ron Hotaling for their tireless support in the more recent improvements to this riverside park.

With best regards,

Scott Wells
Aquatic Biologist I

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to echo what the letter said and added that Nelson has done a tremendous job with getting the docks in and continued by saying that the new docks are well used and a big improvement over what they had. He continued by saying that it was all done with grant money from DEC so there was no cost to the Town and the railings, docks, Evenings on the Green and Farmer’s Market really enhance the area down there.

Supervisor Traver stated that he wanted to echo the same thing and added that Nelson and his crew have been working hard down there for the last couple of weeks putting the railings up and putting the new docks in.

Captains Choice

Supervisor Traver stated that Joanne Burrows and Captain Al of Captains Choice stopped in the office to speak with the Supervisor and Confidential Secretary Lewandowski communicated the following:

- (1) Their ability to tie up at Coeymans Landing to offer cruises on the Wofford to people attending Evening on the Green as they did last year.
- (2) Inquire whether we would be getting another dock section for the new docks to bring it a little further out into the river.
- (3) Our old docks – whether they can be stationed against the riverfront wall for docking passenger loading purposes.
- (4) Or, maybe they can take the old docks off our hands.

Joanne & Captain Al will be away for three weeks, but Captain Steve Burrows is aware of these issues and can be reached at his cell at 470-4666.

(Per Nelson – Old docks require structural repair. There is no ramp to them anymore. Last year it was discussed that the docks be sold. He has had someone who is very interested in purchasing the docks “as is” calling him.)

Supervisor Traver stated that he was advised by Confidential Secretary Lewandowski that another company wanting to purchase the old docks is Bazooka General Contracting out of Mechanicville and added that he is offering a price of \$500.00.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to putting it out to bid because there are two parties interested.

Councilman Touchette suggested using the online auction for surplus material.

Councilman Boehm asked if there is another section of dock going in.

Councilman Youmans stated that it was his understanding that there was suppose to be tires that went underneath them for when the tide goes out so they don't bottom out and added that the new docks do not require them. He continued by saying that it is his understanding that the distributor, in lieu of the tires, will be bringing another dock section and it will be going out a little further.

Councilman Boehm stated that he didn't have an opportunity to ride on the Woffard but does know people that did and added that he does not have a problem allowing them to use the docks.

Councilman Touchette stated that there were some people disappointed last year and added that he understood that they were going to be present every Thursday night and added that their attendance was sketchy and continued by saying that he thinks that they need to either commit to every Thursday night or have a schedule.

Councilman Boehm stated that he will ask the Captain what his intentions are.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he had submitted a request regarding the NYS 1033 Federal Excess Property for authorization to execute the Agreement.

Councilman Touchette stated that it was on the last Town Board Meeting agenda and added that they tabled it because he was not present and continued by saying that it is not on this week's agenda.

Councilman Youmans stated that he thought that they came to an informal conclusion that it would make sense.

Chief Darlington inquired as to if it was a Town Board Meeting or Workshop.

Collectively the Board stated that it was a Workshop.

Chief Darlington stated that he does not attend Workshops unless he is asked and added that he was not aware that it was on the agenda.

Councilman Youmans reiterated that they concluded that it made sense to authorize the Chief to enroll in the program because it allows the Town to get surplus equipment for the Police Department at no cost and continued by saying that if it is free he is good with it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that as Councilman Youmans had indicated they did feel that it was a good idea that it be done but one issue did arise, which was whether the Supervisor or the Chief of Police should execute the Agreement.

Chief Darlington stated that is says that the Chief Executive Officer of the Law Enforcement Agency has to sign saying that he read the Agreement and will abide by it as well as having to verify that he has approval from the Town Board to execute it. He continued by saying that if does not sign it, there are five places for the Board to sign.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is covered.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would offer a motion to enter into the Program.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Chief Darlington to enter into the program and sign-off on it today.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Chief Darlington thanked the Town Board and continued by saying that as the Town Board is aware, AT&T is interested in the Town's site for the cellular tower and added that he was contacted earlier in the day and they were wondering if the Town was interested in moving to a different land owner spot and try to get a Lease Agreement with the landowner. He continued by saying that he is in discussions with the Building Department because he believes that this landowner has some code issues that may be arising and it might not be feasible for them to try to go into a Lease Agreement with them. He went on by saying that AT&T has said that if there was no way that they could, they would still be interested in putting the tower at the site that they currently have.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Youmans stated that he had some exciting news to report and continued by saying that on Friday he spoke with Tracy Brooks, who worked for Senator Clinton as a liaison to 15 different upstate counties with an emphasis on Economic Development and continued by saying that she has offered to sit on a Task Force for Economic Development for the Town of Coeymans. He continued by saying that he spent a good part of Friday and the weekend reaching out to local business leaders and he has what he believes to be a pretty good team assembled and he is asking the Board to strongly consider it as a vehicle to stimulate some Economic Development in Town. He added by saying that the vision that he has is that this Task Force will study the current business climate and economic condition and make recommendations to the Board as to things that they can do immediately to promote Economic Development and growth. He concluded by saying that he will have more information to share with the Board and he hopes that the Board shares his opinion that it is a good idea.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she sits there week after week and she hears the comments from the public that the Board is a disgrace and they should resign and added that she has kept quiet because she also has been tired of the press and she thought that it would go away and they could continue on with Town business, but it is not happening. She added that this is her third term and she has worked with Republican Supervisors and Democratic Supervisors and she has gotten along with everyone and continued by saying that those in the public that have comments to the Town Board, should stop addressing it as the Town Board because some people do work with the Supervisor and she would appreciate that they name the person on the Town Board that they have a problem with.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he continued by saying that he had a statement that he wanted to read and then read the following:

As everyone knows I have done 26 years of dedicated service to the Town in volunteer fire departments, rescue squad, working for the Town and Village and being in the military. I have dedicated over half of my life just for the people of this Town. The time has now come to inform the public where I would like to see the Town moving. I met with my Department Heads last week to start early on the 2011 Budget. Throughout this year we intend to watch the budget very closely and monitor where the money is going.

After sitting in office for the past four months, I am seeing things that need to be addressed to save money, with two major concerns actually right now due to the winter months, the heating and electric. I feel as though there should be a Task Force to try and start doing some energy conservation starting right here with Town Government in trying to save some money. These bills are very extremely high and we need to look at making these conservation changes as soon as possible.

When I was on the campaign trail, numerous individuals told me they wanted to make the Town of Coeymans a better place to live.

Major items of concern were:

1. Establishing a transfer station, which I believe, could be very inexpensive with the possibility of very little cost or no cost at all. I am going to try to look and research and have a committee to start this.
2. The establishment of a leaf, grass and brush program like the Village of Ravena has. There are a lot of residents in the Hamlet of Coeymans that have no place for these items to go and if the Program is successful I would like to expand it to the entire Town, which would also be very inexpensive or low cost to the Town residents.
3. Reinstating the Paramedic Program, like I said I ran many years with the Rescue Squad and Fire Company and a few years ago the Paramedic Program was let go. It was only a part-time status or a very long response due to the fact that some of the paramedics were coming out of Voorheesville. There are many senior citizens in this community that need the Paramedic Program and the paramedics as soon as possible and not waiting 20 minutes or ½ hour.
4. Examine the possibility of the Ravena Rescue Squad becoming a Taxing District. Councilman Boehm is liaison to the Rescue Squad and I would like to have him start checking into this to see if it is a cost effective measure to save some money.

These are only a few ideas, but are important issues that concern our residents. Waiting too long to act on these items will cost more in the future.

Other items that need to be addressed include the roof on the Waste Water Treatment Facility that has been leaking for over ten years and has done extensive damage within the building. The poor drainage around the Town Hall has also been going on for ten years. A better plan for a replacement program for the Town Highway Department and Beautification Department and Police Department vehicles needs to be established. Each year the more and more that we wait, it gets more and more expensive. Other major concerns is dealing with drawing business to the community and I'm glad that Councilman Youmans has taken a step to go that way and start bringing businesses to the Town of Coeymans because the Town is starting to fade away and there is not enough business to support us.

In the coming months, I will be performing the job of what I was elected to do and keep the public informed as well as obtaining their input. I will be conducting Round Table Discussions on Saturday mornings to get the people involved and to get them involved in Town Government. We all live here, we all need to work together, I am here for the people to listen to their voices of concern and as of right now I am not stepping down as Town Supervisor. I will not be forced out as Town Supervisor. I will only step down when I feel the need to step down.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS / MEETING

- Town Board Meeting – May 10, 2010, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop – May 18, 2010, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting – May 24, 2010, 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
April 26, 2010 – TOWN BOARD MEETING – 7:00PM**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk