

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
August 8, 2024 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen Donnelly, Supervisor
Stephen J. Schmitt, Deputy Supervisor
Ronald Hotaling, Council Member
Michael J. Stott, Council Member

Absent: Linda S. Bruno, Council Member

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 with the exception of Council member Bruno.

Announcements:

- The Big Play Day is August 9th at the RCS Community Library
- Albany Starfish Lessons will take place August 12-15
- Evening on the Green is August 14 at Coeymans Landing

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were approved:

-July 25, 2024 – Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – ABSTAIN - SO MOVED

Old Business: None

New Business: August 22nd scheduled town board meeting will be rescheduled for August 29th, 2024 at 6pm at 18 Russell Ave. A public Notice will be posted.

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Resolutions

Resolution #100-24 Accept Resignation of Officer (Barnes)

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
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"/>
<i>Total</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		

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

WHEREAS: the Town of Coeymans Police Department has received a notice of resignation from Part Time Police Officer Edward Barnes dated July 12th, 2024

WHEREAS: Officer Barnes has served with the Town of Coeymans Police Department since 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby accept the resignation of Edward Barnes.

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

Resolution# 101- 24 was tabled for the time being.

Public Comment:

-Council Member Hotaling reminded the public of the upcoming Friendship Festival which will take place on August 24th at Mosher Park.

-Barbara Tanner asked what was going on with the Town Hall. Supervisor Donnelly stated it is moving along and MJ Engineering will present their plans to the Town Board and a closing is scheduled for mid-September.

-Warren Dews is the Vice President of the Capital Region Media. He introduced the President, Mark Vinceguerra. Mr. Vinceguerra stated the Times Union does not have the same number of readers as the News Herald in this area and he feels the Town is doing a disservice to the

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community by not using it as the official paper. Council member Hotaling asked for the numbers comparing the Times Union readership to the News Herald. Mr. Vinciguerra did not have those numbers available but said he will get those for them. Council member Hotaling referred to a ruling received by the Town Board from the Association of Towns stating a physical paper posting is required. Mr. Dews stated he has submitted ruling that says otherwise to the board. Town Attorney Richard Riley stated he has reviewed the rulings in which Mr. Dews has presented and does not interpret them in the same way.

Motion to Adjourn from the regular meeting was made by Council Member Donnelly and seconded by Council member Stott, all were in favor – 6:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Candace McHugh, Town Clerk