

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
April 25, 2019 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, April 25th, 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
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer

Audience (8) Media (1)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced a new policy that would go into effect immediately, anyone may discretely take pictures from their seat, anyone standing up to intimidate anyone will be asked to leave and if they don't leave they will be escorted out. Supervisor Crandall stated that a full Board was present.

Presentations

Tripp Powell, VFW Post 9594 – Mr. Powell spoke about the Walk for 22 that will be held on May 18th at 11 a.m. This will be a 22 minute walk to recognize the fact that 22 veterans a day commit suicide. The VFW Post, along with the School District, is trying to bring awareness to this event. This is not a fundraiser and there are no sponsors, it is just a walk to support veterans.

Public Announcements

Alcove Day – Alcove Day is Saturday, April 27, 2019, there is no rain date.

Grievance Day – Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 1-8pm in the Town Hall.

Roadwork on Main St. – Milling will begin on Main St. in Ravena on April 26th. Please be conscious of this.

Public Comment

Mr. Christopher Hagen of Alcove stood and spoke about his concerns with the Conservation Advisory Council and the Natural Resources Inventory and the potential for it to infringe on property rights. He also spoke about air quality and the report from the air screening program. He accused CAC chair, Sylvia Lawler and the Town Board members of having an agenda and withholding information in order to get the Clean Air Law passed.

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Ms. Barbara Tanner of Ravena stood and mentioned that she had not heard anything about the recycling plant.

Councilman Dolan stated that he did not have the information with him at that time and that he would get her the information.

Mr. Jeffrey LaQuire of Coeymans stood and spoke about the Planning Board and what had happened during that meeting.

Councilman Youmans stated that the Planning Board and Zoning Boards are autonomous boards and that the Town Board has no control of how that Board is run. They also do not try to influence them in anyway and to do so would be improper.

Mr. LaQuire said he wanted to talk about double standards with this board and continued with some issues he had with the Planning Board. He then mentioned an incident from the last Town Board meeting. Mr. LaQuire continued with his concerns regarding the Conservation Advisory Council. He read poll results that were from the Friends of Coeymans Facebook page, 56.1% Against supporting the CAC, 35.37% Do not have enough information and 8.5% were for the CAC. He read comments that people had left on the page and asked some questions regarding the Conservation Advisory Council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the April 11th Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Burns. Councilman Youmans abstained as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN – 1 ABSENT – SO MOVED

Supervisor Report

March 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 Baker.

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

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report – March 2019 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.

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

Police Department Report – The March Police Department report was not read as Officer in Charge Contento was not in attendance.

Building Department Report – March 2019 Report read by Code Enforcement Officer Cashin

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

Sewer Department Report – February 2019 Report read by Councilman Dolan

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Youmans made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Baker.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

March 2019 Report read by Councilman Dolan

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Burns made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Baker.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

New Business

Discussion of K-9 Officer – Supervisor Crandall stated that the premium on our insurance to have a K-9 Officer would be \$600 a year. He stated that this has been requested by the Chief. Councilman Dolan stated the goal would be to apply for a grant to cover all of the expenses. Councilman Youmans asked what type of dog. Supervisor Crandall then asked Officer Braden to speak about the K-9 Officer plan. He stated that the plan was for a German Shephard that is certified with DCJS. A certified team would need to be constructed now to be eligible for the grant next May. It is a \$50,000 bomb grant through Homeland Security and after that it is \$15,000 a year, sustainable grant money. He said it would be a community policing dog, either bomb or narcotics. It is to show the community that the police are here for them. They currently contact Albany County Sheriff's Office if they need a dog. The dog would live with Officer Braden.

Supervisor Crandall asked what the Board would like to do. Councilman Youmans stated that he would like to gather more information on this. Supervisor Crandall tabled the discussion for now to give them time to look into it further.

RC Sportsman's Club Annual Fishing Derby – Supervisor Crandall read the information request from the RC Sportsman's Club asking the Town for a donation to help pay the costs of participant prizes and refreshments. Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to contribute \$100

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towards these costs. The derby will be held on June 2nd. Registration is from 10:30-11:00 and the derby runs from 11:00-1:00.

Motion to Donate \$100 to RC Sportsman’s Club Fishing Derby

Councilman Youmans made a motion to donate \$100 to the RC Sportsman’s Club Fishing Derby, seconded by Councilman Burns.

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

Resolutions

Resolution #078-19 – Authorize Supervisor to Enter Agreement with Village Re. Pool

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Ravena has offered free access to the Mosher Park Pool for Town of Coeymans residents residing outside the village; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s offer called for a payment by the Town to the Village for a share of costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the pool complex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Crandall to enter into an agreement between the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena, to offer free admission for Town residents, with a fee of \$5,000.00 for the first year and to be reevaluated the following year once participation numbers can be confirmed.

Resolution #079-19 – April 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 April 2019, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –178371 – 178462 & 2019-029 - 2019-037 for a total of
\$ 1,661,084.07

VOUCHER NUMBERS –178463– 178541 for a total of **\$ 77,406.75**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 1,738,490.82

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Board Meeting – May 6th at 7pm
Town Board Meeting – May 9th at 7pm

Motion to Adjourn

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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 – 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Rowzee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk