

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
June 22 2023 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm

A Town Board Meeting 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: Linda S. Bruno, Council Member
Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk
Daniel D. Baker, Superintendent of Highways
Marc Tryon, Chief of Police
Jason Chmielewski, Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer
Tyler Gillespie, Sewer Plant Operator trainee

Supervisor McHugh called the meeting to 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 members were present with the exception of Council members Linda Bruno and Stephen Schmitt.

Announcements:

Evening on the Green continues on June 28 with the Reverberators. Show starts at 6pm. M&R Snack and Smokin Pig Deli will be there as well. Grab a bite to eat and enjoy the show every Wednesday night at Coeymans landing.

The 22nd Annual Capital Region Road Race will take place on Saturday July 15th. The race will start and finish at the RCS High School with the first heat beginning at 8:45am and the last taking off at 11am. The 21-mile race loop will take place on the following roads: Route 101, Route 396, Route 301, Copeland Hill Rd, Route 32, Stanton Rd, Blodget Rd, Blossom Hill Rd, Tompkins rd., Star Rd, and Bushendorf.

Crystal Image Benefit Concert in remembrance of Wayne VanKampen will take place on Friday July 21st 6pm at Joralemon Park. They will be playing the good old songs everyone knows and hope you come out and enjoy the show while visiting with old friends.

Callanan Industries is Celebrating 140 years of Operation in South Bethlehem. On Saturday July 15th they will host Quarry tours, food trucks, kid activities, have heavy equipment on hand and you can learn about what they do! The festivities start at 11 and go till 3pm at 95 County Route 101 in Selkirk.

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Motion to Approve Minutes

Minutes were approved for the following Town Board meetings:

-June 8, 2023 Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – ABSTAIN - SO MOVED

Supervisor Report

Supervisor McHugh read the May 2023 Supervisor’s Report.

Motion to Accept Report

Council member leFevre made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Tutay. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report – May 2023 Report read by Town Clerk Candace McHugh

Motion to Accept Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Tutay. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Police Department Report – May 2023 Report read by Chief Tryon

Motion to Accept Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member LeFevre. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Building Department – May 2023 Report read by Jason Chmielewski

Motion to Accept Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Tutay. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

PB/ZBA Report – May 2023 Report was presented by Jason Chmielewski.

Motion to Accept Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member LeFevre. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

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A Motion was made by Council member McHugh to waive the building permit fee for Joe Tanner given the circumstances surrounding the first fee he paid which was seconded by Council member Tutay. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3– NAYS – ABSENT 2– SO MOVED

Sewer Department Report – April 2023 Sewer Department Report was read by Tyler Gillespie

Motion to Accept Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Tutay. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department Report – May 2023 Sewer Department Report was read by Tyler Gillespie

Motion to Accept Report

Council member LeFevre made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Tutay. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Highway Department Report- May 2023 Highway Department Report

Motion to Accept Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member LeFevre. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Liaison Reports - None at this time.

New Business:

New Playground Equipment: Superintendent of Highways Daniel Baker explained the play ships at both Joralemon and Coeymans Landing parks are deteriorating and need to be replaced. He is hoping to replace one of them this year.

A Motion was made by Council member Tutay to authorize the purchase of two (2) new pieces of playground equipment, seconded by Council member LeFevre.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED

Old Business:

Town Hall Mold Remediation: Supervisor McHugh gave a brief history of this issue. Matt Fueston from MJ Engineering spoke regarding the assessment recently completed. Overall, the excavation showed no major issues. There were various places where the mortar had been eroded. It is being proposed that excavation should take place fully down the west and the south sides of the building to install an external drain tile system and run it out to daylight or connect to the existing storm water. Additional waterproofing around the outside of the wall and regrading of the land to divert water will be needed as well.. Supervisor McHugh asked when an estimate would be ready. Mr. Fueston said it would take about a week. Supervisor McHugh feels it may be a good option to have a public hearing for people to help decide what should be

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done with Town Hall. Supervisor McHugh stated in his conversations with Mr. Dooley of MJ Engineering the potential costs could be anywhere from three hundred thousand to five hundred thousand to get just the outside of the building sound.

Joralemon Park Bathroom Update: Ground has been broken and tree have been cleared.

Resolutions

Resolution #089-23 Appoint Seasonal Labor

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marisa J. Tutay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>		

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

WHEREAS the Parks Department is in need of hiring a seasonal laborer 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 Carter Sorenson to Part-time seasonal Laborer positions effective June 20, 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 LeFevre, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

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Resolution # 090-23 Resignation of Highway Employee

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marisa J. Tutay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>		

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

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, Coeymans Highway Department Highway Operator 1, Michael Coons submitted a written letter of resignation to the Town of Coeymans, with an effective date of June 29, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the resignation of Equipment Operator 1, Michael Coons, effective June 29, 2023. The Town of Coeymans sincerely thanks Michael for his service and dedication to our community.

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

Resolution # 091-23 June Abstract

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marisa J. Tutay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I, Council member McHugh offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for June 2023, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –23-00801 to 23-00896; P23-034 to P23-037 from the following funds:

General	\$ 112,681.83
Part Town	\$ 11,175.99
Highway – Town Wide	\$ 0.00
Highway – Part Town	\$ 29,980.88
Sewer	\$ 13,762.87
Trust & Agency	\$ 41,640.76
Payroll Deductions	\$ 1,793.88

VOUCHER NUMBERS –23-00897 to 23-00971 from the following funds:

General	\$ 51,042.36
Part Town	\$ 1,192.00
Highway -Town Wide	\$ 5,442.76
Highway – Part Town	\$ 2,518.93
Sewer	\$ 14,120.81
Trust & Agency	\$ 3,190.00

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 288,543.07

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

Public Comments:

Darlene Mergendahl of North Clement spoke in regards to the numbers of attendance for the Mosher Park Pool in 2021. She states this is the report she handed in to the village offices and

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will give the Supervisor a report at the end of the meeting. Mrs. Mergandahl gave numbers for the summer of 2019. The pool was open for 69 days. The following number of residents used the pool: 4,324 village, 1,004 Town, 755 out of Town. In 2020 due to COVID limited the pool use. 241 passes were given out, 163 were village and 78 were town residents. A copy of the report was given to the Supervisor. She is here for her love of the community and feels for those families and seniors that cannot afford to pay for a pool pass.

Henrietta Swain lives in the hamlet of Coeymans. Ms. Swain feels that the kids in the hamlet would benefit from having the pool as an outlet for activity. She feels it could deter their mischief but unfortunately their parents cannot afford to buy a pass.

Robert Gunther lives on Lindskoog road. Mr. Gunther and his wife lived in the village and chose to move to Coeymans Hollow due to the number of kids trespassing on their property, causing damage and harassing their dog within the village. His vehicle was vandalized at Coeymans Landing Park while he and his family were on the river recently. He expressed frustration that this damage occurred while in eye sight of the Albany County Sheriff's substation. Over four thousand dollars' worth of damage was estimated to have been done to his truck. He is requesting the town look into high-definition security cameras and improved lighting for boaters using Coeymans Landing. The Chief of Police stated this is an active investigation and due to the level of damage it is considered felony criminal mischief. In the event this is a juvenile, it will have to go to family court and the parents will be responsible for the damages. Supervisor McHugh stated we are in the process of getting pricing on cameras.

Council member Tutay expressed her thanks to all those who held the 350th celebration together.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member McHugh and Seconded by Council member Tutay- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED 7:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace McHugh, Town Clerk