A Public Hearing was held Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

**PRESENT:** Philip Crandall, Supervisor

Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman George E. Langdon, Councilman

**ABSENT:** 

James C. Youmans, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

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#### **OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Crandall stated that the public hearing was for the purpose of extending the sewer district.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Crandall asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Public Hearing.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

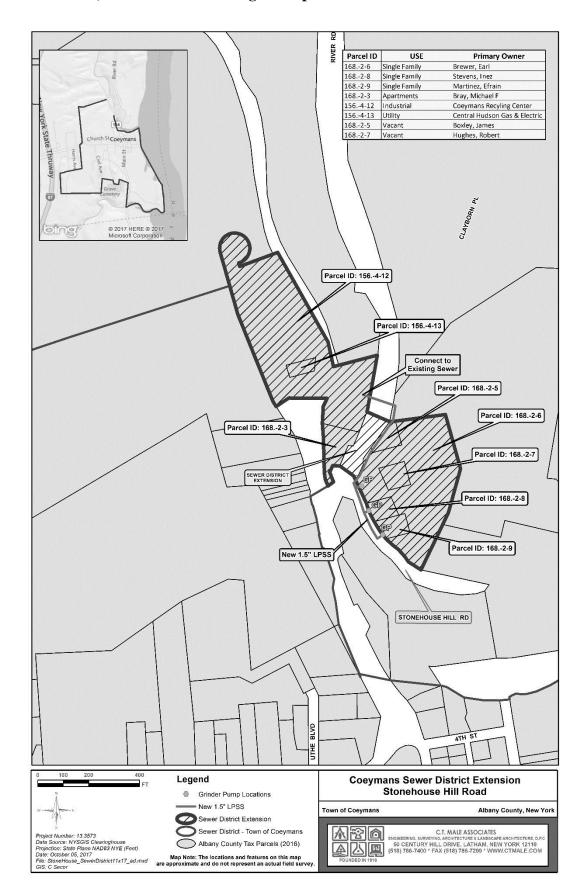
# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH EXTENSION TO COEYMANS SEWER DISTRICT AND TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES FOR COEYMANS SEWER DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, will meet at the Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York, on the 9th day of November, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing upon a proposal by said Town Board to establish an Extension to the Coeymans Sewer District in the vicinity of Stonehouse Hill Road and Route 144/River Road, as hereinafter described, at which time and place said Town Board will meet to consider such proposition and hear all persons interested in the subject thereof and concerning the same.

Notice is further given that the Town Board will meet at the same time and place for the purpose of conducting a concurrent public hearing upon a proposal by said Town Board to establish an extension to the Coeymans Sewer District as hereinafter described, at which time and place said Town Board will meet to consider such proposition and hear all persons interested in the subject thereof and concerning the same.

The proposed Extension is described in a Map, Plan and Report dated August 11, 2017, as revised September 21, 2017 prepared by C. T. Male Associates (the "Map, Plan and Report"), on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

The description of the boundaries of the proposed Extension to be established pursuant to Town Law Section 209-e is shown in the following map.



The proposed Extension is to include those properties within the Town of Coeymans described as Tax Map Parcel Numbers: 156.-4-12; 156.-4-13; 168.-2-3; 168.-2-5; 168.-2-6; 168.-2-7; 168.-2-9.

The improvements proposed to be made as further described in the Map, Plan and Report include the construction of a low pressure sanitary sewer system along Stonehouse Hill Road and establishment of an Extension to the existing Coeymans Sewer District in the Town, to include eight parcels of property in the vicinity of Stonehouse Hill Road and Route 144/River Road; and including land or rights in land, original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor.

The estimated maximum total cost for the construction of the Extension to Coeymans Sewer District and the Improvements described in the Map, Plan and Report for Sewer District will be \$74,856. The plan of financing set forth in the Map, Plan and Report indicates that the Town anticipates the receipt of a grant from NYS DEC to pay a portion of such costs.

Dated: Ravena, New York October 12, 2017

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, New York

Diane L. Millious Town Clerk

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melanie Lekocevic from the Ravena News Herald asked if Supervisor Crandall could give an overview of the proposed sewer district extension project.

Supervisor Crandall stated that there are eight parcels on Stonehouse Hill Rd that would be added into the sewer district. The Town of Coeymans was given \$55,000.00 by NYS towards the cost of the project, and it will cost the Town an additional \$13,000.00; which will be paid by the sewer district. There are three houses that are currently dumping raw sewage into Coeymans Creek and this has been going on for quite some time. Adding these parcels to the sewer district will eliminate this and Mr. Carver Laraway has agreed to pay for part of the cost. So together with the help of Mr. Laraway, the Town would like to bring these parcels into the sewer district.

Melanie Lekocevic asked how much Mr. Laraway will be giving.

Councilman Dolan responded that they do not know how much, Mr. Laraway has offered to cover the cost of certain things.

Melanie Lekocevic asked if the \$55,000.00 was a grant.

Councilman Dolan responded no, it was a fine from the Tappan Zee contractors.

Melanie Lekocevic asked if Mr. Laraway's contribution would decrease the \$13,000.00 amount that the sewer district needs to pay.

Councilman Dolan responded it should. Mr. Laraway has offered to drill from the southeast side of 144 to the northwest side. Councilman Dolan stated he is not sure how much that will cost.

Councilman Burns asked if that is what the \$4,000.00 is.

Councilman Dolan stated he did not know what Councilman Burns means.

Supervisor Crandall stated there is a grinder pump involved.

Councilman Burns asked if there is one for each house.

Supervisor Crandall responded yes.

Supervisor Crandall stated installation into the homes is part of the grant and then the property owners will be charged for the sewer district and they will be responsible for any costs in the future.

Councilman Burns asked about the reference in the report that states "For the apartment building on River Rd, they will be required to connect to the sewer system within a year of the sewer line being constructed. It is assumed that the apartment building is equivalent in sewer use to two single family homes, therefore the annual Town sewer rate will be \$1,013.66. The owner of that property will be required to cover the cost of installation, which is estimated at no more than \$4,000."

Councilman Dolan responded that refers to the building on the northwest side, the apartment building.

Councilman Burns asked why he has to pay for the installation, when the houses do not.

Councilman Dolan because the property is not covered in the grant.

Supervisor Crandall stated the houses on Stonehouse Hill Rd are covered under the grant because they are dumping raw sewage. The apartment building property has a septic system that Mr. Laraway would like to do away with and hook into the sewer system.

Melanie Lekocevic asked there are eight parcels and they are all on Stonehouse Hill Rd.

Supervisor Crandall responded there are eight parcels, but only three homes; the rest are vacant properties. Well the one vacant property is Industrial, Coeymans Recycling Center that is Mr. Layaway.

Melanie Lekocevic stated so that's why he is providing income services.

Supervisor Crandall responded maybe he doesn't know.

Councilman Dolan stated Mr. Laraway offered when we discussed opening up those three houses. He offered to help us.

Melanie Lekocevic asked why it is his responsibility to install a sewer line.

Supervisor Crandall answered because he has a septic system.

Councilman Langdon stated that is what he is doing he is basically paying for that.

Supervisor Crandall stated that his in-kind services are taking care of that plus an extra \$4,000.00 he is taking in.

Councilman Dolan stated that once a property is within a certain number of feet from the sewer district, it is required to hook in to the sewer system. This house is actually within that distance of this sewer system right now because there is a manhole.

Councilman Burns stated he thinks it is seventy five feet but he is not really sure.

Melanie Lekocevic asked once the Board votes, when do you anticipate starting the work.

Supervisor Crandall answered in the spring.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments on the sewer district.

Town Clerk Millious stated there was one signature on the sign in sheet.

Supervisor Crandall asked the Town Board if they had any other questions.

Councilman Burns asked if Mr. Vopelak was going ahead with this project weather permitting.

Supervisor Crandall stated "weather permitting" was for resuming the Gallo project which was supposed to be tomorrow. He is not quite sure for the Stonehouse Hill Rd project.

Melanie Lekocevic asked if the sewage was going into the Hudson River or Coeymans Creek.

Supervisor Crandall responded the Coeymans Creek.

Supervisor Crandall asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

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#### **MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time - 6:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED - As Read November 30, 2017

Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk