

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
October 14, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, October 14, 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
Daniel Contento, Interim Police Chief
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

- Presentations
 - Bullying Awareness Month - October
 - Present Chief Darlington with Retirement Badge
 - Resolution to Accept Chief Darlington Resignation
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, September 8, 2014
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- Resolutions
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 - Authorize Justice Court to Prepare JCAP Grant
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 - Authorize Supervisor to Sign Letter of Agreement with BAS
- Correspondence
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- Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, October 21, 2014, 6:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, October 22, 2014, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, October 27, 2014, 7:00 pm

PRESENTATIONS

Bullying Awareness Month – October

Supervisor Flach stated that October has been designated as Bullying Awareness Month and continued by reading the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security, and

WHEREAS, Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children, and

WHEREAS, Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go the school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and make the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety, and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide, and

WHEREAS, providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual, and

WHEREAS, It is time to “Stand UP for Character – DOWN to Bullying!”, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to urge our community to recognize October 2014 as Bullying Awareness Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Town Board does hereby designate the month of October 2014 as Bullying Awareness Month in the Town of Coeymans as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

Accept Resignation and Present Chief Darlington with Retirement Badge

Supervisor Flach stated that the Board would be presenting Chief Darlington with his retirement badge and then asked that Councilman Dolan read the resolution accepting his resignation.

RES. #141-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CHIEF DARLINGTON

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

WHEREAS, Police Chief Gregory Darlington has submitted his letter of resignation as Chief of Police in the Town of Coeymans Police Department for the purpose of retirement, and

WHEREAS, Chief Darlington has served the residents of the Town of Coeymans for more than 25 years. The Chief started his career as a part-time Dispatcher and soon after became a Police Officer, and

WHEREAS, Chief Darlington was promoted to Sergeant and then to Police Chief. He has served the residents of the Town of Coeymans with passion as well as compassion. During Chief Darlington’s tenure he was successful in initiating a few of the following programs: reinstating the D.A.R.E. Program, assisted in Landlord/Tenant Training in conjunction with the District Attorney’s Office as well as the Trespass Affidavit Program with the District Attorney’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans would like to thank Chief Darlington for his many years of service and the contributions he has made to the community. Chief Darlington will be missed by many co-workers, fellow officers and resident of our Town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation/retirement of Chief Gregory Darlington as Police Chief is hereby accepted effective October 10, 2014. The Town Board of the Town of Coeymans wishes Chief Darlington the best in his retirement as well as his future endeavors.

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

Councilman Burns stated that Chief Darlington is a small town hero and he remembers him as a kid working on the back of a garbage truck picking up trash and then working his way all the way up to Chief, which is an inspiration for any young person in seeing that it is possible to become whatever you want to become if you work for it. He concluded by saying that he is a great inspiration and great friend.

Councilman Dolan stated that he hadn't know the Chief as long but when he moved to the Town of Coeymans in 1990, someone broke into his car and stole some change, 2 cassette tapes and a pair of sunglasses and he debated whether he should call the police or not. He continued by saying that his neighbors encouraged him to call the police and Officer Darlington showed up and asked him if he was able to ascertain how the perpetrators accessed his vehicle and he said that his windows were rolled down and doors were unlocked and that was probably the way that they got in his car. He added that he looked so young at that time and he thought that he was in a High-School Intern Program but was actually a Police Officer and to echo what Councilman Burns had said, he rose in the ranks and he stands before them today.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has not known the Chief for that long but it had been a pleasure working with him and wishes him the best and whatever opportunities he pursues from here become very prosperous for him and his family.

Councilman Masti stated that he does not have any long term memories of Chief Darlington other than the last couple of years on the Town Board but he has heard good things of him and it was good working with him and he wishes him the best with his retirement and for him to enjoy his days with his family because it is what life is all about

Supervisor Flach stated that he has known Greg for quite some time and they went to high-school together although they didn't associate too much but they knew who each other was. He continued by saying that he has known him for three years as Town Supervisor and as the newspaper reported, they have tussled, which he does not know is the proper term but they have had a lot of great discussions in his office. He added that he does not know what else to say other than to thank him for his service and that he deserves a lot of credit for running a department that people may have the idea that it is an easy job, which is actually not a glorified job. He concluded by thanking him and telling him that he appreciates his time with the Town and continued by presenting Chief Darlington with his Retirement Badge.

Chief Darlington continued by reading the following:

Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, fellow Town employees, Officers family and friends,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening, I am here to announce my retirement effective October 10, 2014. I started working for the Town of Coeymans on or about August 1986, I started as a part-time Dispatcher and then became the part-time Animal Control Officer and on May 10th 1989, I stood in this room in front of Honorable Harry Sturgess and took an Oath of Office for Police Officer. This Oath of Office stated that I would uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York and discharge the duties of Police Officer for the Town of Coeymans and later took the Oath of Office for the position of Chief of Police. I discharged my duties of a Police Officer for a little over 25 years, seven years of which were your Police Chief. I did these duties to the best of my ability and I hold my head high with pride knowing the service I performed for this town. One of the most important responsibilities of a Police Officer is to stand for those that cannot stand for themselves, not only when crimes are committed against them, this responsibility has been uttered from my mouth many of times when I said that I work for the taxpayers of the Town of Coeymans. It was my responsibility to make sure that the Town of Coeymans was the safest place to live with the budget that was provided, anyone who watched over the years knows my passion regarding the need of service to this town. I have brought you a full-time, full-service Police Department all while a budget went from 1.5 million to just under \$600,000.00. The men and women that serve the Town of Coeymans do it with pride and dignity, the Town of Coeymans should be proud of the Department they have. Not only am I stepping down as your Police Chief, but also as your Deputy Director of Emergency Management, this position I also took with great pride and worked with many great dedicated people, many of which were

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volunteers. During our times of need we were able to handle most incidences with little or no assistance from outside agencies, this was greatly apparent when the County called them and said that they were on their own during the hurricanes. We managed to handle flooding and man a 24 hour shelter, this shelter was ultimately held open to support Albany County. In closing I tenure my resignation for the purpose of retiring, effective October 9, 2014, this decision is my decision and my decision only, the time was right for me and my family. I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Coeymans who allowed me to serve for a total of 27 years, I further would like to thank the current and past Board Members for challenging me to do and be the best that I can be, my co-workers and subordinates for making me look good over the years, remember that we were a team and none of us worked alone or did the job alone, my friends for helping me and my family when I had to be elsewhere helping others and most importantly my family, my Mom who cried the day I told her that I was going to be a Police Officer but she still supported me through the years, my wife Leah who endured countless phone calls at all hours of the night, stayed home and took care of things while I was out helping others and interrupted date nights and dinners and family events and my amazing kids Danielle, Jacob and Isabella for loving me even though I missed birthdays and countless family events that I was supposed to be there for. I loved my career and I walk away holding my head high as I did what my Oath asked me to do. Thank you.

Letter of resignation -

October 8, 2014

Town of Coeymans Town Board
18 Russell Avenue
Ravena, NY 12143
Town Board,

This letter is to tender my resignation for the purpose of retirement. My effective date will be October 9, 2014 and effective retirement date of October 10, 2014. Thank you for your consideration.

Gregory Darlington

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Andrea Grutza stated that she lives on Church Street in Coeymans and she has a big problem with the trucks that come by all hours of the day, they are very loud and very fast with an elementary school right on the street there. She continued by saying that they are never ticketed by the Police, which she does not know why but they should be and the roads were not made for trucks like that, streets like Church and Main were made for horse and buggies and it is a stretch that they even have cars on some parts. She added that she almost got side-swiped by a truck on Main Street by the Chinese restaurant because they can't make those curves, they go into the on-coming traffic and they don't care and when they are coming down the hill past her house they pull the jake-brake and the whole house vibrates, which is extremely annoying and she wants some answers. She concluded by saying that the past couple of nights, over the weekend, they were doing something at the Port at 2-3:00 in the morning all night long, she was not able to get any sleep and she would like to know what they are doing and why Church Street and Main Streets are considered a truck route.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a State highway, which the Town or Village has no jurisdiction over.

Ms. Grutza asked if he was saying that they have no jurisdiction over the trucks that go back and forth all day long.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct and added that the Police can ticket at their discretion and he knows that DOT does periodic weight checks.

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Ms. Grutza interjected that she has seen cars pulled over but she has never seen a truck, which she knows goes way faster than 30 mph and she does not know if they are waiting for a kid to get killed on that road by a truck to do something about it because something has to be done, you can't have these trucks going back and forth. She concluded by saying that she does not know what they do at the Port or what kind of jobs they have but the noise is horrendous and then asked what they were doing Saturday at 2:00am.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was not sure but they load and unload ships once a month but he does not know for sure.

Ms. Grutza asked if they have to do it in the middle of the night.

Councilman Langdon stated that his understanding is that the ships charge for every hour that they sit at the dock while they load or unload the ship and this is how it works at any port.

Ms. Grutza asked if it is okay that the good people of Coeymans get no sleep when the ships come in.

Councilman Langdon stated that he does not know what noise she is talking about and he has been down there when they were loading a steel ship, which he believes is the loudest that they have and it really wasn't loud as he stood at the gazebo at the Port.

Ms. Grutza stated that she was in her bedroom on top of the hill and she heard it.

Councilman Langdon stated that he does not know what was going on Saturday night and he was just telling of his experience.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it was extremely loud during the weekend and when he got home 1:30-2:00am it was outrageous.

Ms. Grutza asked if they can do something about it or do they just have to live with it.

Councilman Burns stated that it is just something that is done periodically and approximately every two months they have a steel ship come in and they have asked about not loading from midnight to morning and were told that the rate charged is phenomenal for the ships so if he decided he wasn't going to do this, he would probably lose the steel business because they would go someplace else.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the charge is \$50,000.00 a day.

Ms. Grutza stated that for him to make money and for them to lose sleep does not sit very well with her and then asked about the trucks constantly going up and down the streets and then asked about sending them up to Bethlehem.

Councilman Masti reiterated that it is a State road, they do not have authority and the trucks have a right to do it with the State limiting how much weight they can have as well as the speed limit and if they are speeding the Town's Officers know to ticket them.

Councilman Burns stated that they had a couple of ideas to make an alternate truck route but it is going to take years to do something like that but they are working on it.

Councilman Langdon stated that they do have plans and what they would like to do is to create a truck only bypass so only trucks could use it and it would go along the Lafarge conveyor belt and get the trucks from Rte. 144 over to Rte. 9W and as a 30-year truck driver he would prefer to see that in this town and there is not one single driver that wants to go up and down Church Street with the curves and visibility at the end of the street and he can guarantee that not one of them want to be there doing that but there really isn't much of an alternative at this point and they have started talks with Lafarge with the idea of presenting that but quite honestly it will take quite a while to get a road like that put in.

Ms. Grutza interjected that it would make her happy.

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Councilman Langdon stated that it is the best scenario solution that they have come up with and it was actually a resident who suggested it a couple of months ago.

Ms. Grutza asked if the State DOT is responsible for the roads.

Councilman Masti suggested that she contact them.

Councilman Langdon stated that there was a sink hole that the Town was not allowed to touch and they had to contact the State just to fill in a hole.

Ms. Grutza thanked the Town Board

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not think that it is accurate in saying that unloading a ship in the middle of the night happens only every other month because it happens almost every week.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Bill LaBeau stated that he is a Labor Representative from Council 82 for the Police Communication Officers in the Town and in looking at the Tentative Budget he has some questions, specifically in regard to Communications and Personnel Services going from \$200,000.00 to \$86,000.00 and added that the members are hearing different stories and then asked that Supervisor Flach explain what the plan is.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is his Tentative Budget not the Board's and he can answer that and added that his plan was to have day and evening part-timers fill in on the weekends and to do away with the midnight shift.

Mr. LaBeau asked who is going to do that.

Supervisor Flach stated that Albany County will.

Mr. LaBeau asked if they are picking up the cost.

Supervisor Flach stated that the midnight shift as of right now, they don't have it set in stone, it is a working budget and he is working with the County on that. He added that they already answer all the 911 calls and can answer the seven-digit lines as well and this is where he is with the Tentative Budget.

Mr. LaBeau asked when the actual Budget gets proposed and voted on.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is just before November 20th and what happens now with the Supervisor's Tentative Budget is that the Board will get together and they will go through things that may or may not need to be changed and if they need to add more money in or take money out and at that time it will be the Preliminary Budget and a couple weeks after that the Adopted Budget comes out.

Mr. LaBeau stated that in the Tentative Budget the County will be picking up the midnight shift and then asked if there will be a contract showing what the Town has to pay for these services, for how long and if it will be made public.

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a contract and it will be made public.

Mr. LaBeau stated asked if there is a timeframe.

Supervisor Flach stated that there isn't.

Mr. LaBeau asked if it is going to be before it is voted on.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be.

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Mr. LaBeau asked what the reasoning behind getting rid of the midnight shift was and in looking at different parts of the budget, it looks like this is the one spot that he is cutting by 43% and in other places going up like the Highway Department going up 40% but the first line of public safety is being cut by 43% and reiterated that he wanted to know the rationale.

Supervisor Flach stated that there are some things to understand in the Budget with regard to the Highway Department and it is up 40% because the Beautification Department was moved into there where it was originally.

Mr. LaBeau asked why there is a need to cut the first line of public safety, the dispatch.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is because he feels that they are duplicating services with the County and that they have full-time people who cost a lot of money on the midnight shift who are duplicating services.

Mr. LaBeau asked if the Town is going to have its own frequency with the County.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will and he does not have the details in front of him.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he is a retired Officer from the City of Cohoes and they moved their services to the County and they along with Watervliet and Green Island are going to be on the same frequency and there is no priority for anyone to be able to get on there and get to their Officers and they might want to look into that also because personally the Cohoes Chiefs would take their dispatchers back in a minute because it has been a nightmare. He added that in speaking with administration from the Sheriff's Office, they are not going to pick up the costs, they represent other people at the County and the costs are going to be passed on so before anyone votes on anything, they should at least know what they are getting, how much it is going to cost and for how long. He concluded by saying that he understands that it is a Tentative Budget but they are soon going to be in November, it is now mid-October and people are wondering as to what they are going to be doing in terms of their livelihood and jobs and basically how they are going to provide the services to the Town residents that they protect like the out-going Chief stated.

Supervisor Flach stated that he understands that and they have been in conversation with many of their Police Officers about what is happening in the department and they understand that if they get rid of Communications, it's a hardship. He added that he can tell him that in talking with the County's Department, that if they were to completely go with the County, they have discussed the cost of that and would have a contract, which would be significantly cheaper and they feel as though they want folks during the day and evening so when people come into the Police Department they have someone to talk to and this is where he is with that.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he understands that he is talking about duplication of services, which he does not completely agree and then asked if taxes would be going up.

Supervisor Flach stated that actually there is a proposed tax decrease.

Mr. LaBeau asked why they need to get rid of the dispatchers.

Councilman Langdon stated that the bottom line for him is when you sit down and look at the way things function, there is a duplication of services and Supervisor Flach had a deadline to put out a budget, they were kicking around some of the things and the County did not come to them with their \$60,000.00 until less than a month before his budget came out. He added that in looking at the situation and how they said they would handle things, there is definitely a duplication of services, whether or not it should all go away, a lot of them had thought that initially but in the process of doing the homework and it talking to people, there is a need for some dispatch. He concluded by saying that the budget that he is holding, is probably not going to be the one that they finish with, there will be some adjustments because of some of the information that has come to light over the last month and they continue to work on it literally just about every day.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he appreciates that and he thinks that different people talk to different people within the department and there needs to be one voice with everyone on the same page

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and tentatively things are fluid, but no one knows what is going on and there are a lot of questions.

Councilman Langdon stated that they have a lot of concern about that and the truth is that they really don't know what it looks like yet.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Dispatch Center is slated to be over budget by \$40,000.00-\$50,000.00 this year and the Police Department budget is not much better and actually worse so they are faced with as a Board with approximately \$100,000.00 over budget for essentially one department.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they need to keep in perspective that it is a \$600,000.00 budget that is \$100,000.00 over and they are not talking about 1 or 2%.

Mr. LaBeau stated that he gets that and he heard the out-going Chief talk about it going from 1.5 million to \$600,000.00 and he understands that they are trying to get the job done on a smaller budget and everyone is trying to do more with less. He continued by saying that as he looks through the Tentative Budget, he also sees raises, some are significant and they are saying that the Police are over budget but other people are going to take raises, there is going to be a tax decrease and they are cutting the first line of public safety. He added that the other things that he would mention that in transferring services, it is a transfer of services and in transferring Dispatch, the minimum to do this is a year if they are going to do it smoothly and they are trying to do it in a quarter of that time and it usually doesn't work that well in a year. He concluded by saying that it seems like it is a little bit rushed and he would think that if they are proposing a transfer of services, they would have the Sheriff or someone from his department to answer questions and actually have what it is going to cost and this is what they are asking for and they hope it becomes transparent.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the Board is going to discuss it as part of a Budget Workshop on October 23rd.

Councilman Masti stated that they are also having more meetings with Communications so forth but people outside the Town don't know that.

Councilman Dolan stated that some people in the Town don't know it either and all he knew is that they were going to discuss it at the October 23rd Meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was correct, it is October 23rd.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it is the Supervisor's Budget and members of the Town Board will have an opportunity to offer their wisdom when they present their budget but before that there will be Budget Workshop on October 23rd when they will discuss Police and Communications.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other 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 Town Board Meeting on September 8th, a Town Board Workshop on September 16th, A Special Town Board Executive Session Meeting on September 24th and a Special Town Board Meeting on September 26th and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYES 0 – SO MOVED

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RESOLUTIONS

RES. #142-14 APPOINT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways is desirous of filling a position of Equipment Operator I at the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Civil Service Department has confirmed this job title as a non-competitive position requiring the chosen candidate to meet minimum qualifications, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has confirmed the candidate meets minimum qualifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint William G. Haight to the position of Highway Equipment Operator I, effective October 20, 2014, at a salary of \$18.33 per hour.

Councilman Dolan stated that he knows that they can't discriminate against non-Town residents who otherwise qualify but he is happy to see that they hired someone who lives in Town.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it was a real lengthy process with approximately 20 interviews with a lot of people who live out of town but this gentleman is the most qualified.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was a great candidate and they are happy about that.

RES. #143-14 AUTHORIZE JUSTICE COURT TO PREPARE JCAP APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, the Town Court is desirous of making application for funding assistance to obtain office equipment, and

WHEREAS, such assistance is possible through the New York State Unified Court System Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes the Town Justice Court to prepare such JCAP application and forward the completed application to Supervisor Stephen D. Flach for signature and submission.

RES. #144-14 AMEND JULY 2014 ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby amend the July 2014 Abstract as follows and indicated in red.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1351-1400	\$187,196.52
General	1443-1469,1471-1486	23,095.82
	General Total	\$210,292.34
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1401	\$ 260.98
Police Forfeiture	1487-1489	\$ 1,547.49
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 1,808.47

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PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1402-1412	\$ 14,835.09
Part-Town	1470,1490-1491	\$ 500.64
	Part Town Total	\$ 15,335.73
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1413-1422	\$ 55,467.81
Highway	1492-1513	\$ 9,200.51
	Highway Total	\$ 64,668.32
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	1423-1436	\$ 19,386.58
Sewer	1514-1529	\$ 9,775.58
	Sewer Total	\$ 29,162.16
	Total for all Funds	\$321,267.02
TRUST & AGENCY (TA)		
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay	1437-1442	\$249,719.98
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$249,719.98

RES. #145-14 AMEND AUGUST 2014 ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby amend the August 2014 Abstract as follow and indicated in red.

	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1530-1585	\$241,522.30
General	1641-1643,1645-1676,1678-1690	\$162,466.13
	General Total	\$403,988.43
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	1586-1587	\$ 210.47
Police Forfeiture Local PP	1588	\$ 1,080.00
Police Forfeiture	1644,1677,1691-1692	\$ 4,044.77
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 5,335.24
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	1589-1602	\$ 31,009.67
Part-Town	1693-1699	\$ 1,338.65
	Part Town Total	\$ 32,348.32
HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	1603-1615	\$ 61,355.64
Highway	1700-1726	\$ 8,295.40
	Highway Total	\$ 69,651.04

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

RES. #146-14 AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY PERSONNEL TO ATTEND TRAINING

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

WHEREAS, the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal and Saratoga County Highway Department are presenting a training seminar on Safety During Snow and Ice Removal Operations on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at Ballston Spa, New York, and

WHEREAS, employees from the Highway Department have requested to attend said seminar, which will provide insight to Safe Snow and Ice Removal practices, and

WHEREAS, this is a free seminar to those attending,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the employees in the aforementioned department may attend the Safety During Snow and Ice Removal Operations seminar to be held on October 23, 2014 in Ballston Spa, NY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will reimburse employees upon submission of a voucher for travel expenses to and from the conference center for use of a personal vehicle only.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a free seminar and all Highway employees are going.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the Parks Department will be working.

RES. #147-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH BLUE DIAMOND SEPTIC

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

WHEREAS, the Ravena News Herald published a Notice to Bidders for transporting sludge, and

WHEREAS, Blue Diamond Septic was the apparent low bidder for hauling sludge, and

WHEREAS, the bid price listed below has been reviewed and is determined to be in the best interest of the Town:

- Sludge Hauling to Albany South Plant - \$.0569 per gallon
- Sludge Hauling to Albany North Plant - \$.0640 per gallon

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sludge Hauling Contract is hereby awarded to Blue Diamond Septic according to the price stated within their Bid Proposal,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town of Coeymans Supervisor, Stephen D. Flach is hereby authorized to execute a contract for sludge transportation with Blue Diamond Septic.

Councilman Masti asked what the difference was between the north and south plant other than a penny and if there is different material or if it is the same sludge because they are going to two different plants.

Supervisor Flach stated that he does not have any answer for that.

Councilman Masti stated that he will talk to Chief Operator Kerr because he is curious about it.

RES. #148-14 WAIVE BUILDING FEES FOR COEYMANS HOLLOW VOLUNTEER FIRE CORPORATION

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

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company is undergoing a modernization of their fire house located at 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow, and

WHEREAS, the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company is a not-for-profit organization comprised of volunteers who provide emergency fire services to the people of Coeymans Hollow, and

WHEREAS, a request was made by Donald Cross, Chairman of Coeymans Hollow Fire District #3 to waive the applicable fees associated with the Building Department's processing the necessary permits in connection with this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Building Department to waive fees associated with any Town Permits required in connection with the proposed construction at the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company located at 1290 SR 143, Coeymans Hollow, NY.

RES. #149-14 RE-APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER

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

WHEREAS, the term of Henry Mormile on the Board of Assessment Review expired on September 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined his service to be of value to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mormile has expressed an interest in retaining a seat on the Board of Assessment Review,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby reappoint Henry Mormile to a five-year term on the Town of Coeymans Board of Assessment Review to expire September 30, 2019.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Mormile has been on the Board of Assessment Review for quite a while and a former Assessor himself and does a great job.

RES. #150-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH BUSINESS AUTOMATION SERVICES INC.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is desirous of purchasing an Integrated Management Accounting System, and

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WHEREAS, this software package would enable the Town's accounting and payroll to become computerized with will save time and money, and

WHEREAS, Business Automation Services, Inc. (BAS) currently serves the Town's IT Company for maintenance of the Town's computer system. BAS has presented the Town with a proposal for the Financial Management Accounting System, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the system is \$29,120.00 with a 2-year, 0% payment term as follows:

- 1st Installment - \$16,960.00 Due by January 31, 2015.
\$12,160.00 For software and implementation services.
\$ 4,800.00 For 1st year's annual support & maintenance.
- 2nd Installment - \$16,960.00 Due by January 31, 2016.
\$12,160.00 For software and implementation services.
\$ 4,800.00 For 2nd year's annual support & maintenance.

**\$4,800 due annually January 31st each year thereafter for IFM Accounting & Payroll Software support and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute the Letter of Agreement with Business Automation Services, Inc.

Supervisor Flach stated that the contract can be cancelled at any time and this will bring the bookkeeping up to the 20th century for lack of a better term and it is payroll and accounting software. He added that the cost is approximately \$4,000.00 more than Paychex for their payroll for the first two years but then it goes to \$4,800.00 due annually, which will be approximately 1/3 of the cost. He reiterated that it is not just payroll, it does the accounting as well.

Councilman Masti asked if all they had to do was plug in the numbers and it does the rest.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct.

Councilman Langdon stated that it takes them off paper ledgers.

Supervisor Flach stated that it does but they still have back-up.

Councilman Masti asked if they get one year for free because in doing the math \$16,960.00 times 2 is \$33,920.00 but if you subtract \$4,800.00 for one year it is \$29,120.00.

Supervisor Flach stated that he agrees but the total is \$33,920.00.

Councilman Masti stated that if you total the 1st and 2nd installments that are due January 31, 2015 and January 31, 2016, the total is \$33,920.00 so someone must have forgotten one year.

Supervisor Flach agreed and stated that the total cost would be \$33,920.00 for the system with a 2-year, 0% payment term.

Councilman Dolan asked if the cost for the third year is just the \$4,800.00 for support and maintenance.

Supervisor Flach stated that was correct and it is due annually by January 31st and reiterated that it is not just payroll.

Councilman Masti interjected that it sounds like a smart move.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

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CORRESPONDENCE

C-T Male – Zoning Map Amendments

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town has to do a Zoning Map Update to reflect the latest revisions which will update the existing geodatabase and one will map with features plotted and labeled and continued by reading the following:

Additional scope of service to be provided at client's authorization – C.T. Male will provide the data on selected computers at the Town. This will be accomplished by using ArcReader, which is a free download from ESRI, and allows users to view and print maps.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is something that they don't have and it is another piece of software where they can print the maps right on their own computers. He continued by saying that it isn't something that needs to be signed right away and he just wanted to make the Town Board aware of it.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Town Board Workshop, October 21, 2014, 6:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, October 22, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, October 27, 2014, 7:00pm

Supervisor Flach stated that on October 16th at 4:00pm & on October 23rd at 4:00pm there will be Budget Workshops.

Councilman Dolan asked if there is opportunity for public comment during the Budget Workshop.

Supervisor Flach stated that there isn't and they have never done it that way and added that he had gotten an e-mail earlier in the day with several questions and it took quite a bit of time to explain things in his budget and anyone else can feel free to ask questions.

Councilman Dolan stated that people should have a clear expectation if they come to a Budget Workshop, whether or not they are going to be allowed to ask questions and if the Board is going to respond to them.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would answer questions and they will play it by ear for those that show up.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there are two upcoming Budget Meetings and then asked if they should start thinking about authorizing her to schedule a Public Hearing because it has to be by November 6th, which is two days after Election. She added that she needs to give plenty of notice for the public and time moves quick.

Supervisor Flach asked how soon she would need to know.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it should be as soon as possible and as soon as they know they need to let her know and suggested they schedule it now.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they have it November 6th and they just need to give her 10 days before that to post it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it should be in the paper.

Councilman Dolan suggested scheduling it at the next Workshop on October 21st.

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Town Clerk Millious stated that she would have to know by the Monday before the meeting because of deadlines.

Councilman Masti suggested that they decide at the Budget Workshop on Thursday, which is a public meeting.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it is too late for this week but if she knows later in the week there would be time. She continued by saying that she received a Notice from Board of Elections for accepting absentee ballots and read as follows:

- Monday, October 20th, 4:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday, October 22nd, 4:30-7:00pm
- Saturday, October 25th, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- Tuesday, October 28th, 4:30 -7:00pm
- Thursday, October 30th, 4:30 - 7:00pm
- Saturday, November 1st, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Town Clerk Millious stated that this is a schedule for extended hours for absentee ballots that she has in her office and it is for people who are not going to be around for the General Election on Tuesday, November 4th. She concluded by saying that there is going to be a 5K Run for Orphans at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 18th and she joined in the celebration for the Village of Ravenna for their 100th Birthday which was a nice time and it was nice getting together with the Village to share their celebration.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that with some decisions on what is going on, he would hate to say that it is not personal because it is personal but they really are looking out for the best interest of the whole town and not just certain individuals. He added that you are asked to do the best job that you can do and they really are doing that and if seems like they are rushing into things, he drags his feet a lot and they are working really hard to find the correct answers on what to do, where to save and what to cut and they have to keep praying that they make the right decisions, which they are really trying to do.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that the Harvest Festival is October 18th, which is a community event at Faith Plaza with many activities and a kids scavenger hunt and added that there was a good turn-out last year.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to reiterate that there is nothing that they can do about State roads and he would like nothing better than to have a nice, straight, quiet Main Street where businesses can bloom and you can cross it safe but it is out of their control and it has to go to a higher authority than them, which he is sorry about. He continued by saying that as far as Communications go, it is under discussion, they are gathering information, they don't have any decisions yet and nothing personal but he gets a little annoyed when someone not from here in the Town asks questions because they can ask him anytime and he will tell them what is going on the best he can and they don't need to send a Union Representative to do it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is why they have a Union and added that he has heard this Town Board insert itself in other issues involving State roads and now all of a sudden there is nothing they can do. He added that there was a pothole in the road and they directed the Attorney for the Town to write a letter regarding it, so when someone comes to the Town Board and says there is a serious danger or health hazard, they reply that there is nothing they can do about it so let's move on.

Councilman Masti stated that they have no authority to do anything, they have contacted people to find out if anything happened and the masses have to speak up because they don't listen to the Town any more than they do a single person.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he's never seen them back down before when someone said there was an issue that's not their responsibility and added that they have said they will write letters and march to Washington but all of the sudden this one issue is hands off and they can't say or do anything.

Councilman Masti interjected that he didn't say they can't do anything, he said they don't have authority to do anything, which is different.

Councilman Dolan stated that he also thinks, and it was brought to his attention again today, he is not blaming Mr. Laraway for it but the situation at the bridge is very dangerous and he does not know if it is the training of the flag people but more times than not he has been in the middle of the bridge with a truck coming head on with two flaggers standing on either end of the bridge.

Supervisor Flach stated that he went over the bridge today and the flagger stopped him and let three trucks go by and then was told to proceed slowly. He added that he is not saying that it doesn't happen, it hasn't happened to him and he understands.

Councilman Masti asked if the flaggers are private hirers or employees of the State. Supervisor Flach stated that he is assuming that they are State employees and then asked if there were any other comments.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to congratulate the Village himself and he was able to attend their 100th Year Celebration, they had a huge tent at Village Hall, there were over 150 in attendance and the food was great, the orchestra was great and it was a good time. He then asked if anyone else wished to comment, hearing none he offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:07 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, the entire Town Board was present. Discussion ensued regarding a personnel matter, no decisions or formal action was taken.

Time – 9:24pm

RECONVENE MEETING AND ADJOURN

Supervisor Flach called the meeting back to order and offered a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVE

Time – 9:26pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read November 10, 2014


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk