

A Public Hearing was held Thursday, November 8th, 2018 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk

Audience (2)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOTICE
OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will meet and hold a Public Hearing, at the Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, at 6:00pm on Thursday, November 8, 2018 for the purpose of hearing comments on the budget.

Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law, listed below are the proposed salaries of Elected Officials.

Supervisor	(1)	\$35,000.00
Councilman	(4)	\$12,000.00 each
Justice	(2)	\$20,600.00 each
Highway Supt.	(1)	\$56,477.99
Town Clerk	(1)	\$47,769.34

A copy of the 2019 Preliminary Budget will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, where it may be viewed, and a copy can be obtained during regular business hours. It will also be available on the Town website.

**By Order of the Town of
Coeymans Town Board
Cindy L. Rowzee
Town Clerk**

Supervisor Crandall stated that for the record there was a full board and then opened the floor for public comment.

Barbara Tanner, stood and questioned the increase on the line for the Police Chief Salary.

Councilman Dolan explained that the increase was part medical buyback and part raise. When questioned on the amount of the raise by Ms. Tanner, Supervisor Crandall stated the raise was \$3,000.

Ms. Tanner also questioned if they were looking for a new Chief. Supervisor Crandall said that it looked like the Acting Chief would be staying for a while as the only available candidate was not acceptable to the Town Board.

Virginia Pearson – Ravena Rescue Squad, stood and spoke regarding the meeting she had with Supervisor Crandall and Councilman Dolan. She said that she wanted to set the matter straight about the amount of increase the Rescue Squad has received from the Town over the years. She said that the Rescue Squad has gone from all volunteers in 2003 and very few paid EMT's to all

paid employees now. The increases over the years have corresponded with the switch from volunteers to paid EMT's and 24/7 coverage in order to help cover their payroll costs. She hoped the Town Board would reconsider with this information.

The Town Board thanked her for her comments. Councilman Burns commented about the great service they provide and that he has had to use it recently. He stated that they have recently lost \$16,000,000 in assessed value and they are putting the money where it needs to be put this year.

Councilman Dolan also stated that they provide a great service.

Barbara Tanner again stood and asked about the paving project that was done outside of the Town Hall and questioned whether all parties who had provided a quote had been given the same information.

Supervisor Crandall stated that according to Superintendent Searles they were. Ms. Tanner stated that Mr. Arnold was the one who had dealt with the people. Supervisor Crandall stated that he had dealt with Superintendent Searles. He had been advised to go with Precision because of what they were offering.

Councilman Dolan said that going forward, anything like this would be put out to bid through the Town Clerk's Office with clear specifications.

Supervisor Crandall said that in this instance, so that the work could be done before cold weather set in they relied on the expertise of the Superintendent of Highways and went with his recommendation.

Councilman Baker stated that he had asked at the last meeting if all of the contractors knew the scope of the work and Superintendent Searles had said they did.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he had given one of the other contractors the opportunity to come that night and meet with Scott to give a new quote and they did not come.

Councilman Baker stated that in the future both the Board and the Supervisor would make sure it was handled differently.

Motion to Adjourn

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

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

Time – 6:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – AS PRESENTED ON 11/29/2018

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk