

A Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: James C. Youmans, Supervisor
Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman
Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman (Arrived after Resolution & Oath)

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

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

AGENDA

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Bid Opening, September 27, 2010
 - Town Board Meeting, September 27, 2010
- Old Business
 - Police Department, Equipment
- New Business
 - ZBA Members Request to Attend Workshop
 - Councilman Request to Attend Seminar
 - Joralemon Park
 - Assessor's Request to Attend Training
- Resolution
 - Appoint Deputy Supervisor
 - Appoint Town Board Member
 - Reinstate Cemetery Coordinator
- Correspondence
 - Grace Covenant, Summer Bag Lunch Program
- Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, October 19, 2010, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, October 25, 2010, 7:00pm

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to note the presence of a full Town Board as well as Town Clerk Millious, Chief of Police Darlington, Highway Superintendent Deering and Confidential Secretary Shear. He continued by saying that he wanted to make a brief statement and added that if anyone is surprised by the change of faces on the Board, they were somewhat surprised themselves when Supervisor Traver resigned last Wednesday, which left them in a somewhat difficult position. He continued by saying that he says difficult because had that resignation come sixteen days earlier it would have been much easier because the people of the Town of Coeymans would have voted for who is sitting at the table. He went on by saying that it did not occur and given the timeframe, the Board was faced with difficult choices and found it in the best interest of the Town to appoint him as the new Town Supervisor and he is very humbled by the faith that they have placed in him and with that said the first thing that he did as Town Supervisor was that he dropped the salary by \$15,000.00, given the fact that he is not going to be a full-time Supervisor and as anyone who knows him, knows that he hold a full-time job and his availability at times may be limited. He continued by saying that he thought it was a prudent course of action to reinstate the position of Deputy Supervisor

and later in the meeting Mr. Touchette will be sworn in as Deputy Supervisor and for that Mr. Touchette will get a small portion of the salary that they reduced, which in a sense is that they are getting two of them for less than the price of one. He added that he wanted to thank Mr. Touchette for his willingness to step up because he brings to the table some important qualifications as far as budgeting and labor negotiations and he expects him to be a huge asset going forward. He concluded by saying that his move to Town Supervisor left a vacancy on the Town Board and he would jump to a resolution to fill the vacancy.

RESOLUTION - APPOINT COUNCIL

RES. #91-10 APPOINT COUNCILMAN

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the resignation of James C. Youmans has been received and accepted by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, thereby creating a vacancy on the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of filling this vacancy pursuant to Town Law, Section 64, Subdivision 5,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Thomas E. Dolan to the position of Councilman, effective immediately, to fill this position through December 31, 2011.

OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCILMAN

Supervisor Youmans asked that Mr. Dolan come forward so Town Clerk Millious could administer the Oath of Office.

Mr. Dolan stepped forward with his grandson Jackson.

Town Clerk Millious asked that he place his left hand on the Bible and raise his right hand and continued by administering the Oath of Office.

Mr. Dolan signed the Oath of Office.

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Dolan join the Town Board and continued by saying that with a full Town Board they would move into the agenda starting with the Public Comment period.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Youmans invited the public to comment.

Mr. Henry Traver stated that he lives in the Village of Ravena and continued by reading the following:

Hello, I first want to say that it was a real pleasure to serve the people of the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena.

Now, my apologies to my family and friends. I am so sorry for what I have done since that day. I have seen so many people support me and care for me that I can now say that I am glad that I did not succeed in taking my own life on the evening of the fire. If it was not for me thinking of my daughters and my Mom at the last minute, I would have carried out my plan of dying, but I am grateful now that I did not. So again, I am sorry.

To all of the emergency personnel that responded that night, I am sorry for putting your lives in danger when I was not even looking to save my own. And being a big part of the emergency services in this Town, I should have known that, and again I am very sorry.

I also want to apologize to the people of the Town for taking the Office of Supervisor when I was unable to finish my job. I truly enjoyed serving the people and you can see that service is my passion – serving in the military, dispatch for the Town and my full-time Village job at the Highway Department. My time and devotion to the emergency services with EMS, fire department and other organizations was for the Town's people and being Supervisor just made it that much better.

To all of my employees, you were and are a rock to me. There was no help from the Board and the employees stepped up to the plate and assisted me in working things out. So I'd like to thank them again for all their hard work.

Now, moving on to this Board, from day one and even prior to that, I have taken nothing but grief and heartache from them. There was no pleasure at all in working with three of these members, personal attacks on me on the computer and saying things that were personal. I now can say that on one is perfect here in this Town, but what they have done to me in the last ten months really turns my stomach because, in my personal opinion, their passion for the job is not there. I feel they have personal agendas and that's all they want.

Councilman Youmans started on me since day one, just prior to my first day as Supervisor. Three of them have not lifted one finger in assistance to me with this job. They show up for meetings, sometimes, and that's about it for some of them, and they tell me that I am not here enough to do my job when now we have a Supervisor that is on the road and not even in Town if something goes wrong. And that gentleman sat in my office in the beginning and told me I could never do the job he's now doing because I was not around enough. And yet now he is sitting in that seat? Amazing!

Councilman Boehm is around for media things to make himself look like "look what I did" but all of the other times you don't even see him.

Councilman Touchette is the biggest fake up there. If things don't go his way, he gives up or says things like "I don't recall that". He has one objective which is the Hamlet, which would be fine in some ways, but the Town is so much larger than that, Mr. Touchette.

With Councilwoman Rogers, she is faithful to her party, but I do give her a lot of respect. She always showed respect to me in my position and we talked. We may have not agreed, but that is part of democracy, so I respect her for that.

There are so many other things that I could attack the Board for right now, things I have seen them do, but that is not productive, so I will stop there for now. But, like I've said before, 99% of the employees for this Town are good, hard workers. The one thing I hate the most about these members of the Board is their attitude towards the employees. If someone spoke up or even looked the wrong way at one of these three, they wanted to reprimand or even fire the employee. I am glad that they have not done this yet. I am asking the Board to get off their high horses and come down to our level here and see what good our employees do and stop bashing them. Go see what they do that's right. You can't if you're never around or if you are only seeing the bad. I find it amazing that Councilman Touchette, I have seen you here at Town Hall a total of maybe 8 hours all year, and yet the day after I'm out of the office, you already put in eight hours. Just amazing, it really is.

So people of the Town, a new chapter of my life has begun. I will again apologize for all I have done and thank you again for all your support. And I will promise you this, I am still going to be around to fight Town Hall to get things done and done right. All I ask is that next November, you vote them out.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Ron Teator stated that for those that don't know him, he is the President and owner of Crossroads Ford and he has a situation that he has dealt with for 5-6 months. He continued by saying that everyone actually thinks that it is his property, but it's not and he has moved to the new location, which is the old Subaru and GMC building but there is someone that has moved in a tremendous amount of junk cars and they are running a junk yard under the disguise of a used car lot. He added that if you look inside the building they have vehicles in there and all kinds of dismantled pieces and it's disheveled and he asked for support from the Town to try and close this down and has received no help and the answer has been that no one has actually been able to do anything about it. He went on by saying that he is concerned and he was in front of the Zoning Board before he moved and re-modified and fixed everything up and within three months of all his requests cars started coming from out of the middle of nowhere and none of them are worth more than \$100.00 or even worth the price of them bringing into the Town. He continued by saying that there are quite a few members that have tried to do something but it's like going up against a brick wall and the sad part is that it has been over three years, so it's abandonment. He continued by saying that no one knows the name of the business, they don't have a DMV license, there not proper paperwork in the vehicles and on the window he has listed a phone number so he is actually in operation and he has seen him go in and out every day. He added that they are going to have a junk yard on Rte. 9W and it is a little selfish on his part and he understands that but they can't allow another junk yard in Ravena or the Town of Coeymans and he is asking for everyone's support. He went on by saying that the only thing that he knows that they can do is that there is a DMV complaint form that you can fill out and send in and you would go to DMV.org to get the BS-35 form, which is a form to file a complaint against someone but unfortunately there is no name on the building so you have to write in the descriptive and send the claim in. He added that he has been keeping quiet for a long time but decided that he can't sit by idly and a little bit of it is selfish on his part because he has spent a lot of money fixing his place up and he does not want it looking like a hole and it is really a distraction and a detraction from a very nice community although there is a lot to do but this is actually a crime as far as he is concerned and it's serving no purpose. He continued by saying that the truth is that they all need to understand one thing, David Evans is back in Town and he is going to hurt everybody again and the guy running it was kicked out of Cobleskill and if anyone has the time he will take them through the lot, which he is not suppose to, and show them the inside of the building from the outside windows, which is not a pretty sight and it's not helping the Town because he does not see any tax base or tax revenue coming in. He added that they need to do something and he does not have all the magical answers but he is asking for anybody and everybody's help that can help them get there. He went on by saying that the reason Dave Evans got the property is that Dick Marshall trusted this gentleman because they went to church together, and he represented himself and Dick Marshall, who trusted him that much and there was no recourse or second opinion and the final straw was that he realized as an Attorney and CPA that M&T Bank failed to put a lien on the building and the dirt and this is how he was able to retain it and it is why he closed the doors and it is going to happen again. He concluded by saying that if anyone with an opinion of something that might work, or something that might help, to contact him because they don't need this business in Town and added that he is all for business in Town and respects the business owners and they should all stick together to get to the bottom of this to either get rid of it, clear it up or make it work.

Supervisor Youmans asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Mr. Jim Williams stated that he lives at 31 Mountain Road Extension, which is adjacent to the property that Mr. Teator had just referenced and within the last several months there are probably in the neighborhood of 130-140 cars there now, which as Ron had eluded to are junk. He continued by saying that he called Larry Conrad and talked about it as well as being on the State website for laws concerning it. He went on by saying that the cars, other than dismantling for parts are useless and most of them have no doors on them and a car that was brought in with four wheels now sits on four blocks, which means they are dismantling and you have to have a license for that. He added that State Law says that it has to be fenced in as well as not being within 1000 feet of a major highway and clearly they are not following regulations of DMV. He added that with new cars there are not any problems but when you go to a junk yard where cars in this

condition are, you will have oil leaks, possibly gas leaks and then asked if the Town has inquired as to if they have liability insurance in case there is a fire or some type of environmental spill that may come out of the vehicles. He continued by saying that it is quite a concern as well as a blemish on the Town and hopefully another Rte. 144 incident will not occur that they had for years, but if they sit back and do nothing it is what will happen. He went on by saying that who ever owns the cars must follow the law, which they clearly are not doing when they are dismantling wheels off cars with a lot of the cars not having doors and the mufflers are hanging and they had to be brought in by tow truck. He added that they are clearly junk and he hopes that the Board looks at it a lot deeper and not wink at it and let it go because it is a terrible blight on the Town and a terrible blight on a man that just started a business up there. He concluded by saying that Mr. Teator did a fine job and his property is adjacent to his as well as adjacent to the junk yard.

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

Chief Darlington asked if he could make a comment.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he could.

Chief Darlington stated that Investigator DeLuca as well as Mr. Conrad has been in contact with DMV Investigators and in the near future they are anticipating that they will be coming down and meeting with them and they will go to the site to see if in fact there are any violations.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was good and added that it is his understanding that it needs to go before the Planning Board because the business didn't run for over a year there and he will see to it that it occurs and will do everything that he can to see that it does occur and he operates within the law. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Assemblyman Tim Gordon stated that he lives in North Bethlehem, New York and added that he wanted to thank Supervisor Youmans for stepping forward and he knows from their conversations that this is not something that he sought, actively pursued or necessarily wanted or anticipated. He continued by saying that his willingness to come forward and serve as the Town as Supervisor is something that he thinks is an honorable thing and to the benefit of the people of the community and he wanted it recognized as his opinion. He went on by saying that to the other Board members this has been a difficult time and he believes that it is a time for healing as they go forward and represent the people of this Town as is their duty. He added that he wanted to congratulate Councilman Dolan and it is a very honorable thing to be a representative of the people as well as being a difficult and challenging job as the people don't always agree but they must weigh all of their opinions and do what they feel is best in the interest of the Town. He concluded by saying that he wishes Supervisor Youmans all the success in the world and he has confidence that he will do his very best and continued by saying that he would pledge to him, as he has to the other Supervisors who have preceded him, that he is available and will work with him in any way that he can and his door is always open.

Supervisor Youmans thanked Assemblyman Gordon and continued by asking if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Youmans stated that there are minutes from a Bid Opening on September 27th and the Board Meeting on September 27th for approval and continued by asking for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Police Department – Equipment

Supervisor Youmans asked that Chief Darlington discuss the Police Department equipment.

Chief Darlington asked which they wanted to start with.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to which is the oldest and continued by saying that he would guess that it is the tasers at this point.

Chief Darlington stated that it was correct.

Councilman Youmans stated that they should start with that one.

Chief Darlington stated that at the last meeting it was requested that the tasers be tabled until now and there was a request to see what the tasers would look like, which he now has but would ask that they view it after the Board Meeting in privacy. He continued by saying that there also was discussion about setting up an Operating Procedure and without having the equipment available to them, it is difficult to produce a procedure without knowing exactly everything that is going to be entailed with it. He added that he does have a sample of a local agency's procedures that he could allow the Town Board to view and look over if they wish to do that.

Supervisor Youmans stated that for anyone that does not know what tasers are, they are a non-lethal alternative to deadly force and the ones used by most Police Departments are shaped like a pistol and metal prongs come out of it, attached to wires that stick in to a person and an electric shock is delivered but the electric shock does not affect a persons heart or functions at all and it is strictly electro-muscular. He continued by saying that it takes a person who is highly combative and puts them on the ground, which makes it so an officer can put cuffs on them quite easily. He went on by saying that when he came on the Board three years ago he was actually surprised to learn that the Police Department did not have that tool at their disposal and what brought it to light was that they did have a situation several weeks ago where they had an officer respond to a call and found a gentlemen with some kind of metal pipe and the officer was assaulted. He added that Chief Darlington showed up to back him up and they tussled with the guy for some time and the officer was kicked in the head and injured, which made it clear in his mind that if the officer had a taser at that point one person could have handled the situation and had the person in handcuffs in the back of the car without anyone getting hurt. He continued by saying that in his opinion, it is an asset to officer's safety but it also protects the individual who might be having a bad day or might otherwise be hurt and he remembers just a year ago reading a story in the Times Union about a Schenectady officer who came upon a guy on the street with a butcher knife and the guy was swinging the knife at the officer, who did not have a taser, and with the officer's life being in danger he had no other option but to shoot the person, and he was killed. He went on by saying that he does not want one of our officers to have to live with that for the sake of a couple thousand dollars, and it can save the Town a lot of liability and can save the officer the anguish of having to live with that moment and save an individuals life on the street as well. He concluded by saying that the District Attorney's Office has made an offer to purchase one of them and he had discussed with Chief Darlington that there is money in the Police Forfeiture account to purchase the other two.

Chief Darlington stated that currently they were hoping to have another seizure in place but it has not taken place yet but probably in the very near future they will have the funding available.

Supervisor Youmans stated that for anyone that does not know, the Police Forfeiture Account is monies that are seized from criminals for different things such as drug sales, which are proceeds from drug sales that the Town confiscates and in turn becomes Town property. He continued by saying that he is of the opinion that they should take the District Attorney's Office up on their offer to purchase one and out of the Police Forfeiture Account they purchase the other two and at that time, once officers are trained, they will formulate a Town Policy for the use of the tasers.

Councilman Touchette asked if it was a motion.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he would offer it as a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Youmans, seconded by Councilman Touchette to approve one taser from the District Attorney's Office and approve the purchase of two more out of the Police Forfeiture Account.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Youmans asked Chief Darlington what he had next.

Chief Darlington stated that the next item was the recording system for communications and there was a request to have some documentation that the equipment was in fact not repairable and in turn he provided them with a NICE Marketing Note advising that the end shipment date for the recorder was February 20, 2004 and the end support date was May 31, 2006 and end date means that spares and modules for the WorldNet Series 2 will be continued to be available until the end of the support date and as of that date chances of getting them are low. He continued by saying that it goes on to say that alternative parts may be offered from time to time where obsolescence prevents supply of original parts and basically it means that from 2006 on if there are parts available, you get them but if not the system is down.

Supervisor Youmans interjected that the unit is 6 years old.

Chief Darlington stated that it is a lot older and it is actually 14 years.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he misunderstood what he said and added that anyone that does not know what the Chief is discussing, it is the recording equipment so when people call in to the Dispatch Center, the call is recorded, which is done for a number of reasons. He then asked Chief Darlington to bring them up to date on the status of the equipment at this time.

Chief Darlington stated that it is functioning but the reliability of it is minimal and any time there is a power fluctuation it fails and it is suppose to ring an alarm telling them that it failed but ultimately they find out that it failed when they go to pull a recording and find out that it had not recorded for a few days. He continued by saying that not only does it record the phone calls but it also records every radio transmission from the Police Department, Fire Departments and Rescue Squad. He went on by saying that the discs that it uses are not reliable and antiquated and the IT part of it to get it on his computer to pull the recordings is minimal and sometimes it does not work.

Supervisor Youmans stated that this is not a new issue that they have and added that he would tell him that his strategy is that over the coming days and weeks, and he's sorry if it takes that long because they are in the process of analyzing and looking at the revenue side of the budget for 2010 and continued by saying that he does recall that they had \$20,000.00 budgeted for communications equipment.

Chief Darlington stated that he believes it was \$24,000.00.

Supervisor Youmans inquired as to how much the cost of the new unit is.

Chief Darlington stated that with the 5-year warranty the total ended up being \$20,274.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that back in February the Town Board froze spending from the .2 accounts, which are the accounts from which they buy equipment and the freeze was intended to last until the end of the third, early in the fourth quarter so they could then analyze the revenue side of the budget and make sure that things are trending the way they hoped before they spend money. He continued by saying that he would ask that they table it until the next meeting at which point he would say that they would most likely be in a position to make a decision and then asked if everyone agreed.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to how long it takes from when they buy it to when it is installed and up and running.

Chief Darlington stated that it could take a period of a couple of months by the time that they get the equipment ordered and installed.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if it is two months.

Chief Darlington stated that it is approximately two months.

Supervisor Youmans asked Chief Darlington if it concluded the communication and Police Department equipment discussion.

Chief Darlington stated that the only other question that he does have is that they had discussed the second purchase of a police car and then asked if there was a decision on that.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it was his understanding that in his absence, the Town Board actually authorized the purchase of that car and he would say that it is up to them to figure out how to pay for it and no one disputes the need for it. He concluded by saying that to him it was finished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ZBA Members Request to Attend Workshop

Councilman Boehm stated that there is a request for approval for the ZBA Members who wish to attend a Zoning Board of Appeals Workshop sponsored by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, which will take place on November 8, 2010 at 6:15pm with a fee of \$10.00 and a registration deadline of November 1st and limited to the first 75 participants. He continued by asking if they all plan on attending and then added that either way he would like to offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing any Zoning Board Member that wishes, to attend the Workshop and reimburse them for mileage and the \$10.00 fee for the Workshop.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Touchette's Request to Attend Workshop

Supervisor Youmans stated that there is a request from Councilman Touchette to attend a seminar on personnel management and labor relations, which is apropos given his role in

labor negotiations and continued by asking that Councilman Touchette describe what is involved with the seminar.

Councilman Touchette stated that it is an Association of Towns seminar, which is November 10th in Newburg and the agenda is State and Federal Labor Law Primer, layoff and separation from service for issues relating to Civil Service, unemployment, insurance, COBRA, employee privacy and proper use of equipment, the Taylor Law and collective negotiations and a case law of personnel and labor issues. He continued by saying that the cost is \$100.00 for members, which the Town is.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to if it is something that the Association has in February.

Councilman Touchette stated that it is a full day dedicated to labor issues.

Councilman Youmans stated that it is hard to say if that will be offered in February and added that given the upcoming negotiations; it is his opinion that it is a good idea that Councilman Touchette attends that training.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing payment of the registration fee and mileage for Councilman Touchette to attend the seminar.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Assessor's Request to Attend Training

Supervisor Youmans asked that Councilman Boehm discuss the Assessor's request to attend training.

Councilman Boehm continued by reading the following request.

“I am hereby requesting approval to attend a one day educational training seminar on Manufactured Home Park Valuation being held in Albany, Friday, November 19th. This seminar will identify the components that are pertinent for valuation purposes such as sales analysis of mobile home parks, the cost and income approaches to valuation, highest and best use, as well as case study analysis. As there are mobile home parks in our town, I feel this course would be very helpful to me. As you know, the State has changed reimbursement eligibility for training, and at this time, I am not eligible to receive tuition reimbursement. The cost for this class will be \$85.00, which will have to come from my budget.”

Councilman Boehm stated that he thinks that given the number of mobile home parks in the Town that it is important for the Assessor to attend and continued by offering a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Assessor VanValkenburg to attend the training on November 19th for a cost of \$85.00 plus mileage.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Joralemon Park

Supervisor Youmans stated that he placed the topic of Joralemon Park on the agenda and added that he has been in fairly constant contact with Bob Rivers, a Zoning Board Member, who is actually a retired landscape architect who worked for the State of New York as well as spending a long time in the military and with the Army Corps of Engineers. He continued by saying that some time ago there was a Parks Committee and Councilman Dolan and Councilwoman Rogers sat on the Committee and there were some things done at that time, particularly out at Joralemon Park where a septic system and

well was put in, which was a nice start but now it would seem to be somewhat of a waste to have spent the money and not follow up and actually have some bathrooms there and to further improve the park. He went on by saying that Mr. Rivers and his wife have offered their services, as they have in the past, and at one point they actually wrote a Master Plan for Joralemon Park and have a pretty deep interest in the park because their property adjoins it. He added that he would like to discuss at the next Workshop Meeting the possibility of forming another Parks Committee, but in the meantime Mr. Rivers has brought to his attention a situation that he thinks they need to address immediately, which is that there is a lot of hunting that seems to go on, on Joralemon Park property. He continued by saying that it is not so much in the park where there is the playground and tennis courts but a lot of people don't know that on the other side of the road is also park property and the Disc Golf Course has expanded there because there were some issues with rare plants and flowers and the holes were moved to the other side of the road as well as people that walk their dogs in that area and hike on the trails. He added that it is a dangerous situation to have people hunting on that park property and he thinks that there would be a liability issue if they don't address it and he would propose that they should take out an ad in the News Herald reminding people that there is to be no hunting on park property.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that it should also be labeled around the perimeter and there should be signs.

Supervisor Youmans stated that the year before last, Nelson Perry from the Beautification Department with the volunteer help of Mr. Rivers, went around the perimeter of the park and put some signs high up in the trees so people would not take them down and they have deteriorated at this point. He continued by saying that Mr. Rivers told him the other day that he saw someone's tree stand and there was a big hole in one of the signs that delineates the park boundary. He concluded by saying that he agrees that they need to in a more permanent way mark out the property boundary so people know when they are crossing on to park property and it is also important that they come up with a set of rules for the park and posted at the entrance, which is something that they would work on with a Parks Committee but for right now he is asking to at least take out an ad in the News Herald reminding people that hunting is not allowed on park property.

Councilman Boehm stated that he thinks it is a good idea and added that they need to do define the boundary with some kind of signage for the hunting season and Nelson could construct some kind of signs for not hunting on park property.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he and Councilman Dolan had a conversation and he has agreed to take some responsibility at this point and he will put him in touch with Mr. Rivers who is willing to volunteer his time and efforts. He continued by asking how the Town Board feels about placing an ad in the News Herald.

Councilman Boehm stated that he agrees and added that they could also put out to the public that if anyone is interested in serving on the Parks Committee they should contact the Supervisor's Office.

Supervisor Youmans asked if he is authorized to take out an ad in the News Herald by a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing the Supervisor to take out an ad in the News Herald stating that there is no hunting in Joralemon Park.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #92-10 ESTABLISH DEPUTY SUPERVISOR POSITION

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law, Section 42, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is authorized at any time to establish the office of Deputy Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Deputy Supervisor does not presently exist in the Town of Coeymans, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor, after the establishment of the Office of Deputy Supervisor, intends to appoint an individual to fill that position and to exercise all the powers and duties authorized under State and Town Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby establish the Office of Deputy Supervisor in the Town of Coeymans, effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor hereby appoints Richard Touchette as Deputy Supervisor, with an annual salary of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00), effective immediately.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Touchette for stepping up to the position and added that as they had discussed, they have quite a bit of work to do over the next month with the budget.

RES. #93-10 REINSTATE CEMETERY COORDINATOR

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board had accepted the resignation of Coordinator of Cemetery Services, Richard D. Hotaling, effective September 30, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is responsible for Indian Fields, Grove and Coeymans Hollow Cemeteries and requires a Cemetery Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, the position requires a working knowledge of cemetery operations and an ability to work well with Funeral Directors, and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Hotaling had previously been Cemetery Coordinator, is familiar with the duties required, and is desirous of returning to that position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the reinstatement of Richard D. Hotaling to the position of Cemetery Coordinator, effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Richard D. Hotaling shall be paid two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) for annual compensation for this position.

Councilman Boehm stated this is a reappointment and there is no change in the original salary of \$2,600.00.

Supervisor Youmans stated that State Law requires town government to take over cemeteries as they become abandoned and cemeteries in New York State were once owned by Associations but unfortunately over the years people have died off and the Associations have dried up and gone away and when that happens, it falls on the Town to take control over and manage the cemetery. He added that part of the job is to coordinate with Funeral Directors about burials and work with monument companies to get stones installed and during quiet times it is a fairly easy job but there are times that it is busy and it requires attention to detail. He concluded by saying that Mr. Hotaling has done an excellent job in that position in the past and he is thankful for his willingness to return.

RES. #94-10 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO HIRE BOOKKEEPER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby authorize Supervisor James C. Youmans to appoint a Bookkeeper pursuant to Town Law, Section 29,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Coeymans, Supervisor James C. Youmans, does hereby appoint Nita J. Chmielewski as Bookkeeper to the Supervisor at an hourly rate of \$20.00, effective 10-13-10.

RES. #95-10 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO HIRE CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby authorize Supervisor James C. Youmans to appoint a Confidential Secretary pursuant to Town Law, Section 29, Subdivision (15),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Coeymans Supervisor James C. Youmans, does hereby appoint Mary M. Lewandowski as Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor at the hourly rate of \$16.48, effective 10-13-10.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if they are appointing or reinstating.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it comes to being a matter of semantics at this point and it will be an appointment.

Town Clerk Millious asked Supervisor Youmans if he wanted her to do the Oath for the Deputy Supervisor.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it is important that they do it and invited Mr. Touchette to take the Oath of Office.

OATH OF OFFICE – DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Town Clerk Millious asked that Councilman Touchette put his left hand on the bible, held by his wife Kathy, and to raise his right hand and repeat the Oath after her.

Councilman Touchette repeated and signed the Oath of Office.

Supervisor Youmans congratulated Deputy Supervisor Touchette.

CORRESPONDENCE

Grace Covenant Community Church

Supervisor Youmans stated that he had one piece of correspondence and continued by reading the following:

Dear Town Supervisor and Town Board,

We want to express our appreciation to you for so willingly providing us access into different areas throughout our community to help provide for the children that may be in need of a nutritious meal during the months of July and August.

What a wonderful opportunity this has been to see how a community functions together to meet the needs found within.

Through the Matthew Project, our eyes have been greatly opened to the needs that children and families have within our school district. When children are standing under a tree in the rain waiting for a meal, you know that they are hungry. When a 5 year old child expresses that they are saving their lunch so they have something to eat for dinner, you know they are hungry.

Throughout the months of July and August over 80 people filled over 400 volunteer positions from local churches and from community members providing all labor, which resulted in zero cost to prepare and deliver the lunches. Every child that wanted or was in need of a free lunch got one – no child went without.

The Matthew Project served children for 8 consecutive weeks in these six locations:

Oakbrook Manor	870 lunches served
Mosher Park Recreation Program	141 lunches served
Mosher Park Pool	338 lunches served
Food for Thought Program	240 lunches served
Coeymans Gazebo	494 lunches served
Flemings Trailer Park	532 lunches served

As you can see the need has been great. Yet we recognize that there are still other areas within the district that are in need of this service as well. We hope that next summer we will be able to obtain permission to get into some of these areas meeting the needs of even more children.

Not only did the Matthew Project provide a means for 2,615 children, but it assisted the judicial court system with a resource for community service needed by several individuals. The outreach also helped some in high school to meet needed community service hours as well as it offered an avenue for numerous youth and adults to have a place to get involved with being active in service.

Again, we thank you for your support in helping us make this outreach possible. We are looking forward to continued service within our community.

Sincerely,

Pastors Jim & Sheri Datri

Supervisor Youmans stated that he wanted to thank Pastors Jim and Sheri Datri and every volunteer that helped in that effort. He added that the idea was first brought up at the Prayer Breakfast at St. Patrick's Church and their main concern was that there are children whose main source of nutrition comes in the form of a school lunch. He continued by saying that personally he was shocked that there are as many children in that type of need in our community. He reiterated that he wanted to thank Pastors Jim and Sherry and all the volunteers stepping up and feeding those children because no child should go hungry and it was a tremendous service to our community.

Councilman Boehm stated that even on the day when they had pizza at the Recreation Program, they went out of their way and brought ice cream because the children had already had lunch and added that they did a heck of a job and should be recognized

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, October 19, 2010, 6pm
- Town Board Meeting, October 25, 2010, 7pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Touchette asked Highway Superintendent Deering if the work has been scheduled for the work to be done on the Pasquini property.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that no one had told him anything.

Councilman Touchette stated that he thought that it was approved.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he thinks the work that Councilman Touchette is talking about is the sanitary sewer work on Westerlo Street and not to be confused with the storm sewer that is on the Pasquini's property because they are two separate issues and it is his understanding that they are moving ahead with the sanitary sewer upgrades that must be done and he would not expect Highway Superintendent to be involved.

Councilman Touchette stated that it was his mistake and continued by saying that he wanted to take the opportunity to thank Supervisor Traver for his years of service to the Town of Coeymans and he wants him and his family to know that they are in his thoughts and prayers during this time.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to thank Chief Darlington for the taser protocol and guidelines and he looks forward to seeing the procedures and going forward with the tasers. He added that it was never a question of not giving them to the officers but rather he just had some questions and if you really know him, he does not look at You Tube that much and that got misconstrued. He went on by saying that he looks forward to developing that and he is glad that they are enhancing the officer's safety because it is highly important as well as more conversations about patrol rifles that he is looking forward to continuing with.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that she wanted to wish Henry good luck with moving on and hopes that he succeeds with where he is heading next.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to say that he is honored to be sitting on the Town Board and for the past 20 years he has been on the Town's Economic Development Committee, Parks Committee, Youth Advisory Committee and Sewer Commission and it is a lot different sitting on the Town Board than he thought it would be, even for the few hours that it has been. He continued by saying that he also has worked with a lot of Department Heads in the Town through the Summer Youth Program as well as the Police Department on youth and domestic violence issues and has had the pleasure of being the Chair under both Republican and Democratic Supervisor's and Town Boards. He went on by saying that he has worked formally and informally with the Village Board and has had a great relationship with them and he expects that to continue in the future and is looking forward to learning as much as he can so he can hit the ground running as soon as humanly possibly to do whatever it is that the Town Board thinks he should be doing and whatever issues the people of the Town bring to him. He continued by saying that he welcomes comments and input from anyone, regardless of what part of the Town they live in whether they are Democrat, Republican, or not enrolled and he will always treat everyone on the Town Board, employees of the Town, department heads and the public with the utmost respect, which is a standard that he thinks he should be held to. He went on by saying that he is pleased to be working with this Town Board and has worked with everyone on the Board and worked with Rick on the Farmers Market, Tom Boehm on the Economic Development Committee, BARC and many other economic development issues, Councilwoman Rogers on many different things, particularly Joralemon Park along with Mr. Rivers and they did come up with a plan and there is a nice drawing of the park.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that she still has it and will get it to him.

Councilman Dolan stated that they are things that he has worked on and he is looking forward to working on them again and added that the first time that he worked with Supervisor Youmans was during a July 4th Celebration and Mr. Youmans worked at a local car dealer who provided the money for the fireworks and he was the contact person and worked with him as Chairman of the Parks Committee and they worked effortlessly together and it was a lot of fun. He concluded by saying that he wanted to send out his best to Henry and has been friends with him since the first time that he ran for Supervisor and they have always had a good relationship and he wishes him the best.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is budget time and in the past they have scheduled additional Workshops and continued by asking if it is something that they want to do now.

Supervisor Youmans stated that it would be a good idea to get that out of the way and continued by saying that typically they do them on Saturday mornings and suggested that they plan on October 23rd, October 30th, and November 6th at 9:00am with a schedule of the departments to be forthcoming and then asked if it was alright with the Board.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Town Clerk Millious asked if the Board wanted to schedule the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Youmans stated that there has to be five days notice and added that he does not want to schedule it now and will do it at the next meeting.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to add that it was a pleasure working with Henry and she will miss his smiling face and she wishes him and his family well. She continued by welcoming Tom to the Board, who she has known for a long time as well as being happy to hear that Mr. Hotaling is back as Cemetery Coordinator because they do work a lot with him when calls come in and they have to locate deeds, which can take a lot of research and Mr. Hotaling does know his stuff.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Chief Darlington stated that at the last meeting the Board authorized a canvas of Civil Service for two positions and he has received the list and is now requesting to be on the agenda for the next Workshop to discuss it further. He continued by saying that the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Albany County District Attorney's Office in partnership with the Albany County Coalition Against Domestic Abuse and local law enforcement agencies have created a purple ribbon magnet with the message Stop Domestic Violence and the magnets have been placed on all patrol cars in Albany County and additional magnets are available to Albany County residents, which he has 30 of and they are on a first come, first serve basis for anyone that would like one. He went on by saying that when they had their large raid in the Hamlet of Coeymans there was a concerned citizen who inquired about absentee landlords and tenant issues and continued by saying that tomorrow evening in Town Hall the Town of Coeymans Police Department will be hosting the Albany County District Attorney's Safe Homes – Safe Street Initiative Landlord Training and it will consist of preparing and training to approximately 30 landlords that have signed up for it from both the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena. He continued by saying that the training consists of tenant screening and what's available as well as model Zero Tolerance Leases, eviction support and inner-agency cooperation in working with law enforcement and other agencies to deal with problem tenants. He added that even though they are combating a lot of the crime issues by making arrests, they are also trying to take a proactive route and do some training in trying to deal with some of these issues.

Supervisor Youmans stated that he is glad that so many people have signed up for it.

Chief Darlington stated that they sent out close to 500 invitations and he didn't realize that there were that many landlords in the Town of Coeymans and that was for only the multiple dwellings as well as being very impressed with the comments from the landlords thanking them for providing this because they do have a lot of questions and it seems to be very well received and hopefully it will be a success.

Hillary Hawke from the News Herald asked if it was open to the public.

Chief Darlington stated that it is by invitation but she can attend to report on it and the Board Members are also welcome. He added that it is specifically for landlord training and they have to make sure that they have enough room. He went on by saying that he welcomes Tom to the Board and he looks forward to working with him and also would like to thank Henry for his many years of service with the Police Department and the Town of Coeymans and he wishes him well.

Supervisor Youmans asked if there were any additional comments.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he has not received anything on the sewer in the Hamlet and added that he has asked about it but has gotten nothing.

Supervisor Youmans suggested that he speak with him in the morning about it. He continued by saying that he wanted to thank Theresa Shear for her service to the Town of Coeymans and working with him this past week as well as Chris Ricci for her service as Bookkeeper in addition to welcoming the other new but not so new faces back. He then asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 8:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk