

**TOWN OF COEYMANS**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**November 2023**



Sometimes we must look back and reflect on the past in order to move ahead and continue on the path of progress. This is important in our personal lives, running a business, and in leading a town. This month's Town Newsletter will focus on some of the things that we as a Town Board have accomplished over the last four years, and what we hope to accomplish moving forward. We will also reflect on some of the challenges that we all faced along the way, and the lessons learned during this journey together.

**2020 COVID-19:** Only 72 days after taking office, Coeymans, along with the rest of the world, experienced a global pandemic known as COVID-19. I think it is safe to say that COVID-19 changed our way of life as we knew it, and continues to influence the way we do business and how we socialize. Thankfully, Coeymans residents endured, and we owe thanks and a debt of gratitude to our first responders, firefighters, Rescue Squad and Paramedics, our Emergency Management Team led by Bill Bruno, and our partners at Albany County like County Executive Dan McCoy and Sheriff Craig Apple. Thanks to their leadership and unwavering support, the Town Board was able to provide Coeymans residents with vaccinations, masks, sanitizer, and test kits, to protect themselves and their families. Maintaining good relationships at every level of government, regardless of political party, was a valuable lesson learned during COVID.

**COEYMANS FINANCIAL CONDITION:** There is an old saying that goes something to the effect, "*People lie, but Numbers do not.*" The financial condition of Coeymans has improved greatly over the last 4 years, which is one reason why Coeymans has received the best financial stress rating from the State Comptroller's Office every year since 2020. Here are the numbers, which show the progress that the Town Board has made in bettering the town's financial condition since 2019:

**2019**

**TOWN PROPERTY TAX RATE: \$3.40**

Through sound fiscal planning and budgeting, the Town Property Tax Rate per one thousand dollars of assessed value has **decreased by nearly 19%** since 2019. **The 2024 Budget reflects a 0% Tax Increase.**

**TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE: \$507,366,013**

By incentivizing strong economic investment and growth, the Town's Taxable Assessed Value has **increased over \$104,000,000, which is a 21% increase** since 2019. Business and Industry are once again investing their money in Coeymans, and bringing good paying union jobs with them.

**FUND RESERVES: \$2,776,598**

Conservative budgeting and strong fiscal oversight and management over the last 4 years has allowed us to **increase Fund Reserves \$1,886,760 from 2019 to 2023. An increase of 68% in our Fund Reserves.**

**2023**

**TOWN PROPERTY TAX RATE: \$2.77**

**TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE: \$611,701,082**

**FUND RESERVES: \$4,663,358**

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**PARKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS:** Since 2020, the Town Board has acquired over \$2,000,000 in Federal and State funding for Coeymans, with much of these funds invested in our Town Parks. These improvements include a storm water mitigation project at the Coeymans Landing, permanent Restroom Facilities in both Joralemon Park and Coeymans Landing Park, and in 2022, over 4 miles of Broadband Internet infrastructure was installed along Starr Road and Bushendorf Road, providing high-speed internet to over 50 homes at no cost to residents that would otherwise have not received it. Today, Midhudson Cable is currently in the process of installing high-speed broadband to the homes on Lindskoog Road and the surrounding area, again at no cost to the residents. The Town Board will not claim “*Mission Accomplished*” until every home in Coeymans has reliable internet service.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** In January 2020, the Town Board collaborated with Sheriff Craig Apple, and opened a Sheriff Substation in the Hamlet of Coeymans. This move doubled dedicated police patrols in the town, and gave the Coeymans Police Department access to County resources, while simultaneously allowing the Town Board to save over \$200,000 in the annual budget. Public Safety is and shall always be the highest priority of this administration.

**MOVING FORWARD:** Even though we have made great progress over the last four years, as Coeymans moves forward, the Town Board still has much to do. We need to address the condition of our town hall, and insure that whatever path we choose, whether it be new construction, renovation, or something else, insuring the safety of our employees and the public with a functional municipal building is a priority. As local industries and businesses continue to grow, creating new jobs and opportunities, we as a town must always remember to balance smart economic development with quality of life for our residents and continue to invest in our parks and green spaces, and maintain zoning and projects consistent with our Master Plan. Moreover, to ensure that Coeymans remains financially sound, we must remain vigilant in balancing our budget every year and making sure that our spending plans make sense and our tax rates remain affordable.

We want to thank our County Legislator Zach Collins, elected officials at every level, and all of our town employees, for working together to get the job done.

**It takes a Team to run a Town – and Coeymans has a Great Team!**

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