

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
October 11, 2018 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Philip A. Crandall, Supervisor
Daniel D. Baker, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ABSENT: Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman
James C. Youmans, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town

Audience (3)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that a partial Board was present, Councilman Burns and Councilman Youmans were not able to be there that evening.

Public Announcements

Braking AIDS Ride – Councilman Dolan read correspondence from the Braking AIDS Ride that went through Coeymans in September 2018. The letter thanked the Town for the time and effort that they had put in for this.

Lion’s Club Pancake Breakfast – Councilman Baker announced an all you can eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 4th from 8am-1pm at the Senior Projects to support the Lion’s Club.

Special Town Board Workshop Cancelled – Town Clerk Rowzee announced that the Special Town Board Workshop that had been scheduled for October 13th at 9 am had been cancelled. The Town Board was able to accomplish everything they needed to at the Special Workshop the previous week. There is a notice on the website and the sign board.

Public Comment Period

Supervisor Crandall opened the floor for Public Comment.

Virginia Pearson – Ravena Rescue Squad, stood and spoke regarding the 2019 Budget. She mentioned that they had asked for an increase from the Town for the past three years and it has been denied each year where the Paramedic has received an increase over the past few years. She wanted to make the Town Board aware that the Rescue Squad reimburses the Town for Paramedic costs and have sent the Town over \$125,000 over the last few years. She said that the Town of Coeymans cannot bill the medic directly and the Ravena Rescue Squad is not obligated to turn that money over to the Town. She asked, should they stop billing the medic if the Town cannot give them their 2% increase? Councilman Baker asked what that was 2% of. Mrs. Pearson stated that the amount was \$147,852. When asked by Board members how much of the money they keep from the billing of the medic, she answered that it was about 3.5%.

Supervisor Crandall invited her to call his office to make an appointment for her to sit down and talk this over. She would love to come and sit down with him to talk it over. She stated again that she did not feel that they should continue billing the medic if they did not get help from the Town. She mentioned that they had saved two lives with the LUCAS machine that they had purchased. She stated that the 2% would be about equal to one of the Quarter checks that they send from the medic billing. She stated that everyone’s cost of living goes up and so does the expenses of the Rescue Squad.

Councilman Baker asked if they kept a fund balance for operating costs. Mrs. Pearson said they do. Councilman Baker asked her to elaborate on the kind of money that they have from year to

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year. Mrs. Pearson said they keep enough so that they can plan on new ambulances and any repairs, cost of supplies and payroll. She did not have a number off the top of her head. Councilman Baker then asked her to bring those figures when she meets with the Supervisor. Mrs. Pearson said that she had no problem with it.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the September 27, 2018 Town Board Meeting, October 4, 2018 Special Town Board Meeting, and the October 6, 2018 Special Town Board Budget Workshop, seconded by Councilman Baker.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Resolutions

Resolution #123-18 – Authorize Supervisor to Execute Contract with Albany County

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has applied for a grant from the Albany County Office of Children and Family Services for the Summer Rec and Food for Thought programs; and

WHEREAS, a new agreement is needed with the Albany County Office of Children and Family Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the amount is not to exceed \$1,000.00 as stated in said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Philip A. Crandall to execute the contract for services to youth as provided in the Summer Rec and Food for Thought programs with the Albany County Office of Children and Family Services.

Resolution #124-18 – Authorize Supervisor to Execute SDG Contract

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Assessor's office uses Image Mate Online software and its support plan in its day to day operation, and

WHEREAS, this program makes assessment information available for public use, and

WHEREAS, the yearly software support plan with Systems Development Group, Inc. (SDG) is set to expire on August 31, 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the Agreement between SDG and the Town of Coeymans for September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, which is attached to this resolution.

Resolution #125-18 – Appoint Part-time Police Officer

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Department has a need to fill part-time positions as Police Officer in the Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Michael Case to the position of Probationary Part-Time Police Officer effective October 17, 2018. Appointment is contingent upon said candidate signing a personal services contract with the Town of Coeymans and paperwork being filed with the Human Resource Clerk. The officer will be compensated at the rate designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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Resolution #126-18 – Appoint Full-time Police Officer

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was:
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Department has a need to fill a Full-time position as Police Officer in the Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Daniel Braden full time Police Officer at the five year rate of \$26.11 per hour as designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. This appointment is effective October 12, 2018 pending civil service approval and agility.

Other Business

Route 143/Route 144 Construction Update – Councilman Dolan gave an update on the work that is being done on Route 144. He mentioned an issue where the sidewalk and the parking on the opposite side of the street had been blocked in front of the Post Office. He had called the contractor and they reopened the parking that had been inadvertently blocked. He mentioned that the sidewalks would be done in the next couple of days and that they would be wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant. He thanked everyone for letting them know about the parking issue and assured them it was taken care of. He said the paving would take place a few days after that.

Councilman Baker asked about the work on Route 143. Supervisor Crandall stated that the paving of Route 143 is postponed until the spring and they may only be able to put a base coat on Route 144 this fall, depending on the weather. Councilman Dolan stated that it was the water lines that slowed the project down.

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Zoning Board of Appeals – October 24th at 7pm
Town Board Meeting – October 25th at 7pm

Motion to Adjourn

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – AS PRESENTED ON 10/25/2018

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk