

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
April 13, 2023 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday April 13, 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

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 Tutay.

Presentation: Emergency Management Director Bill Bruno has retired from the position after 23 years. Supervisor McHugh and the Town Board presented him with a plaque of appreciation. His brother Dominic Bruno will be taking his place as the New Director of Emergency Management for the Town.

Announcements:

Village Clean-Up Day: To celebrate Earth Day, the Village of Ravena will be hosting its annual Village Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 22nd, at 10 am. Those interested in attending are to meet at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Rd, to receive their bags and gloves.

Alcove Day: Alcove Day Community Yard Sales will be held on Saturday, April 29th. Registration forms to be placed on the yard sale treasure map, are available at the front of the Little Red School House, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow Post Office, and our Town Clerks office.

Starting at 8:00 am, breakfast sandwiches, yard sale maps, and Alcove Anniversary Booklets will be for sale at the Coeymans Hollow Fire House, followed by a Luncheon from 10 am -2 pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church by United Methodist Women.

CROP Walk: The Ravena CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, May 7th at Mosher Park. Registration begins at 12:00 pm followed by the walk at 1:00 pm, all proceeds go to help local and global hunger relief. For more information, please call Rev. Antonio Booth at 518-573-3219

Northern Catskills Longbeards 13th annual Wounded Veterans Turkey Hunt: The Northern Catskill Longbeards are planning their 13th Annual Wounded Veterans Turkey Hunt, to be held

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on Friday, May 5th, Saturday, May 6th, and Sunday, May 7th. Donations made to the Northern Catskill Longbeards are very appreciated and will help offset the travel costs, hunting licenses, meals, and hunting supplies for our veterans. If you are interested in donating, please send and make checks payable to Northern Catskill Longbeards, PO Box 158 Ravena, NY 12143.

We Love aRtCS (art-cs) Festival : The 2nd annual We Love aRtCS Music and Arts Festival with be held on Saturday, May 6th, from 12-6 pm at the corner of Main Street & Railroad Ave. More information will be coming soon, check out the We Love aRtCS Facebook page to stay up to date on the latest announcements.

Coeymans Recycle Day: Coeymans Recycle Day will be Saturday, May 13th, from 8 am-1 pm at two convenient locations; WM Biers Property, across from the Port of Coeymans, and the Coeymans Highway Garage, 1305 Rt. 143. This is cost-free to all Coeymans residents, without the generosity of Al Collins and Collins & Son and Charlie Thiele and Thiele Carting for their generous donation of containers and trucking services, as well as Billy Biers and CD Man, LLC for their donation of transfer services, the Town would not be able to offer this to Coeymans Residents, free of charge!

Please visit our Town Website and Facebook page to see the list of allowed and not allowed items for Recycle Day.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Minutes were approved for the following Town Board meetings:

-March 23, 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 - SO MOVED

New Business:

Summer Youth/ Recreation Programs: Council member Bruno and Tutay will be revising the programs. Council member Bruno announced Food For Thought will not be happening but there is a Discovery Camp that will be hosted by Pieter B. The hours for Summer rec and Discovery have been modified to allow for Fridays off. Applications and information should be posted at the end of April.

Truck Route Meeting with Lafarge: Supervisor McHugh and Superintendent Baker inspected South and North Jarvis, and Mountain Road Extension to see what kind of damage is being done by the extensive truck traffic. A Zoom meeting was held with Lafarge, Carver Companies, and Mayor Misuraca to discuss what can be done. NYS DEC has been contacted regarding establishing a new truck route. This process could take up to four years to fully develop. It has been decided that a weight limit will be posted on North and South Jarvis. Mr. Laraway has also agreed to make some repairs to these roads as well. A road detailed preservation agreement would be established

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for Mountain Road Extension which will be temporary until the new truck route is finished. Then Mountain Road Extension would be posted with a weight limit.

Mr. Bob Jones is a resident of Mountain Road Extension and asked what needs to be done to a road to make it acceptable for large truck traffic. He asked if we would have the same issues once the road is moved just in a different spot. Route 101 is a County road therefore the County will evaluate that road's needs. Supervisor McHugh said he would be keeping Mr. Jones in the loop due to his expertise in this area. Mr. Jones added that the problem was not the drivers of the trucks. They are operating their vehicles appropriately.

Proposed Dog Control and Proposed Lot Line Adjustment: Council member Schmitt spoke regarding updating certain sections of our code. The current dog control law only applies in the Hamlet area. He researched some neighboring towns and drafted a new version which would encompass the whole town. He stated it is not a leash law but you do have to have control by command. Council member Schmitt felt there were several instances that a lot line adjustment would have been helpful during his time on the PB/ZBA rather than having to apply for a subdivision in certain situations. Supervisor McHugh suggested sending them to our attorney for review.

Town Cleaning Contract: The Board needs to determine if a commercial company is the way to go or a part time employee. The board was provided with quotes from each type.

Old Business:

Town Hall Remediation Update: Supervisor McHugh, MJ Engineering and Superintendent Baker met and decided the first course of action is to dig 6 holes to evaluate the foundation in key spots. Once the holes are done the engineers will provide a report on the next steps. The scope of the cost is under the threshold for needing to produce an invitation to bid. The scope was sent to four local contractors for quotes which will be evaluated when they come in. The hope is to have a report by the end of May so we can see what our next step is.

Park Bathroom Process: The Invitation to Bid had been posted for the Joralemon Park Bathrooms and were due March 30, 2023. One bid came in and it was more than the original bid even though the building is 40% smaller. Our engineers will put it back out to bid.

Lindskoog Road Broadband Expansion: Mid-Hudson Cable applied for pole licenses with Central Hudson to get broadband internet to Lindskoog Rd back in November of 2022, this can take anywhere from 9-12 months, due to the increased need for high-speed internet after the COVID-19 pandemic. The latest update we have received from Mid-Hudson is that they are still waiting on receiving the licenses from Central Hudson, and are still anticipating installment sometime this year.

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Coeymans 350th: Council member LeFevre gave a recap of the events planned for June 9 & 10. Please check the website for more details.

Resolutions

Resolutions #063-23 Schedule Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 4 of 2023

	<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"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<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"/>
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Marisa J. Tutay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 Board of the Town of Coeymans has introduced proposed Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2023 to amend certain provisions of the Town Code, specifically amendment of Sections 25-4 54-4(B), 65-10(D) and 65-10(R)(1); and repeal of Chapter 109 of the Town Code;

WHEREAS, the amendment to Section 25-4 would allow designation of the Town’s official newspaper by resolution of the Town Board; the amendment to Section 54-4(B) would establish a one-year term of appointment for alternative members of the Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals; amendment of Section 65-10 would amend the zoning law to require that lots divided by a district boundary line be regulated under requirements for the more restrictive district; the amendment to Section 65(10)(R)(1) would require a special permit for excavation or grading of more than two feet except for driveway installations or minor operations; and the repeal of Chapter 109 would repeal the Town Code provisions permitting the use and acceptance of waste at the former Town of Coeymans Landfill which is no longer in operation.

WHEREAS, the enactment of this local law is a Type II action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6, N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5 as it involves agency administration, management and legislative decision making that does not affect the environment or commit the Town to a future decision on a project, and therefore is exempt from environmental review; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby schedule a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #4 of 2023 to be held on May 11, 2023 at 6:00p.m. at the Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to publicly notice said Public Hearing in accordance with all applicable laws.

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

Resolution # 064-23 Schedule Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 5 of 2023

	<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"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<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"/>
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I, Council member McHugh offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is considering proposed Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2023 to amend and restate Chapter 45 of the Town Code establishing residency requirements for certain appointed offices in the Town of Coeymans;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to Chapter 45 would provide that the person holding the appointed office of Assessor, Animal Control Officer, Building Inspector, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Deputy Town Clerk, Justice Court Clerk, and Town Attorney need not be a resident nor an elector of the Town of Coeymans, provided, however, that such person shall reside in the county in which such town is located or an adjoining county within the State of New York;

WHEREAS, the enactment of this local law is a Type II action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6, N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5 as it involves agency administration, management and legislative decision making that does not affect the environment or commit the Town to a future decision on a project, and therefore is exempt from environmental review; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby schedule a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #5 of 2023 to be held on May 11, 2023 at 6:00p.m. at the Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to publicly notice said Public Hearing in accordance with all applicable laws.

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

Resolution # 065-23 Appoint Seasonal Laborers

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 Parks Department is in need of hiring seasonal laborers for spring and summer; and

WHEREAS, job opportunities were posted and applications were received and reviewed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Timothy Smith, Brian Burns Jr, and Paul Falkner to Part-time seasonal Laborer positions effective April 17, 2023, through October 1, 2023, at the rate of \$17.00 per hour, contingent upon Albany County Civil Service approval and prescreening testing.

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

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Resolution # 066-23 Approve DCSJ Grant Funds

	<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"/>
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I, Council member Schmitt offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Department continues to implement the recommendations and requirements contained in the New York State Professional Policing Act of 2021, including recommendations for Town Police Officers to utilize body-worn cameras while performing their duties.

WHEREAS, the Town has received grant funding through the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services has been secured in the amount of \$10,000 to be used towards this program and which will provide the total first-year and partial second-year costs for body-worn cameras for the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the utilization of these funds to enter into a 5-year program for body-worn cameras within the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

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

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Resolution # 067-23 Approve Proclamation of Grange Month

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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, in honor of National Grange Month, a proclamation announcing April as Grange Month will be presented to the Ravenna Grange at its April 17th meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby proclaim April as Grange Month in the Town of Coeymans.

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

Public Comment:

Barbara Tanner asked if there was a limit to how much you can bring to recycle day and are there things you cannot bring. Supervisor McHugh stated there is a list on your website as to what is and isn't allowed and there is no limit.

Council member LeFevre reminded the community the DEC burn ban is in effect till May 14th

Council member Bruno thanked Marisa Tutay and Linda Muller and Nancy Warner with their help in reworking the summer programs.

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

Candace McHugh, Town Clerk