

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS**  
**October 9, 2025– Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, RAVENA, New York**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sherle Slingerland, Deputy Town Clerk  
Richard C. Reilly, Town Attorney

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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

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**Announcements:**

- 10/10/25 Early Dismissal RCS K-12
- 10/13/25 Indigenous Peoples Day: town Offices Closed

**Approval of Minutes:** The following minutes were approved:

-September 25, 2025 Town Board Minutes

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the minutes for September 25, 2025 Town Board Meeting and Council member Stott seconded the motion.

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

**Old Business:**

-Verkada Proposal: Verkada is a security company and proposals were handed out to the board. RCSHS currently uses this company. This is a hybrid cloud model with a 30-day retention and then it is stored to a cloud system. Council member Schmitt asked how this came up. Supervisor Donnelly stated Verkada reached out to the town and this is something that should be considered during the construction process according to the engineers. Adirondack Cable and Security are a partner with Verkada and specialize in running the cables needed for renovations and construction. The system comes with a 10-year warranty, unlimited users, free software upgrades and 24/7 technical support based in the U.S. Adirondack Cable is a NYS licensed OGS contractor. Verkada is being submitted to be considered as a state contract as well. Council member Stott asked if this price included both Adirondack and Verkada. This price does include both companies.

New Town Office Update: Supervisor Donnelly stated demolition is occurring at this time. The Supervisor stated a conversation has started for phase 2 and the board is contemplating using the old plans from MJ Engineering as a base plan for the police and courts. This would be located

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on the same property as the new town hall. Council member Stott is in favor of this plan. He stated 70 Main Street which is currently occupied by the County Sheriff has been looked at as well as an option for police. Council member Schmitt reminded the board a meeting room will be necessary

Truck Traffic Update: The Supervisor stated recent discussions with the Village, Amrize and Heidelberg have been productive. The group is working on a potential road maintenance agreement. He was happy to see so many in attendance regarding this topic.

UV Treatment at Waste Water Treatment Plant: Keith Geraldsen stated the Village confirmed the installation of the System.

**New Business:**

Agritourism Presentation: 880 Bridge St is owned by Michell and Marc Dorsey. Mrs. Dorsey gave a presentation on her vision for the multi-purpose space and the agritourism concept. She is hoping to have the term Agritourism added to the code to help diversify farming. Tom Gallagher from the Cornell Cooperative Extension spoke in regards to agritourism and explained the concepts. Council member Schmitt clarified that this presentation was an attempt to circumvent the current appeal they have with the PB/ZBA. Mrs. Dorsey stated it was not, this was suggested by her attorney to share information about agritourism. Council member Schmitt thanked her for her presentation.

**Resolution # 136-25 Appoint Town Prosecutor**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is desirous of appointing a Town Prosecutor to prosecute matters on behalf of the Town in the Coeymans Justice Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Aline Galgay, Esq. to serve as Prosecutor for Town related matters,

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effective October 10, 2025 and for the remainder of 2025 calendar year, at a pro-rated annual rate of \$14,000, generally payable by monthly voucher submissions, as follows:

\$5,500 per year – Traffic tickets issued by the Town of Coeymans Police Officers to the Town of Coeymans Justice Court.

\$5,500 per year – Traffic tickets issued by the New York State Police and the Albany Albany County Sheriff's Office to the Town of Coeymans Justice Court.

\$3,000 per year - Town Code/Penal Law trial matters.

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

**Resolution # 137-25 Authorize 9w Capital Fund**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>5</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board (the “Board”) of the Town of Coeymans recently purchased real property located at 2524 U.S. Route 9W, RAVENA, New York (the “Property”), to allow for the relocation of Town Hall offices to a suitable location that provides adequate space and public access; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property requires necessary upgrades and improvements prior to the Property being used for Town Hall facilities (the “Project”), which upgrades and improvements are reflected in the plans for the Project that have been prepared by Laberge Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated maximum cost for the Project is reflected in a bid received from AOW Construction, LLC in the amount of \$205,668.00 (the “Capital Project Cost”); and the Town maintains certain capital reserves that can be used for the upgrades and improvements to the Property to cover the Capital Project Cost; and

**WHEREAS**, as of December 31, 2024, \$748,765.00 was held in the Town Hall Capital Reserve and has been accruing interest in NYCLASS to date.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1.1. The Town Board of Town of Coeymans hereby establishes the Route 9W Town Hall Retrofit Project and hereby establishes a “9W Renovation Capital Fund” for the Project.
- 1.2. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen Donnelly to transfer \$250,000.00 from the existing Town Hall Capital Reserve to a newly created 9W Renovation Capital Fund H-50.
- 1.3. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen Donnelly to amend the 2025 Budget as depicted below for the budget year 2025:

### Increase Appropriations

Increase Appropriations (A) 960 – Transfer to Capital Fund \$250,000.00

### Increase Appropriated Reserve

(A) 511 – Capital Reserve \$250,000.00

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

Discussion: Council member Schmitt asked how long this money has been in NYCLASS. Supervisor Donnelly believes it has been about 11 months. Council member Schmitt asked why this was never displayed on a NYCLASS report. The Supervisor suggested asking the accountant that question. Council member Schmitt asked why the amounts did not match. The Supervisor stated this was to have a buffer for potential change orders. Council member Hotaling asked if it would be on the NYCLASS going forward. Council member Schmitt asked the board to consider matching the amounts. Council member Stott felt it was better to leave it as.

## **Resolution # 138-25 Approve Ultra Violet Disinfection System**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Town Board (the “Board”) of the Town of Coeymans (the “Town”) seeks to purchase a new Ultra-Violet Disinfection System (UV System) in connection with the Town’s Wastewater Treatment System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Sewer Plant Operator has reported to the Board that Trojan Technologies (“Trojan”) is the sole manufacturer of such a UV System; and

**WHEREAS**, Trojan has offered to sell the requisite equipment for the UV System to the Town for \$31,415.90; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the current UV System is aging and has multiple failing components; and is desirous of purchasing a new UV System at the recommendation of the Chief Sewer Plant Operator; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Provision of Sewer Transmission Lines and Treatment Facilities for Use By the Village of RAVENA and Town of Coeymans, dated July 6, 2010, the Chief Sewer Plant Operator advised the Village of RAVENA of the Town’s proposed purchase of the UV System so that the Village had an opportunity to comment on same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the representations made by the Chief Sewer Plant Operator that Trojan is the sole manufacturer of the appropriate UV System; the Board determines this to be a “Sole Source” situation under the Town Procurement Policy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes the Chief Sewer Plant Operator to purchase the UV System according to the attached Quotes; and expend the total amount of \$31,415.90, to be charged against the Sewer General Fund.

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

Discussion: Council member Schmitt stated the Village would be responsible for \$23,584.43. He did not feel it was clear in the resolution that the Village would be responsible for that amount. The Town Attorney stated the Inter Municipal Agreement makes this point clear.

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**Resolution # 139-25 Authorize Workplace Violence Committee**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans previously established the need for a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (“WVPP”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the WVPP the Town established a Hazard Reduction Team (“HRT”) to administer the WVPP; and

**WHEREAS**, prior members of the HRT are no longer employed by the Town; and the Town Board wishes to ensure that the HRT is properly constituted and can effectively implement the WVPP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints the following individuals to said HRT for the balance of calendar year 2025:

Sante DeBacco (Building Department)  
Tyler Gillespie (Sewer Department)  
Stephanie Hamilton (Police Department)  
John Williams (Highway Department)  
Linda Ziegler (Payroll and Human Resources Department)

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

Discussion: Council member Schmitt asked if the board would be focusing on updating the policy now. Supervisor Donnelly stated the board has had the policy since March.

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**Resolution # 140-25 Authorize Laberge Addendum for DASNY Grant**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

**WHEREAS**, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology Program (“CREST”) has awarded a grant (the “Grant”), in the amount of \$150,000, to conduct a Coeymans Route 9 Sidewalk Engineering Feasibility Study (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans previously retained Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group, Ltd. (“Laberge”) to provide planning and engineering services to the Town; and has received a proposal dated May 30, 2025 from Laberge (the “Addenda”) to implement the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Laberge proposes to bill a flat fee for Addendum No. 2025042-1 of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 dollars (\$150,000.00), the entirety of which will be paid using funds received from the Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen Donnelly to sign the Addenda provided by Laberge.

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

Discussion: Council member Schmitt asked if it was odd that Laberge is charging the same amount as the grant. Supervisor Donnelly Stated this is the way the grant was written under the prior administration as this was the price for the feasibility study. Council member Stott said this was discussed at a joint Village meeting.

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**Resolution # 141-25 Authorize Public Hearing for the 2026 Preliminary Budget**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>5</u>		<u>5</u>		

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tentative Budget for 2026 was given to the Town Board (the “Board”) of the Town of Coeymans on September 25, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has solicited feedback on the 2026 Budget from the Town of Coeymans Department Heads, and has discussed the 2026 Tentative Budget with the Department Heads on September 3, 2025 and September 15, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has made changes to the 2026 Tentative Budget based on these discussions, and prepared and submitted a Preliminary Budget on October 9, 2025 to the Town Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby direct and authorize the Town Clerk to schedule and post a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2026 Preliminary Budget on October 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at the Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravana, New York 12143.

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

General Discussion: 3 resolutions concerning zoning terms and road weight limits were discussed at length. All of these require public hearings. Council member Hotaling stated he feels these should be spread out so the people can have an opportunity to speak about each separately.

The zoning term being discussed is transportation terminal which is used within the industrial zone and the Agricultural zone. Council member Stott would like to see definition under agricultural be specified more so to agricultural related uses and differentiate it from the Industrial definition of transportation terminal. He further explained the definition under agriculture should be for accessory uses in the RA zone. Council member Schmitt feels a workshop is necessary to further discuss this definition.

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**Resolution # 142-25 Local Law 1 of 2025 – Zoning Definitions- Public Hearing**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronald J. Hotaling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
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I, Council member Stott offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is considering adoption of a Local Law entitled “Proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025,” to amend Town Code, Chapter 165-Zoning, Section 165-3, entitled “Definitions,” to add a new definition for “Agricultural-Related Transportation Terminal,” and to clarify that such “Agricultural-Related Transportation Terminal” is permitted as an Accessory Use in the Residential and Agricultural (R-A) District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, the proposed action is a Type I Action requiring State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby designates itself as the Lead Agency in the consideration and review of proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025, pursuant to SEQRA, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.6; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025 and conduct an environmental review thereof on November 13, 2025 at 6:00p.m., at the Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, RAVENA, New York 12143; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are directed to prepare such notice, publication and referral as required by law.

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

Discussion: Council member Schmitt is not in favor of the idea of seeing a public hearing before having a workshop. Council Member Hotaling feels a workshop is necessary as well.

**A Motion was made** to have a workshop on October 16, 2025 at 5pm by Council Member Stott, which was seconded by Supervisor Donnelly, all were in favor.

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**Resolution # 143-25 Authorize Public Hearing on Weight restriction Changes – Version 1**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>5</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is considering adoption of a Local Law entitled “Proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025,” to amend Town Code Chapter 156, Article VI “Weight Restrictions,” to eliminate a weight restriction on Jarvis Road North; and add a restriction to Limekill Road and a portion of Mountain Road Extension; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, the proposed action is a Type I Action requiring State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby designates itself as the Lead Agency in the consideration and review of proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025, pursuant to SEQRA, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.6; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025 and conduct an environmental review thereof on October 23, 2025 at 6:15 p.m., at the Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, RAVENA, New York 12143; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are directed to prepare such notice, publication and referral as required by law.

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

Discussion: Council member Schmitt doesn't feel like moving the truck traffic back to Jarvis Road North by lifting weight restrictions is the way to go about this issue. Council member Schmitt asked why the Highway Superintendent wasn't invited to a recent meeting between the municipalities and the main business players and if Amrize had any suggestions. Supervisor Donnelly said both Amrize and Heidelberg are willing to work on the truck issue. It was suggested the businesses should be invited to the public hearing.

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**Resolution #144-25 Authorization of Public Hearing on weight Restriction Changes – Version 2**

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronald J. Hotaling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
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I, Council member Donnelly offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is considering adoption of a Local Law entitled “Proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025,” to amend Town Code Chapter 156, Article VI “Weight Restrictions,” to eliminate a weight restriction on Jarvis Road North; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, the proposed action is a Type I Action requiring State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby designates itself as the Lead Agency in the consideration and review of proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025, pursuant to SEQRA, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.6; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year and conduct an environmental review thereof on October 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at the Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Rensselaer, New York 12143; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are directed to prepare such notice, publication and referral as required by law.

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

Discussion: Council member Hotaling also expressed concern over the Highway Superintendent not being involved in the meeting. The Supervisor stated it was his obligation to facilitate the conversations with parties and the Highway Superintendent's obligation is to provide technical advice to the town board and residents. The town Attorney stated the initial draft of this local law was circulated with the town board and the highway Superintendent back in May along with a road maintenance agreement. Council member Stott stated it was an initial meeting just to get the ball rolling.

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**Public Comment:**

Patricia Grogan of 134 Cedar Grove Road: Mrs. Grogan stated she finds this disheartening. She feels the board needs discussions before making up laws and feels Mr. Baker should have been invited to the meeting pertaining the weight restrictions. Mrs. Grogan also stated there is a PB/ZBA Public Hearing on October 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding the Appeal from the Dorsey's. She stated the PB/ZBA was never presented with an agritourism project, they were provided with plans for a wedding venue in a residential area.

Bruce Parker of Bushendorf road: Mr. Parker took pictures of North Jarvis Road he is willing to share with the board of Jarvis Road North. He said the road is tight and has safety issues. The town invested in paving the road but it is not engineered to uphold the weight of the trucks therefore he is against the restrictions.

Carol VanDusen of Deer Mountain Road: She congratulated Mr. Stott on his comment about meeting with the industrial companies. She feels it is necessary to have a relationship between the town and the industrial companies. She described a few instances of close calls she herself has had on Jarvis Road North. Mrs. VanDuzen feels the trucks should be redirected off of these roads.

Supervisor Donnelly stated Amrize and Heidelberg was amendable to making Jarvis Road North wide and robust enough to handle the truck traffic from the quarry entrance to 101.

Kjeld VanDusen lives on the end of North Jarvis. He does not feel these trucks belong on our roads. He suggested a conveyor system to an alternate location.

Council member Schmitt asked when the contract is up between Amrize and Heidelberg to remove overburden.

Stacey Gordon of 178 Bushendorf Road: She feels there are several concerns that she does not feel are being taken into consideration, Safety being the first one. She stated the road is narrow for the size of the trucks coming through. Mrs. Gordon stated the Highway Superintendent has spent countless hours coordinating resources, including funding and to remove the weight limit would undermine the hard work of the highway superintendent.

Keith Traver of Bushendorf Road: Mr. Traver said he has sent an email and pictures to the board expressing his concerns on potentially lifting the weight limits.

Jameson Parker of Bushendorf Road: Mr. Parker stated this is a town road, not a county road and doesn't have a solid base or sidewalks. He believes allowing trucks back on these roads would destroy it. Mr. Parker stated the lease for Heidelberg ends on June 2026 and should be allowed to expire.

Lynda Geraldson of Mountain Road Extension: She stated Mr. McHugh read her letter at a meeting during the original weight limit law in which Mr. McHugh expressed Mountain Road Extension was a temporary solution. She documented 98 trucks on August 7<sup>th</sup> and contacted the board with pictures of the dust accumulating from the quarry and street sweepers. She stated the

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roads are not safe and has witnessed a town employee run a roller into a ditch due to the lack of safety on Mountain Road Extension. She is consistently contacting the NYS DEC, Amrize and Heidelberg regarding her concerns. Mrs. Geraldsen reminded the board Mr. McHugh came to a meeting and told the current board the road which was discussed coming down to 101 was now dead and that road is never going in. Mrs. Geraldsen told the board they are literally killing her and she deserves clean air. She hates that the board would open North Jarvis but doesn't feel her road should take the brunt of it. She stated Amrize is not controlling the dust coming out of the quarry in which they are obligated to control due to an order of consent. Mrs. Geraldsen stated she needs to use any avenue she can because this problem is ruining her life, and home. She wishes the board could experience the sounds, smells and dust that her road is subject to on a daily basis.

Supervisor Donnelly asked to consolidate the information we have collected to this point:

- Permit hold up from DEC and Amrize to gain access off of County route 101 at least 2-3 years out according to Amrize.
- Conveyor belt has been mentioned but feasibility is a question
- An ingress on Mountain Road extension and an egress on Jarvis Road North

Jeff Goss lives on Starr Road and property on Bushendorf. Mr. Goss stated that road cannot handle larger trucks as it has no base. He does not think there is enough space on the road for trucks, busses and cars going in both directions. He feels a conveyor belt would work. Something has to be done. Supervisor Donnelly agreed the conveyor belt is the answer most likely but the ingress/egress may be the best short-term solution. Mr. Goss said no one likes these trucks but these companies do help keep our taxes down and something needs to be done. Mr. Goss made it a point to leave work early today to make it to this meeting. He stated the ingress/egress would at least cut the traffic in half.

Doris Millet lives on Deyo Road. Mrs. Millet spoke of how her and her husband began on a campaign to have state route 143 fixed in 2009 via letter, phone and petition. She stated her consistency in contacting local and state officials helped get this finally done. Something similar could be done here.

Keith Geraldsen lives on Mountain Road Extension. He asked if certain restrictions could be put in place until projects pertaining to fixing the issue are in full swing. Council member Stott and Supervisor Donnelly agreed. Mr. Geraldsen said even more trucks than normal have been running the past few days.

Rick Robertson lives on Bushendorf Road. He asked all to agree that Jarvis Road North was never meant for this type of traffic. All were in agreement. His primary concern is safety, the road is not safe for any driver if weight limits are lifted. Mr. Roberts stated hearing the resolution stating a law was being introduced to remove weight restrictions on Jarvis Road North sounds to him like action was going to be taken. He feels if the board had stated they were

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having a public meeting to discuss solutions to our truck problems it would have much more settling to people. Seeing a resolution pass for the change is concerning to him.

Council member Hotaling stated he feels the cart was put before the horse and this conversation should have happened before a local law was drafted. Mr. Robertson stated again the fact a resolution passed introducing this local law is very concerning.

Mr. Donnelly Stated no one was entertaining the idea of trucks running down that road as it sits right now. Mr. Robertson asked him if he would be voting for such a law before the road is widened and Supervisor Donnelly stated he would not be. Mr. Robertson thanked him for placing that on record. Supervisor Donnelly reiterated these are just drafts for discussion. Council member Hotaling feels there should not be formal public hearing for this law until more discussion is had.

Supervisor Donnelly stated for the public that the Highway Superintendent was invited tonight but was not in attendance as he will be an integral part of this process.

Mr. Robertson stated they didn't need his expertise to know the road is not safe for tractor trailers.

Mrs. Traver asked why the Highway Superintendent was not invited to the meetings with Amrize and Heidelberg if his part is so important.

Supervisor Donnelly stated his responsibility is to pull these meetings together and bring the information to the Highway Superintendent.

Mrs. Traver feels having a law on the table is more than just a discussion. She asked what have you done to change the safety of the road at this time to make it safer for it to even be considered to remove the weight limit. She feels the community is coming after the fact. She asked if there is a weight restriction on Bushendorf road. Mr. Donnelly stated this would be another reason the Highway Superintendent to be here so he could answer that.

Mrs. Grogan then interjected stating Highway Superintendent was at a school function for his daughter and it was unfair to call someone out for not being here.

Mrs. Traver called the running of the meeting incompetent. She wants to hear what the board is saying and feels there should be better technology to make sure the public can hear. Mr. Stott said they could speak with IT. Mrs. Traver asked for drafts of the laws. Supervisor Donnelly stated he will email them to her. She also requested they be available to the public.

Diane Abity lives in the town of Athens and is a citizen scientist. She spoke about the health issues brought about by dust and diesel emissions as they are carcinogens. She suggested the board look into idling laws of New York State.

Lynda Geraldson spoke again regarding putting a weight limit on Mountain Road Extension if the board would not be voting on the current proposed laws. She feels Mountain Road Ext should be considered for a weight restriction at this point during the public hearing for fairness to

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the community. She is not against industry but feels it should be spread out within the community, not just one or two roads.

Jeff Goss expressed his appreciation to the board for working on this.

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**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

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Candace McHugh, Town Clerk*