

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
December 28, 2017 –Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
James C. Youmans, Councilman
George E. Langdon, Councilman

ABSENT: Philip Crandall, Supervisor
Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town
John Cashin, Building Inspector
John Kerr, WWTP, Chief Operator

Councilman Dolan opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENT

Councilman Dolan thanked everyone for coming, noted the presence of Councilmen Youmans and Langdon, and the absence of Supervisor Crandall and Councilman Burns.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Hall Closed January 1st for New Years
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Public Hearing, Sewer Rates, December 14, 2017
 - Town Board Meeting, December 14, 2017
 - Town Board Workshop, December 21, 2017
- Supervisor Reports
 - November 2017
- Department Reports
 - Town Clerk, November 2017
 - Building Department, November 2017
 - Sewer Department, November 2017
- Discussion/Action
 - Budget Transfers 2017
 - Budget Amendment 2017
- Statement
 - Insurance
- Discussion
 - LaFarge
- Discussion/Action
 - Audit of Claims for December 2017
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
 - Organizational Meeting, January 1st – 10AM
 - Planning Board Meeting, January 2nd – 7PM
 - Conservation Advisory Council Meeting, January 9th – 6PM
 - Public Hearing, Cold War Veteran’s Exemption, January 11th – 6:30PM

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-Town Board Meeting, January 11th – 7pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Dolan announced that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observation of New Years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Dolan invited the public to comment at this time.

Dan Baker; Councilman Elect, stated tonight is the last meeting for both Councilman Langdon and Town Clerk Millious and he would like to thank them both for everything they have done. He knows that Diane is headed to a warmer climate, most of us would like to go with her, and George will probably continue to help his wife with her business. He would like to thank them both for helping him through the election process and he wishes them the best in their future endeavors. Councilman Elect Baker wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Youmans stated he looks forward to having Councilman Elect Baker sitting up there with them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Dolan stated there are three sets of minutes for Town Board approval a Public Hearing for the Sewer rates on December 14, 2017, a Town Board Meeting on December 14, 2017, and a Town Board Workshop on December 21, 2017.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Langdon, approving the minutes for the Public Hearing on December 14th, the Town Board Meeting on December 14th and the Town Board Workshop on December 21st.

VOTE – AYES – 3 – NAYS – 0– ABSENT – 2 (Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

November, 2017

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$484,393.07	\$48,297.12	\$210,086.49	\$322,603.70
CONSOLIDATED	\$201.35	\$0.03	-	\$201.38
PART TOWN	\$741,924.50	\$8,708.29	\$14,858.06	\$735,774.73
HIGHWAY P-T	76,949.76	\$446.89	\$51,320.54	\$26,076.11

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HGWY. TOWN	\$37,853.48	\$1.56	\$4,771.32	\$33,083.72
SEWER	\$80,606.94	\$38,946.86	\$65,736.75	\$53,817.05
SPECIAL WATER	\$37,085.84	\$11,555.64	-	\$48,641.48
TRUST & AGCY.	43,639.92	\$256,178.64	\$225,253.97	\$74,564.59
POL. FOR.	\$8,741.33	\$0.36	-	\$8,741.69
CAP. PROJ.	\$1,155,054.42	\$166.83	\$294,800.30	\$860,420.95
SEC. 8 HUD	\$14,424.51	\$44,220.21	\$49,169.05	\$9,475.67
			TOT. REC. BAL.	\$2,173,401.07

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>COLATERAL COVERAGE</u>	<u>FDIC COVERAGE</u>	<u>COLLATERALIZED</u>
Unemployment \$704.54	Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$3,047,319.80
Grove Cem. \$41,007.83	National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$459,361.70
C.H. Cem. \$13,452.27	of Coxsackie		
Total \$55,164.64			

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, Seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE –AYES 3–NAYES–0 – ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – November 2017

Councilman Dolan asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Town Clerk Millious asked if she could speak a little about the recent changes that have occurred for Property Tax collection this year, changes which have never happened before during tax time since she has been here.

Town Clerk Millious read a press release from the Office of Governor Cuomo:

As you know, due to recent changes in federal tax law, many New York State homeowners have been urgently seeking to pay their 2018 property taxes before the end of 2017. Governor Cuomo signed an Executive Order today that makes it possible for them to do so.

The [Executive Order](#) authorizes county legislative bodies, and town supervisors in Westchester County, to issue their warrants for the collection of taxes and to deliver them to the collecting officers immediately upon the adoption of the budget, or upon the issuance of the Executive Order (which happened today), whichever is later, but no later than December 28 in any event. This will ensure that taxes may be paid on December 29, if not earlier. The Executive Order also directs collecting officers to accept partial

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payments of those payments, since there may be cases where the exact amount due is not yet known.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

[Governor Cuomo's press release](#)

Town Clerk Millious stated she did receive the 2018 Tax Warrant today at noon. Approximately sixty people came in to pay their taxes today and her office collected almost \$80,000.00. The Town Clerk's Office will be open tomorrow, December 29th from 8:30 – 4:30 and all taxes paid on this date will be marked paid with that date. It is her understanding that all taxes paid by the end of December can be claimed on a person's 2017 income tax return. The tax bills are not in yet, but her office does have a program that the bills can be printed from. Her office number is (518) 756-2100 if anyone has any questions. There is a drop box located by the front door of Town Hall if anyone wants to drop it off tonight.

Councilman Dolan stated that the tax bills are available on the Town's website.

Town Clerk Millious thanked Councilman Dolan for mentioning that. Town Clerk Millious stated that usually payment can be made online as well, but that feature is not available yet, they are working on getting that made available.

Barbara Tanner asked if payments left in the drop box would be stamped paid. Town Clerk Millious responded yes the drop box is checked every day and anyone who leaves a payment in the drop box will receive a stamped receipt.

Mrs. Tanner asked if the drop box is checked on the weekends.

Town Clerk Millious responded no it is not checked on the weekends. Payments can also be mailed and need to be postmarked by December 31, 2017 to receive credit for the 2017 year.

MOTION

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

VOTE –AYES 3–NAYES– 0 – ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

Building Department – November 2017

Councilman Dolan asked that Building Inspector Cashin give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Building Inspector Cashin continued by giving the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE –AYES 3–NAYES– 0 – ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

Sewer – November 2017

Councilman Dolan asked that Chief Operator Kerr give the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Chief Operator Kerr thanked Town Clerk Millious for her assistance since he has been here, she has made it the most convenient for him out of all the places he has worked.

Town Clerk Millious thanked him and stated his sewer bills will be going out tomorrow.

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Chief Operator Kerr continued by giving the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE –AYES 3–NAYES– 0 – ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

Chief Operator Kerr wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Youmans stated before he reads the following resolution he would like to say that it is the time of year that the Town does this type of basic budgetary housekeeping.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #134-17 AUTHORIZE BUDEGT TRANSFERS 2017

On motion of Councilman Youmans, Seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was

APPROVED –AYES 3–NAYES– ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the following accounts have been depleted due to unforeseen expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Officer is desirous of transferring fund to these accounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Philip A. Crandall to transfer the following funds:

General Fund (A)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 1,072.95	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)1355.4 Assessor’s Contractual
\$ 3,670.00	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)1650.2 Central Communications Equipment
\$ 2,813.38	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)3120.4 Law Enforcement Cont.
<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$.04	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)7510.1 Historian Personal Services
<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 1,889.86	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)8510.1 Community Beautification Personal Services
<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 2,728.47	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)8510.1 Community Beautification Contractual

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<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 43.16	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)9045.8 Life Insurance
\$17,955.61	(A)1990.4 Contingency	(A)9060.8 Hospital/Medical Ins.

Part-Town Fund (B)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 3,322.80	(B)8140.4 Storm Water	(B)1680.1 Central Data Processing Personal Services
\$ 1,010.00	(B)8140.4 Storm Water	(B)8020.1 Planning Board Personal Services
\$ 11.76	(B)8140.4 Storm Water	(B)9055.8 Disability Insurance

Highway Fund (DB)

\$.16	(DB)5112.4 Special Improvement Contractual	(DB)9045.8 Life Insurance
\$ 3,656.61	(DB) 5112.4 Special Improvement Contractual	(DB)9060.8 Hospital/Medical Insurance
\$ 199.08	(DB) 5112.4 Special Improvement Contractual	(DB)9070.8 Dental Insurance

Sewer Fund (SS)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 1,148.20	(SS)8120.4 Sewage Collection System Contractual	(SS)8130.2 Sewage Treatment & Disposal Equipment
\$25,790.28	(SS)8120.4 Sewage Collection System Contractual	(SS)8130.4 Sewage Treatment & Disposal Contractual
\$ 6,407.75	(SS)8120.4 Sewage Collection System Contractual	(SS)9010.8 NYS Retirement
\$ 4,160.40	(SS)8110.4 Sewer Administration Contractual	(SS)9060.8 Hospital/Medical Insurance

RES. #135-17 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT 2017

On motion of Councilman Langdon, Seconded by Councilman Youmans, the following resolution was
APPROVED –AYES 3–NAYES– ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Highway Department has incurred body damages to one International Dump Truck (C-22); and

WHEREAS, the damages are covered by the Town of Coeymans insurance company; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received a check in the amount of \$445.00 from the insurance company for repairs of said vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is desirous of repairing the International Dump Truck (C-22);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Philip A. Crandall to amend the Highway Department Fund (DB), 2017 budget as follows:

Increase Revenue

(DB)2680 Insurance Recovery \$ 445.00

Increase Expenditure

(DB)5130.4 Machinery \$ 445.00

RES. #136-17 APPROVE DECEMBER ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Youmans, Seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was

APPROVED –AYES 3–NAYES– ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) – SO MOVED

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

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS: 175387-175505, for a total of \$747,394.62

VOUCHER NUMBERS: 175506 – 175568, for a total of \$66,774.76

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$814,169.38

Statement – Insurance: Councilman Dolan stated he would like to comment on action taken at the last workshop meeting regarding insurance for the Town. The Town Board does not usually take action at workshop meetings, but this was time sensitive so it was necessary. Councilman Dolan stated that Supervisor Crandall and his staff were able to negotiate lower prices on different insurances for the Town that would result in savings of \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Councilman Dolan read the motion from the December 14, 2017 Town Workshop Meeting.

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns authorizing the Supervisor to sign contracts with COOL as the Broker for the Town, Trident Insurance Company and Perma Insurance Company for the Town and Workers Compensation policies respectively.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 –ABSTAIN 1 (Youmans) – SO MOVED

Councilman Dolan stated the Town will be saving some money next year and he wanted to bring it to everyone’s attention that the Town Board took action last week at the workshop.

Discussion – Lafarge: Councilman Dolan stated a lot of people were concerned about the possibility of Lafarge entering into an agreement with Mustang Energy to burn 16,000 tons of trash a year for thirty years at the Ravenna plant. The Town Board authorized the Supervisor at the last workshop meeting to send letters opposing this plan to the Governor and Department Head of DEEP. There are three locations being considered for this plan and a decision is supposed to be made by the close of business on December 31st. The Town of Coeymans held a press conference on Wednesday, December 27th to voice our strong objection to this plan. Lafarge claims that they are not interested in this plan and their name was used without their

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permission, so hopefully this will be a dead issue. Councilman Dolan stated they will update everyone as soon as they know anything.

Councilman Youmans stated he is still concerned, although he does not think this plan will move forward, steps need to be taken to prevent this from ever happening in the future. There have been mixed messages from Lafarge concerning this. There have been news stories saying they do not want anything to do with the plan, yet we have not received anything in writing from them stating that. Councilman Youmans stated it seems like the Ravena Plant does not know what another branch of their company is doing, so he thinks it is time for the Town to enact a law saying you cannot burn trash, garbage, trash derived fuel or whatever you want to call it. He does not think there is anyone in our Town who is in favor of this happening. The Town Board has already spoken to Attorney for the Town Pastore regarding this and they are working on some legislation to prevent this from happening.

Councilman Langdon stated he doesn't think the Town should say we will not allow any kind of incineration here, but we do need to ensure that any emissions coming out of the stack be in line with environmental regulations regardless of what is being incinerated.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is easier to legislate the emissions than it is to legislate what is being burned, but there are semantics involved. Luckily the Town was alerted to this by attorney Mike Ewall from Pennsylvania, otherwise we could have woken up on January 1st to find out there is a plan to burn garbage in Ravena. Hopefully LaFarge can be taken at their word on this. The Ravena Plant claims they did not know anything about this plan until the Town told them about it. Councilman Dolan stated that it seems like there would have been some type of notification regarding this, but apparently there is not.

Councilman Langdon agreed that there were other aspects that should have been disclosed as well, like how would the trash be transported.

Councilman Dolan stated he would like to reiterate what Councilman Youmans said earlier, they have spoken to Attorney for the Town Pastore, and the Town Board will make sure that any local law proposed will protect the health and safety of the people in the Town.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- January 1st – Organizational Meeting – 10am
- January 2nd – Planning Board Meeting – 7pm
- January 9th – Conservation Advisory Council– 6pm
- January 11th – Public Hearing – Cold War Veterans Exemption– 6:30pm
- January 11th – Town Board Meeting – 7pm

Councilman Dolan asked if the Town Board and Department Heads would like to say anything.

Councilman Langdon stated tonight is his last meeting and he is pleased and honored to be able to work for the Town in this capacity. He took this position with the intention of improving the situation both financially and organizationally in the Town. Councilman Langdon feels both the PILOT program and the relocation of dispatch to Albany County benefited the Town financially, but the hiring of Chief McKenna was the best decision they made in his tenure. Chief McKenna has done a fantastic job of turning around public perspective of the Police Department. He wishes the Town the best and he will still be residing here in the Town of Coeymans. His business activities have made it difficult to fit the Town meetings in and that is why he did not run for re-election.

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Councilman Youmans thanked both Councilman Langdon and Town Clerk Millious for their service to the Town and wished them the best. He would like to encourage anyone thinking about getting involved in local government, to do so. Councilman Youmans stated he is excited to have Councilman Elect Baker coming on board and the changes that are happening.

Building Inspector Cashin stated he would like to wish Town Clerk Millious well, she has been a good friend to him.

Town Attorney Pastore stated he would like to say congratulations and good luck to those leaving and thanked them for their service.

Councilman Dolan stated that he and Councilman Langdon did not always agree, but at the end of every meeting they were always friendly to each other. Sometimes people think if you disagree with someone that means you don't like them, but that is not true in this case. Councilman Dolan stated he respects someone who will speak their mind and stand up for what they believe in and he thanked Councilman Langdon.

Councilman Youmans stated he would take that a step further and say most people would probably not want to see a Town Board that agrees all the time.

Councilman Dolan stated he has known Town Clerk Millious a long time and he would like to thank her for her service, she has done a great job and he wishes her well. He appreciates her working right up until the end, especially with the curveball Governor Cuomo threw with the property tax collection.

Councilman Langdon stated he would remiss if he did not thank Town Clerk Millious, he would not be on the Town Board if it were not for her. Town Clerk Millious has shown the best public service our Town has ever seen.

Town Clerk Millious stated tonight is her last meeting, it is very cold out, but it is warm in Florida. She has enjoyed working with everyone and is grateful for the staff she has had. She wishes Town Clerk Elect Rowzee the best of luck. It has been a pleasure working with everyone and she hopes the newly elected officials think of the people in our Town.

The Town Board and others present applauded Town Clerk Millious for her service.

The Town Board collectively wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – 2(Crandall & Burns) SO MOVED

Time – 7:44PM

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read January 11, 2018

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk