

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
May 28, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

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

ABSENT: Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the absence of Councilman Dolan with the remainder of the Board present.

AGENDA

- Presentations
 - The Matthew Project
 - Girl Scout Troop 1490 - "Save Our Planet Sunday"
- Announcements
 - Evenings on the Green
 - Garden Tour
 - County Executive to Hold Office Hours
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, April 28, 2014
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- Supervisors Report – May 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Town Clerk, April 2014
 - Sewer Department, March 2014
- New Business
 - Town Clerk Request to Advertise Position
- Resolutions
 - ERS Record of Activities
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Clerk
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Officer
 - Accept Resignation of Part-Time Officer
 - Approve Abstract
- Correspondence
 - Hope Full Life Center
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, June 2, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, June 17, 2014, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, June 23, 2014, 7:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, June 25, 2013, 7:00pm

PRESENTATIONS

The Matthew Project

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Tony Williams was present to talk about The Matthew Project and then invited him to the microphone.

Mr. Williams thanked the Town Board for giving him the opportunity to speak about the Matthew Project, which is a project that they have been doing in the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena for the past four years and they will be continuing it this summer. He added that it is a Christian based project and Grace Covenant Church operates the program and over the last four years they have done this with volunteers from approximately 14 churches throughout the area who have also pitched in financially with it has been strictly a volunteer program and it does not cost them a thing for labor, which is one of the keys to their program. He continued by saying that their mission is to show faith in action and they use biblical scripture Matthew 25:35, which says “for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink” and this is really what they are trying to do over the summer. He went on by saying that 37% of the students at the R-C-S High School are in either in a reduced or free lunch program during the school year and this program gives them the opportunity in the summer to take up some of that slack and the program will be starting June 30th and run through the 22nd of August. He added that with 37% of the students, it is approximately 714 students in our school district, which does not include the children that they have who are below 5 years old and other students that may go to other schools. He continued by saying that last year they delivered 3,958 lunches throughout the course of the summer, they fed children at 8 delivery sites and averaged 102 lunches a day with a cost of \$1.41 per lunch, which is either peanut butter and jelly or a meat sandwich with a snack, drink, chips and a piece of cheese. He went on by saying that last year they had 80 people volunteer, 20 students were from R-C-S and received some community service credit as well as using children at each site because part of the program is not only feed the children but also to teach them what it is all about. He added that over the last four years they have fed 16,250 children, which they feel pretty good about and their budget to support the program is based strictly on donations from private, corporate, business and area church donations and there have been some creative fundraising events. He continued by saying that the highlight of the program is the number that they have served over the years, which is over 16,000 children and they feel very strongly that without it, some of these children would probably go hungry during the lunch hour. He went on by saying that it is a 5 day a week program and he would encourage participation in the program and they will take all of the volunteers they can get and they are based at the Grace Covenant Church, which is south on Rte. 9W where they make the sandwiches from 10:00am to noon and at noon they get out into the community and service 8 locations, which are Oakbrook, Coeymans Gazebo, Fleming’s Trailer Park, Mosher Park Recreation Program, Mosher Park Pool, Food for Thought, Rolling Hills and Shady Grove Trailer Parks. He concluded by reiterating that it is strictly volunteer and anyone with questions can contact him for more information and he appreciates the support that they have received from the Town and Village governments as well as the Police Department.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to thank him and so many times in our community the volunteers are overlooked and he does not know what the community would do without them.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to add that they have programs during the school year but then summer comes and the government drops the ball and it is great that the community picks up the ball and runs with it so these kids don’t get lost over the summer.

Mr. Williams stated that it truly is a community program with 14 churches being involved as well as volunteers from senior citizens on down to young children.

Councilman Masti stated that when you do volunteer work you get so much more back from it that money would not even cover and then thanked Mr. Williams.

Girl Scout Troop 1490 – Save Our Planet Sunday

Supervisor Flach stated that members of Girl Scout Troop 1490 were present as they were last year to talk about Save Our Planet Sunday and then invited them to the microphone.

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Brianna Keyer gave each Board Member a handout to read.

Maddie McTigue stated that she along with Katrina Morrow and Charlotte Snyder would be giving a presentation on Save Our Planet Sunday.

Maddie McTigue read the following:

We are here today to let you know how our Save our Planet Sunday plans are going for this year and what you can do to help make the world a better place, because that is what Save Our Planet Sunday is all about. As you may recall, last year Junior Girl Scout Troop #1490 came up with and introduced the idea of the first Save Our Planet Sunday for our Bronze Award Project, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can receive. Both you as the Town Board and Village made an Official Proclamation declaring the second Sunday of each June to be known as Save Our Planet Sunday, you may ask, what is Save Our Planet Sunday? She then invited Katrina Morrow to read the following:

Katrina Morrow read the following:

Save Our Planet Sunday is a time of year when our whole community comes together to stop using single use plastic bags. Why is this important? This is important because there are large economical and environmental effects that plastic bags have not only on us but the animals too. Some environmental effects are acid rain and drain water. When plastic bags are produced and when they degrade, harmful toxins go into the atmosphere and mix with the moisture in the clouds. When they come back down it is acid rain, which in turn could cause the world's oceans to become inhospitable to living things. Plastic bags are very expensive; approximately 1 million dollars are spent to maintain the machines, which are used to make plastic bags all over the world each year. Over 12 million barrels of oil are used to make 380 billion plastic bags every year. If we all decided to stop using plastic bags, that's millions of dollars that could be used for better things like put a dent in world hunger, provide better education for kids around the world or help maintain natural habitat for endangered animals. Another thing about plastic bags is that they take 40-45 years to degrade that is a long time to sit in a landfill. Plastic bags can also have harmful effects on animals. She then invited Charlotte Snyder to read the following:

Charlotte Snyder read the following:

Plastic bags are not good for animals. Imagine you were a hungry sea turtle swimming along looking for your lunch. As you are swimming along, you spy something up ahead, a jelly fish, great, lunch will soon be served. You swim over and chow down; as you are chomping you realize there is something strange about this jelly fish, the texture is off. Bad news for you, it turns out that what you thought was lunch may be your last meal. What you might not know is that sea turtles have tiny spikes in the back of their throat, which makes it nearly impossible for them to regurgitate the plastic bag. This may cause them to become very sick and perhaps eventually suffocate and die. What you can do, on Sunday June 8th please encourage everyone you know to shop plastic bag free, Troop 1490 along with other Scout Troops will be handing out plastic bag alternatives throughout the community. Thanks to our friends at S.A.B.I.C., Mueller's Automotive, Bethlehem Children's School, Shear Creations, Collins & Sons, P&M Brick, A Cut A Head and Yanni's Too, we have over 600 reusable shopping bags to give out. Also, because of the students at Pieter B. and Becker we will be distributing over 800 student decorated paper bags with original art work at Shop n Save. So leave the plastic at home on June 8th and make the world a better place by coming out for our Save Our Planet Sunday.

Supervisor Flach thanked the Girl Scouts for taking care of community and the environment and then asked that everyone remember that Sunday, June 8th is Save Our Planet Sunday and choose to use a reusable shopping bag, which can be purchased in most stores for 99 cents.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evenings on the Green

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Supervisor Flach stated that on July 3rd, Thursday, Evenings on the Green begins and from 6:00pm – 8:00pm bands come and play for two hours, which goes from July 3rd to August 28th. He continued by saying that there is a schedule that Councilman Dolan has taken charge and taken care of and his band actually performs on one of the nights, which he does for free.

Garden Tour

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a Garden Tour on June 18th, which is done by the Clematis Garden Club, it is on a Wednesday from 4:00pm – 7:00pm and tickets are \$10.00, which will be on sale at the Coeymans Park on Hudson Gazebo on the day of the tour beginning at 3:30pm. He continued by saying that they go around the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans and show the gardens via a tour that they take you on and anyone with questions can call Joan Radley at 756-2960, Barb Mielonen at 756-9055 or Jean Horn at 966-4260 and this year's Garden Tour helps celebrate Ravena's 100th year birthday.

County Executive to Hold Office Hours

Supervisor Flach stated that Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy will be at the Town of Coeymans, Monday, June 2nd from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue. He continued by saying that if you have questions or concerns about the County and/or your town he is a good guy to talk to and very open to the public in speaking to people.

Agricultural Festival (not on agenda)

Councilman Burns stated that the Agricultural Festival will be this coming weekend at VanEtten's Farm from Saturday morning through Sunday and the day begins on Sunday with a church service at 8:30am, that will get over at approximately 10:00am. He continued by saying that it is really interesting to see all of the antique farm equipment, everyone puts a lot of work in it and it is a lot of fun with many things for kids to do, it is a great time and a good time for the community to come together.

Freedom Festival (not on agenda)

Councilman Burns stated that the Freedom Festival will be held at Camp Pinnacle on June 20th through June 22nd which is for every patriot to go to and they will be reenacting the Dolittle Raid, there are people in Civil War uniforms and you can talk to them about what happened during the war. He added that through the whole thing they honor God and bring everything back to the basics of what our country was built on and it is a really great time.

Teen Challenge (not on agenda)

Councilman Burns stated that Teen Challenge is a great organization with a great story behind it and there are booklets on how it started with a Pastor going to New York City to meet with gangs and taking these kids and turning them around for good and they are set up in different places with one in New York City, New Baltimore, and Albany. He continued by saying that they take kids from New York City and anywhere who have problems such as drug addiction and they rehabilitate them and the kids are incredible and will help anyone. He added that they are having a banquet Friday, May 30st at the Albany Hilton starting at 6:00pm and the tickets are \$35.00 per person with all the money going toward helping to support these kids who need help and at the banquet you will hear a lot of stories about kids that came from nothing and actually became something.

Hope Full Life Center (not on agenda)

Councilman Langdon stated that the Hopeful Life Center is a not-for-profit that works out of the plaza and this year they have set up some boxes at the other side of the plaza and are making available community gardens for those who want to partake and the fire company has agreed to bring water on a regular basis and there will be an opening ceremony on Saturday, May 31st at 10:00pm if anyone is interested.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Steven Meyers stated that he lives at 2 Magnolia Circle and he has a concern about the possible constitutional issues with the Police Department and he was issued a citation for a law that does not exist from a said Officer in town, which is not using an indicator when coming off a private road onto 9W, which is perfectly legal and he has the New York State Law 1163-1166 that states that it is not required. He continued by saying that he was pursued bumper to bumper and he was pulled over and the officer asked if he knew why he was pulled over, to which he replied that he had no idea and then the officer proceeded to tell him that he didn't use his indicator. He added that the officer proceeded to interrogate him regarding where he was coming from, whose apartment in Oakbrook was he coming from and where he was prior to that and then claimed he saw him throw something under his seat of his service vehicle with dark tinted windows, which he is allowed to have for the job that he is doing. He went on by saying that the officer pulled him out of his vehicle, put him up against the Police car and in turn he asked what the reason was for doing this and when the officer asked him if he could search his vehicle he said no because he didn't have just cause but then he did it anyway. He continued by saying that the officer claimed it was being recorded and he asked him to repeat himself in front of the camera why he was searching the vehicle but no answer was given and he proceeded to search the vehicle. He added that the stop was at approximately 9:30 at night and at 10:51pm he called the Police Department to secure the video, which he has proof of on his phone record and the next day he sent a return receipt letter to the Police Department asking for it to be reviewed and for a transcript, which he believes they have 30 days to respond. He went on by saying that he didn't get a response after 30 days and in turn he stopped in the Police Department and was told that he had to go to the Town Clerk's Office, which he did and received a letter back saying that there was no such tape recorded or available, which seems strange to him after he asked them twice to secure the tape and it seemed to have disappeared after asking them twice to secure the tape.

Supervisor Flach asked Mr. Meyers if he had spoken to Chief Darlington.

Mr. Meyers stated that he had not and added that it was a blatant violation of the Constitution and he had looked into securing an attorney and with this particular officer they are waiting for a lawsuit to happen and he has enough to proceed in Federal Court to show just cause against this and he does not know how a tape can go missing. He continued by saying that through other research he has found evidence that this officer has been less than truthful in testifying on other cases in town.

Supervisor Flach stated that he appreciates him bringing attention to the Board and if there is pending litigation they would have to contact the Attorney for the Town.

Mr. Meyers stated that he does not want it to go that far but he wanted to make the Town Board and residents of the Town aware of it.

Supervisor Flach asked Mr. Meyers if he would like the Chief of Police to contact him about it.

Mr. Meyers stated that he had his response already and to add insult to injury the same officer pulled someone over in front of his house the other night and he was videotaping it from his front porch and the same Officer was shaking him down trying to get the tape from the camera. He continued by saying that it was just in the Buffalo news about citizens photographing police and they have had to settle out of court a couple of times because taking a video or photographing police doing their job is not disturbing, distracting or interfering with them doing their job. He concluded by reiterating that he wanted to make sure that the Town Board and citizens are aware of what is going on.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment, 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 set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on April 28, 2014 and a Town Board Meeting on May 12, 2014 and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Minutes were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

May 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
General	\$1,055,622.76	\$ 89,778.30	\$252,728.42	\$892,672.64
Part-Town	\$ 59,237.65	\$443,841.10	\$170,865.65	\$322,213.10
Highway	\$ 35,878.09	\$157,674.75	\$ 50,617.51	\$142,935.33
Bridge Const.	\$ 29,029.14	\$ 7.59	-0-	\$ 29,036.73
Sewer	\$ 59,752.21	\$ 53,733.11	\$ 33,600.75	\$ 79,884.57
Special Water	\$ 71,037.02	\$ 43,798.99	-0-	\$114,836.01
Police Forf.	\$ 13,915.46	\$ 1,085.60	\$ 405.39	\$ 14,047.19
Trust & Agey.	\$ 13,246.23	\$215,302.04	\$214,591.08	\$ 47,554.69
H-Fund	\$ 47,552.74	\$ 1.95	-0-	\$ 47,554.69
Section 8 HUD	\$ 15,429.17	\$ 42,289.85	\$ 44,857.52	\$ 12,861.50
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,670,637.43

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.25
Grove Cemetery	\$40,934.40
Coey. Hollow Cem.	\$13,428.20
Sewer-Dedicated	\$.24
Total	\$55,066.09

COLLATERAL COVERAGE

Bank of Greene	\$250,000.00	\$1,822,522.61
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,104,502.00

FDIC

COLLATERALIZED

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Supervisor's Report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – April 2014 :

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Sewer Department – April 2014

Supervisor Flach gave the Sewer Department Monthly Report and then offered a motion to approve the Town Clerk and Sewer Department reports.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the reports were approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk's Request to Advertise for Part-Time Clerk

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Clerk Millious is asking that the Town Board approve her request to advertise for a part-time position.

Town Clerk Millious stated that one of her clerks is leaving.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the letter of resignation.

Town Clerk Millious read the following:

May 21, 2014

Dear Diane,

It is with deep regret that I submit this as my letter of resignation from my position as part-time clerk. As you have known from the beginning of my employment, my career goal has been to obtain a full-time position with benefits. I have an opportunity for full-time permanent employment with benefits that I am going to pursue.

To help you as you work through the process to find a replacement for my position, I will continue to work my current schedule through end of business, Friday, June 20, 2014. Should you hire and train a replacement prior to June 20, we can discuss an earlier end date for me to leave my current position.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work for you; the experience has been both educational and rewarding. I have learned a great deal and have a clearer insight into the workings of Town Government. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity and the friendships I have made working for the Town of Coeymans.

Sincerely,

Michelle N. Conte

Town Clerk Millious stated that she has been a pleasure to work with and she wished her well and doesn't blame her because she needs the benefits. She continued by saying that she is asking the Board for their approval to advertise for a part-time clerk and added that she has a busy office and she wishes to replace Michelle.

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Supervisor Flach asked for a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for the position of part-time clerk.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a resolution later in the meeting to accept the resignation and added that Michelle has been a wonderful employee and you could not ask for two better people to work in her office, they are great workers.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that she also has her Deputy and he can't leave her out.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would not leave Cindy out, she is awesome too but the other two girls are fantastic and they are happy that one is staying and they are sorry to see Michelle go, she has been a fantastic employee and he wishes her well.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it matters to have a good team and she is very proud.

Councilman Masti interjected that having a good work environment makes coming to work fun.

Town Clerk Millious thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other New Business topics that are not on the agenda.

Cool Agency (not on agenda)

Councilman Langdon stated that a representative from Cool Agency gave a presentation at their last Workshop, they are brokers and not an insurance company and he believes that they should retain cool Agency as their insurance broker because they have proven to be much more helpful than their current broker.

Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Langdon had offered a motion and then asked for a second.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Councilman Masti, to retain Cool Agency as the Town's insurance broker.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that they do not need to do a resolution because they are a broker and they don't sign a contract with them.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the Town does not pay them, the insurance companies pay them and they are just to help service the employer that they are working for so it is not going to cost the Town anything and it will be dealing with some new people that seem to have more information and knowledge that they are helping them with.

Supervisor Flach stated that Cool Agency would be replacing their current broker.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #111-14 ESTABLISH EMPLOYERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM WORKDAYS

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following

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days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

Title	Name	SS#	Reg. #	Work Day	Term	Participates Employers Time Keep System	Days /Month
Supervisor	Stephen D. Flach	7271	50628619	7 hours	1/14-12/15	N	19.60
Board Member	Kenneth A. Burns	8463		7 hours	1/14-12/18	N	9.85
Town Clerk	Diane L. Millious	8048	36783025	7 hours	1/14-12/18	N	20.88
Superintendent of Highways	Scott D. Searles	7522	36977718	8 hours	1/14-12/18	N	29.00

Supervisor Flach stated that it is available at the Town Clerk's Office for anyone that would like to see it.

RES. #112-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME CLERK

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Michelle N. Conte has submitted her letter of resignation as Part-Time Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Michelle N. Conte as Part-Time Clerk is accepted effective June 20, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Ms. Conte the best in her future endeavors.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would like to not accept her resignation because he does not want to let her go and he wishes her well.

RES. #113-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME OFFICER

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, Michael Sylvester has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Michael Sylvester as Part-Time Officer is accepted effective May 13, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Sylvester has a full-time job with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's and there have been some scheduling conflicts so he is unable to help the Town and added that he wishes him well.

May 13, 2014

Chief Gregory Darlington:

Please accept this as my formal letter of resignation as a Police Officer for the Town of Coeymans Police Department. My decision to resign is due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts with my full-time job at the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office.

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Sincerely,

Michael Sylvester

RES. #114-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, John Laviano has submitted his letter of resignation as Part-Time Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of John Laviano as Part-Time Police Officer is accepted effective May 27, 2014.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Laviano has been with the Town for a while and he believes is taking a full-time position.

Chief Darlington stated that he is currently full-time with the Albany County Sheriff's but has accepted a full-time job with Guilderland's Police Department, which does not allow him to have outside employment.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has been a fantastic Officer of the Town's Police Department and he is sorry to see him go because he has been a great asset.

Chief Darlington stated that Officer Laviano, in the near future will be receiving a Life Saving Award in reference to a call that he handled as a Coeymans Police Officer and he is also sorry to see him go because he was a great asset to the department.

May 17, 2014

Chief Gregory Darlington:

The purpose of this memorandum is to officially resign from my position of Police Officer with the Town of Coeymans Police Department, effective 05-27-14. I wanted to take time and again thank you for all the opportunities that you have offered me throughout my time with your department. I will never forget the strong position that yourself and Sergeant Johnson have played in my career. I appreciate everything that you have done. Thank you again.

Patrolman J. Laviano #109

RES. #115-14 APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby approve and allow the following claims of vouchers for the May, 2014 Abstract.

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	945-1005	\$197,960.66
General	1059-1109	\$120,760.21
	General Total	\$318,720.87
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1006	\$ 140.85
Police Forfeiture	1110-1112	\$ 283.84
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 424.69
GENERAL CONSOLIDATED (A)		

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General Consolidated	1007-1008	\$ 6,277.68
	General Cons. Total	\$ 6,277.68
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1009-1023	\$170,800.51
Part-Town	1113-1114	\$ 199.02
	Part Town Total	\$170,999.53
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1024-1032	\$ 39,011.35
Highway	1115-1134	\$ 7,270.84
	Highway Total	\$ 46,282.19
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1033-1050	\$ 18,090.02
Sewer	1135-1143	\$ 5,389.82
	Sewer Total	\$ 23,479.84
SPECIAL WATER (SW)		
Special Water	1051	\$ 83,325.28
	Special Water Total	\$ 83,325.28
CAPITAL PROJ. (H-39)		
Capital Projects	1144	\$ 267.82
	Capital Projects Total	\$ 267.82
CAPITAL PROJ. (H-41)		
Capital Projects	1145-1148	\$ 52,935.36
	Capital Proj. Total	\$ 52,935.36
	Total for all Funds	\$ 702,713.26
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1052-1058	\$316,444.52
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$316,444.52

CORRESPONDENCE

Hope Full Life Center

Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Langdon had spoken about the Hope Full Life Center earlier in the meeting and continued by reading the following correspondence that he received from them.

Dear Town of Coeymans Board:

The gardening season is upon us and Hope Full Life Center, a non-profit organization in Ravena, will give village residents who would like to grow their own fruits and vegetables an opportunity to participate in a Community Garden free of charge.

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Locate in Faith Plaza, Hope Full Life Center is working with STARS Intergen, an intergenerational mentoring organization, to create this garden in a wide grassy land that runs along the stockade fence across from the plaza's stores. It seems like an odd location, but this soon-to-be garden space is within easy walking distance for many Village residents. The garden will also add beauty and make productive use of an otherwise empty lot.

In addition to encouraging Ravena residents to grow their own produce, the garden will support Hope Full Life Center's Food Assistance Program, Helping Harvest, also located in Faith Plaza. Half of what grows in the garden will help the needy in our community, the rest will go home with the volunteer gardeners.

The garden has been named the Linda Civill Community Garden in memory of an area resident and longtime volunteer in many of Ravena's charitable and social services initiatives, including Helping Harvest and CHOICES.

Hope Full Life Center and STARS Intergen will provide the basics for the garden including raised beds, topsoil, compost and mulch all free of charge. We will also have a shed stocked with basic tools, thanks to Flach Development and Reality and Persico's True Value. The Ravena Fire Department has graciously agreed to water the garden weekly.

We are proud of the community excitement this garden is generating and now need interested gardeners to help us. No experience is necessary to participate. We have experienced gardeners who will assist people new to gardening. For more information about the garden, visit Hope Full Life Center's Facebook page, send an e-mail inquiry to HopeFullLifeCener @ gmail.com or call 756-9091.

Please stop by to see us at work in Faith Plaza. Barring rainy weather, planting is scheduled to begin May 31st.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Marion Flach
Executive Director

Supervisor Flach stated that the Village of Ravena supplied some of the top soil and the compost was provided by Mr. David Flach and added that as Councilman Langdon had said earlier there will be a dedication. He continued by saying that he believes that the Riverview Baptist Church and Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association are also looking to do a garden in the Hamlet of Coeymans.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Supervisor Flach stated that there are going to be movies in Mosher Park and Coeymans Landing for residents of the Town, dates and times will be provided at a later date. He then asked if there was any additional business.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that an employee of 20 years, Ed Barrett is retiring on May 30th and he wanted to wish him well in his retirement and continued by saying that he wanted to post to fill the position and if need be advertise for it.

Councilman Burns asked what position he will be replaced as.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it would be an Operator I position.

Supervisor Flach asked if he needed a motion to post it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he did, per union contract and after that advertise if necessary.

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Supervisor Flach stated that the Board can give him permission and then made a motion to advertise all in one and continued by offering a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Highway Superintendent to post the position and in turn advertise the position if need be.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that as they know he put a lot of equipment out for sale with one item being a 2003 Chevy 1 Ton dump-truck, which he would like to replace and it is in his .2 budget to do that so he is requesting to advertise for bids to replace the truck.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Masti, authorizing Highway Superintendent Searles to advertise for bids for a 1-Ton Chevy dump truck.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Councilman Burns asked about plans for the salt shed.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he is waiting for money, the Board approved it but he is has to wait until he gets some money before he starts ordering.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he was supposed to be getting prices on block.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they are still trying to get more prices and the best price that they got is \$55.00 a block.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are waiting on a call from someone about that.

Councilman Langdon asked if Spancrete had anything like that, that would work.

Supervisor Flach stated that they don't make that type of product, which is a huge cement block.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is a 2X2X6 cement block and he needs 120 of them.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that he knows that the Supervisor was contacted and he wanted to make the Board aware of a rumor on the street that one of his Officers was transporting a victim of a crime to the Child Advocacy Center for an interview and when she went to park the car, she bumped another car, which was not a huge crash as portrayed in many writings and it was reported to the school that they injured one of their students. He continued by saying that she is a student of R-C-S but was not being transported as a student; she was being transported as a result of her parent's request.

Councilman Langdon asked if she was injured.

Chief Darlington stated that she was not, it was reported to the school that she was injured but she was not as well as saying that she fled the scene, which she did not, she walked to her counselor who was standing by the DMV waiting for them. He continued by saying that it was reported immediately to the Albany Police Department who in turn filed a report as required and he has all of the documentation.

Supervisor Flach stated that he did receive a call about it and in speaking with Chief Darlington he showed him pictures, which was literally one bumper scraping another and then thanked Officer Crosier for maintaining her professionalism while doing a good thing for some people in need and this is what it is about.

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Chief Darlington stated that they have many conversations about the direction of the Police Department and full-time vs. part-time and a Cops Hiring Grant is back out and as such he is looking for authorization to apply for a grant to hire two full-time Police Officers one of which will be a second School Resource Officer that he had pushed for initially to go in the Middle School and the other will be one for actual road coverage. He added that the grant covers 75% of their salaries and benefits for a three year period, the Town would be required to cover 25% for that period and then they are required a minimum of one year after the grant has expired. He went on by saying that if the Town is interested in that grant, he has been in contact with PoliceGrantsHelp.com, which is an agency that writes grants for Police Departments, he has asked for references and he would like to consider using them for the actual grant writing portion of it, which is \$1,500.00 to write the grant but because it would be their first time there would be a 20% discount so it would be \$1,200.00 and he will use asset forfeiture money to pay for that if the Board is willing to move forward.

Supervisor Flach stated that they might change their minds about where the Police Officer might be and decide two road officers and then asked if they have to specify where in the grant.

Chief Darlington stated that when you are applying, you have to specify where it is going and the other issue that they have is that the announcement came out May 23rd and they have to have everything filed by June 23rd.

Councilman Langdon asked Chief Darlington if he had any kind of a track record for the grant writer.

Chief Darlington stated that he received information today about pricing and in turn he requested some local references and they responded that he will be getting it by the following day.

Councilman Langdon stated that he would be interested in hearing the results of that.

Supervisor Flach asked about the SRO and if it would be the same with the school as they are doing now.

Chief Darlington stated that the Town would be paying for 25% of it unless they can get the school to agree to pay and he has a meeting scheduled with Superintendent McCartney to find out what their interest is and if they are willing to work something out with the Town because they are interested in another SRO at the Middle School.

Supervisor Flach asked that he let them know of the outcome and added that he needs a motion to move forward.

Chief Darlington stated that they are not committed until they are rewarded and then they would sign on the dotted line.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would offer a motion.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, authorizing Chief Darlington to retain Police Grants Help to write a grant.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington keep the Board informed as far as the references that he gets.

Chief Darlington stated that he would and then thanked the Town Board.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS

- Planning Board Meeting – June 2, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop – June 17, 2014, 6:00pm

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- Town Board Meeting – June 23, 2014, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting – June 25, 2014, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns asked Highway Superintendent Searles how many blocks they need for the salt shed.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they need 120.

Councilman Burns asked about making forms and pouring them themselves and if it would save them money by doing it.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is \$120.00 a yard.

Councilman Burns asked how much it is for a block.

Supervisor Flach stated that a block is \$55.00.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that in addition, it is \$120.00 a yard for concrete and he does not know how many yards per block.

Councilman Burns stated that it is two yards per block, so it is actually less to buy them made as opposed to pouring them and he was just looking to save some money but that does not make sense.

Supervisor Flach stated that the group over there are usually pinching pennies and trying to save money.

Highway Superintendent stated that if a truck comes back with half a yard on it, that is what they are going to put back on the truck and they aren't designer blocks, they are just plain blocks.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Dolan) – SO MOVED

Time 7:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED: As Read June 23, 2014


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk