

## MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS

July 8, 2021 – Town Board Meeting – 6:30pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** George D. McHugh, Supervisor  
Daniel D. Baker, Council member  
Linda S. Bruno, Council member  
Zachary S. Collins, Council member  
Brandon L. LeFevre, Council member

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

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

### Public Announcements

**Evening on the Green/Farmer's Market** – Supervisor McHugh announced that the band from the past week would play on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there were young local entrepreneurs at the Farmer's Market. He mentioned that there had been a job fair the previous night and that they would be there every Wednesday.

**Crystal Image Concert** – Supervisor McHugh stated that Crystal Image missed playing the past year due to COVID. They would be there on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Frese's would have chicken dinners on a first come, first serve basis and M & R Snacks would be there. He stated that Crystal Image brings a great following every year.

### Motion to Waive Park Fee

Supervisor McHugh made a motion to waive the park use fee for Crystal Image since this is a tribute to Wayne Vankempen, a former band member, seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

**2021 Riverfest – September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** – Supervisor McHugh stated that the planning for Riverfest was moving along well and that they had just received a \$10,000 donation from Lafarge for Riverfest. He stated that the festival would start at Friday, noon time, a parade on Saturday morning and fireworks off of the barge on Saturday evening. He stated that they are looking to have parking at the school or the port with a shuttle bus down to the park.

**Food for Thought and Summer Rec** – Supervisor McHugh stated that these programs would begin Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Summer Rec was a drop off program for ages 10 & up, no preregistration. He stated that starting July 19<sup>th</sup> they would be going to Lawson Lake on Monday's and coordinating a second bus for the Riverview Baptist Church. He stated that the busing will be provided by Albany County. Food for Thought is for ages 5-11, with preregistration required, which was now full. He stated that these children would be going to Lawson Lake on Thursday's beginning July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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### **Old Business**

**Park Improvements Update** - Supervisor McHugh stated that Copeland Company had put down primer and patchwork on the basketball court at Coeymans Landing Park but they were not able to finish Joralemon due to the weather. They will come back later to finish at the River and then do the courts at Joralemon. He stated that they will have quotes for fencing before the coating is done. The new playground equipment had been ordered and we should have it installed by mid-August.

Supervisor McHugh stated that they would be doing a resolution that night to hire engineers to oversee the \$1.2 million grant project down by the river. He stated that they are hoping to have everything designed and finalized this year, put it out to bid the first of next year and start work in the spring. He stated that the work should be complete by July or August of next year.

### **New Business**

**Extension of Water & Sewer** – Supervisor McHugh stated that they have been talking to the Village of Ravenna since last October or November and are looking into redefining the water and sewer districts to include the rest of the industrial property to provide water and sewer for industrial use. He stated that this will expand our industrial and tax base. He stated that the property owners involved would be bearing the cost of the feasibility study. He stated that they would also be cleaning up the sins of the past by bringing properties at the industrial park that already have sewer and water into the districts. He then summarized a letter from the Village Attorney, Michael Biscone, regarding the capacity of the water plant that stated they could provide 25,000 gallons per day with a peak up to 100,000 gallons per day, if drawn during off peak hours. Supervisor McHugh stated that Barton & Loguidice would do a study to see if the sewer plant could handle the extra output.

**American Flags** – Supervisor McHugh stated that Mary Driscoll was trying to raise money to put an American Flag on every pole where there is a veteran's banner. He stated that there are 25 in the Hollow that do not have them and 26 in the Hamlet. He stated that the Coeymans Hollow Fire Co. has raised \$880 that they gave to the VFW and they brought that check to the Town to buy flags. He calculates that \$1,800 is still needed and is going to offer a resolution later in the meeting to have the Town donate what is still needed.

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution #123-21 – Authorize Supervisor to Execute Barton & Loguidice Contract**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of exploring the extension of the water and sewer districts to service properties within the vicinity of and including the Route 144 industrial corridor; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Firm Barton & Loguidice has met with the Town of Coeymans, Village of Ravena and property owners regarding the extension of the above mentioned services to the subject properties and have submitted the attached proposal for the feasibility, map, plan and report of the proposed water and sewer extension, with all costs to be paid by the subject property owners:

**Water District**

Feasibility Assessment	\$4,500.00
Map, Plan, and Report	\$3,800.00

**Sewer District**

Feasibility Assessment	\$4,500.00
Map, Plan and Report	\$3,200.00

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D. McHugh to sign the attached proposal submitted by Barton & Loguidice for engineering services relative to the aforementioned project.

Supervisor McHugh stated that this is not costing the Town or Village anything but is being funded by the property owners involved.

**Resolution #124-21 – Set Public Hearing for CDBG Grant**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of applying for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) within the program year 2021 with a focus on Public Infrastructure and Public Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of applying for the Environmental Fund: Parks, Preservation and Heritage Grants with a focus on the Valley Paper Mill Park within the 2021 program year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of applying for the NYS EFC Waste Water Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant with a focus on Extension of the Sewer within the 2021 program year;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public hearing upon such shall be held on July 22, 2021 at 6:30p.m. at Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Ave., Ravena, N.Y. 12143, and the Town Clerk shall publish Notice of the Public Hearing with a summary thereof in the official newspaper at least seven (7) days in advance of the Public Hearing.

Ms. Hakes stated that this is required as part of the application process. MJ Engineering and the grant writer would still be preparing the application and plans at that time. Supervisor McHugh stated that they would give an overview of the project at the public hearing.

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**Resolution #125-21 – Authorize Supervisor to Execute MJ Engineering Proposal**

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

**WHEREAS** the Town of Coeymans has been informed that it shall receive \$212,000.00 for the NYS Attorney General’s Office to be used specifically towards a Green Infrastructure Grant Program (GIGP) Project at the Coeymans Landing Riverfront Park; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Coeymans has also been awarded up to an additional \$1,000,000.00 grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) to be applied towards the same GIGP Project at the Coeymans Landing Riverfront Park; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Coeymans has received a proposal from its Town Designated Engineers MJ Engineering dated June 22, 2021 (copy attached), with an estimated fee of \$190,000.00, for professional services associated with the redevelopment of Coeymans Landing Riverfront Park and the aforementioned GIGP Project;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize and approve Town Supervisor George D. McHugh to execute the proposal with MJ Engineering dated June 22, 2021 on behalf of the Town of Coeymans, with part of the funds to be received from the NYS Attorney General to be used specifically for these costs and professional services.

Supervisor McHugh stated that the reason this says the engineering will be paid for with Attorney General funds is that there are certain hoops to go through to use federal funds for these costs. On recommendation of EFC and the grant writer they are using the \$212,000 for these costs as well as any grant writer costs.

**Resolution #126-21 – Accept Funds from American Rescue Plan**

On motion of Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Bruno, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS** the Town of Coeymans has been informed that the United States Government, via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), is currently identified to receive up to \$417,678.00 in grant funding; and

**WHEREAS** the deadline to indicate that the Town intends to use these funds in accordance with the specific requirements of the ARPA Act is Friday, July 9, 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize and approve Town Supervisor George D. McHugh to execute and submit

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any and all necessary documents necessary and required for the Town to receive ARPA grant funding up to \$417,678.00.

Supervisor McHugh stated that this will go in immediately. He stated that there is certain criteria for using this money but that it could be used for infrastructure projects or parks. He stated that the other part of the \$805,000 goes to the Village. He stated that he had reached out to the Village attorney to make sure the Village gets their paperwork in to accept this funding. He asked that if anyone from the Village Board was out there and didn't know what he was talking about to contact Mr. Biscone as he had emailed him all of the documentation and paperwork that would be needed.

**Resolution #127-21 – Authorize Supervisor to Purchase American Flags for Banners**

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

**WHEREAS** several fundraisers have been conducted and private donations received and specifically directed towards the purchase of American Flags to be displayed above every Military Veteran Banner within the Town of Coeymans; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Coeymans still has approximately 51 Military Veteran Banners located within the Town of Coeymans without an accompanying American Flag being displayed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Town Supervisor George D. McHugh to purchase additional American Flags not to exceed the total cost of \$2,000.00, to insure that every Military Veteran Banner displayed throughout the town has an accompanying American Flag.

Supervisor McHugh stated that they may need less than \$1,800 depending on what Ms. Driscoll has collected.

Councilmember LeFevre stated that this was a great cause and all the veterans deserve a flag.

**Upcoming Meetings/Workshops**

PB/ZBA Meeting – July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Public Hearing Regarding Various Grants – July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm

Town Board Meeting – July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm

**Public Comment**

**Barbara Tanner of Ravena** wanted it noted that Carver paid for a lot of flags.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

On motion of Supervisor McHugh, seconded by Councilmember Collins, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

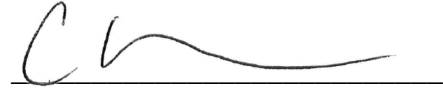
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*Respectfully Submitted,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Rowzee', written over a horizontal line.

*Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk*