

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
April 21, 2016 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Philip A. Crandall, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman
James C. Youmans, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
John Kerr, Chief Operator Waste Water Treatment Plant
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for a moment of silence for Veteran Guy Anatriello who passed away earlier in the day it was followed by Councilman Burns offering a prayer.

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall stated that there was a full Town Board present in addition to Town Clerk Millious, Chief Operator Kerr and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

AGENDA

- Presentation
 - C.T. Male, Sewer Project Update
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Special Town Board Workshop
- Supervisor Report
- Department Reports
 - Building Department, March 2016
 - Sewer Department, March 2016
 - Town Clerk, March 2016
- Old Business
 - Heavy Truck Traffic on SR 144
- New Business
 - Chief Operator's Request to Attend Conference
 - Offer of Land Donation
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Extension of Spending Freeze
 - Authorize Amending Terms of New Planning Board Members
 - Appoint Conservation Advisory Council
 - Authorize Reinstatement to Clerk I
 - Approve Audit of Claims
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, April 18, 2016, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2016, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop May 19, 2016, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, May 26, 2106, 7:00pm

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PRESENTATION

C.T. Male Sewer Project Update

Supervisor Crandall invited Mr. Flores to the microphone to give an update on the Sewer Project.

Mr. Flores stated that he wanted to give an update on the Sewer Project and added that they are moving along well, the grant funding paperwork is in, the needed paperwork is in to the EFC to get them past the Finance Committee and the next thing will be the full Board Committee so they can schedule a closing. He continued by saying that this will provide the financing for construction costs and as previously advised, the project is three phases, Phase I is the section that goes from the Treatment Plant up to where it makes the turn off the Treatment Plant road and that part of it is ready to go out to bid. He went on by saying that they have submitted the plans and specs to EFC, their Funding Agency; they reviewed it to make sure it is all eligible and they now need the Board to agree to advertise for the project because they are ready to go. He concluded by saying that he is asking the Board for authorization for Phase I to go out to bid.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Crandall, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Mr. Flores to put Phase I out to bid for the Sewer Project.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Mr. Flores stated that he will work with the Town Clerk on getting it advertised.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that if he needs any further advice, he should contact Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked that they copy the Notice of Bid to him.

Mr. Flores stated that they will wait on the Bid for Phase I before they move to Phase II and similar for Phase III.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked when he thinks it will go to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Flores stated that they wanted the paperwork in by the 18th, and as long as they got that, it was to go to the Finance Committee.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he was advised that they meet once a month on average.

Mr. Flores stated that as far as he understood, they made the April meeting, there is a chain of events that has to happen and it looks like they are in line to get the financing sooner than later.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked once it goes to the Finance Committee and is approved, does it then go to the Loan Committee.

Mr. Flores stated that was his understanding.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it sounds like they could have a closing in June.

Mr. Flores stated that potentially if it gets approved in May, there could be a closing in June, which will line up perfectly with receiving bids and awarding the contract.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any questions for Mr. Flores.

Mr. John Kerr stated that they visited a property where there is concern for the easement at Persico's and they had it televised by New York Rural Water, they ran into a little problem with some roots so they could not get to the area that they wanted so it will have to be dug up and he wanted to let them know that they are pursuing this concern.

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Supervisor Crandall asked if they are working with the Persico family.

Mr. John Kerr stated that he definitely is, they were well represented that day and they got some history on the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crandall invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Paul Lawler stated that he is a resident of Coeymans and he was asked by a Town resident, Joann Segal to read a letter from her and her husband and continued by reading as follows:

Sirs,

This past weekend was yet another weekend that we spent listening to the unending noise of something like scrap metal being loaded onto a ship at the Port of Coeymans. The noise was endless and did not stop throughout the night. Because of the location of the Hamlet on the river, at the bottom of a valley, the increased noise of dropping metal echoes throughout the Hamlet and travels down to New Baltimore. It does not stop until the ship is loaded. As night progresses, it gets louder. As someone who pays taxes to live here, I am at a loss as to why I cannot do so comfortably. I should not have to pay for a business to disturb the peace 24 hours a day. I understand it is an expense for the Port of Coeymans to not load barges as quickly as possible and that every hour in Port costs some businesses money but to disturb a whole community is not tolerable for any cost incurred by the Port of Coeymans or their customers, it is the price of doing business. The Town needs to have a Nuisance Ordinance in place to protect us from noise pollution and any other nuisances that disturbs the peace and tranquility of our residential neighborhood. I realize not one Ordinance may fit all as the needs of the Hamlet may be different from the needs of those living further out in the countryside. I am sure that you can come up with something that can cater to the needs of more than one community in our town, this will make a real difference in the quality of life we desire to have here and it might help in bringing new families into our community.

Joann Segal

Supervisor Crandall stated that he called the Code Enforcement Officer and he is going to look into the complaints as well as checking with other towns in surrounding areas on their Noise Pollution or Nuisance Laws and they are going to come up with something that is rock-solid and helpful to the community. He continued by saying that he has two e-mails in to Mr. Laraway at the Port of Coeymans, which are unanswered and added that they are working on it, they realize it is a problem and hopefully they have some good news for them within a few weeks. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler read the following:

Mr. Laraway has made the argument for 24/7 loading of the scrap metal barges based on the cost of docking. The community can answer with the same argument, loss of sleep, especially over several nights results in lower productivity in the workplace and the bottom line of multiple employers is every bit as much negatively impacted as that of the few affected parties at the Port of Coeymans, actually more so because they are smaller employers and their bottom-line is different. I think that answering his argument with this argument is a more quantifiable defense than our long list of the community's quality of life issues.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Barbara Heinzen interject from the audience that she heard the noise in New Baltimore.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Crandall stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Special Town Board Workshop on April 2nd and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

January 2016

Supervisor Crandall read the Supervisor’s Report as follows:

FUND	BALANCE FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$ 4,734.44	\$2,116,122.00	\$408,266.92	\$1,712,589.52
CONSOLIDATED	\$ 5,261.98	\$ 600.85	-0-	\$ 5,862.83
PART-TOWN	\$ 3,575.25	\$ 461,810.38	\$207,464.16	\$ 257,921.47
HIGHWAY	\$ 926.36	\$ 215,003.63	\$ 95,630.10	\$ 120,299.89
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,193.77	\$ 3.63	-0-	\$ 29,197.40
SEWER	\$ 85,106.58	\$ 60,166.42	\$ 60,166.42	\$ 85,230.86
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 45,409.16	\$ 1.92	-0-	\$ 45,411.08
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 51,023.34	\$ 57,616.01	\$ 37,897.51	\$ 70,741.84
POLICE FORF.	\$ 51,057.17	\$ 12,802.06	-0-	\$ 44,055.60
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$ 633,921.56	\$ 165.58	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 619,087.14
SECTION-8 HUD	\$ 6,333.50	\$ 43,873.29	\$ 44,316.03	\$ 5,890.76
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$2,996,290.16

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.88
Grove Cem.	\$40,970.34
C.H. Cem.	<u>\$13,439.98</u>
Total	\$55,114.20

**COLATERAL
COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00
National Bank	\$250,000.00

FDIC COVERAGE

\$250,000.00
\$250,000.00

COLLATERALIZED

\$4,416,353.07
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Supervisor Crandall stated that they had previously discussed the Grove Cemetery Fund and then asked that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch explain it to the Board.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he hasn’t really completed his research because he wanted to check with the New York State Cemetery Association but he hadn’t been able to reach them yet. He added that he wants to determine for sure whether or not those funds can be used for ordinary maintenance and he will have a definitive answer at the next meeting.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the Supervisor’s Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – March 2016

Supervisor Crandall asked that Councilman Burns give the Building Department Report.

Councilman Burns continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – March 2016

Supervisor Crandall asked that Councilman Dolan to give the Sewer Department Report.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – March 2016

Supervisor Crandall asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Burns, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Millious stated that she settled the Property Taxes with Albany County and for anyone still owing, they need to check with her office or the County to find out the correct amount due because of additional penalties and interest charged.

OLD BUSINESS

Heavy Truck Traffic on SR 144

Supervisor Crandall stated that he sent an e-mail to DOT after getting complaints from people in the Hamlet about heavy truck traffic coming from the intersection of Rte. 144 and Rte. 143 down to the New Baltimore line and it was recommended that he request that a study be done on setting a limitation on heavy truck traffic, which he did. He added that he put down the following:

The area in question is SR 144 at the intersection of Rte. 144 and Rte. 143 south to the Coeymans / New Baltimore Town line. We have had numerous complaints from the residents in

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that area that large, heavy trucks are going through causing noise and safety issues. The stretch of road is narrow, part of it with houses right up to the road and we feel that the continual heavy traffic poses a nuisance and safety hazard to the families that live there. The trucks that are going in that direction could be easily rerouted along Rte. 143 to US Rte. 9W. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he received a response and continued by reading the following:

It is the position of the NYS Department of Transportation that our state highways should remain open to all classes of vehicles, unless, of course, there is a physical reason to restrict them such as a limited vertical clearance or a posted weight limit on a bridge for structure reasons. Although, the Department understands there may be a dislike of large trucks within a community, we also realize that the state highway system should be opened to all uses of the highway. The state highway system is a vital link that supports local and regional economies throughout the state.

Thank you for bringing the concerns of your community to our attention.

Reed Sholtes, P.E.

Supervisor Crandall stated that in other words it is a don't call us, we'll call you type of deal but he's not going to stop there, he is going to go to the Town's State Representatives now and the Governor's Office and will keep after this until they get something because something has to be done. He added that it is not a safe situation having heavy trucks going down through when they could be rerouted from that small section of road and it doesn't make any sense to him at all for them to go through there, the road gets narrow down by the four stop signs and it is a dangerous situation.

Councilman Burns stated that no truck driver likes to go through there.

Councilman Langdon stated that he doesn't understand why anyone does.

Councilman Burns stated that they were talking about putting a road between Rte. 144 and Rte. 9W through Lafarge and then asked Councilman Langdon if they did anything or if they went anywhere with it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thinks that they would have to go to State Representatives for that and from what he understands the cost would be astronomical because you would be dealing with getting across the Thruway and train tracks.

Councilman Burns stated that he thought they were going to use Lafarge for the road work.

Councilman Langdon stated that they could but it still would be an enormous cost.

Councilman Dolan stated that he and the Supervisor discussed it with Lafarge and it is basically what they said, it is cost prohibited with the issue of the train track.

Councilman Langdon stated that you would probably have to build a bridge over the train track so then you would be building a bridge and you still would have the Thruway to deal with to go over or under. He continued by saying that unless there is some State money somewhere or they can convince someone that it is a viable thing, because he thinks the concept is a great concept, he's not sure where the funds would come from.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they will keep trying and they will keep at them.

Councilman Dolan stated that Supervisor Crandall asked for a study, he didn't ask to eliminate trucks and he didn't ask that free commerce be shut down in New York State.

Supervisor Crandall stated that DOT totally beat around the bush on it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to publically say that he didn't care for Mr. Sholtes tone.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that he took it to be condescending, that is what you get when you deal with some bureaucrats and they forget that they work for the people.

Councilman Burns stated that on a better note, he stopped and talked to a survey crew on Rte. 144 and asked the reason for the survey and he was told that they are planning on blacktopping from Coeymans to the Town of New Baltimore line.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he sent two letters asking that they do it so maybe it had some effect and he also called Amedore's Office and they said he would say something.

Councilman Dolan interjected that County Legislator Rick Touchette also made some inquiries on the Town's behalf and he could possibly give them an update on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Offer of Land Donation

Supervisor Crandall stated that there has been an offer of a donation of land from Mrs. Marilyn Mayo, who lives in California and it is a 5.2 acres of land that is land-locked on Starr Road. He added that Building Inspector/CEO Cashin is checking into it and so far he hasn't found any easements to get into the property and he isn't sure what they should do about it. He concluded by saying that he is letting the Board know so he can find out what they would like to do.

Councilman Burns asked how much land it is.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is 5.2 acres, he had John Cashin and Sante DeBacco go look at it and it is half hillside and half flat.

Councilman Burns asked if it is land-locked.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is.

Councilman Langdon stated that the people owning land that surrounds it might be interested.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he thought they could take possession of it, put it up for sale, then contact the people who have property next to it and they might be able to make a few thousand dollars for the Town, the taxes are only \$48.00 a year, they could put it back on the Tax Roll and make a profit for the Town with free land.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that even to acquire it by a Quit Claim Deed, which is a deed without any warranty on the property; you would have to do a Title Search because if there are any liens on the property, the Town is grantee or accepting the property so the liens would fall on the Town. He added that you would have to assure yourself that there are no liens or judgments and reiterated that you would need a title search. He continued by saying that without a right-of-way, the property has no value and if the Town were unable to dispose of it to a third party, you would have to acquire a right-of-way, if it's land-locked you would have to purchase an easement or right-of-way from one of the adjoining land owners.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thought it would be more feasible to approach one of the surrounding land owners and let them negotiate with Mrs. Mayo directly and let them acquire it and get it back on the tax-roll, the Town wouldn't get taxed or have any expense.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that it would be his recommendation to do it that way.

Councilman Burns stated that Joan Radley called him a long time ago with the same option for property by his property and added that it would be less money for everyone that way.

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Councilman Youmans agreed and added that it would be especially if she is looking to give it away and he would suggest offering it to one of the surrounding property owners and in his opinion, he would avoid it like the plague.

Supervisor Crandall stated that this is why he brought it up to the Board and then asked if there were any other ideas.

Town Clerk Millious stated that Mrs. Mayo contacted her by phone, she lives in California and her husband is deceased.

Supervisor Crandall interjected that she just wants to be done with it and the impression that he is getting is that there would be no lawyer involved except the Towns and added that they have some things to think about.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the only thing that she knows about it is that it is on Starr Road.

Councilman Langdon asked how many property owners are adjacent to the property.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she doesn't know without looking at a tax map.

Councilman Langdon stated that the simplest thing to do would be to contact surrounding owners, let them know that there is a lady that wants to give it away and ask if they are interested. He added that if two people want it, maybe she can make some money.

Councilman Burns interjected that the cost for the title search would go to whoever is interested.

Councilman Langdon stated that there would also be transfer fees and such.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it isn't prime property and added that if this is what the Board wants to do, he will instruct Building Inspector/CEO Cashin to contact the adjoining property owners to let them know and if they are interested, he will put them in direct contact with Mrs. Mayo and let them negotiate on their own.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is the best course.

Supervisor Crandall asked if it is agreed upon by the Board.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

PRESENTATION (Not on the Agenda)

Supervisor Crandall invited County Legislator Rick Touchette to the microphone to speak.

County Legislator Touchette stated that he has two brief announcements that he would like to make on behalf of County Government and the first is the Youth Recognition Awards and continued by reading the following:

This program is an opportunity to honor the positive achievements of youth who would not ordinarily be recognized; youth who are exemplifying behaviors of positive youth development; and rewarding them for making great strides for themselves and our community.

County Legislature Touchette added that all youth nominated must be Albany County residents and there will be a total of 10 students that will be recognized, 5 high-school and 5 middle-school in 5 categories as follows: most improved student, artistic expression, Lt. John F. Finn Community Service, Ed Roche outstanding youth and George Roe Athletic Achievement.

Councilman Touchette stated that information on this can be found at the County's website or you can contact him by phone or text at 858-6388 or e-mail rick.touchette@gmail.com. He added that the second thing that he wanted to bring to everyone's attention is the Summer Intern Job Training Program and continued by reading the following:

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It is a program for people between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-two (22) who have had difficulties obtaining a job due to the lack of training and/or experience. Albany County's initiative is to create flexible work opportunities for individuals to receive on the job training in various County Departments.

Councilman Touchette added that the application and questionnaire are on the County's website and will be accepted until, Friday May 6th, the hours will vary by the department, location and experience, the hourly rate is \$11.00. He concluded by reiterating that the information is on the County's website or if anyone has any questions or need additional help, he would be happy to help them.

Councilman Dolan stated that earlier in the meeting they discussed Rte. 144 and they had given County Legislator Touchette a copy of the letter that they sent to the Department of Transportation. He added that he knows that County Legislator Touchette spoke with some people regarding it and then asked if he had anything to add.

County Legislator Touchette stated that he spoke with Mr. Frank Commisso, the Majority Leader about setting up a meeting to follow-up on that, so they will be having one within the week or next week.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there is any chance of getting a CDTA bus to come down like they had previously discussed and then asked County Legislator Touchette if he had a chance to speak with anyone about it.

County Legislator Touchette stated that he spoke with the County Executive and he wants to bring a CDTA bus up through the Town to the Lawson Lake Programs that they are going to have this summer for kids from all over the County and he specifically mentioned bringing a bus up through Coeymans and Ravena to get the Town kids out there.

Supervisor Crandall stated that if they could get a regular CDTA with stops in the Hamlet of Coeymans, Ravena, in the Hollow to Lawson's Lake and back to Albany, it would be great.

County Legislator Touchette stated that he will follow-up on that.

Councilman Dolan stated that Albany County Executive Dan McCoy will be coming to a Town Board Meeting in May to give a presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief WWTP Operator Request to Attend Training.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is a request from John Kerr, Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator, to attend the New York Rural Water Association Conference in Lake Placid, which is training on sewer control and technical updates. He then asked Chief Operator Kerr what else is provided.

Chief Operator Kerr stated that there is also information on DEC and EPA regulations as well as a multitude of other subject matters.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is for three nights with a cost of \$787.00, which is in his budget and in addition to the training; it includes lodging and meals and then asked for a motion authorizing Chief Operator Kerr to attend the Conference.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Chief Operator Kerr to attend the New York Rural Water Association Conference in Lake Placid.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO – MOVED

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Payroll Error (Not on the Agenda)

Supervisor Crandall stated that there was a mistake made in the Town's pay periods, last year there were 27 pay periods instead of 26, which happens every 11 years and it was brought to his attention by CPA Sarah Morrison. He added that there were 8 salaried people overpaid for two weeks, which he knew about 4-5 weeks ago but he wanted it researched first to make sure that he had his eggs in a row before he brought it before the Board and to the public's attention. He continued by saying that it turned up after Sarah audited and went through the 2015 Budget, exactly what happened is, instead of dividing the actual salary of the Officials by 27, it was divided by 26, so they received an extra two-week's pay that should have been spread out. He continued by saying that Sarah stated that she brought it to the former Supervisor's attention back in April 2015 and in speaking with Cathy Hanley, who does the W-2's for BAS, she also brought it to Matthew Weidman's attention. He went on by saying that what happened and how it fell through the cracks he does not know but the fact is that there are 8 Officials that owe the Town two week's pay, there will be letters sent out by Attorney for the Town Wukitsch when they have the figures together on how much each Official owes. He concluded by saying that they then have to write a check to the Town, which is what they are allowed to do.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that they can't take a deduction, the Labor Department says that even with consent, you can't take it out of a person's paycheck for those that are currently employed and for those that are not employed, and the only way to recoup it is to make a request for payment.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they have to do the same thing for Stephan Flach and Peter Masti, who are no longer on the Board and they will also get a letter.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they were monies overpaid by mistake and they have to be recouped.

Councilman Langdon inquired about calculating the taxes so they will get back what they are supposed to get back.

Supervisor Crandall stated that Sarah Morrison did that and anything paid extra in taxes, will be paid back at the end of the year, the gross amount has to be paid. He added that Councilman Dolan discovered it when he was doing his taxes and he wrote a check to the Town a couple of days ago for the money he owed and then thanked Councilman Dolan.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was under the mistaken impression that taxes were due on the 15th but there was a three day extension, otherwise he would have written the check on the 18th.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they could use the money and then thanked Councilman Dolan again and added that the letters will be going out shortly.

Councilman Youmans stated that the people affected by it would be all the Elected Officials and then asked if anyone else is salary.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the Chief of Police is salary.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked about the Superintendent of Highways.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it would include him, he is an Elected Official and it is 7 or 8 people.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked about the Judges.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it would include them and added that there will be a full explanation in the letter advising that there was a mistake made last year, the Bookkeeper at that time was told and he doesn't know how it fell through the cracks but it did. He added that he was

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hoping that it could extended over 3-4 pay periods but according to the Law, Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can't do that.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #77-16 AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF SPENDING FREEZE

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received an audit report from the Office of the State Comptroller that describes the Town as being in “significant” fiscal stress, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board acknowledges its commitment to fiscal integrity, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to prevent further erosion of the financial condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby extend the spending freeze, effective immediately, on all Town of Coeymans municipal departments and offices for an additional three months.

Councilman Dolan asked if the Department Heads are complying with this.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they are and the Clerk to the Supervisor met with the Department Heads and they have all agreed to try and cut their budgets a little bit and have given a certain amount of money back to the Town, which they are putting in the A Fund and added that it's not a lot but every little bit helps.

Councilman Youmans thanked the Department Heads.

RES. #78-16 AMEND TERMS OF NEW PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Local Law #01-16 increased the number of members on the Planning Board from five members to seven members, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board appointed both Peter Foronda and Cynthia Kunz as the sixth and seventh Planning Board members on March 31, 2016 with Peter Foronda's term to expire on December 31, 2022 and Cynthia Kunz's term to expire on December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to stagger the terms of office of appointees to these positions with the terms of the current Board members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby amend its March 31, 2016 resolution to provide that Peter Foronda's term expires on December 31, 2021 and Cynthia Kunz's term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he has been opposed to this right from the beginning.

RES. #79-16 AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law allows a town to adopt a resolution or Local Law to provide for protection and enhancement of the physical and visual environment, and

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WHEREAS, Section 239-X of General Municipal Law allows towns to create a Conservation Advisory Council for planning and advocacy with respect to natural resources within the town, and

WHEREAS, the Council may consist of three to nine members appointed to the Town Board for terms of two (2) years, and

WHEREAS, the Council shall advise the Town with respect to the preservation, development and use of natural and human-made resources and conduct and maintain an inventory of natural resources within the Town, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby creates the Conservation Advisory Council which shall be known as the Town of Coeymans Conservation Advisory Council.
2. The Council shall consist of between three (3) and nine (9) members appointed by the Town Board who shall serve for two (2) year terms.
3. Membership on the Council shall be limited to persons residing within the Town of Coeymans and vacancies on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of the term of office shall be filled only for the remainder of the unexpired term.
4. The Town Board shall designate a member of the Council to act as Chairperson thereof. At the first meeting of the Council, its members shall elect from among themselves a recording secretary. The Council shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings and shall keep accurate records of its meetings and activities and file an annual report with the Town Board.
5. The duties of the Council shall be as follows:
 - (a) Advise the Town Board on matters affecting the preservation, development, and use of the natural and human-made resources, features and conditions of the Town of Coeymans insofar as environmental quality, biological integrity, natural beauty, and other environmental factors are concerned. In the case of human activities and developments, advise on any major threats posed to environmental quality, so as to enhance the short term or the long range value of the environment to the people of the Town of Coeymans;
 - (b) Conduct and maintain an inventory of the natural resources within the Town of Coeymans in map form, including an up-to-date index of all significant open spaces as defined in Section 239-y of the General Municipal Law in public or private ownership within the municipality, including but not limited to natural landmarks, glacial and other geomorphic or physiographic features; streams and their flood plains, watershed lands; swamps, marshlands and other wetlands; wildlife habitat, unique biotic communities; scenic and other open areas of natural or ecological value. The open space index shall include the ownership, present and proposed uses of open areas, so as to provide a base of information for recommendations by the council for their conservation purposes and for preparing an open space plan for the municipality. Such plan also shall include the municipality's overall goals for open space conservation and the specific recommendations and actions that should be taken by specified organizations and agencies to realize the goals. The plan should describe important issues; identify laws, programs and techniques for preserving, protecting, and enhancing open areas and serve to create a community open space system.

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- (c) Seek to coordinate, assist and unify the efforts of private groups, institutions, and individuals within the Town of Coeymans in accord with the purposes of this resolution.
 - (d) Maintain liaison and communications with public and private agencies and organizations whose programs and activities have an impact on the quality of the environment or which can be of assistance to the council.
 - (e) Work in cooperation with the Planning Board, recommend from time to time plans and programs relating to natural resources management and environmental protection and improvement for inclusion in the comprehensive plan of the Town of Coeymans and similarly recommend to the Town Board appropriate and desirable changes in existing local laws and ordinances relating to environmental and land use controls or recommend new local laws and ordinances to achieve the purposes of this resolution.
6. The members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof, but may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties within the appropriations made available therefor.
7. This resolution shall be deemed an exercise of the powers of the Town of Coeymans to preserve and improve the quality of the natural and man-made environment on behalf of the present and future inhabitants thereof. This resolution is not intended and shall not be deemed to impair the powers of any other public corporation.
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has a couple of concerns and the way that he sees it is in #3 if someone vacates a spot and it's not their normal expiration term, they can put someone on the Board that is not from the town.

Councilman Dolan stated that wasn't true.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is what it says.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it says that if there is a vacancy other than the expiration of the term, a person within the Town can fill the vacancy and added that they already limited it to Town residents.

Councilman Langdon stated that it says membership on the Council shall be limited to persons residing within the Town of Coeymans and vacancies on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of the term of office shall be filled only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it modifies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, it doesn't modify the residency requirement.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is one sentence and he doesn't see where it separates anything.

Councilman Dolan stated that it says if someone is appointed, it is for 2 years, if someone leaves that position, another person living in the town is appointed to fill the remainder of the term, not two full years.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch agreed that it is all that it says and it could also be for if someone passes away.

Councilman Langdon stated that he understands that it was the intention of it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he thinks it is what is says and he doesn't read it any other way.

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Councilman Langdon stated that when you read it, because it is one sentence, when you say except, anything previous within that sentence could now be part of the exception, with membership being a resident is part of it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they could change it and put a period after appointment and just take out except so it would say - A vacancy occurring other than by expiration of the term of office shall be filled only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Councilman Langdon stated that it works. He added that another point is that they just voted for an extension of the spending freeze and in #6 it says the members will be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses, which will create another expense for the Town.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they were made to know there is no money for any expenditure of any kind.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he doesn't see the need for this Council.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it was fine.

Councilman Dolan stated that they really don't need to pick it apart because he is going to vote no anyway.

Supervisor Crandall asked Councilman Burns if he had any comments.

Councilman Burns stated that his concern is that it will slow things down and when a new company wants to come in, with all the studies that are done, he questions whether they need another Board like this.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he doesn't think it will slow anything down, if anything they will just make sure that they are doing things properly according to DEC standards, the DEC has requested this, they want multiple Boards.

Councilman Langdon stated that the DEC has plenty of power to do these things.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they do but they don't have the staff to enforce the laws and this is what DEC told him.

Councilman Langdon stated that this appears to be an infringement on property rights and the government trying to stick their nose in property owner's business.

Supervisor Crandall stated that by the government sticking their nose in, they are stopping businesses from polluting the waterways and air and trying to keep the environment clean.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that there are all kinds of agencies and there is SEQRA.

Councilman Dolan interjected that SEQRA is not an agency.

Councilman Langdon stated that there are other procedures and processes in place and he thinks that is another expense that they don't need.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there is no expense and with all these other agencies in effect there are places like Bennington and Pownal Vermont, Hoosick Falls, and the Town of Petersburg that have polluted water. He added that even with these agencies in effect and with them doing their jobs, it still happened and then asked what the harm would be in having another layer, a local layer, to try and oversee these things so we have clean water for our kids to drink.

Councilman Langdon interjected that in most of those cases, they seem to be determining that local Officials were turning their eye away from it.

Councilman Youmans stated that he thinks he is referring to Flint Michigan.

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Councilman Langdon stated that local Officials in Hoosick Falls were aware of it and ignored it for a couple of years and not telling the residents. He concluded by saying that this doesn't guarantee anything except create more problems.

Supervisor Crandall stated that nothing is guaranteed in life and this is all the more reason why they should have oversight of the environment.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is opposed to it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it's alright to feel that way, although he doesn't understand it and then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked Town Clerk Millious for a roll-call vote.

Town Clerk Millious proceeded with a roll-call vote as follows:

Philip Crandall – AYE, Thomas Dolan – AYE, George Langdon NAY – Kenneth Burns NAY, James Youmans – AYE – SO MOVED – 3 – 2

RES. #80-16 APPOINT MEMBERS OF CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Youmans, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 3 – NAYS 2 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Town Board has established the Town of Coeymans Advisory Council, and

WHEREAS, the following individuals has expressed an interest in serving on the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed to the Town of Coeymans Conservation Advisory Council: Joseph Tracey, Sylvia Lawler and John Bonafide for two (2) year terms to expire on 04/21/18.

Supervisor Crandall asked for a roll-call vote.

Town Clerk Millious proceeded with a roll-call vote as follows:

Philip Crandall – AYE, Thomas Dolan – AYE, George Langdon NAY – Kenneth Burns NAY, James Youmans – AYE – SO MOVED – 3 – 2

Councilman Dolan stated that the resolution provides for up to 9 people to serve and if anyone else is interested they should send them an e-mail.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they can also contact his office or the Town Clerk's office.

RES. #81-16 AUTHORIZE REINSTATEMENT TO CLERK I

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, the exempt title of Confidential Secretary to the Chief of Police does not exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby reinstate Dawne LaMountain to the full-time position of Clerk I in the Coeymans Police Department, at the rate of \$24.16 per hour, effective immediately.

Councilman Burns asked if this was her position before Confidential Secretary to the Chief.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they are trying to rectify things with Civil Service and this is what they were told to do so they are in compliance with Civil Service Law. He added that there is a position of Confidential Secretary to the Chief of Police, but it is by a Civil Service list and you have to take a test.

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RES. #82-16 APPROVE APRIL ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Councilman Youmans, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for April, 2016, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS – 171765,171767-171818,171820-171872 for a **Pre-Paid Total of 260,748.52**

VOUHER NUMBERS –171873-171887,171889-171893,171895-171963 for a **Total of \$253,992.04**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS \$514,740.56

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, April 28, 2016, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 12, 2016, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, May 19, 2016, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, May 26, 2016, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that Mr. Rich Hotaling brought to her attention that there will be an Open House for the new Coeymans Hollow Firehouse on Saturday, May 7th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with a parade from Stanton Road to the firehouse with bag pipes and different fire companies. She continued by saying that she also wanted to mention Alcove Day Community Yard Sales and anyone wishing to register still has time to do so, registration ends on April 23rd the contact is Stephanie Hamilton. She added that she has the forms in her office and it is a \$10.00 fee to get on the map.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he believes that they waived the fee and Tom Sweeney said people should register but there is no fee.

Town Clerk Millious stated that he was in a couple of days ago and she and another person gave him a check for \$10.00 and he didn't say anything.

Supervisor Crandall suggested that she ask him about it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that he did say that there wasn't a very good turn-out so she thought she would mention it.

Supervisor Crandall suggested that she mention it again at the next meeting.

Town Clerk Millious stated that next week's meeting won't be televised because it is a Workshop so she wanted to get it in now.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Youmans stated that he is curious as to why Councilmen Langdon and Burns voted no on the spending freeze and then asked if he was missing something.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thinks that they are cutting the town short; they are in a situation where they took a Highway truck off the road and then cancelled an order to replace it because of the spending freeze. He added that the Department Heads are doing a good job

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managing their budget and he is not seeing where it is essential for now and to him it is very hypocritical when they turn around and put together a Council that is going to cost them because in reading through the literature there are all kinds of things that they are going to do and need to be reimbursed for. He continued by saying that even the Attorney to the Town agreed that the Council wasn't a wise thing to do.

Councilman Dolan stated that it wasn't exactly what he said.

Councilman Langdon stated that maybe he misheard.

Councilman Burns interjected that there was a Council years ago and it died out.

Councilman Dolan stated that people are now interested and what the Attorney to the Town said is that they previously had one but no one was interested and it went many years dormant but now there are people interested in volunteering their time and now they want to say no thank you, we don't want you to volunteer your time because it isn't important to us. He added that Councilman Burns was in favor of it at the last meeting and Councilman Langdon was not even there.

Councilman Burns stated that he was in favor of possible grants that the Council could apply for but he believes that they have people that can do that anyway.

Councilman Dolan stated that there are grants that are eligible to Conservation Advisory Councils that they can apply for if you have an Advisory Council or Board in your town and you can get grant money for things like storm water but one of the conditions is that you have a Council or Board.

Supervisor Crandall reiterated that it will make them eligible for grant money and added that he doesn't have a problem with someone spending a couple hundred dollars if it's there but he is going to try and cut it. He added that when they get the money back from Town Officials who were overpaid they will have some money but there will be no major expenses for the Council this year.

Councilman Langdon stated that he doesn't understand how he can say there is money due from the Town Officials to use, which is fine, if he got too much he wants to pay it back, but he thinks it seems like a double standard when they are asking Department Heads to cut all spending. He added that there is a truck that they are going to need in November according to the Highway Superintendent who has been with the Highway for a long time so they are cutting themselves short when there is an enormous staff for the accounting.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there isn't any more staffing in that office than there was with Supervisor Flach because Mr. Puritan worked for six months, he had his sister there, nephew in there and Susan King.

Councilman Langdon stated that they cut it back to the point that there was one person.

Councilman Dolan stated that they didn't cut it to one person, there was 1 and ½.

Councilman Langdon asked compared to what and how many are in there now.

Councilman Dolan stated that there are 1 and ½ and the numbers are very similar.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't think so.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is one full-time and one part-time.

Councilman Langdon stated that there are also two different accountants.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they have always had Sarah Morrison.

Supervisor Crandall stated that Sarah has been with the Town for 13 years.

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Councilman Langdon stated that they said she hadn't been in for six months.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he never said she hadn't been there for six months and he would beg to differ where he would find it in the minutes and if he finds it, please show it to him.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't say it was in the minutes.

Supervisor Crandall asked why it wouldn't be in the minutes.

Councilman Langdon stated that it would be because parts of the discussions that go on are in his office or where ever and they said that Sarah wasn't being utilized.

Supervisor Crandall reiterated that he never said it and then asked why he wouldn't utilize their CPA.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wasn't referring to him personally; he was saying that the previous administration didn't utilize her.

Supervisor Crandall stated that this is why they are in the mess that they are in, it is because they weren't utilizing expert advice, CPA's are there to be used and if the previous administration had kept control of their cash-flow and spending, they wouldn't be in the mess they are in today and the State Comptroller told them they are in a mess and their audits will prove it.

Councilman Langdon stated that the State Comptroller's Report ended in 2014.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it continued until May of 2015.

Councilman Langdon stated that the State Comptroller, according to them themselves said that there was no financial data to 2015.

Councilman Dolan told him to read the response to the Supervisor; they said they absolutely did do it through May of 2015.

Councilman Langdon stated that they told him there were no numbers and Matt was in the back office with him when they were told there were no numbers and he wouldn't put in any numbers in for 2015 because he didn't have the full year to look at.

Councilman Dolan stated that he will read to him the Comptroller's response and Supervisor's response where he specifically refutes that at the next meeting. He continued by saying that the spending freeze does not mean that Department Heads can't spend money, they can't spend over a certain amount without bringing it to the Supervisor.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they have been do that already.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they haven't been doing that for the last 2-3 years.

Councilman Langdon stated that anything outside of normal goes before the Supervisor and every voucher comes before the Town Board for them all to sign.

Councilman Youmans stated that the Town's Police Chief walked in to National Bank of Coxsackie and draw a check for \$29,000.00 to buy a police car.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is in total agreement on that.

Supervisor Crandall stated that Stephen Flach walked him in and put his name on those accounts, which was illegal.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wasn't disagreeing about that.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he can't, because it happened.

Councilman Langdon stated that he agrees with him on that and he is not disputing it.

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Supervisor Crandall stated that he would like to know why he did it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he didn't know why.

Councilman Burns interjected that he believes he didn't think he was in the wrong for doing it and the money was forfeiture money to be used at the Police Chief's discretion.

Councilman Langdon stated that this was his understanding about it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that all financial responsibility lies with the Town Board; no one can spend a dime without the approval of the Board.

Councilman Dolan stated that earlier when the Supervisor's Report was read, Police Forfeiture was included and is a function of the Supervisor's Office.

Councilman Langdon stated that his understanding of forfeiture was wrong and when he first came into office the prior Chief of Police explained to him that it is Police Department money, they are not allowed to use, and it can only be used by the Police Department.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was absolutely true.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that his understanding was that it was Police Department money.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it can't be spent without permission.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is fine with that, he agrees with that, he is not disagreeing with that but he doesn't understand why it happened.

Supervisor Crandall stated that if he saw this happening, why then can't he believe that other things were happening too.

Councilman Langdon stated that they aren't taking into account the fact that significant cuts were taken in 2015, a lot of over-spending was done in 2014 and it was downstairs, they tackled those issues and a lot of changes were made and they saw the results in 2015. He added that there is no Comptroller Report for 2015 and they have not audited 2015.

Councilman Dolan stated that was correct.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they only went to May.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thinks this is an over exaggeration of the issue.

Supervisor Crandall reiterated that only went to May 2015

Councilman Langdon stated that there aren't any numbers in that report for up to May.

Supervisor Crandall suggested that he call the State Comptroller's Office.

Councilman Langdon stated that he had a conference with Matt and Leah and they both said there were no numbers for 2015 and then he questioned why they put through May 2015 and was advised that it was because they were here until then. He added that he told them he thought it was wrong that they put May 2015.

Councilman Burns interjected that it is what they were told.

Councilman Langdon stated that they said it face-to-face; it was not a phone call or e-mail.

Supervisor Crandall asked if they were told that the Town is in fiscal stress.

Councilman Langdon stated that at the end of 2014 they were, they knew they were and it is why they took out a TAN but they didn't need a TAN in 2015.

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Councilman Burns stated that to answer Councilman Youmans question as to why he voted no to the spending freeze, it is because he doesn't believe that there is one, and maybe he is naïve but every time there has been a problem, he has talked to Stephen and they have an answer for everything. He added that they planned on being here this year and they didn't plan for being voted out of office and there were plans on how to get through this year.

Supervisor Crandall asked what the plans were and why he didn't share them with him and Councilman Langdon.

Councilman Burns stated that it is mainly because he would not have understood, he is not like them but they did offer to share it with the new Board but they wouldn't accept the offer.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he didn't share anything, he was in his office for 3 ½ hours, he could have shared with him when they met on December 7th.

Councilman Burns stated that according to Stephen, he did try to explain what he could explain to him in that short period of time and he asked that the Supervisor Elect's people come in two weeks before they took office to see what they had been doing, even if it was wrong so they could fix it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they are still in the process of fixing it.

Councilman Burns interjected that it is costing them a fortune by doing it this way.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they know a lot of what was going wrong so far and they are going to find the rest of it too.

Councilman Burns stated that he hopes he does, he isn't disputing any of that, he just wants to fix what is wrong.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he isn't blaming them but they were aloof of what was going on in that office and he thinks that the Supervisor kept them in the dark because they didn't seem to realize what was happening.

Councilman Dolan asked Councilman Youmans if he had anything else to add.

Councilman Youmans read the following from the Comptroller's Report.

Our audit period was January 1st 2012 to May 31st 2015, the report states that the Town did not use fund balance to finance appropriations in the 2015 budget. While the 2015 budget was adopted in the fall of 2014, it didn't take effect until January 1st 2015 and our audit covers a portion of 2015.

Councilman Langdon stated that they did not audit the finances, they audited procedures and processes that were being followed, recommendation were made and were implemented during that time. He reiterated that there were no numbers, the numbers stop at 2014 and it is where it showed the negative fund balance.

Councilman Youmans continued by reading the following:

It is unclear if the new revenues or decreased expenditures mentioned in the Town's response were included in the budget or if the date which these revenues or expenditures were quantified. However, we reviewed the Town's May 31st 2015 budget status report to determine whether revenues and expenditures recognized at that point appeared to be reasonable. As part of this review, we identified revenues that exceeded the budget estimates and other revenues that were less than budget, similarly we identified expenditures that exceeded amounts budgeted and other expenditures that did not. As a result, it was not possible for us to determine whether the Town would realize operating surpluses in the Town-Wide or General Part-Town Highway Funds.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is pretty clear.

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Councilman Langdon stated that it doesn't have any numbers and they are deluding to plus and minuses and also on June 1st they made the transition with Dispatch, which was a significant savings.

Councilman Dolan stated that a big savings because they didn't pay the bill in 2015.

Supervisor Crandall asked if Councilman Langdon could explain that.

Councilman Langdon stated that from everything that he understood, payment wasn't due until January 2016.

Councilman Dolan stated that Supervisor Crandall can show him the demands for payment.

Councilman Langdon stated that he agrees if the payment is due, they should pay it.

Supervisor Crandall stated that the money should have come out of the 2015 Budget but it came out of 2016, it shorted them \$88,000.00, which is a big chunk of money along with everything else that they are finding.

Councilman Youmans stated that this is why they need a spending freeze.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to mention three Earth Day events that are coming up, on April 23rd starting at Village Hall, you can get your gloves and garbage bag for a clean-up hosted by the Ravena-Coeymans Business Association, on April 30th at Lawson's Lake, from 11:00am to 2:00pm there will be an Earth Day Celebration, Children Youth and Families is co-hosting it with Albany County, Cornell Cooperative Extension will have a booth there and Mr. Touchette will be there as well and on May 14th the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association will have their annual spring clean-up from 10:00am to 12:00pm and will meet at the gazebo.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that Mr. Traver, who lives on Biechman Road, asked if the speed limit could be reduced from 45 to 30 mph and said that a young lady took down a telephone pole right in front of his house. He continued by saying that he said there are kids riding bicycles, walking and playing and wishes the speed limit would be reduced to 30.

Councilman Dolan asked what the process for that is.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would have to identify the stretch of road and request a study by DOT and if it is warranted they will approve the reduction of speed.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they have the Highway Superintendent identify the section of road and request the study.

Councilman Youmans interjected that Biechman Road is a dead-end road.

Councilman Burns stated that May 9th is a National Day of Prayer and asked that everyone take a moment to pray for our nation.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that for Biechman Road, they ought to check with other people that live on the road because you don't usually rely on a single person's inclination.

Councilman Burns stated that the family next to Mr. Traver has 5 kids who play in their yard but do go out in the road.

Supervisor Crandall stated that they will have Highway Superintendent Searles stop in a dozen or so of the homes to see what's going on.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that sometimes they prepare an informal petition to send to DOT.

Supervisor Crandall suggested that Councilman Burns advise Mr. Traver that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch said it would be best to get a petition together and present it to the Town Board.

Councilman Youmans stated that Mr. Traver seems to be slowing down as far as moving around and then asked if they thought he would want to carry around a petition.

Councilman Burns stated that the family next to him would be glad to do it.

Supervisor Crandall asked that he advise them of what Attorney for Town of Wukitsch said.

Supervisor Crandall stated that in talking about spending, the money for Mr. Puritan is coming out of the \$16,000.00 that he saved by not taking any benefits and they haven't even touched \$1,200.00 of it. He continued by saying that he also took a \$10,000.00 cut in pay, which is in his budget, so they have more than covered their expenses and will actually be saving money because they won't be spending it all, he wants to get things right, he wants the books to be right and he wants the expenditures to be right. He concluded by saying that the fiscal house has to be in order, it is the Supervisor's chief job, he is the Chief Fiscal Officer, there is money coming in and the money going out has to be by approval of the Board.

Councilman Burns stated that he respects that.

Supervisor Crandall stated that it is the main part of his job, he has no problem with questions, but accusations that he is spending money needlessly is poppycock, he then offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Crandall, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED -

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk