

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
April 13, 2015 – Town Board Meeting – 6:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, April 13, 2015, 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
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scot Searles, Highway Superintendent
Peter J. McKenna Police Chief

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 Announcement
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - March 9, 2015
- Old Business
 - Hannacroix Creek Project
- New Business
 - Request for Proposal, Town Hall Front Steps
- Resolutions
 - Accept Resignation of Police Officer
 - Authorize Execution of Federal Surplus Property Application
 - Authorize Supervisor to Execute Albany County ALS
 - Authorize Budget Amendment, Part-Town Fund
 - Authorize Budget Amendment, Highway Fund
 - Authorize Budget Amendment, General Fund
 - Authorize Budget Amendment, Sewer Fund
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
 - Town Board Workshop, April 21, 2015, 6:00pm
 - ZBA Meeting, April 22, 2015, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, April 27, 2015, 7:00pm
- Executive Session
 - Discuss Litigation

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Application for Summer Youth Jobs

Supervisor Flach read the following:

The Town of Coeymans is accepting applications for Summer Youth Program, Recreational Assistants and one Recreational Leader. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office,

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Supervisor's Office, Human Resource Office and on the bulletin board in Town Hall. Deadline to submit an application is April 30, 2015.

Supervisor Flach stated that if anyone wants to apply, it is also online and should call his office with any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Jolene Hopkins stated that she lives at 82 Main Street in Coeymans and she wanted to talk about some quality of life issues that they are experiencing in the Town. She continued by saying that one of the main ones, which she thinks everyone is experiencing and not just those living in her neighborhood but in a lot of other places, is an excessive amount of truck traffic and trucks traveling at an unsafe speed. She added that she has experienced it before stepping off her porch to go to the Post Office or to her car and has had to stop because a truck is coming down the road at what seems to be a very high rate of speed. She went on by saying that her son is an infant at the moment so she does not have to worry about it now but if her son was older she might want to send him to the Post Office to pick up the mail and with the condition that is occurring now, there is no way that she in good conscience could let her son walk down the street, which is unfortunate because it is a responsibility that a child could handle. She continued by saying that she has seen her neighbors children, unfortunately some are latchkey kids at the intersection of Westerlo and Rte. 144, which she knows is a State road and there really should be a 4-way stop because one of the things that she sees constantly are kids out in the road without parental or adult supervision and she knows that their parents do have the responsibility to be watching their kids but that doesn't happen. She added that she thinks as a community they would be devastated if something were to happen to one of those children, she reiterated that she knows it is a State Road but as Town Officials they have a responsibility to bring concerns of community members to the State and this is an issue that can be resolved with a 4-way stop there. She went on by saying that she is also concerned with the number of trucks that she is seeing on a daily basis, the speed that they travel, and the hours that they travel, she knows that supposedly there were limitations placed on the hours that they are coming through, which she knows has not been the case because she herself has heard them early hours in the morning as well as her husband who works a second shift and he has seen them on his way home from work at 1:30am and there are numerous things happening with that situation that are concerning. She continued by saying that where she lives down by the river, a number of things have also been occurring, which are a major concern, dog owners are not properly taking care of waste and there is feces all over the place, it is unsanitary and disgusting to see it. She added that the neighborhood has some issues, there are abandoned houses down there, there is a high rate of truck traffic and dog feces strewn around, which does not make it any more valuable nor does it help the homeowners who want to make the community a good place to bring their families up. She concluded by saying that there are known drug issues going on down there, which she has not seen anything happening with and there are some major quality of life issues occurring in this Town and the one that affects most of them is truck traffic and the second that she sees where she lives in particular is an issue with animal control and owners not taking care of their animal's waste and reiterated that there is a drug influence occurring in our community, which is frightening.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

Ms. Sylvia Lawler stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and she wanted to reinforce what Jolene said, especially about the intersection of Rt. 144 and Westerlo Street. She continued by saying that when the parents are home, they do watch their children but like so many, it takes two working parents to make ends meet and their means does not allow for an after-school caregiver until they get home and no one would feel worse than the five of them sitting behind that table if something were to happen, which she has seen it almost happen with a little guy on a tricycle. She added that she does think they should have a 4-way stop there and asked that they communicate it to the State, which would be a tremendous step forward.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

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Ms. Joann Segal stated that she lives in the Hamlet and she wanted to say something about the house on Main Street that had a fire where there is all kinds of garbage strewn out front, which she and her neighbors tried to clean up a bit but people keep dropping things there. She added that no one seems to enforce picking up of any garbage and as Jolene had said, there are feces on the sidewalk, and they can't walk there because it is such a mess. She continued by saying that she was told that they were going to be renovating that building but it has been two months and she does not see anything happening and in the back yard, where she faces it, it is strewn with garbage that they tried to clean up but they couldn't clean it all up because there is roofing, metal siding and canopies strewn all over the backyard. She added that she thought that landlords are responsible for the property and she doesn't see anything happening between the Town and the landlord to get it cleaned up and get the front cleaned up and she would appreciate if something could be done about that and the dogs.

Supervisor Flach asked if there is a specific area where it is concentrated relative to the dogs.

Ms. Hopkins stated that from what she has seen, it is concentrated in particular in front of any of the abandoned houses on Main Street.

Supervisor Flach stated that he didn't know if there was somewhere specific to send the Dog Control Officer or Police.

Ms. Segal interjected that it is also concentrated on Main Street by Fourth St. by the red building and when you turn from Fourth St. on to a right turn on Second Street, which she didn't realize was there until she walked there one day and unfortunately found out. She continued by saying that people chain their dogs up and let them stay there all day and she has never seen anyone stop someone from having their dog chained on Fourth Street in addition to people walking their dogs and letting them go anywhere.

Councilman Dolan stated that also at the Coeymans Landing Park and baseball field and he saw a post on Facebook from someone who used to work for the Town who was down there with her kids and counted 100 separate piles in the field, which is a lot of people letting their dogs run and not cleaning it up.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that they have posted 5 signs down there.

Councilman Dolan stated that he has seen the signs and he thinks the one right by the baseball field is where people let their dogs relieve themselves.

Ms. Hopkins asked to make a suggestion and added that she knows that in some communities they have done things to help with people leaving their dog's waste about like leaving bags for people to pick up their waste and has also seen having scoopers available at parks so people can scoop it up and get rid of it. She continued by saying that she does not know if it is feasible for our community but it is something to think about.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is not uncommon to see cars pull up down there and people who don't live in the Hamlet let their dogs out the car to run around and relieve themselves and then they put the dog back in the car and drive away.

Councilman Burns stated that it is a big concern and he has gone down there quite a few times with little kids to let them play at the playground and it is pretty nasty if they get into it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would talk to the Police about it because it is serious and a health issue also.

Mr. Stephen Dietz stated that he lives on Palmer Drive and his concern is the depletion of the Communication Center. He added that he is currently a Police Officer in Catskill and he knows that there is a difference between here and there but there are a lot of things that need to be addressed as far as how it is going to happen and he is genuinely concerned because he lives here. He continued by saying that when they do away with the Dispatch Center, besides taking away the hometown feel of people coming in and feeling like they can actually complain to someone and something is going to be taken care of, they will no longer receive walk-in complaints. He added that someone could be assaulted in front of Town Hall and they would

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have to wait for someone to respond but if there was someone at Dispatch they could walk in and it would be taken care of instantaneously and it would be over and done with. He went on by saying that he knows that every case isn't cut and dry, there will be follow-ups that they will need to do and statements that need to be taken and if they don't have a set place for people to go, it is something that they need to address.

Councilman Langdon interjected that there will always be a Police Department there and during the day they are going to run regular business hours so it's not going to be an unmanned facility.

Mr. Dietz stated that he wasn't aware of that and what he said would be for after hours. He then asked if there was any type of study done, he knows that Bethlehem was looking to do it and they are not going to do it now but he doesn't know the reason and then asked if the Board knows why.

Supervisor Flach stated that Bethlehem is a Primary Dispatch Center for themselves, which is one of the things that they were told and Albany County is taking over most of the Secondary Dispatch Center in the smaller towns, Bethlehem has over 30,000 people.

Mr. Dietz stated that in getting back to the hometown feel, if someone has a question about what is going on in the Town and Village they won't have anyone to turn to, they won't call Albany County to find out and a lot of the important things are going to go away.

Councilman Burns stated that they really have taken a lot of it into consideration and the last time the Sheriffs were here, he was told that 8 out of the 14 Dispatchers are from the Town of Coeymans plus two of the Town's current full-time Dispatchers will be out there also. He added that he knows what he is saying about the hometown feel and the older people especially feeling safe with having someone right here that they can talk to. He reiterated that during the day they are going to have someone fulltime that will be there to talk to and at night he is sure if there is a problem or issue, the Police Officers will be there to handle it. He continued by saying that Bethlehem is huge and can probably keep going a little bit longer than the Town can and he knows the same people who are saying the same thing, it is inevitable that even Bethlehem is going to end up going over to Albany County. He added that his big thing is that he is a skeptic and there has to be a reason why Albany County is inviting them to do it and the big thing is that the Governor is giving incentives for consolidation and the Sheriff just got 10 million dollars to switch-over and start working into the 800 system and it was because of the consolidation and the more he gets to consolidate, he's sure that there are more grants that he will get to keep it going. He went on by saying that by talking to Mr. Mariani and Mr. Demarest, it's not making things easier for them, it is actually putting more on them and some of the Town's Dispatchers went there and sat with them and Dispatcher VonSchenk came back and said they are way more sophisticated than the Town is and for him it turned from a money issue to a safety issue because some of their own Dispatchers would say that someone would call 911 and they would take all of the information and in turn transfer it to the Town, which would mean that the person calling would have to give the same information and time goes by, you are losing a lot of time and if they just had Albany County deal with it, it would be much quicker. He added that he agrees with for instance knowing where the big rock is on Starr Road and the way that Mr. Mariani is mapping it out, it's even more sophisticated than that and narrowed down more than the rock on Starr Road and on top of that when the Fire Chiefs were talking to Albany County, they were not aware of all the additional things that they can put on it to make it even more easy for the Police Fire and EMS to get to who they need to, such as having on a second story an elderly person in a back room who is handicapped, this can all be put in the computer so when a call is for there, they know it before they are even on their way. He continued by saying that he knows this is a tough change and a hard change and Mr. Kearney is one of the best Dispatchers that they have ever had and he hates to see guys like that to go and he loves calling Dispatch when he needs someone and talking to a human being and he has been informed by Code Enforcement Officer Conrad that to have a controlled burn on his property, he needs to call EnCon and should not be calling Albany County anymore. He reiterated that there are going to be a lot of changes and it started off by being a money issue but it is turning out to be a safety issue and he prays to God that they are doing the right thing and from all the information that he has gotten from those who have spoken, they have gotten a lot of information and it sounds like the right thing to do.

Mr. Dietz interjected that it's always going to be a money issue and can't be a safety issue because it has been going on for years. He added that his other fear is that it is going to be the

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beginning of the end like not having police in the area all of the time, take them or leave them, hate them or like them they are there when you call them.

Councilman Burns interjected that as far as the Police, he will fight to the death to have them stay for a bunch of reasons, he has worked with ironworkers and people know what they are like, there will be 500 of them in the Hamlet, the State Troopers or no one is going to be able to get there faster than the Coeymans Police and as far as the personal part of it, because you might know someone and how they act, you might be able to handle a situation and cool it off faster than a Sheriff who does not know anyone here. He reiterated that he will fight to the death not to lose the Police Department but for the Dispatch, he really thinks that they are not going to lose all that much of the hometown feel because of the people that are working for the County and the more they work with them, the closer they will get.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Kyle Kearney stated that he is there as the Dive Master of the Coeymans Dive Rescue Team with a concern about the Dispatch and he will put on his Dispatcher hat on for one second and address the technology issue where they are talking about mapping it out on a computer. He added that they operate under the same computer system downstairs as administered by the City of Albany Police, not by the County, he knows the County has control over it and can add and subtract to it and anything they put into the system, Coeymans Dispatch can see too. He continued by saying that it's not like all of a sudden they are going to be able to do a much better job of directing people where to go than they do now and reiterated that if it is in the computer for Albany, it will be in the computer for Coeymans. He went on by saying that he understands that through the upgrade to the 800 system, the County is looking to go to, he thinks it is a great idea and fantastic technology and Rensselaer County went to it 10 years ago, Saratoga 5 years ago and Coeymans is way behind the times in that and it is great that they are getting grants to do that. He added that he was informed that the County has a set budget as to the number of 800 megahertz radios that they are going to give each Company and Department based on their grant money, which are extremely expensive and a portable can run close to \$2,000.00 and a mobile radio \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 and he was informed that the Fire Companies were told that the County would give them one mobile for each piece of apparatus and 3 portable radios. He continued by saying that as far as the Dive Team, there were zero radios figured in, neither of the boats will be getting a radio.

Councilman Burns interjected that Chief Dottino addressed that when they met with the Sheriff's Department and they said that they saw no problem with putting a unit in each boat, not in the rubber raft but in the boats.

Mr. Kyle Kearney stated that they will need to get a portable for that, which will be about \$2,000.00 and his Operating Budget is \$1,000.00 a year and then asked if the Town was going to be able to provide them with money from all the savings in getting rid of dispatch to purchase the radios.

Councilman Burns stated that they were addressing that too and when they say they are short money for radios, they should have it and they are trying to figure out how to put the money in reserve legally.

Mr. Kearney asked if the Fire Chief's advised them that it is going to be about \$50,000.00 per department.

Councilman Langdon stated that no one has told them any numbers yet and he can't make a commitment that the Board is going to cover whatever they have to get.

Mr. Kearney interjected that they are forcing them into it.

Councilman Langdon stated that the system isn't really going to take place for 2-3 years so they do have some time to work on it.

Mr. Kearney stated that he will have to set his entire budget aside every year for the next 3 years to pay for it when it comes through.

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Councilman Langdon stated that he isn't saying that but it is an issue and he has a legitimate concern and something that they need to be able to work out.

Mr. Kearney stated that under NFPA Guidelines, every interior fire fighter that enters a building is required to have a portable radio on them and at \$2,000.00 a radio and 20 radios per Department; it's a lot of money.

Councilman Langdon stated that from what he understands from the Fire Chiefs, their plan is not to necessarily eliminate radios and they realize initially it is very likely that through attrition they will take and convert the radios that they have to replace radios but the ones that are getting, it is likely that the Fire Chiefs will be on the 800 line, the scene will likely use the old radios and it will be a process.

Mr. Kearney stated that they should not be saying it's a safety thing and they are switching for safety reasons if he can't contact a Dispatcher directly if he's in trouble and can't contact anyone else, which is a safety issue as a Fire Fighter.

Councilman Burns stated that he wouldn't anyway.

Mr. Kearney stated that if he can't talk to anyone on the scene he has the option of clicking a switch and talking directly to the Dispatcher and if there is a lot of chatter on the scene frequency and he has an emergency but can't get airtime, he can click over to another channel and talk directly to the Dispatcher and tell them he has an emergency and they can alert tone the Chief.

Councilman Langdon asked what he does now in a situation like that.

Mr. Kearney stated that he clicks over and talks to the Dispatcher, which he won't be able to do.

Councilman Langdon asked if they are all on the same channel now.

Mr. Kearney stated that they aren't, they have separate frequencies and when they get to the scene all the Fire Fighters go to one channel, the Chief stays on the channel with the Dispatcher, however with everyone operating on the scene on the same channel, if he has an emergency he might not be able to speak to them so he may have to switch over and go to the Dispatcher and do an alert tone saying that they need to stop talking, which he will no longer have. He continued by saying that it was confirmed earlier by State Telephone that for a 756 exchange to dial a 765 exchange in Voorheesville, it is a long-distance phone call and then asked if they are asking Town residents to call long-distance for a non-emergency.

Supervisor Flach stated that you dial 911 to call Albany County.

Mr. Kearney questioned about it being a non-emergency.

Supervisor Flach stated that if you call 756 it will go directly to Albany County.

Mr. Kearney asked who is going to pay for that to rollover.

Supervisor Flach stated that the County will.

Mr. Kearney stated that he finds that hard to believe and would get it in writing.

Councilman Langdon stated that they do not have to pay for it because they already own the lines.

Councilman Dolan asked about the person who dials the call.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are dialing 756.

Mr. Kearney reiterated that someone is going to have to pay.

Councilman Langdon stated that the County's intention with the 911 is that it is no longer emergency only.

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Councilman Dolan stated that it's not true.

Mr. Kearney stated that he finds that very hard to believe under Federal Law.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is in the Inter-Municipal Agreement draft and it says that they have to designate a seven digit 756 number for local people to call for non-emergency; they are not to call the 911.

Councilman Langdon stated that they were told that if a deer was hit and lying on the side of the road the Sheriff said to call 911.

Mr. Kearney stated that it is a potential emergency but if he locks his keys in his car and is looking for a Police Officer to open his door, it is not an emergency.

Councilman Langdon stated that is really something that he should call a locksmith for.

Mr. Kearney stated that he understands that, but as a Town they provide that service to their residents when available.

Councilman Langdon stated that he has concerns about the Town doing that, most municipalities don't do that because there is high liability concerns about the damage that an Officer could do to the car.

Councilman Dolan stated that if he has that objection, they should work to change the policy and not eliminate Dispatch because they don't like that one rule.

Mr. Kearney stated that for an example, if someone wants to know if it is legal to burn right now, it is an ENCON Law, there is a statewide burn ban, they will call the Police Department because it is what people do, they are not going to dial 911 to ask that question. He added that someone is going to have to pay for that line, whether it is the County or Town, it is going to cost money in a long run because they pay County taxes the same as they pay Town.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the line is already there.

Mr. Kearney stated that someone is going to pay for it, State Telephone owns the line and then it transfers to Verizon to get to Voorheesville, he confirmed it with State Telephone earlier in the day and they said absolutely, someone will be paying for it, so either his Town or County taxes are going to go up, which isn't really saving him money.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the County is going to cover that and it is something that they were concerned about.

Mr. Kearney stated that his County taxes will be going up then.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Nancy Warner stated the Highway Department is in both Town and Village and then asked how it is going to be handled for example with snow emergencies, towing cars and clearing traffic.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will call each department and give them the information that they need.

Ms. Warner asked if the Village Highway will be able to contact and speak with them easily and frequently as they do now.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will.

Councilman Langdon stated that as a Board they are asking a whole lot of questions.

Highway Superintendent Searles asked if she is asking about Police Officers.

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Ms. Warner stated that for example they are out plowing and need to tow a car or to run a plate to see about moving a car and then asked if it is something that will continue to run as smoothly as it does now.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he hopes that it runs smoothly, the County has paid and he is sure that they will pay for the Village too to have a frequency in his truck for his portable radio, and he is sure that they will put it in Village Highway Superintendent Traver's truck and anyone else that they need to and it has already been done for him.

Supervisor Flach stated that Highway Department's will be on the County.

Ms. Warner asked what they do with people who have Home Security Systems.

Councilman Burns stated that it is being mapped out and put in the computer and are going house-to-house to do it.

Ms. Warner asked if they are going house-to-house to the people who have the call-ins and will arrange how to do it.

Councilman Burns stated that is true.

Ms. Warner asked what the actual status of the whole change is and what point they are at right now as far as when it is going to be fully changed over.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are shooting for June 1st and there was a Meeting on March 30th and then asked if the Board had anything to add.

Councilman Langdon stated that as far as what they are telling them, it is still on target to be able to do the June 1st date, there is going to be a 3-4 week overlap where they want Dispatchers at the radios downstairs so they can turn it around if there is a glitch and they want to be able to have the people physically down there to monitor in case they need them and it is going to be part of the transition to make sure that if they find any glitches, they work them out and there are people in place to take care of it.

Councilman Burns stated that they need a date to shoot for and they all said if anyone is not comfortable with it, the date will be pushed out until they know it is a safe time to do it.

Ms. Warner asked how the residents are all going to be notified of the transition and for an example what number they should call and how is the information going to be disseminated.

Councilman Langdon stated that every number that they have now is going to initially be part of the process and available and will ring at the County.

Ms. Warner asked if the 3303 number for the non-emergencies is always going to be.

Councilman Langdon stated that he is thinking that there will always be a couple of local lines that will remain.

Councilman Dolan stated that the contract says 1.

Councilman Langdon stated that he hadn't seen a contract.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was put in their mailboxes two weeks ago.

Councilman Burns interjected that it was a tentative contract.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was a draft Inter-Municipal Agreement.

Councilman Burns stated that they have to start promoting it to the Town and Village residents that if it is a non-emergency to call 3303 and 911 for an emergency and maybe they could have magnets made up and they have to start educating everyone that this is what is going to happen now and it is what they have to do. He added that right now everyone is supposed to call 911.

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A member of the audience and Councilman Dolan collectively interjected that they don't.

A member of the audience, Ms. Laurie Byerwalters stated that if you ever called 911, you would never call it again.

Supervisor Flach stated that they need to educate people to call 911.

Ms. Warner stated that she hates to agree with the comment about never calling 911 again but she called it one time and it was when they were still at Mountain and Main when someone went to a house and found a parent apparently dead, and in her state of panic she couldn't remember the local number, so she called 911 and it rang so long that she hung up, which was her bad experience that happened several years ago. She continued by saying that as the member of the audience had said, she would never call it again, she would try to keep her wits about her and call the local number. She continued by saying that Highway Superintendent Searles mentioned that the County will do the same with their Highway Department as they did with the Towns and then asked if the Village has been involved in the transition.

Councilman Langdon stated that Village Highway Superintendent Traver was at the meeting on March 30th.

Ms. Warner asked if the Village Trustees and Mayor have been involved.

Councilman Burns stated that the Mayor was at the last meeting and Trustee Bailey was at the last meeting.

Ms. Warner stated that the information is not coming back and it's not the Town Board's fault.

Councilman Burns stated that they weren't even supposed to be at the last meeting, they asked if it was alright and was told it was but it was supposed to be the Fire Departments and Sheriffs.

Ms. Warner stated that if anyone isn't clear on how she feels, she totally agrees with Kyle Kearney and Stephen Dietz that they are slowly and surely picking away and giving up a piece of the Town little by little and she would say that to the Village too, they are slowly just giving a piece of their community away and she is afraid that it may not stop. She added that these are all things that are of value to our community and she believes that public safety is the last absolute place to cut if you want to save money.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. **Laurie Byerwalters** stated that she called 911 once for her mother and she was so frustrated at the length and delays in calling Albany County that she almost hung up and she said to them on several occasions to just transfer her to Coeymans. She continued by saying that after that time, she only calls the local number because they know where she is, they know who she is and they will get an ambulance there as fast as possible, Albany County doesn't care. She added that if they think for a second that the County is going to keep the costs down, they are mistaken and if they have ever had to use 911, they would be so frustrated that they would want to hang up too, it's bad, they can't trust the County because they will tell them exactly what they want to hear. She continued by saying that if they get everything in writing, she may support them and she is really disappointed with Councilman Burns and then told Highway Superintendent Searles to answer his phone after hours.

Councilman Burns asked what he did to disappoint her.

Ms. Byerwalters stated that he gave up on public safety in this Town.

Councilman Burns stated that this is what he is trying to tell her.

Ms. Byerwalters stated that he can't tell her, she works for the County and she knows how they work and last week they lost \$350,000.00 out of emergency preparedness because they are looking to save money and they are going to pull it from other place, which is just like when the Town told the Village residents when the Village got rid of the Police Department and said that

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they would take care of absolutely everything and there will be three police cars at all times and then asked how often that happens because it doesn't.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Beth Spoor stated that she is a resident of the Town of Coeymans and she wanted to tell them that she is very disappointed that they are losing their Dispatch Center and she agrees with the others that spoke, they are slowly giving away everything.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that when it first started, it caught his ear financially but the more they have gotten into it, and maybe he is being naïve.

Ms. Laurie Byerwalters interjected that he is naïve.

Councilman Burns stated that he sat with the two representatives from the Sheriff's Department and they assured that it is going to be a 10-year contract, after 3 years there will be no cost to the Town what-so-ever for Dispatch. He added that after 10 years he does not know what's going to happen but from what he has seen, they have gone to Voorheesville and sat and watched the Dispatchers work, including people from the Town of Coeymans and he has seen their computer screens and was amazed at how it pinpoints where trouble is and the response time that they have. He continued by saying that he has friends that are Sheriffs and they say that the Sheriff's Department couldn't handle the Coeymans Police Department and he doesn't ever want to see the Town's Police Department go away especially now that they have Chief McKenna, he is fantastic and prenominal. He went on by saying that as far as the Dispatch goes, from everyone that he has talked to, and trust him in saying that he has talked to many people and he appreciates everything that everyone says and he is taking it into account because he hasn't entirely made up his mind yet but everything is pointing to this being the right thing to do, this year it was going to cost \$60,000.00 to update Dispatch to keep it running.

Supervisor Flach interjected that they could have done it with \$30,000.00 but eventually it was going to cost more.

Councilman Burns stated that they saw what happened to the budget this year.

Ms. Laurie Byerwalters interjected that raises went through though.

Councilman Burns stated that in 2016 the 800 system is going to go into effect in our area, they are talking millions of dollars for them to upgrade their Dispatch in order to be a part of it and Albany says because of the grants that the Governor is giving for consolidation, it is going to cost the Town zero dollars. He added that they are looking out for the Town's people financially and for their safety and if they could put their emotions aside for a minute and just sit and think about it, to him it seems and from where he is sitting, it is the right thing to do as far as safety goes as well as financially and he doesn't know how to better explain it. He concluded by saying that if the Sheriff's will put it in writing, they have sold him, if they start playing around and saying they can't do something or they can't do something because it is unreasonable, his guard will go back up again but from everything that he has heard from them, even the Fire Chiefs who he has sat and talked with them one on one, everyone, even those who hate this idea say that it is inevitable, it's going to happen and they need to do it.

Ms. Byerwalters asked if they talked to any of the communities that have gone with Albany County.

Councilman Burns stated that he read what happened in Watervliet and Cohoes.

Ms. Byerwalters asked if it was about how much they hate it and how much they can't get time with service.

Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke to one of the leaders of one of the communities and they were happy and said it was the best thing that they ever did and he thinks it is just who you ask.

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Ms. Byerwalters interjected it is what you want to believe.

Councilman Langdon stated that they are taking all of the facts into account and he is sorry that people disagree with the idea but he has to tell them that there are plenty of people who don't show up at the meetings because they feel the Board is doing the right thing and there are lots of other people that do agree with what they are doing.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would add that the Inter-Municipal Agreement, which was given to them, prepared by the Sheriff's Department and put in their boxes 2 weeks ago is a three-year contract, not a ten-year contract and totally silent about what happens after three years.

Councilman Burns interjected that as they said previously, it is a rough draft.

Councilman Dolan agreed but added that it says it's a 3 year contract.

Councilman Langdon asked what Inter-Municipal Agreement Councilman Dolan was talking about.

Councilman Burns stated that it is the one that they got from downstairs.

Councilman Langdon stated that all they did was transfer it over to say that it was what all the other Agreements looked like that they needed to take and work on.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is absolutely not what it is.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it is the way it was explained to him.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was explained at the meeting on March 30th when they were not there.

Councilman Dolan stated that the other contracts were five-years; this is a three-year contract.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is because they only have to pay for three years, all the other municipalities that did this had to pay for five years.

Councilman Dolan agreed and added that in their contract it said what happens after five years, the Town's does not say what happens after five years and it does not say that they pay nothing after five years.

Collectively Councilman Langdon and Councilman Burns stated that it will say that.

Ms. Nancy Warner asked Councilman Dolan how much they will be paying for five years.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is about \$500,000.00 over the course of three years; rough figures are \$140,000.00, \$150,000.00 and \$160,000.00.

Ms. Joann Segal asked how much it costs right now to do their own.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is over \$200,000.00 a year.

Supervisor Flach stated that it costs about \$260,000.00 and last year it was \$305,000.00.

Ms. Byerwalters asked where the savings went because her taxes only went down \$15.00 but they got raises.

Councilman Langdon stated that they didn't get raises.

Ms. Jolene Hopkins stated that she takes exception to Councilman Langdon's statement that just because someone is not there, means that they agree to what's going on.

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Councilman Langdon stated that he is not saying that just because you aren't at the meeting doesn't mean that you agree.

Ms. Hopkins stated that she is not able to come all of the time because she has a child to care for and to think that people aren't there because they agree with what they are doing is not fair.

Councilman Langdon stated that she is misquoting what he said and he didn't say that people who are not there agree with what they are doing, what he said is, he finds lots of people out there who do agree with what they are doing and don't come to the meetings because they are generally happy with what they are doing and reiterated that he didn't say everybody out there.

Councilman Burns interjected that he wished they would come.

Ms. Hopkins stated that she can't speak to the subject because she has not done a lot of research on it; she is just saying that the statement alone is a false statement.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that she is misquoting him, which is what he just told her.

Ms. Mary Driscoll stated that she lives in the Town of Coeymans and has also lived in the Village of Ravena and when they tried to do away with the Police Department in the Village a few years ago she fought like mad to keep the Village Police Department and some of the same people that are there today didn't care. She continued by saying that this consolidation that they are talking about is going to happen, unfortunately, and she is not talking about the Dispatch or Police because if you look at your politicians, the Village eventually will dissolve, they are going to go from towns to counties to zones, which is what the big politicians want. She added that to sit and blame the Board for what is coming down the line is wrong, they should go to the bigger politicians and tell them their problems and concerns. She concluded by saying that it is going to happen, she won't be around to see it, but it is going to happen, it may take 20 years or 25 and unfortunately our Country was not formed on big government but it is going that way and the Board is trying to adjust to the current situation and maybe if the former Boards had done something before, maybe they wouldn't be in the position that they are in now and to sit and blame people who were elected by the whole town for trying to do what they think is best, because that is why they elected them, it was for them to do their best and if they hadn't elected them, they would not have thought they could do the best and she thinks that they need to go to the higher politicians and voice their concerns there.

Ms. Nancy Warner interjected that the Town Board is their Board and this is why they are in the Village and Town, they don't want to go a City of Albany Common Council with many, many members, they want small, which is what they have.

Councilman Burns stated that he agrees and added that again, the way it has been presented to him is that the consolidation is going to happen, the new radio system is going to happen, and it is going to cost millions of dollars to update for them to be able to use it. He continued by saying that he would love to keep Dispatch, if there is a problem with Dispatch they have authority, he gets that, but financially he does not believe they can keep the same safety factor as they would by going over to Albany County and this is the way that he is seeing it.

Ms. Warner asked when it will be voted on.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will be as soon as they get a contract that they are happy with.

Councilman Burns stated that once they get and agree with a contract is when he guesses the resolution will go through. He reiterated that he doesn't want to do it either but it seems inevitable.

Councilman Dolan stated that he spoke with a County Legislator yesterday from one of the municipalities that just turned over their dispatch to the County and he said that it saved them a ton of money, which he is happy about; the service from the County was pretty good but if the Town signs on to it, they are going to lose all autonomy for the Town and in addition to being a County Legislator, he also holds some other offices in his town including the Emergency Management Team, He continued by saying that he used to be able to call his Dispatch if something was going on in his town and he no longer has that ability and has been told by the

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County that because he is not a Police Officer, he is not allowed to directly contact Dispatch. He concluded by saying that he said it will save the Town money, it is high quality but they will lose all autonomy.

Ms. Warner asked how it will work with the Police and Justices.

Chief of Police McKenna asked in terms of what.

Ms. Warner asked how it will work with call outs and sometimes the Police will call out for arraignments.

Chief of Police McKenna stated that it won't be dispatched; it will be back on the Supervisor in charge.

Ms. Warner asked if it will come directly from the Police.

Chief of Police McKenna stated that it would.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan asked to read an e-mail from Ms. Barbara Heinzen into the record regarding the truck traffic on Rte. 144.

Supervisor Flach stated that he could.

Councilman Dolan stated that Ms. Heinzen could not attend and asked that he read it, he continued by reading the following:

As someone who lives along Rte. 144, I have noticed and been dismayed by the increased traffic of very large industrial vehicles on this route. These trucks are large for this two lane country road and are especially hazardous in large numbers we see now. They are also damaging houses along Main Street in Coeymans, are unwelcomed in the Hamlet of New Baltimore where my neighbors report they have knocked into their fences creating a hazardous pot holes along the entire stretch of Rte. 144 both north and south of the Port of Coeymans. No one who lives in or commutes along this road is happy about the increase industrial traffic; many fear that it will take the death of child before anyone gives the attention that it deserves.

Barbara Heinzen

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to add one comment and he believes that the idea of a four-way stop light as suggested by Jolene Hopkins at the intersection of Westerlo and Rte. 144 actually sounds like a pretty good idea. He added that it would cause all of the traffic on Rte. 144 to come to a stop in the middle of Town so they would all slow down and it might be a viable thing that they can talk to the State about.

Ms. Hopkins stated that she stops no matter which way she is going.

Councilman Langdon reiterated that it is a great idea but it won't fix everything.

Ms. Hopkins interjected that it will slow everyone down a bit.

Ms. Nancy Warner interjected that they might as well go for the gusto and ask for a 4-way blinker.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Searles stated that back in the 90's there was a study done and they didn't put a blinker there and it was a study to put a blinker there. He continued by saying that he can understand that they are asking for another study on that.

Supervisor Flach stated that he has a contact number for the person in charge and he too thinks that it is a good idea.

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Councilman Dolan stated that to be fair, it is not all Port related traffic, there is a lot of early morning traffic of cement trucks that seem to be just going through town.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will also talk to Chief of Police McKenna about the speed to see if they can get some early morning checks on it.

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 was one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on March 9th and then offered a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

OLD BUSINESS

Hannacroix Creek Restoration Project

Members of the Department of Homeland Security met with Marlene Martin of F.X. Browne; Councilman Burns, Building Inspector Conrad and Confidential Secretary Cirillo. Department of Homeland Security requested a brief meeting to review the current plans that are to be submitted for permitting purposes.

The plans were reviewed and it was decided to go to the site for further review. There are two options for the creek restoration. F.X. Browne will be contacting ACOE to discuss the two options available.

Department of Homeland Security will be contacting DEC regarding the long eared bats and if we may run into an issue with regard to them being placed on the endangered species list and what impact it will have on this project. We are waiting for a return call on that.

Department of Homeland Security is still pursuing the writing of a second PW, which would help with the funding of the project.

Supervisor Flach asked Councilman Burns if he had anything to add.

Councilman Burns stated that they really doesn't want to do the second PW because he doesn't want things to slow down but is doing it in case the bat issue is going to slow the project down and it will give them another year or two for them to do their study and then for them to go ahead with the project. He added that they were very impressed when they went out and saw the island that Building Inspector Conrad had said needed to be taken out and a diversion put in, which Army Corp of Engineers didn't want to do because they would be losing too many trees and it was only a total of maybe three trees that needed to be removed in order for them to do that. He continued by saying that everyone was pretty much in agreement that the major project should happen and they should do away with the island and the water can hit the big rocks by the park and be diverted downstream, which should solve a lot of the problem with the flooding in the creek. He went on by saying that the creek will actually clean itself out if they remove two or three different spots and do a little bit of fixing and Homeland Security seems to be bending over backwards to try and help them out and they got a letter from FEMA admitting that they miswrote the PW, they had everything backwards on it, which is going to help move things along even better. He concluded by saying that everything looks very positive for getting something done out there before September.

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NEW BUSINESS

Request for Proposal for Town Hall Front Steps

Supervisor Flach stated that the front steps of Town Hall are in pretty bad shape and he would like to send some requests for pricing to replace and/or repair them but he believes at this point they need to be replaced.

Councilman Masti stated that they had talked about eliminating the steps all together.

Supervisor Flach stated that he hadn't thought about that anymore, they have handicap access already and they can get a RFP for the steps and/or ramp and then asked if anyone else felt as though they need a ramp there.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks it would be nice.

Councilman Burns stated that it would depend on the money but he would think that it would be a lot nicer because a lot of people don't know to park by the Court and use that door.

Councilman Masti stated that he was talking about eliminating the steps, they could put a nice big landing with a ramp up where you could walk up a ramp but you couldn't take a wheelchair up steps. He added that they could have a landing big enough that you could be in a wheelchair, open the door and get in and from what he was looking at, it would still leave enough space for people to walk up without going into the roadway.

Councilman Langdon stated that his only concern is that the parking lot slopes out there and he wonders if they can get in and out of a car there. He added that it seems to him that it will be much safer getting in and out of their cars where it doesn't slope and he is worried about someone coming down a ramp onto a very sloped piece of asphalt and he doesn't know if someone in a wheelchair could manage that.

Town Clerk Millious stated that when Court is going on, the Court door is locked because everyone has to go through the detector and it is an issue when people need to come and see her.

Councilman Langdon stated that he can understand them locking it but he thinks for handicap reasons they probably aren't allowed to.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she tells people to knock on the door.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that he would like to send out RFP's to area contractors and get some quotes to do a ramp and/or stairs.

Councilman Burns stated that they should ask Building Inspector Conrad what they should do there and he is sure that he would come up with a good idea.

Councilman Masti stated that they could also contact The Center for Disabilities and they would have the specs for that.

Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks as a public building they would be under some obligation to attempt to make it handicap accessible since they are going to replace it and having a locked door for people in wheelchairs or with limited ability where people need to get special permission to come into a public building might not be the best idea.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will try to get some specs and some kind of an idea of what it will cost them and then go from there.

Councilman Dolan asked if they need to put it out to bid.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will and added that he will try to get some specs before they jump too far ahead and at the next meeting they can discuss putting it out to bid.

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RESOLUTIONS

RES. #59-15 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, Ryan Cross 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 Ryan Cross, Police Officer be accepted effective March 29, 2015.

Chief McKenna,

It is with a heavy heart that I must resign my position as Police Officer with the Coeymans Police Department, effective immediately. It has been unfortunate that this has been unsuccessful, however to better my career and future, I will need to focus on my career with the Albany County Sheriff's Office. I cannot express the gratitude that I feel towards you and the rest of the Department for the opportunity you have given me to defend the public.

I will address the Coeymans Town Board and thank them for the chance they have given me to provide services to the residents of the Town of Coeymans. Your professionalism, organization, and communication will only show that the Police Department will succeed and reach far places.

I wish you the best of luck and hope that you will continue to succeed at the Town of Coeymans.

Respectfully Submitted,
Officer Ryan D. Cross

Supervisor Flach stated that Officer Cross has been very busy with his full-time job and was having a hard time finding the hours that are required for the minimum.

RES. #60-15 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and Deputy Highway Superintendent have contacted the New York State Office of Government Services with regard to the Federal Surplus Property Program, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Surplus Property Program would afford the Town of Coeymans the opportunity to purchase equipment at a largely reduced rate, which will save the taxpayers of the Town money, and

WHEREAS, an application to participate in this program must be completed and submitted, and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Highway Superintendent has completed such application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach, Highway Superintendent Searles and Deputy Highway Superintendent Perry to execute the application.

Councilman Dolan asked Highway Superintendent Searles what sort of things he would like to get.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that anything you can name, they have, and for example two weeks ago they had a bulldozer on there and it was a small one that only had 60 hours on it and sold it to a municipality for \$3,000.00 and right now that same bulldozer is on E-bay and it is up to \$48,000.00.

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RES. #61-15 EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR ALS SERVICES WITH ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans has participated in the County's Emergency Medical Service Program to provide Advanced Life Support Services, and

WHEREAS, a new contract is in place for the Advanced Life Support Services with the Albany County Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015,

WHEREAS, the contract amount is not to exceed \$201,027.00 as stated in said contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans hereby authorizes Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to execute the contract for ALS Services with the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Councilman Masti asked how much the contract was last year.

Supervisor Flach stated that last year it was \$196,000.00 and has gone up \$4,000.00 as it did the year before, they budgeted \$200,551.00 in the 2015 budget so they are short approximately \$500.00 and the charge is based on population.

RES. #62-15 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, William C. Stockman, Jr., has submitted his letter or resignation as Police Officer in the Town of Coeymans Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resignation of William C. Stockman, Jr., as Police Officer be accepted effective April 19, 2015.

Chief McKenna,

I would like to resign my position as Police Officer with the Town of Coeymans Police Department, effective April 19, 2015.

I want to take this opportunity to say that my time with this Department has been invaluable, and I am extremely grateful to have a part of this organization. It has been an honor to serve alongside you and the other Officers of the Coeymans Police Department.

I thank you for the opportunities I have been given during my time here, and am deeply appreciative of your continued support.

Sincerely,
William C. Stockman, Jr.

Supervisor Flach stated that Officer Stockman has accepted a full-time position somewhere else.

Chief McKenna interjected that it is the City of Schenectady.

RES. #63-15 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – PART TOWN FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Part-Town Fund has overspent in 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of correcting the overspending of the 2014 Adopted Budget.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts.

AMOUNT	FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
\$ 1,332.00	B1990.4 Contingency	B1680.1 Shared Services Personal
\$ 701.25	B1990.4 Contingency	B1680.1 Shared Services Personal
\$ 5,742.71	B8020.1 Planning Board Personal	B5182.4 Street Lighting Contractual
\$ 1,426.30	B8010.4 Zoning Board Personal	B8010.4 Zoning Board Contractual
\$ 2,966.75	B1990.4 Contingency	B9010.8 Employee Benefit Contractual
\$ 1,533.25	B3620.1 Safety Inspector Personal	B9010.8 Employee Benefit Retirement
\$ 3.52	B9089.8 Employee Benefit	B9070.8 Employee Benefit Dental

RES.64-15 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – HIGHWAY FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Highway fund has overspent in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is desirous of correcting the overspending of 2014 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

AMOUNT	FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
\$ 3,987.60	DB5110.4 General Repairs Cont.	DB5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual
\$ 361.36	DB5110.4 General Repairs Cont.	DB6410.4 Publicity Contractual
\$ 2,946.00	DB5110.1 General Repairs Personal	DB9010.8 Retirement
\$ 97.91	DB5110.1 General Repairs Personal	DB9030.8 Social Security
\$24,110.58	DB5130.2 Machinery & Equipment	DB9060.8 Employee Benefit Health
\$ 276.02	Employ. Benefit Life Insurance	DB9070.8 Employee Benefit Dental
\$ 227.87	DB9055.8 Employ. Ben. Disability	DB9089.8 Employee Benefit

RES. #65-15 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans General Fund has overspent in 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of the 2014 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts.

AMOUNT	FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
\$ 1,846.32	A1990.4 Contingency	A1010.1 Town Council Personal Services
\$ 878.24	A1990.4 Contingency	A1010.4 Town Council Contractual
\$ 14,994.69	A1990.4 Contingency	A1220.4 Supervisor Personal Services
\$ 306.56	A1990.4 Contingency	A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual
\$ 12,213.24	A1430.1 Human Res. Per. Services	A1310.1 Finance Personal Services
\$ 360.55	A1310.2 Finance, Equip. & Cap.	A1310.4 Finance Contractual
\$ 600.00	A1355.2 Assessor Equip. & Cap.	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
\$ 880.91	A1355.1 Assessor Personal Services	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
\$ 360.98	A1640.4 Central Garage Contract.	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
\$ 7,955.60	A1660.4 Central Storeroom Cont.	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual

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\$ 310.91	A1330.4 Tax Collection	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
\$ 275.04	A1620.1 Town Hall Pers. Services	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
\$ 882.33	A1670.4 Central Printing Contract.	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
\$ 1,767.25	A5132.4 Highway Garage Contract.	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
\$ 7,306.81	A1430.4 Human Res. Contractual	A1420.4 Attorney
\$ 6,299.19	A1990.4 Contingency	A1450.4 Elections Contractual
\$ 655.45	A1430.4 Human Res. Contractual	A1450.4 Elections Contractual
\$ 1,128.37	A1460.4 Records Manage. Cont.	A1450.4 Elections Contractual
\$ 3,493.01	A1640.4 Central Garage Cont.	A1450.4 Elections Contractual
\$ 4,386.85	A1620.1 Town Hall Personal Serv.	A1620.4 Town Hall Contractual
\$ 13,452.38	A5132.4 Highway Garage Cont.	A1650.4 Central Communications Cont.
\$ 70.00	A1990.4 Contingency	A1940.4 Purchase of Land
\$ 357.62	A3510.4 Dog Control Equipment	A3010.4 Public Safety Contractual
\$ 12.27	A3510.1 Dog Control Pers. Serv.	A3010.4 Public Safety Contractual
\$ 4,733.54	A3020.4 Communications Cont.	A3020.1 Communications Pers. Services
\$ 580.53	A6410.4 Publicity Contractual	A3020.1 Communications Pers. Services
\$ 500.00	A6510.4 Veteran's Contractual	A3020.1 Communications Pers. Services
\$ 1,457.00	A7310.1 Youth Prog. Pers. Serv.	A3020.1 Communications Pers. Services
\$ 250.00	A7540.4 Historian Contractual	A3020.1 Communications Pers. Services
\$ 1,634.27	A3310.1 BUNY Personal Serv.	A3120.1 Law Enforcement Pers. Services
\$ 500.00	A3310.2 BUNY Equipment	A3120.1 Law Enforcement Pers. Services
\$ 231.60	A8090.4 Leachate Facility Cont.	A3120.1 Law Enforcement Pers. Services
\$ 252.48	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage Cont.	A3120.1 Law Enforcement Pers. Services
\$ 420.25	A3310.1 BUNY Personal Serv.	A3120.2 Law Enforcement Equipment
\$ 5,103.95	A5132.4 Highway Garage Cont.	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 1,149.15	A3311.1 STEP Personal Services	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 500.00	A3311.2 STEP Equipment	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 3,432.78	A3312.2 Vest Equipment	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 500.00	A3315.2 TSD Equipment	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 2,241.83	A3510.1 Dog Control Pers. Serv.	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 100.00	A3640.4 Civil Defense Contract.	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 2,348.40	A5010.1 Highway Adm. Per. Serv.	A3120.4 Law Enforcement Contractual
\$ 3,263.13	A3311.1 S.T.E.P – Pers. Serv.	A3315.1 TSD – Personal Services
\$ 2,555.77	A9010.8 Employee Benefit Retire.	A4589.4 Other Health Paramedics
\$ 300.16	A9070.8 Employee Benefit Dental	A4589.4 Other Health Paramedic
\$ 2,954.77	A9040.8 Emp. Ben. Workers Comp.	A4589.4 Other Health Paramedic
\$ 2,514.00	A8810.1 Cemeteries Pers. Services	A4589.4 Other Health Paramedic
\$ 419.33	A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual	A4589.4 Other Health-Paramedic
\$ 886.76	A5132.4 Highway Garage Contract.	A5010.4 Highway Admin. Contractual
\$ 4,800.00	A5132.4 Highway Garage Contract	A5132.2 Highway Garage Equipment
\$ 1,165.38	A1620.1 Town Hall Personal Serv.	A7110.4 Parks Contractual
\$ 422.73	A1620.1 Town Hall Personal Serv.	A8510.4 Beautification Contractual
\$ 800.00	A7989.4 Other Cult. & Rec.Contract.	A7270.4 Band Concerts Contractual
\$ 4,000.00	A9050.8 Emp. Benefit Unemploy.	A9030.8 Employ. Benefit Soc. Security
\$ 1,700.45	A9055.8 Employee Benefit Disab.	A9030.8 Employ. Benefit Soc. Security
\$ 4,521.57	A9040.8 Emp. Ben. Work. Comp.	A9030.8 Employ. Benefit Soc. Security
\$ 899.45	A9089.8 Employee Benefit	A9045.8 Employ. Benefit Life Insurance
\$ 22,750.23	A9010.8 Employee Benefit Ret.	A9060.8 Employ. Benefit Health Insurance

Councilman Langdon stated that there are two pages of transfers and they will be available for anyone who wants a copy.

RES. #66-15 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – SEWER FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Sewer Fund has overspent in 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is in need to correct the overspending of 2014 Adopted Budget,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize Supervisor Stephen D. Flach to transfer the following amounts to the respective accounts:

AMOUNT	FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
\$ 3,563.85	SS8130.4 Sewer Contractual	SS1910.4 Insurance
\$ 3,001.00	SS9010.8 Employee Benefit Ret.	SS1910.4 Insurance
\$ 314.87	SS9060.8 Employee Benefit Health	SS1910.4 Insurance
\$ 173.13	SS8130.1 Sewer Personal Services	SS9040.8 Employ.Ben. Social Security
\$ 7,700.67	SS8130.1 Sewer Personal Services	SS9050.8- Unemployment Insurance
\$ 5.28	SS9055.8 Disability Insurance	SS9070.8 Dental Insurance
\$ 225.00	SS9010.8 Employ. Benefit Ret.	SS9730.7 Debt Serv. Ins. (H35)
\$ 10,714.42	SS8120.4 Collection System Cont.	SS9730.6 Debt Principal (Town)
\$ 1,194.06	SS8120.8 Collection System SS	SS9730.6-Debt Principal (Town)
\$ 308.47	SS8120.1 Collection Sys. Pers. Serv.	SS9730.6-Debt Principal (Town)
\$ 4,290.20	SS9060.8 Employee Benefit Health	SS9730.6 Debt Serv. (H39)
\$ 275.00	SS9089.8 Other Employee Benefit	SS9730.6 Debt Serv. (H39)
\$ 434.80	SS8130.1 Sewer Personal Serv.	SS9730.6 Debt Serv. (H39)
\$ 1,030.00	SS8130.2 Sewer Equipment	SS9730.7 Debt.Serv. Bank Int. (H39)

Supervisor Flach stated that the list of transfers will also be made available to the public.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETING

- Town Board Workshop, April 21, 2015, 6:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, April 22, 2015, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, April 27, 2015, 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she settled the Property Taxes with Albany County and anyone who needs to pay their taxes should call the County first at (518) 447-7070 for the current amount due and they are located at 112 State Street. She continued by saying that she had a couple more things to share and continued by reading the following.

The Alcove Day Community Yard Sale will be April 25th. Treasure maps for yards sales will be at the Highway Building on SR 143 at 8:00am. There will be a luncheon held at Trinity United Methodist Church next to the Highway Building by United Methodist Women from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Alcove Pictorial Cancellation Stamps, 6 in the series from 2001-2006 will be for sale at the luncheon. Sponsored by the Alcove Preservation Association and anyone with any questions can call (518) 756-8666.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she has some applications in her office, which she thinks has to be in by the 18th and the Little Red Schoolhouse on Rt. 143 will be open at 8:00am, there will be a Garage Sale at the Museum. She concluded by saying that this is an annual event that they do every year.

Supervisor Flach stated the applications are so that you can get on the map.

Town Clerk Millious stated that you don't have to; it's a \$10.00 fee and reiterated that she has applications in her office.

Supervisor Flach stated that it a map drawn out so you will know where to go and what the address is.

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Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it is at the Highway Garage because of Coeymans Hollow building their new Firehouse.

Supervisor Flach stated that he believes they are going to try and have an enclosed trailer or maybe use one of the bays at the garage.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that no one has talked to him about that, they did ask about putting up a pop-up canopy and he told them it was no problem but no one has asked if they can go in the garage.

Supervisor Flach stated that maybe they can make a bay available, they need a table for people to sit and if it's windy it could be a problem.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that it wouldn't be a problem to do that.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she had one more thing and added that on the same day, Saturday, April 25th is the 4th Annual R-C-S Community Wellness Walk and continued by reading the following:

Come support the community; please join us for the 4th Annual RCS Wellness Committee sponsored Wellness Walk. Everyone is invited to come and show support for wellness and the local community at Joralemon Park from 1:00pm 4:00pm.

Town Clerk Millious stated that a map was provided and it was cc'd to Police Chief McKenna.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he believes that Spring is officially here and he wanted to thank his crew for all the time that they put in this past winter, they put in a lot of hours with the snow and were away from their families and he wanted to thank them for that. He added that there will be a lot going on by the river this year, they are installing new benches and going to do other things to make it look like a shipyard and then asked for people to be patient with the workers because they are going to be working a lot down there.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief McKenna gave a brief report for the Police Department for the month of May and added that they will continue to be vigilant during the morning and evening rush hours down along Rte. 144, Rte. 9W and the Rte. 32 corridor to make sure that there are traffic units or police units available to keep an eye on things. He added that two of his Officers did phenomenal work, which he can't get into the details but he wanted to mention Officer Polverelli and Officer Bresette, who both received accolades from local members of the community for going above and beyond the call of duty and helping with personal service. He continued by saying that they are both great Police Officers and indicative of what they are trying to strive here and added that he wishes Officer Cross and Officer Stockman the best, they are fine Officers and will endeavor to do great things and when the time comes, hopefully they will come back.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that on Tuesday, April 21st, from 1:00pm – 3:00pm his office at Cooperative Extension at Faith Plaza will be hosting a Save Energy – Save Dollars Workshop and it consists of no and low cost things that people can do in their homes to save money and make their house more comfortable. He added that it is free of charge and everyone who attends get a free energy kit, which includes light bulbs, window caulk and a variety of things that you can use to stop the infiltration of cold air into your house and heated air from leaving your house. He concluded by saying that the program is funded sponsored by NYSERDA and Cornell University and anyone wishing to register can call his office at 756-8650, there are currently five spots open.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that every Department is doing the best they can with what they have

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and the trucks at Highway are in rough shape and hopefully they will be talking about new ones shortly but they are making everything so it is safe and looks nice, the tractor looks like it is brand new. He continued by saying that the Police Department goes without saying, the Fire Departments and Dispatch do a fantastic job and they are very lucky to have everyone.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that the Gracefully Chic Boutique in Ravenna is doing a Fashion Show, which is a fundraiser and any youth participating gets to pick the charity of their choice.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it is Saturday, April 18th and then asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he wanted to thank the Highway Superintendent and Deputy Highway Superintendent for looking into getting items from the Federal Government, it is our tax dollars, and sometimes you can get a really good deal and save a ton of money. He added that with working in Hudson and coming back home, it is nice when he gets back home because the roads are a lot better than the other side of the river because the Highway Department did a good job and he appreciates it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he would echo that the Highway Department did a great job in addition to thanking Police Chief McKenna for doing a great job. He then asked CEO/Building Inspector Conrad if he had something to add.

CEO/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he was watching the meeting at home and felt the need to share some things with the Board. He added that when they have public meetings, there are two means of egress, the front door and the side door and at no time are they to be locked when they are using Town Hall, it is against the law, whether it is handicap or otherwise. He continued by saying that as far as handicap ramp, 20% of any renovation to any building has to be put toward handicap accessibility, which has been poor for a long time. He went on by saying that it requires a Building Permit, whether it is the Town or not and he is a stickler for the design, it has a maximum of 1 in 12 pitch on the ramp as well as certain lengths and other things that have to be met and he would urge them to get a ramp designed and stairs to be put out to bid and inform whomever that they must get a Building Permit.

Councilman Dolan stated that he does not believe that the Court door is locked for the purpose of leaving; it is just to come in.

CEO/Building Inspector Conrad stated that it cannot be locked for any purpose when the room is being used.

Councilman Dolan questioned it being even from coming in.

CEO/Building Inspector Conrad stated that you can't stop it and it is because there is handicap hardware on the inside and if it's locked, it is a Code Violation and the room can't be used.

Supervisor Flach asked CEO/Building Inspector Conrad if he had the specs that they can use for a ramp.

CEO/Building Inspector Conrad stated that he does.

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 Langdon, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss litigation.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session convened in the Supervisor's Office immediately following adjournment from the Town Board Meeting, the entire Town Board was present in addition to Code Enforcement Conrad and Highway Superintendent Searles, no decisions were made or action taken.

Time – 10:52

RECONVENE AND ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach immediately called the meeting back to order following Executive Session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 10:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read April 27, 2015


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk