**A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday February 10, 2022 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** George D. McHugh, Supervisor

Daniel D. Baker, Council Member

Linda S. Bruno, Council Member

Brandon L. LeFevre, Council Member

Marisa Tutay, Council Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Candace McHugh, Town Clerk

Supervisor McHugh called the meeting order and led the audience in the Pledge. Council Member Bruno led the audience in prayer. The Supervisor asked to let the record reflect that all members are present.

**Announcements:**

-RCS Senior Uchenna Uba came in 1st place at the State Qualifiers this past weekend, February 7th, with a personal record of 34-8 in shot put. She will be competing in the New York State Championships in Staten Island March 5th!

-COVID Update

Albany County numbers are as follows:

\*158 new positive cases within the county since yesterday

\*Seven day average is down to 49.5

\*7 new hospitalizations since yesterday and currently a total of 67 admitted, 12 of those patients are in the ICU

\*According to the school COVID report card, RCS Central School District has 412 positive cases. This total includes teachers, students, and staff

 Supervisor McHugh asked the Board about the lifting of the mask mandate by Governor Hochul and if the Board believes we should change our protocols as well. McHugh suggested dropping the masks but holding the occupancy to 10 members. All board members agreed on this. The protocols will be updated for Town Hall.

**Old Business:**

Sewer/Water District Expansion: A meeting is scheduled for February 11 with the stakeholders and engineers to work on defining the district and prepare for the next steps.

-Coeymans Landing Park Upgrade: Final plans have gone to EFC. It will be sent out to bid with a deadline for March 31, 2022.

- Park lavatory Facilities: MJ Designs is working up a quote for designing and set up for bid. Joralemon will be done first then Coeymans Landing as to not interrupt the GIGP construction. ARPA funds will be used for these

-Broadband Expansion: 250 Bushendorf is the last house Verizon can get service to according to their franchise agreements. Supervisor McHugh asked State Telephone to revise their estimates to stop at this point. This will allow service to continue up Starr road to North Lane. Council member Tutay asked what other areas aren’t covered within the Town. Supervisor McHugh stated that Lindskoog road is not covered but it in the works to be done. Council Member LeFevre asked it will all be fiber and the answer is yes.

AC Legislator Zach Collins approached the podium to speak about the “Connect All Initiative”. The county has 29 million coming in and the idea is on the table to put this towards broadband expansion within the county.

**New Business:**

-Supervisor McHugh and Legislator Collins had a meeting with Maureen McGuinness with the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. They currently have 8 businesses who are members in our area. They service 27 zip codes and are looking to expand. Their goal is to have a greater presence in Coeymans. Collins mentioned the chamber offers dental and health agreements, farmer’s markets support, training to meet mandated state requirements, etc. Collins suggested having the chamber establish business hours in the area for easier access. Supervisor McHugh said that some companies within the Industrial District have offered space to do this.

-Special Meeting March 4, 2022 6pm: Personnel business will be discussed. Supervisor McHugh made a motion to have a meeting on March 4, 2022 at 6pm and to have the Town Clerk Advertise the special meeting. Council member LeFevre seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

-Town Hall Project: The current Town Hall was never meant to be a Town Hall and has had many purposes before Town Hall. Last year a feasibility study was done on 18 Russell to gain perspective on how to make it more efficient. It was determined that the cost of trying to upgrade and make this building compliant would be too great. The Board has looked at a few different sites including the Village building, and property on the corner of Route 9W and 101 CR. Neither property was efficient for what we need. Currently the board is looking at the property we are on and building a new facility. The Board visited the Village of Coxsackie and toured its new building for perspective on the flow of a new facility.

Beofr econtinuing, Supervisor McHugh checked to see if anyone else wished to speak at the Public hearing. He asked if anyone would like to make a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council member Bruno made a motion to close the public hearing, Council Member Tutay seconded. All were in favor and the public hearing is closed.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution # 53-22 Hiring of Part Time Clerk 1 in Sewer Dept.**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member Tutay offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** The Sewer Department is desirous of hiring a part time Clerk 1 in the Sewer Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Deanna Fink as a part time Clerk 1 in the Sewer Department effective January 18, 2022 at a rate of $16.20 per hour.

Seconded by Council member Baker, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Resolution # 54-22 Execution of Lease Agreement with Ms. Bowers**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member Baker offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Coeymans entered into a lease agreement with Mrs. Maria Bowers dated February 17, 2012 for Highway Department use which has expired as of December 21, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** both parties wish to extend the aforementioned lease till December 31, 2024 and all other terms and conditions of the February 17, 2012 Lease Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the renewal term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D. McHugh to sign the lease extension agreement with an expiration date of December 31, 2024.

Seconded by Council member McHugh, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Discussion**: This property is behind the Highway Department building, we lease it to have in ingress and egress to the Highway Dept.

**Resolution #55-22 Budget Transfers**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member McHugh offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Fiscal Officer has determined that in order to maintain proper balances within various accounts, a number of inter fund transfers are necessary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D. McHugh to transfer the funds as depicted below for the Budget Year 2021:

**GENERAL FUND (A)**

**Amount From Account To Account**

$ 0.08 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 1010.1 Town Board Personal Serv.

$ 4,712.13 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 1220.4 Supervisor Contractual

$ 639.15 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 1430.1 Human Resources Personal Serv.

$ 438.72 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 1430.4 Human Resources Contractual

$ 1,267.29 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 1620.4 Town Hall Contractual

$ 1,408.83 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 1650.4 Central Communication Cont.

$ 300.19 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 1670.4 Central Printing & Mailing

$ 18,082.98 (A) 1990.4 Contingency Contractual (A) 3120.11 Chief Personal Services

$ 27,366.79 (A) 1990.4 Contingency Contractual (A) 3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual

$ 7,168.68 (A) 1990.4 Contingency Contractual (A) 5010.1 Highway Superintendent Personal Serv.

$ 66.21 (A) 1990.4 Contingency Contractual (A) 5010.4 Highway Superintendent Cont.

$ 4,157.60 (A) 1990.4 Contingency Contractual (A) 7110.4 Parks Contractual

$ 199.37 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 8090.1 Leachate Personal Services

$1,144.15 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 8090.4 Leachate Contractual

$ 0.10 (A) 1220.1 Supervisor Personal Serv. (A) 8668.1 Grant Writer Personal Serv.

**PART TOWN FUND (B)**

**Amount From Account To Account**

$ 1,500.00 (B) 8140.4 Storm Water Contractual (B) 1420.4 Attorney Contractual

$ 113.79 (B) 8140.4 Storm Water Contractual (B) 1660.4 Central Store Room

$ 5,241.26 (B) 8140.4 Storm Water Contractual (B) 5182.4 Street Lighting Contractual

$ 8,556.00 (B) 5410.4 Sidewalk Contractual (B) 9010.8 NYS Retirement

$ 43.75 (B) 8140.4 Sidewalk Contractual (B) 9045.8 Life Insurance

$ 245.99 (B) 8140.4 Sidewalk Contractual (B) 9060.8 Health & Medical Insurance

$ 218.72 (B) 8140.4 Sidewalk Contractual (B) 9070.8 Dental Insurance

**HIGHWAY FUND TOWN WIDE (DA)**

**Amount From Account To Account**

$ 1,734.90 (DA) 5110.4 General Repairs Personal Serv. (DA) 5130.3 Machinery Rental

$ 265.10 (DA) 5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual (DA) 5130.3 Machinery Rental

**HIGHWAY FUND PART TOWN (DB)**

**Amount From Account To Account**

$ 406.93 (DB) 5110.4 General Repair Personal Serv. (DB) 5130.2 Machinery Equipment

$ 12,603.95 (DB) 5142.4 Snow Removal Personal Serv. (DB) 5130.4 Machinery Contractual

$ 26,001.00 (DB) 5142.4 Snow Removal Personal Serv. (DB) 9010.8 NYS Retirement

$ 105.45 (DB) 5110.4 Snow Removal Personal Serv. (DB) 9045.8 Life Insurance

$ 54.28 (DB) 5110.4 Snow Removal Personal Serv. (DB) 9055.8 Disability Insurance

$ 640.94 (DB) 5110.4 Snow Removal Personal Serv. (DB) 9070.8 Dental Insurance

**SEWER FUND (SS)**

**Amount From Account To Account**

$ 4,062.66 (SS) 8120.4 Sewage Collection System Personal Serv. (SS) 8130.4 Contractual (Joint)

$26,190.77 (SS) 8120.4 Sewage Collection System Contractual (SS) 8130.4 Contractual (Joint)

$19,290.23 (SS) 8130.1 Sewer Treatment Personal Serv. (SS) 8130.4 Contractual (Joint)

$ 1,582.00 (SS) 9040.8 Worker’s Comp. (SS) 8130.4 Contractual (Joint)

$ 3,907.23 (SS) 9055.8 Disability Insurance (SS) 8130.4 Contractual (Joint)

$ 6,614.22 (SS) 9060.8 Medical/Hospital Insurance (SS) 8130.4 Contractual (Joint)

$ 82.72 (SS) 9060.8 Medical/Hospital Insurance (SS) 9045.8 Life Insurance

$ 548.00 (SS) 9060.8 Medical/Hospital Insurance (SS) 9070.8 Dental Insurance

$ 633.79 (SS) 9060.8 Medical/Hospital Insurance (SS) 9010.8 NYS Retirement

$ 295.00 (SS) 9089.8 Other Employee Benefit (SS) 9010.8 NYS Retirement

Seconded by Council member LeFevre, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Resolution # 56-22 Budget Transfers**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member LeFevre offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Fiscal Officer has determined that in order to maintain proper balances within an account in the General (A) Fund a transfer is necessary and,

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Fiscal Officer is desirous of transferring funds between certain accounts within the General (A) Fund for Budget year 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor George D. McHugh to make the following transfer to the 2022 budget as depicted below.

General Fund (A)

**Amount From Account To Account**

$40,500.00 (A)3120.2 Law Enforcement Equipment (A) 1990.4 Contingency

Seconded by Council member Bruno, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Resolution # 57-22 Execution of Albany County ALS Agreement**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member Bruno offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Coeymans wishes to participate in the County’s Emergency Medical Services Program to provide Advanced Life Support services; and

**WHEREAS,** a new contract is in place for Advanced Life Support services with the Albany County Sheriff’s Office for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor George D. McHugh, to execute the contract for Advanced Life Support Services with the Albany County Sheriff’s Office.

Seconded by Council member Tutay, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Resolution # 58-22 Awarding of Tractor Bid**

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| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member Tutay offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, notice of invitation for sealed bids for the purchase or lease with a purchase option of a used tractor with cab and loader was duly advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, all responses received to said bid were received, opened and read aloud on the date and time advertised in the notice; and

**WHERREAS**, a sole bid was submitted by Wm Biers, Inc. with a purchase price of $65,000.00 and an option to lease at $2,000 per month with 100% lease rate towards the purchase price; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Town Highway Superintendent, the bid for a used tractor with cab and loader is hereby awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Wm Biers, Inc., 100 Port Street, Albany, NY 12202 and the Town Board authorizes the purchase of said equipment in the amount of $65,000.00. The Town Clerk is directed to transmit the notice of award and the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into a purchase contract.

Seconded by Council member Baker, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Resolution # 59-22 Scheduling of Annual Audit Meeting**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member Baker offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board must complete or have completed an audit, in accordance with section 123 of Town Law, of all Town Officials that handle cash, and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board has adopted an audit procedure, based on the Local Management Guide, Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities, published by the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller, on January 23, 2020, to be applied to the records of each Town Official that handles cash,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to provide Notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans shall conduct a special meeting on February 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York 12143.

Seconded by Council member McHugh, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Resolution # 60-22 Correction of Law Numbering**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member McHugh offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** on November 22, 2021 the Town Board passed Resolution 183-2021 adopting a local law pursuant to the Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act opting out of licensing and establishing on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Town of Coeymans outside of the Village of Ravena and subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131; and

**WHEREAS,** the New York State Department of State has advised the Town that the local law shall be numbered Local Law 1 of 2022 as the said law became effective in 2022 following the 45-day permissive referendum period;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Coeymans’ local law opting-out of the of the licensing of on-site cannabis consumption sites pursuant to the Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act adopted by Resolution 183-2021 shall be known as Local Law No. 1 of 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Coeymans’ proposed local law changing the term of the Town Supervisor from two years to four years shall be known as Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2022.

Seconded by Council member LeFevre, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

**Resolution # 61-22 Acceptance of Police Officer Resignation**

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|  | *Present* | *Absent* | *Aye* | *Nay* | *Abstain* |
| George D. McHugh |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Daniel D. Baker |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Marisa J. Tutay |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Brandon L. LeFevre |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| Linda S. Bruno |[x] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]
| *Total* | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |

I, Council member LeFevre offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2022 Coeymans Police Officer Edmund Seney Jr. submitted a written letter of resignation to the Town of Coeymans Chief of Police with an effective date of March 24, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the resignation of Officer Edmund Seney Jr, effective March 24, 2022; and the Town of Coeymans sincerely thanks Officer Seney for his service and dedication to our Community.

Seconded by Council member Bruno, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above

**Public Comment:**

Joy Iafalo asked about the Bethlehem Chamber information discussed earlier in the meeting. She was curious if there was something the RCSCBA was not privy to. Supervisor McHugh stated no, that it was a private meeting in his office requested by Maureen McGuinness. Mrs. Iafalo mentioned conversations with Mrs. McGuinness that she has had and this was never mentioned. She asked if Maureen was not familiar with the RCSCBA? Supervisor McHugh stated that the RCSCBA is not a chamber and the Bethlehem Chamber is and has clients here. Supervisor McHugh asked if the RCSCBA had their 501 status yet, Joy Stated the RCSCBA was still working on it. Council member Bruno commented that she was a member of the Bethlehem chamber and they are very broad based and they offer advantages for small business and she can see where the draw would be. Supervisor McHugh stated she was looking for help with introductions to companies that are not currently members. Council Member Tutay asked if the RCS CBA is looking to work with the Bethlehem Chamber. She stated initially yes, and they discussed the parallels between the RCS CBA and the Chamber.

Supervisor McHugh welcomed Board members from Athens who were in attendance to observe.

 Council member LeFevre announced that one of our residents is celebrating a milestone. She is turning 101, Louise Swarthout. Her address was given to send Birthday cards.

**Motion to Adjourn -** On motion of Council member Bruno, seconded by Council member Tutay, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED 7:06p.m.

***Respectfully Submitted*,**

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***Candace McHugh, Town Clerk***