

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, April 28, 2008 at 7:00pm at Town Hall,
18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

PRESENT: Ronald K. Hotaling, Jr., Supervisor
Dawn Rogers, Councilwoman
Thomas A. Boehm, Councilman
James C. Youmans, Councilman
Richard N. Touchette, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Valarie Besta, Deputy Clerk
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Albert Deering, Highway Superintendent
George Dardani, Judge
Kevin Reilly, Judge

Supervisor Hotaling opened the Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENTS

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the record should reflect that there was a full Town Board in addition to Deputy Clerk Besta filling in for Town Clerk Millious and Deputy Clerk Vatalaro, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Chief of Police Darlington, Highway Superintendent Deering, Judge Reilly and Judge Dardani as well as several Police Officers and family members.

AGENDA

- Public Announcement – Grievance Day
- Public Comment
- Presentation
 - Overview of 2008-2009 School Budget
- Approval of Minutes of Meetings
 - Town Board Meeting, April 14, 2008
 - Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2008
- Supervisors Report – March 2008
- Department Report Review
 - Building Department, March 2008
 - Waste Water Treatment Plant, March 2008
 - Town Clerk, March 2008
- Old Business
 - Town Roads, Existing and Proposed
 - Teen Challenge vs. Town of Coeymans Update
 - SABIC Integrated Plastics Global Community Day
 - Temporary Part-Time Clerk, Justice Court
- New Business
 - Justice Court Assistance Program Grant
 - Resignation of Part-Time Telecommunicator
 - Council Members Request to Attend NYSOSC Advanced Accounting School
 - Highway Superintendent Request to Attend 2008 Highway School
 - Training and Accommodations for Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee
 - Police Department Firearms Purchase
 - 400th Anniversary, Hudson Champlain Voyage
- Resolutions
 - Approve Reinstatement of Investigation Unit
 - Approve December 2007 Abstract
 - Approve April 2008 Abstract

- Correspondence
 - Community Beautification Department
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2008, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2008, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 27, 2008, 7:00pm (Due to Memorial Day)

ADDITIONAL OPENING COMMENTS

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he was going to take the liberty of the chair and adjust the agenda to provide for a resolution to be introduced about the police presence in the room. He added that the Town Board and Chief Darlington discussed at length the staffing patterns within the Police Department and the function of its members as well as the progress that has been made in the last couple of years. He went on by saying that the progress has been palpable in terms of what has happened in the Town and Village as far as the Police Department having positive interventions in areas with quality of life issues as well as other areas of more significance in terms of criminal involvement. He continued by saying that it is due to the efforts of Chief Darlington's leadership as well as his supervisory staff and patrol officers who have sought after closure on some of the matters. He concluded by saying that after having the last discussion, Chief Darlington convinced them to agree on reinstating a section of law enforcement that is investigatory and added that there are a couple of Officers who participated in investigations during their patrol duties and then asked that Councilman Boehm read into the record the resolution.

RESOLUTION & OATH OF OFFICE

RES. #57-08 APPROVE REINSTATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION UNIT

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Police Chief Darlington has recommended to the Board a reinstatement of an Investigation Unit, and

WHEREAS, Officers Prokrym and Gerald DeLuca currently have training and expertise in the investigative area and are performing that task routinely from their patrol assignments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that these two individuals be assigned, effective immediately, as investigators at the rate of an additional \$1.00 per hour per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he would turn it over to Chief Darlington and one of the Justices for the Oath of Office.

Justice Dardani administered the Oath of Office to Officer Prokrym and Officer DeLuca in addition to Chief Darlington presenting them with a badge.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he wanted to initiate a round of applause, which was followed by applause and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor Hotaling stated that Grievance Day for the 2008 Tax Roll is scheduled for May 27, 2008 at the Beautification Department Building, which is the old Coeymans Fire House at 70 South Main Street in Coeymans. He continued by saying that the Assessor

will be available from 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm and 6pm – 9pm and added that the information will be posted on the Town’s website as well as more announcements at other Town Board Meetings leading up to that day.

PRESENTATION

Supervisor Hotaling stated that Superintendent Vicki Wright has been kind enough to present the School’s Budget to the Town and Village over the last several years and added that she is present to give an overview of the proposed R-C-S Budget for the 2008-2009 year and then invited her to the microphone.

Ms. Wright thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to make the presentation and added that this is her fifth year in a row. She continued by saying that it is a pleasure this year to tell everyone that they have worked very hard and put together an 08-09 Budget that puts a lot of programs back in place for students and adds a lot of programs for the children and facilities as well as it being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the community. She added that she wanted to invite everyone to their Meet the Candidates (running for the School Board) evening on May 5th at 7pm in the High School prior to their regular Board Meeting and went on by saying that there are seven candidates running for four seats and they will speak at that meeting. She continued by saying that there is also a Public Hearing on May 12th at the high-school at 7pm and the vote on the Budget is May 20th from 7am to 9pm at the High School and added that she would encourage everyone to do their civic duty and vote on the budget, candidates for the School Board and the bus propositions. She went on by saying that there is a slight increase in the Budget of 2.17% under the current proposal, which brings them up to 41.89 million dollars and added that the tax levy, the amount to be raised by the taxpayers, increases 2.64%, which means that they have to collect 21.58 million dollars. She continued by saying that the projected tentative tax rate would increase anywhere from 1.91% up to 2.31%, depending on which of the 4 towns or villages you live in and added that the Town of Coeymans taxpayers will have a 2.17% increase. She went on by saying that as a result of State regulations the budget proposal and its resulting tax levy is \$322,000.00 less than their Contingency Budget would be and added that they were very careful to make sure that they took everything out of the budget that they could take out and added in only those things that would increase the lifestyle and education that they provide for the children. She continued by saying that they were also very happy that for the second year in a row they had their Budget Advisory Committee in place and added that the Committee consisted of teachers, residents and community leaders and they met several times during the budget process beginning in January and ending in March and looked at every line item within the budget and in turn made brilliant recommendations to the Board of Education. She went on by saying that the Advisory Committee spoke directly to the Board of Education and there was an opportunity to have a question and answer time and a time to reflect on what was said and added that she really appreciates the time and energy that was spent coming before the Board. She continued by saying that over the past three years, because they are high ticket items, they had to cut the number of computers, hardware and software from the budget and added that it is time that they begin to put computers back into the budget and went on by saying that they will be adding approximately 200 computers for around \$213,000.00 so they can get back up to 20% per year increase and keep the computers up to date as well as adding software and adaptive computer technology equipment for students with special needs. She added that a Technology Academy was created, which is a high tech school available to the public school districts to give students a different opportunity to go through high-school and went on by saying that next year there will be two ninth grade students going to the Academy as well as the one that is currently going who will be in 10th grade next year, which is a cost of \$18,000.00 per student and continued by saying that they wanted to make sure that they were offering alternative pathways to graduation and felt that it was important to authorize two more students to go. She went on by saying that they also put in a new reading series and program at the elementary level so that the children have a combination and variety of methods in which to learn literacy, which is for K-2 students as well as adding some resources to enhance the curriculum grades K-3 because it is easier for students to stay at grade level if they can come prepared at that level rather than

using such things as retention or summer school to bring older students up to where they should be. She continued by saying that they are putting a lot of efforts in their elementary program and added that they also have the opportunity to get more state aid by spending more money on text books and will be purchasing an additional \$90,000 of text books this year so they can get the maximum aid during the 08-09 school year and went on by saying that if you do not spend their complete allotment you don't get the maximum, which they felt was very important. She added that there is also another project called Lead the Way, which is another high-tech program starting at grade 7 and teaches the students things like robotics, nanotechnology and hands on and added that this year it will be for 7th and 8th grade and went on by saying that it is aided by BOCES and they will be getting some aid back in addition to ordering more ELMOS, which is the latest in technology making it easy for students and teachers making presentations and not having to go through all the steps of doing a power point presentation. She continued by saying that every year they ask for 5 buses and have never had a problem with the bus proposition and added that there has always been a radio system that has gone with the bus, and the services were purchased through BOCES and in turn they got state aid and went on by saying that BOCES has discontinued this and in turn they have to purchase new radios for the buses. She went on by saying that this year's proposition is for 4 buses and within the budget they have added money to buy new radios for the buses. She added that they have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars through energy savings and as a result they were able to cut the budget by \$101,000.00 for electricity and natural gas usage and went on by saying that Matt Miller, Energy Manager and his supervisor Jeff Clemens has done everything that they can to make sure that they continue to save on energy sources. She continued by saying that they had done a historical data analysis to see how much was being paid in private tuition for students who have been required to attend special facilities because of their disabilities and found that they were over budgeting for those students and in turn reduced the budget by \$300,000.00 based upon their need for 2008-2009 and planning for one additional. She went on by saying that in 2003 the district put together a Retirement Incentive Package, which several people have taken advantage of and added that 07-08 is the last year that the district will have to pay for it and as a result \$300,000.00 was taken out of the budget. She added that four years ago the district leased four buses at a very good price and at the end of the lease they had to pay an agreed upon sum of money and in turn the buses would no longer be leased but owned by the district and continued by saying that each year the payment was \$110,000.00 and this year was the last year that they had to pay so in turn they were able to take \$110,000.00 out of the budget. She went on by saying that they feel that by cutting costs where they were able and adding costs where they needed for such things as diesel gasoline and heating oil they should be able to protect themselves in case the costs continue to rise. She concluded by saying that this is how the budget came together and added that she was happy to present it to the Town Board and then asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that they decreased the buses from 5 to 4 and put money in to buy radios and continued by asking if the radios were for the 4 new buses or the entire fleet.

Ms. Wright stated that it was radios for the entire fleet and added that they have to have them and would be out of compliance if they didn't.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired about the BOCES supported radios that are currently in the buses.

Ms Wright stated that they are old and BOCES will not support them, which means that they would not be able to get them repaired as well as not being able to communicate with the new buses. She continued by saying that they were going to put the radios in the proposition with the buses but because they didn't get the numbers soon enough or a contract from the company fast enough, they were not able to add it to the proposition without missing the deadline for notifying the public. She concluded by saying that in turn they backed down to 4 buses and added radios for the entire fleet into the budget itself.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to whether or not the radios will be able to communicate with the police communication system.

Ms. Wright stated that she didn't know and added that she will be happy to ask Jeff Clemons that question.

Chief Darlington stated that he would speak with Mr. Clemons and added that with the construction of possible towers he was interested in where the Town was going with their communication.

Ms. Wright interjected that they were hoping to become all one unit and continued by saying that they are not sure when that piece will fall into place and added that it would be great if Chief Darlington would speak with Mr. Clemons.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that it should be on the table for exploration.

Ms. Wright thanked Supervisor Hotaling and asked if there were any other questions.

Supervisor Hotaling thanked Ms. Wright and continued to the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Hotaling invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Hotaling stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on April 14, 2008 and a Town Board Workshop on April 22, 2008. He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilman Touchette stated that he was absent for the April 22nd Meeting and added that he would have to abstain.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he could make his comment for the record and vote for the motion because he was present for one of the meetings and then asked if Councilman Touchette wished to abstain or vote aye with a notation.

Councilman Touchette stated that he would vote aye with a notation.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm the minutes were approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5– NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Hotaling continued by giving his report for March 2008.

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,336,980.80	\$ 92,511.61	\$ 371,340.10	\$1,058,152.31
Part-Town	\$ 497,157.18	\$ 1,823.26	\$ 132,968.03	\$ 366,012.41

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
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Special Water	\$ 5,257.67	\$ 43,391.72	-0-	\$ 48,649.39
Highway	\$ 84,494.20	\$ 100,734.69	\$ 84,451.36	\$ 100,777.53
Bridge Const.	\$ 35,309.21	\$ 19.09	-0-	\$ 35,328.30
Trust & Agcy.	\$ 4,488.92	\$ 208,780.32	\$ 208,702.58	\$ 4,566.66
Sewer	\$ 159,593.18	\$ 73,933.55	\$ 25,358.69	\$ 208,168.04
Sewer Cap. Proj.	\$ 117,824.42	\$ 50.24	\$ 2,520.75	\$ 115,353.91
Total Rec. Bal.				\$1,937,008.55

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS

				Maturity Date
National Bank of Coxsackie	Part-Town	60 Days	\$500,000.00	05-23-2008
National Bank of Coxsackie	A-Fund	60 Days	\$400,000.00	05-23-2008
National Bank of Coxsackie	Highway DA	90 Days	\$250,000.00	07-22-2008
National Bank of Coxsackie	A-Fund	90 Days	\$115,000.00	05-27-2008

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Police Forfeitures/CK	\$ 72.64
Police Forfeitures	\$ 2,279.06
Unemployment	\$ 3,158.20
Grove Cemetery/SAV	\$40,186.93
Grove Cemetery/CK	\$ 7,125.04
Sewer – Dedicated	\$ 6,215.80
Total	\$59,307.67

SECTION 8 HUD

Occupied Units	74
HUD Payments	\$31,324.00
Admin. Fee	\$ 81.78
Total HUD Pmt.	\$31,315.78
Tenant Rent	\$13,639.00
Contract Rent	\$44,954.78
Section 8 – CK	\$85,845.12
Section 8 – SV	\$ 2,261.58
Total	\$88,106.70

**COLLATERAL
COVERAGE**

FDIC COVERAGE

COLLATERALIZED

National Bank of Coxsackie	\$100,000.00	\$2,327,437.44
Citizens Bank	\$100,000.00	\$ 80,117.12
First Niagara	\$100,000.00	\$ 153,830.85

Supervisor Hotaling asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the Supervisor's Report for March 2008 was approved as read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – March 2008

Supervisor Hotaling asked that Councilman Touchette give the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Touchette continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Hotaling asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, the Building Department Monthly Report for March 2008 was accepted as presented.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Waste Water Treatment Plant – March 2008

Supervisor Hotaling asked that Councilman Youmans give the Waste Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report.

Councilman Youmans continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Hotaling asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Waste Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for March 2008 was accepted as presented.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – March 2008

Supervisor Hotaling asked that Deputy Clerk Besta give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

Deputy Clerk Besta continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Hotaling asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2008 was approved as presented.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Town Roads – Existing & Proposed

Supervisor Hotaling stated that there is a need for Highway Superintendent Deering and staff to sit down with the Town Board and talk about the Town roads and where they are as well as what the length is for each and continued by saying that there have been some discrepancies in the annual reports as to the length.

Highway Superintendent Deering interjected that it could be a Road by Use.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that if it is truly a Road by Use it has to be acknowledged by the Town Board at some point and added that absent that acknowledgement he's not sure that they have closed the deal on some of the perceived areas where the Highway Department has provided service. He continued by saying that he wanted to set up something where Highway Superintendent Deering can bring down his information and they can provide the information from the Town Clerk's Office to the extent possible for those roads that have been accepted going back to the early 80's and compare the two. He went on by saying that they can determine where it is lacking and whether or not there needs to be some actions taken or possibly not taken to service those areas.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the road that he believes is in question is approximately 800 feet and added that the extra footage has never been added, which it should be and went on by saying that it helps the C.H.I.P.S.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch inquired as to if there is a C.H.I.P.S. list.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that there is.

Supervisor Hotaling interjected that this is the list that he is referring to and added that he believes that they are a little shy of what they are actually servicing and continued by saying that he wants to make sure that they are servicing what has been acknowledged by the Town Board. He reiterated that they need to sit down and put to closure and agreement as to what they are suppose to service and added that he does not want to short change the Town in terms of the C.H.I.P.S. He continued by saying that he also does not want to extend themselves in areas that they do not have authority and therefore assume liability to all of the taxpayers that should not exist.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it was a fair and accurate summary and added that the first place to look in a municipality of this size and nature would be a C.H.I.P.S. list in terms of what are and are not Town roads. He continued by saying that the thing with User Roads or roads that are based on a prescriptive easement is they are not always easily identified and there are questions as to whether or not a segment of a road is truly a town road by use, which means continuous use in the sense up upkeep. He concluded by saying that sitting down and getting an accurate inventory is important and should be done.

Supervisor Hotaling interjected that it should be accurate to the number of Town roads as well as the length and distance and added that there are some with structures on it.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the Town list is different from the list that he sends for C.H.I.P.S.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that they should default to the Town's list because it is the list that determines the actions that the current and previous Boards have taken to identify Town roads.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he had questioned which list he should use for C.H.I.P.S. money with the prior Town Attorney and was advised to use the one that he uses to get the C.H.I.P.S. money.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that it should be consistent.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the Town list should be done over but only to the extent that there is a paper trail of action that would allow the Town list to conform with the C.H.I.P.S. list.

Tape change – some dialog lost.

Teen Challenge vs. Town of Coeymans

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he was waiting until Attorney for the Town Wukitsch was present for the Teen Challenge vs. Town of Coeymans litigation and continued by turning it over to him to bring the Town Board up to date.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that there was a State Supreme Court Article 78 proceeding commenced against the Town Zoning Board and the Town of Coeymans. He continued by saying that with the assistance of Code Enforcement Officer Conrad he is happy to report that they were able to obtain a dismissal of the case from Supreme Court Judge Egan. He went on by saying that it was dismissed because it was improperly commenced by the petitioners and added that this is where it stands at this point in time and continued by saying that he is working with Code Enforcement Officer in terms of next steps.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that there are some next steps that have to be contemplated based on previous actions of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He then asked if there were

any further questions or comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

SABIC Integrated Plastics Global Community Day

Supervisor Hotaling asked that Councilman Youmans give an update on the SABIC Integrated Plastics Global Community Day.

Councilman Youmans stated that the Global Community Day is when employees of SABIC come into local communities and do volunteer work and added that the projects that they undertake must meet certain criteria and have public benefit either educational or aesthetic. He went on by saying that he met with them and they have agreed to do some work around the gazebo and veteran memorial by planting flowers, spreading mulch and do some overall sprucing up. He added that he is grateful for their assistance and in turn he will keep the Town Board informed as to when the work is done.

Supervisor Hotaling interjected that the work will be done on May 15th and continued by asking if the Town will need to supply the materials.

Councilman Youmans stated that the Town will need to supply the materials.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to if there is a plan in place to have the necessary materials at the gazebo on that day.

Councilman Youmans stated that Community Beautification Supervisor Perry has taken the lead on meeting with them and the next step is for him to coordinate the materials and confirm with them that he will have the materials on site.

Temporary Part-Time Clerk – Justice Court

Supervisor Hotaling stated that on January 28th the Town Board took an action wherein a majority of the Board made an appointment of a part-time clerk and put a clause in saying that it would expire in 90 days, which it currently is and added that the expiration on the resolution was April 28th. He continued by saying that he put it on the agenda for discussion and/or Town Board action to take relative to it and went on by saying that he was glad that the judges were present because at the request of one of them he didn't participate in the decision making process.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to whether or not there is any need for additional help anticipating the hiring of a full-time Court Clerk to continue the position.

Judge Dardani inquired as to whether it was in addition to the full-time Court Clerk.

Councilman Boehm stated that it would be until a full-time clerk is hired.

Judge Reilly stated that they need someone in the interim.

Judge Dardani stated that they just downloaded 221 e-mail tickets for two days, which is a lot of paper work. He continued by saying that they need someone part-time in addition to two full time clerks for things such as illness.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to whether or not they need the services of the current person in the position to fill in until the full-time person to be hired.

Judge Dardani stated that they need a full-time and part-time employee.

Councilman Boehm stated that he was not offering that and added that he was offering the services of the person who is currently in the position.

Judge Reilly stated that they need someone in there until the full-time person is hired.

Councilman Boehm inquired as to the timeframe.

Judge Reilly stated that they are ready to hire the person as soon as they can agree on that person.

Councilman Youmans stated that he thought the person was selected.

Judge Reilly stated that they made their recommendation and added that they need the agreement of the Town Board.

Councilman Youmans stated that this was the point of the Local Law.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that they did the Local Law earlier but did not commit to accept any application and added that the question to the judges is whether or not they want the current part-timer to continue until such time that they hire a full-time employee.

Councilman Youmans interjected that they are assuming that this person is willing to do that.

Judge Reilly stated that he had not and added that it was up in the air as far as if and when a full-time clerk would start and added that not having someone in there during the transition would not be good based on the workload.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that there was a Public Hearing on a Local Law that was essentially at the request of the judges to expand the opportunity for the candidate pool and added that this was the reason for the establishment of the proposed Local Law and the purpose for the Public Hearing. He continued by saying that if it is passed it will do only that and give the opportunity to expand the pool outside of the currently restricted Public Officer's Law Section 3 pool to be within the confines of the jurisdiction in which the person will be serving.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he was correct.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that later in the meeting, procedurally there will be a majority of the Board Members approving Local Law 1-2008, which was at the request of the Judges and added that it was the result of not being able to find a candidate in town and wanting to expand their opportunities. He continued by saying that the next step will be to file the law with the Secretary of State, which cannot become effective until the filing takes place and added that he does not know how long it takes.

Attorney Wukitsch interjected that it can be filed by the end of the week.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that at that point it becomes a Local Law and the judges will be able to act on their efforts to identify a candidate if they see fit. He continued by saying that once it is filed and the judge's request a candidate, the hiring process will commence and added that unless there is a Special Board Meeting prior to May 12th this is when action of the Board will take place.

Judge Reilly stated that they have identified a candidate, which was submitted to the Board.

Councilman Youmans interjected that he feels that it is important to reiterate that it is the Town Judges who feel that there is not a candidate who resides in Town that they want to hire.

Judge Reilly stated that was correct and continued by saying that out of all of the candidates, which was over a dozen, only two came close and added that out of those two candidates their recommendation is the most qualified person as far as they are concerned.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the original intent of the topic was that the expiration date of the part-time clerk for the Justice Court has come due and added that he was asking the Town Board members if he should move to New Business and not take any action or if

there is something else that they want to do in the interim knowing that potentially May 12th is a time in which action will take place.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it should be left up to the judges to ask the current part-time employee if he wants to help them out until the time that they hire the full-time employee.

Judge Reilly stated that it would be easily done if they had the approval of the Board to extend the current time frame.

Supervisor Hotaling interjected that it could simply be a day to day extension.

Judge Reilly stated that if they have the approval of the Board they can do it the following morning.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, approving employment on a day to day basis for the current part-time Court Clerk to fill the position until a full-time Court Clerk is hired on or about May 12th.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that Councilman Boehm identified the part-time position as a Court Clerk and added that it should be changed to clerk.

Councilman Boehm agreed.

Supervisor Hotaling asked Councilwoman Rogers if it was alright in terms of the second and the modification.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that it was.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to if there was any further discussion with regard to the motion.

Councilman Youmans stated that the current part-time clerk was sitting in the back of the room shaking his head no and continued by saying that it is safe to assume that he is not interested in doing that.

Judge Reilly interjected that they will do the best they can with what they have.

Supervisor Hotaling asked if there was a withdrawal of the motion or if they want to continue with the vote.

Councilman Boehm stated that he wanted to keep the motion based on the information that the Judges provided.

Supervisor Hotaling called for a vote and asked that his abstention be noted.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 (Hotaling) SO MOVED

Judge Reilly stated that he will advise him in the morning officially as to what the decision is and whether or not there is an extension.

Supervisor Hotaling asked if there were any other Old Business topics for discussion, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Justice Court Assistance Program Grant

Supervisor Hotaling asked that Judge Dardani discuss this New Business topic.

Judge Dardani stated that last year they applied for a JCAP Grant and added that he along with former Town Judge Pearson and Court Clerk Eissing had done a lot of work on the grant. He continued by saying that it is Grant ID #4109 and went on by saying that they have been awarded \$29,815.48, which will purchase a handheld metal detector, a walk through metal detector, fax machine, jury box, computers, shredders, etc. and added that along with that they got \$12,800.00 for construction.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to if the \$12,800.00 is in addition to the \$29,815.48.

Judge Dardani stated that \$29,815.48 is the total amount awarded.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the \$12,800.00 is incorporated within the total award.

Judge Dardani stated that \$12,800.00 has been earmarked for construction.

Supervisor Hotaling reiterated that it is part of the \$29,845.48.

Judge Dardani stated that they should have received \$12,800.00 this year and added that he spoke with Mr. Steve Gold from the Office of Court Administration who is the local person that they have to officially deal with as far as the money and added that he has advised that they need some drawings and pictures for the construction. He continued by saying that they know what they would like but not sure of what they can do as far as renovations go and then asked for help from the Building Department.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he would suggest that they seek the services of an architect or designer to be able to work with Town staff. He continued by saying that they should be familiar with Building Codes, ADA mandates, and those types of things.

Judge Dardani stated that he didn't know who designed the recently constructed Police Department.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that it was a local individual who rendered some great assistance and added that it was not an architect or designer with a staff.

Judge Dardani inquired as to if it would be something that they would have to put out to bid.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that it is.

Judge Dardani stated that they want to get the project going and reiterated that the Office of Court Administration has requested pictures of what it looks like now.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the construction of the Police Department did not use federal or state dollars and added that they may have to get an architect with stamped drawings and an engineer, which would cost a lot more. He continued by saying that he cannot give any more guidance than that and added that the Justice Department needs to figure out what they want and what the space will allow them to do in terms of maximizing the space they have and in turn they will need someone to put in on paper for them and bid it to those specifications.

Judge Dardani stated that he will work with Councilwoman Rogers, the Court liaison and have her communicate back to the Town Board.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that if there are any staff members or offices and units such as Code Enforcement that can render some assistance they are available and reiterated that ultimately he believes that it has to be stamped drawings. He then asked Attorney for the Town Wukitsch if he agreed.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it sounds correct to him and that is the way that it needs to be done.

Judge Dardani stated that handicap accessibility is a big thing.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he does not know if there are any time constraints and added that the earlier they get someone to put pen to paper the better.

Judge Reilly suggested that they meet at a Workshop to discuss the plan for now as well as the future.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that they could and added that the next Workshop is May 20th.

Judge Reilly thanked the Town Board.

Resignation of Part-Time Telecommunicator

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he received a letter from Chief Darlington, which was given to Chief Darlington by Telecommunicator 206, Scott Searles and continued by reading the following:

To: Sr. Telecommunicator Dawne LaMountain
Chief Greg Darlington

From: Telecommunicator 206 Scott Searles

It has been a pleasure serving the Town of Coeymans Police Department in my position as Telecommunicator. At this time I must submit my resignation for personal reasons, effective 05-01-08.

Scott Searles

Supervisor Hotaling stated that Mr. Searles is also Highway Superintendent Deering's Deputy Highway Superintendent and was a telecommunicator long before taking that position as well as being a Village employee. He added that he enjoyed being a telecommunicator and continued by saying that when he became full-time with the Highway Department it posed a bit of concern relative to the extra hours required. He then asked Chief Darlington if he had anything to add.

Chief Darlington stated that it was basically the mounting requirements of shift coverage and with the hours that he works at the Highway Department it was difficult and added that rather than creating friction he decided to step down.

Supervisor Hotaling asked for a motion to accept the resignation.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the resignation was accepted effective 05-01-08.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Council Member Request to Attend NYSOSC Advanced Accounting School

Supervisor Hotaling stated that Councilman Touchette has requested to attend the Office of the State Comptroller Advanced Accounting School and added that Councilman Touchette already possesses several skills in this area and acts as the liaison for fiscal matters. He then asked that Councilman Touchette explain the request.

Councilman Touchette stated that the Office of the State Comptroller has two schools that they sponsor every year, basic accounting or government accounting and advanced accounting and continued by saying that a lot of information was presented during the Newly Elected Officials Workshop. He went on by saying that there are major differences in Town Governmental Accounting and the accounting that he is use to and added that he would like the opportunity to attend and learn more about Government Accounting and become familiar with it and in turn hopefully be a benefit to the Town.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he endorses his request to go and offered the following motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing Councilman Touchette to attend the Advanced Accounting School in Kingston, NY as well as the fee of \$80.00 to be paid in advance and if necessary travel costs in the event that there is not a Town vehicle for him to use.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTAIN 1 (Touchette) – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Request to Attend 2008 Highway School

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he was in receipt of a request from Highway Superintendent Deering to attend 2008 Highway School, which is an annual request. He continued by saying that it will be held at Ithaca College from June 2-4 with a registration fee of \$90.00. He added that there will also be lodging and meals attached to the attendance and then asked Councilwoman Rogers to offer a motion to approve his attendance.

Highway Superintendent Deering interjected that meals are included in the lodging fee.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Boehm, authorizing Highway Superintendent Deering to attend 2008 Highway School on June 2-4 as well as authorizing the \$90.00 registration fee, and appropriate reimbursement for lodging.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Training & Accommodations for Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Trainee

Supervisor Hotaling stated that Mr. Lennon had completed his Basic Operations Course and added that there are two other levels that he has to complete before he receives his certification as an Operator. He continued by saying that it is held at SUNY Morrisville and the Basic Laboratory Course will be June 2-6 and the Activated Sludge Course will be June 9-12 and added that the cost for each course is \$500.00. He went on by saying that the total stay will be 9 nights at the Lincklaen House for a total cost of \$585.00 as well as a meal allowance of \$45.00 per day.

Councilman Youmans interjected that it is important to note that they do need another Certified Operator and added that they have already sent him for the first part of the training and went on by saying that there is no point in stopping now.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that when you make a commitment to hire someone as an Operator/Trainee you have to be prepared to carry the commitment through. He added that he was hired provisionally and passed the test for Operator/Trainee and the next step is getting certified.

Councilman Youmans interjected that he demonstrates an eagerness to do so.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that was true and then asked Councilman Youmans to offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilwoman Rogers authorizing John Lennon to attend training on June 2-6 and June 9-12 at Morrisville College at a cost of \$500.00 per session as well his lodging at \$65.00 per night and a meal allowance of \$45.00 per day.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Police Department Firearms Purchase

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he was in receipt of a memo dated 04-25-08 from Chief Darlington for firearms purchases and continued by asking that Chief Darlington explain the memorandum.

Chief Darlington stated that as a result of abolishing the Village of Ravena Police Department the Town Police Department absorbed their equipment, which were different firearms. He continued by saying that currently the Officers carry on an average of three different firearms, which creates a safety issue as well as training costs. He went on by saying that a requirement is that each Officer using a firearm must be trained and certified annually, which means that they have to train each Officer on three different firearms and added that to purchase the ammunition gets quite expensive. He continued by saying that he called the Albany County District Attorney's Office and was advised that one of the programs that they have been doing is taking drug forfeiture money and assisting Police Departments with equipment that is needed. He concluded by saying that as a result of the number of firearms that are currently in their possession, it would cost approximately \$5,800.00 to purchase new ones as well as the leather that goes with and added that the District Attorney has agreed to pay that full cost.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that they started out with approximately a \$12,000.00 charge and will get a trade in of approximately \$7,800.00 for the surplus firearms, which leaves a balance of approximately \$5,800.00 and in turn the District Attorney's Office agrees to cover that amount with drug forfeiture money. He continued by saying that it will be a new standard weapon that everyone uses and once qualified they will not have to go through 3-4 qualifications with different weapons, which will be a cost savings.

Chief Darlington stated that the only cost will be the purchase of the ammunition and added that either way he would have to purchase ammunition.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he applauds the District Attorney's Office and added that they did the same thing with vests and radios and have taken a proactive stance with law enforcement agencies that support their office in terms of our county.

Chief Darlington stated that whatever is requested is granted and added that he needs to get it in as soon as possible because other agencies will be looking for money.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that it is important that they move on it and added that he along with the Town Board support his efforts.

Chief Darlington stated that he needs approval to do it as well as have the Town Board confirm that the firearms that they have are surplus and they are authorizing a trade in.

Supervisor Hotaling asked for a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Boehm seconded by Councilwoman Rogers, authorizing a declaration from the Town Board stating that the Town's existing firearms are surplus and in turn authorizes the Chief to work with the District Attorney on the exchange for the new firearms.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

400th Anniversary – Hudson Champlain Voyage

Supervisor Hotaling stated that Councilman Youmans had met with two Quadricentennial representatives in Bethlehem and added that he knows that the Town of Bethlehem has begun to plan the Explore New York events for the 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage up the Hudson River. He continued by saying that he is in receipt of a letter from the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission and went on by saying that it talks about giving them the opportunity to advise them of any events that they have planned. He added that it is an appropriate time to put it on the agenda and discuss the

possibility of planning an event at the riverfront and continued by saying that over the last several years due to fiscal constraints and other matters the fireworks that was enjoyed on July 4th have gone away. He went on by saying that there is an opportunity, if the Town Board sees fit, to engage members of the community, representing various parts of the community, to form a committee and put together some kind of an event so that the Town of Coeymans can also celebrate the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's exploration of the river. He concluded by saying that he has discussed it with Chief Darlington, who feels as though there would not be a problem with his department's ability to provide the controls and other necessary support for the event and then asked the Town Board about their feelings on establishing a committee, moving forward and earmarking a few thousand dollars, which could include fireworks as well as some other celebrations.

Councilman Boehm interjected that they should also reach out to the Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he had thought of them and added that they have to make sure that they expand it to be a town-wide event and added that he has tried to identify a date for a Founders Day Celebration.

Councilman Boehm interjected that Tom Tucker had given them a date.

Donna Pasquini, a member of the audience stated that was true and added that the Neighborhood Association has the date written down but could not recall it and added that they have been approached about the Quadricentennial by the HFCQ.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the first date that he had gotten from Dave Ross was sometime in February and added that it would be a tough time to have a celebration.

Donna Pasquini reiterated that they have a date.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he would like to use it as a stepping stone to do an Annual Founders Day Celebration.

Councilman Youmans stated that some of the ideas that were presented at the meeting in Bethlehem were canoe, regatta, bike and running races between Bethlehem and Coeymans to tie the two towns together. He continued by saying that he and Supervisor Hotaling will be meeting in Bethlehem on May 18th to sit down and put some more ideas together.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that by then they can put together some thoughts and identify a plan to get a Committee going because it is just around the corner. He then asked if there were any additional New Business topics, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #58-08 APPROVE DECEMBER 2007 ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilman Touchette, seconded by Councilman Boehm, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the December 2007 Abstract as follows:

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General	2692-2695	\$5,458.55
	General Total	\$5,458.55

PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town	2696	\$8,000.00
	Part Town Total	\$8,000.00
	Total for All Funds	\$13,458.55

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he wanted to reemphasize that it is a December 2007 Abstract and added that they are bills encumbered for last year.

RES. #59-08 APPROVE APRIL 2008 ABSTRACT

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve the April 2008 Abstract as follows:

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Paid	523-564	\$149,214.81
General	613-669,790	\$ 27,642.27
	General Total	\$176,857.08
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Paid	565-579	\$ 26,601.01
Part-Town	670-691,791-792	\$ 16,937.17
	Part Town Total	\$ 43,538.18
HIGHWAY (DB)		
Highway Pre-Paid	580-590	\$ 46,712.62
Highway	692-769	\$ 42,057.32
	Highway Total	\$ 88,769.94
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Paid	591-606	\$ 12,963.18
Sewer	770-784	\$ 10,744.94
	Sewer Total	\$ 23,708.12
CAPITAL PROJECTS (H)		
Capital Projects	785-788	\$ 6,822.45
	Capital Projects Total	\$ 6,822.45
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD)		
Community Development	789	\$ 375.00
	Community Development Total	\$ 375.00
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$340,070.77
TRUST & AGENCY (T&A)		
Trust & Agency		\$163,783.65
	TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL	\$163,783.65

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he was going to add a resolution, which was not prepared given the necessity for a Public Hearing prior to the Town Board Meeting. He continued by saying that he was going to ad lib the resolution and asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch make sure that he gets all of the elements in.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it should be framed in terms of a resolution to enact Local Law 1-2008.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he will introduce a resolution to enact Local Law 1-2008, which relates to the residency requirements for the candidate for Justice Court Clerk and then proceeded with the following:

RES. #60-08 AUTHORIZE ENACTMENT OF LOCAL LAW #1-2008

On motion of Supervisor Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Boehm and duly put to a roll call vote by Deputy Clerk Besta, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans received a request from the Justice Court to provide an opportunity to expand the pool of candidates that were seemingly restricted by Public Officers Law Section 3, and

WHEREAS, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch drafted a proposed Local Law 1-2008 to respond to that request, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was scheduled and conducted on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 6:30pm, and

WHEREAS, public comments were heard on the matter, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is prepared to move the proposed law to the next level,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby approves and enacts Local Law 1-2008 relating to the residency requirements for Justice Court Clerks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans directs the Town Clerk and/or Attorney for the Town to file the appropriate law with the Secretary of State and upon such filing the law will become effective.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that they need to do a roll call vote.

Supervisor Hotaling explained to Deputy Clerk Besta the procedure for a roll call vote.

Ms Besta continued by conducting a roll call vote.

Ronald Hotaling – AYE, Dawn Rogers – AYE, Thomas Boehm – AYE, James Youmans – AYE, Richard Touchette – AYE

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the Local Law passes and added that they are on the road to enacting Local Law 1-2008.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that the Local Law needs to be placed on the Department of State local law forms, which require a certification from the Town Clerk's Office and added that he will get them to him within the next few days.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Coeymans Beautification Department

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he was in receipt of a copy of a letter from the Beautification Department and added that they had received several requests, due to the nice weather, to accelerate the placement of the public docks at Coeymans Landing and continued by saying that originally the Beautification Department had focused on May 1st as a date in which the docks would be placed. He went on by saying that Mr. Perry made arrangements with Mr. Carl Allen to assist in the placement of the docks and in turn declined to submit a voucher for payment for his staff's services in making sure that the docks were secure. He concluded by saying that Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor Perry sent a letter to Mr. Allen and continued by reading the following.

Dear Mr. Allen,

On behalf of the Town of Coeymans, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of equipment to put the Town docks into the water and secure them for the season. Eric's assistance in running the equipment was also much appreciated.

Be assured that the Town's avid fishermen were delighted they could launch their boats in anticipation of a successful catch that weekend.

Sincerely,

Nelson Perry

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he wanted to publicly thank Mr. Allen for his donation of time, equipment and staff.

WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2008, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2008, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 27, 2008, 7:00pm (Due to Memorial Day)

Supervisor Hotaling stated that there will also be a cleanup day in the Hamlet.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that Highway Superintendent Deering will be putting a truck at the Community Beautification building for disposal of the bags.

Ms. Pasquini stated that it will be on May 3rd and they will be meeting at the gazebo at 10:00am to clean up the Hamlet and added that the rain date will be May 10th.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to what cleaning up the Hamlet means.

Ms. Pasquini stated that they will be cleaning up the streets and sidewalks and picking up litter.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that this is not to be construed as an opportunity to dispose of things that you would ordinarily dispose of routinely with a waste hauler.

Ms. Pasquini stated that they will be picking up papers, plastic bottles, etc. and added that it is like the Adopt a Highway Program but they will be adopting the Hamlet.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to when the Highway truck will be there.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it will be there Friday afternoon at approximately 4:00pm.

Supervisor Hotaling asked if there will be Town staff there.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that there won't be staff present and added that the Town will just be providing the truck so that there is a place to dispose of the bags.

Ms. Pasquini invited the Town Board to participate as well as anyone else that wanted to.

Supervisor Hotaling asked if there were any other announcement of public events, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Supervisor Hotaling asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Touchette – Nothing at this time.

Councilman Boehm offered his congratulations to Officer DeLuca and Officer Prokrym and added that they will be important components of the Police Department moving forward as well as looking forward to Chief Darlington's comments on their progress.

Councilwoman Rogers – Nothing at this time.

Councilman Youmans stated that he wanted to echo what Councilman Boehm had said as well as thanking Mr. Searles for his services as a telecommunicator.

Deputy Clerk Besta – Nothing at this time.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch – Nothing at this time.

Chief Darlington stated that the Hudson Valley Little League parade is Saturday, May 2nd and starts at noon. He continued by saying that this past weekend Officer Josh Weddell graduated from the Zone 14 Academy and is now officially a Police Officer. He added that the Town of Coeymans should be receiving a check for approximately \$2,500.00 from a salvage company for an old police car, unit 924.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that they also received an insurance settlement on that and continued by saying that Chief Darlington was going to identify equipment that was salvaged from the car.

Chief Darlington stated that the bar lights, computer and radar were salvaged and added that the only way that they will know that the computer actually works is to install it in another car.

Supervisor Hotaling interjected that it appears to be intact.

Highway Superintendent stated that he sent specifications to the Town Board for a loader to go out to bid.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that in the 2008 budget Highway Superintendent Deering had provided for three options for a loader with the most expensive being \$173,000.00 with the second one for \$150,000.00 and the third one for \$130,000.00. He continued by saying that with regard to the equipment the Town Board had placed two items in the budget, a boom arm for \$29,000.00 and \$173,000.00 for a loader because they didn't know which one Highway Superintendent Deering was going to buy. He then asked Highway Superintendent Deering which one he wanted to buy.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is the one for approximately \$170,000.00 and added that between the loader and the arm it was \$202,000.00.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that there were three loaders that Highway Superintendent Deering had suggested and continued by asking which one he had submitted to spec out.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it would be the largest one for approximately \$170,000.00.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he had confirmed with the Bookkeeper that the budget does reflect that and continued by saying that they just received the first quarters sales tax revenue of \$479,000.00, which worked out to be about \$25,000.00 over last year and a bit over his projection for the budget. He continued by asking if the Town Board wishes to authorize Highway Superintendent Deering to begin specing the most costly of the three loaders and in turn begin the process and then asked Highway Superintendent Deering what his needs and intent are for the loader for the summer.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it will take the place of the loader that is old and added that it is a 1969.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to if there are projects in line and if he will put it in use as soon as he gets it.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he does and will put it right to use.

Councilman Youmans inquired as to if he expects that much life out of a new one.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he hopes so.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if Highway Superintendent Deering had developed the specifications himself.

Highway Superintendent Deering that he had talked to someone about them and added that there was a lot left out.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to if there are any State Contracts.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that some are State Contracts.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to if they will be seeking State Contracts.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the specifications for the new one is not on State Contract and added this is why he wants to offer it for bids.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to whether or not the specifications will fit State Contract machinery.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that they probably could and would and added that he would like to hand in the specifications.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to whether or not there is a State Contract vehicle that meets the specifications.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that there might be and added that he wanted to give everyone the opportunity to bid.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the point that they are making is that if there is a State Contract vendor for something that fits the criteria then they are not into bidding and they would just buy it.

Councilwoman Rogers inquired as to if it is on State Contract.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it is not and reiterated that this is why he wants to put it out to bid.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to whether or not there are State Contractors.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that there are probably 2-3 of them.

Councilman Touchette inquired as to if they would meet the specifications.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he doubts it and added that they will get close.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that the Board could allow him to explore what is out there in terms of what will meet the specifications as well as require him to seek State Contract vendors.

Councilwoman Rogers interjected that he should do it both ways.

Councilman Touchette stated that the vendors need to clarify whether or not the specifications would be under State Contract.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the vendors will specify what they have.

Supervisor Hotaling inquired as to who had worked with Highway Superintendent Deering in putting the specifications together.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it was Roger from Rochester.

Councilman Youmans stated that it sounds to him like Highway Superintendent Deering had speced out a particular piece of equipment that he feels will do the job for him best and added that it appears that he is leaning toward a certain one.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that was true and added that it does not mean that it is going to be cheaper. He continued by saying that it will be up to the Board to decide and added that he can present what he wants but it does not mean that they are going to buy the one he wants.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that it also does not mean that the specs are going to be accepted to be put out to bid and added that he will be asking that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch take a look at it before it goes out for public consumption to make sure that there is not an indication of a specification for a particular piece of equipment to the exclusion of other pieces of equipment that are similar but not exact.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch agreed.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he would suggest that Highway Superintendent Deering do a bit more research to find out if there are pieces of equipment that can be substituted under State Contract and if so bring it to the Town Boards attention so that they can compare those pieces equipment with the likely piece of equipment it is being speced for. He then asked the Town Board if they are in agreement.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Councilman Boehm asked Highway Superintendent Deering if it was alright with him.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that it has to be if that is what the Town Board wants and continued by saying that he would rather that it just go out to bid.

Supervisor Hotaling interjected that it should be in the form of a motion.

Councilwoman Rogers stated that they wanted to see if there was anything close to what Highway Superintendent Deering wants in a State Contract.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that for an example when the were looking for a generator recently the State Contract came in from Rochester at \$27,000.00 and added that when they looked around they found someone in Town who speced the generator for \$18,000.00 installed and continued by saying that the State Contract is not always the best bid. He went on by saying the he believes that they would be remiss as a government not to explore it because presumable State Contract vendors are ones that have been chosen by the State Department of General Services and because of the large number of clients they allegedly give good prices on things that you would not be able to find

elsewhere. He added that they were fortunate to find a vendor in Town who rebutted that presumption and continued by saying that they may find his vendor of choice to be similar but they cannot be sure and this is why they are reluctant to spec it out this way. He concluded by saying that Highway Superintendent Deering should speak with liaison Rogers to talk about his reason why he believes it is the right piece of equipment in addition to identifying State Contracts if any to try and compare apples to apples and concluded by saying that it could be apples to oranges but it is a base that they have to touch.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is part of their financial diligence.

Supervisor Hotaling asked Highway Superintendent Deering if he had anything else to discuss.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that he wanted to hand in his road list for 2008.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that he will share it with the Town Board to get their input and added that they will act on it at the next meeting. He continued by saying that it is a requirement that they sign off on it if they are in agreement. He went on by saying that there is C.H.I.P.S. money in the amount of \$79,000.00.

Highway Superintendent interjected that there is more this year.

Supervisor Hotaling stated that \$79,000.00 is C.H.I.P.S. money and continued by saying that the Town Board added \$150,000.00 for a total of approximately \$230,000.00 for paving. He continued by saying that the \$150,000.00 is tax dollars represented by sales tax revenue in addition to \$79,000.00 from the State, which is ¼ of a million dollars worth of paving that they are authorizing this year. He added that the road list is 3 pages long and went on to say that Highway Superintendent Deering will stretch the money out to do as many roads as he possible can and reiterated that they will act on it at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Hotaling asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION

On motion of Councilwoman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Touchette, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time: 8:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk