MINUTES BOOK**TOWN OF COEYMANS October 5, 2019 – Town Board Meeting – 9:00am

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Saturday, October 5th, 2019 at 9:00am at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Philip Crandall, Supervisor

Daniel D. Baker, Councilman Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman James C. Youmans, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk

Audience (1) Media (0)

Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that there was a full board. He then asked Town Clerk Rowzee to present the 2020 Budget.

Town Clerk Rowzee presented the 2020 Tentative Budget to the Board.

Supervisor Crandall read the 2020 Budget Message into the record:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the 2020 proposed annual tentative budget for the Town of Coeymans. This budget is balanced and provides a sound fiscal plan focusing on the public safety, quality of life, and providing the services our community expects in the most efficient manner possible.

With this budget, I propose to reduce town taxes by 10% for next year. We will accomplish this by continuing the good fiscal policy that was implemented by my administration. The Town of Coeymans has turned the corner, and is on the upswing. Over thirty-eight new homes have been built, and twenty-five new businesses have opened in our Town over the last three and a half years. Eleven of those new businesses have opened in the Port of Coeymans. Over eighteen million dollars in new assessed evaluation has been added to the tax rolls, thus easing the burden on the taxpayer. New infrastructure projects have been completed while keeping the budget for the last four years under the State Tax Cap. All of this makes our town open and welcoming to new residents and businesses. Our parks have been improved, and we are working on building new permanent restroom facilities at Joralemon and Coeymans Landing Park in the future.

We are going through a revaluation of property, which will ensure that all in town are paying their fair share, therefore easing more of the tax burden on homeowners. Our cash flow is being controlled, our bills are being paid on time, and the Town is in excellent shape right now. We must continue these good fiscal policies and keep spending under control or we could easily fall back into the financial difficulty that I inherited four years ago.

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My plans for the future are to keep spending and taxes down, bringing responsible businesses to the Town of Coeymans, while keeping in mind that we must protect our environment now and for future generations.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Time – 9:05am

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk