

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
September 8, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, September 8, 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
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 presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Bid Opening, July 24, 2014
 - Bid Opening, August 14, 2014
 - Town Board Workshop, August 19, 2014
 - Town Board Meeting, August 25, 2014
- New Business
 - Waive Park Fees for Haunted Hay Ride
- Resolutions
 - Budget Amendment
- Correspondence
 - NYS Department of Public Service
- Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, September 16, 2104, 6:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 22, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, September 24, 2014
- Additional Comments
- Adjournment

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the Train Family Festival at Mosher Park was a great success with quite a few people attending this year and it was a good time. He added that he wanted to thank the Village for putting it on, as well as Lafarge, a big sponsor who provided the fireworks and everyone else who helped that day. He continued by saying that they auctioned the trains and most of them were sold but there were a couple left and he believes that they made approximately \$3,600.00 in profit and the Festival Committee is looking where to use the money and they discussed that the library is in need of speakers for children's events as well as another Committee member having some other suggestions. He concluded by saying that he wanted to give an update and to thank everyone who attended the Festival.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Regina Palmer stated that she lives in the Hamlet of Coeymans and she knows that locally they have no control over Route 144 because it is a State road and added that she believes that the Town Board would have more pull with the State than 4 or 5 of them that live in the Hamlet. She continued by saying that there is a sink hole in the sidewalk that is at least 2 ½ feet deep with a cone over it right on Route 144.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are two holes like that and he spoke with Highway Superintendent Searles and he and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Conrad spoke to the man in charge of the Town's area of State roads and he assured them that they will be fixing those very soon but didn't give a date, which is the last word that he got and it was about a week ago. He continued by saying that he also spoke with a Foreman for the State that oversees most of the State roads around here, he lives local and he said that he would continue to follow-up on it because it is dangerous as well as talking about the fact that Route 144 is a mess from Route 143 south and added that he spoke with Pete Lopez and he said that he would follow-up on it, which was the past Thursday evening. He concluded by saying that he got assurance that it will be taken care of because it is dangerous and they are trying to get it taken care but as Ms. Palmer said, the Town does not have the jurisdiction to do it.

Ms. Palmer continued by saying that she along with others in the Hamlet are working very hard to fix up their properties to make it a nicer area and added that it would be nice if they could have a Workshop with the Town Board where they can work with the Board directly and discuss how they can work together to make the area nicer. She added that she knows there are a lot of other things going on like sewer issues but the roads are terrible and she actually fell in a hole that she didn't see.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a long range plan and the Highway Department and Police Department constantly look at the roads and then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he had anything to add.

Highway Superintendent stated that it depends on the budget for next year and the year after but they plan on doing a lot in the Hamlet area.

Councilman Burns stated that Highway Superintendent Searles was going to look into renting a paver and doing it themselves and then asked him if he did anything with that.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he didn't because he is not going to have the money to do it this year.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have been looking into having their own equipment to do some of it and then asked Ms. Palmer if she had any other comments.

Ms. Palmer stated that last year they discussed having a Workshop and never got to it and then asked if they could get something on the calendar for this year or early next year because she would like to see them moving forward.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they do it during a regular Town Board Workshop and she could let them know ahead of time when she would want it on an agenda and added that Workshops are not televised and are low-key.

Councilman Langdon suggested that the request be made by the Friday before so there is time to get it on the agenda for a topic of discussion.

Councilman Dolan interjected that when they met with DOT about doing the culvert by the golf course, the DOT representative said that they would be paving Rte. 144 from the town-line south to the bridge and it was a commitment to do it this year.

Councilman Masti stated that there were stipulations on a lot of things that he was saying as far as the budget goes.

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Councilman Langdon asked about the deep sink holes and whether or not the Town can dump some stone in them if the State doesn't do something.

Highway Supervisor Searles stated that if it is a directive from the Board he can do it.

Councilman Masti stated that it is a safety issue and then asked if they would be obligated.

Chief Darlington stated that they should be forewarned that if they do it, they would add liability to the Town if for instance it settles and someone falls and there is an issue like that in another case.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will do their best to get a hold of them again because it is a safety issue.

Chief Darlington suggested that they follow it up in writing so they are on Notice because either way they are going to have some liability because it has been brought to their attention and by following it up in writing they have documented it.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they should direct Attorney for the Town Wukitsch to write a letter to State DOT stating that they have been notified specifically about it.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was a good idea and he will call Attorney for the Town Wukitsch.

Councilman Masti suggested that they give them 72 hours to fix it.

Ms. Palmer stated that three weeks ago they cut out a section of the sidewalk to connect to the gas line followed by someone blacktopping that section and she didn't know who it was or why it was done.

Supervisor Flach stated that the only thing that he can think of is that the Village had to shut down a water main.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the water main is on the other side of the road.

Supervisor Flach interjected that he was only speculating and added that they would check it out and then asked if there were any other public comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were four sets of Town Board Minutes for approval, a Bid Opening on July 24th, a Bid Opening on August 14th, a Town Board Workshop, August 19th and a Town Board Meeting on August 25th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYES 0 – SO MOVED

Councilman Masti interjected that they were impeccable as always.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Waiving Park Fee

Supervisor Flach stated that there is a request from the Police Athletic League to waive the fee for a Haunted Hay Ride at Joralemon Park on November 1st and 2nd.

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Chief Darlington stated that he has to change the rain date from November 2nd to November 8th if it is available.

Councilman Dolan asked if it is the Police Athletic League and not the Police Department.

Chief Darlington stated that PAL is a division of the Police Department, which is run by volunteers like the Traffic Safety Committee is.

Councilman Masti stated that there is no profit and it is a community outreach service.

Chief Darlington stated that the Union maintains the funds that go toward local youth activities.

Councilman Masti asked if the Union covers the insurance.

Chief Darlington stated that the Town does because it is the Town's Police Department.

Councilman Dolan asked why they would charge for use of the park and then asked if they charge other departments for using Town property.

Chief Darlington interjected that there is a fee on the permit and he does not know of any other department that has used the park.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would make a motion to waive the fee.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, waiving the fee for use of Joralemon Park for a Haunted Hay Ride.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he was asked to take a walk through there because last year there were some problems with ruts and holes and that he take care of it and then asked the Town Board if it was alright to do this.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is fine with him doing that and added that there will also be an outdoor movie that night at the park and continued by saying that it was a great turn-out last year.

Chief Darlington interjected that they were not prepared for the turn-out and there were over 300 people.

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a movie, food and games for those waiting and added that they did a great job last year.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #137-14 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans 2014 Adopted Budget did not include funding in line item A2680 Insurance Recovery, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has received insurance recovery money for a Law Enforcement Vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of funding such a line item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2014 Adopted Budget be amended as follows:

- Increase Revenue Line Item A2680 - Insurance Recovery \$5,045.14

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- Increase Appropriation Line Item A3120.4 – Law Enforcement \$5,045.14

Supervisor Flach stated that this is insurance for a car that was damaged and needs to be fixed and there wasn't a line item to put it in the budget and get it back out and it was a simple fix.

CORRESPONDENCE

NYS Department of Public Service

Supervisor Flach read the following:

Dear Consumer Leader:

I am writing to ask your help in raising awareness of the Lifetime Discount Telephone Service Program and encouraging eligible consumers to enroll. Lifeline Discount Telephone Service is a program designed to make basic telephone service more affordable for income-eligible consumers.

Consumers qualify for Lifeline by participating in one of a number of Federal Assistance Programs or by having income at or below 135% of the Federal poverty guidelines. Last year the Federal Communications Commission updated its rules governing program eligibility and non-duplication of support to improve program efficiency and ensure those that need support can receive it.

September 8-14, 2014 has been designated as National Lifeline Awareness Week. The New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) is joining other state agencies, local human service organizations, and local telephone companies to promote Lifeline Awareness Week and focus attention on this important program.

We ask you to join us in raising awareness of this important program by posting a link on your organization's website to the Lifeline page on our www.AskPSC.com consumer website. We can provide posters to assist you in educating your constituents about the program. If you would like posters or have any questions about the Lifeline Program or Lifeline Awareness Week, please contact:

Lorna Gillings at (518) 474-1788 or at kirba.gillings@dps.ny.gov
Yvonne Super at (518) 408-1061 or at Yvonne.super@dps.ny.gov

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Erin O'Dell-Keller
Manager
Outreach Program

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Clerk Millious has a copy of the letter in her office if anyone has any questions.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, September 16, 2014, 6:00pm
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that September 9, 2014 is Primary Election Day and it is for the Democratic Party County-Wide Governor and Surrogate Court Judge and Town of Coeymans Conservative Party for the 102nd Assembly District and the Green Party for the 46th Senate District. She continued by reading the following Election District locations as follows:

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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., Ravena |
| 4th District | R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rte.9W, Ravena |
| 5th District | Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow |
| 6th District | Coeymans Hollow Fire House, 1290 SR. 143, Coeymans Hollow |

Town Clerk Millious stated that she will be in her office all day and if anyone has any questions they should call 756-2100 and added that all Polling Places are handicap accessible. She continued by saying that there are a couple of bids coming up, the re-bid on the hauling of sludge from the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which will be held Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 11:00pm and she has bid packages if anyone is interested. She went on by saying that there is another bid for replacing the Highway Garage roof, which will be Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 2:00pm and she also has bid packages for that if anyone is interested. She concluded by saying that the Hunting Licenses are on sale and doe permits are available until October 1st, her hours are 8:30-4:30 and as she had mentioned previously there are no Sportsmen packages, each item is sold individually and hunting with a rifle in Albany County is now allowed and for anyone with questions on the changes they can go to DEC's website for additional information.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief Darlington asked if they had heard from Francisco's on the generator or if they had come back.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes that they came back the next day but he had not talked to them and added that he would call in the morning.

Councilman Burns asked if it fires up once a day or once a week.

Chief Darlington stated that this is an answer that they have been trying to get and added that they have a panel board that they had been told was installed and up and running three times but it's still not running and the problem is when they need it, they need it and that time of the year is coming up.

Councilman Burns stated that they already had a warning with the blackout.

Councilman Dolan asked if they ever heard what caused the long lasting blackout.

Chief Darlington stated that they never gave an official reason and it had something to do with the transmission line.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thought there was some redundancy built in a couple of years ago with another transmission so it would not happen.

Supervisor Flach stated that there was supposed to be another whole transmission line but he has not seen anything more about that and then asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wanted to let the Board know that Powell Hill is officially done with blacktop and he decided to do Kyle Lane and Albright Court because they were really bad and they gave him a really good price so everything up there is completely done.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Councilman Dolan asked about the gazebo roof, which they had talked about maybe bidding again or doing something.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was put out to bid and they didn't get any and in turn they talked about doing it in-house and then asked Highway Superintendent Searles if he had talked about it anymore.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that there are a few people that are willing to do it.

Supervisor Flach stated that along with those few from the Highway Department, Councilmen Burns and Masti have said that they will help too and he would be willing to help as well.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked if there is money budgeted for that.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he didn't think so.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be just materials and hauling it away.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he could get a price for them on the materials and in turn get back to them.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be great if he did that.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would get the specifications for him to see what was put in the bid.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan asked Chief Darlington what the rules of engagement are going over the bridge in Coeymans where they are doing the construction. He added that earlier in the day when he was going over it, he was waved on to the bridge by someone standing on Riverview Drive wearing a safety vest only to find out that there was a huge truck coming right down the middle of the bridge.

Chief Darlington stated that he was curious about whose truck it was.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was one of Carver's trucks, like a dump truck and it could have stayed in one lane so he does not know why he was doing it.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have to cross the line to make a right turn.

Councilman Dolan stated that they were missing the point of his question and then asked why he was waved on to go on the bridge when there is a truck in the middle of the bridge.

Chief Darlington stated that the rules of engagement as he questions it, is that they have a flag person there and if anything were to happen it would be their fault and they should not tell someone to go if it's not safe. He added that they can speak with them about it and he is probably not the only one that this has happened to and it is a very congested area.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked what side of the road the flagman was on.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was on Riverview Drive and not even actually in the road and he waved him on without looking.

Supervisor Flach asked that Chief Darlington speak with them because it sounds like there was an error and thankfully it was not a terrible error.

Chief Darlington stated that he received a call Friday from a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement State Trooper and he questioned the Town of Coeymans giving permission for the Yuke Truck to drive up and down the road. He added that he wanted to let the Board know that they did not and do not have the authority to allow that to happen and apparently the driver said that the Chief of

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the Coeymans Police Department gave them permission to go up and down the road between the Port and where they were hauling.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he would be concerned about the weight of the Yuke Truck going over that bridge because they are much heavier in a condensed area unlike a tractor trailer where it spreads out over 70 feet.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that Scott and his crew are doing a great job as well as the Chief and his crew and it is nice to know that everyone is getting along and working together and added that it goes without saying that the guys at the Sewer Plant are awesome.

Councilman Masti asked that when they talk to DOT that they ask when they are going to put guardrails up where they put the sluice across on Rte. 143 and if they are ever going to get a real line on Rte. 9W in the turn lane.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she thinks the flag girl out on Rte. 9W needs more training and should pay more attention, especially when the light is not working.

Chief Darlington interjected that it was a traffic nightmare because they shut down Rte. 144 in New Baltimore and sent it up Rte. 9W at the same time as they were fixing Rte. 9W in Ravena.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is glad that the paving is done on Rte. 9W and they did a good job and then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti asked if there was anything on the Hannacroix Creek.

Chief Darlington stated that he had sent e-mails again and still no responses.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

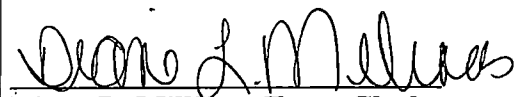
On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read October 14, 2014



Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk