

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
April 26, 2018 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Philip Crandall, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
James C. Youmans, Councilman
Daniel D. Baker, Councilman
Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer
Daniel Contento, Acting Chief of Police
John Kerr, Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator

Audience (5)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that a full Board was present.

Presentations

John Reagan – Cypress Creek Renewables – Mr. Reagan stated that he is the Regional Zoning and Outreach Manager for Cypress Creek Renewables, a solar farm developer. They have over a Gigawatt of solar farms in operation, about the equivalent of a nuclear power plant, and over 2 Gigawatt's currently under development. Cypress Creek is contemplating a project in the Town of Coeymans, they are very early in the process. They are considering a 20 megawatt solar farm in the Town of Coeymans. New York State Public Service Commission has mandated that 50% of New York's power come from renewable sources by 2030. The property is located off of Baker Rd. and Staco Rd., near electric transmission lines. They are currently just evaluating this property, it would be enough to power about 3,000 and would be an estimated \$40,000,000 investment. Mr. Reagan asked the Board if they would consider developing a local ordinance to regulate solar power?

Supervisor Crandall stated that he could not speak for the rest of the Board but that he is for things like this, with as little interference from the Town as possible and to create as many jobs as possible and to bring in as much income as possible for both sides.

Councilman Youmans stated that he did not feel that it would bring about any public outrage. He feels that most people are on board with things like this today and understand it.

Councilman Baker asked if Cypress Creek Renewables had other farms in New York already. Mr. Reagan stated that there was a facility up near Watertown and that they were working on 18 other smaller projects.

Mr. Reagan stated that the proposed parcels are about 65 acres and 105 acres, 90 of which would be developed.

Supervisor Crandall stated that Mr. Reagan would give a more in-depth presentation if this project moves forward.

Councilman Baker asked how the Town would benefit if this were to go through? Mr. Reagan stated that it would be through the revenue of a PILOT agreement.

Public Announcements

Alcove Day will be Saturday, April 28, 2018. Information is available on the website.

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Grievance Day will be Tuesday, May 22nd from 1-8pm in the Town Hall. Supervisor Crandall directed those who may have questions to contact the Assessor's Office.

Public Comment Period

Daniel Boomer stood and gave a special thank you to Scott Searles and the Highway Department for responding quickly to a call from him about a flooded drain. He also thanked them for working hard all day at fixing it and for working in a professional manner. Mr. Boomer stated that this is what he would like to see in the other departments, especially the Police. He also stated that Scott Searles was the only department head at every meeting. He stated that a lot of people were talking about what they would do in that situation. Mr. Boomer said that he was not a policeman or not a supervisor because he does not make decisions that well and that you need good reasoning ability to be a police chief or officer. He mentioned that perhaps the Town could have a personal tax where every person pays for the police equally.

Barbara Tanner stood and defended the police. She also defended the other department heads who are at most meetings.

Councilman Baker said thank you to the audience for the comments and thank you to the department heads and especially Scott.

Supervisor Crandall thanked the Police Department for their quick response to a residence for an overdose where they administered NARCAN. The victim survived and the police were very professional. Supervisor Crandall stated that he had received two or three letters about the Police's response. Councilman Youmans gave a thank you to Officer Seney for his efforts.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

Councilman Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2018 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Dolan.

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

Supervisor Report – February 2018 - Amended Report read by Supervisor Crandall

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Baker.

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

Supervisor Report – March 2018 Report read by Supervisor Crandall

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Youmans.

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

Town Clerk Report –

Crystal Image – Town Clerk Rowzee stated that the Crystal Image concert will be held on July 20th, 2018 from 5pm-9pm at Coeymans Landing.

Town Clerk Rowzee also thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to attend the NYS Town Clerk Association Conference.

March 2018 Report read by Town Clerk Rowzee

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Baker.

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

Police Department Report – February/March 2018 Report read by Acting Chief Contento

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Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Youmans made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Dolan.

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

Councilman Youmans looked at the numbers from the March report and compared the number of calls that the Police responded to, 1,105 to the number of traffic stops, 63 and that they only gave 23 tickets out. He said that means 40 people got a warning to slow down and over 1,100 times they were out there helping somebody. He stated that it is not the Police out their harassing public. They are working hard.

Building Department Report – March 2018 Report read by John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Baker made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Youmans.

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

John Cashin gave an update on the Krzykowski property. DEC has completed work and is ready to put the project out to bid. He hopes that the bids will be opened by early summer.

Councilman Baker thanked Code Enforcement Officer Cashin for this information and asked what we as a Town could do for the buildings that had been burned out.

Mr. Cashin stated that there was a 6 week process for demolishing a building and that some are coming down. Others were not damaged enough to have to be demolished and the owners have walked away from them. Those properties are in limbo until the bank assumes ownership when a maintenance company will begin taking care of them.

Sewer Department Report – March 2018 Report read by John Kerr, Chief WWTP Operator

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Burns made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Youmans.

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

Supervisor Crandall asked Mr. Kerr if there were any repercussions from DEC for the overflow from rainfall this past month. Mr. Kerr stated, that there was not, as of yet and that we would know better at the end of the year.

Councilman Burns asked if Mr. Kerr had noticed any difference with the new trunk line. Mr. Kerr stated that he had not but it was hard to tell without a flow meter in between the town and the village. Councilman Burns also asked if they were going to camera the whole line. Mr. Kerr stated that it was his understanding that they were going to do that but he wasn't sure if we would get a video. He would ask.

New Business

Highway Department Paving of Town Roads – Highway Superintendent Searles stated that every year he has to do his 284 for Highway monies for road improvements. This year he is proposing to do nine roads, Deans Mill Rd., Old State Rd., Oak St., James Dr., Blaisdell Ave., Civil Ave., Enie Dr., Frangella Dr. and John St. The CHIPS money this year went up, we will also be getting PAVE NY and getting the Extreme Winter Recovery, for a total of \$159, 373.74. The paving costs will be \$182,299.20. The Town's portion will be \$26,424.74.

Motion to Approve Agreement with Highway Superintendent Searles

Councilman Crandall made a motion to approve the agreement with Highway Superintendent Searles to pave the above roads, seconded by Councilman Baker.

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

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Work will begin the end of June or beginning of July. Highway Superintendent Searles stated that his pickup truck will be in soon and that the dump truck would be here in August.

Approval for Pony Ride during Party at Joralemon Park – Supervisor Crandall stated that there was an application from a resident to have a pony ride at a birthday party at Joralemon Park. A Certificate of Liability Insurance and a copy of the contract was provided to the Town.

Motion to Allow Pony Ride at Joralemon Park

Councilman Youmans made a motion to approve the application of Katie Wright to have a pony ride at a birthday party at Joralemon Park from Susan Mason, Ponies for Hire, seconded by Councilman Dolan.

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

Wildlife Conflict Workshop from DEC – Councilman Dolan stated that he had attended the workshop sponsored by the Conservation Advisory Council on Tuesday, April 24th. Ken Parker from DEC came and gave information on what the general public should do when encountering wildlife. One of the most important things that Mr. Parker stated was “Don’t think that the State has someone there to solve your wildlife problems.” Two things mentioned to minimize the conflicts between humans and wildlife were to not feed the animals, whether knowingly or unknowingly (food for pets, garbage, etc.) and don’t provide shelter. If you have a shed, make sure there is some fencing under your shed to make sure they cannot dig under it.

Councilman Youmans stated that he had been in contact since March with retired State Trooper, Sue McDonough who is a wildlife expert. She feels that the state needs to institute statewide animal control. DEC has regulated animal control but there is a long wait when you call them. Ms. McDonough provided him with the number of Assemblywoman Rosenthal who is a proponent of statewide animal control.

Councilman Dolan stated that each of the six animals that you are most likely to encounter all have different rules on how to deal with them.

Resolutions

Resolution #078-18 – Authorize John Kerr to Attend Training

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

WHEREAS, John Kerr, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, has requested to attend the NYS DEC Training for NY/ Alert on May 10, 2018 from 9am-12pm at the NYS Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerr will use his personal vehicle and requests mileage reimbursement for 160 miles total, to and from the fairgrounds, for \$0.56 per mile, with a final estimated total of \$172.80; and

WHEREAS, the training sessions will give Mr. Kerr 2 credit hours towards his 60 hour requirement that is needed to renew his license in five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize John Kerr to attend the NYS DEC Training for NY/Alert on May 10, 2018 at the NYS Fairgrounds from 9am-12pm, as well as a reimbursement in the dollar amount of \$172.80 for estimated mileage costs.

Resolution #079-18 – April 2018 Audit of Claims

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for April 2018, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –176129 -176254, for a total of \$ **1,449,689.65**

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VOUCHER NUMBERS –176255 – 176352 for a total of \$60,165.25

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$1,509,854.90

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Planning Board Meeting – May 7, 2018 at 7pm

Conservation Advisory Council Meeting – May 9, 2018 at 6pm

Town Board Meeting – May 10, 2018 at 7pm

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Time – 7:53

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read May 10, 2018

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk