

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
May 09, 2024 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, May 09, 2024 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen Donnelly, Supervisor
Linda S. Bruno, Council Member
Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member
Ronald Hotaling, Council Member
Michael J. Stott, Council Member

Absent:

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk
Richard C. Reilly, Town Attorney

Supervisor Donnelly called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Donnelly asked that the record reflect that all members were present.

Announcements:

- Road Closure on plank road bridge between Tarrytown Road and lower Flatrock Road for a bridge deck replacement will start May 13th 9am. For more info please call: the Albany County Department of Public works at 518-765-2055
- Pastor Engelhardt spoke about the upcoming Walk to Fight Hunger which will take place on May 19th at 1pm beginning at Mosher Park. Pastor Engelhardt and the local churches realized only 25% of the proceeds from CROP walks goes to the local community so they started their own version to keep all the proceeds in our community.
- Community member Rose Sickles has turned 100 years old. The Town Board presented her with a proclamation and flowers to commemorate her reaching the title of Centenarian.

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were approved:

-April 25, 2024 – Town Board Meeting Minutes

Council member Stott made a motion to accept the minutes for April 25, 2024 Town Board Meeting and Council member Hotaling seconded the motion.

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

Old Business:

- Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village; Supervisor Donnelly explained this is a standard agreement in which the Town is contributing towards the cost of the Mosher Park Pool and the Village will be contributing towards the salaries of the youth employees the Town hires for the RCS Discovery Program.

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- Alcove Preservation Association: Tom Sweeney gave an update on the restoration of the Valley Paper Mill Chimney. Phase 3 is currently underway which will cost approximately \$18,000 to repair a 12 foot section. Mr. Sweeney requested the town board to look into the possibility of contributing towards that cost. The Town Currently gives \$500 to the Alcove Preservation association each year.

New Business:

- Letter of Intent for a 2024 Plow Truck is in the works and should be finalized soon.
- A petition was submitted by Robert Jones on behalf of the residents of Mountain Road Extension to address the trucks, dust and noise the residents are subject to due to the truck traffic (copy of petition attached). Council member Stott gave a bit of background regarding this issue. In July of 2023 Mr. Jones addressed the town board and the drafting of a road maintenance agreement was brought up by then Supervisor McHugh. Council member Stott does not believe this was followed through with and has offered to look into this.

Resolutions

Resolution #072-24 Authorizing the Hiring of Seasonal Employee

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Stephen Donnelly	<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"/>
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Michael J. Stott	<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 Stott offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is in need of hiring seasonal laborers 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 Christopher Radley to part-time seasonal Laborer position effective April 22, 2024

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through October 1, 2024, at the rate of \$17.50 per hour, contingent upon Albany County Civil Service approval and pre-screening testing,

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

Resolution #073-24 Authorize the Hiring of Equipment Operator 1

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Stephen Donnelly	<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"/>
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<i>Total</i>	<u>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is desirous of filling the position of Equipment Operator I in his department, and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Civil Service Department has confirmed this job title as a non-competitive position requiring the chosen candidate to meet the minimum qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the position was posted and applications were received, evaluated and reviewed by the Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has confirmed the candidate meets the minimum qualifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Alexander Melas to the position of Equipment Operator 1, effective May 20, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$24.88.

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

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Resolution #074-24 Authorize the Hiring of Equipment Operator Trainee

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Stephen Donnelly	<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"/>
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<i>Total</i>	<u>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is desirous of filling the position of Equipment Operator Trainee in his department, and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Civil Service Department has confirmed this job title as a non-competitive position requiring the chosen candidate to meet the minimum qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the position was posted and applications were received, evaluated and reviewed by the Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has confirmed the candidate meets the minimum qualifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint John Williams to the position of Equipment Operator Trainee, effective May 20, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$23.88.

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

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Resolution #075-24 Acceptance of the Resignation of the Confidential Secretary

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
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Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronald J. Hotaling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael J. Stott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I, Council member Schmitt offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, a resignation was submitted by the Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, Courtney Thompson, on April 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the resignation of Courtney Thompson, effective April 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans thanks Courtney for her service to the Town and wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

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

Resolution #076-24 Acceptance of the Resignation of Town Grant Writer

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Stephen Donnelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Candace McHugh lives on Westerlo St and is the Town Clerk. She asked the board what have they done so far to correct the drainage issue on 18 Russell Ave. Supervisor Donnelly stated he wanted to get people out of this building first for health reasons and has had several meetings to look at other potential properties. Mrs. McHugh states she feels as though it will be several years before the staff is in a new property and the problems here should be addressed first. Mrs. McHugh feels it would not be fiscally responsibly to move the court and police twice but it should be a priority to give them a safe workspace.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contracts and pending litigation was made by Council member Hotaling and Seconded by Council member Donnelly. It was stated the board would not be returning to the floor. - APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Motion to Adjourn from Executive Session was made by Council Member Hotaling and seconded by Council member Stott, all were in favor - 8:31p.m.

Motion to Adjourn from the regular meeting was made by Council Member Hotaling and seconded by Council member Stott, all were in favor - 8:31p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace McHugh, Town Clerk

Date: April 29, 2024

From: The Residence of Fuller Road and Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY.

Subject: Excessive Truck Dust, Traffic, fumes, noise, and pollution.

Cc: Steve Donnelly Town of Coeymans Supervisor
Carver Laraway, President, and CEO Carver Companies
Senior Management of Holcim US Ravena NY Plant.

We, the residents of Fuller Road and Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY, are subjected to excessive truck dust, noise, traffic, fumes, and pollution from Carver Companies truck's coming and going from the Holcim Quarry Ravena, NY.

This has been going on for over (5) years and has become much worse since the closing of North and South Jarvis Road, Ravena NY.

We are requesting Jarvis Road both North and South to be opened immediately to help eliminate the dust coming from the Carver trucks and Holcim quarry.

We, the residents of Mountain Rd. Ext and Fuller Rd., are 100% in support of the new road being put in on County Route 101 to help eliminate the excessive truck traffic on Fuller Rd. and Mountain Rd. Ext. However, that is still several years away. We can no longer endure this horrific invasion of trucks and pollution on our roads, property, and homes.

As good neighbors to the community, we ask all companies involved, Holcim US Ravena NY, Carver Companies Ravena NY, and the Town of Coeymans NY to expediently develop and construct the new access road from the Holcim US Ravena NY quarry directly to the Holcim US Ravena NY plant. We also ask NYS DEC to ensure full cooperation with the construction and development of the proposed road to eliminate Carver and Holcim truck traffic completely. Flooding our roads with water trucks only causes more concrete muck and overspray on our property and vehicles. Plus, when it dries up it just produces more dust. There is also a very high suspicion the dust has particles of Silica which we are breathing as it lands on our property and enters our homes.

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Respectfully we are requesting immediate action be taken and resolved by the end of May 2024. Revise your local law and open up Jarvis Road North and South ASAP.

Residents

Bob Jones 20 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY B. Jones

Kathy Jones 20 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Kathy Jones

Keith Geraldson 187 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY Keith Geraldson

Lynda Geraldson 187 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY Lynda Geraldson

Jimmy W. Lubaszka 6 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Jimmy Lubaszka

Sean Beazley 16 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Sean Beazley

Susan VanAlstyne 31 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Susan VanAlstyne Wellman

James Williams 31 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY James Williams

Amanda Shader 17 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Amanda Shader

Dona Bruckman 24 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Dona M. Bruckman

Tony Catello 24 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Tony Catello

Dave Hoffman 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Dave Hoffman