

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

October 23, 2025 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday October 23, 2025 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ABSENT:

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

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.

Announcements:

- Romp & Read at the RCS Library on 10/24/25 at 10am
- Scary Movie Trivia at Rail 2 River Brewing 7pm 10/24/25

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were approved:

-October 09, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the minutes for October 09, 2025 Town Board Meeting and Council member Stott seconded the motion.

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

Department Reports

Supervisor/NYCLASS Report – September 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 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Discussion: Counsel Member Schmitt inquired as to whether the signature on the report was stamped or original. The Supervisor stated it was a stamp and they have confirmed with the comptrollers' office that a stamped signature is acceptable.

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Town Clerk Report – September 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 Bruno. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS – ABSENT – SO MOVED

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

Motion to Accept the Report

Council member Stott made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Donnelly. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Building Department – September 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 5 – NAYS – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Sewer Department Report – September 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 Bruno. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Highway Department Report – September 2025 Highway Department Report was by Dan Baker

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Stott made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Schmitt. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Liaison Reports: N/A

Old Business: An informal discussion will take place regarding potential changes to weight limits on certain roads in place of the originally scheduled public hearing. Supervisor Donnelly recounted the October 9, 2025 meeting ideas given by the audience.

Bob Jones lives on Mountain Road Ext.: Mr. Jones presented a petition to the board from those who live on Mountain Road Extension and Fuller Road. A copy was given to each board member. He stated the petition has been sent to Heidelberg, Carver Companies, and Amrize. A copy can be found attached to the minutes. Mr. Jones stated the road has gotten very dangerous as of late and has become worse since limits were put on Jarvis Road North and South. Mr. Jones stated he agrees with everything Mrs. Geraldson at the last meeting. Mr. Jones asked if there was an ending date for the overburden contract at Amrize. Supervisor Donnelly stated Amrize is under pressure to begin a fugitive dust plan by NYDEC. The Supervisor stated there are a lot of

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moving parts to this discussion. Mr. Jones said the trucks have been speeding and their houses are right on the road. This exposes them to several health hazards. He stated the citizens requested October 31st to be a feasible target date to set limits.

George McHugh lives on Lawson Lake Road. He reiterated comments made at a prior meeting and gave a history of the removal of overburden. Mr. McHugh Stated the overburden used to be placed back in the quarry and used for reclamation. Trucking of the overburden began in 2011. He stated the town roads are not engineered to handle truck traffic of this magnitude. Mr. McHugh was a part of the administration that placed weight limits on North and South Jarvis Road. He stated the board at that time never planned for the use of Mountain Road Extension to be permanent, only a temporary answer while the road to CR 101 was being built. He recommended looking into a conveyor system for the overburden or place the overburden back in the quarry as was done in the past. It is his understanding the contract for removing overburden ends in June of 2026. He recommends the board ask Amrize to not renew this contract and still place weight limits on mountain Road Extension. Council member Stott asked what happened with the road maintenance agreement Mr. McHugh proposed at that time. Mr. McHugh explained he lobbied DEC with Carver Companies and Holcim. He was no longer in office to continue this, but at the time it did seem that the 101 road would be built. Supervisor Donnelly mentioned Site Plan Review and Mr. McHugh agreed it wasn't a bad idea but first the weight restrictions need to be placed on mountain Road Extension while this is worked on. Mr. Reilly stated the town has more authority that they realize within the switching of tenants based on his interpretation of our Site Plan Review.

Patti LeFevre lives on Bushendorf Road. Mrs. LeFevre called driving on Jarvis Road to be precarious. She stated in the winter it is even more difficult once snow builds up. She feels the signage is nonexistent or ill placed for trucks to see. Mrs. LeFevre feels it is not a good idea to lift weight restrictions.

Diana Abadie lives in Athens and is in attendance on the behalf of the Clean Air Coalition. She believes it would be a good idea for the town to develop an air coalition to monitor air particulates. She was able to secure air monitors with the help of Mrs. Heinzen for other communities to develop a base line.

Lynda Geraldson lives on Mountain Road Extension. She made the board aware only 2 people including herself spoke up about local law 10. She asked why in the world anyone would think it is okay to leave her road open without weight limits. She feels the health of her family is at risk. She understands the importance of industries such as Amrize but feels her road should be given the same weight limit or all should be lifted to share the truck burden till a solution is compromised. She has sent videos to the board regarding the dust that enters her home. She feels her road is in more need of weight limits as their houses are directly on the road.

Sue Parker lives on Bushendorf road. She stated she was happy to hear about the weight limit being added to Jarvis Road. Mrs. Parker stated the local cross-country team had to stop using their road for practice due to the truck traffic. The 5pm school busses drop off in limited spots creating a dangerous walk home for many children. She referenced the gas pipe line and the

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amount of telephone poles that would need to be moved if the road was to be widened. Mrs. Parker agrees that a weight limit should be on Mountain Road Extension as well.

Kel Van Dusen lives on Jarvis Road. He feels there should be weight limits on all 4 roads mentioned. The amount of trucks running is diminishing the road surface. Mr. Van Dusen also mentioned the gas line and ledge rock will make road changes very difficult. He asked what Amrize puts back in the hole once they are done using it. He stated this problem has been going on in this community for a long time.

Kelly Halloran lives in New Baltimore. Ms. Halloran reached out to Greene County Sheriffs Office for help. She read what is in the weights and limits policy which was given to her by a stat Trooper who deals specifically with Weights and measures. Route 144 going through Coeymans and New Baltimore is considered a non-qualifying road but there are no signs or enforcement for this. The Hamlett of New Baltimore started a petition for a complete road study. She stated what we do in our community effects New Baltimore too.

Rick Connell, Jr agreed wit Mrs. Halloran. Mr. Connell asked what has happened with the washing of the trucks coming out of the quarry. Supervisor Donnelly stated this is in relation to the fugitive dust study. He asked if it can be enforced that all vehicles need to be safe to drive through town. Mr. Reilly our Town Attorney stated the police department can deal with this when adequately staffed. Mr. Connell suggested cameras. He lives on Jarvis Road South and witnesses overweight trucks down Jarvis Road South. He feels Jarvis Road South has dealt with enough after years of having a dump located on the road. Mr. Connell thinks we should get reimbursed for the paving of Jarvis Road North if trucks continue.

Nancy Warner lives on Main Street. She asked the town attorney regarding a statement that was made earlier to tell Amrize to not renew their contract for over burden removal, she asked how that is possible since they are a private company. Mr. Reilly stated a local government wouldn't have authority to prohibit a private company from entering a contract but the government could put measures in place effecting that type of decision. Mrs. Warner asked that the town consider the village and surrounding areas when making their decisions as it affects them too.

Keith Geraldson lives on Fuller Road. He stated all want a weight limit put on the roads. He said there is a tire wash at the quarry but there isn't water to it. He suggested the Town ask all companies within the Industrial Park to request their trucks use exit 23 instead of using exit 21B.

Dave MacLauchlin is the Plant Manager at Amrize read the following statement:
At Amrize, we take our responsibilities as an environmental steward very seriously and are committed to full compliance with all of our environmental and permitting regulations. As an active neighbor in the community and largest taxpayer and employer in southern Albany County, we're always striving to enhance our operations and minimize our overall impact. It's important to recognize that 100% of the limestone used in the cement production at the plant is moved from our quarry via a conveyor system that travels over County Route 101, US Route 9W, and CSX railroad tracks. The limestone used within the cement plant is transported via trucks over public highways. In addition, 90% of the cement that we produce travels to our port on the

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Hudson River via a separate conveyor system. Our products then depart the port for their eventual destination via barges, not trucks. The remaining 10% of the cement that we produce travels over the road in completely enclosed tanker-like trucks known as bulk haulers with the vast majority departing between midnight and 6 a.m. These bulk haulers do not travel on Mountain Road Extension or Main Street in Ravena. Several years ago, the plant proposed a quarry access road improvement project which we believe will have a positive impact for area residents by redirecting truck traffic away from residential areas. This project would direct truck traffic off portions of two residential roads, Jarvis Road and Mountain Road, and the villager agreement came out to existing planned roads and county roads. We strongly believe that this improvement project is a best-in-class solution that will not only address the residents' concerns about truck traffic but also preserve our commitment as a partner of choice, ensuring we continue driving economic growth locally and beyond. The Amrize Ravena is proud to contribute to the growth of Albany County, with solutions being used today in what it stood as a bridge project up in Albany, as an example, which will replace aging rail infrastructure and help modernize critical infrastructure in the region. Our proposal requires approval from the New York State DEC to upgrade existing plant-owned quarry access road to meet modern highway standards. We're essentially upgrading a road that previously existed. The DEC has not yet given the green light for this effort, though it has received the support of area residents, some of whom are here and signed a petition calling for the state to approve this effort. We stand ready to work with state and local elected officials, as well as members of the community, to ensure this important project moves forward. As mentioned, truck traffic that travels through downtown Ravena is not generated by Amrize but by other local businesses. We are committed to addressing the very valid concerns for the impacts of truck traffic, but the restrictions under consideration would impede our ability to do business, threatening both the security of local union jobs and the role of the largest property taxpayer in southern Albany County. Thank you. He also stated there will be a community advisory meeting Thursday November 13th at 8:30am in the Quarry shop.

Lynda Geraldson stated she is not willing to wait for another road to be built.

Council Member Stott asked Mr. MacLauchlin to clarify if the road to CR 101 will happen as there is conflicting comments about its possibility? Mr. MacLauchlin stated it has taken much longer than expected and it has been over four years at this time. The first permit is almost complete and the second permit has been started. There are two permits involved in this project. When asked how long the second will take, Mr. MacLauchlin stated he hopes the second permit will move faster.

Bob Jones asked Mr. MacLauchlin if there was a way to get water to wash down the trucks. Mr. MacLauchlin said he will look into it.

Council Member Stott asked Mr. MacLauchlin if the board can take a tour of the additional wash plant. He replied absolutely.

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Tracey Traver asked what changes have been made to allow the weight restrictions to be removed. Council member Stott said there would be no lifting of the restrictions at this time but they are willing to discuss road improvements with the companies that use the roads.

(A discussion occurred amongst board members and the Town Attorney interrupting Mrs. Traver; Mr. Stott apologized for the interruption). Mrs. Traver continued by stating the people in this room are family. Regardless of who is on the board next month her and the people living here will still be here. She stated she is asking all boards to enforce the safety on our roads and protect their community. She stated all the board does is fight. She wants a board to protect us and our roads.

Mrs. Geraldson referenced minutes from April 13, 2023 regarding the weight limits under new business.

Larry Roth lives on Bushendorf Road. Mr. Roth stated no one would build a road like Bushendorf today. It was built for a different era, not built for large truck traffic. He is in favor of the weight limits being posted which may quicken the pace of coming to a better solution.

Sandra Slater lives on Deer Mountain Village Road. She stated Jarvis is the only outlet from her road. She asked for clarification on what Amrize is moving. It was explained 90% goes out via rail or river and the other 10% goes out in a sealed tanker. The Town Attorney believes Amrize brought this to light in order to differentiate themselves from the majority of truck traffic. Amrize does sell the overburden to other companies who do tuck it out.

Allison Flemming lives at the base of Powell Hill. She is here to comment on the J- braking that occurs outside her home. Her and her husband work from home and the sound makes it difficult. Council member Bruno believes they were able to limit the braking in Coeymans by asking the companies for consideration.

New Business: N/A

Resolution # 145-25 Authorize October 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 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>		

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I, Council member Stott 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 October 2025, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS – 25001494 to 25001499 and 25001501 to 25001560 from the following funds:

General	\$ 171,306.19
Part Town	\$ 22,557.21
Highway – Part Town (DB)	\$ 53,419.97
Sewer	\$ 33,852.24
Trust & Agency	\$ 55,072.34

VOUCHER NUMBERS – 25001561 to 25001644 from the following funds:

General	\$ 79,190.28
Part Town	\$ 1,448.98
Highway (DA)	\$ 1,218.63
Highway-Part Town (DB)	\$ 31,202.72
Sewer	\$ 15,927.90
TA-Fund	\$ 707.00

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 465,903.46

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 about voucher 25001587 for Nearmap. There was a note that this cost would be split amongst several departments. The Supervisor said if any of the departments don't find it useful, they can walk it back. Supervisor Donnelly said he spoke to all the department heads in which Mr. Baker says he did not. Supervisor Donnelly said he would pull the email conversations regarding this. Council member Schmitt asked if we had the funds in Supervisor contractual to cover this. The Supervisor said yes there are funds.

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Resolution # 146-25 Budget Transfer (Highway)

	<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:

WHEREAS, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town of Coeymans has determined that in order to maintain proper balances within various accounts, an inter-fund transfer is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen Donnelly to transfer the funds as depicted below for the Budget Year 2025:

General Fund A

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$3,000.00	DA5130.3 Machinery Rental	DA5110.4 General repairs contractual

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

Discussion: Council member Stott asked if this amount was in reference to an email Mr. Baker sent to the board. He said yes, there was some additional paving he wished to complete and suggested using the funds in machinery rental which he did not anticipate using.

Additional Discussion: Supervisor Donnelly brought forth a resolution regarding Site Plan Review. Supervisor Donnelly felt the comments tonight all were speaking about taking action which could be done through site plan review. After a discussion on who got this resolution and when Council member Stott suggested bringing this resolution to the next meeting on November 13th, 2025. Council member Schmitt asked if this particular resolution could take effect with passing and does not need a local law. Mr. Reilly does feel this is correct from the information he has accumulated from prior minutes. Council member Schmitt asked if this could potentially bring

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litigation to the town. Mr. Reilly stated while it is always possible, he feels the town has a strong defense. Supervisor Donnelly asked if the risk can be weighed between weight limits and site plan review. Mr. Reilly feels it makes sense to pursue site plan review. The board agreed to wait till the next meeting to discuss further.

Public Comment:

William Stewart asked again about the Town building, specifically the court and police. Council member Stott explained we did get a few options from MJ Engineering. Supervisor Donnelly said that was a discussion before they realized the police building needed to be of a certain structural category which the current building does not meet. Council member Stott feel there is room to fit all the buildings on the new property.

Dan Baker asked who set the restrictions if the Site Plan Review is changed. The Planning and zoning would be up to that board with some discussion with the Building Department. He asked if there was more talk about North Jarvis Road being reconstructed. Supervisor Donnelly said he has not gotten an answer on this.

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 8:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace McHugh, Town Clerk

10/23/25
Gny

Date: October 17, 2025

From: The Residence of Fuller Road and Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY.

Subject: Excessive Truck Dust, Traffic, fumes, noise, road deterioration and pollution.

Petition: To Town of Coeyman Town Board on Truck Weight Limit on Mountain Rd. Ext. and Fuller Rd. Ravena NY

- 📧 Steve Donelly: Supervisor
- 📧 Michael J. Stott: Deputy Supervisor
- 📧 Linda S. Bruno: Council Member
- 📧 Ronald J. Hotaling: Council Member
- 📧 Stephen J. Schmitt: Council Member

Cc:

Heidelberg Materials, Carver Laraway, President, and CEO Carver Companies and Senior Management of Amrize - Holcim US Ravena NY Plant.

We, the residents of Fuller Road and Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY, have been subjected to excessive truck dust, with suspicion of Silica, speeding truck traffic, noise, road deterioration fumes, and pollution from the trucks operated by Heidelberg Materials trucks, Carver Companies truck's and other subcontracted trucks such as Troy Top Soil, Romano & Son's, WLM Trucking, Ron's Trucking, SM Gallivan Trucking and several others coming and going from Amrize-Holcim Quarry Ravena, NY.

This has been going on for over 10 of more years and has become much worse since the closing of North and South Jarvis Ravena NY. Local Law 10 must be amended to serve all the community.

Mountain Rd. Ext. and Fuller Road must have truck weight restrictions.

1. Kathy Jones 20 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Kathy Jones
2. Bob Jones 20 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Bob Jones
3. Keith Geraldson 187 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY Keith Geraldson Sr.
4. Linda Gerarldsen 187 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY Linda Gerarldsen
5. Jimmy W. Lubaszka 6 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Jimmy W. Lubaszka
6. Sean Beazley 16 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Sean Beazley
7. Susan VanAlstyne 31 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Susan VanAlstyne
8. James Williams 31 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY James Williams
9. Amanda Shader 17 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Amanda Shader
10. Dona Bruckman 24 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Dona M Bruckman
11. Tony Cacckello 24 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Anthony Cacckello
12. Dave Hoffman 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Dave Hoffman
13. Ramone Figeroa 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Ramone Figeroa
14. Russell Virginia 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Russell Virginia
15. Gary B. Shear 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY GARY B. SHEAR
16. Mrs Goreman 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Mrs Goreman
17. Madysan Hoffman 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Madysan Hoffman
18. Jim Williams 24B Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY Jim Williams
19. Susan Williams 31 Mountain Rd Ext. Ravena NY Susan Williams
20. ROBERT C. MISURACA 18 FULLER RD Ravena ROBERT C. MISURACA
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