

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
April 14, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, April 14, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent Searles

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

OPENING COMMENT

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

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Summer Work Program Applications
 - Alcove Community Yard Sales
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, March 24, 2014
- Resolutions
 - Accept Resignation of Police Officer
 - Appoint Summer Recreation Leader
 - Amend Resolution #085-14
 - Budget Amendment, General Fund
 - Budget Amendment, Sewer Fund
 - Budget Amendment, Part-Town Fund
 - Budget Amendment, Highway Fund
- Correspondence
 - Starr Ross, Town Code Section 60-2C
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, April 23, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Public Hearing, April 28, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Board Meeting, April 28, 2014, 7:00pm

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Work Program Applications

Supervisor Flach stated that applications for the Summer Work Programs are now available and can be picked up in the Supervisor's Office or by download on the web-site and they need to be completed and turned in by May 31, 2014

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Alcove Community Yard Sale Day

Supervisor Flach stated that the Alcove Community Yard Sales will be April 26, 2014, which a yearly event and Stephanie Hamilton is the contact for it if there are any questions and she can be reached at 756-2708.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she had an application and continued by reading the following:

The Alcove Preservation Association invites you to participate in the 20th Annual Alcove Community Yard Sales, April 26, 2014. Registration fee of \$10.00 please to offset the cost of advertising and printing. Monies left will go to benefit community projects of the Preservation Association. Treasure maps will be available at the Coeymans Hollow Firehouse at 8:00am the morning of the sale. Please submit your registration by April, 19, 3024. Contact Stephanie Hamilton at 756-2708 or shamilton27@gmail.com for any questions, additions, or cancellations. After a survey of applicants and careful consideration of the cost involved in preparing advertising and printing, it was decided that after 20 years, the fee needed to be increased to \$10.00.

Foot Note: APA Luncheon is in full compliance with NYS and Albany County Health Department regulations under Section 14-1.190, therefore there will be no other sale of food advertised. Check or money orders should be made payable to Alcove Preservation Association Community Yard Sale and mailed to PO Box 81, Alcove, NY 12007

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on March 24th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Flach stated that the resolutions that are read at each meeting are available at the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone that may want a copy.

RES. #086-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, Nicholas R. Westfall has submitted his letter of resignation as Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Nicholas R. Westfall as Police Officer be accepted effective May 1, 2014.

Councilman Masti continued by reading the letter into the record.

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April 2, 2014

Dear Chief Darlington,

Please accept this letter of resignation from the position of Police Officer. My last day at Coeymans Police Department will be May 1, 2014.

I have accepted this position with another organization and though I have enjoyed working at Coeymans Police Department and will miss my colleagues, I am hopeful this new position will challenge my growth and further my career.

During the next couple of weeks, I am willing to help you in any way to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please let me know if there is anything specific that you would like me to do.

Again, it has been a pleasure working as part of your organization.

Best regards,

Nicholas Westfall

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank Officer Westfall for his service.

Councilman Burns stated that he wishes him the same.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thanks Officer Westfall, a great Officer who is moving on to other things and he appreciates his service to this town and community. He added that he and has been with the Police Department for quite a while and concluded by wishing him well as he moves on.

RES. #087-14 APPOINT PART-TIME SEASONAL RECREATION LEADER

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena established a Summer Recreation Program to be based at Mosher Park, and

WHEREAS, both the Town Board and Village Board have agreed to equally fund this program; and

WHEREAS, a seasonal part-time staffer is need to organize and operate the program to run from July 7th to August 10, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby appoints Eric Norris as part-time Seasonal Recreation Leader at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective May 1, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that Eric Norris has been doing this for 3-4 years and does a great job.

RES. #088-14 AMEND RESOLUTION #085-14

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

WHEREAS, resolution #085-14 was adopted by the Town Board on March 24, 2014, and

WHEREAS, this resolution appointed five (5) part-time Telecommunicators to the Police Department,

WHEREAS, the effective date of hire was set in error.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the correct date of hire for (5) part-time Telecommunicators should be April 1, 2014.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they did the resolution from the floor that night and the correct date of hire for all part-time Telecommunicators should be April 1, 2014.

RES. #089-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans General Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 531.10	A1110.4 Justice-Contractual	A1110.1 Justice-Personal Services
\$ 840.00	A1110.4 Justice-Contractual	A1315.4 Accountant
\$ 209.09	A1640.4 Central Garage	A1620.4 Town Hall-Contractual
\$ 547.56	A7110.4 Parks-Contractual	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$1,526.49	A7310.1 Youth Services-Personal	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$ 250.00	A7510.4 Historian-Contractual	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$ 624.58	A8090.1 Leachate-Personal Services	A1650.4 Central Communications
\$ 24.65	A7510.1 Historian-Personal Services	A3020.4 Communications-Contract.
\$ 504.40	A3010.4 Public Safety-Contractual	A3120.4 Law Enforcement-Contract.
\$ 110.35	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	A5132.4 Highway Garage-Contract.
\$3,665.81	A8510.1 Community Beaut.-Pers. Serv.	A5132.4 Highway Garage-Contract.
\$1,300.58	A1640.4 Central Garage-Contractual	A4589.4 Other Health
\$2,251.64	A1430.1 Human Resource-Pers. Serv.	A4589.4 Other Health
\$1,547.61	A9030.8 Social Security	A4589.4 Other Health

Supervisor Flach stated that they needed to move some money from accounts where there was money left over to accounts that were overspent in 2013 and it was from A Fund accounts to A Fund accounts and there are 14 transfers, which are available at the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone wishing to review them.

RES. #090-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Sewer Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$ 179.58	SS8130.1 Sewer-Personal Services	SS9010.8 Retirement
\$2,430.00	SS8130.1 Sewer-Personal Services	SS9050.8 Unemployment
\$5,812.29	SS9060.8 Health Insurance	SS8130.2 Sewer-Equipment
\$ 171.76	SS9055.8 Disability Insurance	SS8130.2 Sewer-Equipment

RES. #091-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

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

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Part-Town Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$5,000.00	B1420.4 Legal Services	B1440.4 Engineer Contract.
\$4,197.74	B8020.1 Planning Board-Personal Services	B5182.4 Street Lighting-Contract.
\$2,039.33	B3620.1 Safety Inspections-Personal Serv.	B9010.8 Retirement

RES. #092-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANFER

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Highway Fund has overspent in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2013 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$3,719.08	DB5110.1 General Repairs-Personal Serv.	DB5110.4 General Repairs-Contract.
\$4,207.19	DB5110.1 General Repairs-Personal Serv.	DB1640.4 Central Garage-Contract.
\$ 571.65	DB5112.4 Special Improvements	DB5130.4 Machinery-Contractual
\$2,007.80	DB9050.8 Unemployment	DB9010.8 Retirement

Councilman Dolan stated that they are from 2013 and then asked why so many are being done now.

Supervisor Flach stated that some of those things don't get paid until later on and were just billed in December and it may take a couple of months and it can be done anytime during the year and they are trying to get things caught up.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Code Section 60-2C

Supervisor Flach stated that there was a concern from a couple of residents in the Hamlet and in Town Code Section 60-2C and Section 60-9, which has to do with dog control, there have been some complaints about dogs not being properly supervised as well as not picking up their waste at the parks. He continued by saying that if you have a dog, make sure that you supervise it, it is not running on other people's property and asked that they pick up their dog's waste because it is important to keep the parks nice for each other.

Councilman Dolan stated that it came up as a topic for discussion at one of their Neighborhood Association Meetings and one of the problems is that people let their dogs out and they wander anywhere they want to defecate and then there are those that walk their dogs and allow them to defecate and the owner's don't clean it up, which quite often is on other people's property or in one of the parks, which is troublesome because it is where people bring their children to play. He added that it is happening at the parks, baseball and soccer fields where people let their dogs run and it is disturbing to those that step in it when playing on the fields.

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Supervisor Flach asked that people be considerate and pick up their dog's waste and there are waste cans that are supplied at the parks.

Councilman Dolan stated that the majority of people who walk their dogs pick up their dog's waste, including his wife and neighbors and he does not see why other people don't do the same.

Town Clerk Millious stated that back in the early 2000's they did the Pooper Scooper Law, which is for throughout the whole Town of Coeymans but the leash law only applies to those in the Hamlet of Coeymans and Village of Ravena, which is hard when dogs are running at large and added that it might be helpful if they put some signs up.

Supervisor Flach asked that Highway Superintendent Searles look into if there are signs and if not could he look into having some made.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he would.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, April 22, 2014, 6:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, April 23, 2014, 7:00pm
- Public Hearing, April 28, 2013, 6:00pm
- Board Meeting, April 28, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she took the taxes to Albany last week to settle and anyone wishing to pay now needs to contact the County of Albany at (518) 447-7070 and should call before going to make sure of the correct amount due and they are located at 112 State Street, Albany.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was requesting to be on the April 22nd Workshop to discuss the salt shed.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a very important topic and issue that they have at the Highway Department and there was a lack of salt this past winter, through no fault of Highway Superintendent Searles.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to mention a survey that he received in the mail for Coeymans Waste Water District households, which was an income survey to try to help secure a lower rate of financing for some of the projects that they need to do in the Sewer District. He continued by saying that it only asks one thing, which is total household income, and there is no name on each individual questionnaire, a self-addressed envelope was provided for its return and concluded by saying that hopefully it will help them secure a lower rate.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will help residents in the Hamlet if they can get it reduced and to do that they have to know that the true income is lower than the mean average, which they are pretty sure that it is. He continued by saying that when sewer rates are discussed at the end of the year, if they can get it a 0% interest they won't have to worry so much about raising rates as much and the number at the bottom corner of the survey is informational for the company doing the survey.

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Councilman Dolan stated that it's so they can track who returned it and so they can follow-up on people that don't return it and the Town Board has no idea who did or did not return it.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that there are no names on it, it is very private and he would encourage residents of the Hamlet to return it.

Councilman Dolan stated that the deadline to return it is May 1st.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that everyone is busy in the Highway Department every time he sees them and he does not know how the girls in the office do what they do and he always leaves out the Police Department, who do a very good job as well and added that anyone needing an attitude adjustment should visit Mr. Kerr at the Sewer Department. He added that he hopes that everyone appreciates those who work throughout the night rather than being home with their families and it is awesome to have people who will serve that way.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to congratulate Lafarge on their groundbreaking, which was a good turnout, their progress is moving forward and he believes that it is going to be what is best for the Town.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti asked if the posted signs were up at the Town's Mud Hill property.

Highway Superintendent Deering stated that the signs are all up and they put big rocks across the entrance because when they go up there they have to take a loader anyway and they will use it to move them when they need to get in there.

Supervisor Flach stated that he did have a resident come to him with a concern about walking their dog when there is shooting there and added that it is not about walking your dog, it is about keeping people from shooting on Town property because it is a safety and liability issue.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to compliment Deputy Clerk Vatararo who for the last few days has been going through and organizing cemetery records.

Town Clerk Millious stated that her office now handles three cemeteries and it started off with her just having Indian Fields Cemetery but now she has Grove and Coeymans Hollow Cemeteries as well. She added that they did get some records from Tony Wolfe and they are trying to put pieces to everything together for every lot, which is project.

Councilman Masti stated that this way they won't be burying someone where they should not be buried and Town Clerk Millious and staff are doing the best they can with what they have been given and he appreciates the fact she is tending to the dead and buried and it is important to know where they are buried.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there is always something to do and there is never a dull moment in her office because there is always something going on.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he added that he went to the Swearing In of the new Village of Ravena Mayor and two Trustees last week and he wanted to offer his congratulations as well as being honored to go to the Lafarge Ground Breaking Ceremony and some in attendance were Senator Tkaczyk, Senator Breslin, Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, Assemblyman Lopez and many others and he was honored to be asked to say a few words. He added that Lafarge is in their home town, have provided jobs for a long, long time, over 50 years, and another 50 would be wonderful and he is grateful that they are moving forward with the plant, which he is very happy about.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION


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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read May 12, 2014


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk