

**MINUTES BOOK\*\*TOWN OF COEYMANS  
October 26, 2015 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

**A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, October 26, 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  
David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town  
Matthew Weidman, Clerk to the Supervisor

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

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**OPENING COMMENT**

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

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**AGENDA**

- Public Announcements
  - Town Hall Closed, November 3, 2015, Election Day
  - Public Hearing, 2016 Budget, November 4, 2015 at 6:00pm
  - Town Hall Closed, November 11, 2015, Veteran’s Day
  - Town Hall Closed, November 26 & 27, 2015, Thanksgiving
  - Time Warner Cable
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - Town Board Meeting, October 13, 2015
  - Special Budget Workshop, October 15, 2015
  - Town Board Workshop, October 20, 2015
- Supervisor’s Report
- Department Reports
  - Town Clerk, September 2015
  - Building Department, September 2015
  - Sewer Department 2015
- Resolutions
  - Approve October 2015 Abstract
- Upcoming Workshops/Meeting
  - Planning Board Meeting, November 2, 2015, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, November 9, 2015, 7:00pm
  - Town Board Workshop, November 17, 2015, 6:00pm
  - Town Board Meeting, November 23, 2015, 7:00pm
  - ZBA Meeting, November 25, 2015, 7:00pm

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Town Offices Closed – Election Day**

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**Public Hearing on 2016 Budget**

Supervisor Flach stated that the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Town Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day**

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran’s Day.

**Town Hall Closed – Thanksgiving**

Supervisor Flach stated that Town Offices will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Time Warner Cable**

Supervisor Flach stated that he received a letter from Time Warner Cable and continued by reading the following excerpt:

Time Warner Cable’s agreements with programmers and broadcasters to carry their services and stations routinely expire from time to time. We are usually able to obtain renewals or extensions of such agreements, but in order to comply with applicable regulations, we must inform you when an agreement is about to expire. The following agreements are due to expire soon and we may be required to cease carriage of one or more of these services/stations in the near future where these services are offered.

Supervisor Flach continued by saying that there is a long list of the services and stations, which will be available at Town Hall for anyone wishing to see it.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

**Ms. Nita Chmielewski** stated that she lives in Alcove and continued by reading the following:

I would like to make reference to an article that appeared in the Times Union on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the headlines read, Town and City finances stressed and the sub-headlines read, Albany, Coeymans have significant problems. When the Times Union called you Supervisor Flach for a statement to the report, you said and I quote “you had not seen the report”. The Comptroller’s Office stated that all municipalities were notified of the report before they became public information and released to the newspaper. Most other Town Supervisors and Mayors had statements to make but you did not. The report stated that the Town of Coeymans is facing significant stress problems; Coeymans was ranked 72.5%, up from 57.5% last year and 47.5% two years ago. These percentages were for the last three years, you Mr. Flach have been Supervisor for the past 4 years now. You always say the prior administrations cause these problems, how long are you going to keep blaming prior administrations? When are you going to take responsibility for the fiscal problems facing the Town? The problems existed, as you say, from prior administrations, you had four years to clean them up. In the Times Union article there were municipalities that over the last three years had either stayed the same or gotten better ratings while the Town of Coeymans has neither stayed the same or gotten better, we have gotten worse with a 72.5% rating. So Supervisor Flach, I ask you, why we have gotten worse over your four years as Supervisor with a 72.5% rating. In 2014, and this was your third year as Supervisor, you passed a TAN, this is a Tax Anticipation Note, for \$500,000.00, that is half a million dollars. You needed this money to pay bills and meet payroll for the remainder of 2014, and to be fair, of that ½ million TAN, that was anticipated to be needed, you used \$311,275.25. Could this be one of the reasons why our fiscal stress has increased? Could it also be all the debt you have accumulated over the past 4 years? You are the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town Mr. Flach, it is your responsibility to monitor the budget, you are not paying attention. The one truth that you did report Supervisor Flach was that some of the indebtedness was acquired over the years. Yes

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it was in the Sewer Fund and I am sorry to say that it probably will be for many years to come due to the condition and infrastructure of the Sewer Plant. At the end of 2009, this Town had no debt in the General Fund or the Highway Fund, the Town Board made it a priority to pay the indebtedness off and pay cash for items that were needed. Mr. Flach, I ask you, how much debt have you acquired in the General Fund, Highway Fund and Sewer Fund in the last four years of your administration? I would ask that everyone on that Board, just do what is best for this Town and start telling the truth and stop blaming other people. If problems occur, take care of them and do the best that you can. Move the Town forward and make it a better place to live.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Laszlo Polyak** stated that he lives in Ravenna and his first comment is a suggestion and continued by saying that he likes Councilman Burns but he would suggest that maybe he could ask some of the other churches if they would like to come in and give a prayer and announce any events that may be going on so the community can hear it over the television. He continued by saying that this is what they do in Congress and there is usually a different person everyday blessing Congress, which could even be by a Buddhist. He added that there are several churches in the community and maybe they should ask some of the Priests or Reverends to come and do the prayer.

Councilman Burns stated that they are very welcome to do so.

Mr. Polyak continued by asking the debt ratios for the funds.

Supervisor Flach asked that Clerk to the Supervisor give the amounts.

Clerk to the Supervisor Weidman reported that General Fund has zero dollars in debt as of today and an estimated positive fund balance of \$23,200.00 as of January 1, 2016, the Highway Department currently has debt for one truck purchased in 2012 and owes roughly \$125,000.00, which is currently the only debt for Highway and the fund balance predicted for January 1, 2016 is \$25,000.00 and Part-Town has no debt at all and the fund balance predicted for January 1, 2016 is \$452,000.00.

Mr. Polyak asked if the TAN taken out was paid off.

Supervisor Flach stated that \$310,000.00 was actually taken and paid off in February.

Mr. Polyak stated that Ms. Chmielewski mentioned something in 2009 about paying off everything and going to a cash and carry type basis for buying and then asked if it was correct.

Supervisor Flach stated that he was not here in 2009 and hadn't gone back that far.

Councilman Dolan interjected that the answer was yes.

Councilman Langdon stated that in 2011 before Supervisor Flach took office they did take out a \$350,000.00 loan.

Clerk to the Supervisor Weidman stated that it was for sewer debt.

Mr. Polyak stated that sewer is different bees all together.

Supervisor Flach interjected that there are a lot of numbers to go through, which he has said over and over and he will read them again to anyone who wants to know and then asked that he proceed with his public comment.

Mr. Polyak stated the point that he was getting to is that you can't be responsible for several years before you take office and anyone on the Board at that time is part of the problem. He continued by saying that at a prior meeting Supervisor Flach mentioned that he cleared off the books a couple debts that didn't really exist and were just being carried forward as anticipation of revenues and then asked how much it came to and why they were forgiven and if it was because there was no money there that might have been 15-20 years old.

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Councilman Dolan stated that they weren't that old and were forgiven because they were deemed uncollectable or they were funds that were due from one fund to itself.

Mr. Polyak stated that he had a question that he wanted to ask but the Police Chief is not present and continued by saying that he's gotten absolutely no complaints since the Chief took on the Chief's position in all realms, whether it be alleged police brutality or fiscal management and everyone is screaming kudos because of the fiscal management but there are probably a couple of Officers that wish they could have to overtime, which was run-away overtime with the previous Chief. He concluded by saying that he is seeing 6 million dollars on the campaign signs and asked that the assessment for that amount be clarified as to whether it is raised assessments or actual new buildings and houses that have been built.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is actual new buildings and then asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Barbara Tanner** stated that she wasn't going to speak but when her rankles get riled she has to speak. She continued by saying that she thinks it would be great to have other Ministers come in or a Rabbi or whoever but she appreciates the prayers by Councilman Burns asking help for our town.

Mr. Polyak stated that he is not against Councilman Burns; he was just suggesting that they bring in someone else and he didn't mean to get anyone mad.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Jim Youmans** stated that he lives on Deans Mill Road and added that there a lot of numbers flying back and forth and a lot of talk of the past. He continued by saying that he heard the story about the fund balance that was here, not really here and now it is here again but he would like to live in the present and future and address it. He went on by saying that recently he has seen some signs go up touting the good financial condition that the Town is in and it's interesting that some of them have said that they have a positive Comptroller's review, which popped up on Thursday which is the very day to his understanding that they received a draft audit report from the State Comptroller's Office. He added that the report says they are working with a deficit of about \$500,000.00, it says they have consistently appropriated fund balances that they knew weren't there to balance the budget and furthermore it said that for the 2015 fiscal year, if they don't make major structural changes to their budget, they are going to end up with another major deficit. He continued by saying that at this point they have a lot of people saying a lot of things and he would just say that he knows the report exists, it is in their hands and he would say that if they put it out on the table after the meeting, which he doesn't think they can distribute, and let people see what it says in there, it would solve an awful lot of the questions that people have.

Ms. Tanner asked Mr. Youmans how he found out about the report.

Mr. Youmans interjected that it is immaterial.

Supervisor Flach stated that he wanted to clarify that when the Comptroller's Office was here the end of May or June, Councilman Langdon, Clerk to the Supervisor Weidman and himself were in a meeting with them and then asked if Councilman Langdon wanted to speak to it.

Councilman Langdon stated that actually they were pretty pleased, he is aware of the draft but they were asked to keep it confidential until they could finish it because it is a draft and doesn't have all the facts in it yet and doesn't really address much of 2015, it is primarily on what has happened in the last 3-4 years.

Councilman Dolan interjected that it addresses half of 2015 and through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Langdon stated that most of the comments are not relevant to that.

Councilman Dolan stated that there are four specific comments about 2015, one that says if the Town doesn't either get reoccurring revenue for 2015 or make major budget cuts, 2015 is going to be in deficit and if you look at the Supervisor's Report there is \$14,000.00 in the General Fund, which is about 3 days of operating expenses for the Town of Coeymans in the A Fund.

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Clerk to the Supervisor Weidman interjected that there is \$400,000.00 left in revenue to still come in for the year.

Councilman Dolan agreed and reiterated that this week it has \$14,000.00.

Clerk to the Supervisor Weidman stated that this week there is \$396,000.00 in there and he just didn't have the money transferred so what he is saying makes no sense.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that in any event, they should not be discussing a preliminary report in a public forum because the Town has not yet had the opportunity to respond to things that may be in question or they may have an explanation for, but to be debating it now in a public forum is not a good idea.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it is probably why the Comptroller asked that it be kept confidential until that could be done.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was asked to be kept confidential as a courtesy and added that he doesn't work for the Comptroller, he works for the taxpayers of the Town of Coeymans and if he wants to talk about it, he will talk about it.

Supervisor Flach stated that it says "because the report is still subject to change, we ask that to the maximum extent committed by law that the information contained in this document be kept confidential until it is released". He continued by saying that the Board has to have time to go over it, sit down with the Comptroller's Office and dispute if there is any information that they feel is not correct.

Ms. Barbara Tanner interjected that the Attorney for the Town just said that they shouldn't be talking about it.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can talk about it but his legal advice would be not to discuss it at this point in time because it is a preliminary report, there may be criticisms that the Board can respond to and it makes no sense to be discussing it right now.

Councilman Dolan interjected that everyone should understand that it is a draft.

Mr. Polyak stated that the criticisms may not even be negative, they may just another way to do something.

Supervisor Flach stated that with regard to the draft, he is not discussing it but he can tell them where they are at right now.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch interjected that it is what he should be talking about.

Supervisor Flach stated that for 2016 they are dead-on and ready to go.

Clerk to the Supervisor Weidman interjected that there is no deficit in any single fund.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is what it is and suggested that Mr. Youmans and Ms. Chmielewski come and look at the books and added that they are more than welcome to do so.

Councilman Dolan stated that it is an examination that is done with the Supervisor as the Chief Fiscal Officer and the Board, minus himself, who is involved in it and it states that the Supervisor has a right to put any information into the report that he wants for the draft in Appendix A and there is nothing in Appendix A that says everything is great with the Town of Coeymans.

Clerk to the Supervisor Weidman interjected that the part he is referring to does not go in until after they meet with them and it is why it wasn't supposed to be talked about because it is not finished.

Councilman Langdon stated that there is a meeting scheduled for the day after Election.

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Supervisor Flach stated that they were done talking about it and reiterated that he would invite anyone to come in and look at the books.

Councilman Dolan stated that he has the draft Comptroller's Report and said anyone that wants to come and look at it can do so.

Ms. Barbara Tanner interjected that they shouldn't be looking at the draft.

Councilman Dolan stated that they shouldn't have information hidden from them.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Ms. Doris Millett** stated that Councilman Dolan has been on the Board long enough to know when the money is moved into the A Fund or any other fund out of reserves or wherever it's coming from and why it looks like there is \$14,000.00 in there this week. She added that he is crying the blues because it is Election year and he wants to make Supervisor Flach look like a fool and he ought to know that they don't put the money in there until there is an abstract to pay, an approved abstract to pay and she worked for the Town long enough to know that and a few other things.

Mr. Laszlo Polyak stated that the word draft means exactly that and when he was in college he probably changed his reports a least 10 times until he put in his final copy to get a B, never mind an A.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. David Flach** stated that he lives on Blodgett Hill Road and added that he understands they are going to get a tax reduction, which he can't believe and then asked how much it was.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is 2.5%.

Mr. Flach stated that he is going to save on his taxes and it is absolutely wonderful.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he's not the only one that can't believe it.

Mr. Flach asked why he wouldn't believe it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he said he does believe it and he is agreeing with him.

Mr. Flach stated that he didn't ask for his opinion and continued by telling the Board they are doing a good job and they have to be the only town in ten counties that is giving money back.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment.

**Mr. Bill Tryon** stated that he is running for Town Council, he has been out in the Town and has had a great time meeting many nice people, which has been a real experience for him as well as meeting the Board. He continued by saying that they are men of extreme character and to try to impinge their character and make them sound like they are doing something wrong is not right, one of them spends more time at the Sewer Department trying to keep things running than he does at his projects at home. He added that two others took over for eight weeks when the Police Chief stepped down and filled in without pay and reiterated that it is a Board of character and to attack them and the politics of it is wrong.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he was doing a political speech right now.

Mr. Tryon stated that it wasn't a political speech and this is our town, they are town father's and should love their town and want to do the best for it and not fight because there is enough fighting from the Federal level right down to out in the street. He continued by asking that they work together for the Town in the Town's best interest and if they don't straighten out they won't have anything to hand to their kids. He concluded by reiterating that it is a good Board and he doesn't want to see them attacked.

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Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Tanner stated that she has been to maybe 4-5 Town Board Meetings and she never heard Councilman Dolan speak up until now so she thinks he is campaigning as well.

Councilman Dolan interjected that he thinks it is totally false because he speaks up at every meeting.

Ms. Tanner reiterated that she thinks he is campaigning.

Supervisor Flach asked if anyone else wished to comment, 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 October 13<sup>th</sup>, a Special Budget Workshop on October 15<sup>th</sup> and a Town Board Workshop on October 20<sup>th</sup> and then asked for a motion to approve them.

Councilman Dolan stated that there was an error with a name in the minutes for the October 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting and it should be changed from Ms. Mary Pape to Ms. Mary Driscoll.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she would make sure that it gets changed.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

**September 2015**

Supervisor Flach gave the Supervisor’s Report as follows:

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE.	BALANCE
<b>GENERAL</b>	\$105,881.82	\$233,716.08	\$325,544.55	\$ 14,053.35
<b>PART-TOWN</b>	\$170,226.54	\$ 16,229.24	\$ 9,947.64	\$176,508.14
<b>HIGHWAY</b>	\$ 86,336.38	\$128,316.51	\$ 70,321.27	\$144,331.62
<b>BRIDGE CONST.</b>	\$ 29,172.70	\$ 4.72	-0-	\$ 29,177.42
<b>SEWER</b>	\$192,824.42	\$ 84,257.53	\$ 33,795.60	\$243,286.35
<b>SPECIAL WATER</b>	\$ 57,453.14	\$ 23,394.91	-0-	\$ 80,848.05
<b>TRUST &amp; AGCY.</b>	\$ 22,644.74	\$153,383.15	\$142,470.85	\$ 33,557.04
<b>POLICE FORF.</b>	\$68,961.63	\$ 2.58	\$ 4,406.19	\$ 64,558.02
<b>H-FUND CAP. PROJ.</b>	\$489,088.25	\$ 80.33	\$ 8,898.85	\$480,269.73
<b>SECTION 8 HUD – 67 Units</b>	\$ 2,327.11	\$ 45,871.29	\$ 46,589.19	\$ 1,609.21

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			<b>Total Rec. Bal.</b>	<b>\$1,268,198.93</b>

**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Unemployment	\$ 703.76
Grove Cem.	\$40,963.45
C.H. Cem.	\$13,437.72
Sewer Ded.	\$ 0.00
Total	\$55,104.93

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED  
COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,487,464.02
National Bank	\$250,000.00	\$ 225,384.75

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Town Clerk – September 2015**

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**Building Department – September 2015**

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

Councilman Masti continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to approve the report.

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

**Sewer Department – September 2015**

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

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to approve the report.

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**MOTION**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Sewer Department Monthly Report was accepted as presented and read.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #119-15 APPROVE OCTOBER ABSTRACT**

On motion of Supervisor Flach, seconded by Councilman Langdon, 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 October 2015 as follows:

**PRE-PAID VOUCHERS:** 170816-170821,170823-170884 for a **Total of \$127,599.04.**

**VOUCHERS:** 170885-170893,170895-170964 for a **Total of \$57,790.08.**

**TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS - \$185,389.12**

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**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS**

- Planning Board Meeting, November 2, 2015, 7:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 9, 2015, 7:00pm
- Town Board Workshop, November 17, 2015, 6:00pm
- Town Board Meeting, November 23, 2015, 7:00pm
- ZBA Meeting, November 25, 2015, 7:00pm

Town Clerk Millious interjected that there is a Public Hearing on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for the public to comment on the 2016 Budget.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she wanted to read a couple of things pertaining to the General Election on Tuesday and read as follows:

**General Election, November 3, 2015 – Extended Hours for Absentee Ballots**

Monday	October 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:30pm – 7:00pm
Saturday	October 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday	October 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm – 7:00pm
Saturday	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am – 1:00pm

She continued by reading the following:

**2015 General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2015  
Polls are Open 6:00am – 9:00pm**

**Town of Coeymans Polling Places**

1<sup>st</sup> District Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans

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

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

Town Clerk Millious continued by saying that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Districts will be voting at the Highway Garage this year due to the new construction of the Fire House and added that she will be in her office all day Election Day to take calls about any voting questions as well as Board of Elections at 487-5060.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that he doesn't think that any of them took the job because they were dying to get up there to do the job, they actually begged him to run for office and he got convicted because he sat home and complained. He continued by saying that if you aren't happy with the way the Town is running, you should do something about it, so they did and they are trying to do something about it and in his eyes, from sitting back and watching the Board work, everything is moving forward. He added that they have never had better relations with the Village and everyone is actually starting to come together as a community and working together, everyone on the Board goes over and above, including Councilman Dolan and the political parties sicken him because they are all a community. He went on by saying it's like a family sitting at a table having dinner together one minute and the next minute they are stabbing each other in the back and saying you're not doing a good job or doing your part. He continued by saying that they all, including Councilman Dolan, are doing their best and trying to do what is best for the community but it gets turned into dirty mud-slinging. He added that he does pray and he would ask that Pastor Chuck close the meeting in prayer but it doesn't matter who says the prayer, he is asking God to come in here and run the Town for them because they can't do it themselves and without his wisdom, it's all going to fall to pot. He concluded by saying that he can see in the last two years, not because he has been praying, but because all of them have been praying and God has been blessing them with industry coming in to town and the Police Department turning around as well as the Highway Department coming alive and everything is starting to work together and they are all starting to do what needs to be done and then apologized for getting mad about it because it infuriates him.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that he thinks that Councilman Burns said it very well.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti stated that he agrees with Councilman Burns and he is sorry that Mr. Youmans decided to stomp his feet on the way out because he said he wanted to focus on the future and if he looked at the budget, it is the future and what happened in the past, whether it was 10 years ago, 20 years ago or 5 years ago, it was the past and they can't change it but they can improve it. He added that they have worked hard over the past couple of years to do it, they are there finally and he would still like to see it to where they were on time with the taxes coming in but they will get there, they have done a lot of improvement. He continued by saying that he agrees with Councilman Burns because politicians have ruined their government when they put their desires first and they need Jesus to help them and everyone who runs for office needs him and he is thankful for the people who do run for office because they need new blood, they need young people who want to take ownership of the Town and continue to make it a place that they are proud to live at and a place to call home. He went on by saying that he would hope that it would catch on to the rest of the nation because it is where they live and the only home that they have right now until they go to Heaven and they have to make it the best they can, whether they are one party or the other, they are still just walking on the same planet and he found it an honor to work with the Town Board, even Councilman Dolan. He added that they are there to help, they have invited people to come to the Board to share their thoughts, problems and solutions but quite frankly it has been a pretty miserable turn-out and if anyone has

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something to complain about, do so in a constructive way so they can work together to fix it and to gripe about it or get more people angry about it is not a solution so if anyone wants to run for office they need to bring an ear and an open heart to hear what the people have to say. He concluded by thanking Mr. Polyak for all his facts because he doesn't do well with facts sometimes, but he does.

Mr. Polyak interjected that he comes into Town Hall to read and look at the vouchers.

Councilman Masti stated that he wished he had that much time too.

Councilman Dolan stated that he doesn't think that anyone is claiming or alleging that people aren't doing their best or aren't doing things with the best of intentions and if people want to disagree about facts and process, it okay. He added that sometimes it gets heated but no one that he knows of alleges that people are doing anything for the wrong reason, they might disagree how to get there and disagree on interpretations of so-called facts and if anyone thinks it is an easy job, they should try it.

Supervisor Flach thanked everyone for a good meeting and then encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He added that he thinks their budget looks good and reiterated that he welcomes anyone to come and look at things. He went on by saying that he is amazed by the turn-around they have had, departments have stepped up like never before, the Highway Department is under budget by 25%, the Police Department is within budget for the first time since he has been here and actually quite a few years before he was here. He concluded by saying that he can't thank the departments and the people of our community enough and then invited Pastor Chuck to offer a closing prayer.

Supervisor Flach offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 7:51pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**APPROVED – As Read November 23, 2015**

  
**Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk**