

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
June 13, 2024 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, June 13, 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:

- Town Offices will be closed Wednesday June 19th for Observance of Juneteenth
- The next Evening on the Green is Scheduled for June 26th @ 6pm at Joralemon park
- RCS Class of 2024 Commencement will take place June 27th @ Empire State Plaza

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were approved:

- May 23, 2024 – Town Board Meeting Minutes
- May 30, 2024 - Town Board Meeting Minutes

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the minutes for May 23, 2024 Town Board Meeting and Council member Stott seconded the motion.

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

Council member Stott made a motion to accept the minutes for May 30, 2024 Town Board Meeting and Council member Donnelly seconded the motion.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Amend May 2024 Abstract: Council member Stott made a motion to amend the May 2024 Abstract (Resolution 81-24) to reflect the general voucher total should be \$42,869.31 which would make the correct total \$440,418.31 and Council member Hotaling seconded the motion.

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

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Resolutions

Resolution #082-24 Budget Amendment for ARPA 3/3 Grant

	<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"/>
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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans was awarded \$50,000.00 in grant funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorized the utilization of these funds in resolution #142-23 to offset the costs associated with the construction of the permanent bathroom facilities located at Joralemon Park and Coeymans Landing Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received two thirds of that grant in the amount of \$33,333.33; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Officer has determined that in order to maintain proper balances within various accounts, an inter-fund transfer is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen Donnelly to transfer the following funds as depicted below for the budget year 2024;

Capital Project Fund

Increase (HN) 7110.2	Park Bathrooms	\$33,333.33
Increase (HN) 5031	Interfund Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$33,333.33

General Fund

Increase (A) 9901	Interfund Transfer from General Fund	\$33,333.33
Increase (A) 4089	Federal Aid	\$33,333.33

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

Resolution #083-24 Budget Transfer – Capital Projects fund

	<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"/>
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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

WHEREAS, in order to balance the 2024 Budget, a Budget Transfer is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor would like to transfer the balance of \$18,213.00 to Capital Projects Fund HN7110.2; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen Donnelly to transfer the following funds as depicted below for the budget year 2024;

General Fund

Increase (A) 9950.9	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$18,213.00
Increase (A) 599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$18,213.00

Capital Projects Fund

Increase (HN) 7110.2	Bathrooms	\$18,213.00
Increase (HN) 5031	Transfer from General Fund	\$18,213.00

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

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Resolution #084-24 Authorize Grant Writer Contract

	<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"/>
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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

I, Council member Bruno offer the following Resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to retain the services of a Grant Writer to provide service for the Town Board, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into contract with Capital Region BOCES, to provide 150 hours of service as Town Grant Writer, to be paid at the annual rate of \$18,654.00.

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

Discussion: Supervisor Donnelly stated once BOCES sends the actual contract the board will be apprised of the contract and its details.

Public Comment:

-Barbara Tanner lives in Ravena. Mrs. Tanner asked about a mobile home on the sewer road and if it was allowed in the Hamlett. She also asked what was going with Town Hall and Supervisor Donnelly stated they are getting close to being able to talk about it to the public.

-Candace McHugh lives in the Hamlet. Mrs. McHugh asked what the board has done about 18 Russell ave and the health and safety concerns of that building. Supervisor Donnelly said he is meeting with MJ Engineering regarding town hall on Tuesday and should know more after that. She asked why the board doesn't speak publicly about their ideas for town hall. Council member Bruno stated they didn't have enough information to do so at this time.

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-Linda Shell Lives on Jarvis Road South. Mrs. Shell is concerned about the possibility of trucks coming back to Jarvis Road South. She said she empathizes with the residents of Mountain Road Ext. but there are less homes on Mountain rd Extension and it is a shorter route.

-Richard Connell lives on Jarvis Road South. He submitted a statement and maps for public record (see attached).

-Nita Chmielewski lives on Deyo Road. Mrs. Chmielewski wanted to discuss mileage vouchers submitted by the Supervisor. She stated she has no problem with paying mileage for conferences but is concerned with mileage during daily tasks. She asked if there was a resolution done authorizing the Supervisor to use his own vehicle. Supervisor Donnelly said yes, there are 2 resolutions pertaining to this. Mrs. Chmielewski read an excerpt from the Employee Handbook and a note from the Business manager to the Town Accountant which was attached to a voucher. She stated she has worked with 7 Supervisors during her time with the Town. Mrs. Chmielewski said she has never seen a mileage voucher come in from a Supervisor, Town Clerk or Court clerk in the 44 years she worked with the town for travel within their daily tasks. She commended the rest of the Town Board for questioning the mileage vouchers. Supervisor Donnelly stated once he discussed limitations on this with the board, he reimbursed the funds in question. Mrs. Chmielewski asked how much was reimbursed and if the vouchers that were passed earlier in the year should be reviewed for reimbursement. Council member Schmitt asked for the vouchers in question. The Supervisor has recommended a policy be written to specify the use of personal cars.

She questioned a line item on an attorney bill regarding dissolving the joint PB/ZBA. Council member Schmitt said they were not dissolving them but thinking of separating them. Mrs. Chmielewski asked for the reasoning for this.

-Richard Connell returned to the podium to speak in favor of having a combined PB/ZBA. Council member Schmitt feels that there should be 2 meetings for each the PB and ZBA boards to keep things streamlined. He does feel it could help alleviate issues such as an Article 78 if there are 2 separate boards.

-Barbara Tanner returned to the podium to say she believes the PB/ZBA boards were combined because the process was taking too long. Council member Schmitt again stated he feels as long as there are 2 meetings for each board it will keep things moving. Mrs. Tanner asked the town board members for their opinion. Council member Hotaling said he is in favor of 2 boards as well.

Supervisor Donnelly thanked Mrs. Shell and Mr. Connell for coming to discuss their concerns. A letter was also sent in by Mr. & Mrs. Shutter (see attached) who live on Jarvis Road South. He stated he has a meeting schedule with Holcim next week to discuss this. Council member Schmitt clarified that the application before NYSDEC is that of Holcim's, not the town or Carver Industries. Council Member Stott said Holcim had said the road could be complete within a year once it is approved by NYSDEC. He and a few other board members did tour the quarry to see the concerns.

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Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contracts and the prospect of future litigation was made by Council member Donnelly and Seconded by Council member Bruno. 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 Bruno and seconded by Council member Hotaling, all were in favor - 8:30p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace McHugh, Town Clerk

Richard Connell

June 13, 2024

I have owned the property on State Route 143 and the intersection of Jarvis Road South for 39 years. I have seen plenty of good and bad.

Additionally my wife and I own 70 acres on Jarvis Road South. We also have family that owns a home there with several acres.

I am appreciative of all of the benefits of having large business contribute to the community.

Although.

Recently at a Town Board meeting a Town resident petitioned you to reopen Jarvis Road South to truck traffic from Holcim. We worked long and hard to get the road closed to overweight vehicles and a Local Law was enacted to facilitate this.

I have provided a map of the existing and proposed route.

The current route from Mountain Rd. Ext. to the corner of Main St. and 9W is six tenths of a mile. The resident claims it affects 12 people on his road.

The same route from the intersection of Main St. and 9W to Holcim via Jarvis Rd South is over four and a half miles. That route affects hundreds of people.

It was unclear to me if this Board disagreed with the request.

The resident claims that there is silica dust being deposited on their cars and homes due to the trucks not being washed as they leave the plant. He claims this is a health hazard. He now wants the Board to transfer that problem to hundreds of us. There are several residents with life threatening illnesses on Jarvis Road South as of now. We don't need any additional carcinogens.

It was stated the road has been paved on part of the property at a cost of \$50,000. Pave more.

There was money to build a million dollar bridge so this is a drop in the bucket.

They said there was no water.

Put water in or drill for it like we have to do on Jarvis Rd South for potable water.

If it is going to take 4 years to get the new road built for this traffic erect a Morton style building and provide heat for year round water washing of vehicles.

This Board has the authority to require all vehicles are capable of operating in a safe manner on Town roads.

Now back to our road.

Jarvis Rd. South residents have put up with plenty for the good of the Town residents. The landfill was a huge inconvenience with the daily road debris and traffic and it was great when it closed. It was to be turned into an area for public use when it closed. Now it is a town facility housing a salt shed for Town roads and a storage area used by Town trucks on a regular basis. Currently there is a shooting range for local police agencies with all the associated noise. They were there today. Again we are being inconvenienced for the good of everyone and we have no problem with that need.

We do not need this problem added to that.

Recently a Carver truck flipped over at the intersection of 9W and Main St. That vehicle had to be going 10MPH or less to almost make the turn. What would the result be if that happened at 45 MPH? I have witnessed several near miss instances at the entrance of Jarvis Road South. Trucks take this corner at State Route 143 at a high rate of speed.

Trucks must cross lanes on State Route 143 to take the turn at Jarvis Road South. What would happen if it flipped there? What about all the curves on State Route 143 with no shoulders? Pedestrians cannot safely walk as it is now. There are no shoulders on the road in this area and residents risk life and limb to walk on the road. There are several areas with sharp turns that tractor trailers cannot navigate without crossing lanes and crossing the fog line.

I am sure some of you if not all have traveled on State Route 143. At Aquetuck Rd. there is a sharp 90 degree turn then just ahead there are three areas of rock formation that tractor trailers must hit or crossover into oncoming traffic. The evidence is there if you look. The State DOT rarely cuts back the trees and foliage and I have destroyed parts on my Motorhome because I stayed in the lane due to oncoming traffic

DOT stated during State Route 143 reconstruction that our area did not have the shoulders added and road widened because there weren't enough serious accidents and/or deaths.


A few years back an accident happened at my mail box and a woman died in my arms. That was serious.

I am here to recommend that this Board NOT transfer this problem to us.

I am here to recommend that you SOLVE the problems that now exist.

Please add these documents to the public record.

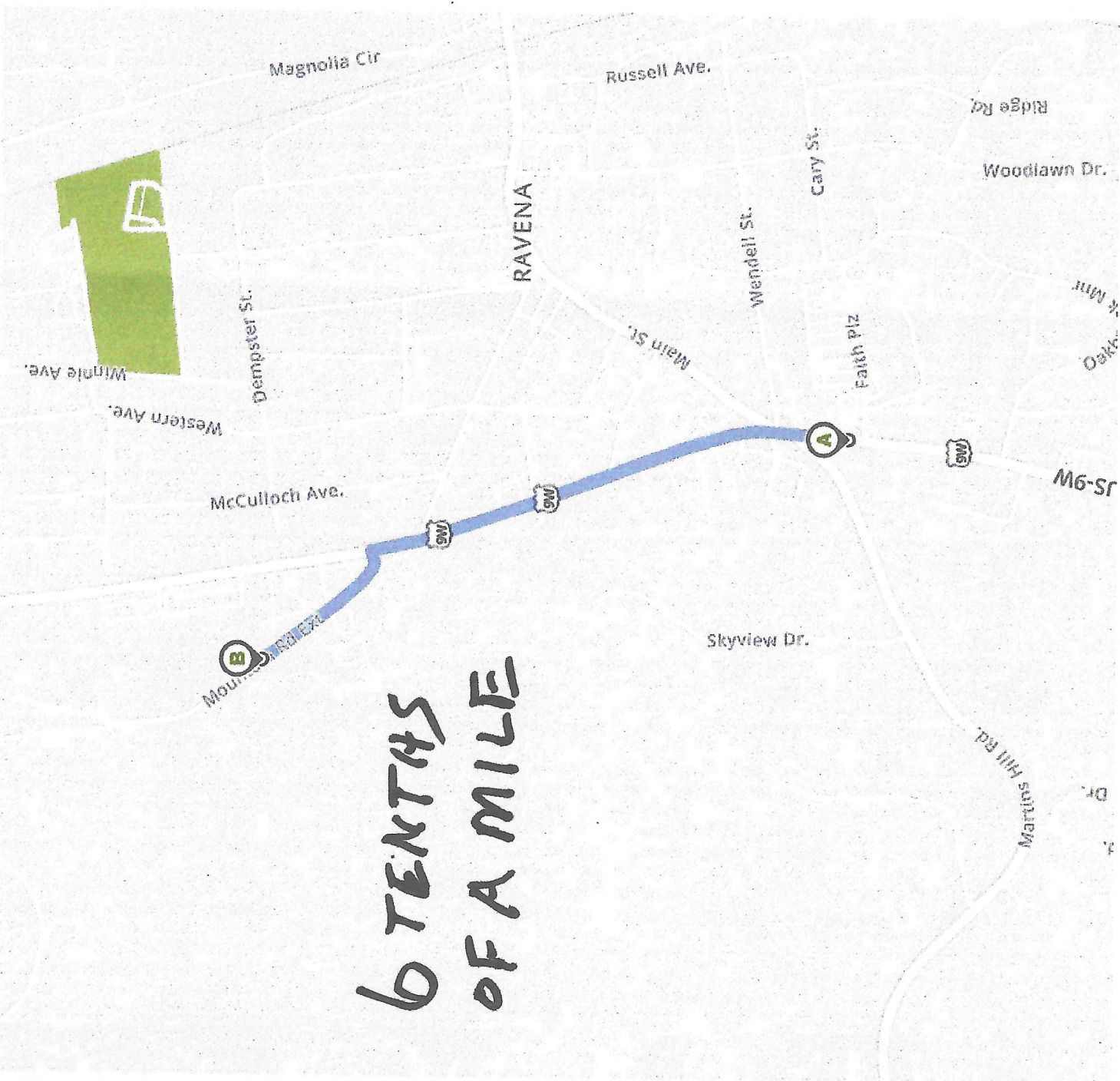
Thank you for your time.



Richard Connell Jr.



6 TENTHS
OF A MILE



Regarding Today Meeting - Please put into record
6/13/24

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Dated 6/13/24

Open Letter to our Town Board Members
We were very shocked to hear that
you would remotely entertain the idea
of reopening our road again to Carver.
It was a bad idea then and conditions
and families still remain here now. We
are in strong opposition of this happening
over. We have 3 families alone on this
road who have been to hell and back with
life threatening cancer's currently, I have
Stage 4 Small cell lung cancer and on this
very day am going for a brain scan to see if
it has spread, I believe these families, mine
included could barely endure the noise
dust storms and safety issues bumper to
bumper not stop polluting tractor trailers
would pose all over again. We are keenly
aware Carver is big business in our town,
but remember it is families such as my own
that form the backbone of this community.

We cannot even fathom this kind of
traffic in this fragile area again, please
think twice about our families here because
Carver will not - Greed is there bottom line!

Hester & Sherry Shutter
Residence here nearly 40 years 321 Jarvis Rd. So.