

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS**  
**February 28, 2019 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 (20)

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Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Crandall stated that a full Board was present. As there were no Public Announcements he moved on to the Public Comment portion.

**Public Comment**

**Mr. Christopher Hagen of Alcove** stood and spoke against the proposed Clean Air Law. He mentioned that in order for Lafarge to sustain jobs they needed to cut costs to compete with overseas companies. He mentioned that without Lafarge we would have an empty town. He mentioned a 2014 study where there was no major impact from burning TDF and that NY was ranked number four for clean air in the country and that their laws are one of the strictest in the country. Mr. Hagen mentioned other cement plants that were taking a portion of sales away from the Lafarge plant. He mentioned that TDF is a great alternative fuel. He mentioned a 2014 study dealing with Lafarge's exact kiln.

Councilman Dolan asked if he could forward a copy of the 2014 Study to the Town Board as they had not seen it.

**Mr. Rick Sauer of Troy** stood and spoke against the proposed Clean Air Law. He said that he was a representative of Lafarge-Holcim and that he has worked with paper mills and the steel industry from Ancram to Plattsburgh. He gave more of his background. He mentioned that some places are downsizing but that Lafarge was hiring. He then proceeded to read a letter sent by the United Steel Workers against the proposed local law.

**Ms. Mary Driscoll of Coeymans** stood and spoke regarding the recently redone Handicap Parking Lot in the rear of the Town Hall building. She mentioned an unmarked bump before you pull into the lot and that there is a slight slant to the handicap slots that would make it difficult for someone using a walker or wheelchair as it could roll away from them. She also spoke about

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how difficult the door at that entrance is to open. Ms. Driscoll also stated how poor the lighting is on that side of the building for people who come here in the evening for meetings.

Town Board members discussed these concerns and mentioned that they had fixed the lighting on the other side of the building last year and that they would look into getting more lighting on the handicap parking side of the building.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the February 14<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Burns.

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

**Supervisor Report**

January 2019 Supervisor’s Report read by Supervisor Crandall

**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

**Department Reports**

**Town Clerk Report** – January 2019 Report 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

**Police Department Report** – January 2019 Report read by Officer in Charge Contento

**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

Councilman Youmans made a comment about how the calls average out to be 62.3 calls per day, 2.6 every hour. He stated that this was a lot of work done by our Police Department.

**Building Department Report** – January 2019 Report read by Code Enforcement Officer Cashin

**Motion to Accept Report**

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Councilman Youmans made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Baker.

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

**Sewer Department Report** – January 2019 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 Burns.

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

**Old Business**

**Town Hall Stair Repair** – Supervisor Crandall spoke about the steps out front. In the Town Board member folders they had a Request for Proposal for Quotes for Repair of Town Hall Steps. He asked that all Town Board members look it over to see if there were any changes that they wanted to make to it and if there was anything, to get the changes to his office in the next week. Councilman Dolan asked if they could authorize the posting of it. Supervisor Crandall mentioned that would be taken care of when it was finalized. They will look it over and discuss it at the next Town Board meeting.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution #056-19 – Authorize Geraldson to Attend Training**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Keith Geraldson, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, has requested to attend the Mathematics for Water and Wastewater Operators training course at the Colonie Operations Center in Latham NY on March 6, 2019 with a registration fee of \$145; and

**WHEREAS**, the training session will give Mr. Geraldson 8 credit hours towards his 40 hour requirement that is needed to renew his license in five (5) years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Keith Geraldson to attend the Mathematics for Water and Wastewater Operators training session on March 6, 2019 in the amount of \$145.00 and mileage expenses as submitted by voucher.

**Resolution #057-19 – Authorize Kerr and Geraldson to Attend Training**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, John Kerr, Sewer Treatment Plant Manager and Keith Geraldson, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, have requested to attend the Hudson Valley Region Excavator Safety Seminar in Milton NY on March 21, 2019; and

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**WHEREAS**, the training session will give Mr. Kerr and Mr. Geraldson 8 credit hours towards their 40 hour requirement that is needed to renew their license in five (5) years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize John Kerr and Keith Geraldson to attend the Hudson Valley Region Excavator Safety Seminar on March 21, 2019 in Milton NY with reimbursement for mileage expenses as submitted by voucher.

**Resolution #058-19 – Appoint Community Beautification Laborer – Zinzow**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Community Beautification Department is desirous of filling a vacancy for a full time laborer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Nicholas Zinzow as full time laborer effective March 4, 2019, at the rate of \$18.01 per hour, contingent upon Albany County Civil Service approval.

**Resolution #059-19 – Amend 2019 Budget**

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 Clerk’s office sells E-ZPass devices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Clerk has purchased them in advance from the New York State Thruway Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the original budget did not include the purchase for the devices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Philip A. Crandall to amend the 2019 budget as follows:

**Expenditure**

Increase (A) 1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual \$1,050.00

**Revenue**

Increase (A) 2655 Minor Sales \$1050.00

**Resolution #060-19 – Appoint Highway Equipment Operator I - Proper**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of filling a vacancy in the Highway Department;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Joseph A. Proper as a full time Equipment Operator 1 consistent with the CSEA contract effective March 18, 2019.

Councilman Dolan asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he wanted to tell a little about him. Mr. Searles stated that of all the applicants Mr. Proper was the most qualified, that he has worked for the Town of Athens and the Thruway Authority and that as soon as he starts he will be ready to drive a truck.

**Resolution #061-19 – February Abstract of Claims**

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Baker, 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 February 2019, as follows:

**PRE-PAID VOUCHERS** –177989 – 178082, for a total of \$ **906,305.19**

**VOUCHER NUMBERS** –178083 – 178164 for a total of \$ **80,267.15**

**TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 986,572.34**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Planning Board Meeting – March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Conservation Advisory Council Meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Town Board Meeting – March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

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**Motion to Adjourn**

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

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

Time – 7:35pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk*