

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
January 13, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, January 13 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18  
Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor  
Peter E. Masti, Councilman  
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman  
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman  
Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Flach opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Flach stated that the records should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

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**AGENDA**

- Presentations
  - Village of Ravena 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Public Announcement
  - Town Offices Closed, January 20, 2014, Martin Luther King Day
- Approval of Minutes
  - Public Hearing, December 9, 2014
  - Town Board Meeting, December 9, 2014
- Resolutions
  - Amend Resolution, Town Board Meeting Dates
  - Authorize C.T. Male to Prepare I&I Report for 2013
  - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Contract with Ravena Rescue Squad
  - Accept Resignation/Retirement of Part-Time Investigator
  - Amend Employee Rates
  - Amend October 2013 Abstract
  - Amend November 2013 Abstract
- Correspondence
  - E-Mail, Animal Safety During Winter
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, January 15, 2014, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, January 21, 2014, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, January 27, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session

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**PRESENTATION**

**Village of Ravena 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Supervisor Flach stated that Mrs. Cathy DeLuca and Mayor Bruno were present to give a presentation about the Village of Ravena's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and then invited them to the microphone.

Mayor Bruno thanked the Town Board for giving them their time and added that the Village of Ravena will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their incorporation and they are planning a yearlong series of activities to mark the momentous occasion because a celebration occurs like this only once in a lifetime. He continued by saying that it is important that they mark this

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anniversary properly and it is his desire that the events provide Village residents as well as their friends and neighbors to participate in the festivities and he is present to formally invite them to join in the Village celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He concluded by saying that Cathy DeLuca would bring them up to date as she is the Chairperson for the festivities and added that if anyone wants to join them in the planning they will take any and all ideas. He then invited Mrs. DeLuca to the microphone.

Cathy DeLuca introduced herself and added that she wanted to give them an overview of what they have done and continued by saying that they have pulled a Centennial Committee together and they would like to celebrate the whole community and not just the Village and a calendar will be going out in the Village Fire calendars of which Travis Whitbeck is allowing them to do. She went on by saying that the first event will be commemorating the R-C-S Community Library who will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 27<sup>th</sup> and on May 17<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of May 18<sup>th</sup>, with the help of her husband Gerry and Travis Whitbeck, they are putting together a parade and car show, which happens to be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Model-T and they are hoping to get some Model-T enthusiasts to come. She added that in June they have the Village-Wide Garage Sale, in August there will be the Train Festival in conjunction with the Town and in October, which is closest to the date of the actual incorporation, and Columbus Day weekend on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, they will close down the streets surrounding Village Hall and have a celebration with some old-time street music and food vendors. She continued by saying that October 12<sup>th</sup> is their big event and they will have a gala in a tent will be put up in the parking lot of Village Hall and they are looking at having the Georgie Wonder Orchestra, which is a wonderful group that some R-C-S teachers play in and more details will follow on this, their biggest event and they would like everyone to attend. She added that in December they will have their tree lighting and they would like to make it more than just the regular parade and tree lighting and have a Victorian Stroll and getting a choir together of all of the community churches making it special to mark the anniversary. She went on by saying that they are looking to do some other events and as they do they will come to the Town to roll them out and as the Mayor said; if anyone has any ideas or is interested in helping out they would appreciate it. She concluded by saying that they will be looking for corporate sponsorship and would love for the Town to have a float in the parade and they will be sending letters out to businesses, fire companies, churches and any other community group that they can think of and reiterated that any feedback would be appreciated and she will be sending them all of the information as well as the calendar once it is finalized as well as a formal invitation and then asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Flach stated that it sounds great and they congratulate the Village on their 100<sup>th</sup> year and that it's going to be a great year with what they have planned and he is excited for the whole town.

Councilman Burns interjected that if there is anything that the Town Board can help them with to please ask.

Mrs. DeLuca stated that she would be more than happy to take them up on the offer.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has a couple of ideas for her.

Mrs. DeLuca stated that he could get in touch with her because they are ready to roll.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mrs. DeLuca.

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Town Offices Closed – January 20, 2014**

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices would be closed on January 20<sup>th</sup> for observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> and then offered for a motion to approve them.

**MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the Town Board minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Highway Request for Full-Time Mechanic**

Supervisor Flach stated that the topic of a request for a full-time mechanic was not on the agenda but Highway Superintendent Searles had requested that they discuss his need.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that since they lost their part-time mechanic and their equipment is in desperate need of help, he is requesting a full-time mechanic and in talking with the Police Chief, they want it to be someone who will do all of the Town vehicles including police cars.

Supervisor Flach stated that as far as the budget is concerned, he has seasonal help in his budget.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he has seasonal help in the budget that he won't be using and he will put that toward the full-time mechanic and he already has money in his budget for a part-time mechanic for a full year.

Chief Darlington interjected that it is his understanding that his current part-time mechanic that works on police vehicles will remain on as a supplement.

Supervisor Flach stated that the current part-time mechanic is per-diem so it is as needed and they call him when they need something done and there is always a possibility of a need for an extra set of hands after hours if something happens. He then asked if the Town Board had any comments.

Councilman Dolan asked if it would be a union position because it is full-time.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was represented to them during the budget meetings that it would not be a full-time mechanic and then asked if he recalled the conversation.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he did recall the conversation.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was not a fan of a full-time mechanic during the budget meetings and Highway Superintendent Searles spoke with him within the last week requesting a full-time mechanic because he lost his part-time mechanic and he has said that he would bring it to the Board to see how they felt about it.

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Councilman Burns stated that his opinion is that they don't have money for new equipment and Highway Superintendent Searles showed him a great plan that really encouraged him and like the Village who has a great system in place, until they can start replacing equipment, right now they have to maintain what they have and a mechanic is worth his weight in gold, especially when there is someone there and available. He added that if something breaks during the day he can get it going again and he is a big fan of a mechanic who is the heart of it and holds everything together and if you have something that needs to be done and something breaks and there are several guys standing around waiting, if you have a good mechanic he will get you going as soon as he can and he thinks that it is a great move.

Councilman Langdon asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he was looking to eliminate some seasonal positions to off-set the cost.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was and he has two seasonal for summer and two for winter in the budget.

Councilman Dolan asked what the rate of pay was for the position.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he believes that starting pay is \$18.33 per hour.

Councilman Masti interjected that it would also include benefits.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be the first year rate per the Union Contract.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a Workshop Meeting next week and if the Board decides that it is something that he can do, it is something that needs to be posted.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it has to be posted through the union for 10 days first.

Supervisor Flach stated that there might be someone already there who would rather be a full-time mechanic and they would have the opportunity first.

Councilman Langdon asked if he was referring to current union employees.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was.

Councilman Burns inquired as to whether they have to meet certain qualifications.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they do.

Councilman Burns stated that he didn't mean to knock anyone but you have to be a mechanic and you have to know what you are doing, especially with today's technology.

Highway Superintendent Searles reiterated that it still has to be done through the union first where it has to be posted in all buildings for 10 days.

Councilman Masti inquired about advertising after that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that you can advertise after that.

Councilman Dolan stated that Supervisor Flach had said that they have a Workshop next week and then asked where he was going with his thought.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a Workshop and he didn't know if the Board would like to think about it or make a decision now and maybe they could make a motion to advertise it in house.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not have a problem with it if it is going to be a union position paid at union scale.

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Chief Darlington stated that he realizes that it is going to be under the Highway Department but he would also like to be involved with the review process because they are going to be working on police vehicles.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he does not have a problem with that.

Chief Darlington stated that he didn't think that he would.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have a problem with it and added that within the next week he will check the budget and the numbers with the benefits to make sure that there is money there and if he has any questions, he will ask Highway Superintendent Searles and the Board.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to if he is authorizing him to do it or not.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks they can offer a motion to authorize him to post the position.

Councilman Masti stated that he had a question and continued by asking if someone out there wants to go for the position and are making more per hour, will they get the same rate or will they have to start out at the mechanic's rate.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they would start out at the mechanic's rate.

Chief Darlington stated that the highway union is separate from the police union and then asked if it was going to be an issue that Terry Maddage is not a union person because he is part-time or of he would be working for every part of the Town except the Highway Department.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would not be a problem because they have had a mechanic out there that was non-union.

Chief Darlington asked if the highway union was going to have a problem with that person working on highway vehicles because he thought it was an issue in the past because Mr. Maddage was not allowed to touch highway vehicles.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would leave that up to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Chief Darlington stated that he understands that but they have a union who can sometimes supersede what the Highway Superintendent would like and this is what he is asking because he wants to make sure that Mr. Maddage, who has bailed the Police Department out for many years, isn't going to get pushed out from a union.

Councilman Masti interjected that he shouldn't because he is not going to be under Highway Superintendent Searles but rather under Chief Darlington and the Police Department.

Mr. Langdon stated that the previous part-time mechanic was not union so he does not see how they could stop it at this point.

Supervisor Flach stated that as far as he is concerned, there is not a problem and he will deal with the union if it comes up.

Chief Darlington stated that the intention that they had discussed was a central garage where everything is done in one location and not him buying five gallons of oil and Highway Superintendent Searles buying 100 and it would be for a cost savings to bulk order and things like that.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not foresee the part-time mechanic working a lot of hours.

Chief Darlington stated that they are going to have a full-time mechanic working the day shift and when the guys are out plowing, are they going to pay a full-time mechanic overtime or a

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part-time mechanic straight time to do the work on a highway vehicle. He continued by saying that he thinks this is when the union will step in and this is his concern.

Councilman Masti asked if Mr. Maddage is qualified to work on highway vehicles.

Chief Darlington stated that he works for Lafarge as a mechanic.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he is a diesel mechanic.

Chief Darlington stated that they are trying to do it as a cost savings and if they are going to be paying a full-time person overtime to come in when a truck breaks down rather than call Mr. Maddage it won't be a savings.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have not used him for highway vehicles anyway.

Chief Darlington stated that it was his understanding that the union didn't allow it and this is why he is asking.

Councilman Langdon stated that the struggle that he has with the union is that they permitted a part-time person to come in and work on the Town trucks all along and it wasn't necessarily after hours and there is already precedence in his mind that they permitted it and he thinks that they would have a bit of a discussion with the union if they wanted to fight it.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to allow Highway Superintendent Searles to advertise for a full-time mechanic position.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Highway Superintendent Searles to advertise for a full-time mechanic position at the Union's starting wage per their contract.

Councilman Langdon suggested that they add to the resolution that if within 10 days no one steps forward, he can advertise in the paper.

Collectively the Town Board agreed.

Supervisor Flach called for a vote.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #038-14 AMEND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES**

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans held its Organizational Meeting and adopted the resolution to Establish Town Board Meeting dates,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution must be amended to reflect the correct meeting dates for May 28<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby set the following dates for Town Board Meetings for 2014. Please note that the Town Board Meetings start at 7:00pm.

January 1 <sup>st</sup> (Organizational)	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	July 28 <sup>th</sup>

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January 27 <sup>th</sup>	August 25 <sup>th</sup>
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	October 14 <sup>th</sup> – Due to Columbus Day
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	October 27 <sup>th</sup>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	November 24 <sup>th</sup>
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	December 8 <sup>th</sup>
May 28 <sup>th</sup> – Due to Memorial Day	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>

**RES. #039-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE WITH C.T. MALE FOR I&I REPORT**

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the New York Department of Environmental Conservations (NYSDEC) requires the Town of Coeymans to do an Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Report based on the moratorium that occurred in the Sewer District in 2001, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans has to report to NYSDEC on an annual basis the improvements that they have made in addition to the amount of I&I Report that they have removed from the system, and

**WHEREAS**, the engineering firm of C.T. Male Assoc., P.C. has provided the service of preparing the I&I Report in the past, and the Town of Coeymans is desirous of C.T. Male Associates compiling the report for 2013,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to engage with C.T. Male Associates for the purposes of preparing an I&I Report for 2013.

Councilman Masti inquired as to if they know what is going to be charged.

Supervisor Flach stated that they charge the same each year and he wished he had included it in the resolution because he does not remember what it is. He added that they do it for the Town every year and the Town has been using them since the early 70's and it is something that they have to do because of the Consent Order.

**RES. #040-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2014**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Town is required by permitted virtue of Section 122-B of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York to provide emergency ambulance service for the purpose of treating and transporting sick and injured persons found within the boundaries to an acute care hospital, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is desirous of entering into an agreement providing such ambulance service to the Town of Coeymans pursuant to said provisions of law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravena Rescue Squad has trained and experienced personnel and is certified by the New York State Department of Health as an ambulance service, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravena Rescue Squad is desirous of furnishing emergency medical services to said Town under the terms and conditions set forth in the Emergency Medical Services Agreement, 2014,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute said Emergency Medical Services Agreement 2014 this date January 13, 2014.

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Councilman Dolan asked if there was an amount.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is under General Provisions on page 2 of the contract.

Councilman Langdon asked if it is the same amount that was in the budget.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is \$144,960.00, which is the same amount as last year.

Councilman Dolan asked if the Town is required under Section 122-b to provide it and added that he thought that 122-b gives them the authority but does not require them.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes he is correct and added that it could say rather than required by virtue it could say "permitted by virtue" and then thanked Councilman Dolan for catching the error.

**RES. #041-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME INVESTIGATOR**

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dolan, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, Investigator DeLuca has submitted his letter of resignation as part-time Investigator in the Town of Coeymans Police Department for purposes of retirement, and

**WHEREAS**, Investigator DeLuca has served the Coeymans Police Department for more than 30 years, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans would like to thank Mr. DeLuca for his years of service and the contribution he has made to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the resignation/retirement of Gerald DeLuca as part-time Investigator be accepted effective January 31, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Mr. DeLuca the best on his retirement.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Dolan to read Mr. DeLuca's letter of resignation.

Dear Chief Darlington,

It is with a bit of regret and sincere thanks that I am writing to offer my resignation as a member of the Coeymans Police Department for purposes of retirement, effective January 31, 2014.

When I was first appointed to the department on February 4, 1982, I never imagined that this day would one day come. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as an officer of both the Coeymans and Ravena Police Departments. Through nearly 32 years I have seen many officers come and go and have seen the department and the job change significantly. I have been proud to serve this community and hope that my efforts have made some small contribution and a difference to the people that I have served.

As we have discussed, I would welcome the opportunity to continue to make a contribution to the department and the community by continuing to serve as the Department Public Information Officer, as well as working with the Emergency Management Committee and as a member of the Department's Fire Investigation Team.

Thank you for the opportunities that you and the Coeymans Police Department have given me.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. DeLuca  
Investigator

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank Mr. DeLuca for his near 32 years of service and it goes without saying that he has been a faithful officer/employee and 32 years is a long time for anyone to be in one place and he thanks him as well as his wife Cathy.

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Councilman Langdon interjected that he also appreciates his willingness to continue to serve in the other capacities and with his experience it will be very helpful.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has been in public relations and public information and he is very good with talking to people, he then asked if anyone else had anything to add.

Chief Darlington stated that 32 years is an amazing feat and when he himself came on, Gerry was a Sergeant who helped train him and has been a huge contributor to where he is today and has helped with guiding the younger ones through the years and added that just last week he was sitting in his office telling him that maybe the way he did something was not right. He continued by saying that he hopes he will be able to continue to serve in other capacities and he wishes him well in his years of retirement.

Councilman Burns stated that he means it as a great compliment that he is the closest thing that they have had since Frank McCabe left them, who is like a father figure.

**RES. #042-14 AMEND RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMPLOYEES & SALARIES**

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has previously approved the 2014 Annual Budget for the Town of Coeymans, which included appropriations for personal services for contractual and non-contractual employees, and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution which was approved at the Organizational Meeting must be amended to read as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Annual Pay Periods</b>	<b>Rate/Hourly or Salary</b>
A. Roehr	Part-Time Officer	26	\$ 18.13
G. Darlington	Chief of Police	26	\$3,129.00
J. Shear	Part-Time Dog Control	26	\$ 10.35
L. Conrad	Building Inspector /CEO	26	\$ 25.77
M. Weidman	Clerk to the Supervisor	26	\$ 20.40

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the following employees for 2014 in accordance with labor contracts in effect and budgeted amounts for positions outside the scope of negotiated contracts.

Supervisor Flach stated that the changes were necessary due to typographical errors in the original resolution. He continued by saying that the next two resolutions were to correct the abstracts from October and November. Town Clerk Millious stated that in the October Abstract there was duplicate payment with a couple of vendors and it was brought to her attention by Sewer Administrator Conrad and \$160.14 & \$184.50 came out of the Sewer.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would get the Board copies of the original abstract for them.

**RES. #043-14 AMEND OCTOBER 2013 ABSTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the October 2013 Abstract as follows: (indicated in red)

<b>FUND</b>	<b>VOUCHER #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>GENERAL (A)</b>		
General Pre-Pay	2025-2089	\$191,561.90
General	2149-2204	\$ 39,770.64
	<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$231,332.54</b>

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<b>POLICE FORFEITURE (A)</b>		
Police Forfeiture Prepay	2090-2092	\$ 1,100.70
Police Forfeiture		
	<b>Police Forf. Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.70</b>
<b>PART-TOWN (B)</b>		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2093-2108	\$ 12,885.80
Part-Town	2205-2208	\$ 481.40
	<b>Part Town Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,367.20</b>
<b>HIGHWAY (DB)</b>		
Highway Pre-Pay	2109-2120	\$ 40,344.40
Highway	2209-2248	\$ 14,270.52
	<b>Highway Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,614.92</b>
<b>SEWER (SS)</b>		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2121-2140	\$ 14,923.64
Sewer	2249-2264,2267-2277	\$ 29,365.61
	<b>Sewer Total</b>	<b>\$ 44,289.25</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS (H30)</b>		
Capital Projects	2278	\$ 25,962.90
	<b>Capital Projects Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,962.90</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS (H38)</b>		
	2279-2281	\$ 23,738.64
	<b>Capital Projects Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,738.64</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS (H39)</b>		
Capital Projects	2282	\$ 184.50
	<b>Capital Projects Total</b>	<b>\$ 184.50</b>
	<b>Total for all Funds</b>	<b>\$394,590.65</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY (TA)</b>		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2141-2148	\$212,596.80
	<b>Trust &amp; Agcy. Total</b>	<b>\$212,596.80</b>

**RES. 044-14 AMEND NOVEMBER 2013 ABSTRACT**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
<b>GENERAL (A)</b>		
General Pre-Pay	2283-2336	\$184,687.93
General	2385-2433,2500-2501	\$ 37,828.52
	<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$222,516.45</b>

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<b>POLICE FORFEITURE (A)</b>		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	2337	\$ 50.38
Police Forfeiture	2434-2435	\$ 636.00
	<b>Police Forfeit. Total</b>	<b>\$ 686.38</b>
<b>CONSOLIDATED (A)</b>		
Consolidated Pre-Pay	2338	\$ 27,797.37
	<b>Consolidated Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,797.37</b>
<b>PART-TOWN (B)</b>		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2339-2352	\$846,085.59
Part-Town	2436	\$ 105.50
	<b>Part Town Total</b>	<b>\$846,191.09</b>
<b>HIGHWAY (D)</b>		
Highway Pre-Pay	2353-2360,2499	\$ 36,010.61
Highway	2437-2470	\$ 20,250.91
	<b>Highway Total</b>	<b>\$ 56,261.52</b>
<b>SEWER (SS)</b>		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2361-2377	\$ 13,193.67
Sewer	2471-2495,2497	\$ 10,923.87
	<b>Sewer Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,117.54</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER (SW)</b>		
Special Water Pre-Pay	2378	\$ 82,931.55
	<b>Special Water Total</b>	<b>\$ 82,931.55</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJ. (H30)</b>		
Capital Projects	2496	\$ 66.94
	<b>Capital Proj.Total</b>	<b>\$ 66.94</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJ. (H38)</b>		
Capital Projects	2498	\$ 2,619.65
	<b>Capital Proj. Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,619.65</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJ. (39)</b>		
Capital Projects	2502	\$11,046.00
	<b>Capital Proj. Total</b>	<b>\$11,046.00</b>
	<b>Total For All Funds</b>	<b>\$1,274,234.49</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY (TA)</b>		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	2379-2384	\$208,181.38
	<b>Trust &amp; Agcy. Total</b>	<b>\$208,181.38</b>

Councilman Dolan asked that Town Clerk Millious explain the reason for the amendment.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that there was no change in the total for all funds and the error was that there was a voucher that should have been included in the H39 Fund, which was paid out of the Sewer Fund so it had to be moved.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**E-Mail – Dog Safety During Extreme Weather**

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of an e-mail from Heather Thomas asking that her letter be read and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor;

I am writing to request that your political office use its ability and compassion to encourage and/or require your residents to bring their domestic animals inside during inclement weather conditions. Your political office also has the power to authorize authorities to confiscate animals left to face adverse weather unprotected, at the owner's expense. New York winters are no place to be left unprotected, especially when the temperature drops below freezing (30F).

St. Louis, MO, our role model, is definitely leading by example. They are requiring people to bring their animals inside during extreme weather conditions. Any animals found out in the weather will be confiscated, and the owners will be fined.

Recently, the Troy Police Department, Troy NY, rescued a dog tied outside in below zero temperatures and is proceeding to charge the owner under the law.

The past week, a very serious situation in Sprakers, NY became headlines everywhere as concerned citizens fought to rescue the 70+ dogs and puppies that were left outside 24/7 with inadequate shelter. Since this story spread worldwide, many government officials have spoken publicly about the safety of animals, as well as implementing regulations for the benefit of the animals.

I am asking that you replicate this standard throughout your jurisdiction. In doing so, you will be providing your police officers the ability to protect the animals whose owners do not. Please help us keep these companion animals safe while we fight to strengthen the NY laws.

You are in the position to make a difference for the animals here in New York State. Please consider being a leader in animal welfare by helping us make the needed changes that keep animals safe.

Sincerely,

Heather Thomas  
Proud Member of Laniney's Army

Supervisor Flach stated that he knows that the Police Officers are always on the lookout in the community.

Chief Darlington stated that the e-mail was forwarded to him and if anyone reports dogs or other animals left out they investigate it and enforce the Agriculture and Markets Law where there are requirements.

Councilman Burns stated that other communities do rabies shots for animals and continued by asking how they organize something like that.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they use to have them here and it is Albany County who determines where they are going to be and it is based on how many people show up and added that it is down to 4 places where you can go.

Councilman Burns stated that he has been asked by quite a few people.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she can double check it for him.

Supervisor Flach asked if she posts where there are clinics.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she does post it and she is not sure if it is posted on the website but she would check into it.

Supervisor Flach asked if she has that information in her office.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she gets the information off the Department of Health’s website and in turn posts it.

Councilman Masti asked Chief Darlington what he considers a domestic animal and if it is just cats and dogs.

Chief Darlington stated that it is just cats and dogs and even under Agriculture and Market Law they don’t consider cats as being domestic animals and added that his department does not handle cats because they do not fall under Agriculture and Markets.

Councilman Masti asked if it is just dogs.

Chief Darlington stated that it could be other certain things such as rabbits.

**Letter from Planning Board Chairman**

Supervisor Flach stated that he was also in receipt of one more correspondence and continued by reading the following:

Dear Supervisor Flach,

This letter is to inform you that at the Planning Board’s January 6, 2014, Mr. Ernest Quinto was unanimously elected to the position of Vice-Chairman. Please allow Mr. Quinto all of the respect that this position requires.

Respectfully,

Winthrop “Buddy” Irwin  
Chairman

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**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS**

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, January 15, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, January 21, 2014, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, January 27, 2014, 7:00pm

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she is sorry that the handicap accessible door has been unavailable and she is willing to come out to the parking lot to meet anyone that can’t make it up the stairs and they can call her office at 756-2100. She continued by saying that she wishes Gerry DeLuca well and she herself has been with the Town 22 years and he has been a pleasure to work with.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he also wanted to wish Gerry well in his retirement. He added that they made it through the storm with only a couple of break downs and he wanted to thank the Town Board for allowing him to hire a full-time mechanic.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that during the last storm no cars were towed in the Town outside of the Village and 5 were towed in the Village, which means that most residents are abiding by the Snow Emergency. He added that he wanted to welcome the new Board members and he is looking forward to working with them.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief Darlington if there was an update on the Hannacroix Creek Project.

Chief Darlington stated that there is not.

Councilman Burns stated that he has been asking everyone about it and he was told that as soon as possible they will take a walk up the creek and they will explain the project.

Councilman Masti inquired as to who everyone was.

Councilman Burns stated that it was a number of people from EnCon and another from the Army Corp of Engineers.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to what happened to the door.

Supervisor Flach stated that last Friday morning at approximately 5:00am, a van came down the hill in the snowstorm and took out the whole corner of the building and added that the roof is going to be okay but it took out the pillars that hold it. He continued by saying that the van was actually through the door and inside the building so the metal door was ruined, which was a \$1,000.00 door.

Councilman Dolan asked if it was someone stopping at the stop sign.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they slid right through the stop sign.

Supervisor Flach stated that they came right down the hill and it seems to him that they panicked and let the wheel turn to the left and there was no way to stop.

Councilman Dolan asked when the new door would be done.

Supervisor Flach stated that the new door was installed earlier in the day and it can be used and the brick is going to be finished when it gets a little warmer and added that it has been an inconvenience, especially at tax time but now people can start using the new door.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is covered by insurance.

Supervisor Flach stated that the insurance company came and took pictures and said to go ahead and get it fixed as soon as possible because of the cold, which is what they have done.

Councilman Langdon asked if the Town's insurance company was paying for it or if the vans insurance company would be paying for it.

Supervisor Flach stated that the insurance companies will be working it out.

Councilman Dolan inquired as to who is doing the work.

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Supervisor Flach stated that he called someone that he knew, Brian Morris, and he called him at 6:00am Friday morning and he came right down and sheltered it and since then replaced the door, which took approximately a week to get.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he had a chance to go out to the Highway Garage and spoke with Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Conrad and he got really encouraged by the resources that they have to work with to make things better and he sees so many good things that can happen here. He added that they all have to ban together and everyone has to be kind and compassionate and wherever the biggest need is, that is where the help has got to go and there are some really smart people on the Board working with finances and he thinks that there will be a great change in 2014 and beyond. He continued by saying that the ideas that Highway Superintendent Searles has are fantastic as well as Chief Darlington having big plans and he thinks if they can all keep level heads and start to trust each other, he thinks they are going to do great things in 2014.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he agrees with Councilman Burns and he is looking forward to the change, which he believes will be a good change for the Town and the people will benefit from it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss some personnel issues and added that they would be returning to formally adjourn.

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**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:52pm

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting. In addition to the entire Town Board, Chief Darlington, Building Inspector Conrad, and Town Clerk Millious were present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions were made.

Time – 9:45pm

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**RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order immediately following Executive Session and asked for a motion to formally adjourn.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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*Respectfully Submitted,*

**APPROVED** – As Read February 10, 2014



Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk