

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
December 23, 2019 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, December 23<sup>rd</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  
Daniel Contento, Officer in Charge

Audience (6) 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 and that there were no Public Announcements. Town Clerk Rowzee asked that it be announced that Town Hall was closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and the Building Department would be closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> as well. The Town Offices would be closed on New Year's Day but there will be the Organizational Meeting.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Crandall opened the floor for public comment.

**Ms. Mary Driscoll, of Coeymans,** stood and spoke about her dissatisfaction with the outgoing administration.

As there were no other comments Supervisor Crandall moved on to the Approval of Minutes.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Councilman Dolan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the December 12, 2019 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman Baker.  
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

**Supervisor Report**

Supervisor Crandall read the balance from the November 2019 Supervisor's Report

**Motion to Accept Report**

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

**Department Reports**

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**Police Department Report** – November 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 Baker.

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

**Town Clerk Report** – November 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.

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

**Building Department Report** – November 2019 Report read by Councilman Youmans

**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** – November 2019 Report read by Councilman Dolan

**Motion to Accept Report**

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

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

**Old Business**

**Gedney Hill Tower** – Supervisor Crandall asked Councilman Baker to discuss the tower. Councilman Baker stated that currently the Highway is on the Gedney Hill Tower with Albany County. With the County leaving, the Town needs to hook back up what used to be hooked up for the Highway. He stated that he was not sure if we would make it by the Dec. 31 deadline but if not, we would get 8 loaner radios from the County on the 30<sup>th</sup> to use until the electricity could get hooked up. He thanked Annette Demitraszek, Kevin Demarest and Mr. Dunican, Jr. for their help. The Town Board thanked him for his work on this.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution #144-19 – Appoint PT Sewer Treatment Plant Operator**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Baker for discussion, the following resolution was:

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**WHEREAS**, the Sewer Department is in need of a Part Time Sewer Treatment Operator on an as needed basis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint John Lennon to the position of Part Time Sewer Treatment Operator for a period beginning December 12, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at the rate of \$24.54 per hour, and on an as needed basis, contingent upon Albany County Civil Service approval.

Councilman Baker asked if Mr. Geraldson was on board with this decision. Supervisor Crandall stated that he was and had suggested it. Councilman Baker asked if Mr. Lennon had helped while Mr. Geraldson was on vacation. Supervisor Crandall stated that Mr. Lennon had and that he had given the staff permission to call him in if needed.

**Resolution #145-19 – Appoint Board of Assessment Review Member - Visconti**

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

**WHEREAS**, Al Visconti has expressed an interest to serve as a member of the Board of Assessment Review;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Al Visconti for a five year term set to expire September 30, 2024.

**Resolution #146-19 – Abstract of Claims - December**

On motion of Councilman Baker, 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 December 2019, as follows:

**PRE-PAID VOUCHERS** –179797 – 179880 & 2019-098 - 2019-105 for a total of  
**\$ 506,758.67**

**VOUCHER NUMBERS** –179881– 179965 for a total of **\$ 77,904.12**

**TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 584,662.79**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Supervisor Crandall asked Councilman Baker about the upcoming Town Board’s Organizational Meeting. Councilman Baker stated that it would be held on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Councilman Baker restated that the swearing in was at 9am. Town Clerk Rowzee added that the meeting started at 9:45.

**Additional Comments**

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Attorney to the Town Pastore congratulated the new Town Board and thanked the current Town Board for the honor of serving as counsel. He stated his willingness to serve in the future and to help in any way possible with the changes in administration and personnel.

Councilman Youmans stated that it had been an honor to serve the residents of Coeymans and wished the incoming Town Board members luck. He asked the residents to let them know if you like what they are doing but if you don't, he asked that you don't berate or belittle them. He stated that they are our neighbors.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had served for 10 years and with 10 or 11 different Town Board members. He thanked Bill Horton, Supervisor Crandall, Town Clerk Rowzee, Attorney to the Town Pastore and stated his appreciation of the Town residents. He also asked that if the next Town Board was doing a good job that residents come and tell them.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve and he wished the next board the very best.

Councilman Burns spoke about what a tough job this is and how everyone gets beat up. He gives everyone credit for being a public servant and coming up there and doing what they have done. He hoped that God blesses the new board with the knowledge to do what they need to do and to do what is right. He also put in a plug for Bingo at the Senior Center.

Councilman Baker stated that at the end of the day the outgoing board members were very committed to the community. He stated that we are all neighbors and may have disagreements but they have been dedicated for a long time. He thanked them and wished them luck in the future.

Town Clerk Rowzee thanked the outgoing Town Board members, especially Supervisor Crandall and Councilman Dolan, for their support and in helping her to become Town Clerk.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

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 – 7:27pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk*