

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
September 28, 2023 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday September 28, 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
Linda S. Bruno, Council Member
Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member

Absent:

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

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:

Homecoming Varsity Football Game: Come out and support our RCS Varsity football team on Friday, September 29th from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. The team is taking on Schalmont.

Family Fest: Sycamore Country Club is hosting Family Fest on September 30th from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. Bring the family for a day of pumpkin decorating, face painting, and games. Dine-in or take-out dinner is available, preorders are preferred!

Brews, Bites, & Bands: The Village of Ravena and Rail to River Brewing is hosting Brews, Bites, & Bands festival at Mosher Park on October 7th. The event will be held from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM. Must be 21 years or older to enter the beer garden area. Enjoy a relaxing day of food, drinks, and great music.

The 2024 Tentative Budget was handed over to the Town Board by the Town Clerk. Supervisor McHugh read the budget message. Copies of the tentative budget can be viewed online or at the Town Clerk's Office at 18 Russell Ave Ravena, NY.

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Supervisor Report

Supervisor McHugh read the August 2023 Supervisor's Report.

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Tutay made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member LeFevre. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Department Reports

Town Clerk Report – August 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 Bruno. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Police Department Report – July and August 2023 Report

Motion to Accept the Reports

Council member LeFevre made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Bruno. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Building Department – August 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 Schmitt. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Supervisor McHugh asked Mr. Chmielewski for an update on Civill Housing. Mr. Chmielewski stated he received an email from the owner Duncan Barrett stating the temporary furnace will be delivered in two weeks. He did not have an update on the permanent Furnace.

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

Motion to Accept Report

Council member LeFevre made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Tutay. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Sewer Department Report – August 2023 Sewer Department Report was tabled

Motion to Table Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Schmitt. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

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Highway Department Report- August 2023 Highway Department Report was tabled

Motion to Table Report

Council member McHugh made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Schmitt. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Liaison Reports - None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Old Business:

Park Bathroom Construction Update: Mr. Flach should be mobilizing within a few days. The bond has been issued and the contract signed. At Joralemon park the forms have been pulled and stripped. They are working on the above ground aspects at this time.

Grace Methodist Church Update: The Congregation is meeting this Sunday to discuss the process. The Church must have the approval of a higher committee in order to sell. The engineers have roughly estimated it to be about four million to make the church fit our needs.

Hecate Solar Farm- PILOT/HCA Payment Update: A voucher has been submitted and payment is expected before the end of the year.

Resolution #124-23 Appoint Part time Floater Clerk

	<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 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"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of hiring a part-time Floater Clerk to assist in various departments as needed; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Carlie Travis as a part-time Clerk, at an hourly rate of \$17.20, on an as-needed basis, effective immediately.

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

Resolution # 125-23 Authorize Publication of Notices

	<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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Marisa J. Tutay	<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"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

WHEREAS, The Tentative Budget for 2024 was given to the Coeymans Town Board on September 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Coeymans Town Board is desirous of meeting with the Town of Coeymans Department heads to discuss in detail their budgets at 5pm on October 12, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby direct and authorize the Town Clerk to publicly notice said time change for the October 12, 2023 Town Board Meeting in accordance with all applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coeymans Town Board does hereby direct and authorize the Town Clerk to Schedule and post a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2024 Preliminary Budget on November 9, 2023 at 6pm, Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Ave. Ravena, N.Y. 12143.

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

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Resolution # 126-23 Authorize September 2023 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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 September 2023, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –23-01355 to 23-01432 from the following funds:

General	\$ 162,735.02
Part Town	\$ 21,314.31
Highway – Town Wide	\$ 0
Highway – Part Town	\$ 47,014.47
Sewer	\$ 26,590.26
Trust & Agency	\$ 45,175.37
Payroll Deductions	\$ 0

VOUCHER NUMBERS –23-01433 to 23-01508 from the following funds:

General	\$ 59,136.37
Part Town	\$ 20,112.88
Highway -Town Wide	\$ 7,900.00

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Highway – Part Town	\$ 9,559.58
Sewer	\$ 23,251.33
Trust & Agency	\$ 73.50
H - Fund	\$ 6,250.00

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 429,113.09

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

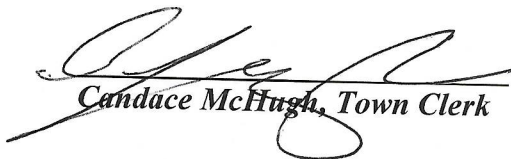
Public Comment:

Lois Rothaupt lives at Civill Senior Housing. She was not happy with the answers she received on her recent Freedom of Information request. Mrs. Rothaupt gave highlighted notes to the town board. Supervisor McHugh said in the email she was reading also states the building is not condemned or unsafe per the building inspectors. Mrs. Rothaupt doesn't agree with that.

Jan Strassner lives at Civill Senior Housing. He reiterated his concerns which he conveyed at the last Town Board meeting. He is concerned for those that are not veterans who may have difficulties finding another place to live if the building is condemned.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member Tutay and Seconded by Council member LeFevre- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED 6:48p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace McHugh, Town Clerk