

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
August 24, 2015 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, August 24, 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
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Scott Searles, Highway Superintendent

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

OPENING COMMENT

Supervisor Flach stated that the record should reflect the presence of a full Town Board.

AGENDA

- Announcements
 - Friendship Festival
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting, July 27, 2015
 - Town Board Workshop, August 18, 2015
 - Bid Opening, August 20, 2015
- Supervisor's Reports – June & July 2015
- Department Reports
 - Town Clerk, July 2015
 - Building Department, July 2015
 - Sewer Department, July 2015
- New Business
 - Bids on Real Property at 78 & 84 Main
- Resolutions
 - Approve Exemption for Solar / Wind / Farm Energy Systems
 - Approve Abstract, August 2015
- Upcoming Workshops/Meetings
 - Planning Board Meeting, September 8, 2015, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 14, 2015, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Workshop, September 22, 2015, 6:00pm
 - Zoning Board Meeting, September 23, 2015, 7:00pm
 - Town Board Meeting, September 28, 2015, 7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Festival

Supervisor Flach stated that the Ravena Friendship Festival is August 29th and it begins at Noon. He continued by listing the following events planned for the Festival.

- Noon to 3:30pm Lafarge Bus Tours.
- 2:00pm Parade (starting from P.B. Elementary)
- 3:00pm Motorcycle Race (in the parking lot by the pool)

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- 1:00-5:00pm Pony rides.
- 4:00-5:00pm Fire Safety and Equipment Demonstrations by Ravena Hose Company.
- 3:00-5:00 Local Band
- 6:00-10:00pm Break a Leg Entertainment
- 9:00pm Fireworks

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Barbara Tanner stated that she previously spoke with Supervisor Flach and she wanted to bring it to the attention of the other Board Members. She added that she took her Great Grandson down to the park at Coeymans Landing and it was beautiful, except on the further side where people fish, the gap in the wrought iron was wide enough for him to go through very easily and something should be done. She then asked about recycling and whether anything had been done with it.

Supervisor Flach stated that nothing has been done and one of the reasons is that Coeymans Hollow Fire Company has their trailer parked at the Highway Garage and there really isn't room to put what they want to there. He added that he has talked with Highway Superintendent Searles numerous times about it.

Ms. Tanner asked if eventually there will be a Recycling Center there.

Supervisor Flach stated that eventually it is something that they would like to do and he has talked about getting a dumpster there for recycling and another dumpster for bags of garbage at a set price per bag to be taken away the next day so there is no smell or rodents.

Ms. Tanner stated that the one in Greene County is great and she knows that St. Patrick's Church is having a lot of problems getting rid of cardboard, they had dumpsters but they were not being emptied and they gave up on it and she knows there is money in that business.

Councilman Burns stated that he caution taped the gap in the wrought iron until they figure out what they are going to do to fix it.

Ms. Tanner stated that it is probably going to be expensive but the alternative for now could be some type of wire mesh.

Councilman Burns stated that they are working on it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he spoke to Lou Newberg, who actually built the railing and he is going to let him know how much it would be to either fill in between the rail and/or to replace the rail, which would be approximately \$3,000.00 to put something between each upright or \$5,000.00 to replace that section.

Councilman Langdon interjected that there is a section down toward Yanni's where there is no railing at all.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is the marina's property.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the railing goes to the end of the Town's property.

Ms. Tanner interjected that the problem with the gap is that if a child went through, she doesn't know how you would be able to get down to them and you would probably get hurt trying.

Councilman Burns stated that if it was low-tide it could be terrible.

Ms. Tanner thanked the Town Board.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Mr. Laszlo Polyak stated that he lives in Ravena and had a couple of conversations with Supervisor Flach regarding the billing for water and sewer in Coeymans because he has an issue and in order to bring it to the next level, he has to show the differences in billing. He then asked Supervisor Flach if he had spoken with the Mayor about it.

Supervisor Flach stated that he hadn't.

Mr. Polyak stated that several billings that he has come across, he saw that in Coeymans people are being billed for units in Water and Sewer as well as bringing up the issue that Town Clerk Millious is doing the Water Billing and then asked if her department is being reimbursed for that.

Councilman Dolan asked if he was asking if she is getting paid by the Village out of the Water Fund.

Mr. Polyak stated that was what he was asking.

Supervisor Flach stated that she isn't, it is part of the Agreement with the Village and it has always been done that way.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she could explain.

Mr. Polyak stated that the reason he is asking is because Water and Sewer are dedicated funds and legitimate expenses but there is no line item in the Village for administrative costs or postage. He added that when there is a water main break, you see the entire Village crew out working and then asked if it is coming out of general taxes or water taxes and the inconsistency that he finds is that people in the Hamlet are paying too much for the water and sewer. He continued by saying that he brings it to their attention because they are responsible for the sewer and the cost to the constituents and then asked that Supervisor Flach find out what they are going to do about some of the things that he brought to their attention about people getting different billings and rates.

Councilman Dolan stated that he believed that Town Clerk Millious was prepared to answer his question.

Town Clerk Millious stated that within the Agreement with the Village it was decided that the Town Clerk for the Town would be the collector, which she believes is included as part of her salary and her staff and she does not get anything separate from the Village of Ravena. She continued by saying that she normally doesn't do the mailing but for the upcoming billing she has to put an insert in as a reminder for those who didn't pay first half because of the re-levy issue, which is a little extra work to keep the re-levy process going.

Mr. Polyak asked by what authority it was brought on that she has to do it because it isn't in her job description.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it has been done since the 80's and she collects for the sewer as well and in explaining all of the jobs that she does, she lists it as one of her duties.

Mr. Polyak stated that what she is saying is that there is a possibility of co-mingling funds, salaries and administrative costs.

Councilman Burns asked if it is because of legality for the re-levy and having to show an attempt to get them to pay.

Mr. Polyak interjected that it is called Due Process.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Town pays the Village up-front for the whole cost.

Councilman Langdon stated that the point he is trying to make, which he thinks is valid, is that all Town residents who don't use municipal sewer and water, their tax dollars go toward salaries, which are taxes that are not supposed to go toward sewer and water but ultimately they are doing the administration of the sewer and water.

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Ms. Tanner stated that the Town doesn't pay sewer and water.

Councilman Langdon stated that she is being paid out of the Town taxes and if she is not being reimbursed by the Sewer and Water Funds, ultimately it is coming out of Town taxes of everyone who doesn't utilize those services.

Mr. Polyak interjected that it is inequities.

Councilman Langdon agreed.

Town Clerk Millious stated that her salary comes out of the General A-Fund.

Supervisor Flach stated that they have a Sewer and Water Agreement with the Village.

Mr. Polyak asked how legal the contract was and added that anyone can write one and he wants to put them on notice that he is frustrated that he is billed and relieved without any form of due process on some of his properties as well as finding it odd that the Town Clerk has to do work that is not part of Town functions without being reimbursed. He added that it is not only her time but also her Clerk's and they can look themselves in the Water Fund for a line item for administrative costs and postage as well as with salaries for the workers and whether they punch out when they assist with sewer or water issues. He concluded by saying that he believes there is an issue with co-mingling funds that he would like them to look into before he takes it to the next level.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town has a Leachate Plant and Sewer Plant where the Town and Village pay a percentage and when the Town workers go to work at the Leachate Plant, it is a Town fund only so they do keep track.

Mr. Polyak stated that in reading the record he found that there are approximately 1,600 people using the entire system with only 400 in the Hamlet of Coeymans, which with simple math would be 75%-25% then meters are read, which trustee Bailey objects to because they read between 12 and 15%. He added that in the Hamlet, half the buildings are empty so he questions how the meters can be wrong consistently when there is less of a population using the water and sewer and as they have questioned themselves how can it be off and that it should be 90-10% or 85/15% with the Village using more. He concluded by saying that during negotiations they have to use realistic numbers and he wanted to give them an opportunity to look at it and give him an answer before he takes it to the next level.

Supervisor Flach stated that so the public is aware, they have meters that they read to get readings for the sewer to get the percentage between the Town and Village, it is done monthly and sometimes there are glitches. He continued by saying that the Town has worked things out with the Village pretty good and in December they had a meeting and worked out the first half of the year and they are currently working on the second half. He added that they continue to work in that direction to have the proper readings and proper percentages paid.

Councilman Masti asked if the current rate is 70/20%.

Supervisor Flach stated that for the last month he believes that it went under 70% and 20% plus and added that they just have to keep reading them. He continued by saying that they discussed the number of users and as Mr. Polyak had said, the amount of people the Village has vs. the amount of people that the Town has is much more but until they get together with the Village to change the Contract, they will use the one that they have.

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Flach stated that there were three sets of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on July 27th, a Town Board Workshop on August 18th, and a Bid Opening on August 20, 2015 at 2:00pm.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

June

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$804,539.55	\$ 32,405.12	\$320,022.50	\$516,922.17
PART-TOWN	\$188,498.18	\$ 7,817.64	\$ 13,021.45	\$183,294.37
HIGHWAY	\$171,081.86	\$ 192.46	\$ 59,942.58	\$111,331.74
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,146.56	\$ 13.58	-0-	\$ 29,160.14
SEWER	\$ 69,024.03	\$107,183.33	\$ 45,384.62	\$130,822.74
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 76,959.43	\$ 981.92	\$ 21,220.39	\$ 56,720.96
POLICE FORF.	\$ 48,993.19	\$ 103.05	\$ 3,775.51	\$ 45,320.73
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$488,841.99	\$ 80.29	-0-	\$488,922.28
SECTION 8 HUD – 67 Units	\$ 1,790.65	\$ 44,650.54	\$ 43,580.76	\$ 2,860.43
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,565,355.56

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.67
Grove Cem.	\$40,958.29
C.H. Cem.	\$13,436.03
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.00
Total	\$55,097.99

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED
 COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,979,729.85
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 225,324.00

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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July

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$516,922.17	\$ 99,070.61	\$367,086.36	\$248,906.42
PART-TOWN	\$183,294.37	\$425,684.26	\$224,915.42	\$384,063.21
HIGHWAY	\$111,331.74	\$200,005.79	\$169,745.66	\$141,591.87
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,160.14	\$ 5.79	-0-	\$ 29,165.93
SEWER	\$130,822.74	\$ 82,428.94	\$ 40,489.99	\$172,761.69
SPECIAL WATER	\$ 56,720.96	\$ 182.99	-0-	\$ 56,903.95
POLICE FORF.	\$ 45,320.73	\$ 32,986.08	\$ 7,115.42	\$ 71,191.39
H-FUND CAP. PROJ.	\$488,922.28	\$ 82.98	-0-	\$489,005.26
SECTION 8 HUD – 67 Units	\$ 2,860.43	\$ 47,086.46	\$ 43,828.43	\$ 6,118.46
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,599,708.18

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.70
Grove Cem.	\$40,960.03
C.H. Cem.	\$13,436.60
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.00
Total	\$55,100.33

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED
COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,512,517.82
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 225,366.75

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – July 2015

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious read the Town Clerk Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by reading the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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Building Department – July 2015

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Masti read the Building Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Masti continued by reading the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Sewer Department – July 2015

Supervisor Flach asked that Councilman Dolan read the Sewer Department Monthly Report.

Councilman Dolan continued by reading the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

Bids on Real Property – 78 & 84 Main Street

Supervisor Flach stated that two bid packages went out and were due last Thursday and in turn will be awarded to the highest bidder. He continued by saying that for 84 Main Street, the building has to come down and there was a stipulation on the bid that whomever bid on it would tear it down within 90 days, which they received one bid for in the amount of \$250.00 from Carver Laraway.

Councilman Dolan asked why there wasn't a minimum bid on the property.

Supervisor Flach stated that there wasn't because the building has to be torn down.

Councilman Dolan asked if the Town paid the County for the property.

Supervisor Flach stated that they did.

Councilman Dolan asked how much they paid.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was \$4,700.00.

Councilman Dolan asked why they did it.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was because the Town would have incurred the cost of tearing the building down, which at a minimum would be \$25,000.00-\$30,000.

Councilman Dolan asked why they didn't let the County tear it down and added that they paid \$4,300.00 so someone can have the property.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they paid it so they can get the building torn down and added that there are multiple properties that people have bought and are just sitting vacant with no improvements and now the buildings need to be torn down.

Councilman Langdon stated that the building has asbestos and it will cost at least \$40,000.00 to take it down.

Supervisor Flach stated that he thinks it is pretty reasonable to have it torn down for \$4,300.00.

Councilman Dolan asked where the estimates came from for tearing the building down.

Councilman Langdon stated that he talked to a couple of contractors himself for a ballpark number because he was interested in the property.

Councilman Dolan asked if Carver Laraway gave them an estimate.

Councilman Langdon stated that he was one but not the only one and added that he got the same numbers from other people that have done similar work.

Councilman Burns stated that it is attached to a building right next to it so it will be complicated.

Supervisor Flach stated that he is happy that someone would bid on it to tear it down because it is a lot of money to tear a building down. He added that the Fire Company will tell you that there are at least 20 buildings that are in such disrepair that they should come down and he would welcome anyone who would give their services to do such a thing.

Councilman Burns stated that he believes he has plans to build a new structure there.

Supervisor Flach stated that he hasn't told him his plans. He added that there was a day when people could come and look at the property but only one other person showed up.

Ms. Tanner from the audience interjected that it seems like Mr. Dolan doesn't know what is going on; he is part of the Board and should have known.

Councilman Dolan agreed and added that he wasn't told about it and learned of it third hand as well as when they found out that they had to pay the County for the buildings, they discussed what they would have to get for the buildings and they agreed that they would get what they paid the County and this was his understanding.

Ms. Tanner stated that someplace there is miscommunication.

Supervisor Flach stated that he agrees with that but knowing that it was going to cost them \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 he thinks they got more than their money back because they needed it torn down.

Councilman Dolan stated that 9 First Street was torn down by the County on their dime and they could have let the County do the same thing on that property.

Supervisor Flach stated that as far as he knows, the County had no intention to do it and when the Town's Building Inspector contacted the County he was told that it would be put to bid and not torn down.

Councilman Burns asked what happened to the property where the County tore down a building on it.

Supervisor Flach stated that it was sold. He continued by offering a motion that they accept the bid with the stipulation that it be torn down within 90 days.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, accepting the bid for the property at 84 Main Street.

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AYES – 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that he would talk to Attorney for the Town Wukitsch about what they have to do as far as transferring the property and whether or not they need to do a resolution or not. He added that 78 Main was the other piece of property, which is on the corner of Westerlo and Main Street, and they received only one bid, also by Mr. Laraway, but his bid price was only \$2,500.00 and there was a minimum of \$5,000.00.

Councilman Langdon stated that he believes that it is worth it to try to get their price for it and should not let it go for \$2,500.00.

Councilman Burns interjected that it is salvageable.

Councilman Langdon stated that the building has to have some immediate repairs, which is part of the bid and if they give it a little time there are people who would be willing to give \$5,000.00 for it.

Supervisor Flach asked if they should put it back out to bid.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would like to reject the bid.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to reject the bid.

MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Masti, rejecting the bid in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the property at 78 Main.

AYES – 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Supervisor Flach stated that if anyone knows of anyone interested to please let him know and added that the building does need work but the structure is sound.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would offer a motion to re-advertise for bids.

MOTION

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, authorizing Town Clerk Millious to advertise for a bid.

AYES – 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Millious asked if they wanted the same Notice.

Supervisor Flach stated that it would be the same but he wasn't sure of the dates off the top of his head.

Councilman Dolan suggested that they get the Notice in the paper, have an Open House and get the bid done prior to the next meeting on September 28th.

Councilman Langdon interjected that they could award it at the September 28th Meeting.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they have the Bid Opening on Thursday, September 24th.

Collectively the Board agreed.

Town Clerk Millious asked if Councilman Dolan wanted the Notice e-mailed to him.

Councilman Dolan stated that if it is going to be the same, that's fine.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it will be the same but a different date for the showing of the property, which Supervisor Flach will be providing her.

Councilman Langdon asked if they want the date rescheduled in the Notice.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they do and he will get Town Clerk Millious the dates.

Mr. Brian Rowzee, News Herald reporter, inquired as to how repair requirement clauses for a bid like that are enforced.

Supervisor Flach stated that they don't transfer the deed or title until those are done.

Councilman Langdon stated that it saves them the trouble of trying to repo it if they don't do what they are supposed to and they won't get the title until they do it.

Mr. Polyak asked about someone buying the property and wanting to tear it down for a new one.

Councilman Langdon stated that they would have to satisfy the safety violations within the number of days specified.

Mr. Polyak interjected that they are going to tear it down and build a new building.

Councilman Langdon stated that part of the problem is that there are stairs hanging off the building, so safety violations would have to be dealt with before they are going to get the title of the property.

Supervisor Flach interjected that it means whether they tear the building down or fix it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they would have to obtain a Demolition Permit from the Building Department.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #106-15 APPROVE EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR POWERD SYSTEMS

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

WHEREAS, solar and wind energy systems are now available and becoming more common in the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, most solar and wind energy systems are rentals and are not owned by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the New York State exemption for solar, wind and farm waste energy systems (Application 4B-487) is a fifteen-year exemption for home owners who purchase solar and wind energy systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective for the 2016 Assessment Roll, the Town of Coeymans will exempt solar, wind and farm energy systems from being assessed, but same will be inventoried as an improvement by the Assessor of the Town of Coeymans.

Councilman Dolan stated that they had discussed it at the Workshop and right now those systems are not being assessed and people are not paying property taxes on them and that this is just to formalize what has been informal.

Supervisor Flach stated that the Assessor wanted to make sure that the Town Board is aware of it as well as not wanting to discourage anyone from putting up solar and wind power and they want to encourage it as much as possible.

Councilman Masti stated that he was not present for the Workshop and continued by asking if you are buying it, do you have a 15-year tax exemption.

Councilman Langdon stated that it is what New York State is giving right now and it is just on that item and not the whole property.

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Councilman Dolan interjected that the resolution says for the 2016 Assessment Roll.

Supervisor Flach stated that if you have solar on your house, they are going to note that you have it as an improvement.

Councilman Masti asked if it will eventually be assessed as an improvement if you are renting it vs. purchasing it.

Supervisor Flach stated that his feeling is that it will not.

Councilman Masti stated that most of the people that he knows are renting it and just giving them space for the panels.

Supervisor Flach reiterated that they want to encourage it as much as possible.

Councilman Langdon stated that they need to pass the resolution each year to continue the exemption to those who have it.

Councilman Dolan stated that it does not matter if you own or rent it

RES. #107-15 APPROVE AUGUST ABSTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for August, 2015, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –170317,170320,170338,170341-170342,170345,170351,170441-170493,170495-170498,170504-170516,170522, 170527,170538 for a **Pre-Paid Total of \$645,112.44**

VOUHER NUMBERS – 170524-170526,170528,170530-170537,170539-170556-170563,170565-170576,170578-170586,170593-170594,170597-170602,170608-170611,170654 for a **Total of \$41,869.86**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS \$686,982.30

CORRESPONDENCE

Time Warner Cable

Supervisor Flach stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Time Warner Cable, which is on their website and continued by reading the following excerpt:

“Time Warner Cable will be making some technical changes on or about September 14th to their cable system that may obstruct your ability to view the following unencrypted channels. (list is available). If this occurs you will need to go into the settings menu on your clear Q AM device and perform a new channel scan in order to resume viewing some of these channels. Customers using digital cable set top boxes will not notice any change. We apologize for any inconvenience.”

Supervisor Flach stated that the letter will be available in the Town Clerk’s Office.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that he received a surprise visit from the New York State Department of Labor because a complaint was turned in and there were 29 things listed and continued by saying that he has a report with a checklist from the 30th of July and everything was “a-ok”. He added that one of the things was poor overall cleanliness of the garage but before they left both of them said that the Highway Garage is the best that they have seen, he really takes pride in his job and this was a slap in the face to him. He continued by saying that out of the 29 things listed, they passed everything and will continue to pass everything every time they show up.

Councilman Burns interjected that the place is beautiful.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that election is coming up; it is a Primary Election and continued by reading the following:

NOTICE
Democratic, Conservative, Green and
Independence Parties

Thursday, September 10, 2015
Polls are Open Noon – 9:00pm

Town of Coeymans Polling Places

1 st District	Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
2 nd District	Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans
3 rd District	Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main Street, Ravena
4 th District	R-C-S Senior High School, 2025 US Rt. 9W, Ravena
5 th District	Town of Coeymans Highway Garage, 1305 SR 143
6 th District	Town of Coeymans Highway Garage, 1305 SR 143

All polling places are handicapped accessible. Any questions as to voting district or eligibility, please call 756-2100.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there is a big change in the 5th and 6th Districts this year, voting will be at the Highway Garage, across from the Coeymans Hollow Fire House. She added that the cards that were mailed out, for the 1st and 2nd Districts lists the address as 67 Church Street as Ravena but it should be Coeymans, which the Board of Elections is aware of and most people know where the Coeymans Fire House is. She continued by saying that there are also extended hours for absentee ballots for the Primary Election on September 10, 2015 and read as follows:

Extended Hours for Absentee Ballots

Saturday, September 5th, 9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, September 8th, 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Town Clerk Millious stated that there was a kick-ball game between the Town and Village of Ravena and the Town won for the second year in a row with a score of 9-1, the team did well, she was proud and it was a lot of fun. She continued by saying that doe permit are available now, hunting went on sale August 10th and if you have not gotten your lifetime license, you can still come down and get your doe permit with the deadline being October 1st.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

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Ms. Mary Driscoll stated that she votes at the R-C-S high-school, she does not know who sets the room up but there is no privacy. She added that someone can look over your shoulder and see how you are voting, there is no room and no indication for the handicapped and she thinks there should be a better system because if there are four people in there, there is a crowd plus the workers.

Town Clerk Millious stated that there should be a partition between the voters.

Ms. Driscoll stated that they do but there is a line behind the desk that you sit at.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she can speak with the Inspectors and bring it to their attention.

Ms. Driscoll asked if the school gets paid for it being a Polling Site.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they get paid for providing a Polling Site.

Ms. Driscoll stated that she would think that they would give them more than a room where they just move the desks back and you have ½ a room. She added that she has voted in Coeymans Hollow, the Congregational Church and in the Coeymans Firehouse over the years and the school is the worst and reiterated there is no marking for handicap for the front door.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she will also call the Board of Elections.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to announce that Thursday, August 27th is the last Evening on the Green with a local favorite Dusk til' Dawn and he also wanted to report that there was a movie at the gazebo last Saturday, which was a make-up rain date from the previous Saturday.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were quite a few people.

Councilman Dolan stated that there were, there was pop-corn, some people brought their own refreshments and it was a nice time.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is a great time.

Councilman Dolan agreed and said the Village does the movies as well.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns asked Town Clerk Millious if they had gotten any other bids or if she knows of anyone else to bid on the gazebo roof.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it wasn't re-bid; she called some contractors for proposals and added that one bid came in after the cut-off time for submission on the first bid. She reiterated that she did reach out to a couple contractors to see if they were interested but no one got back to her.

Councilman Burns asked what they should do and whether they should put it back out to bid.

Councilman Dolan stated that Attorney for the Town Wukitsch had said they could accept the one bid.

Supervisor Flach agreed and stated that the bid was \$5,500.00 and added that he will check to see if there is money to do it because he is also concerned about the railing along the river, which will probably be a cost of \$5,000.00.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thinks they need to take care of the railing.

Supervisor Flach stated that he will get some information for the Board for the Meeting on September 8th and they will decide then.

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Councilman Dolan asked if there was a timeline from Mr. Newburg about the railing.

Supervisor Flach stated that he said he would let him know this week and he was pretty positive about \$5,000.00 to replace the whole railing or \$3,000.00 to put uprights between each existing upright.

Councilman Dolan suggested blocking off the area until it is fixed.

Highway Superintendent Searles stated that the Highway Department will take care of it.

Supervisor Flach stated that by the next meeting, they will plan on making a decision on the gazebo and they will get something temporary for the railing.

Town Clerk Millious stated that people have the gazebo booked and it would be a good thing to plan for October and added that they need to check with her before they start in case anyone has it reserved.

Councilman Burns stated that Scott's crew is doing an awesome job with the equipment and parks and he is sorry to see the part-timers go. He added that Diane's crew is doing well too and he wanted to wish Susie King the best, they will miss her and he knows she will do well with the Village. He continued by saying that Larry Conrad is going through a lot and he is the most dedicated man in the Town of Coeymans, some people get mad at him, but he means the best and even with everything he has been going through, he cares more about the Town being able to move on. He went on by saying that the whole crew at the Sewer Plant is doing good, work very hard and a pleasure to work with and the summer kids through C.H.O.I.C.E.S., who he didn't work with as much this year, are awesome and a great help all summer.

Councilman Dolan stated that for the first time, they were extended for two weeks.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to encourage people to come out for some of the activities that they have, whether its movies, Evenings on the Green, the Friendship Festival, etc. and added that it's great to see the community come together at these events. He continued by thanking Highway Superintendent Searles for passing the Spot Inspection with flying colors, they are proud of him and his crew.

Councilman Burns stated that there was a time when you hated seeing police lights come on but the force now is a lot of nice guys who are gentlemen and they are there to serve and not bring the power down on you.

Councilman Masti stated that at the last meeting he asked what is going on with the Alcove Reservoir and Dan McCoy was going to check on it for them and then asked whether or not Supervisor Flach had heard back from him.

Supervisor Flach stated that he hadn't but he will reach out to them.

Councilman Masti stated that he was curious one way or the other so he has something to reply back to the people when they ask him again rather than saying that he doesn't know.

Councilman Dolan asked if he was referring to fishing there.

Councilman Masti stated that it was about limited fishing or being allowed to do something out there because it is a beautiful resource not being utilized. He continued by saying that he appreciates how Highway Superintendent Searles keeps the shop going and in speaking with some of the guys, they are happy, which he hasn't seen in a long time and he should keep up with whatever he is doing.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he continued by reminding everyone about the Friendship Festival on Saturday starting at Noon with a parade at 2:00pm starting at Pieter B. Elementary as well as other fun things such as on Sunday, September 13th the Train Auction at Yanni's 2.

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

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAY 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read September 14, 2015


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk