

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
February 13, 2020 – Public Hearing – 6:30pm**

**A Public Hearing was held Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** George D. McHugh, Supervisor  
Daniel D. Baker, Councilman  
Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman  
Zachary S. Collins, Councilman  
Brandon L. LeFevre, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk

Audience (25+), Media (1)

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Supervisor McHugh opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that all Town Board Members were present. He then asked Town Clerk Rowzee to read the Notice of Public Hearing.

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ON A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Public Hearing on February 13, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm at Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Coeymans development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2019-2020 program year. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program. More information about the CDBG program is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and is also available on the Town website.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that all comments on the CDBG program or proposed project will be heard at this time and place.

**By Order of the Town Board  
Of the Town of Coeymans  
Cindy L. Rowzee  
Town Clerk**

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Supervisor McHugh stated that there were handouts in back regarding this grant. He then opened the Public Hearing for the Community Block Development Grant (CDBG). As there were no comments at this time he opened the hearing on Route 144 but left the CDBG hearing open and told people they could comment at any time.

At approximately 6:55 Supervisor McHugh asked if there were any comments on the CDBG.

**Ms. Barbara Tanner** asked for a quick synopsis of the grant.

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Supervisor McHugh stated that the CDBG was a grant through HUD that is based on new jobs. CTI is anticipating adding 50 new jobs and this grant is \$15,000 per job. The grant does require a municipal sponsor and is at no cost to us. The Town will receive approximately \$16,000 for administering the grant. The \$750,000 will be put towards equipment to outfit their new headquarters and will bring 50 new jobs to our Town. He then asked if one of the representatives from CTI would like to speak.

**Mr. Peter Tortorella, one of the owners of CTI, Composite Technology Infrastructure,** stood and spoke about the business. He stated that they had been in business for 31 years. They were under the parent company of CPE and had locations from Nova Scotia down to Pennsylvania and into the Caribbean but decided they wanted to consolidate their business to one location and focus more on the construction side of the business. In order to accomplish this they divested of CPE and based on the opportunities they wanted to pursue settled on the Port of Coeymans for their facility. They have made over a \$6 million investment in the facility at the Industrial Park with focus on work in the green energy sector. They have an ambitious plan to recruit and develop young talent as there is a bigger demand for trades. They work closely with the Painters Union and the Laborers Union and soon to be Millwrights union. This grant is the first time they have gotten public assistance. They will be having an open house to show what they do. They want to help teach skills, as the biggest challenge to growing their company is finding people who want to get into their business as a trade. They want to provide their expertise to help grow the community. Mr. Tortorella stated that they wanted to be good neighbors. He stated that his trucks are lettered and logoed and he wants to hear if they are driving too fast. He spoke about how important safety is.

As there were no other comments Supervisor McHugh asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Baker, the Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant was closed.

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

Time – 7:03pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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**Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk**