

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
June 27, 2019 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, June 27<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  
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town  
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer  
Daniel Contento, Officer in Charge

Audience (11) Media (1)

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

**Presentations**

**Mr. John Meyers** – Mr. Meyers, of Ravena, stood and spoke regarding a petition he had circulated collecting signatures regarding the need for crosswalks, curbs and sidewalks along the business district on Route 9W. He stated that the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for the Town had listed sidewalks along this area and it had still not been done. He proposed that the Town and Village work together to get this done. He spoke of several dangerous situations he has seen along Route 9W. He left a copy of the petition with Supervisor Crandall.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he would contact NYS DOT and set up a meeting to get this resolved.

**Public Announcements**

**Update on Chimney Top Pocket Park Improvements** - Supervisor Crandall stated that the work on the Chimney Top Pocket Park was coming along nicely and asked Mr. Tom Sweeney of the Alcove Preservation Association to say a few words. Mr. Sweeney stood and spoke regarding the Chimney Top Pocket Park. He said that the Alcove Preservation Association is paying for most of the improvements to the chimney. The O'Brien's are doing the work. Mr. Sweeney stated that the Town was doing other work at the park and had recently installed a fence.

**Planning Board Meeting Cancelled** – The Planning Board Meeting for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 has been cancelled.

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**Town Hall Closed** – Town Hall will be closed in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday and will reopen on July 5<sup>th</sup> with the exception of the Building Department which will reopen on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment**

**Ms. Barbara Tanner of Ravena** stood asked about the Kryzkowski property.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is unclear who is responsible for the trucks at this point and who would pay for it or receive the money for removing them. Albany County has made us whole for back taxes and so in essence it is the County's property. He stated that they will be working with an Attorney and Albany County to figure this out and get a definitive answer in writing.

Councilman Baker stated that he had spoken with Mike McGuire of the CAC regarding this. Mr. McGuire contacted the DEC and they informed him that the work has been completed by the DEC and the report is expected out in the next few weeks. We will need to figure out who has the legal authority to move forward from here.

**Ms. Patricia Grogan, of Coeymans,** stood and voiced her concerns regarding having Officer Braden and his dog at the school. Ms. Grogan had looked into Officer Braden's past history of being dismissed and arrested.

Supervisor Crandall asked Officer in Charge Contento to speak about this. Officer Contento stated that this had all been discussed before he was hired and that all the charges had been dropped.

Ms. Grogan said that he had pled guilty to one of the charges. She stated that she was not comfortable with the situation. She also voiced concerns regarding how well trained his K-9 is. She asked the Town Board to look into it.

**Ms. Mary Driscoll, of Coeymans,** stood and spoke in support of the Ravena Rescue Squad and the professional job they were doing.

Councilman Burns stated that his daughter had recently had a home birth and in order to be eligible for a home birth the area has to have a short response time with EMT's. The Ravena Rescue Squad's is 3 minutes to his house.

There was discussion among the Town Council about the Ravena Rescue Squad contract that was negotiated for this year.

**Mr. Dan Boomer, of Coeymans,** stood and asked that the Town contact NYS DOT about trimming trees and bushes along SR 143. He also mentioned that he believes some hogweed is blooming along the area.

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**Mr. Jeffrey LaQuire, of Coeymans,** stood and spoke in support of the Ravena Rescue Squad. He mentioned the extra money that had been placed in the budget for the Rescue Squad had not been moved yet. He spoke about the current contract. He also spoke about negotiations with Albany County for ambulance services.

Councilman Youmans stated that in 2014 New Baltimore had said that they were going to pull out of using the Ravena Rescue Squad services. They came to the Town of Coeymans and the Town made up the difference. When New Baltimore did not pull out they never gave the money from the Town back and have kept asking for more.

Councilman Dolan stated that we had not cut the Rescue Squad budget in half, we cut in half the amount that the Town gives them. They have income from a few other sources as well.

Councilman Baker stated that a representative came from the Rescue Squad asking the Town for \$3,000 when they had \$642,000 in their accounts. He stated that no one on this Board is saying that they don't appreciate them. He also stated that they are a business and that the new representative seemed to be happy with the negotiations.

Mr. LaQuire asked about negotiations with Albany County regarding ambulance services. Supervisor Crandall and Councilman Dolan both stated that there had been no negotiations. Councilman Youmans stated that the Albany County Sheriff had made an offer but there had been no negotiations regarding it.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Councilman Youmans made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Dolan.

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

**Supervisor Report**

May 2019 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

**Department Reports**

**Town Clerk Report** – May 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 Youmans.

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

**Police Department Report** – March-May 2019 Report read by Officer in Charge Contento

**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

**Building Department Report** – May 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 Baker.  
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

**Sewer Department Report** – Supervisor Crandall stated that this would be moved to when Mr. Geraldson would be able to attend.

**Old Business**

**Front Step Replacement** – Supervisor Crandall stated that they had decided that with today's current resurfacing techniques and products they would be able to resurface the steps rather than replace. Supervisor Crandall read the three quotes for resurfacing the steps. The lowest was \$4,400 by M&M Masonry. There was discussion among the Town Board and from John Cashin about this company and if going with the lowest bid was advisable.

**Motion to Award Step Replacement to M&M Masonry**

Councilman Youmans made a motion to award the step resurfacing project to M&M Masonry, seconded by Councilman Baker.  
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

**New Town Signs** – Supervisor Crandall stated that the new Town signs have been ordered.

**New Business**

**Jarvis Rd. Accident on May 3rd** – Supervisor Crandall read a letter from a concerned resident of the Town regarding a blockage of Jarvis Rd. A piece of equipment going from SR 143 to Jarvis Rd. going to Lafarge property had blocked the road for four hours and this has occurred many times over the years. The resident had included pictures for review. Other local residents would like to see local traffic eliminated from using the gate on that road. Also, the recently paved road is deteriorating faster than expected due to truck traffic.

There was discussion among the Town Board members regarding this situation. Supervisor Crandall proposed getting together with Mr. Dave Fletcher of Lafarge and Superintendent of Highway Searles to come up with something regarding this issue. Councilman Baker suggested

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notifying the Police ahead of some of these trucks entering the road in order to head these situations off.

**Waive Fee for Use of Park** – Supervisor Crandall stated that there had been two requests, from the Ravena Hose Company and the Trinity Methodist Church, to waive the fee for their use of Joralemon Park.

**Motion to Waive Fee for Use of Joralemon Park**

Councilman Dolan made a motion to waive the fee for the use of Joralemon Park for the Ravena Hose Company and for Trinity United Methodist Church, seconded by Councilman Youmans.  
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Councilman Burns stated that he had had some complaints regarding the state of the porta-potties between events. Supervisor Crandall stated that the porta-potty company had been notified.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution #088-19 – Appoint Part-Time Account Clerk I - Demitraszek**

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

**WHEREAS**, a Part-Time Account Clerk I position is vacant in the Business Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of filling that vacancy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Annette Demitraszek as Part-Time Account Clerk I at the hourly rate of \$17.00, retroactively as of June 3, 2019.

**Resolution #089-19 – Appoint Summer Rec Leader - Babcock**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena have established a summer recreation program to be based at Mosher Park; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Town Board and the Village Board have agreed to equally fund this program; and

**WHEREAS**, a seasonal part-time staffer is needed to organize and operate the program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Michael Babcock as part-time seasonal Recreation Leader at the hourly rate of \$15, effective June 27, 2019.

**Resolution #090-19 – Appoint Summer Rec Staff**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the *Summer Recreation* Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the *Summer Recreation* Program:

<b>Aldrich, Ethan</b>	<b>Margiasso, Jason</b>
<b>Carmichael, Emmanuel</b>	<b>Mohler, Samuel</b>
<b>Cross, Ashley</b>	<b>Newburg, Louis</b>
<b>Greenwood, Eddie</b>	<b>Orsino, Sofia</b>
<b>Greenwood, Harmonie</b>	<b>Racey, Shane</b>
<b>Irvis, Tyrell</b>	<b>Schwabrow, Bryan</b>
	<b>Wagoner, Noah</b>

The appointment is effective July 8 to August 9, 2019, and will be at the hourly wage of \$11.10.

**Resolution #091-19 – Appoint Food For Thought Staff**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the *Food For Thought* Program is in need of Recreational Assistants to supervise the children who have signed up for the program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreational Assistants for the *Food For Thought* Program:

<b>D’Esposito, Kylie</b>	<b>Rexford, Kayla</b>
<b>Fraze, Virginia</b>	<b>Snyder, Charlotte</b>
<b>Hotalling, Dana</b>	<b>Stephens, Laila</b>
<b>LaDuke, Taylor</b>	<b>Wagoner, Caitlynne</b>
<b>Macera, Holly</b>	
<b>McNeilly, Zoe</b>	

The appointment is effective July 8 to August 9, 2019, and will be at the hourly wage of \$11.10.

**Resolution #092-19 – Re-Appoint Assessor - DeRose**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans Sole Assessor Dawn DeRose’s term is set to expire on September 30, 2019 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined Mrs. DeRose’s services to be of value to the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby reappoint Dawn M. DeRose to fulfill the term as the Town of Coeymans Assessor to expire September 30, 2024. This appointment shall take effect on October 1, 2019. The annual salary shall be \$29978.52.

**Resolution #093-19 – Authorize Supervisor to Execute EmurgentCare Agreement**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has determined that EmUrgentCare, PLLC located in Cossackie, New York is a well suited site for the Town employee’s new hire and random drug screening tests; and

**WHEREAS**, EmUrgentCare has presented an agreement to the Town of Coeymans for said Occupational Medicine Services for the period beginning January 1, 2019 and continuing on a year by year basis, until such notice of change is given by the Town of Coeymans; and

**WHEREAS**, EmUrgent Care will mail to the Town each December a new Occupational Medicine Services agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Philip A. Crandall to execute the Letter of Agreement with EmUrgentCare, PLLC.

**Resolution #094-19 – Appoint PT Police Officer - Stark**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans Police Department has a need to fill part-time positions as Police Officer in the Police Department;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Robert G. Stark III to the position of Probationary Part-Time Police Officer effective July 1, 2019. Appointment is contingent upon paperwork being filed with the Human Resource Clerk. The officer will be compensated at the rate designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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Councilman Burns asked about screening these officers. Officer in Charge Contento stated that we had sent Stark to the Academy several months ago and this was the next step.

**Resolution #095-19 – Accept Resignation of PT Police Officer - Scoons**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Part Time Officer David Scoons has submitted his letter of resignation effective June 4, 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the resignation of David A. Scoons, effective June 4, 2019.

**Resolution #096-19 – Accept Planning Board Resignation - Foronda**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Peter Foronda has submitted his letter of resignation as Board Member for the Planning Board, effective July 12, 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the resignation of Peter Foronda effective July 12, 2019.

Councilman Youmans thanked Mr. Foronda for his service to the Town and said he would be missed. Supervisor Crandall stated that he had served the Town for many years.

**Resolution #097-19 – Appoint Clerk to the Supervisor - Wells**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor is desirous of filling a vacancy for Clerk to the Supervisor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Philip A. Crandall to appoint Toni Wells to fill the position of Clerk to the Supervisor consisting of twenty hours a week at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective July 1, 2019.

**Resolution #098-19 – Abstract of Claims – June 2019**

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Youmans, 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 June 2019, as follows:



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**PRE-PAID VOUCHERS** –178693 – 178789, 178805 & 2019-046 - 2019-052 for a total of  
**\$ 212,852.09**

**VOUCHER NUMBERS** –178790 – 178804, 178806 - 178899 for a total of **\$ 313,480.60**

**TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 526,332.69**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Conservation Advisory Council Meeting – July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Town Board Meeting – July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – There will be a presentation on the Natural Resource Inventory from 6-6:30, a question and answer period from 6:30-7 followed by the Town Board Meeting at 7.

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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 – 8:14pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk*