

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
May 10, 2018 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ABSENT: Philip Crandall, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk
Daniel McCoy, Albany County Executive
Richard Touchette, Albany County Legislator

Audience (3)

Deputy Supervisor Dolan opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that a full Board was present with exception of Philip Crandall, Supervisor who had a previously scheduled engagement.

Presentations

Daniel McCoy – Albany County Executive – County Executive McCoy made a few comments based on his State of the County address given earlier to the Albany County Legislature. He focused on the financial wellbeing of the County and how his administration has been able to stop borrowing in order to make payroll and has also been able to have over \$60 million in reserves. He briefly spoke on the Shared Services initiative, a potential health care consortium, Lawson Lake and necessary updates to the Times Union Center and the County Nursing Home.

County Executive McCoy mentioned the work he did to make Albany County an “age friendly community” and that he is working to bring housing for the elderly to the hill towns. He also spoke about the national opiate crisis and how it is also affecting our community and the taskforce that he created to help deal with this. County Executive McCoy was part of a court case involving the opioid crisis that he helped to bring to the Federal level.

Albany County Legislature Grants – Deputy Supervisor Dolan mentioned that County Legislator Touchette was not able to be there at this point but that the County Legislative Grant Applications were now available and that we would share the information on the Town website.

Public Announcements

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

Fight Back Against Fraud: Operation: Stop Scams sponsored by AARP Fraud Watch Network and the Village of Ravena will host a shredding event where residence can bring up to 3 grocery bags of papers to shred. This will be held on June 16th between 10am and 1pm at the Village Municipal Building. This is open to the residents of Ravena, Coeymans and New Baltimore.

A **Community Job Fair** will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 3pm to 5:45pm at the RCS High School. This is being sponsored by the RCS Community Library, RCS Community Business Association and the Center for Economic Growth. The Employers involved can be found on the Town website.

Public Comment Period

Deputy Supervisor Dolan opened the floor for Public Comment. As there were no Public Comments he moved on to the next item on the agenda.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

Councilman Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the April 26, 2018 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Dolan.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Bid Opening for 69 Main St. – Deputy Supervisor Dolan stated that since there were no bids he believed Supervisor Crandall would like to sell it through a Real Estate agent. After discussion it was decided that a resolution would be put together for the next meeting.

Old Business

Route 144 and 143 - Deputy Supervisor Dolan mentioned that Supervisor Crandall had spoken with Sam Zhou from the Department of Transportation. Mr. Zhou confirmed that the bids were opened for the work on Route 144 and 143, repaving and sidewalks. He also said that within 45 days it would be approved by the State Comptroller's Office and work would begin by the end of June.

Rick Touchette, Albany County Legislator – Legislator Touchette announced that there was a Public Hearing at the County Courthouse on May 29th for Proposed Local Law C, which mandates paid sick leave for employees in Albany County and for Local Law I, which would require fire sprinkler systems in new residential construction. The new Local Laws are available on the County's website or if you contact Mr. Touchette he can provide you with a PDF of them. The fire sprinkler code is part of the International Building Code and New York State has opted out of that part of the code. This local law would bring Albany County into compliance with the rest of the country.

Legislator Touchette also mentioned that the application was released for Albany County Legislature grants which would be due by June 8th. If anyone has any projects they can contact Mr. Touchette and he will help them get the application started.

New Business

Capital Bicycle Racing Club Race – The event will be held on July 14, 2018 in the Towns of Coeymans, Bethlehem and New Scotland. They are using the same course as the past (a map was provided) which includes Town, County and State Roads. The Club is asking for a standard acknowledgement from each of the municipalities involved. They will ask the Police Department separately to provide an Officer for the intersection of Bushendorf and Starr Roads.

Motion to Acknowledge & Approve Race Event in Town

Councilman Youmans made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to send an e-mail authorizing such use and to acknowledge and approve the race event, seconded by Councilman Burns.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Waive Fee for Ms. Fisk-Juskolka at Joralemon Park – Ms. Fisk-Juskolka, a Middle School Science teacher, holds a Science Olympiad Picnic every year at Joralemon Park with her students. She is asking that the Town Board consider waiving the \$25 fee for the use of the park.

Motion to Waive Fee at Joralemon Park

Councilman Youmans made a motion to waive the fee at Joralemon Park for the Science Olympiad Picnic held by Ms. Fisk-Juskolka, seconded by Councilman Baker.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Resolutions

Resolution #080-18 – Authorize Change of Water/Sewer Rate for 63 Blaisdell Ave.

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Baker, the following resolution was:

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, the property at 63 Blaisdell Avenue which was formerly owned by NYSARC, Inc. and operated as a group home was recently purchased as a single family residence; and

WHEREAS, this property was listed and billed for their sewer at a three unit rate, and meter watered at a business rate; and

WHEREAS, the new homeowner is requesting the property to be amended to a single unit residential rate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize and acknowledge that the property located at 63 Blaisdell Avenue in Coeymans is to be modified from a three unit rate to a one unit rate for sewer billing, and from a metered business to a residential rate for water.

Resolution #081-18 – Amend Resolution # 079 to Authorize John Kerr to Attend Training

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the following resolution was:

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – 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, at a rate of 54.5 per mile; 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;

WHEREAS, the previous resolution is being amended to show the correct federal mileage rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the previous resolution for the mileage rate change from 56 cents to the federal rate of 54.5 cents per mile for reimbursement.

Resolution #082-18 – Authorize Keith Geraldson and John Lennon to Attend Training

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was:

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Keith Geraldson and John Lennon, Sewer Treatment Plant Operators, have requested to attend the NYS DEC Training for NY/ Alert on May 29, 2018 from 1pm-4pm at the NYS DEC Central Office, in Albany NY; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geraldson and Mr. Lennon will be using the Town Vehicle for transportation; and

WHEREAS, the training sessions will give Mr. Geraldson, and Mr. Lennon 2 credit hours towards their 40 hour requirement that is needed to renew their licenses in five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Keith Geraldson and John Lennon to attend the NYS DEC Training for NY/Alert on May 29, 2018 at the NYS DEC Central Office in Albany, NY from 1pm-4pm, as well as use of the Town Vehicle for transportation to this training.

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Zoning Board of Appeals – May 23, 2018 at 7pm

Town Board Meeting – May 24, 2018 at 7pm

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Motion to Adjourn

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:50

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED –

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk