

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
January 24, 2019 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, January 24th, 2019 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
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town
John Kerr, Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer
Daniel Contento, Officer in Charge
Audience (3)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Crandall stated that a full Board was present. As there were no presentations or public announcements he moved on to the Public Comment portion of the meeting. He stated that Public Comment period would be for comments only, not questions. If there were any questions for the Board he asked that it be put in writing and submitted to the Supervisor's Office or Town Board or they can call during the week.

Public Comment

Ms. Barbara Tanner of Ravena stood and asked why the Town was hiring new Police Officers but handing more of the work over to the Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Report

December 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 Burns.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report – December 2018 Report read by Town Clerk Rowzee

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 thanked Town Clerk Rowzee for how she does the reports.

Police Department Report – December 2018 Report read by Officer in Charge Contento

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

Councilman Dolan asked Officer Contento about the two new hires. Officer Contento stated that it was to alleviate overtime in the schedule.

Building Department Report – December 2018 Report read by Code Enforcement Officer Cashin

Motion to Accept Reports

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

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

Councilman Baker asked about the certificate that was issued for a wood stove and if it was necessary to obtain a permit to install a new wood stove. Mr. Cashin stated that it was. Councilman Baker said that he did not think that a lot of people were aware of that.

Sewer Department Report – December 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

Supervisor Crandall asked why there were so many less gallons of discharge. Mr. Kerr stated that it was because of less precipitation and that we still have some storm water runoff issues.

New Business

Defibrillator Pricing – Supervisor Crandall stated that the Town had provided grief counseling to the Highway Department employees. He also mentioned that he had asked the outlying departments if they would be interested in having AED machines placed there similar to what was placed in Town Hall. He wanted to offer training. He then asked John Cashin to speak about the cost. Mr. Cashin said that he had looked into purchasing two additional AED machines at a cost of \$2,658. He also stated the Sante DeBacco who is certified in training is available to train people on how to use these. Supervisor Crandall recommended that possibly someone from the Sheriff's Department could work with him on that to offer First Aid training as well. He asked Mr. Cashin to have Mr. DeBacco get in touch with the Sheriff's Department on that.

Motion – Authorization to Purchase 3 AED Machines

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Councilman Youmans made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to purchase three more AED machines to place in the Highway, Beautification and Sewer Department buildings, seconded by Councilman Baker, the motion was:

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

Motion – Authorization to Look Into and Set-up Training

Councilman Dolan made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to look into costs and set up training on the AED Machines for the Town Employees, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the motion was:

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

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that Highway employee Victor Jurevis has been an EMT and will also help with training.

AIM Funding – Supervisor Crandall stated the Governor is looking into removing AIM funding from Towns and that this would cost the Town about \$28,000 a year. He would like the Town Boards support in sending correspondence to the Governor and State Legislators asking the Governor to not take away this funding.

Motion – Authorization to Send Correspondence Regarding AIM Funding

Councilman Dolan made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to send any and all correspondence to the Governor, State Legislators, Association of Towns and County Legislator asking that they not take away this funding, seconded by Councilman Burns, the motion was:

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

Councilman Dolan stated that it was unfair as it eliminates the towns and villages but not the cities. 97% of the AIM money goes to the cities. He stated that this was an attack on villages and towns and that the Governor does not see the merit in having towns and villages. He stated that we did not have a paid lobbyist to go up to the Capital to fight it like the City of Albany does.

Resolutions

Resolution #048-19 – Amend Resolution #032-19

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Baker, the following resolution was:
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has passed resolution #032 at the January 1, 2019 Organizational Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the resolution had specific information pertaining to the allocation of fee's and duties to be performed by the Town Prosecutor.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend resolution #032 to read as follows: Appoint Kenneth McGuire, Esq. to serve as Prosecutor for all traffic and misdemeanor traffic violations, excluding drug and alcohol offences, zoning

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violations, building code violations, Town of Coeymans Local Law violations, and petty crimes, for a per diem rate of \$375.00 which will be payable by monthly voucher submitted by Mr. McGuire.

Supervisor Crandall stated that this was the same contract that was given to the prior Town Prosecutor but the only change is it is on a per diem basis. The prior Town Prosecutor would not come on the 5th Thursdays but was paid the same and the Town was losing money.

Resolution #049-19 – Audit of Claims – January 2019

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was:
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for January 2019, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –177794 – 177903, for a total of \$ **353,501.12**

VOUCHER NUMBERS –177904 – 177988 for a total of \$ **181,063.36**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 534,564.48

Upcoming Meetings

Special Town Board Meeting – Annual Audit – February 2nd at 9am
Planning Board Meeting – February 4th at 7pm
Conservation Advisory Council Meeting – February 12th at 6pm
Town Board Meeting – February 14th at 7pm

Additional Comments

Highway Superintendent Searles asked to speak. He thanked the Town Board for the grief counseling. He requested to post internally for the position that was left open in the Highway Department. The Supervisor agreed and instructed him to post the position.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Time – 7:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk