

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
November 9, 2023 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday November 9, 2023 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Brandon L. LeFevre, Deputy Supervisor
Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member
Marisa Tutay, Council Member

Absent: George D. McHugh, Supervisor
Linda S. Bruno, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk
Dan Baker, Superintendent of Highways

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

Announcements:

New Scotland Spirits 6.8 Mile “Ruck March” Fundraiser: Join the “Ruck March” this Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11th to support the Boot Campaign, Hidden Battles Foundation, and commemorate the Army Combat Medic known as “68 Whiskeys”. The march will start at Voorheesville’s American Legion Post 1493, proceed to Heldeberg Hudson Rail Trail, and “about face” back to the Post for a total of 6.8 miles. Participants are encouraged to march with a ruck sack (backpack) packed with 35 lbs of nonperishables, to be donated to the Food Pantries for the Capital District. A \$50 pre-registration fee is required. All those who register before November 1st will receive a free T-shirt. Register online at www.NewScotlandSpirits.com/Ruck-March-2023.

Albany County Sheriff’s Office Thanksgiving Dinner: Sheriff Craig D. Apple and his staff will prepare turkey dinners at the Clarksville station for residents in need. Meals will be available for pickup or limited delivery on November 21st. The Town of Coeymans staff will be delivering meals to Civil Senior housing in the hamlet, Louis apartments in Ravena, and to any person in Coeymans that has reserved a meal. Please call or email the Supervisor’s office to reserve a dinner by November 17th.

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Motion to Approve Minutes

Minutes were approved for the following Town Board meetings:

-October 26th, 2023 Town Board Meeting

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

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

Old Business:

Grace Methodist Church Purchase: Deputy Supervisor LeFevre stated there were some minor revisions to the contract but nothing major.

Resolutions

Resolution # 134-23 Adoption of the 2024 Budget

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 Chief Fiscal Officer prepared and submitted a Tentative Budget for the year 2024 on September 28th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Town Board held a Budget Workshop on October 12th 2023, at which time each department had an opportunity to review the Tentative Budget with the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board prepared and submitted a Preliminary Budget on October 26th, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 9th, 2023 at 6pm at Coeymans Town Hall located at 18 Russell Ave Ravena, N.Y. 12143, and all interested parties were heard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the Preliminary 2024 Budget as the Adopted Budget for the year 2024.

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

Resolution # 135-23 Approve Record of Activity of Town Supervisor

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 LeFevre offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has submitted a Record of Activity from June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, as prescribed by the New York State and Local Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has prepared form RS 2417-A, “Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials”, dated November 9, 2023, a copy of which is attached;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby approve the submitted Record of Activity forms submitted by the Town Supervisor from June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to sign the attached RS 2417-A form and submit it to the New York State and Local Retirement

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System, and simultaneously post a copy of this Resolution and form 2417-A on the Official Town of Coeymans Bulletin Board for not less than thirty (30) days.

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

Resolution # 136-23 Approve Water Re-levy

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 Schmitt offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the last day to collect Water Rents was 10/20/2023, any rents unpaid are to be levied on the 2024 Property Taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Director of Finance has requested verification of unpaid water rents from the Town Board ensuring the correct amount to be placed on the Tax Warrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the total amount of uncollected Water Rents to be levied to the 2024 Property Tax Warrant is \$43,929.15, which is a base amount of \$41,170.80 plus \$2,758.35 in penalty.

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

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Resolution # 136-23 Sewer Re-levy

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
George D. McHugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 last day to collect for Sewer Rents was 10/20/2023, any rents unpaid are to be levied on the 2024 Property Taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Director of Finance has requested verification of unpaid sewer rents from the Town Board ensuring the correct amount to be place on the Tax Warrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the total amount of uncollected Sewer Rents to be levied to the 2024 Property Tax Warrant is \$38,224.13 which is a base amount of \$35,426.64 plus \$2,797.49 in penalty.

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

Public Comments:

Barbara Tanner worked at one of the polling places. She stated many complained about the redistricting and wanted to know how it was decided.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Deputy Supervisor LeFevre and Seconded by Council member Schmitt- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 2 – SO MOVED 6:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace McHugh, Town Clerk