

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
October 5, 2021 – Special Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, October 5th, 2021 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

PRESENT: George D. McHugh, Supervisor
Daniel D. Baker, Councilmember
Linda S. Bruno, Councilmember
Brandon L. LeFevre, Councilmember

ABSENT: Zachary S. Collins, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk

Supervisor McHugh opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that all Town Board members were present except Councilmember Collins. He then asked the Town Clerk to read the notice.

**NOTICE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND
BUDGET WORKSHOPS**

In compliance with Public Officer’s Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled the following meetings:

A Special Town Board Meeting for Tuesday, **October 5, 2021** at 6pm for the purpose of the Town Clerk submitting the 2022 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

A Town Board Budget Workshop for Saturday, **October 9, 2021** at 9am for the purpose of meeting with department heads regarding the 2022 Tentative Budget.

A Town Board Budget Workshop for Saturday, **October 16, 2021** at 9am for the purpose of meeting with department heads regarding the 2022 Tentative Budget.

All meetings will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

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

Town Clerk Rowzee handed the budget to the Town Board Members.

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Supervisor McHugh stated that the Budget was a months long process and that either he or Nita has met with the department heads while creating the budget. He then read the following address regarding the 2022 Budget:

- This Budget is balanced – Anticipated Appropriations equal Anticipated Revenues.
- Given this Board’s commitment and support for Public Safety, I have increased the Coeymans Police Budget by 4.5% so that we can continue to insure adequate police patrols and public safety throughout the Town and Village at all times, supplemented by the Albany County Sheriff’s Office and State Police
- Capital Improvements to both Joralemon Park and the Coeymans Landing Riverfront Park remain a priority in 2022, with \$1.2 million dollars in State and Federal monies being expended on our Riverfront Park, and additional Federal funds being allocated to both parks as we construct permanent lavatory facilities in both Town Parks in 2022.
- The extension and improvement of Broadband internet service throughout the town, especially in the more rural areas remains a priority in the 2022 Budget, and ARPA funds can and should be used so that we can continue the development of Broadband internet service to every household and business in the Town of Coeymans.
- And last, but certainly not least, the Town Tax Rate, which is currently at a historic low at \$2.65/1000, increases only .03 cents to \$2.68/1000 with this Budget, which remains within the State Tax Cap.
- I would like to thank all Town Department Heads, as well as all of you here on the Town Board, for your diligence and support all year long, and for your assistance in administering the 2021 Town Budget, and for your assistance these past few months in the preparation of the 2022 Tentative Town Budget. Managing a nearly \$7,000,000 Budget is a Team Effort, and I am grateful for the team that we have here in the Town of Coeymans.

Motion to Adjourn

On motion of Councilmember LeFevre, seconded by Supervisor McHugh, the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

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

Time – 6:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk