

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
August 19, 2014 – Town Board Workshop – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Workshop was held Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 6:00pm 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

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 Town Board present.

AGENDA

- Hannacroix Creek Archeological Study
- Resolution – Accept Resignation of Part-Time Police Officer

ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to mention that there was a Job Fair earlier in the day at Coeymans Fire House for TCI, the Port of Coeymans and EMR and 75 people attended. He added that there are quite a few jobs still available, it was a great showing of people and gives hope because there are people that want to work and jobs are available and it is a good thing for the community.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board about housing in the Hamlet, houses that are currently vacant, future Job Fairs to include surrounding communities

Supervisor Flach stated that the thing about the Job Fair and the vacant properties is when you see people interested in jobs it works like a big snowball effect, which is exciting and he feels as though it will definitely snowball with the businesses popping up.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that it is exciting and a good thing for the Town.

DISCUSSION

Hannacroix Creek Archeological Study

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti discuss the Archeological Study of the Hannacroix Creek.

Councilman Masti reported that they got the Archaeological Study back, which cost the Town \$3,700.00, it is very informative but he is amazed that they didn't find anything archeologically

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close enough to the creek to warrant an in-depth study, they have been held up six weeks and they had to pay them thousands of dollars for what they already knew.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was a good, reputable company and he agrees that it wasn't warranted but unfortunately it was one of those red tapes that they had to go through. He added that the study is at Town Hall if anyone would like to see it.

Councilman Burns stated that the kids that worked there during the summer through the Summer C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Youth Program should get a pat on the back and on the first day, within an hour they were covered in mud and working their tails off moving material out there.

RESOLUTION

RES. #134-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, Ryan Cross 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 Ryan Cross as Part-Time Police Officer be accepted effective August 15, 2014.

To: Chief Darlington
From: Officer Ryan Cross
Date: August 15, 2013
Subject: Resignation

I regret to inform you that this letter is my resignation from the Coeymans Police Department, effective immediately. I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had with the Coeymans Police Department.

If the opportunity in the future possibly arises, I would like to be considered as a candidate for the Coeymans Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Officer Ryan Cross

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not know the circumstances of why he felt as though he had to leave other than he does have a full-time position with another agency. He continued by saying that Officer Cross has been an asset to the Town's Police Force, he is sorry to see him go, he will be missed and he did a great job for the Town.

Councilman Burns stated that he would keep the door open as far as him coming back, he knows the Town, he knows the people and if he ever wanted to come back he does not see any reason why he can't.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS (Not on agenda)

Bids for Sludge Removal

Supervisor Flach stated that they received two bids for removal of sludge at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and added that they would not be accepting them and he would offer a motion to refuse both bids and put it back out to bid.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, to not accept the previous bids for sludge removal from the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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

Supervisor Flach continued with a motion authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for a new bid for sludge removal.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for a re-bid for the sludge removal.

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

Town Clerk Millious interjected that there were no bids for replacing the gazebo roof at Coeymans Landing.

Supervisor Flach stated that there were no bids for the gazebo roof and added that in speaking with an official, because it is under \$10,000 they don't have to put it out to bid, which he didn't realize. He continued by saying that they are supposed to get 3 quotes, the last time they bid it there were two and this time there weren't any and they talked about doing it in-house and this is something that they still have to do.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board relative to Teen Challenge helping them out and what would have to be done as far as insurance for them.

Councilman Langdon stated that they can check with TCI because Teen Challenge might have them insured and if they can produce insurance on those guys, it may satisfy that.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will contact Victor and ask if they have insurance coverage and they will take it from there.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Councilman Burns stated that the Town Board is going to be challenged to do the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS and he wants to do it.

Discussion ensued as to how the ALS Challenge works.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she will announce at Monday's Town Board Meeting that the hunting is on sale and there will be a Primary Election, on September 9th from noon to 9:00pm and it is only for certain parties but not the Republican Party.

Supervisor Flach stated that the recent power outage went from Newburgh all the way north to the Selkirk line and there were some issues with the Town's generator and thankfully they were able to use the generator on the Mobile Communications Bus until they got the generator running. He added that additional Police Officers came in to help as well as Village Trustee Bailey, Emergency Management Coordinator Bruno, Chief Darlington and himself, everyone did a good job and he is thankful for that. He then asked if there were any additional comments.

Councilman Burns stated that a lot of people in Coeymans Hollow are very concerned with the Alcove Reservoir and what would happen if the dam let loose, which has been a quiet concern forever and they have requested that a siren be put along the route where the water would do the damage.

Supervisor Flach stated that he along with Councilman Masti went to the City of Albany Water Department for a different matter and there are talks about fishing permits for the Alcove Reservoir. He continued by saying that they did not discuss a siren but he thinks that if they speak with the Commissioner of the Water Department, who is very receptive, he would be open to that type of thing, which Gilboa Dam has. He added that they have been working on some of

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the valves and one of them hasn't been open in forever and they are going to be working on replacing it. He continued by saying that they opened up a line of communication with them and he will send an e-mail to Albany Water Board to express the concerns and went on to say that the Town does have a new Emergency Evacuation Plan from the City of Albany. He added that they are currently working on the budget and there are a few things that they are looking at such as bathrooms at Joralemon Park and hiring a Grant Writer and then asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Flach continued by saying that there is a new law that you can hunt big game with a rifle in Albany County and the only section that you can't is where it is bow only.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that the hunting has changed and there are no longer Sportsman and Super Sportsman licenses and if you want anything other than big and small game, it has to be added separately and continued by explaining the process.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Brian Rowzee from the Ravena Library stated that there will be an opportunity to celebrate your constitutional freedom to read and with release of The Book Thief the freedom of expression has become a lot more in the public eye and they will be having a Freedom to Read Night, Thursday, September 25, 2014. He continued by saying that in order to participate in the Freedom to Read Night you have to read a 30-60 second passage from a banned or challenged book in the United States and then tell why you liked the book, which will be videoed to show your support for freedom of expression.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn the Workshop.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Workshop was adjourned.

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

Time – 6:46pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read September 8, 2014



Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk