

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
February 9, 2023 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday February 9, 2023 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** George D. McHugh, Supervisor  
Brandon L. LeFevre, Council Member  
Linda S. Bruno, Council Member  
Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member

**Absent:** Marisa Tutay, Council Member

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

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Supervisor McHugh called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council member Bruno led the audience in prayer. Supervisor McHugh asked that the record reflect that all members were present with the exception of Council member Marisa Tutay.

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**Announcements:**

**Town Hall Closure:** Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am- 4:30 pm.

**Albany County Winter Carnival:** Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am- 4:00 pm Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, will be hosting the Albany County Winter Carnival at Lawson Lake Park. Activities include; Ice Fishing, Crafts, Campfires, Snowmobiling, Snow Shoeing, 3V3 Pond Hockey Tournament, and Ice Skating (bring your skates). Coffee, hot cocoa, and water will be available all day, while supplies last. All activities are subject to change, for more information, please call 518-768-2560

**Soups for Seniors:** This Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm Senior Projects of Ravena will be hosting Soups for Seniors Contest & Fundraiser. Try some soup from some of our favorite local businesses; Smokin Pig Deli, Halfway House Tavern, Trackside Pizza, M&R Snacks, and community members. \$5 at the door gets you samples of delicious soups and 5 tickets to vote for your favorite ones and 1 ticket for a door prize! All proceeds go directly to the Senior Projects.

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Light the Night Walk: Join the RCS Class of 2025 on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Sycamore Golf Course for an illuminated walk to a fire pit and enjoy s'mores and hot cocoa. This event will take place from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm with a fee of \$5 per person or \$20 per family, this price includes glow sticks, a s'mores kit, a coloring station, and your choice of a ½ mile trail or 1-mile trail. All proceeds go directly to the RCS Class of 2025.

Hannah VanDerzee: Senior and Captain, Hannah VanDerzee, made RCS Girls' Basketball history this past weekend, breaking the all-time women's scoring record of 1,227 points. Hannah is currently 34 points ahead of the record with 1,261 points and still has 5 games left this season to build on the already broken record.

As a Freshman, Hannah was named to the 3<sup>rd</sup> team in Colonial Council, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> team for Times Union All Area. Junior year, Hannah was named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in Colonial Council and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team for Times Union All Area. Hannah will be playing for SUNY New Paltz Women's Basketball Team in 2024, they are currently 19-3! Congratulations Hannah and good luck with your future endeavors!

Alivia Ortiz: RCS Junior, Alivia Ortiz, was selected to represent RCS and Section II at the first ever NYS Public High School Athletic Association Girls Wrestling Invitational on January 27, 2023, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> in her weight class. Alivia was also 2<sup>nd</sup> in total match points with 54 points out of 203 wrestlers, she also tied 1<sup>st</sup> for most single match points with 18 points placing 30<sup>th</sup> overall as her own team out of 203 wrestlers with a total of 20 team points. Ms. Ortiz has had an impressive season so far, with a current record of 7-5 and a career record of 15-5. Congratulations Alivia!

Supervisor McHugh gave the following State of the Town Address:

Good evening to all of you here this evening, as well as to the many of you joining us on livestream video. Tonight, I would like to take the opportunity to deliver a State of the Town address to the people of Coeymans, so that I may highlight all that we have accomplished together as a community in the past few years. I will also touch upon some of the projects that are being planned as we move forward, as a community, as business owners, volunteers, students, town and village residents.

First, I would be remiss if I did not start this address with a Thank You to all of those that make Coeymans a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Admittedly, I will not be able to acknowledge everyone, because so many of you do so much for our town, but I will do my best.

- Thank you to our Veterans and Auxiliary members of VFW Post #9594, for organizing Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies. Thanks also to our Riverfest, Friendship

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Festival, and 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration committees and special events committees, for organizing our annual festivals, parades, and celebrations throughout our town.

- Thanks to all of the businesses that support our community, whether it be fireworks, evenings on the green band concerts, festivals, our Senior Project, the Food Pantries, and every charitable organization in our community.
- Thanks to our dedicated and professional first responders in our Fire Departments, Ravena Rescue Squad, Coeymans Police Department, Paramedics, Albany County Sheriff's Office and State Police. When we need you, you are always there. You are what makes our community safe, and our residents feel protected.
- Thank you to all of our volunteer groups and charitable organizations who go out of their way to help our neighbors and our community. Our religious organizations who support us in so many ways, and nonprofits who help educate our children, conserve our green spaces, and so much more that adds to our quality of life.
- Thanks to all of our residents who serve on town, village, library, and school boards and committees, and who volunteer with our staff to support our community and our neighbors.
- And a special thank you to our dedicated employees of the town. All of you are vital to Coeymans, and you are what makes Coeymans a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We simply do not express our appreciation nearly enough for all that each of you do day in and day out.

The Town of Coeymans is unique and special, in that we have a Hamlet, a Village, a Hollow, and an Alcove, all within our community. But regardless of which location in our town you call home, we all call Coeymans our home and we pride ourselves on the great things that we as Coeymans residents have accomplished over the 350 years we have existed as a town.

Today, Coeymans residents have more to be thankful for than ever before. Coeymans taxpayers enjoy one of the lowest town tax rates in nearly 20 years; we have several annual festivals sponsored by the town and the village with no cost for admission; one of the lowest crime rates of any other town in Albany County; a healthy fund balance in every fund within town government; and a network of volunteers, first responders, and charitable organizations always there to lend a hand to a neighbor or friend in need. This is the reality of Coeymans. This is our community.

Although today we live in an age of electronics, and texting, FaceTime and zoom meetings are quickly becoming the new normal, for a better and healthier you, and a better and healthier

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community, I urge all of you to spend more time together. Socialize more in person, shop locally, talk to your neighbors, join a committee or local charity, get your mind and your body healthy, visit our parks, hike our trails, volunteer, and remember what it was like before our time became consumed with our cellphones and the internet. The gratification you receive in helping your fellow neighbor and community is immeasurable. As a community, there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we do it together and for the good of each other. It is these times when we truly appreciate just how fortunate we all are to live in Coeymans.

Contrary to popular belief, the Coeymans Taxpayer pays one of the lowest town taxes in the past two decades. The Coeymans Property Tax Rate in 2023 is \$2.77 per thousand dollars of assessed value. In 2019, the year before I took office, the Coeymans tax rate was \$3.40 per thousand of assessed value. The current town tax rate reflects a 23% decrease from the tax rate only 4 short years ago. In comparison, the Village of Ravena Property Tax Rate today is \$5.22. The Albany County Property Tax Rate is \$3.37. The Coeymans Fire Tax Rate is \$1.65. The Coeymans Hollow Fire Tax Rate is \$1.67. The R-C-S School Tax Rate is \$17.77. And the Ravena Library Tax Rate is \$ .42. The Town of Coeymans does not receive all of the property tax dollars collected. These monies are split up between 5 completely independent taxing districts. Let's take a moment to clear up some of the other common misconceptions relating to property taxes.

Coeymans taxpayers pay a tax bill every January, which reflects payment of the County Tax, Town Tax, and Fire Tax. They also pay a tax bill in September, which reflects the School Tax and the Library Tax.

Village of Ravena Taxpayers pay the same two tax bills that Town Taxpayers pay in January and September, but they also pay an additional Village Tax Bill due every June.

So, in 2023, here is where your tax dollars go if you reside or pay property taxes in the Coeymans or Coeymans Hollow Fire District:

- 68% to the School District
- 2% to the Library
- 13% to the County of Albany
- 6% to the Fire Department
- 11% to the Town of Coeymans

So for every property tax dollar you pay in 2023, the Town of Coeymans receives only 11 cents. The remaining 89 cents goes elsewhere.

And if you reside in the Village of Ravena or pay property taxes in the Village, here is where your tax dollars go:

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- 60% to the School District
- 1% to the Library
- 11% to the County of Albany
- 18% to the Village of Ravena
- 9% to the Town of Coeymans

So for every property tax dollar you pay in 2023 as a Village taxpayer, the Town of Coeymans receives only 9 cents. The remaining 91 cents goes elsewhere.

Investments are being made throughout Coeymans like never before! Many of the old, abandoned and condemned properties in the Hamlet are being restored or razed, depending on their condition. And with the investment of over 1.4 million dollars into the Coeymans Landing Park, using monies received from our state and federal partners, and new permanent bathrooms going under construction at both town parks this year, our parks are becoming destination locations for people living around the area and even from neighboring states. With the Offshore Wind Project becoming a reality, the Town of Coeymans will be the beneficiary of hundreds of good paying clean energy jobs, hundreds of millions of dollars invested in Coeymans, and an increased tax base, which will serve to keep our tax rate low and boost our local economy. All of our local businesses win when more jobs, more businesses, and more people come to Coeymans. With its shovel ready sites, a low tax rate, critical infrastructure in place, and a workforce second to none, it is no wonder why Coeymans has been identified by many global industries, including General Electric, as the place to come and establish their facilities and invest hundreds of millions of dollars, bringing new tax revenue and jobs to our community.

I would like to thank our County Partners Albany County Executive Dan McCoy and his team of professionals to include Kevin O'Connor, Dan Lynch, Luc Rogers, and so many others. Coeymans has a true partner in the Albany County Executive and his team!

I would also like to thank our partners in the Village of Ravena for working together with the town over the past 18 months to expand the Coeymans Water and Sewer districts. Working together, the town and village were able to bring over 400 more acres of industrial, shovel ready property into the Coeymans Water and Sewer districts. This act in and of itself helped set the stage for the offshore wind project to come to Coeymans, bringing with it hundreds of new jobs and nearly a billion dollars in new infrastructure, along with an increased tax base that will serve to keep town taxes low and services high for all residents and taxpayers. In particular, I would like to personally thank Village Mayor Bill Misuraca, and Village DPW Foreman Henry Traver for their assistance and support in making this new water and sewer district expansion happen for our business community.

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And last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank our local businesses and industrial partners throughout our community. Without companies like the Port of Coeymans, Holcim Cement, TCI of NY, CTI, Baroni Recycling, Curaleaf, Hecate, Callanan Industries, WM Biers, Crosstown Maple, Biscone Law Firm, Flach Industries, Feliciano Body Works, Friendship Discount Beverage, Newburg Steel Fabrication, Finke Equipment, Apalachee Salt, Crossroads Ford, Nolan Energy, Persico Oil, Long Energy, Collins and Son, JAT Construction, Radley Enterprises, T&T Builders, Francisco Equipment, Silver Spoon Café, Sycamore Country Club, Yanni's Too, Rail to River Brewing, Trakside Pizza, Bullock Utilities, Shop n Save, Flach Development and Faith Plaza, Stolz Insurance, Anatriello Insurance, Don Hamilton Repair, Coeymans Landing Marine Services, Greene County Bank, National Bank of Coxsackie, Key Bank, Thiele Carting, and so many others, our community would not enjoy the good paying jobs, benefits, and low tax rate it enjoys today.

Equally important as more jobs and increased economic development, is quality of life in the Town of Coeymans. This is precisely why this Town Board has invested well over two million dollars in capital improvements over the past three years into Joralemon Park in Coeymans Hollow, and the Coeymans Landing Park in the Hamlet of Coeymans. Joralemon Park tennis courts received a complete makeover, while a pickle ball court and basketball court were added to the park, together with the installation of brand-new state of the art, special needs friendly playground equipment. At the Coeymans Landing Park, a 1.4-million-dollar state funded storm water mitigation project was completed last season, replacing old storm water infrastructure and adding four bio retention basins to help filter storm water before it enters the Hudson River.

In the Spring, with the help of funding from the federal government, a contract will be awarded to construct a permanent bathroom facility at Joralemon Park. And in August, construction of a permanent bathroom facility at the Coeymans Landing Park will commence, with substantial completion of construction slated for November. These capital improvements to our parks are an investment in the future of Coeymans, and our commitment to improving the quality of life for our residents. The COVID pandemic highlighted the need for towns, cities and villages to make sure that their parks and green spaces were maintained to a level so that families could enjoy them, especially when so many indoor opportunities were limited or completely shut down. Coeymans responded in a big way, and we now have parks that all of us can enjoy and be proud to visit with our children, grandchildren, and families.

Since January 1, 2020, mitigating truck traffic from our town roads has been and continues to be one of the highest priorities of my administration. First, let me start by saying that "I love trucks", and I openly acknowledge that without trucks and truck drivers, none of us would have half of the things we have today. So this campaign to mitigate truck traffic in our town is in no way, shape, or form a campaign against trucks, truck drivers, or trucking companies. What we are trying to do is work with our local industry partners and trucking companies, in particular

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Holcim Cement and the Port of Coeymans, to find new and creative alternate truck routes to help remove large truck traffic from our town roads, and also lessen large truck traffic from our main streets in the village and the town. Admittedly, this will never take all large trucks off our main streets, but it will lessen the number of large trucks we currently have traveling through our main streets and help improve traffic safety within our community.

Currently, there is an engineered plan under review at the NYS DEC for an alternate truck route. Once approved, this alternate truck route will allow Holcim Cement to construct a new road off the east side of the Holcim quarry, so that trucks will have ingress and egress on County Route 101 into and out of the quarry. This will remove the large trucks from our town roads like Jarvis Road North, Jarvis Road South, and Mountain Road Extension. This is phase 1 of our plan.

Phase 2 of the plan is to create a truck route through the lands of Holcim Cement to the Port of Coeymans. Once this plan is designed and approved, and the alternate truck route is constructed, it will reduce much of the truck traffic from Route 9W, Main Street Ravena, and Main Street Coeymans. Phase 2 is still in the planning phases, and an actual implementation and construction date is not yet available. However, I can assure you that our efforts to work together with local industry to identify alternate truck routes and find ways to lessen the truck traffic from our local roads and main streets will continue until we achieve our goals.

As New York State Department of Transportation continues their crosswalk sidewalk work at the Route 9W and Route 143 intersection, the town and village governments are working together in collaboration with the state and the town engineers to prepare a comprehensive plan for the construction of sidewalks from the Greene County line, along Route 9W, to Crossroads Ford. The funding for this project is to come from the state through the efforts of Assemblyman Chris Tague. This is an exciting project and one that will involve the town highway department personnel, working together with the village public works employees. Combining town and village assets and equipment to make this project a reality is one illustration of how our town and village come together, and work together as one team, for the good of our community.

March 13, 2020, after only Seventy-Two days in office as the newly elected Coeymans Town Supervisor, and the COVID pandemic hit and dramatically changed all of our daily lives for months, and even years. And the Town of Coeymans, along with other local governments, learned just how important things like communication, emergency preparedness, and transparency are for a local government and a community. As a result, the Town Board made several investments over the last three years to improve transparency and communications, to better inform the public of events and emergency notifications, and to insure that residents could observe their government in action each and every time they met to do the town's business. To this end, the Town Board doubled their audio/video telecommunications personnel so that all meetings could be televised. This includes all regularly scheduled Town Board meetings, as well

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as all Zoning/Planning Board meetings. Additionally, over \$25,000 was invested into new, state of the art audio/video equipment, so that the town meetings would be televised on the traditional local channel 901 cable station, as well as streaming on Facebook Live. Most recently, the town purchased a Vimeo account, so that all meetings are not only live streamed, but also videotaped, with the recordings maintained in a library for record keeping and future viewing options.

This year, the Town Board invested in an emergency and nonemergency message system called “CodeRed”. This new system allows all of our first responders, fire departments, Highway Superintendent, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Coeymans Police, Albany County Sheriff and Emergency Management Director to send out important messages to anyone signed up in the CodeRed system. This allows any resident with a landline, cellphone, computer, or pager to receive important messages from their local officials involving anything that may be happening in their area or in Coeymans, at no cost to the resident. The purchase of the CodeRed system allows Coeymans to take the next step in emergency communications, and no longer depend on unreliable social media platforms to put out important official information to our residents.

COVID also spotlighted how important it is to insure that all homes and businesses have broadband internet. Over 4 miles of new broadband infrastructure was installed in Coeymans Hollow last year, at no cost to town taxpayers. This year, we hope to continue these efforts with new broadband infrastructure planned for the Lindskoog Road area. We will continue this broadband infrastructure effort until 100% of the properties in the Town of Coeymans have broadband internet availability.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Public safety is the highest priority for this administration, and our actions since 2020 illustrate this fact. On January 9, 2020, after only 9 days in office, the town board approved an agreement with Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, to site a Sheriff Substation in the Hamlet of Coeymans. This agreement called for at least two dedicated Sheriff patrol cars to remain in the Town of Coeymans at all times. In return, the town allowed the Sheriff to occupy the former Coeymans Fire House in the Hamlet at no cost except for utilities. This agreement doubled the number of police patrols in the town, at no additional cost to town taxpayers. Under the leadership and guidance of Coeymans Police Chief Marc Tryon, the Coeymans Police Department and the Sheriff Deputies are fully integrated and work together on patrol as well as during investigations. This emphasis on Public Safety over the last 3 years has resulted in Coeymans having one of the lowest crime rates in Albany County.

In furtherance of our commitment to Public Safety, the town board is currently working together with the Ravena Rescue Squad and the town attorney to create a town wide ambulance district. Once formed, this new district will insure that Coeymans residents will have the security of knowing that ambulance services and paramedics will be a permanent fixture in the Town of



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Coeymans for decades to come. It is a simple fact that families and businesses do not make a community their home if they do not feel it is safe, or that essential public safety services are not available. This is one reason why this administration will always insure that public safety, to include all first responders, police, fire departments, paramedics, and emergency medical personnel, are given the highest priority, attention, and respect, not only during budget season, but every day of the year. We simply cannot thank our first responders enough.

**CONCLUSION**

This year marks my 6<sup>th</sup> year as Town Supervisor for the Town of Coeymans, and words cannot adequately express the honor and privilege it is to serve the town in this role. In 2000, I took office as Town Supervisor at the age of 34. At that time, I was young, and admittedly too inexperienced to truly appreciate the honor that was bestowed upon me at that time. Twenty years later, after retiring from the Army and moving back to Coeymans, I once again sought to serve my home town, armed with the experience, knowledge, and the ability to get things done. Thankfully, I have been blessed with town board members, other elected and appointed officials, staff, volunteers and community members, all of whom share the same passion as I, to move Coeymans forward in a positive direction, for all of us, and our families. And over the last 3 years, Coeymans has taken giant steps to move in the right direction, together, as a community.

Coeymans is a community with deep roots and steep in history, tradition, and pride. It is also a community filled with great businesses and good neighbors. In closing, I once again urge all of you to get out there and engage with your neighbors and other members of our community. There is nothing more gratifying than live interaction with real neighbors, especially if it is in furtherance of something constructive and positive for the community that we all call home. I believe we are all very lucky to live in the Town of Coeymans and have the honor and privilege of calling it home. As we move forward as a community, with the common goal of making sure Coeymans remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family, I am confident that we will leave a wonderful community for our children and grandchildren to enjoy for generations to come.

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Minutes were approved for the following Town Board meetings:

January 26, 2023 Town Board Meeting

Council member LeFevre made a motion to accept the minutes and Council member Bruno seconded the motion.

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

**New Business:**

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**Evenings on the Green** planning is in full swing! We will be kicking off this summer’s concert series from Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> until August 30<sup>th</sup>. The band schedule is just about booked and will be posted to our Facebook page and the Town’s website as soon as it becomes available.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Carlie at 518-756-6006 x 2 or by email at [CMorrow@coeymans.org](mailto:CMorrow@coeymans.org). Vendor applications and information can be found and printed off of our Town website [www.coeymans.org](http://www.coeymans.org)

**Holcim Cement** Environmental director Robert McGehee gave a presentation on the current Plant Reclamation and Beautification Project. 5 million dollars will be invested this reclamation project beginning this March. The presentation packet is attached to the minutes.

Mr. McGehee announced they are very close to receiving an approval for the quarry road project from the NYS DEC. At that point they can begin the SEQRA process.

**Old Business:**

Park Bathroom process: Supervisor McHugh said the engineers are on schedule with the redesign that should go out to bid late February or beginning of March.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution # 045-23 Appoint Part Time Police officer**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon L. LeFevre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda S. Bruno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marisa J. Tutay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		

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

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Coeymans Police Department has an existing vacancy for a part-time Officer due to the recent resignation of Officer Timothy Hajec; and

**WHEREAS,** A suitable candidate, who possesses more than 32 years of police experience and other extensive specialized training, has been identified; and

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**WHEREAS**, the identified candidate is currently certified as having completed the required Basic Course for Police Officer (BCPO) Training mandated by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Coeymans does hereby appoint Timothy Fischer to the position of Part-Time Police Officer for the Town of Coeymans Police Department effective February 6, 2023, at a starting hourly rate of \$33.35 per hour.

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

**Resolution # 046-23 Authorize Highway Purchase Order Modification**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon L. LeFevre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda S. Bruno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marisa J. Tutay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, on January 27, 1992, authorized the Highway Superintendent to purchase materials, parts, and all contractual expenditures up to \$1,000.00 without obtaining a purchase order; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of materials, parts, and contractual expenditures have increased over the last 30 years, the Highway Superintendent has requested the expenditure be increased to \$2,000.00 per purchase.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to expend up to \$2,000.00 for the purchase of materials, parts, and contractual expenditures before obtaining a purchase order.

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

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Discussion: Council member Schmitt asked how do we currently make purchases up to that amount. Supervisor McHugh said all departments need to go through the procurement process. With inflation the base rate for Highway and Sewer departments needs to be raised to lessen the amount of purchase orders that are needed.

**Resolution # 047-23 Authorize Sewer Plant Purchase Order Modification**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon L. LeFevre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda S. Bruno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marisa J. Tutay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, has authorized all department heads to purchase materials, parts, and contractual expenditures up to \$200.00 without obtaining a purchase order; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of materials, parts, and contractual expenditures for the Sewer Plant has increased over the years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Chief Sewer Plant Operator to expend up to \$2,000.00 for the purchase of materials, parts, and contractual expenditures before obtaining a purchase order

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

Council member Schmitt made a motion to table resolution #047-23 so the candidates can be interviewed. No second was received on this motion.

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**Resolution # 047-23 Appoint Alternate Planning Board Member**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon L. LeFevre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda S. Bruno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marisa J. Tutay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is desirous of filling a vacancy that exists on the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Joseph Cinque has expressed interest in serving as an Alternate Planning Board member; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has reviewed applications of interested applicants and has provided the Town Board with their recommendation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Mr. Joseph Cinque to serve as an Alternate Planning Board member effective February 9, 2023, for a term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

Discussion: Council member LeFevre stated Mr. Cinque provided a letter of interest mentioning he was on the Ravenna Planning Board for several years, has 40 years’ experience in construction and has taken all the necessary training required for a PB/ZBA member. Supervisor McHugh said 2 letters were received from applicants and it was his understanding that the PB/ZBA did not feel an interview was necessary as they knew the applicants. The majority of the members voiced approval for Mr. Cinque. He also stated that none of the current members of the PB/ZBA were ever interviewed. Council member Schmitt said Supervisor McHugh had asked for the

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applicants to be interviewed and Supervisor McHugh said he asked for the applications to be reviewed and a recommendation given.

**Public Comment:**

Barbara Tanner feels as though Council member Schmitt should have been given the chance to finish his comments.

Jason Redfield lives on River Road: He is concerned about the logging taking place behind his property. He was curious as to why the residents were not informed. He and his neighbors are concerned it could be rezoned and would like more transparency. Supervisor McHugh explained the town did not have to issue any permits so we are not aware of the project. Carver Companies has a permit through DEC. Council member Bruno

Matt McCauslin live on Van Buren: He feels as though interviews should have been for the PB/ZBA position. Mr. McCauslin stated he is a young member of the community looking to get involved and would have loved the opportunity. He himself owns property in the Town and Village giving him the advantage of concern for both. Mr. McCauslin hopes next time there is more due process.

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**Motion to Adjourn** was made by Council member LeFevre and Seconded by Council member Schmitt- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Candace McHugh, Town Clerk*



**Plant Reclamation and Beautification Project**  
**Robert McGehee, Environmental Director**  
**February 2023**

# OVERVIEW

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- A member of the Ravenna-Coeymans community since 1962, the Lafarge cement plant strives to operate a modern and efficient facility.
- As part of our ongoing \$5.4 million modernization project, which furthers our long-term commitment to the local community, we are undertaking an effort to remove and recycle outdated and unused equipment and structures from the plant site.
- The project will begin in March and be finished in the second half of 2023.
- **We are committed to transparency and community engagement throughout this process and will be regularly updating our website with timelines and information.**
  - Visit <https://www.lafargeravenaconnect.com/projects>



# NO IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

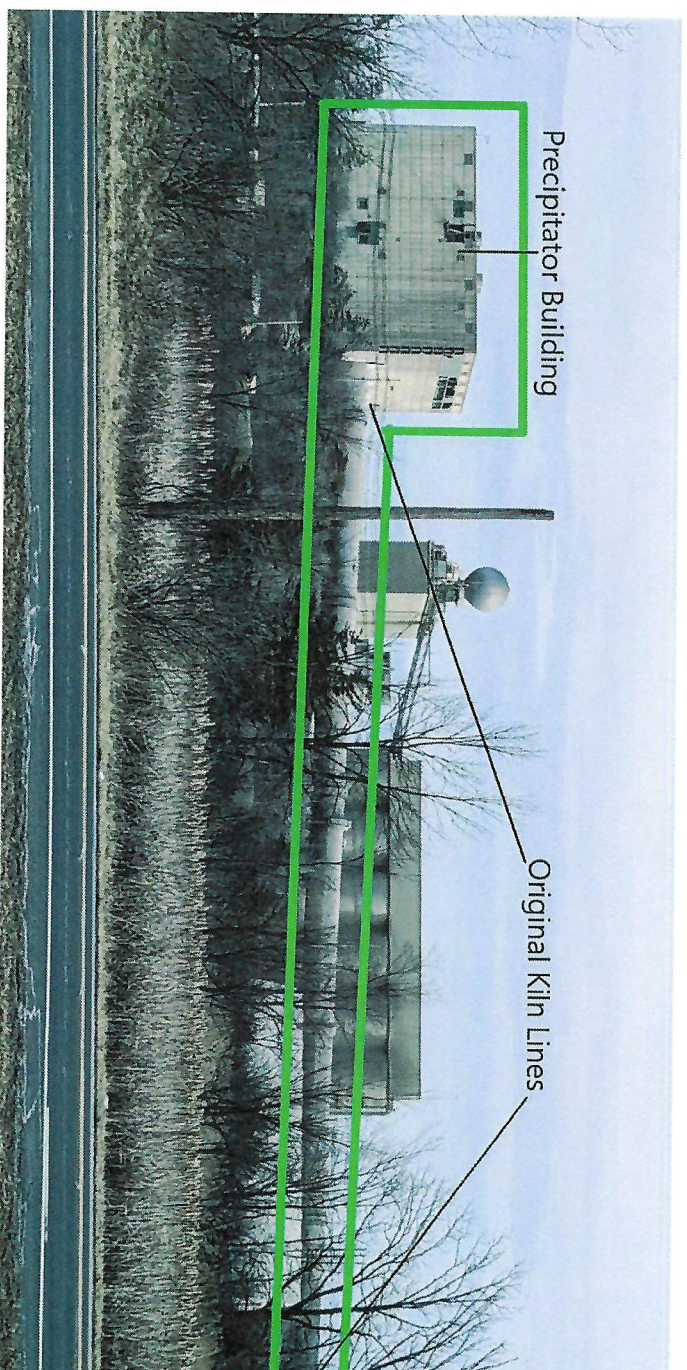
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- Reclamation will take place using modern methods to dismantle the equipment safely and efficiently.
- No explosives will be used in the process and methods employed are designed to minimize nuisances such as vibration, noise, and dust.
- Air monitoring will take place in accordance with DEC regulations to ensure the safety of our workforce, our contractors, and the greater community.
- Much of the work that we will be doing will not be visible, though the plant's skyline will change.

# PROJECT DETAILS

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- Work will begin in the next few weeks. Contractors are starting to come onsite.
- Members of the community will notice changes in the plant skyline over time.



# Questions?

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# Thank You!