

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

July 22, 2021 – Public Hearing – 6:30pm

A Public Hearing was held Thursday, July 22nd, 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
Douglas R. Keyer, Jr., Chief of Police
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer
Nicole Ambrosio, Grant Writer

PRESENT BY CONFERENCE CALL:
Jaclyn Hakes, MJ Engineering

Supervisor McHugh opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that all 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 July 22, 2021 beginning at 6:30pm at Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY for the purpose of hearing public comments on the possible submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the 2020-2021 program year. This grant is aimed at Public Infrastructure/Facilities: Sewer in order to upgrade the sewer system that was installed in 1968.

The Town Board will also hear comments on other grants that they are considering:

- Environmental Protection Fund: Parks, Preservation and Heritage Grant
- Engineering Planning Grant: Sewer Extension
- Thruway Interchange Planning Grant

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all comments on the CDBG program or proposed project, as well as the other grants, 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 asked Ms. Ambrosio to give an overview of the grants. Ms. Ambrosio stated that the four grants were progressing along, all with a July 30th deadline. She stated that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is to refurbish the infrastructure for the sewer. She stated that Coeymans is growing economically and with industry and that the infrastructure needs to be brought up with the growth of the population. She stated the other grant that is for the sewer would extend the sewer connection along paths that are agreed to. She stated that the state would pay for the studies needed for the sewer extension. The Thruway Interchange grant will help with the industrial growth for all of the 17 businesses in the Industrial Park as well as cut down on the volume of trucks on Main St. She stated that they may postpone this grant until next year in order to collaborate with Bethlehem who has a similar problem with trucks and roadways. She stated that collaborating with them could put us to the front of the list. She stated that the last grant was for Chimney Top Park and stated that the Alcove Preservation Association (APA) has been working hard on this grant. She thanked Cindy and Candace for their help on the grants as well.

Supervisor McHugh then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comment

Tom Sweeney of Alcove, President of the APA stood and stated that he had started the project back in 2003 and that it was time to move forward with the reconstruction of the chimney. He stated that he has been working with the Town since 2015. This grant would be for the preservation of the chimney itself. He stated that there are four activities to take place in two phases, remove all of the joints and replace bad bricks and then put in structural reinforcing bands where there are cracks and then refill all the joints. When asked by Councilmember Baker how tall it was, Mr. Sweeney stated that it was 92 feet above grade at this point. In 2012 they took off 7 feet that was in serious condition and started to fall.

Ms. Hakes stated that they were on target to meet the July 30th deadline.

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


Motion to Close Public Hearing

On motion of Councilmember Bruno, seconded by Councilmember Baker, the Public Hearing regarding the Community Block Development Grant and various other grants was closed.

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

Time – 7:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk