

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
June 23, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Wednesday, June 23, 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  
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town  
Greg Darlington, Chief of Police  
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

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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 record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board

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**AGENDA**

- Presentation
  - County Executive Daniel McCoy
- Public Announcements
  - Route 143 Detour
  - Village Farmer's Market
  - Summer Recreation Program & Food for Thought
  - Town Office Closed, July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Workshop, May 20, 2014
  - Joint Town/Village Workshop, May 27, 2014
  - Town Board Meeting, May 28, 2014
- Supervisor's Report – May 2014
- Department Reports
  - Building Department, April & May 2014
  - Sewer Department, May 2014
  - Town Clerk, May 2014
- Old Business
  - Evenings on the Green
- Resolutions
  - Authorize Bond for Salt Shed
  - Appoint Full-Time Officer
  - Authorize Town Clerk to Enter Into Agreement with Satellite Software
  - Approval of Abstract
- Town Board Workshop/Meetings
  - Joint Town/Village Meeting, June 24, 2014, 7:00pm
  - ZBA Meeting, June 25, 2014, 7:00pm
  - Planning Board Meeting, July 7, 2104, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, July 15, 2014, 6:00pm
  - ZBA Meeting, July 23, 2014, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, July 28, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session
  - Personnel Issues

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Evenings on the Green**

Supervisor Flach stated that Evenings on the Green begin on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm and then asked Councilman Dolan if he had anything to add.

Councilman Dolan stated that they moved the start time up to 6:00pm to get better use of daylight hours, particularly during the end of the season and then read the list of bands as follows:

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dusk til' Dawn
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hilltown Ramblers
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shadowland
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	For God and Country
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Rakish Paddy
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Scotty Mac and the Gold Top
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Peaceful Country
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mike and the Monsters
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis D'Asaro

**Route 143 Detour – Road Construction**

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a detour on Rte. 143 and the temporary closure will begin on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and will conclude on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with work being conducted Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm and there will be no overnight work. He added that they are replacing a culvert and there is a map available for anyone that would like to see it and it's just past Rte. 106, Tompkins Road between there and Osterhout's. He concluded by saying that there are alternate truck routes and for local folks there are a couple of short ways through there and he will continue to make the announcement as much as he can to make everyone aware and he is sure that the News Herald will get the message out there also.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was stressed to them that there will be a severe penalty to the contractor if the work is not completed on time.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a private contractor and they get fined for every day that they are over and the contractor was in the meeting and felt pretty confident that the work would be done within those two weeks.

**Village Farmer's Market**

Supervisor Flach stated that the Village Farmer's Market will be at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road and it will begin on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and it will go to September 11<sup>th</sup> on every Thursday. He added that there will be produce, baked goods, jewelry, beauty products, crafts, massages, photo cards/pictures, books, honey/soaps, cross culture market and the Historical Society will be open from 1-3 or you can tour the Ravena Fitness Center.

**Summer Recreation and Food for Thought Programs**

Supervisor Flach stated that the Summer Recreation Program begins on July 7<sup>th</sup> and it is for children 7 years old through seniors in high school and they meet at Mosher Park from 9:00am through 3:00pm and the Food for Thought Program is for younger kids at Pieter B. Coeymans and that also starts on July 7<sup>th</sup> and there are sign-up sheets that have to be completed, which you can get at the Town Office Building.

**Town Office Closed – July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence 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 three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Workshop on May 20<sup>th</sup>, a Joint Town/Village Workshop on May 27<sup>th</sup>, and a Town Board Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> and then asked for a motion to approve them.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**PRESENTATION**

**Daniel McCoy – County Executive**

Supervisor Flach stated that County Executive McCoy was present and then invited him to the microphone.

Mr. Daniel McCoy thanked the Town Board for allowing him to come down and talk about the state of the county, which is going well and they have been coming out of the recession since 2008. He added that they are dealing with the 2% budget cap like everyone else is and the challenges that are faced with and in Albany County they have 44 unfunded mandates that they deal with day in and day out that they have no control over because it is a mandate that comes down from the Senate and Assembly and it tells them they have to pay for the programs but they don't help them offset the cost a lot of the times and the things they can control, they have been but they have a lot of different functions that they deal with. He continued by saying that one of the things that he wanted to do and has started since he became County Executive in 2012, is to get out into the communities and talk about what is going on in Albany County and to let people know what is going on with their budget and tax dollars but most importantly he has done office hours these last two years to meet with constituents one on one that can't get into the City of Albany and this way they have an opportunity to voice their concerns because as he has said all over Albany County, he works for them and in order to do that they need to hear from them. He went on by saying that Albany County has a 600 million dollar budget and out of that there is roughly 250 million dollars in debt services and they got under the cap at 1.66, things are going well and improving but will never be like it was prior to 2008 because when he came into office they had a 15 million dollar deficit, their reserve fund balance was roughly 18 million dollars and as of today they are up to approximately 37 million and the deficit went from 15 million down to 10.2 million. He added that there are actually two ways of actually achieving it and the first is to do a one-time tax increase to get rid of your deficit or find true savings and since he has been County Executive they have been restructuring every department and doing things differently and they found by doing this in the last two years they have saved almost 5 million dollars, which he hopes will be more this year so they can knock that down even more. He continued by saying that since 2009, the great recession, and with the money that they lost on Wall Street, they were borrowing upwards of 15 million dollars to make payroll ten months out of the year, which is not healthy and to get healthy they had to change the way they do things, they have to try and make a profit, they have to treat County Government as a business but he knows that they are not there to make money. He went on by saying that if they strive to do things to make money, it's a savings to the taxpayers of Albany County that they can offset and continue the great services that they provide day in and day out with some of them being mental health, health, DCYF, early intervention, bus transportation, probation, youthful offenders, H.E.A.P for those who needed assistance for heating, food stamps, etc. but they are also going to hold people accountable that are receiving the services and also those giving the services, which they have done both. He

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added that by looking at things differently they have actually have arrested people that have falsified claims to collect social service and they have also gone after people providing the services for not providing the services that they were supposed to provide and it works both ways and it is all about accountability and looking at things differently, which is what they need to do and they have restructured everything in the County, they are consolidating and it is working, they are saving money and still delivering the services that people expect and want out of them. He continued by saying that some of the good things that they are doing is that they brought Schenectady Community College to downtown Albany for all the residents of Albany County and did a partnership with CDTA where you can get a Bus Plus Pass for any child that enrolls and they can get free bus transportation, which is huge and a lot cheaper than sending a child to Hudson Valley, and the County reimburses the Town over \$200,000.00 for kids in the community to go to college and the County pays 10.5 million dollars a year for kids to go to community college, which is one of the mandates that he has to deal with. He went on by saying that in 1973 a New York State Senator decided to pass a law that said any county that does not have a community college, has to pay for that kid to go, New York State will pay 1/3, the student will pay 1/3 and the county will pay 1/3, but the State of New York has not paid since 1973 and there are two ways of dealing with it, they can continue to pay for it like they have or they can pass the bill down to the Town and say here's your bill and legally they can't stop it, but it's not the right thing to do because they have been paying it all these years and have been trying to make it work, there was some legislation moving, the State keeps talking about relief but they keep kicking it down the road. He added that he finds it ironic because they still have to be obligated to get under the cap and he knows the pain that the Town feels because over the past two years they have rolled up their sleeves and have done everything that they can to make government work, but the costs go up, he eliminated 25 jobs out of the County Budget last year but the workforce has increased and since 1995 they have eliminated over 900 jobs in Albany County. He continued by saying that pension costs and everything else have gone up and right now over the past three years they amortized 3 years of pensions, his predecessor did it for 8.9 million, he in turn did it for 8.2 and last year they did 4.9 so right now for those three IOU's they owe the State Comptroller 27 million dollars for retirement and these are the types of things that they can't keep kicking the can down the road and they need to take responsibility for today and they need to do it for our children and we also need to sell this great place as a place to live and work and just last year Albany celebrated its 330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and there is so much rich history in this county, they need to do more economic development and they need to do more with tourism, which are things that they need to get out into the community. He went on by saying that a way to do it is partnerships and consolidation like consolidating 911 in Cohoes, Watervliet and Green Island two years ago with Sheriff Apple and himself and they saved the City of Cohoes approximately \$500,000.00 in the first year, they saved Watervliet 168,000.00 and Green Island with a population of approximately 2,600 they saved them around \$3,000.00 a year and it is the little things like this that can make a difference going forward to still deliver quality services to the people but do it cheaper. He added that some of the other good things they have going around in the County, is as they know, they have been promoting Lawson's Lake, it has over 420 acres and is a gem in the community and during his first year in office the Boys and Girls Clubs shut it down so he went and looked at the property, which is beautiful and it was too late to do anything that year but in partnership with Sheriff Apple and District Attorney Soares they turned the whole lake around within a year and last year they opened it up to a variety of different kids and kids from the Town and Village can go there for free. He continued by saying that there is a 6-week program starting that is Monday-Friday and all they have to do is fill out a form for an emergency contact and if there are any allergies and they can go there and just be a kid and last year ENCON came in and taught the kids how to fish and this year they are offering computer classes where they can actually build a computer and take it home at the end of the summer as well as dirt-bike training and piano lessons with donated pianos, arts and crafts, basketball, kick-ball, etc. He went on by saying that all of the trades and the unions got involved, they had the teamsters, operating engineers, laborers, painters, etc. painting buildings, putting new tin roofs on, shimming up foundations and they will be building a pavilion down by the water as well as fire pits and enhancing the trails around the lake with benches and there are four Boy Scouts getting their eagle batches by doing projects.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is in the Town of Coeymans.

Mr. McCoy stated that it is really great and coming along and so many people are donating money, and it is not being done with tax dollars, it's sweat equity of his staff, Sheriff Apple's staff and District Attorney's staff and all of the unions have volunteered their free time as well as

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other organizations and they are going to have a celebration that will be announced shortly, which will be a huge event and these are some of the things that are going on to make a difference. He added that they also have to try to attract companies to come to Albany County and there is a company that moved to their county building from Saratoga, another moved from Glens Falls are is now open on State Street and another will be coming that will create 60 jobs and things are getting positive but they have to continue to work together in a partnership and to do so they have to leave their egos out the door because it is about the people that they are representing at the end of a day and the best way they can service the community and make it grow together is by working together. He continued by saying that they have launched many new programs and initiatives with Project Growth being one of them, which is the first in the State of New York and OCA approved it a couple months ago and it is when a Judge can decide if a youthful offender is sent to a detention center or given an opportunity to be trained and given a job and paid so his/her Mom or Dad or guardian isn't paying the damages and they have to give part of their check every week to the person that they did the damage to, which teaches them the value of money because now it is coming out of their check. He went on by saying that they just started doing something with probation called Ready-Set-Work, which is basically a ten week class, 20 hours of work and they are training people how to dress, interview, put a resume together and find a job and in 2012 65% of those that did the program found a job within 90 days, which gets them off probation quicker and they are not reoffending, which saves the County money as well as getting some pride and paying for their own homes or apartments and it is a program that they have done with the Department of State and it has been a great partnership. He concluded by saying that there are so many things going on and he personally wants to make Albany County the greenest county in the area and they are looking at emissions, their carbon footprint, solar panels going on the county buildings, revamping the energy in the county and he is now driving a hybrid to see how many miles they get in the city vs. what they would get with electric cars and it is all to save money at the end of the day. He then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Burns asked how combining services worked out.

Mr. McCoy stated that anytime you combine services there is always a ripple in the pond, there were some problems with the dispatching and they are working little things like that out and it is a learning experience for everyone and it is work. He continued by saying that he and Berne's Highway Superintendent Croiser did a Highway study because one of the gripes that he got out of the Hilltowns was that a County plow went by someone's house with the plow up and there was six inches of snow in the road so he called to find out what was going on and was told that it was a Town road and in turn him and Highway Superintendent made a gentleman's agreement before they even did any partnership to plow each other's roads and it worked and has been working. He went on by saying that Berne needed to build a new salt shed and the County offered to share theirs and they are talking about building a maintenance facility together and integrating their workforce because they are working on the same equipment and the County got rid of a few plows and gave them one and when they asked how much money they wanted, they were told that tax dollars were used to buy it originally as well as using the County's Engineering Department for some projects and when they asked what the County wanted, they were told nothing because there may come a point when the County will need \$30,000.00 because they saved \$60,000.00 on their project and it makes sense to work together, which they can't do for everything and certain things make it impossible but the County can do the Town's purchasing. He added that he will be announcing another initiative that he will be announcing in a week, which he was hoping he could have announced before now and it is going to be a game changer, it is will be the first on the east coast and it is going to save the Town thousands of dollars and is state-of-the-art and these are the type things that they can do working together and under the Governor's plan, they have to consolidate certain things but not everyone can get there, so if the County can save more, it gives them the freedom to say that they have done everything that they can, which he has seen. He went on by saying that he was joking around with Rensselaerville where the Conservative Party knocked out the Democratic Party who he gets along with both, and he called to see what happened and they asked what he meant and then he said that they went over the cap and they campaigned that they wouldn't and the reply was there was this bill and that bill to pay, which is different when you are on this side and there is no justification saying what you have to do but when you look at your books and have to make things work it's hard to still deliver the service that people want, so in partnerships, everything that they have been doing is to do it without using tax dollars, which is the most challenging thing. He continued by saying that he was on a radio show and he was asked what he would run

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for next and he said State Senate and that he would be the most popular Senator in the State of New York because he would not raise taxes, pay for literature or have campaign fund raisers and he wouldn't spend a dime because he would pass one law that says every child in any town, village or city that turned 16, they would have to buy him or her a new car because in essence that is what they doing to them every year by passing laws and bills but then don't fund them and he will sit there forever because every kid won't be able to wait until they are 16 to get a brand new car, which is not right. He added that he is sure that the Town comes up with great ideas day in and day out and the sticking point on every one is how they are going to pay for it and how they are going to get the money to do it even though it is a great service to the people they represent and it comes down to the dollars and they have to be creative in a way that they are not relying on tax payers. He went on by saying that there is a project called Soldier On at the Ann Lee Home which is vacant and has been sitting next to the Shaker site near the airport and it has been there forever and there are over 2,000 homeless veterans in Albany County on the streets and over 25,000 veterans in Albany County and over 100,000 in the Capital District and this nation has never called more on its citizen soldiers in the last 12 years than any conflict, now even longer than Viet Nam and there are soldiers that make their home in New York State, 10,000 a year but with the downsizing in the military he is predicting upwards of 20,000-30,000 veterans. He continued by saying that all they trained for is war in the last 13 years and it is all they know and they are coming home and this site, the first in the State of New York, it would be a place for soldiers to have a place to call home and to get help in partnership with the VA Hospital, Home Depot, Schenectady Community College, Maria College, Division of Military Affairs, etc. who will come together and it will be a campus where they can be with their peers. He added that this was done in Pittsfield and it was such a huge success that they are building housing on their property because they have done a successful job of turning it around and they have found that each veteran can only handle about 500 square feet of living space, they end up owning it and if they want to sell it, it has to be sold back to Soldier On and then sold to another veteran. He went on by saying that it is a 20-30 million dollar venture with the only thing out of the County being sweat equity and they just had a benefit concert and they will soon announce how much money was given to the proceeds and Charlie Daniels, Brett Michaels and Marshall Tucker Band donated part of their proceeds to it and people are on board with taking care of the people that served this country and we owe it to them, not just for this new conflict but going back to Viet Nam. He continued by saying that these are the things that they are dealing with at the County on a bigger scale and things are going good and looking up and he is hoping that next year they are on the right track to try and achieve the tax cap, which will be challenging because as they know a budget is a working document and every month you hit a hiccup of a bill that you didn't think you had to pay or something comes up but working together they can make things happen, which is the bottom line. He added by saying that the Nursing Home, which he fought for, for 2 ½ years and when he was in the Legislature he fought for it and he said to a variety of people that they had to do it in a way that it is not a burden to the taxpayers because they are losing a million dollars a month at the Nursing Home and if they went with his plan to do a private partnership he would have conservatively saved Albany County residents 100 million dollars in ten years but the Legislature didn't want to do that, they wanted to keep it for the 250 residents that were there and right now there are 227 residents. He went on by saying that they just negotiated with the Union a contract, which they voted down the first time and it took some members of the Legislature to go out there and tell them that this is it and if they didn't do a revote of the contract they would have to shut it down and they are going to have a huge savings next year so he does not anticipate getting into the fight about taking it out of the budget if the concessions are met and they can stop losing one million dollars a month because it is about taking care of our seniors but also protecting the tax payers and accepting responsibility and to stop kicking the can down the road for the next County Executive. He continued by saying that in talking about that, it is easy to take the bills and push them off and they owe the State of New York 11 million dollars for the Times Union Center because a former County Executive decided to push it down the road and he just inherited it and he won't do that to the next County Executive and these are the things that they have to be considerate and conscious of because they owe it to the taxpayers to be accountable, not just now but 10 and 20 years from now and we don't do that a lot of time. He added that for the first time in 7 years they put \$150,000.00 toward their debt, which is not a lot of money but it was a step in the right direction and a step to show that they are going to start taking their debt down and trying to do the responsible thing and these are challenges that they are faced with but they have to make it work for the people that they represent at the end of the day. He then asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Flach asked where the forms for Lawson's Lake Camp could be obtained.

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County Executive McCoy stated that the forms for Boys and Girls Club Camps can be obtained from the Division of Children, Youth and Families and also through the Boys and Girls Clubs. He then asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

Ms. Nita Chmielewski from the audience stated that she is happy that they are going to keep the Nursing Home in the budget.

County Executive McCoy stated that they have to be responsible to the tax payers and there are over 60,000 seniors over the age of 60 living longer and staying home and they want to stay home because they don't want to go to a Nursing Home. He added that the reality is that last year, unannounced with only five days' notice the Federal Government told them they were losing \$60,000.00 from Meals on Wheels and told them that they couldn't deliver meals on Wednesday and he went to DC to lobby and they found the money, which was not easy because with a Federal Shutdown there is a 10% cut across all programs regardless of what they do and there is going to be another cut coming but he does not know how bad it is going to be. He concluded by saying that he has to make the conscious decision because they are struggling to get within their own cap to either continue on or cut the programs out, which makes it so hard because it affects all Federal programs.

Chief Darlington stated that locally there are many properties that the taxes are not being paid on.

County Executive McCoy stated that Albany County is one of two counties in the State of New York and one out of three in the nation that keeps everyone whole on their taxes on any property that goes delinquent and they have started a Land Bank, to take vacant properties in neighborhoods and fix them and get them back on the Tax Rolls and the focus has been the City of Albany. He added that he went to a meeting and told them that there is a whole county that needs this and between money from the County, the Federal & State Governments and the anticipated 5 million dollars from Eric Schneiderman for a settlement, they are hoping to have between 5-10 million dollars to fix the properties up and the Town of Coeymans should weigh in on it because it makes a difference.

Councilman Dolan asked who appoints people to the Land Bank Board.

County Executive McCoy stated that it is Mike Jacobsen who runs Habitat for Humanity but it is all being done solely in the City of Albany and this was his problem with it and everyone that is getting appointed is solely from the City of Albany and the focus will be the City.

Chief Darlington stated that they were the properties that were foreclosed on and then asked what happens to those that have not been foreclosed.

County Executive McCoy stated that the County goes after them but the problem is that it is a four-year process and they are talking about shortening that window up so they can get people out. He added that the County has the most progressive website in the State of New York where you can see who has take-home cars, cell phones, etc. and there is also See Through Albany County where you can see salaries, overtime, what they are paying for, what type of equipment that they have etc. and also their vacant properties, which have been categorized and they try to stay on it because they can see people who are faltering every month and they try to work with them.

Councilman Langdon stated that there several vacant properties in Town that are not occupied and there is no issue with vacating anyone and then asked how people could acquire them.

County Executive McCoy stated that they would have to see if they are already in the foreclosure process and if they identify a property saying that they have an interest in it as part of a revitalization, the County will work with them to give them the properties and the Land Bank is really important and could be a game changer for the Town of Coeymans and they have to become engaged.

Councilman Langdon asked where the bulk of the tax money comes from that goes to the County.

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County Executive McCoy stated that it is mostly home owner's tax money with another big chunk being sales tax and out of the 62 counties in the State of New York, Albany County is number 10 for the lowest taxes with Saratoga County being 8<sup>th</sup> with a Racino, two race tracks and a population less than half of Albany County, and Rensselaer County, which is half of Albany County's population, they are 26, Schenectady County with half of Albany County's population is 37 for the highest taxes in the State of New York. He added that he is not trying to use this as an excuse to try to raise taxes or justification but he thinks they can do better and he can also stand there and say that Albany County has one of the lowest property taxes of any county in the State of New York, which is nice to say. He asked if there were any other questions, hearing none he thanked the Town Board for having him.

Supervisor Flach thanked Mr. McCoy and then moved to the next item on the agenda.

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**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

May 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$892,672.64	\$ 38,182.95	\$320,883.41	\$ 609,972.18
PART-TOWN	\$322,213.10	\$ 13,526.44	\$ 13,963.77	\$ 321,775.77
HIGHWAY	\$142,935.33	\$ 383.24	\$ 46,328.77	\$ 96,989.80
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,036.73	\$ 15.74	-0-	\$ 29,052.47
SEWER	\$ 79,884.57	\$ 867.59	\$ 22,816.75	\$ 57,935.41
SPECIAL WATER	\$114,836.01	\$ 4,626.39	\$ 83,325.28	\$ 36,137.12
POLICE FORF.	\$ 14,595.67	\$ 8,226.05	\$ 424.69	\$ 22,397.03
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 14,047.19	\$310,473.83	\$311,180.94	\$ 13,340.08
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$ 47,554.69	\$500,013.06	-0-	\$ 547,567.75
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 12,861.50	\$ 42,482.46	\$ 41,780.52	\$ 13,563.44
			<b>Total Reconciled Bal.</b>	<b>\$1,748,731.05</b>

**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Unemployment \$ 703.28  
Grove Cem. \$40,936.14  
C.H. Cem. \$13,428.77  
Sewer Ded. \$ 0.24  
Total \$55,068.43

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED  
COVERAGE**

Greene County \$250,000.00 \$1,951,030.76  
National Bank \$250,000.00 \$1,109,245.00

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

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**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Building Department – April & May 2014**

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Monthly Reports for April & May.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**Sewer Department – May 2014**

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Monthly Report for May 2014.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report and read a letter from Chief Operator Kerr about the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**Town Clerk – May 2014**

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the report was approved as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Evenings on the Green**

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Supervisor Flach stated that Councilman Dolan had discussed Evenings on the Green earlier in the meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to mention that the Village has started digging out the volleyball court at Mosher Park for beach volleyball and it will be filled with sand and then thanked the Village and Town workers who have come together.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #123-14 APPROVE BOND FOR SALT SHED CONSTRUCTION**

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

Town Clerk Millious interjected that for a Bond there needed to be a Roll Call Vote and continued as follows:

Stephen Flach – AYE, – Peter Masti – AYE, - George Langdon – AYE, Thomas Dolan – NAY, Kenneth Burns – AYE

AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 PURUSANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT SHED IN THE TOWN OF COEYMANS, NEW YORK, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York (the “Town”) (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Town Board) as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The specific (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the construction of any approximately 5200 square foot salt shed at 250 Jarvis Road South, Ravena, New York, including related planning and engineering, site work, and original furnishings and equipment required for such purpose. The estimated maximum cost of said purpose is \$75,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 11(c) of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen (15) years.

**SECTION 2.** It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes an unlisted action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 5NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will not be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligation.

**SECTION 4.** The Town Board plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

**SECTION 5.** Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

**SECTION 6.** The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

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**SECTION 7.** Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real estate property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

**SECTION 8.** Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (included without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with the other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds (including statutory installment bonds), and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

**SECTION 9.** The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and may any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

**SECTION 10.** The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provision of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suite or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

**SECTION 11.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in The News Herald, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

**SECTION 12.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RES. #124-14 APPOINT FULL-TIME OFFICER**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is desirous of hiring a full-time Police Officer who is certified and lives within the Town of Coeymans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has conducted a search for an available full-time Police Officer; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Scott L. Kline to the position of full-time Police Officer effective June 24, 2014 with a period of one year probation and Albany County Civil Service approval. Full-time Police Officer Kline will be compensated at a rate designated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Councilman Dolan stated that the Chief had supplied them with numbers for this and it is going to be approximately \$20,000.00 a year savings compared to the full-time officer that they had as well as it being a savings by not using part-time people who would be paid overtime.

**RES. #125-13 AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH SATELLITE SOFTWARE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Clerk of the Town of Coeymans is able to offer residents of the Town of Coeymans an opportunity to participate in a debit/credit card program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans will benefit from accepting debit/credit cards in the Town Clerk's office by saving time and resources in the collection of various fees such as: property taxes, dog licenses, hunting licenses, etc. and creating another means for the general public to pay these fees,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Satellite to participate in the debit/credit card program. The source of funding will be from convenience fees paid by the card user associated with the acceptance of debit/credit cards.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank the Town Clerk for giving the Board the information and added that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch weighed in on it also.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it is a good idea and makes a lot of sense for convenience purposes.

**RES. #126-13 APPROVE JUNE ABSTRACT**

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

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
<b>GENERAL (A)</b>		
General Pre-Pay	1149-1206	\$293,627.52
General	1249-1297,1350	\$ 31,315.95
	<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$324,943.47</b>
<b>POLICE FORFEITURE (A)</b>		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1207	\$ 637.50
	<b>Police Forf. Total</b>	<b>\$ 637.50</b>
<b>POLICE FORF. LOCAL (A)</b>		
Police Forf. Local Pre-Pay	1208	\$ 637.50
	<b>Police Forf. Local Total</b>	<b>\$ 637.50</b>
<b>PART-TOWN (B)</b>		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1209-1221	\$ 13,638.57
Part-Town	1298-1301	\$ 3,055.53
	<b>Part Town Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,694.10</b>

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<b>HIGHWAY (D)</b>		
Highway Pre-Pay	1222-1229	\$ 52,192.93
Highway	1302-1327	\$ 25,483.08
	<b>Highway Total</b>	<b>\$ 77,676.01</b>
<b>SEWER (SS)</b>		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1230-1242	\$ 15,964.07
Sewer	1328-1348	\$ 7,115.32
	<b>Sewer Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,079.39</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJ. (H-41)</b>		
Capital Projects	1349	\$ 2,000.00
	<b>Capital Proj. Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
	<b>Total for all Funds</b>	<b>\$445,667.97</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY (TA)</b>		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1243-1248	\$254,298.95
	<b>Trust &amp; Agcy. Total</b>	<b>\$254,298.95</b>

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**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS**

- Joint Town of Coeymans/Village of Ravena Meeting, June 24, 2014
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, June 25, 2014, 7:00pm
- Planning Board Meeting, July 7, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, July 15, 2014, 6:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, July 23, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, July 28, 2014, 7:00pm

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that Sewer Rent Bills for the second half will be going out for July and some people had mentioned that getting Property Tax Bills and Sewer Rent Bills at the same time in January is a hardship and possibly they can think about changing it to February and August because the Water Bills go out in March and September, with September being the same time that the School Tax Bills go out and maybe it is something that they can think about. She continued by saying that there have been a lot of problems with bears and she has Bear Guides in her office or you can go on the DEC website for more information and she has actually talked to DEC because there have been some bears in her neighborhood, which can be frightening and they suggested getting together with your neighbors, spraying your garbage cans with ammonia, etc. because they are attracted to the garbage, which they say is not a nuisance situation where they will do anything. She concluded by saying that you can get rubber bullets from DEC to scare them if they deem it necessary and there are a number of people that can help you at DEC is you are really having problems.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington stated that regarding the Hannacroix Creek Project, they have gotten permission from ENCON and Army Corps of Engineers to start removing debris from outside

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the stream bed and the banks and they are talking potentially about the second week in July to meet with the Town to go over specifically what they can and cannot do and there is plenty that they can start with and he has asked for youth from the Summer Program to work out there to hopefully start getting it cleaned up in moving forward. He continued by saying that there is still no answer from FEMA as far as a time extension/funding approvals and he believes that the archaeology study is being done as he speaks.

Councilman Burns asked if they have to wait until the study is done.

Chief Darlington stated that he will meet with him to go over what they can and cannot start removing.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he had received some complaints from people in the Hamlet regarding noise and he is working on a Noise Ordinance, which he will address at the next Workshop and most of the complaints were regarding human noise.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he also received some noise complaints as described by Councilman Dolan.

Councilman Dolan stated that he will bring his proposal to the next Workshop to share with the Board and see what the Board wants to do as well as sending it to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch and the Building Department.

Chief Darlington asked that he also send it to him because his Department will be those to enforce it.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that the meeting that was held at the Coeymans Firehouse a week prior was incredible and he knows that there are problems in the Hamlet of Coeymans and all over, but they have to start picking out all of the good stuff and start bragging about our Town and start making people want to come back here again and as the Bible says if you speak it with your mouth it will come into existence and if you speak negative it will go negative. He added that he thinks that they really do have something to brag about and they need to start looking at it in a positive way.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to thank all the residents who came to that meeting, which came about with only a week's notice and he was very impressed that 60 people showed up at that meeting and had some real desire to see some things happen in the Hamlet and Village and he was pleased with the output. He added that he also believes that they have enormous opportunity here and personally he has been spending a couple of days a week in a kayak down there and it has really been eye opening to see what assets they have along the waterfront and he is excited about what they are doing.

Councilman Dolan interjected that if people don't know what they are talking about, last Wednesday, Carver Laraway hosted a Workshop at the Coeymans Firehouse and invited residents, Town Board members, business owners and people who work among his businesses down there.

Mary Driscoll asked that they have more notice ahead of time if there is another one because she knows of several people who would have gone and she agrees with Councilmen Langdon and Burns that they have a lot in this community to be proud of and unfortunately the 6 inch headlines in the Times Union doesn't say that but there is a lot here and she does not think that people realize what we have or could do.

Councilman Langdon stated that there will be more of those meetings and it was mentioned that they will continue to have them and added that he does not know how many people have seen the falls that can be seen from a kayak and he has some pictures that he shared at the meeting and

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added that this Town does not look a lot different from some of the towns that have done phenomenal things with a water feature like that and it is pretty exciting.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was interesting to him in speaking to some of the bankers after the meeting who were there who thought that they were overblowing the blight in the Hamlet because every place where they do business, there are sections of towns like that and they thought that they were over emphasizing that rather than emphasizing the buildings that do exist down there and in many ways they are their own worst enemies in saying more negative than people anywhere else do.

Councilman Burns reiterated that the more negative they speak, the less investors will want to come here and the newspapers love to run with a story and if they start changing their testimonies about how great it is here, people are going to want to come here.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks that we have such a diverse town from the river on out to the Alcove Reservoir and they have a little bit of everything here and great people in our town so they need to keep moving forward and promote themselves. He continued by saying that the Town has been invited to participate in a kick-ball game against the Village on July 19<sup>th</sup> and he accepts the challenge and is pretty excited about it and working with the Village has been great and they are working on some joint projects together. He then asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss some personnel matters.

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**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Flach seconded by Councilman Burns, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss some personnel matters.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:21

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following the adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, the entire Board was present to discuss some personnel matters, no decisions or action were taken. Executive Session ended 9:50pm.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 9:53pm

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*Respectfully Submitted,*

APPROVED – AS READ 07-28-14



*Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk*