

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
October 12, 2023 – Town Board Meeting – 5:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday October 12, 2023 at 5:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

Absent:

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk
Marc Tryon, Chief of Police
Dan Baker, Superintendent of Highways
Regina Bryant, Business Office Manager

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.

Announcements:

Village of Ravena Scarecrow Contest: The Village of Ravena is hosting its 2nd annual Scarecrow contest. No sign-up is needed. They encourage all residents and businesses to participate. Please have your scarecrows ready for judging by October 27th. Winners will be announced on Facebook and the Village website. 1st place - \$75 gift card to Shop N Save

2nd place - \$50 gift card to Shop N Save

3rd place - \$25 gift card to Shop N Save

Coeymans Volunteer Fire House Open House: Support the Coeymans Volunteer Fire House this Saturday, October 14th from 10am-3pm. Refreshments will be served, along with live demonstrations, apparatus and equipment displays, a fire safety demonstration, and a raffle to win a 65" Smart TV.

VFW #9594 Annual Breast Cancer Walk: Wear your pink on Sunday, October 22nd for the annual VFW #9594 Breast Cancer Fund Walk. The walk will start at the VFW post at 12 Whitbeck St. in Ravena at 12pm. 2/3rd of all donations will go to the TOLIFE foundation. 1/3rd of all donations will go to the VFW Breast Cancer Fund.

RCS Robotics Club Chicken Dinner: Support RCS High School's Robotics Club and purchase a delicious Frese's chicken bbq dinner on Thursday, October 19th. Pre-orders are required by Saturday, October 14th via call or text (518-225-1495). Pick-up will be at the RCS High School from 3:30pm-6:30pm.

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Motion to Approve Minutes

Minutes were approved for the following Town Board meetings:

- September 14, 2023 Town Board Meeting
- September 14, 2023 Informal Public Hearing
- September 28, 2023 Town Board Meeting

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – ABSTAIN 0 - SO MOVED

New Business:

Budget Workshop: Chief of Police Marc Tryon was present to take questions from the Town Board. The Chief believes the department would benefit from 1 or 2 additional full-time officers but understands the fiscal stress that comes with that. The police budget has been increased by 12% which is the most of any department. The Chief and Council member Bruno have discussed the need for a part time facilitator in the Town to help the community find resources.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Dan Baker was present to take questions from the Town Board. Superintendent Baker said vehicles are becoming so computerized it is difficult for them to take care of all problems in house. The Town currently has 2 older large plow trucks that need to be replaced. He is hoping to replace one next year. The DB fund has been increased 9% since last year.

The Supervisor said we have increased out sale tax revenue I a conservative manner. The Ravena Seniors Project and the Rescue Squad both received increases in their budgeted amounts

Public Comments:

Barbara Tanner asked about the Rescue Squad becoming its own entity. Supervisor McHugh said they have been meeting and are still working on it. This wouldn't take effect until at the earliest 2025 if all goes well.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member McHugh and Seconded by Council member Schmitt- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – SO MOVED 5:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Conduce McHugh, Town Clerk