

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
October 27, 2014 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday October 27, 2014, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman

ABSENT: Kenneth A. Burns, Sr., Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town
Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that there was a full Town Board with the exception of Councilman Burns.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed November 4, 2014 – Election Day
 - Town Offices Closed November 11, 2014 – Veterans Day
 - Town Offices Closed- November 27, 28, 2014 – Thanksgiving
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of Minutes of Meeting
 - Special Town Board Meeting- October 3, 2014
- Supervisors Report – September 2014
 - Amend August 2014
 - Amend July 2014
- Department Report Review
 - Building Department, August/ September 2014
 - Town Clerk, September 2014
 - Sewer Department, September 2014
- New Business
 - CT Male Zoning Map Update
 - Flood Damage Prevention
- Resolutions
 - Accept Police Officer Resignation
 - Approve Budget Amendment, Sewer Fund
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Contract with CDPHP
 - Approve October Abstract
 - Appoint Police Chief
- Correspondence
 - Eagle Scout Proposal – Jordan Hazzard
- Upcoming Town Board Workshops/Meetings
 - Budget Hearing –October 30, 2014 – 7:30PM
 - Planning Board Meeting – November 3, 2014- 7:00PM
 - Town Board Meeting- November 10, 2014- 7:00PM
 - Town Board Workshop –November 18, 2014, 6:00pm
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- Executive Session

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed

Supervisor Flach stated the Town Offices will be closed November 4th for the Primary Election, November 11th for Veteran’s Day and November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there is one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Special Town Board Meeting on October 3rd and then asked for a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

September 2014

Supervisor Flach read the Supervisor’s Report for September as follows:

FUND	BALANCE FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$115,230.82	\$289,582.36	\$229,035.94	\$175,777.24
PART-TOWN	\$299,409.66	\$ 1,025.23	\$214,648.81	\$ 85,786.08
HIGHWAY	\$145,689.97	\$ 284.47	\$ 61,383.05	\$ 84,591.39
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,083.14	\$ 11.43	-0-	\$ 29,094.57
SEWER	\$187,541.42	\$ 1,526.57	\$ 34,161.62	\$154,906.37
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 37,078.61	\$ 20,182.56	-0-	\$ 57,261.17
POLICE FORF.	\$ 35,078.61	\$ 11,517.49	\$ 7,249.72	\$ 39,945.10
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 16,142.64	\$243,152.20	\$245,152.20	\$ 14,323.94
CAP. PROJ.	\$562,994.49	\$ 92.43	\$ 12,370.24	\$550,716.59
SECTION 8 HUD	\$ 14,016.48	\$ 48,368.90	\$ 43,409.07	\$ 18,976.31

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			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,211,287.76

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.40
Grove Cem.	\$40,937.82
C.H. Cem.	\$13,942.98
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.24
Total	\$55,077.63

COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED COVERAGE

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,322,355.42
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$1,104,301.00

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Amended 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
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 14,001.94	\$345,167.97	\$340,106.38	\$ 19,063.53
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$492,467.04	\$ 84.25	-0-	\$492,551.29
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 12,786.30	\$ 37,783.30	\$ 42,386.73	\$ 8,183.37
			Total Reconciled Bal.	\$1,631,510.83

Amended Supervisor's Report for August 2014

Supervisor Flach stated that there were amendments in the August Abstract and continued by reading those as indicated in red.

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$125,944.08	\$321,477.98	\$332,191.24	\$115,230.82
PART-TOWN	\$724,520.25	\$ 1,345.02	\$426,455.61	\$299,409.66

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HIGHWAY	\$ 41,841.23	\$157,982.00	\$ 54,133.26	\$145,689.97
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,079.17	\$ 3.97	\$	\$ 29,083.14
SEWER	\$133,541.35	\$ 84,972.82	\$ 30,972.75	\$187,541.42
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 36,533.66	\$ 544.95	-0-	\$ 37,078.61
POLICE FORF.	\$ 20,252.90	\$ 19,840.31	\$ 4,415.88	\$ 35,677.33
TRUST & AGCY	\$ 19,063.53	\$221,922.49	\$224,843.38	\$ 16,142.64
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$492,551.29	\$ 75,096.32	\$ 4,653.12	\$562,994.49
SECTION 8 FUND 76 UNITS	\$ 8,183.37	\$ 47,916.84	\$ 42,083.73	\$ 14,016.48
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,442,864.56

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the amended reports.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department – August & September

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti give the Building Department Reports for August and September.

Councilman Masti continued by giving the reports.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the reports.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the reports were accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Town Clerk – September

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk Monthly Report for September.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Langdon, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Sewer – September

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan give the Sewer Department Report for September.

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

CT Male Zoning Plan Update

Supervisor Flach asked the Board if it was something that they had to address now.

Collectively the Town Board agreed that they didn't and agreed to table the discussion for now.

Flood Damage Protection

Supervisor Flach stated that this was something that they needed to execute by December 16th.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it isn't extensive in terms of what they currently had to discuss because DEC had already provided them with a form Local Law and there are only a few things that the Town is required to consider and has a discretion to adjust, otherwise DEC needs to review and approve any Local Laws enacted under this area. He added that he thinks there are only three areas and Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad has a suggestion in terms of a change that is not substantive but rather procedural and if they just focus on those specific points they can get it in file form, he will send it to DEC for approval and in turn do a SEQRA Review in connection with the passage of the law possibly next month. He continued by saying that they have to get it in final format first and then asked Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad for his input.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that as they know, the Building Department is the Flood Plain Permit Administrator and has been since 1989 when the first law was enacted. He continued by saying that there are a couple of things that he would like to make sure on with one being in the definition section on page 4, under Local Administrator it says, is the "person", and in the Town's case it is "persons or people" to be appointed by the community and he would suggest it be changed and the bottom line where it says, "Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer", Official is the actual title and on page 7 where it suggests that the maps should be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office, they are not the permitted Administrator or keeper of the maps and they are distributed through the Building Department.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if it should just say "Building Department, Town of Coeymans".

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that it should and continued by saying that on page 8, Section 4.0 under Administration it should say Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official and not Officer. He continued by saying that the only other question that he has is that they have never charged fees for permits in the past, however they do have a fee schedule posted online and he would like to know how much, if any, the Town wants to charge for these permits. He added that they should bear in mind that these permits usually require the hiring of an Engineer, by the person in the flood plain to prove the flood plain elevations and if

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something is to be built in the flood plain in certain areas where it can be, they have to have design drawings to meet with DEC regulations on that and they will incur substantial costs just to obtain a permit. He continued by saying that they will have paperwork to do themselves because they have to keep it on file for the life of the home plus 20 years as well as inspection by DEC as the Enforcement Agency and he does not know what their thoughts are on that and it needs to be determined by the Board as far as how much they want to charge and typically a Planning Board situation for a subdivision, they get \$50.00 for an application fee and \$50.00 per lot and in being consistent with the current rates he is not sure where they want to go with it and he will leave it up to them to decide.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked him what his recommendation would be.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that his recommendation would be no more than \$100.00 to cover their cost and the paperwork.

Councilman Langdon asked how much actual time is involved.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that they have to review the entire process to make sure that it meets the Flood Plan Regulations, issue the Flood Plain Permit, which is in addition to any Building Permits and then there is a Special Certificate of Compliance once it is all done and added that they issue a typical Building Permit for a shed for \$25.00 and for houses \$150.00.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch suggested \$100.00.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that he is not sure.

Supervisor Flach asked if they needed to determine that now.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they do because he wants to get it in a final format that he can send to DEC so they can approve it and he can bring it back in final format.

Supervisor Flach asked if \$100.00 is enough.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that the Board has the option of changing fees at any point in time or they could just say subject to the fees in Appendix 170.a of Town Code.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he would decide on something and put it in there and it should be either \$50.00 or \$100.00.

Councilman Langdon stated that the property would be running up costs for engineering and he would like to keep it as reasonable as possible but they have to take into account their time.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that this was his thought too and they do their job every day of the week and they fit it in the schedule on a need-be basis but he generally does not determine the fees. He added that he would recommend that they be a little considerate on this one because they will generally run \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 at the very least for engineering.

Collectively the Board agreed that \$50.00 was reasonable.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad was alright with the Zoning Board being the Appeals Board.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that they don't have a choice in that at this point and he is not happy with it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked what the alternative would be.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated it would be someone who knows what they are talking about and understands flood plains.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would have to pick a Board.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad interjected that they would need to pick an engineer.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it says Appeals Board under variance procedures, which would be the Zoning Board and added that he will put the changes in final form and send it to DEC and hopefully they will have it back on their desks for next month and in turn they will do a SEQRA Review and get it passed because they want it done by December.

Supervisor Flach stated that they want it by December 16th.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Meredian Solar

Supervisor Flach stated that he had given the Board Members information on Meredian Solar and he wanted to bring it to their attention and have them take a look at it. He continued by saying that it is for the Town's electric with a fixed 3 year rate of .089 cents so it is 9 cents and from 74% renewable energy. He added that the Town will be using them and they would like to know sooner than later and added that he had just gotten it earlier in the day and passed it on the Board for them to read and if they have any questions, they can ask them.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #151-14 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, Scott L. Kline has submitted his letter of resignation as Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of Scott L. Kline as Police Officer is accepted effective November 1, 2014.

Supervisor Flach read the letter of resignation as follows.

Letter of Resignation

To the Supervisor and Members of the Board,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing the waiver of my probation period and therefore, I am submitting my resignation to take effect as of November 1, 2014. I have enjoyed my time working for the Town of Coeymans and have learned a lot that I can take with me in my new position.

Very truly yours,
Scott L. Kline
Police Officer

Supervisor Flach stated Mr. Kline is from Columbia County and had an offer right in his town to be a Deputy, which was a good move for him, he is a great guy and has been a great Officer for the Town of Coeymans and he appreciates his service that was given to the Town.

RES. #152-14 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND BUDGET

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

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WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans received monies from NYMIR in 2014 due to lightning storm damage to the pump control panel at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans 2014 Adopted Budget did not include an account for insurance recovery on the revenue side of the Sewer Fund, and

WHEREAS, such monies are to go to the correct account,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans creates line item SS2680 insurance recovery;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby amends the 2014 Adopted Budget as follows:

Increase SS2680 - Insurance Recovery	\$11,848.00
Increase SS8130.4 - Sewer Contractual	\$11,848.00

RES. #153-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CDPHP CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans has determined that Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan, Inc. (CDPHP) is a well suited plan for the Town ‘s employee’s; and

WHEREAS, CDPHP has presented a contract to the Town of Coeymans for said health insurance for the period beginning September 1, 2014 and continuing to August 31, 2015 for signature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephan D. Flach to execute the CDPHP contract.

RES. #154-14 APPROVE OCTOBER ABSTRACT

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

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

FUND	VOUCHER #	AMOUNT
GENERAL (A)		
General Pre-Pay	1951-2008	\$252,862.11
General	2062-2094,2137	\$ 34,578.73
	General Total	\$287,440.84
General Consolidated (A)		
General Consolidated PP	2009-2010	\$ 40,350.72
		\$ 40,350.72
POLICE FORFEITURE (A)		
Police Forfeiture Pre-Pay	2011-2013	\$ 338.54
Police Forfeiture	2095	\$ 77.70
	Police Forf. Total	\$ 416.24
PART-TOWN (B)		
Part-Town Pre-Pay	2014-2030	\$262,821.88
Part-Town	2096-2097	\$ 180.48
	Part Town Total	\$263,002.36

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HIGHWAY (D)		
Highway Pre-Pay	2031-2039	\$ 48,261.29
Highway	2098-2120	\$ 8,415.43
	Highway Total	\$ 56,676.72
SEWER (SS)		
Sewer Pre-Pay	2040-2053	\$ 17,880.18
Sewer	2121-2136,2138-2142,2149	\$ 10,534.41
	Sewer Total	\$ 28,414.59
CAPITAL PROJ. (H)-41		
Capital Projects	2143-2148	\$ 6,226.91
	Capital Proj.Total	\$ 6,226.91
	Total for all Funds	\$682,528.38
Trust & Agency Pay-Pal		
Trust & Agency Pay-pal PP	2054	\$ 104.39
	Trust & Agcy Pay-pal	\$ 104.39
Trust & Agency (T A)		
Trust & Agency PP	2055-2061	\$291,564.51
	Trust & Agcy. Total	\$291,564.51

RES. #155-14 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH PROVISIONAL APPOINT OF POLICE CHIEF

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Coeymans Police Department to fill the vacant Chief's position at this time; and

WHEREAS, Section 65 of the Civil Service Law authorizes a provisional appointment when there is no appropriate eligible list available;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint provisionally, Peter J. McKenna, to the position of Police Chief subject to the approval of Albany County Department of Civil Service, at rate \$21.93 per hour effective October 28, 2014;

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2015 the rate of pay shall increase to \$55,000.00 annual salary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an Employer/Employee Agreement with Peter J. McKenna for the position of Police Chief.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is thrilled about the appointment.

Councilman Masti stated that he is happy that they have a Chief and he thinks that they got a good one.

Councilman Dolan stated that he likes the job that he has done since he came with the Town and he hopes he continues to do a good job.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is happy that they were able to do the resolution and then asked Chief McKenna if he had anything that he wished to say.

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Chief McKenna stated that he is thrilled for the opportunity and is looking forward to working with him and the Board, he added that it is a great Department with a lot going on and he is honored with the opportunity to serve. He concluded by saying that it's not a time for speeches, it is time to get to work and he wanted to get started.

Supervisor Flach stated that there will be a Swearing In Ceremony later in the week when Chief McKenna's family can attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eagle Scout Proposal – Jordan Hazzard

Supervisor Flach stated that he had a proposal for a Eagle Scout Project and continued by reading the following:

To Coeymans Town Board,

For my Eagle Scout Project I would like to build two permanent benches for the soccer field at Coeymans Landing. The project would be no cost to the Town. Currently there are no benches for the soccer teams to sit on. The players have to sit on the ground during games. If further details are needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Jordon Hazzard
Troop 1067

Supervisor Flach stated that he dropped his request off the other day and he thinks that it is a great idea and they can let him know.

Water Petition for Martins Hill Road

Supervisor Flach stated that he is in receipt of a petition for Route 143, Palmer Drive and Deans Mill Road and continued by reading the following:

We the citizens of Martins Hill Road, Palmer Drive & Deans Mill Road neighborhoods are asking you, the Town of Coeymans along with the Village of Ravena to provide water and sewer to our homes. The water and sewer lines are already laid to the top of Martins Hill Road (Route 143). We ask that you bring them to the surrounding houses. Our well water is undrinkable and unacceptable. We as tax payers spend thousands of dollars a year on bottled water, treatment systems, and new hardware for our faucets, sinks and tubs. Not to mention the frequent replacement of washers and dishwashers. The Water Treatment Plant is less than 0.5 miles away and the existing lines that were already laid are less than 0.2 miles away. We feel this is a reasonable request and believe it will benefit us all. Our water is so bad we cannot drink it, feed it to our pets, or water our plants and gardens.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to let the Board know that he just received the petition earlier in the day and will give it to the Mayor and Village Board.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if they are in the Water District.

Supervisor Flach stated that there is no Water District up there.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad interjected that there is a Water District up there that was formed through previous Boards but never approved by the Comptroller's Office because of the cost and as far as water lines being there, there are none from 9W up the hill so that part of the petition is inaccurate. He continued by saying that there is a gray water line on Martins Hill but it was designed to handle a limited amount of homes at this point and it was basically designed to handle the hardship cases, which might have to be increased in size or redone and it would require them to amend the Sewer District under Section 209 of General Municipal Law to allow for it.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they would have to expand it and then asked about sewer.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad stated that he is talking about sewer and for the water, they have to have a Water District approved for the gallonage and engineering would have to be calculated for the water use and in turn presented to the Village to make sure that it has an appropriate amount of water to be given to that District as well as adequate pressure.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that in talking about creating or expanding Improvement Districts, it's a major undertaking both in terms of the infrastructure that is required and the legal paperwork that is associated with it. He added that it is not a simple thing to do and he understands their predicament but it is not a simple fix.

Supervisor Flach asked if at this point, should they go to the Village and talk about it to see how they feel about it.

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Official Conrad interjected that the Village is aware of the proposed action and he himself is aware of the proposal for water but didn't know it was going to include sewer at that point. He added that he had spoken to a Village Trustee who asked him the status of it earlier in the day and he believes that the Village is in the process of looking for grant money to do an extension of their water lines as well as proposing some other upgrades along that section. He continued by saying that there is a possibility of water on the Village's behalf but it still would require the Town to have a District and at least the water could possibly be designed. He concluded by saying that it is not as simple as putting two lines in one ditch, they have to be 10 feet apart and separated, as well as a considerable amount of things that they have to look at and the Trustee that he spoke to is aware of it and he told him that he would forward the petition as soon as it was received.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that anytime there is a request or petition for this type of relief, generally the Town Law says that you have to do a study to see if it is even feasible, it does not have to be a formal extensive study but they have to study it to determine whether it is something that can be done.

Supervisor Flach stated that he just wanted to acknowledge the petition and to let the petitioner's know that they will definitely check into it, have some conversation with the Village and go from there.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

- Budget Hearing, October 30, 2104, 7:30pm
- Planning Board Meeting, November 3, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 10, 2014, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, November 18, 2014, 6:00pm
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that for the General Election there are extended hours for absentee ballots for the Election coming up on November 4th and listed as follows.

- Tuesday, October 28th, 4:30-7:00pm
- Thursday, October 30th, 4:30-7:00pm
- Saturday, November 1st, 9:00am-1:00pm

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Town Clerk Millious continued by saying that she has absentee forms in her office. She added that the General Election in Tuesday, November 4th and the polls are open 6:00am to 9:00pm and reported the Polling Places as follows:

- 1st District – Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- 2nd District – Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
- 3rd District – Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main Street, 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

All Polling Places are handicapped accessible, any questions as to Voting District or eligibility call 756-2100.

Town Clerk Millious continued by saying that there will a second pick for Doe Deer Management Permits beginning November 1st.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he wanted to congratulate P.J. McKenna for his appointment to Chief of Police and he along with the Highway Department are looking forward to working with him.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that once again he wanted to bring up the bridge coming into Town, because it is the number one thing that people ask him about. He continued by saying that it seems like every time you go over the bridge, when you are trying to drive over the bridge, particularly if you are going north, there is a truck in your lane headed straight for you. He added that there have been a couple of times when there were flaggers there and the two times that they were actually there, there were trucks coming down the middle of the bridge and the flaggers were either in their cars, talking on their phone or doing something other than flagging. He went on by saying that he does not know what the Police Chief can do about it because something is going to happen to someone and it is going to be bad and then everyone is going to say "I told you so" because people do tell him so, they tell him all the time by Facebook messages, text, e-mails, or by stopping him in Hannaford with similar stories and it is not just him, or just them because it seems to happen on a regular basis. He concluded by saying that maybe when the other bridge is completed it will change or perhaps there will be another problem and reiterated that he would like to have someone take a look at it.

Councilman Langdon asked when it is supposed to be done and added that it will change.

Supervisor Flach stated that his understanding is that they were doing some paving so he thinks it will be fairly soon and added that the new Chief of Police is present and will check into it and then asked if there were any other comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that he wanted to raise the issue of the dismissal of the probationary employee and the question has been raised as to whether it requires Town Board action or approval. He added that to make it academic or moot, he would suggest that the Board pass a resolution approving what has occurred, which he thinks is the only thing that they can do at this point. He concluded by saying that he does not think that it is required because it was a probationary employee as well as a personnel matter but just to make it not an issue, he would suggest that they do it at this point and they should offer a resolution approving the dismissal of the employee.

Councilman Langdon questioned whether they should do it during a Public Meeting or in Executive Session.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can do it in Executive Session but it should be reflected in the summary minutes of the Executive Session and the action taken would be approval of the dismissal of a probationary employee.

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Supervisor Flach interjected that they are going into Executive Session.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they should conduct their vote there and for the minutes, it should reflect that it is something that has already occurred and it is a matter of the Town Board approving the Commissioner's decision that has already been implemented and the minutes should reflect that the Board voted by whatever vote to either approve or disapprove of the dismissal of the probationary employee.

Councilman Langdon stated that they did have a Board Meeting prior to making that decision.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that this is formalizing the decision that was already reached.

Councilman Dolan interjected that previously the Chief of Police handled it but it is not necessarily a function of the job of the Chief of Police and it was something that he volunteered for.

Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke with the new Chief of Police and asked that he make sure all of the records and everything for that come up to his office because they thought he had enough on his plate.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 (Burns) – SO MOVED

Time – 7:50pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, the entire Town Board was present with the exception of Councilman Burns, also present were Police Commissioner Conrad and Chief of Police McKenna. Discussion ensued regarding the Police Commissioner's recommendation for the Town Board to approve the dismissal of a probationary employee effective 10-20-14, collectively the Town Board agreed.

Time – 9:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – November 24, 2014


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk