

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**
February 25, 2025– Town Board Workshop– 6:00pm

A Town Board Workshop was held Thursday, February 25, 2025 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen Donnelly, Supervisor
Michael J. Stott, Deputy Supervisor
Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member
Linda S. Bruno, Council Member
Ronald Hotaling, Council Member

Absent:

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk

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.

Workshop Discussion:

Town Hall-Council member Stott and Schmitt both sat in on calls with Laberge and MJ Engineering regarding their proposals. MJ is \$79,500 and Laberge is \$18,500 the board is looking for the difference between to quotes. The construction of corridor which allows access to bathrooms is in the MJ plan but not in Laberge. MJ has included painting and new floors and consisted of a more finished look. Laberge didn't include that but said it would be easy to incorporate. Council member Schmitt stated the two biggest differences are the lack of retro fitting and the corridor construction in the Laberge proposal. Discussion was held amongst the board as to what the definition of "retro-fitting" is to each of them. This definition will be clarified by the engineers. Supervisor Donnelly was under the impression both companies are aware of what is required and he feels there is no ambiguity in the two proposals. Council member Stott suggested to take down some questions to bring back to the engineers and hopefully get answers in time to make a decision on Thursday. Council Member Schmitt read the scope from Laberge. Supervisor Donnelly asked Council member Stott to take the lead on addressing the questions with the engineers, he accepted. Council member Stott had asked both companies what the timeline was looking like and both were in the ballpark of 6 months. MJ has included several meetings for communication during the project. Both companies are trying to maintain a budget that would comply with Wick's Law. Council member Stott inquired what will happen with the area the police were initially. Supervisor Donnelly stated he was considering a Laserfiche printer specific area. All are in agreement that the first step is to get the administrative offices settled and then focus on the police and court. Council member Stott asked if records could be in the garage areas. They could be but it would need to be climate controlled. It was asked if there is enough room for a meeting room and is there access to all departments for the public. All board members agree they want a minimalist scope of work but there is no overall agreed upon vision. It was agreed upon that another department head walk through should be done. Council member Stott will forward the questions to Laberge. Council member

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Bruno pointed out the plans for MJ were done by an engineer and the Laberge plans were done by an architect which represents two different views.

Liberty PILOT:

The board discussed the language in section 3 regarding payment disbursement and agreed to follow up with the town attorney. The board agreed to wait until Thursday to proceed with the resolution.

FAST NY Grant:

Representatives will be present at the March 13, 2025 board meeting. The Clerk asked if there will be additional advertising to make the community aware. The board agreed there should be. Supervisor Donnelly stated it will be on the website. Council member Stott stated he needed to hear from all the players involved. Council member Hotaling stated he had questions about the managing of the project, He feels the town should have some stake in the overall management to make sure our needs are being met as a town and align with comprehensive plan.

Future grant ideas were discussed as well. Council member Bruno is concerned about summer employment for the youth and feels Coeymans Landing could be better utilized. Council member Bruno stated we do not capitalize on our history enough. Supervisor Donnelly mentioned the tall ships which will be coming through Coeymans during the 250th. Supervisor Donnelly will be reaching out to BOCES to discuss future grants. Council member Bruno feels we should capitalize on our history

Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member Donnelly and Seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0– SO MOVED 7:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Candace McHugh, Town Clerk