

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
December 13, 2018 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, December 13th, 2018 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk

Audience (8)

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

Presentation

Mike Ewall, Energy Justice Network – Mr. Ewall stood and gave a history of his involvement with the Town. He stated that he was first contacted last year by a Hartford, Connecticut community group about the closing of their trash burning facility. Mr. Ewall looked into the three proposals and one of them was the possibility of trash being burned at the Lafarge Plant. He brought this to the attention of the Town and through the work of the Town Board, Lafarge backed off from this idea. The Town then hired Mr. Ewall to write a Clean Air Law. He mentioned that New York is one of three states that allow local municipalities to have stricter air and waste laws than the state and federal minimums.

As for the proposed law, Mr. Ewall mentioned that it does not mention any specific companies; it does not ban fossil fuels that they would normally burn; it does mention specific wastes types and puts limits on the amounts. It also requires any company burning waste to meet three criteria. First, it has to continuously monitor the pollutants, second, it has to put that information on their website in real time and third, it must meet strict requirements about specific pollutants. Most companies that have smokestacks say they have continuous monitoring but the reports are turned into the state on a quarterly basis for the few things that they do continuously monitor. They are not continuously monitoring many pollutants, it is usually just three, and the rest are generally tested once a year or not at all. These limits are put into place for the health and safety of the population.

There was discussion between the Town Board members and Mr. Ewall regarding pollution from Lafarge, last year's possibility of burning trash at Lafarge and other burn facilities in the area.

Councilman Dolan asked about Mr. Ewall's scientific background. Mr. Ewall stated that he had a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a Minor in Science Technology in Society from Penn State University and a Law degree from the University of DC. A lot of his scientific credentials are self-taught.

Dave Fletcher, Plant Manager, Lafarge – Mr. Fletcher stood and said that he understands Mr. Ewall's position but feels that it is misleading. He hoped the Town Board would take into consideration the changes that Lafarge had proposed to the law. Supervisor Crandall offered to have him give a presentation at the next Town Board Meeting.

Public Announcements

Town Hall Closed – Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Public Comment Period

Supervisor Crandall opened the floor for Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion to Approve Minutes

Councilman Youmans made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the November 29, 2018 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Burns.

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

Supervisor Report

October 2018 Supervisor’s 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

Resolutions

Resolution #137-18 – Authorize Removal of Vacant Parcel from Sewer Rolls

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

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

WHEREAS, Lee and Carol Eckl are owners of parcels 168.12-2-33 and 168.12-2-34 located at 46 Main Street in the Town of Coeymans, State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Eckl have merged both parcels to eliminate parcel 168.12-2-33 as a vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, parcel 168.12-2-33 will be removed from the sewer billing, as this is now one parcel known as 168.12-2-34;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby acknowledge that parcel 168.12-2-33 will be removed as a vacant parcel in the future sewer billings.

New Business - Town Organizational Meeting

Motion to Hold Organizational Meeting & Authorization to Advertise

Supervisor Crandall made a motion to hold the Town Organizational Meeting on January 1st at 9am and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the Meeting, seconded by Councilman Youmans.

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

Resolution #138-18 – Authorize Removal of Vacant Parcel from Sewer Rolls

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

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

WHEREAS, Thomas and Olivetta Rotello are owners of parcels 168.12-1-38.312 and 168.12-1-38.311 located on Colvin Ave. in the Town of Coeymans, State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rotello have merged both parcels to eliminate parcel 168.12-1-38.312 as a vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, parcel 168.12-1-38.312 shall be removed from the sewer billing, as this is now one parcel known as 168.12-1-38.311;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby acknowledge that parcel 168.12-1-38.312 will be removed as a vacant parcel in the future sewer billings.

Resolution #139-18 – Set 2019 Sewer Rates

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is required to establish Sewer Rates for 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Coeymans and held on December 13, 2018 at 6:30pm at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, all parties in attendance were granted an opportunity to speak on behalf and/or opposition to the proposed 2019 Sewer Rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans determines the number of units to calculate the billing for operation, maintenance, and capital projects; and

WHEREAS, each use is hereby charged as follows:

Per unit, per year- Five hundred sixteen dollars and forty three cents \$516.43.

January-June Payment- Two hundred fifty eight dollars and twenty two cents \$258.22.

July-December Payment- Two hundred fifty eight dollars and twenty one cents \$258.21.

Commercial-One (1) unit per use.

Apartments-One (1) unit per apartment

Out of District users-per unit, per year

Vacant Parcel- Flat rate of One Hundred dollars (\$100) per year

Village of Ravena-Thirty seven thousand forty four dollars and seventy nine cents \$37,044.79 per month.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has established a late payment of ten percent (10%) to be imposed on all balances (30) days from the due date of the billing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to collect sewer rents for 2019, pursuant to the above established rates.

Councilman Dolan spoke regarding the sewer rate that was just proposed and the next resolution they would be doing for the Sewer rate for the Stonehouse Hill Rd. Extension. He stated that the rates were almost identical. Both the regular Sewer District and the Stonehouse Hill Rd. Extension would be paying the normal operating costs but there was a difference in the debt service that each would pay. Only the Hamlet would pay the part of the debt that was incurred prior to the Stonehouse Hill Extension being created and only Stonehouse Hill Rd. Extension would pay for the part of the debt to create that extension.

There was discussion among the Town Board about how it was good that the Stonehouse Hill Sewer project had been completed. It had been on ongoing problem for decades with raw sewage going into the Coeymans Creek. It was good that it had been taken care of. The fine money was used to create the Extension

Resolution #140-18 – Set 2019 Sewer Rates for Stonehouse Hill Rd. Extension

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has extended the Coeymans Sewer District to include the Stonehouse Hill Road Extension; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has given the Town of Coeymans \$55,000.00 to help with the establishment of this extension; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has now established the Stonehouse Hill Road Extension and is required to establish sewer rates for 2019 on these parcels; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans determines the number of units to calculate the billing for operation, maintenance, and capital projects; and

WHEREAS, each use is hereby charged as follows:

Per unit, per year- Five hundred thirteen dollars and thirty eight cents \$513.38.

January-June Payment-Two hundred fifty six dollars and sixty nine cents \$256.69.

July-December Payment-Two hundred fifty six dollars and sixty nine cents \$256.69.

Commercial-One (1) unit per use.

Apartments-One (1) unit per apartment

Out of District users- per unit, per year

Vacant Parcel- Flat rate of One Hundred dollars (\$100) per year

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has established a late payment of ten percent (10%) to be imposed on all balances (30) days from the due date of the billing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to collect sewer rents for 2019, pursuant to the above established rates.

Upcoming Meetings

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – December 26th at 7pm

Town Board Meeting – December 27th at 7pm

Additional Comments

Shelby Unley, Regional Council, Lafarge – Ms. Unley stood and stated that they had only found out that Mr. Ewall would be here a day and a half ago and so they had no counter presentation. She stated that she thought that our attorney had prepared a revised version of the Law and asked if it would be coming up for a vote as it now stands. Supervisor Crandall answered in the affirmative. Ms. Unley asked if they would consider delaying the vote to give them more time to get a presentation together. Supervisor Crandall stated that they could do the presentation at the next meeting but that they would still have the vote on the Local Law as it now stands but that he did not know which way the vote would go. Ms. Unley stated that this proposed law would have serious implications on the sustainability of the plant and would affect the Town down the road as one of the largest employers and tax payers in the area.

Councilman Baker – Councilman Baker gave kudos to the Town Board on the tire clean up at the Kryzkowski property. Supervisor Crandall stated that Code Enforcement Officer Cashin would give an update on the project at the next meeting. Councilman Baker was also appreciative of the fact that burned out houses were coming down.

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 – 7:33pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – AS PRESENTED ON

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk