

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS**  
**September 26, 2014 – Special Town Board Meeting – 4:00pm**

**A Special Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 4:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**TOWN BOARD:** Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor  
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman  
Peter E. Masti, Councilman  
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman  
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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

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**AGENDA**

- Resolution
  - Appoint Police Commissioners
- Alcove Preservation

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Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Notice of Special Town Board Meeting.

**NOTICE  
SPECIAL  
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

In compliance with Public Officer’s Law, this will inform you that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has scheduled a Special Meeting for Friday, September 26, 2014 at 4:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York. The purpose of this meeting is to hire one to three Police Commissioners.

**By Order of the Town Board  
of the Town of Coeymans  
Diane L. Millious  
Town Clerk**

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**SUPERVISOR’S OPENING COMMENT**

Supervisor Flach read the following:

I called for this meeting to bring up a need for a Board of Police Commissioners in the face of the Chief of Police taking administrative leave and retiring from the Police Department this week. We will vote on three members as Town Law states that the Town Board can appoint one or three Police Commissioners to serve on this behalf. We are looking at some prospects for hiring a new Chief and we hope to know sometime next week. I am putting up Peter Masti and George Langdon as they are Town Board Police Department liaisons; I am also putting up Larry Conrad because of his knowledge of the workings of the Town and enforcement of laws. I believe all of these gentlemen have the interest of the Town of Coeymans at heart.

**RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any comments about hiring a Police Commission.

Councilman Burns asked if it was a paid position because it says “hire”.

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Councilman Masti interjected that the resolution says “without compensation”

Supervisor Flach stated that it is not a paid position and the law says that it has to be one or three and originally he spoke with Councilman Langdon who indicated that he would rather have someone else with him so he thought Councilman Masti but the law says “one or three” and he had actually talked to Larry because of his knowledge. He added that in the face of the Chief retiring, he spoke with the Chief earlier and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch is working on the paperwork for him to sign and he had some questions that he thinks they resolved with one of them being health insurance. He continued by saying that because of the cost of family coverage with children is \$400.00 a month, he asked if the Town could cover half of it until the end of December and he said he was fine with that but he would ask the rest of the Board. He went on by saying that he had spoken with Councilmen Burns and Langdon and they said that they were fine with that in addition to him being entitled to it through September. He added that he spoke with Sergeant Contento, the Senior Officer and they had some conversation about the possibility of a new Chief and whether they want to hire a full-time or part-time Chief as well as talking about the shifts, which they have a schedule for through October. He continued by saying that he also spoke with Dawn LaMountain and she expressed concern about hiring a new Chief and whether they would still want her there and he told her his personal feelings, which was that they would and he had spoken with Councilman Langdon and he agreed but he did not speak with any other Board members.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they should discuss this type thing in Executive Session.

Supervisor Flach agreed and added that he is trying to keep everyone abreast.

Councilman Dolan stated that due to unusual circumstances they have to handle things as they come up.

Supervisor Flach asked if any of the Board wished to comment.

Councilman Burns asked Councilman Dolan if he would have wanted to be one of the Commissioners.

Councilman Dolan stated that he absolutely would not want to be and added that he does not think that he is qualified and with no offense to Councilmen Langdon and Masti who have done a fine job as liaisons, he does not think they are qualified for it either but of the three they are the two more qualified.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is only until the end of the year.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is only temporary for the transition.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is just so they have some kind of an idea what is happening in the Department who can help with the scheduling and help Dawn during the transition.

Councilman Burns asked as far as a new Chief, if they will have to go off the Civil Service List.

Supervisor Flach stated that if there is a list, they will have to look at it and added that he has a name in mind that he will share with the Board at some point in time or if someone else has someone in mind.

Councilman Burns stated that with Civil Service there is more of a variety.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is not sure if there is a Civil Service List at this point and they were going to send what they have but to date there is nothing and continued by reading the resolution to hire a Police Commission.

**RES. #140 APPOINT POLICE COMMISSION**

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

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**WHEREAS**, Section 150(2) of the Town Law of the State of New York authorizes the Town Board in a Town in which a Police Department has been established, at any time by resolution, establish a Board of Police Commissioners for the Town and appoint one or three Police Commissioners, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board feels it necessary and prudent to establish such Board and to appoint three members thereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Board of Police Commissioners is hereby established immediately in the Town of Coeymans, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Peter E. Masti, George E. Langdon and Laverne Conrad, being electors of the Town of Coeymans, are hereby appointed as Police Commissioners in the Town for a term ending December 31, 2014, to serve without compensation.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any comments.

Councilman Burns stated that as far as anyone asking, Chief Darlington asked to step down.

Supervisor Flach stated that they should talk about that in Executive Session and added that he spoke with Chief Darlington earlier and he is looking forward to retirement.

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**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**Alcove Preservation Association**

Supervisor Flach stated that they had discussed being concerned about the chimney at the Chimney Top Park and in the agreement it said that the APA would be responsible for the repair of it and Attorney for the Town Wukitsch added some other things that the APA didn't want in there and added that the Board's main concern is the chimney.

Councilman Masti interjected that it is the biggest liability.

Supervisor Flach stated that if the Board is alright with it he will have Attorney for the Town Wukitsch change it back to the chimney itself because the Town had already agreed to do the upkeep as far as mowing and all of that stuff.

Councilman Dolan asked if they are in agreement to do the chimney.

Councilman Langdon asked if they were aware that if they did not upkeep it, the Town Board would probably take it down because of the liability.

Supervisor Flach stated that they understand that and will do checks on it periodically and they have someone from New York Quarries who agreed to do the pointing up for them but he does not know when specifically.

Supervisor Flach continued by saying that he wished to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session to discuss one other issue and offered a motion.

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**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Dolan adjourning the meeting to Executive Session.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time 4:15pm

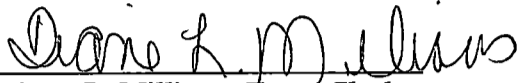
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Special Town Board Meeting with the entire Town Board present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel issue. No action was taken or decisions made.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**APPROVED – As Read October 14, 2014**



*Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk*