

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, September 13, 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

ABSENT: Richard N. Touchette, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Theresa Shear, Confidential Secretary

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Traver stated that Council Youmans, Rogers and Boehm were present with Councilman Touchette being absent. He continued by saying that Town Clerk Millious, Confidential Secretary Shear, Chief of Police Darlington and Highway Superintendent Deering were also present and continued by giving an overview of the agenda.

AGENDA

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Public Hearing, August 19, 2010, 6:00pm
 - Public Hearing, August 19, 2010, 6:30pm
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Justice Court, Hiring Full-Time Clerk
 - Invitation to Bid, Collection System and WWTP Upgrades 2010
 - Highway Department, Renewal of GASBOY Software Support, Need for ITS Hardware
 - Planning Board, Request to Attend Training
 - NYMIR, Proposed Additional Lines of Coverage
- Resolutions
 - Approve Amended Abstract
- Correspondence
 - Lafarge
 - Citizen Liaison Panel Meeting
 - Hillary Hawke, Press Release
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings\
 - Town Board Workshop, September 21, 2010, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 27, 2010, 7:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Traver invited the public to comment at this time.

Christina Burns stated that she lives in Coeymans Hollow and continued by asking if there was \$1,000.00 allocated for the Farmers Market in Coeymans this year and whether or not it was in the budget and added that she was under the assumption that there was.

Supervisor Traver stated that he does believe there was money allocated but he is not aware of how much there was and added that there were some signs purchased. He continued by saying that he can find out for sure and let her know.

Ms. Burns reiterated that she understood that there was money and it was suppose to be used for advertising and funds for different events and there was no advertising, no events planned and basically the market that was suppose to run through October is done because there are no vendors left. She continued by asking why money was not spent to bring in customers and keep the vendors there.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if she was charged a fee for her booth.

Ms. Burns stated that she wasn't.

Councilman Boehm stated that he didn't think that there was money allocated for advertising.

Councilman Youmans stated that he does not have a budget with him and added that he spoke with Councilman Touchette, who organized the Farmer's Market, and he indicated that next year as they go into the season to start getting ready, he would welcome any and all input from the vendors.

Ms. Burns stated that there was a big meeting at the beginning of the season and they all had input and she understood that Councilman Touchette was going to go to local businesses to see if they wanted to do some funding and in turn make a banner with all the businesses on it. She continued by saying that her concern is that next year they will go through the same thing and it will be another year that it is a flop and this is two years in a row. She added that they are not going to be able to pull vendors in if it continues the route it is going at, which is her concern and then asked what the options are because she does not want it to fail. She went on by saying that she enjoys it and it is nice and it's nice to be local rather than having to go outside the Town because this one is not pulling in enough people and there are not enough vendors, which she does not understand.

Councilman Boehm stated that at the New Baltimore Farmer's Market they give you free coffee if you go.

Ms. Burns stated that she doesn't personally do that market but her mother-in-law does and it has actually been better this year since they moved it and it has been growing.

Councilman Boehm stated that the vendors are not charged a booth space and they tied it in with the Evenings on the Green, so there was traffic down there. He added that they are open to new ideas and he hopes that it continues and it was advertised on the website.

Ms. Burns stated that it was on the website but there was not much other advertising and added that you really have to hit it hard.

Councilman Boehm stated that it's not all the Town's responsibility.

Ms. Burns stated that Councilman Touchette is the only manager that the vendors know because he is the one that had been discussing it and she does not know who else to go to or who is suppose to do it.

Councilman Youmans stated that he understands that she would be in favor of a fee for the vendors and asked if that was correct.

Ms. Burns stated that she is but not a large one because it is not a big enough market and a small fee for \$10.00 - \$15.00 per week given at the beginning of the market could be

used for funding and would keep the vendors there because they had money invested in it.

Councilman Youmans stated that she seems to know the ins and outs of it.

Ms. Burns stated that she does somewhat and added that she has been dealing with it for two years.

Councilman Youmans stated that the Town is new at it.

Ms. Burns stated that she would agree with that.

Councilman Youmans stated that he will talk with Councilman Touchette about it and he is sure that her input will be welcomed and then thanked her.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Mike Lambert stated that he lives on Westerlo Street in Coeymans and continued by asking who is responsible for the sewage increase where Coeymans pays the whole shot and the Village does not. He added that Coeymans probably has more apartment buildings than the Village and the landlords will be raising their rent when the average Joe in Coeymans has less money than the average Joe in the Village. He continued by saying that it makes no sense to him and then asked that it be explained.

Supervisor Traver stated that at this time there are several things that have to be done at the Sewer Plant, which will be brought up later in the meeting and includes a roof replacement, a generator that has to be replaced, and a boiler that has to be replaced that they have to come up with the money, which is why there was a major increase.

Mr. Lambert stated that it should be paid for across the board and the Village should pay their share but instead it's the Town picking up the tab and added that it is ridiculous and not fair, which they can see themselves.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Ms. Lesley Lopez stated that she also lives in the Hamlet and she received her sewer bill earlier in the week and was quite shocked when she opened it. She added that she agrees with what the gentleman was just saying about the huge increase and part of her issue is that she had no knowledge that there was going to be an increase and apparently there was a Public Hearing that was advertised in the News Herald but she does not get the News Herald. She continued by saying when the bill came with such an outrageous increase there should have been a letter that came either with it or separately explaining the things that Supervisor Traver was just talking about. She went on by saying that you hear things in and around Town about the differences between the Village and the Town and she has no idea what is right and what the real story is and all she knows is that she went from paying about \$200.00 a year to paying \$500.00 a year, which is not acceptable to have that much of an increase. She continued by saying that she has no problem with an increase if that is what's necessary but to go that kind of a jump is not fair to any of the taxpayers and if there is some kind of a situation with the Village and it does need to be across the Board and then asked for the reason for the huge increase. She concluded by saying that they said that there are repairs that need to be done but to jump that much is putting it all on the taxpayers in the Hamlet.

Supervisor Traver stated that it is also due to a deficit in the budget with the Sewer Plant for over the past eight years and it is a deficit of about \$500,000.00 that they also have to pay, which is also part of the reason for the large increase.

Ms. Lopez inquired as to why they have not seen an increase during the last eight years.

Supervisor Traver stated that she would have to ask the prior administration.

Ms. Lopez inquired as to if they are covering the deficit all in one shot.

Supervisor Traver stated that it will be over a five-year period.

Ms. Lopez inquired as to how the Village plays into it and as to what is happening with their sewer prices.

Supervisor Traver stated that the split went to 65/35 and 70/30 percents.

Ms. Lopez inquired as to what the average homeowner pays in the Village and added that she is going up an extra \$300.00 a year.

Supervisor Traver stated that the Village sets the rates and she would have to ask the Village Board.

A member of the audience stated that she is also in the Village and added that it went up \$56.00.

Ms. Lopez stated that there is a problem if the Village is buying sewer services and they are going up \$56.00 and she is going up \$300.00 and there is a huge unfairness there and she does not think that it is fair to put it on the individual taxpayer, especially with the economy the way that it is. She concluded by saying that it is a substantial increase and it should be looked at.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Alice Southwick stated that she has lived in the Town of Coeymans for 30 years and she just got her bill as well. She added that her bill in January was \$315.00 and it just went up to \$1168.00, which is an \$853.00 increase and her property and the Village only went up \$56.00, which is water and sewer combined. She continued by asking why it went up that much and added that there won't be anyone left in the Town of Coeymans.

Supervisor Traver stated that he just explained his reasoning.

Ms. Southwick stated that they just put in a gas line and it didn't cost them anything and continued by asking where the money is going.

Supervisor reiterated that he just explained it.

Ms. Southwick stated that if everyone leaves the Town they will have nothing and it ridiculous and continued by asking how they expect to bring new people in to this town when there is stuff like this going on because no one is going to want to move in but rather they will be moving out.

Mr. Paul Ryan stated that he lives in the Hamlet and added that he has his house for sale because he needs to get out of here and will abandon it because he refuses to pay what they want. He continued by asking if the Village has paid their share because they supposedly settled it.

Supervisor Traver stated that they did.

Mr. Ryan inquired as to if he can get a negotiated settlement on how much he owes.

Supervisor Traver stated that he can't.

Mr. Ryan stated that the Village is a customer and they can but the people in the Hamlet can't. He continued by saying that they supposedly have a contract with the Village and it's not signed and dated and then asked how it can be a contract.

Supervisor Traver stated that they have a signed contract.

Mr. Ryan continued by asking if the Village rates are only allowed to go up so much and why their rates are going up so little and the Hamlet's rates are skyrocketing.

Supervisor Traver stated that he would have to address the Village Board about their rates.

Mr. Ryan inquired as to why the Town doesn't charge the Village more.

Supervisor Traver stated that it is what was negotiated.

Mr. Ryan stated that he went from \$110.00 up to \$384.00, which is ridiculous and the Village went up \$50.00 combined for sewer and water.

Mr. Ryan continued by asking why the difference because he does not understand why the Town went so high and then asked if the Village is charged the same as the Hamlet.

Supervisor Traver stated that the split is 65/35 and 70/30.

Mr. Ryan stated that on the average the Village is paying more than the Hamlet.

Supervisor Traver stated that the Village is paying 70% toward the plant.

Mr. Ryan inquired as to if Supervisor Traver lives in the Village.

Supervisor Traver stated that he does.

Mr. Ryan stated that he still thinks that it is a conflict of interest there.

Supervisor Traver stated that it is his opinion.

Mr. Ryan stated that it is to his benefit and it's why it is a conflict and reiterated that he does not understand why the Hamlet got raised so much and the Village didn't.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Dana Northrup stated that he has a three unit at 51 Westerlo Street, which are two bedroom units and his sewer went up 138%. He continued by saying that the water bill is doable and it should be illegal for the sewer to go that high. He added that he put a lot of money and time into the property and cleaned it up nice and put decent people in it and he can't raise their rents any higher because if they leave he won't have anyone to rent to. He went on by saying that from \$210.00 a unit to \$490 something is unheard of and they have to do something about it because he can't afford to own a house here.

Mr. Andy Lopez stated that he lives in the Hamlet and continued by saying that it would have been a professional courtesy on their part to let them know ahead of time with a letter or some kind of formal announcement that they were going to do this as opposed to just giving them a bill.

Supervisor Traver stated that there was a Public Hearing.

Mr. Lopez stated that he wasn't even in the country for the Public Hearing and he's not going to pay what ever the cost for the News Herald to get a recap of it and like any other bill that he gets, when he gets an increase it is a professional courtesy to get a warning or at least an explanation on the bill as to where the charges are coming from. He continued by asking whether or not they felt it would be a professional courtesy to let the residents, who voted for them to be here, know what the actual costs were and to explain why they were getting a 150% plus increase as well as justification behind it.

Supervisor Traver stated that they did it the legal way by having a Public Hearing.

Mr. Lopez inquired as to if the Town Board negotiated the sewer bill with the Village of Ravena.

Supervisor Traver stated that they did.

Mr. Lopez continued by saying that the Village is paying less and then asked if it is good negotiating skills on the Boards part in representing the Hamlet or whether or not something else in the backdoor was done.

Supervisor Traver stated that there was no backdoor.

Mr. Lopez stated that he must be telling him that the negotiating skills on his part are lacking because the Village is paying less than what the Hamlet is paying.

Supervisor Traver stated that they are paying more.

Mr. Lopez stated that they are not and it's a lie and added that there is a problem because a lot of people either don't know the right answers or they think they know the right answers or they all know something wrong and added that they are not explaining themselves properly. He continued by saying that they should forget the legal part and it is a small town with a small budget as well as being a small minded town and then asked why they can't just have a conversation and have the justification of it so the rumor mill can go away and they can feel comfortable and have faith that they negotiated on their behalf whether they live in the town or not.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would agree with him in saying that a better explanation was probably in line and added that some of them are fairly new at this and they could have done a much better job communicating with them as to why the rates were going up. He continued by saying that they did have a Public Hearing and the felt like they talked to every person in Town but he knows that they didn't and they did talk a lot and to say that the Village is paying less is not entirely accurate. He added that historically, the way it was is that they were paying 50% of Capital Improvements and they have now agreed to pay 65% and they were paying 65% of the Operation and Maintenance of the plant and now they are paying 70%, which is an interim solution. He went on by saying that there are two places where sewage from the Town goes into the Village Collection System and then leaves the Village Collection System down by the firehouse by Pieter B. Coeymans School and goes back into the Town's and then ultimately to the plant to be processed. He continued by saying that the only fair way to put a dollar figure on what should be paid, and the new contract calls for meters to be placed in two places in the 9W corridor and a place where it goes back into the Town's Collection System and then down to the plant. He added that it has been said by a lot of people that they all flush their toilets the same amount so everyone should pay the same and if all they processed at the Sewer Plant was sewage, it would be very valid but because the Collection System in the Village and the Collection System in the Town are getting old, when they have high rain events they have problems at the plant and there is more coming in than they can process at time, which is not because people flush their toilets more when it rains but because they have an inflow and infiltration problem. He went on by saying that inflow is water that comes from sump pumps being hooked into the system and old roof liters that go into the system and infiltration is water that comes in through cracks. He continued by saying that there are some that believe that the Village has a much bigger I&I problem than the Town does and there are those that believe that the Town has a much bigger problem than the Village and the only way to ultimately determine that is to put meters in and now each municipality is going to pay for what they are contributing to the plant. He added that the meters are scheduled to go in within the next year and in 2012 the amount that the Village pays will be based solely on the meters instead of some negotiated amount and in 1969 when the original agreement was signed with the Village that was called for and it was suppose to be done but it was never was and then in 1999 another agreement was signed with the Village and it was suppose to be done, but it never was. He continued by saying that it is his way of thinking that it is the only fair way to get at who pays what for the Sewer Plant and the unfortunate part of that is that it is going to take a little time and some engineering to make sure that they have the right meters, they are placed in the appropriate places and read properly so they can come up with billing data.

Mr. Lopez inquired as to who is going to pay for the meters.

Councilman Youmans stated that both the Village and the Town will pay for them.

Mr. Lopez stated that he is not a great mathematician and continued by saying that if the Village is paying 70% of operational costs then why is the Town going up 150% plus and where is their money going towards.

Supervisor Traver stated that as he said earlier there has been a \$500,000.00 deficit through the years.

Mr. Lopez stated that they are paying for mismanagement over the last eight years for the people that sat in their previous position and now they have to cover 100% of the mismanagement for the Town of Coeymans for the fact that the Village can't cover their part because it was not negotiated properly. He continued by saying he is just trying to figure it out and he can afford the increase but it is not fair and it is not right and he won't pay it just out of principal and there are a lot of senior citizens in the Town of Coeymans that are on a fixed budget that cannot afford 150% or 175% increase. He went on by saying that he is not speaking to them about whether or not he can or cannot afford it and it is totally out of principal especially when someone has negotiated not for the betterment of the people that live in the Town but rather for the betterment of the Village. He concluded by saying that he very much appreciates and respects the fact that Councilman Youmans was able to answer his question, which he didn't get from Supervisor Traver and added that his attitude about this problem is unwarranted.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Daryl Moore stated that he lives on Westerlo Street in the Hamlet and he is present to address the Board on the sewer usage rates and he is in full agreement with the majority of the consensus on the rates escalating unfairly and how the bills are being separated between Ravena and Coeymans on fair shares of escalation based on some input from other people in the community. He continued by saying that he signed a sheet when he talked to Town Clerk Millious when he paid his bill and then asked if the sheet was for those protesting their bills and in turn where it will go and what it will do.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she presented it to the Board to let them know about the calls and people that came in complaining about their bill.

Mr. Daryl Moore inquired as to how the Board is going to address the names on the sheet.

Supervisor Traver stated that they just received it.

Mr. Moore inquired as to if they have any idea as to what they are going to do with the sheet with the list of names and then asked how many names were on the sheet.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there are approximately 30.

Mr. Moore asked again what the Board will do and whether or not they will make a motion to lower the bills based on the list or leave it like it is.

Supervisor Traver stated that they will take a look at it.

Mr. Moore continued by saying that the billing date was suppose to be in June but unfortunately it came out in September, which poses another hardship upon the community because their school taxes are due at the same time, which he found out while he was in the Clerk's Office. He continued by saying that it was not billed in an appropriate manner because they were still in negotiations with the Village and postponed it, which is a double whammy in getting their sewer bill and school taxes due at the same time. He went on by saying that he understands that the water rates are also going to escalate and then asked what percent they plan on escalating the water bills.

Supervisor Traver stated that water is determined by the Village.

Mr. Moore inquired as to if they negotiate with the Village on the water rates.

Supervisor Traver stated that they do not.

Mr. Moore stated that he is just asking because he is not sure how any of it works and continued by saying that they spoke about meters but all of the houses in the Hamlet do not have a meter and this would be the fair and equitable way to bill because he is a two person family and there could be another family with ten, which would not be equitable to bill based on a flat rate when there are multi family dwellings as opposed to families that have a one person family dwelling.

Councilman Youmans stated that when he mentioned meters he was not talking about individual meters on houses but rather meters that measure the Town's input into the Village system and then where it comes back into the Town. He continued by saying that he would agree that the only fair way to do it, really and truly, is to have a meter on every house and water in versus water out is what the bill would be based on, which would also lead to conservation.

Mr. Moore stated that water in versus water out is not accurate either because people water lawns, wash cars and fill pools.

Councilman Youmans stated that his point is that it is how it is done in a lot of municipalities and the fact that there are not meters on every house is what has been handed down to them and if you look at what it would cost no to install a meter on every house and the have someone read every meter on a periodic basis it would seem to him that they would almost have to establish a whole different department to do that, which he does not see as a cost savings to anyone at this point.

Mr. Moore stated that it could save them a lot of headaches over the long run because when you go to escalate rates you would be able to justify the rate increment and people would be able to understand paying a higher rate than their neighbor and it would be more clarification to the customer.

Councilman Youmans stated that the way it works is not that the guy with a three family-house pays the same as the guy with the one family house and as Mr. Northrup stated, he gets hit for three units while a single family house is one unit. He continued by saying that unfortunately it's the system and the way that it is and in looking forward maybe there is a way to change it but for this current billing cycle and the foreseeable future there is probably not.

Mr. Moore stated that Supervisor Traver had stated earlier that there is a \$500,000.00 deficit and then asked how it took place and who is being held accountable other than the taxpayers.

Supervisor Traver stated that in 2002 the sewer rates were dropped 23% and part of it was that there was no increase in the usage and upkeep as well as prior administrations had a different philosophy as to where they were going to go in charging in different areas.

Mr. Moore stated that he had also mentioned maintenance and upkeep at the sewer plant and the cost is high and there are various pieces of equipment that are failing and continued by asking if there are any kind of green solutions to this where there are State or Federal monies that could be appropriated to remedy these problems.

Supervisor Traver stated that they put in for a grant and were denied.

Mr. Moore stated that it's either a grant or low interest loans that are not a massive burden on the taxpayers and there are revenues that could be applied to something like that.

Supervisor Traver reiterated that they applied for a grant and it was denied.

Councilman Youmans interjected that the upgrades to the sewer plant are \$300,000.00 of which the Hamlet is going to be responsible for 35% of and their plan is to bond it with a

low interest loan over 20 years and added that it is not a good reason for the increase that they are facing but it is part of it for certain. He added that to hear someone say that for the past eight years it was mismanaged in his opinion is disingenuous as well and he thinks that each administration that came in was handed a bigger bag of problems as they went along and as Supervisor Traver had said, different administrations had different strategies for dealing with it. He continued by saying that they are in a position now where unfortunately it is pay me now or pay me later and right now is later, which is the hard part because they cannot continue to operate the plant in a deficit position. He reiterated that they could have done a better job getting the word out about the rate increase and he has done some research and found that the Town's rate is in line with what other municipalities around pay for sewer taking the Village of Ravena out of the equation. He continued by saying that looking at New Baltimore, Coxsackie and Bethlehem, \$500.00 is not a crazy amount to pay for sewer service.

Mr. Moore stated that he does not believe that it is \$500.00 per year because his bill is \$383.00 for a quarter.

Supervisor Traver stated that the \$383.00 is for this billing period and at the start of next year it will drop down to \$246.00 and then in six months another \$246.00. He continued by saying that's what they did to make up for some of the deficit and for some of the upgrades that they have to do and they raised it this year to \$383.00 to start the upgrades and pay off some of the deficit, which would be \$498.00 total with the major part being in the second billing.

Mr. Moore stated that it is still quite excessive and added that Mr. Lopez spoke earlier and said that he was protesting it and would not pay the bill and continued by saying that his understanding in speaking with the Town Clerk's Office, is that if they don't pay the bill it will be rolled over into the Property Tax Bill with the late fees and penalties, which is a double whammy. He added that school taxes just came out and it is really a burden for single parents and senior citizens and then suggested that they do some kind of an installment plan for those that cannot make one lump sum payment like they are demanding and whether they can break it into several payments without penalizing those that want to make a good faith attempt to make the payments and not be penalized. He continued by saying that under these circumstances they feel as though they have a gun to their heads and don't have a lot of options and if they could break it up into some kind of payment schedule for people in the community it would give them an option instead of a high penalty fee and in doing so it would be more appreciative and the public might be more receptive.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Ms. Donna Pasquini stated that she lives in the Hamlet and she wanted to thank the Board for raising their sewer rents and along with her Sewer Bill came her School Tax Bill and three days later she got her water bill, which eats up her income for the whole month. She continued by saying that she will be coming to one of the Board's house for dinner and she's thankful that she doesn't have any children that she has to buy school clothes and supplies for because they would have had to go without. She added that they said that it goes back to 2002 but as far as she can remember her sewer rents dropped last year and they know that the Village didn't pay their sewer rents from June 2008 up to December 2009 until they did a contract and the amount they owed, which she got from the Town Clerk's Office was \$664,000.00 but in the contract the Town settled for \$355,000.00 with the Village having 1,661 users and the Hamlet has 425 and with out-of-district users it is 440. She continued by saying that they say this just came about now, and they blame it on the last administration but she thinks that a lot of it is because the Village was not made to pay and then asked if they have even been billed for 2010 because they are being hit with 2 ½ times the amount.

Supervisor Traver stated that he believes that they have been billed for up to June.

Councilman Youmans stated that he knows that there have been some bookkeeping issues that they needed to handle and as of the last meeting they amended the Sewer Budget and at this point the Village is waiting for the Town to tell them what they owe

for 2010, which is an accounting function at this point. He continued by saying that he has every indication from them that they are ready, willing and able to pay what they owe and when she says that they have not paid from 2008 through to when they got the contract, he does not want to see them vilified unnecessarily because to be fair they offered to pay at the old rate and the Board, minus Supervisor Traver told them that they didn't want it and there were some reasons behind that.

Ms. Pasquini stated that she understood that it was because it was to be considered payment in full and it wasn't.

Councilman Youmans stated that he doesn't know about that but there were some considerations and thought process that they went through before they accepted their money. He added that he does not want to sit and beat them up because they did offer to pay at the old rate and the Board told them no.

Ms. Pasquini stated that this is part of the reason that they don't have the money ahead of time right now and it was because they had to wait for it because of negotiations or because of what was going on and that money wasn't coming in so it did create a bigger hardship. She continued by saying that this is why she is wondering if they were billed for this year and the Village bills the Town for 150% of the water and they bill it in advance and in watching their meeting on Tuesday night, they want to charge 25-30% of their maintenance to the plant and break the agreement that they have with the Town. She went on by saying that he is saying not to vilify the Village but they are sitting on public television and saying that the Hamlet hates them and the Hamlet is milking them when the Hamlet isn't doing anything to them and if anything they are the ones that are getting milked. She added that she thinks that it needs to be clarified a little bit more and it should not be blamed on the eight years because it is not a whole eight year situation because she has been in the Hamlet for 33 years and she knows what the Sewer Rents have been and that they went down in 2009 and then back up this year more than they have ever been and back less than eight years ago they were paying \$500.00 so they can't say eight years. She continued by saying that this has been quite a long time going on and she has talked to residents that have called and asked her what they should do because they just put kids in school and had to buy school clothes and supplies and on top of it got their water, sewer and school tax bills and questioned how they choose what they will pay. She concluded by saying that they should call the Town Board and not her because she didn't set the sewer bill that should have come out in July to come out in September along with the water and school taxes and anyone that has those kinds of questions need to step forward and address the Board.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Kevin Biegel stated that he lives on Civill Avenue in Coeymans and he also agrees with everyone who has spoken about the excessive sewer bill and when proportions are spoken of and various percentages between what the Village and the Hamlet, it is true that it does not take into account for the number of people that live in the Hamlet of Coeymans and for those that live in the Village. He added that an illusion is created even when it is compared to other districts as to how much people pay for sewer or water and it is definitely unacceptable to go from the previous billing to the current rates and in his particular situation it is \$2.00 shy of \$400.00, which he does not find acceptable as well as bad timing and in poor taste to have a school tax bill in the same month that there is an excessive increase in the sewer bill and then have the water bill compounded with it. He continued by saying that he does not know about all the other people but he can speak for the majority in saying that they do not accept it nor do they take it lightly and many people could not make it to the meeting that he has spoken to and if anything he can speak for the people because there are not too many people that are officials in any capacity that truly do speak for the people. He reiterated that it is unacceptable and there is no excuse for it and he understands that this Board has not been in office for the last 15-20 years but there is such a thing called preventative maintenance and this Board could initiate mandatory plans and procedures where in the case of preventative maintenance and in dealing with the sewer plant, when there are things to be repaired or replaced, it should be done and you don't wait 10 or 15 or 20 years before you do necessary upgrades to a sewage plant or to do basic simple maintenance. He added that

he understands that there are a lot of issues with the Sewage Plant, which is poor management and he is not saying that it is this Board's fault because of negligence but it is a reflection on how this Town government has operated and that they have not operated in the best interest of the residents of Coeymans. He continued by saying that he has lived in this community for 22 years and he finds that unfortunately the government of Coeymans does not get along with Ravena and he finds it sickening that they live in the same district and there is an extremely poor working relationship when it comes to government officials and it's not just the sewage bill increases, it is also many other areas in this locality. He added that he's probably not the only one that will have to use his credit card to buy groceries for the rest of the month because the debt to Coeymans has consumed the majority of his debt and if the Town is afraid that they won't have the money to pay for the latest repairs at the sewer plant, they can rest assured that in driving through Coeymans you will see many houses for sale and there will soon be more of them. He concluded by saying that he does not plan on living in Coeymans for the rest of his life and he used to think that it was a good town to live in and this Town does not have to mold after other dysfunctional town's and this town generally speaking can do the right thing for the people but instead they will turn it into a ghost town because a lot more people will be leaving.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Larry Ruff stated that he lives in the Hamlet and he had just talked to a lifetime resident of the Village and the Hamlet and he said that it seems to him that the Hamlet has always lost in any relationship with the Village. He added that he was talking about when the Water Plant was built, it was suppose to be 50/50 and then the Hamlet lost the lawsuit with the Village and since then the rates have not been equitable. He continued by saying that it seems that they need to do something with the relationship with the Village and they need to try and work things out to get them to be a little better. He went on by saying that at the August 19th Meeting there was a budget for the Sewer District and he is wondering where the numbers came from because when he looks at them they are rounded off so much that it looks like it something that he would put together as a back of the envelope estimate for a project. He continued by asking if there is better documentation of where the numbers came from because it looks like something that someone pulled out of the air.

Supervisor Traver stated that he does not have in front of him what he is referring to and added that the Internal Control Officer and other people working on it rounded it off and there are more accurate numbers but it is right in the ball park of what the numbers are on the sheet.

Mr. Ruff stated that when you look and it's rounded off from \$275,000.00 to \$300,000.00 it is \$25,000.00, which is \$25,000.00 that can be returned back to the taxpayers and reiterated that he is curious as to where the numbers came from. He continued by saying that at the last Meeting Mr. Allen had quoted some possible issues about the legality of this whole thing and it appears in the article in the paper that they got legal opinions relative to the Mayor not signing the agreement as well as changing the rate half way through the year, which is possibly not legal. He went on by asking if there were laws or previous cases that were cited that said it was legal.

Supervisor Traver stated that they had the Town's attorney look into it.

Mr. Ruff stated that Mr. Allen cited some laws and continued by asking if the Town's attorney has some written response to the Board that cites laws or opinions as well as if it is public record.

Supervisor Traver stated that he believes that it is public record.

Mr. Ruff stated that there have been meters included in every agreement for many years and then asked if it is something that is really going to happen and if it is being worked on as far as input and output to the Village.

Councilman Youmans stated that it is.

Mr. Ruff inquired as to when it will happen.

Councilman Youmans stated that they expect the first year that the billing will be affected by the meters is going to be 2012, which gives them the rest of 2010 and early end of 2011 to get them installed and he expects by spring they will be installed and they will have at least six months worth of data from the meters going in to 2012, which is what the billing will be based on instead of some arbitrary negotiated number that he understands is frustrating to many.

Mr. Ruff stated that hopefully it will be good for those in the Hamlet. He continued by saying that there was also discussion about metering the water usage and trying to get a more equitable billing in the Hamlet and Village in terms of sewer usage and he would agree that it is a tough call as to if it would be worth it or not to do. He added that it is his thought that it might be worth getting a group of Civil Engineering student from R.P.I. to run an estimate on it, which would determine if it would be worthwhile to do it or not because as it has been pointed out, there are only two in his house and then there are houses that have 10 people in them and are using a lot more water.

Councilman Youmans stated that the problem that they have there is if they as a Board have a meter put on everyone's house in the Hamlet, it is only a small percentage of the users of the system, so the Village would have to agree to do it as well, which would have to be a joint effort.

Mr. Ruff stated that he mentioned previous that there needs to be more consolidation of what is going on between the Town and Village rather than to have the two entities fighting each other all the time and they should try to work a little more closely in pulling the two entities together. He continued by saying that for the Village it would also be more equitable for the two person home versus the rental properties that might have a bunch of kids, which seems to him like it would be more equitable for everyone in the long run and could hopefully adjust the rates to be a little better. He added that he agrees with Mr. Lopez that for some of them it might not be a major hardship but it was bad to get everything at one time. He went on by saying that he wanted to also address the traffic in the Hamlet and he always sees the police sitting on Rte. 144 where the conveyor goes over the road and he thinks that the police need to sit in front of his house on the weekend during the day and watch how fast people drive through the Hamlet and it is not 35mph or 40mph but rather 45-50mph. He added that he is a pretty good judge of car speed and you can tell when someone is going 30mph and when someone is doing way above 30mph and it is scary because when cars are headed north they top the hill and then go down and they are going even faster and it is blind when you top the hill so they can be coming over the hill at 45mph when they are backing out of their driveway and they have had a few close calls. He went on by saying that another thing that they are seeing is an increase in truck traffic coming from the south, which is tractor-trailer traffic and they come over the hill at 40mph and hit their jack breaks, which is pretty scary. He added that he would be more than willing to let the police get the monitoring unit from Albany County and stick it in the property right across from his house on James Drive to tell people how fast they are going because he does not think that they realize how fast they are going. He went on by saying that there is truck traffic headed north out of the port and his wife was almost killed the other day by a tractor-trailer pulling out who didn't even look and he pulled out right in front of her and she had a tough time stopping before she hit the side of the truck. He continued by saying that he has been watching the truck traffic and he does not want to knock the business because he thinks that it is great that they have a business that is growing in the Hamlet of Coeymans but the truckers don't seem to have any respect for anyone and they are crossing the double yellow lines and are speeding and they should be held to 55mph and no faster and if they are going 56 they should be ticketed because it is too dangerous because it is narrow and winding. He went on by saying that the last thing that he wanted to address was housing and as they all know they had some S.W.A.T. action in the Hamlet of Coeymans and continued by asking what is being done in terms of Code Enforcement in terms of the number of units per house. He continued by saying that he is wondering if they have been going through there and checking to see that there is a legal number of units and residents because when you come into the Hamlet from the north it scares friends of theirs. He added that the trash is getting worse and worse through there as well as absentee landlords, which he's

sure is an issue and that's why they are probably not going to hear some people complain because the landlords will just up the rentals. He concluded by asking if anything is ever going to happen to the Malphrus property because in coming from the north it is horrible and it has always been horrible. He went on by saying that the vacant, decrepit, falling down house is sitting there and then asked again if there is anything that the Town can do about it.

Councilman Youmans stated that Mr. Malphrus has passed on and he sees a "For Sale" sign there and there is considerable acreage. He continued by saying that he thinks it goes back as far as when he was in high-school that the Town was doing battle with Mr. Malphrus.

Mr. Ruff interjected that it has been going on as long as he's been living here.

Councilman Youmans stated that there have been court cases and somehow he always seemed to beat the system and he did see that they brought a crusher on site and crushed the cars.

Mr. Ruff stated that the trailers are still there.

Councilman Youmans stated that it looks to him like an effort has been made to clean it up so they can sell it and once it is sold hopefully the new owner will take some pride in it and want to do something nice with it.

Mr. Ruff stated that it will be if they can sell it in this economy as well as who knows what is on that property in terms of waste. He continued by saying that he talked about the port and it is nice to have the business here and they did a nice job with the berms along the property, even though it blocked the view of the river and now that the business is growing north and you are coming in from the north, it is not the greatest looking piece of property. He then asked if there were any sort of plans to try and put more berms or try to clean it up because when you look through the fence there is rusted equipment and all kinds of other stuff sitting there.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would think that if Mr. Laraway heard him say that he would probably cringe and continued by asking Mr. Ruff if he had ever been down in to the property.

Mr. Ruff stated that he had been several times.

Councilman Youmans stated that he knows what it looks like down in there and continued by saying that he would mention to him himself that it is a concern that had been raised because he had indicated to him as well as everyone else that his intention is to be a good neighbor.

Chief Darlington asked to speak on two of the issues and continued by saying that as far as the speed enforcement he will ask that his cars step-up enforcement along there as well as checking into the sign from Albany County.

Mr. Ruff interjected that he knows that a sign makes a difference.

Chief Darlington stated that the housing had been mentioned earlier and one of the things that the law enforcement does in conjunction with the Albany County District Attorney's Office is whenever they have any kind of drug arrest and there are tenants and if it is an absentee landlord, the District Attorney's Office will evict on behalf of and in the absence of the landlord. He continued by saying that with the incident that happened earlier, they will be working with the DA's Office and possibly looking at evictions for them.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Peter Sorrell stated that he lives in Ravenna but has property in Coeymans and he thinks that it is a crime that \$610.00 is for the first month and then they want to hit them

with the full thing back to the first. He added that he thinks it is unfair that he pays the same thing as Yanni's for his units and Yanni's as a business pays the same and there are probably hundreds of people at night during the weekends going down there and using the toilet but he pays the same all year as them.

Councilman Youmans stated that he understands where he is coming from with that and he has had some contact with business owners over the last week upset because they are being billed multiple units and Cumberland Farms is billed two units, one for their retail gas sales and one for their store and another business is being charged six units. He continued by saying that just because he is seeing that commercial is the same as residential he understands where he is coming from.

Mr. Sorrell stated that they are talking about sewer and water and commercial is \$494.00 per unit.

Councilman Youmans stated that what he is trying to explain to him is that different businesses within the Town are charged more than one unit and he would bet that if he asked Marc Yanni, he is being charged more than one unit and maybe paying 3-4 and reiterated that he understands from the paper that he is looking at.

Mr. Sorrell stated that there are signs that say "Vote Them Out" and he didn't know what it was for but he hopes that the people in the Town of Coeymans and Ravenna should think about who they have running and how they are running the residents life down because he wishes he could go back and tell his tenants that they can pay \$40.00 extra to make up all the difference that he is going to have to pay to the Town because the Town mismanaged his money.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Terrence Falzano stated that he owns a multi-family 10 unit and a 6-unit building, which will be a total of \$8,000.00 for sewer, and he will not have a choice but to raise the rent and the sewer bill is now more than the water bill. He continued by saying that he will be paying \$13,000.00 for sewer and water, which is more each month than he is paying for the school and county tax combined. He added that it is a disproportionate ratio because if you go into a community you find out what the taxes are and you put in a numerator and denominator for water and sewer. He continued by asking if they can meter the multi-family houses so he can pay for what he uses and then asked if it is in negotiation or if it is just a venting time.

Supervisor Traver stated that it is public comment.

Mr. Falzano stated that it does not mean anything because the law has already been passed and it is firm and it will have no effect on the Town. He continued by saying that his point is that it is a large increase and \$8,000.00 for sewer for one building and \$4,800.00 for water, the money is literally going down the drain because you don't make a lot of money when you are chasing people for rent but he does not have any other choice than to raise the rent.

Councilman Youmans stated that 10 units do not compute to \$8,000.00 a year for sewer.

Mr. Falzano stated that he was correct and added that it is 16 units for sewer, which is a lot of money and for a 10 unit it would be just under \$5,000.00 for sewer for flushing your toilet and the water is another \$5,000.00, which is \$10,000.00 for water and sewer with property taxes being just under \$10,000.00. He continued by saying that the point that he is trying to make is that the water and sewer is greater than the school tax and property tax combined, which is disproportioned and there is no other community that you could go to and find that. He added that usually the ballpark figure that you can go with is \$50.00 per month and in Coeymans it is \$100.00 a month, which is double what most communities are, so it is high. He then asked if there was any comment or response or if they are going to change it.

Councilman Youmans stated that they can't change it by law.

Mr. Falzano asked why they won't change it.

Councilman Youmans stated that by law they can only change it once a year, which is what they have done.

Mr. Falzano suggested that they appeal it.

Councilman Youmans stated that they can't appeal it.

Mr. Falzano questioned whether or not they can appeal a bad decision and insert comments and maybe try to renegotiate or try to get a grant. He added that when he first bought the unit he was paying \$1,200.00 for water and sewer and now he is paying between \$8,000.00 and \$9,000.00 a year, which a big increase. He continued by saying that he is looking for a solution and then asked if there was a grant writer involved with the Town at all.

Supervisor Traver stated that there's not.

Mr. Falzano stated that there was a big bail-out for the Federal government and continued by saying that he was wondering if there was any money available for smaller towns and if anyone looked into it.

Councilman Youmans stated that they looked into it and you will find very little in Albany County.

Mr. Falzano inquired about money for waste water treatment going into the Hudson River.

Councilman Youmans stated that where they spend the money is on municipalities that do not have a viable sewer system, which the Town does have, and they have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars upgrading it, which has been ongoing for years and years and this is what they face. He added that they all wish that they could wave a magic wand but the numbers are the numbers and to make it less expensive now is going to make it more expensive for them later, which is the unfortunate because if they run it at a deficit, at some point the deficit has to be paid.

Mr. Falzano asked if he can pay for what he uses and can it be metered and it is usually water in versus water out.

Supervisor Traver interjected that they already covered that earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Falzano stated that for the multi-family units, the increase is multiplied 10 times for a ten unit so he is being hit 10 times as hard and continued by asking if they can make a special case law where they meter the multi-families and added that the Civill building he believes is 28 units so their sewer bill is approximately \$14,000.00 for the elderly. He then asked again if it could be metered because he is sure that the older people don't use the same amount of water as a family of 4 or 7 or 10.

Councilman Youmans stated that he sees his point and he has looked at the numbers and bit his fingernails and pulled his hair out and he is never cavalier when it comes to telling people that they have to pay. He added that he lives here too and he is acutely aware of the cost associated with home ownership and he wishes that there was a way to wave a magic wand over it and make it something other than what it is. He concluded by saying that he would sit down with him and go over the numbers and if he can see a way to save some money, he is all ears.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Laszlo Polyak stated that he lives at 1 Central Avenue in Ravenna and he was sitting home watching everyone talk and he concurs and there are several things that can be done. He continued by saying that the Board can congregate and discuss ways for the senior citizens on fixed incomes to pay over a period of time without penalizing them

because they are on fixed incomes and it would be by special law or they can just forgive. He continued by saying that Village Law for multi-family houses of two or more, by law and he has been fighting for it, must be metered and they can fight it, which also applies to commercial. He added that the 14th Amendment of the Constitution says that everything must be equal and fair, which they can also address as well as filing a complaint with the Attorney General's Office and request that the Village and the Town be looked at and audited as far as where all the money is going and to look at why it is not equal. He continued by saying that every community that he knows of, they do bill it equally and it is billed by usage, which is simply put as a \$1.00 for a gallon of water per use and \$1.00 worth of waste per use, which is the fairest way as well as being able to bear pressure in other ways such as filing a Notice of Claim that says you intend to sue both the Town and the Village until it is all equal and fair and you can also incorporate the Attorney General and Comptroller's Office into it, which will bring the news media down. He went on by saying that everyone is paying for the added sewer and they are all mad about it and they should turn their water spigots on for an entire weekend and use it because they are paying for it and it is called civil disobedience, which will also bring around the news media. He concluded by saying that Americans can do things.

Supervisor Traver asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Councilman Youmans stated that he would like to ask people not to do that and added that it sounds like a great idea and Mr. Polyak makes some great points but if they were to do that, all they would do is put a lot of waste in the river, which he does not think that they would want to do.

Supervisor asked if anyone else wished to speak, 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 Public Hearing on August 19th at 6:00pm and a Public Hearing on August 19th at 6:30pm and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Traver stated that there is no Old Business to report at this time and moved to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Justice Court – Hiring Full-Time Clerk

Supervisor Traver stated that he spoke with Justice Dardani earlier in the day about hiring a full-time clerk and he advised that it will be put out internally first and then out to the public for a full-time clerk and he will keep the Board abreast of what if going on because of some changes in the laws and there is a lot more paperwork involved.

Councilman Youmans interjected that he thinks it is important to note that the Court is budgeted for that from the beginning of the year.

Invitation to Bid – Collection and WWTP Upgrades 2010

Supervisor Traver stated that he was asking that a motion be made to authorize Town Clerk Millious to put miscellaneous collection system and W.W.T.P. upgrades 2010 out to bid. He continued by saying that it is the emergency generator and installing a new roof, which includes the roof removal and asbestos removal as well as the installation of a new heater.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to put said stated items out to bid.

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

Highway - Renewal of Contract for GASBOY

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to authorize the renewal of software support between the Highway Department and Gilbarco Inc. dba. GASBOY, which expires on October 20, 2010. He continued by saying that GASBOY presented a renewal contract with no increase in the price per year for their services and the motion would be authorizing him as Supervisor to sign the renewal agreement and allowing Highway Superintendent Deering to administer the contract as well as authorizing payment by voucher to GASBOY.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if he or Albert would be administering the contract.

Supervisor Traver stated that Highway Superintendent Deering would administer it and as Supervisor he would sign it.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing Highway Superintendent Deering to renew the contract.

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

Highway – Need for ITS Hardware

Supervisor Traver asked that a motion be made for a purchase through ITS for IT hardware for the Highway Department and added that ITS did some work out there with the computers and there is a need for some hardware to update their system. He continued by saying that there is no cost increase for them working on the system and it is just the price for the hardware.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to what the hardware will do.

Supervisor Traver stated that one of the things will be a battery back-up.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that computers are over his head.

Supervisor Traver stated that there is no increase for the hourly rate.

Councilman Boehm stated that the price is \$219.00 plus \$79.00 plus \$74.99.

Supervisor Traver stated that he believes that there is money in the budget for this.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing the purchase of the hardware.

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

Planning Board Request to Attend Training

Supervisor Traver asked for a motion to approve a request for training for the Planning Board for its members to attend a Planning Workshop on October 4, 2010 and to authorize the registration fee of \$20.00 per member attending.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Youmans, authorizing training for the Planning Board and the registration fee of \$20.00 per member attending.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if the request included mileage.

Councilman Youmans stated that it does not say that.

Councilman Boehm stated that it is in Colonie and he would also agree to mileage for their transportation.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Supervisor Traver stated that the request was accompanied by the Planning Board Minutes for Town Board review.

Confidential Secretary Shear stated that they are normally with the Building Department Report but because Larry was not in when Cathy got it, she didn't think to put them in and she asked that they be put in at the meeting.

NYMIR Proxy – Proposed Additional Lines of Coverage

Supervisor Traver stated that he was asking that a motion be made to authorize him, as Supervisor, to sign the proxy from NYMIR regarding two new proposed lines of coverage. He continued by saying that it is for getting information and their opinion on the two proposals which are:

Proposal I:

- Shall NYMIRE be authorized to offer NYS Insurance Law Section 1113 (a) (2a) defense only coverage; meaning that NYMIR could provide a defense where money damages are not sought such as where only injunctive or declaratory relief is requested.

Proposal II:

- Shall NYMIR be authorized to provide fidelity and surety insurance pursuant to Chapter 389 of the Laws of 2010: namely official undertakings conditioned for the faithful performance of official duties as referenced in Section 11 of the Public Officers Law and required by related provisions of the County, Town and Village Laws.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Supervisor Traver to sign the proxy.
VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

Councilman Youmans asked that in the future he would like to have something like this in his box prior to a meeting so it is not a surprise.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if he is approving of disapproving Proposal I and II.

Councilman Youmans suggested that he would sign them in the affirmative.

Councilman Boehm stated that both Proposal I and Proposal II would be approved and the Supervisor would be authorized to sign.

Supervisor Traver stated that it is dated September 8th but they just got it on Friday, September 10th.

Councilman Youmans stated that he covered his ears and tried to read it and understand it while Supervisor Traver was talking.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #81-10 AMEND AUGUST ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby Amend the August, 2010 Abstract as follows and indicated in red.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1422-1433,1435-1474	\$222,658.35
General	1519-1549,1551-1561	\$103,111.59
	General Total	\$325,769.94
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1475	\$ 740.00
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 740.00
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1434,1476-1490	\$319,327.28
Part-Town	1562-1567	\$ 3,845.64
	Part Town Total	\$323,172.92
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1491-1497	\$ 33,107.34
Highway	1568-1608	\$ 52,727.58
	Highway Total	\$ 85,834.92
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1498-1512	\$ 14,498.23
Sewer	1609-1624	\$ 15,149.93
	Sewer Total	\$ 29,648.16
CAP. PROJ. H-35		
Cap. Proj. Pre-Pay	1626	\$ 1,676.48
	Cap. Proj. Total	\$ 1,676.48
	Total for all Funds	\$766,842.42
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		

Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1513-1518	\$224,467.14
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$224,467.14

Councilman Boehm inquired as to the reason for the changes.

Town Clerk Millious stated that one voucher was going in to be paid twice and the other a vendor returned a check saying that it was duplicate payment and when that happens the abstract that they previously approved has to be amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lafarge

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

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to notify you of our plans to host Ravena Plant Modernization Information Fairs and inviting you to attend a meeting.

We will hold information fairs on Thursday, September 16 at Stuyvesant Town Hall (5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant), on Wednesday, September 22 at Senior Projects of Ravena (9 Bruno Blvd., Ravena) and on Thursday, September 23 at the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Building (1700 Brookview Road, Castleton).

All three Information Fairs will run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and all are open to the public.

At each Information Fair, attendees will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from Lafarge North America and our project environmental and engineering team. These experts will be glad to discuss the state-of-the-art technology proposed for the new facility, the construction timeline and other details of our exciting modernization project.

We continue to work diligently with our regulator, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on our plant modernization project and we are anxious to explain our plans for transforming the existing plant into the most advanced cement facility in New York State.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 756-5026.

Sincerely,

John F. Reagan
Environmental Manager

Citizen Liaison Panel Meeting

Supervisor Traver stated that he received an e-mail from John Reagan inviting him to a Citizen Liaison Panel Meeting on September 30th at 8:30am and added that he is unable to attend the meeting. He continued by asking if any other Board Member is available and can attend the meeting.

Councilman Youmans stated that he will get back to him on his availability.

\$25 on the 25th Campaign

Supervisor Traver asked that Councilman Boehm discuss this topic.

September 13, 2010 – TOWN BOARD MEETING – 7:00PM

Councilman Boehm stated that the campaign \$25 On The 25th Campaign is sponsored by the New York Press Association, the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials. He added that it is promoting a statewide citizen campaign to help support Main Street business across New York State on September 25th. He continued by reading the following excerpt:

The growing campaign, which now involves the New York Press Association (NYPA); the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM); the New York State Economic Development Council; the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and others, will give New Yorkers a concrete way to support struggling local merchants. It will encourage New Yorkers to shop locally this September 25th, spending at least \$25 at a local store or stores. If successful, the “\$25 on the 25th” campaign will be repeated.

Councilman Boehm continued by saying that the letter indicates that you should mark your calendar and added that it is a simple program that can be easily implemented here and he has some stickers for anyone wanting to take one. He continued by saying that the whole idea is to patronize Main Street businesses and spend some money and it is a great idea to keep money local and to support local merchants.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, September 21, 2010, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, September 27, 2010, 7:00pm

CLOSING COMMENTS

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he wanted to give an update on the tower construction and added that he and the Supervisor received a call earlier in the day from P&M and they are hoping to have the new Land Lease Agreement ready for review by the end of the week in addition to speaking with J&S Towers and they are asking that the Town review the Management Agreement, which he will forward to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and send by e-mail to each Board Member. He continued by saying that the hope is that by the October 12th Meeting they will be able to execute both Agreements and have any questions clarified prior to that date because AT&T is very anxious to get started and they wanted to be up and running by now and once the Agreements are signed the construction will start. He went on by saying that he also wanted to update the Board on the purchase of a new car and as such the car that was not going to be replaced, the newer of the two cars, unfortunately had some engine problem and the minimum for repair on that car is \$600.00. He continued by saying that he is requesting at the next Workshop to discuss a Vehicle Maintenance Program and prior to that he will sit down with Councilman Youmans and discuss it.

Councilman Youmans stated that to be clear, Chief Darlington is not suggesting a Vehicle Maintenance Program to avoid what just happened with that car but rather a Vehicle Maintenance Program to keep the fleet updated on a regular basis.

Chief Darlington agreed and added that at pervious meetings they discussed the fact that the replacement has been lacking and has created an issue. He continued by saying that he also would like to be on the agenda at the next Workshop to discuss staffing as well as communication equipment needs. He went on by saying that as stated prior, it was a busy day Friday on Main Street in Coeymans, which is the result of a six-month investigation that was started by the road patrols and picked up by the investigators. He continued by saying that although the S.W.A.T. was not the Town of Coeymans, they worked hand-in-hand with the Albany County Sheriff’s Department, and Department of Environmental Conservation who came down and did entries for them due to some concerns at some of

the residence and as a result, six residents were arrested, most for criminal sale of a controlled substance.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering asked if he was on the Workshop agenda.

Supervisor Traver stated that he was.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to what he was on the agenda for.

Supervisor Traver stated that it was for the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Highway Superintendent Deering asked if he was going to meet with the Board on the budget.

Supervisor Traver stated that he was and continued by asking if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to announce that the Bid Opening will be on Thursday for the Hauling of Sludge at 2:00 on September 16th and added that it was advertised at price per gallon as they wanted. She continued by saying that tomorrow is the Primary Election and she put a notice in the News Herald and added that it is for those registered as Democrat, Republican, Conservative, Independent and Working Families and the polls are open from 12:00pm to 9:00pm. She continued by reading the list of polling places as follows:

- 1st District Coeymans Municipal Building, 70 Main Street, Coeymans
- 2nd District Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- 3rd District Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- 4th District Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main Street, Ravena
- 5th District Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow
- 6th District R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte. 9W, Ravena
- 7th District Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow

Town Clerk Millious stated that she will be available if there are any questions and added that the new machines will be used, which were available for the public to see prior to the election.

Supervisor Traver asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Boehm stated that last Wednesday was the First Day Celebration at Coeymans Landing and added that he wanted to offer special thanks to the Police Athletic League, Chief Darlington, and the officers and dispatchers that were handing out sno-cones, cotton candy and popcorn and monitoring the Bouncy Bounce. He added that it was a lot of fun and a great opportunity for the Police Athletic League to interact with the younger kids as well as cutting the ribbon officially for the new playground equipment. He continued by saying that there have been a lot of improvements down there with the new fencing, playground equipment and new docks and it is a nice place to be. He added that he wanted to thank Chief Darlington on the police investigation that led to the arrests in Coeymans and went on by saying that it is unfortunate to hear about it but all of the leads were generated locally and he worked appropriately with the other agencies to get drug dealers off the street.

Supervisor Traver stated that he wanted to update the Board on a few things and added that the Sewer Plant is continuing the dye and smoke testing down in Coeymans for the leaking of the sewer into the storm sewer area. He continued by saying that Chief Operator Breedlove said that 18 residence were done with the dye testing and a letter will be going out relative to the smoke testing, which is a smoke machine that is non toxic into the creek and it blows out smoke where there are leaks and if any residents see any smoke in their house they should go out to the street where they are working and let them know that there is smoke coming into the house, which hopefully there is none and

reiterated that it is to see if sewer is going into the storm sewer. He went on by saying that he got another complaint today about the Marshalls' building and the collection of junk cars and added that he knows that Code Enforcement Officer Conrad has been working on it with the Department of Motor Vehicle to see if everything is legal and up to date. He continued by saying that he believes that there is nothing that they as a Town Board can do but he would like for the Board to take a look at it because they may be getting into a problem with the junk vehicles that cannot be sold and added that it does not have anything to do with Cross Roads but rather another company that has the other two buildings there.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to if the cars were left there.

Supervisor Traver stated that they are cars that were brought in and added that in looking at the buildings, they are filled with cars.

Councilman Youmans stated that the word on the street is that there is someone that plans on opening a used car dealership and added that he has been told that for a number of months and those cars have been there for a long time. He continued by saying that he is starting to get suspicious himself and maybe they should contact the property owner to see what is going on.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to how long they have been filling the building with cars.

Supervisor Traver stated that it has been at least two months and added that a lot of people don't realize that the cars up on the hill are not part of Crossroads and people thought that they were part of Crossroads taking in trades.

Ms. Lorraine Swinyer from the audience stated that the building that they are talking about, which is the old showroom for Marshalls has a big sign in the window saying that they will be opening soon.

Supervisor Traver stated that he wanted to thank Mary Driscoll for the 9/11 Ceremony on Saturday at Village Hall and added that she presented the Town with a plaque that he will be putting in Town Hall and continued by saying that they did a nine lap stroll in remembrance for each year since 9/11/01. He added that he also participated in the First Day Celebration and he also wanted to thank Chief Darlington and the Police Athletic League as well as Councilman Boehm for spearheading the project.

Councilman Boehm stated that there were also a lot of community people and teachers that he wanted to thank as well.

Supervisor Traver stated that it was very nice event for the first day of school. He continued by saying that with regard to the Leachate Plant on Jarvis Road, Chief Operator Breedlove is giving him prices for the liner that was damaged, which may be covered under their insurance but the fence may not be covered due to the fact that they might be able to fix it rather than replace it and it may be a budgeted item that they will have to do. He added that he will continue to work with the Insurance Company and try to get it replaced.

Councilman Youmans stated that he made a suggestion that they repair the fence that is there and put signs with a skull and cross bones that says "poison" because you might stop people from going in there and added that it is what is in there. He continued by saying that people need to know that when you ride your dirt bike through the lagoon, you are riding through 40-50 year-old garbage juice that is leaching out of the ground, which is why that plant is there, to capture it and treat it. He went on by saying that it is absolutely ridiculous for someone to ride a dirt bike through there is absolutely ridiculous and maybe they don't know what's in there. He reiterated that when they repair the fence they should hang a bunch of signs that say "Poison, Danger, Keep-Out" because people tend to stay away from a skull and cross bones.

Supervisor Traver stated that he also wanted to thank Chief Darlington for the good job that they did on Friday and as Councilman Boehm had said, it is sad but at this time there are six drug dealers off the street in our community and added that he also wanted to thank the other agencies that assisted.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

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

Time: 8:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk