

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
September 9, 2021 – Town Board Meeting – 6:30pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, September 9th, 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

ABSENT: Brandon L. LeFevre, Council member

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk

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

Public Announcements

COVID-19 Update – Supervisor McHugh gave an update on the local COVID numbers. He stated that this day marked the single highest increase in new overnight hospitalizations since February. He stated that the County is urging people to get vaccinated and that there would be a clinic at Riverfest where the Albany County Department of Health would be administering the vaccine.

2021 Riverfest – September 10th and 11th – Supervisor McHugh stated Riverfest would be happening that weekend at Coeymans Landing. He went over the schedule of events, vendors and thanked the sponsors. He asked his wife Rosemary McHugh if she had anything to add.

Ms. McHugh stated that masks were not required but were strongly encouraged. She stated that there would be hand sanitizer stations. She also stated that there would be wristbands available for purchase that would allow entry for certain rides and others would cost money.

Hunting on Alcove Reservoir Property – Councilmember Baker read a letter from the City of Albany Water Department that announced a deer hunting lottery for the Alcove Reservoir lands and the contact information for people to apply.

Old Business

Joralemon Park Upgrades Update - Supervisor McHugh stated that the first basketball hoop had been installed but they were waiting for the second one to come in, likely in a few weeks. He stated that in the mean time they would be putting up the fencing and Copeland can come back and put the final coating on the tennis courts. After the second hoop is installed they will coat and stripe the basketball court. He stated that the playground equipment was still on order and they hoped to have it by the end of September.

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Coeymans Water/Sewer Extension Update – Supervisor McHugh stated that he had met with Barton & Loguidice that week and that they have all of the information from the Town and Village to run the models for the water and sewer extension to the industrial area. He stated that they should be done in 7-10 days and that they will then have more specifics on construction. He stated that this should be ready to put out to bid by the end of this year.

New Business

Joralemon Park Trail System Construction – Supervisor McHugh stated that he had met at Joralemon Park with Parks, Highway and Kevin Reinisch at the Sycamore Country Club. They marked out the trail in the Park for a more extensive trail system that will go to the Country Club. He stated that the Sycamore restaurant plans on being open all year long. He stated that the trail should be completed that week. He stated that Sycamore is also planning on marking off areas for snowmobiling on their property. They will fence off the greens to prevent damage.

2005 Ford Dump Truck (Parks) – Supervisor McHugh stated that they had received the new dump truck that had been ordered and so they could now put the old one on Auctions International, he then made the following motion:

Motion to Authorize Auction of Vehicle

Supervisor McHugh made a motion to authorize Highway Superintendent Searles to auction off the 2005 Ford Dump Truck, seconded by Councilmember Collins.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Resolutions

Resolution #153-21 – Rescind Resolutions 150-21, 151-21 & 152-21

On motion of Councilmember Baker, seconded by Supervisor McHugh, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is desirous of rescinding resolutions 150-21, 151-21, and 152-21 which were passed on August 26, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby rescind the resolutions stated above.

Supervisor McHugh stated that there had been some errors in these and they are correcting them this evening.

Resolution #154-21 – Budget Amendment - Highway

On motion of Supervisor McHugh, seconded by Councilmember Collins, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Highway Part Town Fund (DB) special improvements line item has been depleted; and

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WHEREAS, funds have been allocated for the payment of Biers Road; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Officer has determined that in order to maintain proper accounting for the 2021 budget, certain budget amendments are in order; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Officer is desirous of amending the Highway Part Town (DB) for the year 2021 as follows:

HIGHWAY PART TOWN FUND (DB)

Increase Expenditures

(DB) 5112.4 Special Improvements \$57,732.85

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance

(DB) 0599 Fund Balance \$57,732.85

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D. McHugh to amend the Highway Fund (DB) Budget for the year 2021 as depicted above in this resolution.

Supervisor McHugh stated that Biers Rd. was a little longer than what had been budgeted for and they didn't want to resurface just part of the road.

Resolution #155-21 – Budget Amendment - Parks

On motion of Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Bruno, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Joralemon is in dire need of several improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified several problems that need to be repaired and refurbished; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Office has determined that in order to maintain proper accounting for the 2021 budget, certain budget amendments are in order; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Officer is desirous of amending the General Fund (A) budget for the year 2021 as follows:

GENERAL FUND (A)

Increase Expenditures

(A) 7110.4 Contractual \$84,650.00

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance

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(A) 0599	Fund Balance	\$84,650.00
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Supervisor McHugh reiterated that this was just redoing the resolutions from last meeting that were erroneous, not duplicating them.

Resolution #156-21 – Budget Amendment - Parks

On motion of Councilmember Bruno, seconded by Councilmember Baker, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans passed resolution #148-21 on August 26th, 2021 at a Town Board meeting recognizing the need for improvements to Joralemon Park; and

WHEREAS, funds have been allocated to pay for the purchase of the fencing for the refurbished tennis court and new basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Office has determined that in order to maintain proper accounting for the 2021 budget, certain budget amendments are in order; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Officer is desirous of amending the General Fund (A) budget for the year 2021 as follows:

GENERAL FUND (A)

Increase Expenditures

(B) 7110.4	Contractual	\$62,300.00
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Increase Appropriated Fund Balance

(B) 0599	Fund Balance	\$62,300.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D McHugh to amend the General Fund (A) Budget for the year 2021 as depicted above in this resolution.

Supervisor McHugh reiterated that this was just redoing the resolutions from last meeting and this was not an additional \$62,300.

Resolution #157-21 – Rescind Resolution 149-21

On motion of Councilmember Baker, seconded by Supervisor McHugh, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

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WHEREAS, on August 26th, 2021 the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans adopted resolution 149-21 to hire Laurie Schiable as a part time clerk for the Assessor effective September 8th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Assessor, Dawn DeRose was informed by Ms. Laurie Shiable that she no longer would be taking the position of part time clerk in the Assessor's office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby rescind resolution 149-21 which was passed on August 26th, 2021 effective immediately.

Supervisor McHugh stated that Ms. Schiable was hired last time but then decided not to take the position and so they were rescinding it.

Resolution #158-21 – Authorize Court to Apply for JCAP Grant

On motion of Supervisor McHugh, seconded by Councilmember Collins, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming 2021-2022 grant cycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town of Coeymans Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2021-2022 cycle up to \$30,000.00.

Supervisor McHugh stated that there is no Town matching portion for this grant and that the Court Clerk's have it under control. This is to be used for items for the Court and its security.

Resolution #159-21 – Authorize Supervisor to Execute STOP-DWI Agreement

On motion of Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Bruno, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Albany County requires a service agreement with a qualified contractor (the Town of Coeymans Police Department) regarding the expenditure of STOP-DWI Program funds, under circumstances to expand the STOP-DWI effort in accordance with the spending plan approved by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Department is able to provide the services to ensure that the requirements stated within the contract are met efficiently and effectively; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D. McHugh to enter into an agreement with the County of Albany for a period commencing January 1, 2021 and continuing until December 31, 2021 for the STOP-DWI Program.

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Supervisor McHugh stated that we enter into this every year and that it provides \$2,000 from the County. He thanked the Coeymans Police Department for their great efforts and the Sheriff's as well. He stated that with the Sheriff's here we have doubled patrols and public safety and saved hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Resolution #160-21 – Accept Resignation - Dooley

On motion of Councilmember Bruno, seconded by Councilmember Baker for discussion, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, The Assessor received a letter of resignation from the part time assessment clerk, Alison Dooley on July 6th, 2021 with an effective date of July 14th, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans Does hereby accept the resignation of Alison Dooley from the position of part time clerk effective July 14th, 2021. The Town would like to thank her for time spent working with the Town of Coeymans Assessor.

Councilman Baker questioned the date of the resignation. Supervisor McHugh stated that it had never been put on for the last meeting and that it was just an oversight. Supervisor McHugh thanked Alison and stated that she was a great asset to the Town.

Resolution #161-21 – Select Town Supervisor as Authorized Representative for GIGP

On motion of Councilmember Baker, seconded by Supervisor McHugh, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

**RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
COEYMANS RIVERFRONT PARK ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES
CORPORATION GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has recently been awarded grant funding for improvements to the Coeymans Riverfront Park through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP); and

WHEREAS, the EFC requires identification of a local Authorized Representative for the purposes of administering the grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor serves as the Town executive;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby select the Town Supervisor as the Authorized Representative for the purposes of administering the EFC GIGP grant.

Supervisor McHugh stated that this and the next resolution were mandatory resolutions that had to be passed before October to move forward with the \$1 million grant from the state.

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Resolution #162-21 – Assign Settlement Funds as Local Match for GIGP

On motion of Supervisor McHugh, seconded by Councilmember Collins, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

**RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE LOCAL MATCH FOR THE COEYMANS
RIVERFRONT PARK ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION GREEN
INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has recently been awarded grant funding for improvements to the Coeymans Riverfront Park through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP); and

WHEREAS, the GIGP program requires a local match; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Consent Decree entered into between the NYS Attorney General’s Office and Holcim (US) Inc. concerning the Lafarge Cement Pant (Doc. 2-1, Civil Action No 1:21-cv-490), Holcim will pay the State the sum of \$212,000 to fund an Environmental Benefit Project (EBP) for the benefit the Town of Coeymans to improve storm water infrastructure practices and water quality affecting the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been informed by the NYS Attorney General’s Office that the aforementioned EBP settlement funds can be used by the Town’s to satisfy the local match requirement of the GIGP grant,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby accepts and approves the use of the EBP settlement funds under the Consent Decree between Holcim (US) Inc. and the NYS Attorney General’s Office to satisfy the local match requirement of the GIGP grant. The Town Supervisor is authorized to take any actions and execute any agreements necessary to carry out this resolution.

Supervisor McHugh stated that the Attorney General’s Office had given the Town \$212,000 as part of a settlement with Lafarge-Holcim. He stated that they had taken that and used it as seed money with the EFC and were awarded an additional \$1 million. He stated that along with the \$212,000 gift from the AG’s Office the Town now has \$1.2 million to use and not \$1 will come out of taxpayer money.

Resolution #163-21 – Authorize Supervisor to Execute SDG Contract

On motion of Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Bruno, the following resolution was: APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the current agreement between the Town of Coeymans and Systems Development Group, Inc. (SDG) which provides software support for the Town of Coeymans Image Mate online has expired; and

WHEREAS, a new contract for the amount of \$1,200.00 to be in effect until August 31st, 2022 has been presented;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D. McHugh to enter into contract with SDG for the amount of \$1,200.00.

Supervisor McHugh stated that this is software for the Assessor and is just an annual contract renewal.

Motion to Adjourn

On motion of Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Bruno, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk