

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

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, November 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 (left early, 7:05pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer

Audience (15+) Media (1)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Crandall stated that a full board was present and began with Public Announcements.

Public Announcements

Town Office Closed – Town Offices will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Public Comment

Supervisor Crandall opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Mary Driscoll, of Coeymans, stood and spoke about the things the Town of Coeymans has to be thankful for. She spoke against the current government that was voted out. She also spoke about the clean air law and how Albany County Legislator Rick Touchette is trying to push the law through Albany County before he leaves office. She stated that she felt that our future looks a lot better.

As there were no other public comments Supervisor Crandall stated that they were going to change the order of the agenda and do the resolutions next.

Resolutions

Resolution #139-19 – Authorize T. Searles to Attend Training

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

WHEREAS, Tyler Searles, Sewer Treatment Plant Trainee, has requested to attend the NEIWPC Fall training course on Thursday December 5, 2019, at the Vischer Ferry Fire District Hall from 8:30am – 3:30pm, at a cost of \$135.00;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Tyler Searles to attend the NEIWPC Training on Thursday December 5, 2019 at a cost of \$135.00.

Resolution #140-19 – Appoint Full-Time Justice Clerk - Collins

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of filling a Full-Time vacancy in the Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, interviews have been conducted and find that the candidate meets the required minimum qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the recommended candidate has been forwarded to Albany County Civil Service for qualification review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Heather Collins to the provisional position of Full-Time Court Clerk at the rate that is consistent with the current CSEA contract effective December 16, 2019.

Resolution #141-19 – Abstract of Claims - November

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

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

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –179612 – 179686 & 2019-087 - 2019-097 for a total of
\$ 401,801.77

VOUCHER NUMBERS –179687– 179796 for a total of **\$ 836,025.18**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 1,237,826.95

(Councilman Youmans left the meeting as he was feeling under the weather.)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the November 14th, 2019 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Burns.

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

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Crandall read the October 2019 Supervisor's Report

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Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Baker.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report – Town Clerk Rowzee stated that she had spoken with Edmunds regarding the new financial and utility billing software that we were moving to. The set go-live date for the new software would be June 1st for the financial software and mid-August for the utility software. The October 2019 Report was then read by Town Clerk Rowzee.

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Baker made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Dolan.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Police Department Report – October 2019 Report read by Councilman Dolan

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Baker made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Burns.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Building Department Report – October 2019 Report was read by John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Baker asked Mr. Cashin about the need for a permit to hook up solar. Mr. Cashin confirmed that it was needed.

Motion to Accept Report

Councilman Burns made a motion to accept the reports as read, seconded by Councilman Baker.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Crandall stated that the Town Board had the Sewer Department Report and told them that if they had any questions to let him know and he would get the answers from Mr. Geraldson. He then skipped the reading of the report.

Old Business

Gedney Hill Tower – Supervisor Crandall asked Councilman Baker to discuss the tower. Councilman Baker stated that Albany County would be removing their equipment on December 31. He stated that he had been in contact with Michael O'Brien of Pittsfield Communications who will disconnect Albany County's equipment and then hook up our equipment. The Town Board has agreed to contact Central Hudson to hook up electricity to the tower.

New Business

Public Hearing on Sewer Rates –

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Motion to Set Public Hearing and Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise

Councilman Dolan made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the 2020 Sewer Rates for Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:30pm and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the hearing in the paper, seconded by Councilman Baker.

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

Sewer Plant Equipment – Supervisor Crandall stated that Mr. Geraldson had asked for some equipment to be replaced at the sewer plant. He stated that if we didn't replace this we would be fined by DEC. He would like to go with the more expensive one as it is a newer version and would connect directly to the computer. Councilman Baker stated that there is only a little over \$100 difference in the two options so the more expensive option is a better choice. Supervisor Crandall stated that the service is a little higher on the second one. Councilman Dolan asked if they had identified the money in the budget. Supervisor Crandall stated that they had.

Motion to Authorize Purchase of Sewer Plant Equipment

Councilman Dolan made a motion to purchase the needed sewer equipment, not to exceed \$4,039, seconded by Councilman Burns.

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

Upcoming Meetings

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – November 27th is cancelled

Planning Board Meeting – December 2nd is cancelled

Conservation Advisory Council Meeting – December 10th at 6pm

Hecate Energy Informational Sessions regarding a Solar Farm – December 11th from 3:30-5:30 and 6:30-8:30 at the Coeymans Firehouse at 67 Church St.

Public Hearing on Sewer – December 12th at 6:30pm

Town Board Meeting – December 12th at 7pm

At this point Supervisor Crandall asked Supervisor-Elect McHugh if he would like to say anything. He declined but asked a brief question regarding if the solar farm was the one on Route 101. The Town Board stated that it was.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Time – 7:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk