

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
November 4, 2021 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

**A Public Hearing was held Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** George D. McHugh, Supervisor  
Daniel D. Baker, Council member  
Linda S. Bruno, Council member  
Zachary S. Collins, Council member  
Brandon L. LeFevre, Council member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk  
Douglas Keyer, Chief of Police

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Supervisor McHugh opened the public hearing and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that all Town Board members were present. He asked Town Clerk Rowzee to read the notice.

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**NOTICE  
OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will meet and hold a Public Hearing, at the Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, at 6:00pm on Thursday, November 4, 2021 for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2022 Preliminary Budget.

Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law, listed below are the proposed salaries of Elected Officials.

Supervisor	(1)	\$45,000.00
Councilman	(4)	\$12,500.00 each
Justice	(2)	\$23,000.00 each
Highway Supt.	(1)	\$60,000.00
Town Clerk	(1)	\$50,500.00

A copy of the budget will be available at the Town Clerk’s Office, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, where it may be viewed, and a copy can be obtained during regular business hours. It will also be available on the Town website.

At the above date, time and place all interested persons are welcome to attend and will be heard.

**By Order of the Town Board  
of the Town of Coeymans  
Cindy L. Rowzee  
Town Clerk**

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Supervisor McHugh opened the floor.

**Joy Iafallo, President of the RCS Community Business Association**, stood and stated that she would like to see a separate economic development line in the budget. She was hoping to see some money put towards helping business attraction to the community. She gave an example of the Buy In Greene program in Greene County. She also mentioned that new businesses do not have a place to go for help with getting started in the area except to CBA volunteers who are already stretched thin. She mentioned that she would like to get our name out there and not lose momentum.

Supervisor McHugh stated that the budget contains money for a Grant Writer to help with economic development grants. He stated that he wants to create a fertile environment for economic development rather than trying to market the area. He stated that the Town also puts thousands of dollars towards engineering costs that help write the grants in search of economic development ventures.

**Carol McDonald of Coeymans Hollow** stood and told of her previous experience in a town in Massachusetts where the businesses worked in conjunction with the town to market and promote the area.

She stated that she feels that the Hollow is a little isolated and doesn't always feel like they belong in the Town with some of the activities. She recommended having more activities out in the Hollow or at the Lake.

She had previously sent in some questions and those were discussed.

In regards to the ambulance for Coeymans Hollow, Supervisor McHugh stated that the Rescue Squad is paid out of the town-wide A-Fund, and the paramedic is as well. He stated that there is no increase to the Rescue Squad but there is to the paramedic. Ms. McDonald questioned the \$0 amount for the Advanced Life Support payments. He stated that the revenue of the ambulance district is from soft billing to the insurance companies. He stated that the squad bills for advanced life support and transfers it to the Town. He stated that it was listed at \$0 because we do not know how much it will be as we have not received a payment for a while due to the new billing company.

In regards to her question about the Deputy salary, this would come out of Highway Administration in A-Fund rather than the Highway Fund. He stated that the Foreman's salary was coming out of the Highway fund and so that fund would be slightly lower. He stated that the extra money is for a \$57,000 salary plus overtime.

In regards to lighting concerns, Supervisor McHugh stated that any lighting is outside the Village and comes out of B-Fund.

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In regards to Cannabis revenue, Supervisor McHugh mentioned the on-site consumption opt out local law that was on the table. He stated that the Town would likely not see any income from tax on dispensaries until 2023.

In the discussion about Echo Valley and the services they consume and whether they were collecting sales tax, Supervisor McHugh stated that the Town does not enforce sales tax collection, it only gets a quarterly payment from the state. He stated that Echo Valley does pay property taxes to the Town and fire district for the services they use.

In regards to celebrations expenditures Supervisor McHugh stated that the Town receives \$20,000 in gifts and donations and pays them out for things like Riverfest.

Town Clerk Rowzee mentioned an e-mail that had been received from **Annette Demitrazsk** asking that \$10,000 be put into the budget for Town use of the pool. Supervisor McHugh stated that he is not inclined to put that money in the budget and that if Town residents want to use the pool they can buy a pass to go in.

As there were no other the comments the following motion was made.

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**Motion to Close Public Hearing**

On motion of Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember LeFevre, the Public Hearing on the 2022 Preliminary Budget was closed.

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

Time – 6:24pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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**Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk**