

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

July 25, 2019 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, July 25th, 2019 at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ABSENT: Daniel D. Baker, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town
Daniel Contento, Officer in Charge
Daniel McCoy, Albany County Executive

Audience (25+) Media (1)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked County Executive Dan McCoy and County Legislator Rick Touchette for being there. He stated that one councilman was unable to attend the meeting.

Presentations

Daniel McCoy, Albany County Executive – Mr. McCoy stood and spoke on the State of the County. He spoke about Lawson’s Lake and the services that are offered by the County there. He stated that they hope to add swimming next year. He mentioned a new playground that was installed at Lawson’s Lake that was donated by Freihofers. Many of the programs that are run there are through the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. McCoy spoke about a few programs run by the County, a youthful offenders work program, Go-and-Dine for Seniors, and Narcan disbursement to help with the opioid epidemic. He stated that he was able to do all these things while keeping taxes low. There has been 7 years of no increases and then there was a decrease this past year. He spoke about the low unemployment rate in the area. He mentioned AAU and the athletics that are offered for children in the area. He also said that the Aurora Games would be held here at the Times Union Center, which will be all women athletes.

There was discussion with the audience regarding cable franchises and the need for Senior housing in the area. He mentioned a veterans program for senior housing and for veterans to reach out to the Albany County Department of Aging. There was also discussion about need for public transportation and in the end Mr. McCoy said that he and Legislator Touchette would contact CDTA. Mr. McCoy made an offer to have the buses that take children to Lawson’s Lake make a stop in the Town. Arrangements for children who would like to attend need to be made ahead of time with the Boys and Girls Club. The costs are covered for families that cannot afford to pay.

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Sylvia Lawler mentioned from the floor that if anyone sees an algae bloom at Lawson's Lake to take a picture and let her know so they can deal with it quickly.

Public Announcements

Acknowledgement of NRI - Supervisor Crandall stated that the Town of Coeymans Conservation Advisory Council has prepared a Natural Resources Inventory for the Town of Coeymans (NRI) in order to assist the Town and its residents in readily identifying and considering important natural resources located within the Town. This NRI was prepared with the assistance of the Department of Environmental Conservation, and is accepted for publication/dissemination on the Town's website for ready reference and possible use.

Public Comment

Reverend Booth stood and thanked the Board for supporting the summer camp at the church, as now the children can go swimming for free. He also announced the Riverview Baptist Church's Annual Block Party on August 3rd where everything would be free. He also announced that the RCS Association of Churches was giving out free backpacks with school supplies at Coeymans Landing on August 24th. He stated that there would be about 100 backpacks and there would probably be sundaes or hot dogs.

Mr. Nate Boomer, of Coeymans, stood and asked about progress on hiring an advisor as requested by Aaron Flach.

Councilman Dolan said that the Town was currently moving forward with a new Comprehensive Plan. He had worked on this with Mike McGuire and gotten a grant and work will be started updating parts of the comprehensive plan. They were also going to investigate a LWRP grant and the NRI would be helpful with that. Councilman Dolan had spoken with County Executive McCoy about hiring an economic developer and he had mentioned some problems and that it had cost them \$170,000 a year. County Executive McCoy had suggested to Councilman Dolan that possibly this was something they could work together with the county on.

Ms. Mary Driscoll, of Coeymans, stood and asked why the NRI meeting had not been advertised more. She also voiced concerns over a couple of political issues in the Town.

Ms. Emily Kern, of Kansas, stood and spoke about her son's fatal accident last year and how she felt it was not investigated properly by the Coeymans Police Department. She asked the Town Board to look at the Police Department and consider doing something about it. She asked that the Town buy a cemetery plot and bury her son's ashes.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he was sorry for her loss.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

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Councilman Youmans made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the June 27th Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Dolan.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Report

June 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 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report – June 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 Burns.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Police Department Report – June 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 Burns.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

New Business

Waive Fee for Use of Park – Supervisor Crandall stated that there had been a request from the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company 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 Coeymans Hollow Fire Company’s for the Haunted Hayride event on October 26, 2019 with a rain date of November 2, 2019, seconded by Councilman Youmans.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Resolutions

Resolution #099-19 – Authorize to Attend Conference - Persico

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was:
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, Justice Rocco Persico has requested authorization to attend the New York State Magistrates Association Conference from September 15th through September 18, 2019 at a cost of \$707.25 for the conference, meals and mileage expenses and a \$75 preregistration fee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Justice Rocco Persico to attend the New York State Magistrates Association Conference from September 15th-18th and authorize payment in the amount of \$707.25 for the conference, meals and mileage expenses as well as a preregistration fee of \$75 as submitted by voucher.

Resolution #100-19 – Appoint Seasonal Laborer - Sorensen

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was:
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Community Beautification is in need of extra help for spring and summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Carter Sorensen to the Part-time Seasonal position retroactively as of June 17, 2019 through September 6, 2019, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, contingent upon Albany County Civil Service approval.

Resolution #101-19 – Appoint Sewage Treatment Plant Operator Trainee - Searles

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was:
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department is desirous of filling the current Sewer Plant Treatment Operator Trainee position; and

WHEREAS, several applications have been received and the recommended candidate has been forwarded to Albany County Civil Service for qualification review; and

WHEREAS, Albany County Civil Service has determined that the recommended candidate meets the minimum qualifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Tyler Searles to the position of Sewage Treatment Plant Operator Trainee, provisional, effective August 5, 2019, and contingent upon further Civil Service review. Appointment is made at the hourly rate of \$19.44, consistent with the current labor-management agreement in effect.

Resolution #102-19 – Abstract of Claims – July 2019

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the following resolution was:
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

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

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –178900 – 178989 & 2019-053 - 2019-062 for a total of
\$ 122,673.24

VOUCHER NUMBERS –178990 – 179068 for a total of **\$ 47,668.58**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 170,341.82

Upcoming Meetings

Supervisor Crandall asked Reverend Booth if he would like to announce their upcoming activities again. Reverend Booth announced the Annual Block Party on August 3rd and the free backpack program on August 24th.

Planning Board Meeting – August 5th at 7pm
Conservation Advisory Council Meeting – August 13th at 6pm
Town Board Meeting – August 22nd at 7pm

On suggestion of Ms. Sylvia Lawler, Supervisor Crandall expressed his appreciation of the service of Ernie Quinto as the Planning Board Chairman for many years. He served the community well and with high honor, he would be sorely missed.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Time – 7:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk