

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
June 28, 2018 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, June 28, 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
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer
John Kerr, Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator
Daniel Contento, Acting Police Chief

Audience (2)

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

Public Announcements

NYS DOT SR 144 Paving – Supervisor Crandall announced that paving had started along SR 144.

NYS DOT SR 143 Paving – Supervisor Crandall stated that there would be a more updated schedule the following Monday for the paving project along SR 143 as they were expecting an update from DOT. He also stated that he and Councilman Dolan had been working on this for a couple of years and that it was finally coming to fruition. He thanked Sam Zhou from NYS DOT for helping them to make this happen.

Hecate Energy – Phillip Mooney of Hecate Energy gave an update on the Solar Farm project off of Route 101. There has been a lot of activity. The project is under the process of an Article 10. It is a very comprehensive process. They recently published a comprehensive scoping document to describe the studies they would do. It will take about 18 months for the process to play out, possibly a little quicker. They are working with different agencies (DEC and DPS were mentioned) to finalize the scoping document. There are already some surveyors and biologists out on the site.

Mr. Mooney stated that it will likely be a couple of months before they get an application drafted, September or October time frame. They have not seen any fatal flaws; they are not taking a lot of trees down so the bat habitat should remain undisturbed. Mr. Mooney stated that they would be glad to come in and give a presentation of the project before they submit the application. He also reminded us that the Town is a party to the case and can participate if it wants. He mentioned that a letter of support from the Town would help.

Mr. Mooney mentioned that there is a fund of about \$10,000 that could be used by the Town to do some studies. Supervisor Crandall asked Mr. Mooney to call him about this. Mr. Mooney said he would follow-up on this. He also asked if the Town Board had any ideas on how they could do some more outreach. Councilman Youmans mentioned that the Village of Ravena puts on the Friendship Festival the last Saturday in August and he was sure that they would let them set up a booth.

Councilman Baker asked what the acreage of the solar farm would be and where does the power go. Mr. Mooney said that the site is 500 or so acres. They have a contract with a utility in Connecticut that will have about half of the power, the other half will go to the power grid and they currently have a contract with NYSERDA for that portion. This should help the prices locally because when you add generation locally it reduces the congestion pricing. There was a question from the audience about their property taxes. Supervisor Crandall stated that they would

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be working on a PILOT with the Town. It would be significantly higher than the property is currently taxed at. Hecate Energy has already started speaking with people about this. Mr. Mooney wanted to see if they could possibly work on other projects while they have equipment on site.

Lawson Lake – Councilman Dolan announced an event at Lawson Lake on Sunday, July 22nd. There will be a 2.5 mile trail run from 5-8pm. There will be music and food.

Public Comment Period

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

Councilman Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the May 24, 2018 Combined Town Board and Village Board Meeting and the May 24, 2018 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Dolan.

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

Supervisor Report

March 2018 Report - Amended and April 2018 Report read by Supervisor Crandall

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the reports as read, seconded by Councilman Burns.

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

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report – April 2018 Report – Amended 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

May 2018 Report read by Town Clerk Rowzee.

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

Police Department Report – A combined April & May Report read by Daniel Contento, Acting Police Chief

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

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

Motion to Accept Report

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

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

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Councilman Dolan asked what accounts for the large amount of Estimated Construction Cost. John Cashin stated that the year to date was correct because of the Marijuana processing plant and Lafarge but the monthly Estimated Construction was incorrect. He later amended the report to read \$89,300.00 as the Estimated Construction Cost.

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

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

New Business

Braking AIDS Ride – An event, Braking AIDS Ride to benefit Housing Works, a major AIDS service organization headquartered in NYC, will be taking place on Saturday, September 15, 2018 in the Town of Coeymans. There will be approximately 125 bicyclists participating. They have notified the Police but have not requested any Police coverage.

Motion to Accept Braking AIDS Ride

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the Braking AIDS Ride in Coeymans on September 15, 2018, seconded by Councilman Burns.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Trinity United Methodist Church – Supervisor Crandall read a letter from the Town Clerk stating that the Trinity United Methodist Church was requesting the fee for the use of Joralemon Park on August 26th be waived. They intend to use the Park for their services and picnic that day.

Motion to Waive Park Fee for Trinity United Methodist Church

Councilman Dolan made a motion to waive the park fee for the use of Joralemon Park for the Trinity United Methodist Church on August 26, 2018, seconded by Councilman Youmans.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Resolutions

Resolution #089-18 – Authorize Hudson River Expedition to Overnight Camp

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans for discussion, the following resolution was:

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

WHEREAS, Hudson River Expeditions has been contracted by the NYS Hudson River Valley Greenway agency, to conduct the Hudson River Paddle 2018-2020. The event is a multi-day kayaking and camping event. Hudson River Expeditions has requested permission to camp overnight at the soccer field located at Coeymans Landing for two nights; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place on July 31 and August 1, 2018, with a fee of \$25 for licensing the site, as well as the completion of an application, and proof of insurance.

WHEREAS, Hudson River Expeditions understands that the reserved site prohibits open fires; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Hudson River Expeditions to reserve the Coeymans Landing Soccer field for overnight camping on July 31, and August, 1, 2018 with a prepaid fee of \$25 paid for the licensing of the site.

Councilman Youmans asked if we had checked with the soccer leagues to make sure they would not be using the fields those days. Councilman Dolan stated that we had checked with them and that everything was all set.

Resolution #090-18 – Approval of CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

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On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Baker with Councilman Dolan asking for discussion, the following resolution was:

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board undertook negotiations with CSEA Local #801 to replace the collective bargaining agreement that expired December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized Supervisor Philip A. Crandall, and Deputy Supervisor Thomas Dolan to act on behalf of the management in the aforementioned negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the tentative agreement was recently ratified by a vote of the union’s membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby approve the tentative agreement reached for the 4 year term effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021.

Councilman Dolan stated that he felt that this was a fair deal to the union members and to the Town. Councilman Youmans said that they had done a good job negotiating and he knows that it is hard work.

Resolution #091-18 – Accept Conveyance of Alcove Cemetery to the Town

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Youmans with Councilman Dolan asking for discussion, the following resolution was:

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

WHEREAS, there has been established in the Town of Coeymans, County of Albany, State of New York, a cemetery known as the Alcove Cemetery Association, Inc., which association maintains a public cemetery on 2253 County Route 111, in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, and owns real property in said Town; and

WHEREAS, said association has under its care certain funds for perpetual care, permanent maintenance, special trust, general fund, deposited in the following bank: Key Bank; and

WHEREAS, the association has been and still is unable to procure sufficient income from above investments, the members of the association and from the representatives of the deceased persons interred in the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery association has requested that the Town of Coeymans, pursuant to Section 1506(j) of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, accept the conveyance of the cemetery premises and transfer of assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Coeymans hereby accepts the conveyance of the cemetery, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute all necessary documents, including a Quit Claim Deed, in order to facilitate the conveyance of the Alcove Cemetery Association premises, as well as the transfer of the assets from the cemetery association. Such conveyance shall be subject to all agreements as to lots sold and all trust, restrictions and conditions upon the title or use of the real property or assets.

Councilman Dolan thanked Town Clerk Rowzee, Attorney Paul Pastore and Confidential Secretary Collins for the work that they had done on this. He stated that if a cemetery is abandoned that the Town is required by state law to maintain the cemetery. Councilman Youmans asked how much money they had. Town Clerk Rowzee said she recalled Mr. Collins saying there was about \$13,000 but that \$12,000 was in perpetual care, so only about \$1,000 could be used. Councilman Baker thanked everyone working on it as this is the cemetery where his parents are buried. He also thanked Dennis Beck and Al Collins for the care they have provided over the years.

Resolution #092-18 – Appoint Summer Recreation Leader

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

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

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena have established a Summer recreation program to be based at Mosher Park; and

WHEREAS, both the Town Board and the Village Board have agreed to equally fund this program; and

WHEREAS, a seasonal part-time staffer is needed to organize and operate the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoints Jayden Feliciano as part-time seasonal Recreation Leader at the hourly rate of \$15, effective June 28, 2018.

Resolution #93-18 – Appoint Summer Recreation Staff

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

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

WHEREAS, the *Summer Recreation* Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the *Summer Recreation* Program:

Babcock, Michael	Kuchta, Megan
Burns, Brian	Leno, Arianna
DeLuca, Caitlyn	Leonard, Ryan
Gallagher, Caitlyn	Margiasso, Jason
Galusha, Noah	Polverelli, Bailey
Hotaling, Michael	Racey, Shane
Irvis, Tyrell	Shackelton, Ian
Jones, Faith	Zeoli, Chad

The appointment is effective July 9 to August 10, 2018, and will be at the hourly wage of \$10.40.

Resolution #094-18 – Appoint Food For Thought Staff

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

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

WHEREAS, the *Food For Thought* Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the *Food For Thought* Program:

Frazee, Virginia	Rexford, Kayla
Hotaling, Dana	Snyder, Charlotte
Klercker, Alexandria	Stephens, Laila
Klercker, Emma	Wagoner, Caitlynne

The appointment is effective July 9 to August 10, 2018, and will be at the hourly wage of \$10.40.

Resolution #095-18 – Audit of Claims – June 2018

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

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

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

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –176518 – 176548 & 176550 - 176633, for a total of \$ **168,387.22**

VOUCHER NUMBERS –176634 – 176714 for a total of \$**81,215.49**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$249,602.71

Public Restrooms for Coeymans Landing & Joralemon Park – Supervisor Crandall stated that we had received four quotes from engineering companies to begin the process of drawing up plans to install public restrooms at Coeymans Landing and Joralemon Park. Tighe & Bond came in with more of what we need and at the lowest price and the Supervisor was asking that we go with them. Discussion ensued about how this would be a great addition to our Town parks and what an asset those parks are to our Town. Supervisor Crandall also mentioned that we would be doing most of the work in-house on these. It was mentioned that the ones at Coeymans Landing would use the water and sewer lines. The engineers would come up with the best solution for out at Joralemon Park. Councilman Dolan stated that they were looking at options for grants and in order to do that we need an engineer’s report. Councilman Youmans stated his objection to compostable toilets.

Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Enter Contract with Tighe & Bond

Councilman Baker made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Tighe & Bond to draw up plans and costs to put public restrooms at Coeymans Landing and Joralemon Park, seconded by Councilman Youmans.

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

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Planning Board Meeting – July 2nd at 7pm

Conservation Advisory Council – July 11th at 6pm

Zoning Board of Appeals – July 25th at 7pm

Town Board Meeting – July 26th 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 – 7:52

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – AS PRESENTED ON 7/26/2018

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk