

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS**  
**August 25, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, August 25, 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  
Nancy Pike, 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 with exception of the absence of Councilman Dolan.

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**AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Train Festival, August, 30, 2014
  - Town Office Closed, September 1, 2014
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Bid Opening, June 26, 2014
  - Town Board Meeting, July 28, 2014
- Supervisor's Report – July 2014
- Department Report Review
  - Building Department, July 2014
  - Town Clerk, July 2014
  - Sewer Department, July 2014
- Resolutions
  - Appoint Town Assessor
  - Approve Abstract
- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
  - Planning Board Meeting, September 2, 2014, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, September 8, 2014, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, September 16, 2014, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2014, 7:00pm
  - ZBA Meeting, September 24, 2014, 7:00pm
- Executive Session – Personnel Matters

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Train Festival**

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Supervisor Flach stated that the Train Festival will be held on August 30, 2014 from 12:00-8:30pm at Mosher Park with a lot of things happening and fireworks at the end of the day and added that the trains will be auctioned off at 6:00pm.

**Town Offices Closed**

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on September 1, 2014 in Observance of Labor Day.

**Movies in the Park**

Supervisor Flach stated that they have had movies in the park at Mosher Park this year, which were a big success and last Friday there was one at Coeymans Landing, there will be two more down there, September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm.

**Albany County IDA Public Hearing**

Supervisor Flach stated that Albany County IDA has scheduled a Public Hearing at Town Hall for August 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Flach stated that there were two sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Bid Opening on June 26, 2014 and a Town Board Meeting on July 28, 2014 and then offered a motion to approve them.

**MOTION**

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

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

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**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

July 2014

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$333,632.15	\$ 72,825.13	\$280,513.20	\$125,944.08
PART-TOWN	\$305,951.66	\$ 446,331.78	\$ 27,763.19	\$724,520.25
HIGHWAY	\$122,006.09	\$ 165.04	\$ 80,329.90	\$ 41,841.23
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,069.14	\$ 10.03	-0-	\$ 29,079.17
SEWER	\$119,355.68	\$ 48,922.76	\$ 34,737.09	\$133,541.35
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 36,138.58	\$ 395.08	-0-	\$ 36,533.66
POLICE FORF.	\$ 21,760.44	\$ 1,460.93	\$ 2,968.47	\$ 20,252.90

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<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	\$ 14,001.94	\$344,897.97	\$339,837.05	\$ 19,062.86
<b>H-FUND CAP. PROJ.</b>	\$492,467.04	\$ 84.25	-0-	\$492,551.29
<b>SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS</b>	\$ 12,786.30	\$ 37,783.30	\$ 42,386.73	\$ 8,183.37
			<b>Total Reconciled Bal.</b>	<b>\$1,631,510.16</b>

**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Unemployment	\$ 703.34
Grove Cem.	\$40,939.56
C.H. Cem.	\$13,429.89
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.24
Total	\$55,073.03

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,195,223.43
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,102,863.00

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

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

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

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Building Department – June, July 2014**

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Report.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the report.

**Town Clerk – July 2014**

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

**Sewer Department – July 2014**

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Langdon give the Sewer Department Report.

Councilman Langdon continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve all three reports.

**MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Building, Town Clerk and Sewer Department Reports were approved as presented and read.

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

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. 135-14 APPOINT TOWN OF COEYMANS ASSESSOR**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Coeymans Sole Assessor has resigned and the Town Board is desirous of appointing an Assessor to fulfill the term left by Laura VanValkenburg, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that Dawn M. DeRose is a qualified candidate to fill this position.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Dawn M. DeRose to fulfill the term as the Town of Coeymans Assessor, to expire September 30, 2019. This appointment shall take effect on October 1, 2014. The annual salary shall be \$28,975.18

Councilman Masti asked how they came up with the salary.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is the salary that was in place last year and added that he was not at the meeting when Assessor VanValkenburg's letter was read that indicated that she is resigning as of September 30<sup>th</sup>; he added that she has served the Town for quite a long time and he wanted to thank her for that. He continued by saying that Dawn DeRose has been the Assessor's Clerk for quite a few years and has finished her courses to be an Assessor, she has done a lot of work and has shown a great work ethic.

**RES. #136-14 APPROVE AUGUST 2014 ABSTRACT**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the following resolution was approved as presented and read.

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

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

	<b>VOUCHER #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>GENERAL (A)</b>		
General Pre-Pay	1530-1585	\$241,522.30
General	1641-1690	\$165,225.49
	<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$406,747.79</b>
<b>POLICE FORFEITURE (A)</b>		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1586-1587	\$ 210.47
Police Forfeiture Local PP	1588	\$ 1,080.00
Police Forfeiture	1691-1692	\$ 1,285.41
	<b>Police Forf. Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,575.88</b>
<b>PART-TOWN (B)</b>		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1589-1602	\$ 31,009.67
Part-Town	1693-1699	\$ 1,338.65
	<b>Part Town Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,348.32</b>
<b>HIGHWAY (D)</b>		
Highway Pre-Pay	1603-1615	\$ 61,355.64
Highway	1700-1726	\$ 8,295.40
	<b>Highway Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,651.04</b>

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<b>SEWER (SS)</b>		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1619-1633	\$ 23,758.51
Sewer	1727-1748	\$ 12,551.34
	<b>Sewer Total</b>	<b>\$ 36,309.85</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECT (H 41)</b>		
Capital Project	1749-1750	\$ 4,653.12
	<b>Capital Proj. Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,653.12</b>
	<b>Total For All Funds</b>	<b>\$552,286.00</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY (TA)</b>		
Trust & Agcy. General PP	1634	\$ 269.33
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1635-1640	\$333,845.82
	<b>Trust &amp; Agcy. Total</b>	<b>\$334,115.15</b>

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**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS**

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Supervisor Flach stated that beginning in September they will be going back to two meetings a month.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Flach stated that two Friday's ago he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new bridge going to the Port of Coeymans and it feels like lots of things are happening in our Town and he is excited about what is going on and looking to see the Town move forward. He then asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to read the Primary Election Notice and continued by reading the following:

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE  
 Democratic Party, Conservative Party and Green Party  
 Tuesday, September 9, 2014  
 Polls are open 12:00pm to 9:00pm

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 \*\*POLLING PLACES\*\*

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1st District             | Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St, Coeymans               |
| 2nd District             | Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church St., Coeymans              |
| 3rd District             | Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St., Ravenna    |
| 4th District             | R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte. 9W, Ravenna        |
| 5th District             | Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> District | Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow |

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All Polling Places are handicapped accessible. Any questions as to voting district or eligibility, please call 756-2100. Any questions as to what Voting District or eligibility please call 756-2100.

Town Clerk Millious continued by saying the hunting licenses went on sale the first week of August and there have been some changes, there are no more Sportsman packages and it is now a hunting license for \$22.00 and other items have to be added individually. She continued by saying that fishing no longer expires at the end of September but and are good for a year from the time that you buy it and if you have a Marine License it is good until the end of the year as well as rifle hunting now being allowed in Albany County. She concluded by saying that her hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday and her number is 756-2100 if anyone has any questions.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington wanted to make sure that the Board was aware that on Wednesday they have a meeting with Sheriff Apple concerning secondary PSAP (Public Safety Access Point) funding and it appears that in order for them to keep their secondary 911 PSAP, the County will be charging for it and he does not have a dollar amount for it.

Supervisor Flach asked Chief Darlington if he wanted to mention the power outage.

Chief Darlington stated that Central Hudson had a power failure that affected from Newburgh to the Town of Coeymans, it was out approximately 2 ½ hours and the emergency generator failed them that evening, and in turn they immediately contacted Albany County and gave them cell numbers to call for any 911 lines that came in. He continued by saying that the phone system was down for approximately 15 minutes at which time they were able to bring the Communication Bus to the station for a secondary generator and were able to get the phones up. He added that the generator continued to go out every 5-10 minutes and he believes that Francisco is coming in the morning to give it a test and try to figure out what was wrong with it. He went on by saying that there were plenty of cars on the road, they called some officers in and they monitored the 9W area where there were no traffic lights.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Communication Bus has been a bone of contention with some and it ended up saving the day, it worked out well and they were happy to have it. He continued by thanking the Emergency Management Team for a great job and it went really good even with that little glitch.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he has nothing but compliments about how they handled the power outage, it was very professional and it is nice to know that they have something like that in place. He continued by saying that he wanted to say publicly that the kids hired for the Summer Program, he can't say enough about them and on the first day, 2 hours into the project they were covered in mud and they cleaned up a lot of messes out of the Hannacroix Creek as well as working with Nelson and the Highway crew transported them back and forth, which made things a lot easier. He added that two of the boys that he worked with the whole time asked if they could come back the following week and work for nothing and said they didn't have to get paid and they wanted to do more work in the creek. He concluded by saying that they are great kids, it was a lot of fun and he is very proud of them and next year he hopes that they do it again and possibly clean out the creek from Deans Mills all the way up.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to let people know that the Hope for Life Center will be doing another Annual Harvest Festival on October 18<sup>th</sup> and if anyone wishing to help can contact Rebecca Flach, Executive Director.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that at the last meeting they discussed the Archaeological Survey Report and they found nothing worth reporting out at the Hannacroix Creek, which he is amazed

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by. He added that it was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers and then asked Chief Darlington if they had heard anything back.

Chief Darlington stated that F.X. Browne is moving forward and he routinely reaches out to F.E.M.A. to find out if the time extension has been approved and the last two e-mails were rejected because apparently New York State switched their e-mail service and it was showing his e-mail as a virus so he had to have special permission to send the State e-mails. He added that the e-mail finally went through but to date he has not heard from the State or Federal governments.

Councilman Masti thanked Chief Darlington and added that he was just checking to see how the wheels are turning as he reaches out.

Supervisor Flach stated that last Monday his nephew nominated him for the ALS Challenge and the following evening at the Village Board Meeting, Mayor Misuraca felt a need to nominate him on television as he himself did the challenge. He continued by saying that he wanted to give some of the facts that you never get to see on Facebook and read the following:

ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, it is a neurodegenerative disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. When the nerve cells die, the patient's motor functions die, this means that you can no longer move your arms, your legs; you have difficulty swallowing and can no longer speak. Basically you are paralyzed, but you are very much aware of your surroundings, there is no cure and there is no treatment that stops or reverses ALS. Approximately 5,600 people in the US are diagnosed annually and the life expectancy of an ALS patient is 2-5 years from the time of diagnosis.

Supervisor Flach stated that he understands that the Challenge has raised over 40 million dollars and there have not been a lot of companies willing to take it on to study it so it is pretty exciting for those people and amazing how viral this type of thing can go just from Facebook. He added that he is more than happy to take the Ice Bucket Challenge and anyone wishing to donate can go to [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org) or call his office for more information. He concluded by saying that he nominates the rest of the Village Board, Nancy Warner, William Bailey, Joel Coye and Keith Mahler.

Councilman Burns stated that he had the honor of living next to a man who died from ALS, George St. John who lived on Park Drive in Ravena and he was one of the smartest, best mechanics that he ever worked with in his life and to watch him slowly die from this was awful.

Councilman Burns continued by pouring a bucket of ice water over Supervisor Flash's head.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

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**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

**MOTION**

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

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

Time – 7:30

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, those in attendance were the entire Town Board with the exception of

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Councilman Dolan, as well as Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, Chief Darlington and Highway Superintendent Searles to discuss personnel matters, no action was taken or decisions made.

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**RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN**

Supervisor Flach reconvened the meeting and offered a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION**

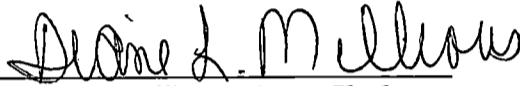
On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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

Time – 9:00pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**APPROVED** – As Read September 8, 2014



*Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk*