

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
August 17, 2017 – Town Board Workshop – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Workshop was held Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Bonnie Keyer, Deputy Town Clerk

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall reviewed the agenda.

AGENDA

- Recycling Program
- Request from Assessor
- Water District Letter
- Stonehouse Hill Rd.

Recycling Program

Supervisor Crandall asked Councilman Dolan to go ahead.

Councilman Dolan stated that this board and the previous board have been working on doing some sort of recycling, making it more available and accessible to people who live in town. We have been talking to Albert Collins about doing some of this, and some of it Collins and Sons does not do. The recycling down at the port is no longer, or soon will be no longer, so that is not an option for people in town as they are moving out. Councilman Dolan stated he has talked to Mr. McHugh about what could they do regarding any of this and they cannot do anything. People are not allowed to throw electronic waste directly into the garbage or on the side of the road for that matter. This includes TV's, computers, monitors and printers, basically anything with circuit boards; it is against the law now to throw that in your garbage or in your recycling. He has reached out to a couple of DEC approved electronic waste handlers. The only one that has gotten back to him with a price is a place near Brockport and the cost to the Town would be \$1,000. That price is just to transport the electronic waste and that is based on the distance from here to there regardless of who the recycler is. There is a fifty cent per pound surcharge on the old school TV's and a ten cent per pound surcharge on flat screen TV's. He has been talking to a company in Troy on King Street. He believes they are called Protek, but he could be wrong about that. They are going to get back to him with a price. Right now the thought is to do a few days a week for a limited period of time. Not knowing what the demand for this is, they are willing to be flexible. They may be willing to give us Gaylord boxes, heavy duty cardboard boxes, and see how long it takes to fill those up. They are going to get back to him with a price on that.

There is a DEC E-Waste assistant grant which would pay for half of the cost. He has looked into this, sent it to Cindy and she investigated it a little bit. He also sent it to Mike McGuire on the

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conservation advisory council. What would happen is, when we pay for the events; say we did a couple days, like a week day and a weekend for a month or two months. Whatever the cost is to haul the stuff away; we would submit the bill to the state through DEC. We would pay for half that cost that we incurred. Councilman Dolan stated this is how it stands right now and he wanted to know if the Town Board wanted him to go forward with this and to investigate it further.

Councilman Langdon asked if anybody had talked to the Town of Bethlehem. From what he understands they take the TV's and electronics for free. He believes it has something to do with the electronic companies are actually required to contribute or do something about the disposal or recycling of electronics.

He believes if you take things to the transfer station over on the other side of South Bethlehem you pay by weight, but they have you take the TV's off first. They don't actually have you pay for those.

Councilman Dolan stated they do have to pay fifty cents a pound for them. Somebody has to pay fifty cents a pound for them whether it is the consumer or the town.

Councilman Langdon stated so the town must be eating that.

Councilman Dolan stated that people can bring items back to places that sell electronics, you can bring your stuff to Best Buy, Salvations Army, Walmart, any place, and they can charge you or take it for free. Last time we did this in town, it was free we didn't have to pay anything for it.

Councilman Youmans stated at one time there were companies that would pay for the waste because there is gold and silver in it.

Councilman Dolan stated he spent a few weeks looking for a free place and he doesn't think such a thing exists anymore. Councilman Dolan then asked did the Town Board want him to move forward on this once he gets a price to give to the board; and if so did they want to concurrently offer other types of recycling.

Supervisor Crandall stated he would like to move forward with it but he would like Mr. Albert Collins to be given first shot at it. He is a local business man who does this, so he would like to see it stay local. Supervisor Crandall stated he would have liked to give Carver the opportunity as well, but he understands he doesn't do this anymore.

Councilman Dolan stated that Mr. Albert Collins did do a lot of leg for the Town to see what price he could do it for. He thought under some circumstances he might be able to do it for free because he could recycle some of what was collected. Councilman Dolan stated as far as the electronic waste he could not find any place that would take it for free.

Supervisor Crandall stated Mr. Albert Collins is local, he is a good guy and a good man; comes from good family right here in town. He just wants him to have a shot at it first, if he wants to do it and if he can do it.

Councilman Langdon asked what if we did something that did not include the electronics, especially if there are other options for residents to go to, Best Buy or Walmart, to get rid of their electronics. What if we just set up some kind of program that says sorry we can't take electronics you can go to Walmart?

Councilman Dolan stated you can say that also with scrap metal too. You could say to just take it to the Port of Albany.

Councilman Langdon stated he thought that the idea was really about the some of the house hold trash more than recyclable things. He is concerned about this incurring a large cost to the Town.

Supervisor Crandall stated he doesn't want to do anything that is going to incur a cost to the Town.

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Councilman Dolan responded someone who is going to throw his TV on the side of the road is maybe going to do that anyway and not want to give us five dollars.

Council Langdon stated if we are going to charge them, people like that are probably going to dump it on the side of the road anyway.

Supervisor Crandall asked do we want to try to attempt this or not.

Councilman Burns asked if there was a way to reach out to the Cocksackie Transfer station to see if they would permit our people to bring waste there. He is sure it would cost a fee.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they already allow our people to go in there and they know you are from out of town.

Deputy Town Clerk Keyer stated they don't ask to see your license to see where you are from, they just weigh you and collect your money.

Councilman Burns stated it would be to their benefit if they could handle the capacity and they are all set up.

Supervisor Crandall stated it is and he has been to Bethlehem and he likes their set up too.

Town Clerk Millious stated that we actually give people the number for the transfer station, because it is okay, they accept people going down there.

Deputy Town Clerk Keyer stated they don't charge for the electronics because we just took a TV down there and you just put them in the shed.

Councilman Langdon stated that is what Bethlehem does too. They tell you to take the electronics off and put them over here, and then they weigh you without the electronics on the truck because they don't charge for the electronics.

Councilman Burns stated he would love to have a transfer station. He would love to be able to do that here.

Councilman Dolan stated it doesn't sound like it, because electronic recycling is a core component of a transfer station; so it sounds like you are saying no to it.

Councilman Burns stated we keep talking about it but we never get anywhere with it.

Councilman Dolan stated he is offering to do the work, but it sounds like some of the Town Board is saying no.

Councilman Langdon stated he is not saying no, but do we need to deal with electronics if there are other opportunities. He thought this was more about the everyday household garbage than about someone throwing out a TV. He realizes that happens but it is not every week. He actually thought that those things were free, but apparently Cocksackie and Bethlehem are eating that cost and that is something different.

Supervisor Crandall asked the board should we do so more checking.

Councilman Burns answered that he is all for doing some more checking, if we can do it cheaper than Cocksackie or someplace than he is all for it.

Councilman Youmans stated that there is a company in California and they will pay you five cents a pound for monitors. There used to be companies that would pay.

Councilman Dolan answered there are and if Councilman Youmans wants to do some research, go ahead.

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Councilman Youmans stated he just did in California. His opinion is yes to do some more research on it and asked is there anyone that would pay for it in our area. He is willing to help and do some more research on it.

Councilman Dolan responded there aren't any in New York State.

Supervisor Crandall stated that we will look into this a little further, if that is what the Town Board wants to do.

Councilman Langdon stated he will stop at the Colonie Landfill and inquire about their guidelines, how they handle funds and the cost involved.

Request from Assessor

Supervisor Crandall stated he needed a motion for the Assessor's request to attend training.

To the Supervisor and Town Board Members.

I am hereby requesting approval to attend an educational training seminar being held in Lake Placid, October 1st thru October 4th, 2017.

The cost for the this seminar will be \$831 for the Crowne Plaza Hotel and \$175 for the 2017 NYS Assessors' Association Seminar on Assessment Administration, which will come out of my budget. As you know, the State has reimbursement eligibility for training.

An average of 12 continuing education credits is required to be completed each year for assessors.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, authorizing the Assessor to attend the training in Lake Placid.

VOTE –AYES 5 – NAYES 0 -SO MOVED

Councilman Langdon asked does the Crown Plaza cost that much in Lake Placid.

Supervisor Crandall stated it is for four days.

Councilman Youmans stated he would have looked in to Hampton Inn across the street. Which might be about the same price or maybe a little bit less. It is brand new and nicer but if the training is at the Crown Plaza than you would probably want to stay where the training is.

Town Clerk Millious stated she thinks the seminar costs more if you don't stay at Plaza and the voucher has already been submitted.

Deputy Town Clerk Keyer stated that the voucher is in for payment and the cost of the seminar does go up significantly if you are staying somewhere else.

Water District Letter

Supervisor Crandall stated he will read the letter from the Attorney for the Village Coeymans Water Supply District

To Whom It May Concern:

The undersigned herein acknowledge that a certain Water Main replacement project is to take place on Route 144 in the Hamlet of Coeymans, Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York running from the intersection of Route 143/144 in a southerly direction to James Drive. Said project involves the Village of Ravena applying for certain Municipal assistance with the state and Municipal Facilities Program Fund ("said application"). The Water District agrees to cooperated with and execute any and all necessary documents in order to assist the Village of Ravena in connection with sad application.

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The Water District was formed for servicing of and is partially located within the Hamlet of Coeymans proper.

Supervisor Crandall stated he told them what it is about. It is in support of them trying to obtain funding from the State in the Municipal Facilities Program Fund.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, authorizing the Supervisor to sign a certain letter.

VOTE –AYES 5 – NAYES 0 -SO MOVED

Stonehouse Hill Rd.

Supervisor Crandall stated this is regarding incorporating them into the Sewer District of Coeymans. As you know we have the Sewer project going on and Bob Flores is no longer our man on the job. He has taken a job with another company, he got a nice promotion and we wish him well. We now have Ed Vopelak, who has worked with the town before over the years. He is familiar with the project, and Bob has also agreed to help him out any way he can if he has any questions. We are talking about three homes on Stonehouse Hill Road. It is eight pieces of property but the other ones are vacant and he believes two of them are land locked.

Councilman Langdon asked if they are vacant or there aren't any buildings on them.

Supervisor Crandall answered that there are no buildings on them. So we are talking about three homes that have been dumping into the Coeymans Creek for probably one hundred years and it is raw sewage. The State gave us fifty five Thousand dollars toward eliminating that. The overall cost to complete it is just under fourteen thousand dollars. Bob figured out a way to incorporate that into the sewer project fund money. He worked it out with the State and EFC agreed. We have a letter saying it is fine to do it that way. However, our man on the job Daryl Purrington wants to make sure we are totally legitimate in how we are doing this. He is going to look over the letter. Supervisor Crandall stated he wants to make sure the Town's CPA looks it over to make sure we are in compliance with State Law and with the State Comptrollers Law. There are some stipulations with State Comptrollers law that if the cost is over a certain amount of money they get involved. Supervisor Crandall stated he wants to make sure we look through every crack there is to make sure this is fool proof, but it looks like we are going to be able to incorporate it into the Sewer project. We will have a public hearing because we would be extending the Sewer District and we would do that before a meeting.

Councilman Youmans asked are we really extending the Sewer District.

Supervisor Crandall answered yes we are taking in the properties on Stone House Hill Rd.

Town Clerk Millious stated it is water only down there; no sewer.

Supervisor Crandall stated that is correct. Supervisor Crandall continued, saying the main thing right now is we can't have raw sewage going into the Hudson River and into the Coeymans Creek.

Councilman Dolan stated they would be added to the Sewer District and they would then be paying sewer fees.

Supervisor Crandall stated we are still working on some figures and they are all in the report he has. There is a copy of the report in the Town Clerk's office and there are a couple of copies in the Supervisor's Office. Any time someone wants to look at it, feel free to come in. Supervisor Crandall asked if the Town Board is alright with this, he will continue working on it with Ed Vopelak.

Councilman Youmans stated that Ed Vopelak is a good guy. He worked with him closely on the Martins Hill Project.

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Supervisor Crandall stated we have had some complaints that Gallo Construction wasn't washing down the road enough and some other complaints. Mr. Vopelak got right back to him; not just with a voice mail but an e-mail as well and he was impressed.

Councilman Dolan stated Mr. Vopelak predates Mr. Flores.

Supervisor Crandall stated he thinks the reason they put Bob Flores on the project is because he lives right here in New Baltimore. That is why they basically gave him our town.

Councilman Burns stated that he has had a few complaints about the Sewer Project. The complaints were regarding the first manhole that was installed and there was concern that they were not tamping and using the laser properly so the manhole is not level. Councilman Burns went and checked it personally and at that time it was level. However a few weeks later he was leaving the Sewer Plant and noticed the manhole appeared to be leaning. He checked it again with a level and it was one and a quarter inch out of level, with a four foot level. Councilman Burns spoke to Mr. Flores about it. Mr. Flores said before the project was done they would send a camera down through everything to check all this out. Mr. Flores said he would make sure when they put a manhole in, they do a compaction test before they set the manhole. They will also do a compaction test every fifty feet with the water lines. Councilman Burns stated he hasn't gone down to check and see if they are doing it, but there should be reports indicating if they are doing it. He would like to see that continue.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he would bring his concerns to Mr. Vopelak. He will call him tomorrow. When Mr. Flores was here, he was right on top of these things. Supervisor Crandall also stated the contract has a stipulation that the Town hold back a certain amount of money until we are totally satisfied with all the work that they have done. If the Town Board is not satisfied when the project is finished than they are not going to get paid.

Councilman Dolan stated Mr. Vopelak is not a new guy. He has been there for some time and he is senior to Mr. Flores. Instead of kicking it down to someone they are kicking it up to someone.

Councilman Burns stated he and Mr. Flores went down and met with the Forman of the project. The Forman wasn't very happy that Councilman Burns questioned him about tamping under the pipes. He said he has been doing this for years and they are tamping. Councilman Burns stated he would sit there and watch and they weren't tamping. When he brought his concerns to Mr. Flores, he was right on it.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 6:31pm

Respectfully Submitted -

APPROVED –

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk