

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

June 22, 2023 – Public Hearing – 6:00pm

A Public Hearing was held Thursday June 22, 2023 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: George D. McHugh, Supervisor
Brandon L. LeFevre, Council Member
Marisa Tutay, Council Member

Absent: Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member
Linda S. Bruno, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk
Daniel Baker, Highway Superintendent
Jason Chmielewski, Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector
Marc Tryon, Coeymans Police Chief
Tyler Gillespie, Sewer Operator Trainee

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

Supervisor McHugh opened the Public Hearing and asked the clerk to read the notice:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF COEYMANS
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2023**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Public Hearing on June 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to consider adoption of Local Law No.8 of 2023. The purpose of said local law is to make certain amendments in Sections 90-2, commonly referred to as “The Keeping of Farm Animals or Fowl Prohibited.” This will update the current code and prohibit persons from maintaining any farm animal or fowl within the Commercial, Business, and Industrial zoning districts of the Town of Coeymans;

The hearing will take place at the Town Hall, 18 Russell Ave, Ravena, NY 12143. A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. At the above date, time and place all interested persons are welcome to attend and will be heard.

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**By Order of the Town Board
Of the Town of Coeymans
Candace McHugh
Town Clerk**

Public Comment

Emily Zinkhen of 2112 US Route 9W spoke regarding the property at which she lives. Their home and the property around it are zoned industrial. Her family has adopted a goat, mini pig and sheep during covid. They have been a great resource of comfort to her and are considered a part of their family.

Gina Al-Mahdi lives at 2112 US Route 9W as well. She believes these animals saved her children, in particular her son and daughter who have special needs. These animals helped bring them out of their shell and give them a joyful purpose. To be forced to give them up would be very detrimental to their family.

Janet Kessler resides on Bennett Court Ext since 1962. Her land is zoned agricultural. She asked if there was any truth to the rumor of the recently cleared property on Bronk road being rezoned for commercial purposes. Supervisor McHugh stated that was untrue. Ms. Kessler believes if the land was initially agricultural then it should be rezoned to that.

Casey Ruckford lives at 1145 Old State Road. Her property is in Greene County. She wants to make sure people who are following the laws and caring properly for their animals aren't punished because of the few who don't take proper care of their animals.

Supervisor McHugh asked if anyone was present to speak about this law from the commercial or business zones to clarify that the only opposition was from the industrial zones. He explained that these laws may change before they are voted upon. Supervisor McHugh stated that it is a possibility that industrial could be removed from this law.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Supervisor McHugh and Seconded by Council member Tutay- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 0 – ABSENT 2 -SO MOVED

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace McHugh, Town Clerk