

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday February 27, 2025 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravana, New York

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

Absent: Linda S. Bruno, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk
Richard Reilly, Town Attorney
Daniel D. Baker, Superintendent of Highways
Jason Chmielewski, Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer
Marc Tryon, Chief of Police
Keith Geraldson, Chief Sewer Plant Operator

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 with the exception of Council member Bruno

Announcements:

- Expert Encounters- Environmental protection specialist @ RCS Library 3/4/25 6:30pm
- RCS HS Drama Production "Mean Girls" takes place the weekend on 3/7/25
- Harlem Wizards vs RCS Staff Basketball game at RCS HS 3/18/25 6pm
- State of the Town read by Supervisor Donnelly:

State of the Town-2024: Coeymans' Strategic Plan for Sustainable Growth

In the spirit of true transparency and communication, this administration's approach to aligning the Town of Coeymans with its history, its Comprehensive Plan, and its economy in order to foster viable growth is outlined here.

Every decision we make is guided by the rule of law to ensure fairness, consistency, and accountability—no special privileges, just good governance.

Before I discuss our progress, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the people who make Coeymans a strong and vibrant community.

- **To my fellow town officials**—your leadership and dedication help guide our town forward.
- **To our first responders—our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel**—your service and sacrifice do not go unnoticed. We are deeply grateful for the safety and security you provide.
- **To our local business owners, educators, and community volunteers**—your hard work and commitment make Coeymans a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

- **To our county and state representatives**—your advocacy helps secure resources and opportunities for our community.
- **And most importantly, to the residents of Coeymans**— we thank you for your engagement, passion, and trust. It is an honor to serve you, and I look forward to continuing our work together for a secure future.

This strategic plan was created with the help of all the people I just thanked. This is not a one-man show, it takes all of us to envision our town's progress.

I would also like to thank the Board members before us, and their work creating the Town of Coeymans Comprehensive Plan. The Comp Plan was and is our guide moving Coeymans forward. Within the Comp Plan are lists of Coeymans' assets and liabilities, and that information directed us to the first issue that needed to be addressed on day one:

Issue #1: Strengthening Communication to Build Community

The Challenge: the lack of coordinated communication with the Village, RCS District, local businesses, and residents.

Our Solution: Open lines of communication with all entities to foster collaboration, and cooperation, to secure resources, and mitigate liabilities.

The practical execution and results:

- **Newly designed Town of Coeymans website** to improve accessibility to town government and further transparency.
- **Collaboration with the Village:** Town and Village residents now share the Village Pool, strengthening our sense of community.
- **Revival of old traditions:** Together in the Friendship Festival and Christmas Parade.
- **Improved negotiations:** Water and sewer discussions progress smoothly and respectfully.
- **Collaboration with RCS District: Our Volunteer Forum in Partnership** with RCS students and parents to support and discuss community initiatives was a great success.
- **In the Discovery Camp program:** Youth Employment was secured in the budget with community support.

Outcome: The Town of Coeymans now operates at a higher capacity thanks to restored and strengthened relationships and communication with our neighbors.

In coordination, we had to address:

Issue #2: Focus spending and improve financial planning

The Challenge was the town budget funds needed to be secured with proactive, strategic planning, and correct the overestimation in budget lines to free up funds.

Our Solution was to Conduct a full review of previous financial spending to cut waste, and correct mistakes.

What that meant practically:

- **Reverse the Hillcrest Church purchase:** The Town Board reversed this plan to relocate Town Hall in an impractical location and building, saving **millions of dollars** and recovering a **\$10,000 contractual fee**.
- **Long Energy Appeal:** this avoidable lawsuit wasted nearly **\$100,000 in taxpayer money**, moreover, the town had to defend itself from a demand to pay attorney's fees, wasting more tax payer dollars.
- **We also probed into alleged unlawful contracts:** Questionable agreements were scrutinized to be judged on legal merits, to protect town resources.

Outcome: By eliminating these financial pitfalls, we prevented our town from sinking into financial instability and unnecessary division.

As these two issues were being addressed we began on the third:

Issue #3: Reinvesting in our future

The Challenge: Little to no investment due to budget mismanagement.

Solution: Review each department's fixed assets, assess strengths and weaknesses, and create an investment plan to maximize resources and revenue.

What that meant practically is we had to create:

- **A streamlined and cost-effective budget for 2025.**
- **Participation in NYCLASS (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System)**—which allowed the town to invest safely while increasing revenue. This resulted in:
 - **A 1,118% increase in revenue** from 2024 as compared to 2023.

To clarify the 1,118% increase was for 4 months – September to December – in 2024 (\$85,000), compared to all 12 months of 2023 (\$6,000). We expect much larger numbers in 2025.

Outcome: Cutting waste allowed us to reinvest in our town's growth without raising taxes.

Issue #4: Economic Development

The Three-Part Strategy for the foundation of Growth:

1. **A full-time Supervisor** working daily in coordination with town officials, appointees, and employees to execute our plans for communication, cooperation, fiscal responsibility, and investment.
2. **A centralized local government:** Our new **Town Hall on Route 9W** offers an ideal location without monthly rent, interest payments, or tax increases. And this centralized location will enhance government efficiency and demonstrate to potential investors the organized and well-ordered support they will receive when investing in Coeymans.

3. **Small business support:** We've fostered transparency and trust, inviting businesses to reach out when in need of support and cooperation. Working closely with the **RCSCBA**, we continue to raise the profile of local, and family-owned businesses.

Another important, yet overlooked, part of the Economic Development in the Town of Coeymans is our history: investing in our rich culture and history should really be at the top of this list. To move forward, it is essential to know our past:

- Together with the **Ravena Coeymans Historical Society**, we are working to raise the profile of our rich town history by coordinating events and preserving historical markers.
- And our support of the **Alcove Preservation Society** helped secure a **\$15,000 grant for the Chimney Capital Project at Valley Paper Mill Park**.
- These types of projects are essential to preserving our local history.

Issue #5: A safer Community Through Law Enforcement

- Coeymans law enforcement officials are at the forefront of the safety and security of our town. Nothing could be more important than for every citizen to feel, and be, safe in their community. Our administration has increased the Coeymans Police Department budget 34% to ensure every call continues to be answered, and all officers are safe in their duties, and using reliable equipment.
- This Department funding has resulted in more full-time, on-duty officers, and new cruisers upfitted with the modern communication, and shield protection in every patrol car for our Coeymans officers.
- We did all this without an increase in tax.
- And to make our parks safer, we have cameras installed at the Riverfront Park, and Joralemon Park.

Issue #6: Infrastructure & Public Services

- **\$500,000 USDA grant** being secured for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, with potential for an additional **\$2–\$3 million in funding**.
- **Flood mitigation efforts on Route 143 and Stanton Road**, in coordination with our hard-working Highway Department.
- **Expansion of high-speed internet** via MidHudson Fiber Optics to **Lindskoog Road** is complete, and residents will be getting information on how to contact for high speed installation in the next week or two. And, according to MidHudson Fiber, our more rural residents on Carr Rd are projected to have high speed installation in the next 18 months.
- And by creating a relationship with Liberty Housing, we are moving toward the renovation of a beloved historic building on Civill Avenue, and the protection and safety of much needed senior housing in our town. Liberty has also indicated an interest in the creation of future buildings to provide our most vulnerable residents with homes to live for decades to come.

This is not an exhaustive list by any means, but I saved our most important issue for last:

Managing Truck Traffic

The challenge of high truck traffic has been affecting the quality of life and business investment in our town and village for decades. However, we are working on a solution by working directly with industries and state/local offices to develop mitigation strategies.

Protection of our living space is at the very top of our 2025 list. And we are optimistic that with the productive discussions underway to **balance industry needs with residential concerns**, we will be able to ensuring safe, livable neighborhoods for our children and their children.

We believe the Key to Success is Trust & Accountability

At the heart of all our initiatives is **trust**—trust in the rule of law, in responsible governance, and in our community.

- We trust our department heads to effectively run their departments.
- We trust in **open communication, sound financial management, and smart investments** to strengthen our town.
- Most importantly, we trust **our neighbors**—because trusting each other is what makes us a community.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you. I look forward to continuing our progress together.

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were approved:

-February 13, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the minutes for February 13, 2025 Town Board Meeting and Council member Stott seconded the motion.

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

Department Reports

Supervisor Report – January 2025 report read by Supervisor Donnelly

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

Discussion: Council member Schmitt asked why the town wide balance was negative. Supervisor Donnelly stated money was moved over to cover expenses. Supervisor Donnelly said he will ask the business manager for further detail. The Supervisor explained the negative balance is what is shown in the business journals which alerts the Business Manager to transfer funds.

Town Clerk Report – January 2025 Report read by Town Clerk Candace McHugh

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Hotaling made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Donnelly. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS – ABSENT 1– SO MOVED

Police Department Report – January 2025 Report read by Police Chief Marc Tryon

Motion to Accept the Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1– SO MOVED

Building Department – January 2025 Report read by Jason Chmielewski

Motion to Accept Reports

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the reports as read, seconded by Council member Schmitt. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1– SO MOVED

Discussion: Council member Schmitt asked if this month was on par with last January. Jason stated January is typically slow but this January is comparable to last years.

Sewer Department Report – January 2025 Sewer Department Report was read by Keith Geraldson

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1– SO MOVED

Discussion: Keith expressed concern over the UV system and the lift stations. He wants to make sure they are still on the board's minds. The overall sewer process was discussed and Keith offered a tour to any council members to see the process in action.

Highway Department Report- January 2025 Highway Department Report was by Highway Superintendent Dan Baker

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1– SO MOVED

Liaison Reports – Council member Hotaling

New Business:

Finke Water Cooperation: Karen Moginowski from Bohler Engineering spoke on behalf of Finke Equipment who would like to establish a water line through the Town of Bethlehem for their Coeymans property. The company owns parcels in Coeymans and Bethlehem. According to the Bethlehem Water District they can create an out of district water hookup. Ms. Moginowski stated an engineering report will be created but all agreements and plans must go through Coeymans to Bethlehem. All leg work will be done by the owner and engineers. The Town Attorney offered to reach out to Bethlehem for specifics on needed documents.

Resolution # 053-25 Hiring of Part Time Detective Cross

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Coeymans Police Department continues to seek qualified Police Officers with specialized skills to address the needs of the Department; and

WHEREAS, a part time position within the department exists for a skilled Detective in order to assist with the management and processing of case investigations, evidence and training needed for court presentations, prosecutions, evidence destruction and the furtherance in criminal cases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Coeymans does hereby authorize the hiring of James Cross as part-time Detective for the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

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

Discussion: Council member Schmitt asked for the rate of pay in which the Chief explained will follow the format in the agreement regarding expertise.

New Discussion regarding the Engineer proposals which were reviewed in a workshop on February 25th. Council member Stott reached out to the firms with additional questions which came up during the workshop. The following questions were asked of Laberge and answered:

1. In the drawing you received, there is a corridor are you aware it and is it included in the price? Answer: Yes
2. Are you aware that the Police are not a part of this building? Answer: Yes, it was left in the plan as an oversight,
3. Can we have a rough estimate of engineering pans for the building? Answer: He was going to visit the building department for hard copies and obtain CAD copies of files if available and they would be the baseline for the plans. This is included in the pricing.

4. Does their price include new paint and floors for uniformity? Answer: This was not included in the scope of services they received but would be an easy upfit. The price given was only for the areas under construction to be painted.
5. Will local Laberge employees be available to speak with the Town since Mr. Clark is located in Central NY? Answer: Mr. Clark said he is always available by phone and Laberge can accommodate.

Supervisor Donnelly stated the Laberge Proposal is \$18,500 addressing the minimal construction needed. The MJ Proposal is \$79,500 which includes detailed plumbing, electrical plans among others. The Supervisor feels these plans are unnecessary for the minimal work needing to be done and thinks it would be fiscally irresponsible to choose MJ Engineering. Supervisor Donnelly strongly recommends the board to choose Laberge as it aligns with the minimal scope given. Mr. Clark (Laberge) stated he would walk the building with the department heads and then create drawings from the walk throughs. The project manual would be presented to the board. An additional stake holders meeting will be held after the initial presentation to discuss everyone's level of safety and comfort in the new space.

Council member Schmitt spoke in favor of MJ Engineering as he has worked with them on several town projects. He stated the lesser proposal is not necessarily the best for the town and his not comfortable with the Laberge quote.

Council member Hotaling asked if it would be irresponsible to have plans that do not include plumbing, and electrical plans. Superintendent Baker agreed these plans are necessary. Council member Hotaling stated he wants to make sure it is done right and isn't comfortable with the minimalism of Laberge's proposal. Council member Schmitt feels he can clearly tell what MJ Engineering is going to provide. Supervisor Donnelly feels both companies are offering the same services overall. Council member Stott feels Laberge is the better option, if the board isn't happy with their services other engineering firms can be considered for future projects. Council member Hotaling stated the picture the firms currently have are going to change as the absence of the police is not being represented at this time. Council member Stott believes its worth a chance to choose Laberge and their 40 years of expertise.

Keith Geraldson asked if there was going to be protection such as bullet proof walls and glass for those meeting the public. He doesn't feel this is being considered. Council member Stott said that they aren't to that point yet but there will be a discussion regarding the safety needs. The Supervisor feels more discussion is needed and the companies presenting the proposals should be asked to come in to talk. Council member Schmitt does not feel this is necessary.

A Motion was made by council member Stott to table the resolutions regarding the Laberge and MJ Engineering proposals at this time, which was seconded by Supervisor Donnelly- **APPROVED**
- VOTE - AYES 2- NAYS 2 - ABSENT 1- - **No motion has been passed.**

Resolution # 054-25 Authorize Liberty PILOT

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans (the "Town") desires to encourage a sufficient supply of adequate, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations properly planned for senior citizens with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, Civill Housing Development Fund Company, Inc., a New York Private Housing Finance Law Article XI New York Private Housing Finance Law corporation and a New York not-for-profit corporation (the "Housing Development Fund Company"), and Civill Senior Housing Associates, L.P., a New York limited partnership (the "Partnership"), have identified a certain improved parcel of real property, located at 8 Civill Avenue, Town of Coeymans, County of Albany, State of New York (the "Property"), for the purpose of redeveloping on the Property as a housing project for senior citizens of low income to be commonly known as Civill Senior Housing, said project to consist of: (i) the acquisition of the Property; (ii) the rehabilitation of the improvements thereon which currently comprises 28 units of housing for senior citizens of low income (the "Improvements"); and (iii) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Property and the Improvements, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the HDFC was formed for the purpose of providing residential rental accommodations for senior citizens of low-income; and

WHEREAS, the HDFC has fee title to the Property, as nominee for the Partnership, and has, or will, convey its equitable and beneficial interests in the Property to the Partnership in furtherance of the development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the HDFC's and the Partnership's plan for the use of the Property constitutes a "housing project" as that term is defined in the Private Housing Finance Law of the State of New York ("PHFL"); and

WHEREAS, the HDFC is a "housing development fund company" as the term is defined in Section 572 of the PHFL and Section 577 of the PHFL authorizes the Members of the Town Board to exempt the Project from real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the HDFC is a general partner of the Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership and the HDFC are willing to enter into a PILOT Agreement whereby they will make annual payments in lieu of taxes to the Town as set forth in the PILOT Agreement presented to this Town Board for approval, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Town Board hereby exempt the Project from real property taxes to the extent authorized by Section 577 of the PHFL and approve the proposed PILOT Agreement among the Town, the Partnership and the HDFC, in substantially the form presented at this meeting, providing for annual payments as set forth in such agreement; and be it

FUTHER RESOLVED, that certain Host Benefit Agreement dated as of November, 2020, by and between the HDFC and Town is hereby terminated inasmuch as it is being replaced by the proposed PILOT Agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Supervisor of the Town is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing PILOT Agreement on behalf of the Town; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly elected Clerk of the Town of Coeymans (the "Town"), hereby certifies that the attached is a true, correct and complete copy of certain resolutions unanimously adopted by the Town Board Members of the Town on February 27, 2025, and such resolutions have not been modified, amended or repealed and are in full force and effect as of the date hereof.



Name: Candace McHugh
Title: Town Clerk

Resolution # 055-25 Approved the February 2025 Abstract

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for February 2025, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS – 24000073 to 24000083; 25000061 to 25000119 and from the following funds:

General	\$ 1,192,632.44
Part Town	\$ 23,839.40
Highway – Part Town (DB)	\$ 64,042.29
Sewer	\$ 28,327.61
Trust & Agency	\$ 52,600.18

VOUCHER NUMBERS – 24000084 to 24000090; 25000120 to 25000150; 25000152 to 25000166; and 25000168 to 25000213 from the following funds:

General	\$ 663,694.60*
Part Town	\$ 2,871.68
Highway (DA)	\$ 44,772.60
Highway-Part Town (DB)	\$ 43,732.96
Sewer	\$ 56,337.86
TA-Fund	\$ 0.00

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 2,172,851.62*

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

Discussion: 2 vouchers were being pulled from the general fund total. These vouchers are 2500167 to Roland J Down and 250151to Kathode Ray Media. The numbers above portray the amended proper totals.

The Supervisor stated the vouchers pulled did follow the procurement policy and asked why they were pulled. Council member Schmitt stated he did not remember a conversation approving the mail chimp service only a discussion. Council member Stott understands the concept but would like to review the details. Supervisor Donnelly stated Roland J Downes serviced the building for 30 years and is familiar with the building. Council member Schmitt stated he would prefer a local company be considered for the service of this building. The Supervisor is surprised his department isn't allowed to run itself as it sees fit as other departments are. Council

member Hotaling feels a local business should be considered as it was mentioned in the Supervisor's State of the Town Address. Council member Stott understands why Roland J. Down was chosen but does feel local companies should have been offered the chance to bid. The Supervisor referenced the resolution stating he can make day to day decisions. The Town Clerk asked who signed the voucher, what department it was billed to and who runs that department. Supervisor Donnelly signed the voucher which was billed to Town Hall which is a department the Superintendent of Highways manages, not the Supervisor's Office. Supervisor Donnelly said he would have to look into this. Council member Schmitt stated this could have been alleviated if an email had gone out to the board for communication.

Public Comment:

George McHugh lives on Lawson Lake Road. He gave his condolences to the Stott family on their recent loss. Mr. McHugh asked if Mr. Baker gets a stipend to handle the facilities and asked if HVAC contracts should be given to him to handle. Mr. McHugh asked if Mr. Reilly is paid by the hour, the answer is primarily yes. Mr. McHugh explained the board has mechanisms within the code and can ask Mr. Finke to pay for the services our attorney provides so tax payer dollars aren't used. Mr. McHugh stated the Supervisor mentioned earlier the \$61,000 potentially saved in engineering costs could be used for a sewer pump. Mr. McHugh reminded the board that those funds cannot come in such a way.

He reviewed previous quotes by Supervisor Donnelly such as the streamlining and centralizing of Town Hall. Mr. McHugh stated this has come no closer to happening, many workers are still in a contaminated building and the building purchased is inadequate to hold all departments. Supervisor Donnelly had stated he would address truck traffic immediately upon entering office. Mr. McHugh stated Lafarge has abandoned their DEC application for a new road on 101 and has not upheld their end of the bargain. He feels the board needs to take the steps to limit truck traffic on Mountain Road Extension as well. Mr. McHugh quoted Supervisor Donnelly stating his support of small business development will be his highest priority. Mr. McHugh brought forth the Roland J. Downes contract and acknowledged the fact the board wasn't aware of this decision. Mr. McHugh referenced the resignation of Ethics Board member Heather Collins which was given in August of 2024. He pointed out that this position still has not been filled.

Barbara Tanner asked if all the board members get the same papers. She asked why Council member Schmitt picks up errors but not the rest of the board. Council member Stott stated yes, they all get the same papers. Mrs. Tanner asked how much was initially invested in NYCLASS. Supervisor Donnelly feels it is in the range of 4 million dollars. She asked why these funds aren't being used to fix the left station pumps. Supervisor Donnelly stated the engineers are researching the best options at this time.

James Rarick from local company C&M Mechanical came to speak about the contract awarded to an out of town vendor. He stated he does not expect to be handed contracts by the town but he does expect the opportunity to bid on them fairly. He reviewed the contract given by Roland J. Down. He stated the town of Coeymans paid C&M Mechanical \$890 last year for calls and even did troubleshooting over the phone in order to save the town money. He stated that money went

right back to local businesses and help supported local events. The money paid to Roland J Down would go to Texas. His business supports other local businesses within town and would expect the town to do the same. Mr. Rarick asked why the outside company was chosen. Supervisor Donnelly stated they were familiar with the building and recommended by the seller. Mr. Rarick gave a rough draft to the board of what the Roland J Down contract included and what a contract from his company would have included. H urged the board to consider their local companies.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member Donnelly and Seconded by Council member Stott- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED 8:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Candace McHugh, Town Clerk