

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
June 4, 2020 – Special Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, June 4th, 2020 at 7:00pm 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

ALSO PRESENT BY CONFERENCE CALL:
James Peluso, Attorney to the Town

Supervisor McHugh opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that all Town Board members were present.

He stated that this special meeting was scheduled only a few days before to talk about proposing some local laws at the urging of some residents. He then stated that there were some things going on in the Town that require immediate attention. He stated that some of these proposals are updates to local laws and some are new laws, all of which have been vetted by the Town Board, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer, and the Town Attorney. The Fire Departments of Coeymans and Coeymans Hollow have vetted the pertinent areas dealing with fires. Everyone's comments had been integrated into a final draft.

There was discussion among the Board about the bulk of the complaints they receive having to do with these issues and how the Town Code is need of being updated.

The following local laws are being proposed:

1. Proposed Local Law – Peace and Good Order Law – which deals with outdoor fires (in the Hamlet especially), noise, riots and public assemblies.
2. Proposed Local Law – Property Maintenance Law – which is more restrictive than the New York State Code that is currently being enforced.
3. Proposed Local Law – Unsafe Buildings Law – there are several unsafe buildings that have been condemned, this law would help the Town be able to get these buildings down.
4. Proposed Local Law – Amend Garbage/Garbage Receptacle Law – this updates the law so that Code Enforcement can start enforcing this law like it should be.
5. Proposed Local Law – Abandoned Vehicles in the R-1/R-2 Zones – NYS code currently allows for 1 junk vehicle per parcel in the Town, on a ¼ acre lot in the Hamlet of Coeymans that is one too many junk vehicles. This will help clean up the junk vehicles in the R-1/R-2 Zones.

Supervisor McHugh stated that this is about cleaning up Coeymans and these laws are the first step. This is not about encroaching on anybody's rights; it is about everybody's property rights

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being protected. He stated that have taken laws from other communities and tweaked them for Coeymans. He stated that this was long overdue. He then asked Town Clerk Rowzee to read the Notice of Special Meeting.

**NOTICE
OF
SPECIAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Special Meeting on June 4, 2020 beginning at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider proposed local laws, their amendments or adoptions, regarding the following:

1. Unsafe Building
2. Property Maintenance
3. Peace and Good Order

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Town Hall is closed to the general public until further notice. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo, and advisories issued by Federal, State and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus, the public will not be permitted to attend in person. The public may view and listen to the proceedings live, via the Town of Coeymans Facebook page. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, this meeting will be recorded and transcribed.

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

Resolution #120-20 – Propose Local Laws and Set Public Hearing

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

The accompanying proposed Local Law No. 5 for the Year 2020 to establish a local law for “Peace and Good Order” within the Town of Coeymans; and

The accompanying proposed Local Law No. 6 for the Year 2020 to establish a local law for “Property Maintenance” within the Town of Coeymans; and

The accompanying proposed Local Law No. 7 for the Year 2020 to establish a local law for “Unsafe Buildings” within the Town of Coeymans; and

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The accompanying proposed Local Law No. 8 for the Year 2020 to establish amendments to section 102 “Garbage and Garbage Receptacles” of the Town Code within the Town of Coeymans; and

The accompanying proposed Local Law No. 9 for the Year 2020 to establish a local law for “Abandoned Vehicles in the R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts” within the Town of Coeymans; and

The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby declares itself Lead Agency pursuant the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to review for potential adverse environmental impacts that may result from adoption of such proposed local laws, and

A public hearing upon such proposed Local Laws shall be held on June 25, 2020, at 6:30pm at Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Ave., Ravena, NY 12143, and

The Town Clerk shall publish notice of the Public Hearing upon the proposed Local Laws with a summary thereof in the official newspaper at least five (5) days in advance of the Public Hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE COEYMANS TOWN BOARD

Dated: June 4, 2020

There was discussion related to how some of these issues are handled in other municipalities and how we can deal with this in Coeymans. Supervisor McHugh stated that these proposed laws would give Code Enforcement and the Police the tools they need to do their jobs. There was continued discussion about the need for these laws. Councilman Collins stated that these proposed laws were fluid and there is a public hearing on them.

There was discussion about how well the Recycle Day had gone. Over 50 tons of materials were collected for recycling. Supervisor McHugh thanked Collins and Son and WM Biers for their help and for providing the service.

Motion to Adjourn

On motion of Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

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

Time – 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk