

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
December 14, 2015 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, December 14, 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
P.J. McKenna, Chief of Police

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 Announcements
 - Town Offices Closed January 1st for New Year's Day
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Town Board Meeting November 13, 2015
- Resolutions
 - Authorize Application Fee for New Signs
 - Authorize Town Clerk to Enter into Agreement for Online Taxes
 - Appoint Full-Time CEO/Building Inspector
 - Deny SEQRA Lead Agency Request to NYS Thruway
 - Waive Fees for Town Permits to Construct Radio Tower Construction

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Supervisor Flach stated that the Town Offices will be closed on December 25th Christmas Day, January 1st New Year's Day as well as closing at noon on those two days.

Councilman Dolan stated that they are planning an Organizational Meeting for January 1st at 10:00am and then asked that Town Clerk Millious advertise it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Flach invited the public to comment at this time.

Ms. Mary Driscoll introduced herself and continued by saying that there was a one-sided article in the paper and it was also mentioned earlier during one of the Public Hearings about things being political. She continued by saying the only time that it is political is when things are taken

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to the paper, especially when it makes the front page and she doesn't know what it is about the Times Union, they think that Coeymans rates the front page for every little thing. She added that as far as campaign funds, she believes any campaign funds have to be filed with the Town and then asked Supervisor Flach if any funds on his part were hidden and if they were out in the open.

Supervisor Flach stated that they were in the open and she can check with the Board of Elections.

Councilman Dolan interjected that there is a State website where she can check.

Ms. Driscoll asked if it is legal to accept money from businesses and if there is any law that says you can't.

Supervisor Flach stated that to his knowledge there is not a law that says you can't.

Ms. Driscoll stated that the paper made it sound like it was all bribes, she doesn't have much use for the Times Union and whoever is leaking the stories to the Times Union is doing a big disservice to the Town of Coeymans. She continued by saying that it devalues property, and embarrasses people, things happen all over that aren't put in the paper like the Town of Coeymans and someone must have an in with the Times Union. She added that she thinks that Mr. Touchette and Mr. Dolan could have said no comment without making any comment one way or the other. She went on by saying that she has lived here 50 years and the dump has been a controversy for years and years and she was very glad to hear Mr. Conrad bring out the fact that the previous Boards incurred debts that they have been paying off for the last 4-5 years and it is now almost paid off and it will be interesting to see what kind of debts are incurred later on. She added that one thing about the dump is, you can't please everyone, no matter what you do, you are not going to please everyone and all the people who are complaining won't want to give up putting their garbage out to be collected, they don't seem to mind if it is going somewhere else, it's just that it's in their backyard and she didn't hear them complaining when it was out on Jarvis Road. She continued by saying that she wanted to commend Supervisor Flach for having really open meetings, it was evident earlier when no one was cut-off at three minutes, like she had been at previous meetings, he has shown respect to everyone who has commented over the years and done a lot for the Town. She added that 40 years ago the Town had an opportunity to expand with a road down along Rte. 144, the Town people turned it down and one gentleman got up and said, "you can either go with the future, or become the south end of Albany", which is what they have become, the south end of Albany. She went on by saying that there was no progress until Supervisor Flach became Supervisor and she hopes that they do not continue to become the south end of Albany and their future includes progress. She concluded by asking Councilman Dolan how old he was and added that he didn't think that it was funny at the last meeting when he asked the gentleman commenting how old he was.

Councilman Dolan stated that he is 57.

Ms. Driscoll thanked Supervisor Flach and wished him luck.

Councilman Langdon interjected that he wanted to make a comment relative to campaign funds and added that they are published on a State website. He continued by saying that just so people are aware, residents who live here all get a chance to vote as well as having an opportunity to contribute to candidates of their choice, however business owners don't get to vote and yet they invest a considerable amount of money and time building their business. He added that the State allows it, it is totally legal and in his opinion he thinks that it is appropriate for them to make donations towards candidates who are going to help do the things that their businesses need and it is a normal process. He concluded by saying that for those concerned about a business person contributing to a campaign, it's really their only opportunity to vote because they don't get to pull a lever.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Laszlo Polyak stated that he thinks the key phrase should be professionalism and the fact that people were professional during the 2 previous Public Hearings shows that dialog can go back and forth. He added that this country is a super great country because in looking for solution to problem A, they trip over 5 solutions for other areas because they have open dialog,

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they are not always going to agree but they need to have open dialog and he has suggested that they have it for every issue that they bring up during a Town Board Meeting. He continued by saying that he hopes the new Board continues to work with the Village so they can continue to get better because they are as far down as they humanely possibly can be so the only thing they can do is to go up.

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 is one set of minutes for Town Board approval, a Town Board Meeting on December 14, 2015 and then offered a motion to approve them.

MOTION

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

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #133-15 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FEE FOR NEW SIGNS

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

WHEREAS, Section 135-13 of the Town Code currently provides that there is no charge for obtaining a sign permit and that application fees may be set “from time to time” and at the discretion of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels that it is in the public interest and in the interest of the Town to set an applicant fee for all new signs erected in the Town of Coeymans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 135-13 entitled “Application Fee” is hereby amended to provide as follows:

- There shall be a \$25.00 application fee for all new signs erected in the Town of Coeymans.

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 170-1 is hereby amended to add a subdivision (G) which shall be provided as follows:

SIGNAGE FEE

- There shall be a \$25.00 sign application fee for all new signs erected in the Town of Coeymans.

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the amendments set forth herein shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Flach stated that Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Conrad requested this and they are very far behind with this type thing. He added that there are a lot of new signs going up and it takes time to do the paperwork so he asked if they can do this.

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Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the Town Board is allowed to establish a fee to cover at least some of the administrative cost associated with the application and it is something that is standard in many towns.

Councilman Masti stated that he is assuming by direction that it means a permanent placement sign and then asked if there are different fees for size.

Supervisor Flach stated that there isn't.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the administration is the same regardless.

Ms. Tanner asked if it is for business signs.

Supervisor Flach stated that they changed the law for signs when he was first elected and they made it a lot easier for the community to be able to put a sign up because things such as an A-frame sign on a sidewalk required a permit and there were so many other limitations. He reiterated that they made it a lot easier and since then they have become inundated and this is why they did it.

Ms. Tanner from the audience stated that it would be for business signs.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will include home businesses and any permanently mounted signs.

Councilman Dolan stated that they should have provided a copy of the law so they could show what it refers to because there are some exceptions such as political signs.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the definition is in another part of the law, this only deals with the fee.

Councilman Dolans stated that in the current law there is no fee.

RES. #134-15 APPOINT FULL TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

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

WHEREAS, the Building Department is desirous of having a full-time Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does authorize to appoint a full-time Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector to the Building Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Coeymans appoints John Cashin as full-time Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector to the Building Department at the rate of \$21.50 per hour, effective December 14, 2015.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mr. Cashin was actually part-time Code Enforcement a few years ago for the Town and he was also a full-time Code Enforcement Officer for Catskill and has worked in New Baltimore as well. He added that the Building Department needs a full-time person because they are very much behind because Mr. Conrad is only there a few hours a week and he will probably be moving out of the Building Department soon and just do Sewer Administration especially with the grant that was just awarded. He continued by saying that there were two applicants, he talked to Sante, Cathy and Larry and they were very much in agreement to have Mr. Cashin back, they all know him and it is someone who knows the Town.

Councilman Burns interjected that he also spoke with Larry and Sante because he was worried about things going on with Carver's development and they said that John would be able to handle that with no problem because he had done it before as well as Village Code Enforcement Officer Joe Burns talking very highly of him.

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RES. #135-15 AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE TAXES

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

WHEREAS, at the November 4, 2015 Town Board Meeting, discussion ensued amongst the Town Board and Town Clerk Millious relative to an Internet Tax System, which will enable a direct link to Property Tax information as well as allowing payment of said taxes; and

WHEREAS, BAS (Business Automation Services), the Town's internet and tech support provider gave a quote requested by Town Clerk Millious; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board was advised that the cost for the software is \$3,000.00, system configuration and training is \$480.00, for a total of \$3,480.00, both are an initial, one-time fee; and

WHEREAS, there is an annual hosting and support fee in the amount of \$500.00. The entire first year investment is \$3,980.00, thereafter it will be \$500.00 a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans authorizes Town Clerk Millious to enter into an Agreement with BAS to provide an Internet Tax System with an initial cost of \$3,980.00 and then \$500.00 a year thereafter.

Councilman Dolan asked that Town Clerk Millious explain it to the Board.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she currently works with BAS, she thinks that it is a great program that will enable people to see tax bills 24/7, which will probably be a link through the Town's website and there have been requests for such a program. She continued by saying that it will also allow paying your taxes online.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch asked if it will show the status of the account and whether it is paid or unpaid.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it will and the school just went with an online system this past year and it's nice because she can now help people who can't reach the school's collector. She continued by saying that she put it into her 2016 Budget and she thinks it would be a good thing.

Ms. Tanner asked if anyone can access it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that they can.

Mr. Kevin Reilly asked if it is a budgeted item.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is.

Mr. Reilly stated that there is usually a fee and then asked who is paying it.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the fee will be on the customer.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that it usually goes on the credit card.

Town Clerk Millious stated that it will be the way that it's been, she will still take the taxes, and it is just another option in trying to go with the times.

RES. #136-15 WAIVE FEES FOR TOWN PERMITS FOR RADIO TOWER CONSTRUCTION

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

WHEREAS, the Albany County Sheriff's Department is constructing a radio tower at 216 Biers Road in Coeymans Hollow; and

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WHEREAS, the tower will benefit the emergency services for the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans will waive all applicable fees associated with the Building Department's processing the necessary permits in connection with this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Building Department to waive any fees associated with any Town Permits required in connection with the proposed construction of the radio tower, located at 216 Biers Road, Coeymans Hollow, NY.

Councilman Masti asked Chief Peter McKenna if it is being done to pick up the dead zones.

Chief McKenna stated that Albany County is supposed to go to 800 mega-hertz in 2016 and it would be one of the stations that it would bounce off, which would give them much larger coverage. He added that currently the new system is much like the old, if you are in the Hollow you are one frequency and if you are in the Village on another and addition to 800 will alleviate it to one single frequency, wherever you are in Albany County extended. He continued by saying that with the system, in theory during catastrophic events, he could speak to Cohoes, Watervliet or any Albany County Sheriff in Albany County and may have to tone it down a bit because it reaches too far.

Councilman Masti stated that they would waive the fees but the County will maintain it and it will be their responsibility.

Supervisor Flach stated that this is just for the building of it and it is in the Town's best interest.

Councilman Burns asked what will happen with the 800 System if the tower goes down during a storm.

Chief McKenna stated that actually the 800 system should still be able to function without the tower and this is almost like a secondary system, the 800 system is massive, Colonie had it first and it was too big so it is his understanding that Albany County got it for a great deal. He added that these towers are almost like bail safes on the occasion of such an event and if it goes down, it should not even be noticeable, they should be able to run Communications without it.

Councilman Burns stated that one of his concerns during discussions and negotiations with switching Dispatch, was what if something happened to it and what they would they fall back on.

Chief McKenna stated that they will still have the capacity to switch frequencies even with the 800 mega-hertz.

Trustee Bailey stated that they are putting an 800 mega-hertz tower on Village Hall.

RES. #137-15 DENY SEQRA LEAD AGENCY REQUEST TO NYS THRUWAY

On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Supervisor Flach, the following resolution was APPROVED – AYES 4 – NAYS 1 – SO MOVED

WHEREAS, there is currently an application before the New York State Authority to construct two pipelines, which if granted, would allow Pilgrim Transportation of New York Inc. to construct, maintain and operate two pipelines between Linden, New Jersey and Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, said pipeline would follow a route within the right-of-way of the New York State Thruway passing through the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline would carry volatile materials including gasoline, diesel, heating oil kerosene and crude oil; and

WHEREAS, said pipeline would present a potential risk to public health and safety of the residents of Coeymans and to all others within the borders of our town, and

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WHEREAS, the New York State Thruway Authority is not appropriate to serve as the Lead Agency because the Authority stands to profit from the pipeline.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans objects to the New York State Thruway Authority assuming SEQRA Lead Agency status as such status would constitute an inherent conflict of interest, and strongly suggest recommend that the New York Department of Environmental Conservation assume Lead Agency status.

Supervisor Flach stated that he knows that they are bringing pipes through but as far as the Lead Agency goes, he feels as though DEC is going to check into everything that they are doing anyway. He added that he does not have a problem with this and he's not sure if the NYS Thruway Authority should have the authority to do it or not. He reiterated that he believes DEC will be checking everything anyway and concluded by saying that they want it to be safe coming through our Town and no one disagrees with that.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that when a municipality or governmental agency declares itself as the Lead Agency, which the Thruway Authority has done in this case, municipalities that are impacted by any decision that is going to be made have the right to weigh in on whether this is the appropriate Lead Agency as in this particular case. He added that the point to the resolution as he understands it, is that the Thruway has an inherent conflict in evaluating the environmental significance of the project and ultimately whether it should be approved or disapproved and because of that he thinks it should be placed in the hands of an agency like DEC that doesn't have any potential conflict.

Supervisor Flach stated that the NYS Thruway Authority stands to gain and may not do due diligence in checking on the environment.

Councilman Dolan stated that the way it is set up now is that the Thruway has declared themselves Lead Agency and the default position if people don't weigh in on it now, which they have until December 16th to do and absent expressing your disapproval of the Thruway being Lead Agency, they will be the Lead Agency. He added that this particular resolution, he got from the Town of Coxsackie and every other town between Albany and New York City has expressed that either through resolution or letter, they would feel more comfortable with DEC being the Lead Agency. He concluded by saying that it gives the Town and the Village as part of the Town, an extra level of assurance that everything is going to be looked at because it bisects the Village of Ravena and goes alongside McConnell Avenue and Cottage Street.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that the other benefit is that DEC has in-house environmental expertise and it's what they do, the Thruway Authority would have to outsource environmental consultants.

Councilman Dolan stated that the resolution is not asking the Board to say they are not in favor of the pipeline and don't want it to move ahead, it is solely on the question of who is best prepared and most appropriate to be the Lead Agency.

Councilman Langdon stated that he doesn't know if he disagrees with the fact that the Thruway Authority shouldn't be Lead Agency because he is not that crazy about DEC getting any more power.

Councilman Masti interjected that when they do the SEQRA, DEC gets involved anyway.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they really don't. He added that he is assuming it is going to be a Type 1 Action so there is going to be a full blown Environmental Impact Statement done and they have to determine what, if any, mitigating factors are going to be put into place.

Supervisor Flach stated that they thing that he is worried about is slowing the process down, which DEC tends to do.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that they can make the argument that if a Lead Agency, like DOT, does not have environmental expertise; it would slow the process down too and will cost more money.

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Councilman Dolan stated that he thinks they can point at some things within the Town where DEC has moved pretty quickly, such as the bridge.

Trustee Bailey interjected that the Village is hosting a presentation from Pilgrim Pipeline at their Village Meeting on December 15th at 7:00pm regarding the details of the project.

Councilman Dolan stated that it was also discussed at a prior Village Workshop.

Trustee Bailey stated that they wanted them to talk to them in more detail because the Village has questions about drainage, impacting water and sewer lines when they go under Main Street and things like that and the public is invited.

Councilman Dolan stated that the resolution has to be forwarded to DOT.

RES. #138-15 SET AND AUTHORIZE SEWER RATES FOR 2016

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans is required to establish Sewer Rates for 2016; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the Official Newspaper of the Town and held on December 14, 2015 at 6:30pm at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, all of those in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition of the proposed 2016 Sewer Rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considers the number of uses per parcel to calculate the parcel billing for operation and maintenance and capital improvements and each use is hereby charged:

- 249.00 A unit – 6 month billing = \$498.00 a year.
- Minimum \$249.00 per unit of billing (1 apartment is 1 unit, 2 apartments is 2 units, etc.)
- Commercial = 1 unit per use.
- Out of District users at the above rates.
- Vacant Parcels – flat rate of \$100.00 per year.
- Village of Ravena - \$29,500.00 per month.

and;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has established a late payment penalty of 10% to be imposed on all balances 30 days from the due date of the billing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans, does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to collect for the first and second billing cycle of 2016 pursuant to the above established rates.

Supervisor Flach stated that the language for the resolution is exactly as the same as last year's, the only change is the amounts.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any additional comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that unpaid sewer and water will be levied to the 2016 Property Tax Bill and she is waiting for the County to give the tax rates for next year. She continued by saying that she is excited about having the tax bills on-line and she hopes that it work out.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Attorney for the Town Wukitsch stated that since it is Supervisor Flach's last meeting, he wanted to thank him for his dedicated service to the Town, he found him to be an excellent public

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servant who took on important issues without consideration as to whether it would add to his popularity, which is a sign of a true public servant and he was a pleasure to work with.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Chief McKenna stated that one of his officer's will be leaving, she is part-time and he will at the next meeting be asking the Board to accept her letter of resignation so he can move forward to fill the vacancy.

Councilman Langdon asked if she is the only female officer.

Chief McKenna stated that currently he has Officer Posniewski as well and she is in field training in addition to Barb McMullen still being on the books, who has a long-term illness.

Supervisor Flach asked about vehicles.

Chief McKenna stated that in speaking with Crossroads, the Explorers are being built and hopefully will be here by the end of the year in addition to purchasing two Crown Victoria's through an on-line auction, which were southern detective cars. He added that they used the money from seizure funds and this will get them up to 9 total vehicles, which is nice to allow to the shelf life of the vehicles. He continued by saying that one of the vehicles will be transferred to a combined Dog Control Officer and one of the other agencies will probably be using it during the day and that way they will have a little more upgraded vehicle for the other agencies.

Supervisor Flach asked if one of the vehicles was paid for out of forfeiture, which will be the detective's car.

Chief McKenna stated that was true and there are two as well as being authorized to get a new Ford Explorer, which they got a very good deal and was well below State Contract from Crossroads. He added that they bought one through Federal Asset Forfeiture funds, which they have on their account and that one is limited on how it can be used for one year, the plan is for it to go to the Detective Office and then it can be cycled into patrol after 365 days, which will give them a relatively new vehicle because it's not like it will be on patrol 8 hours a day because it is limited to the Detective position.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Highway Superintendent Searles wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to thank everyone who spoke out at both Public Hearings and he would say for the record that his objection to doing things so close to the end of a term is that it might not produce the best bill, not that it is in any way illegitimate to do that. He added that he knows that Larry has been working on this for a long time and as he has said, there are parts that he agrees and disagrees and regardless of what happens, if they listen to what people have to say from both sides, it can only be a better law if they listen to what people say. He reiterated that he wanted to thank everyone who spoke because it is not always in everyone's repertoire to stand up and address a room full of people, let alone be on television. He concluded by thanking Trustee Bailey for coming and talking about the sewer issues, which he has also been working on for a long time.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that it is awesome working with the Village and nice that there is a great relationship. He continued by saying that Chief McKenna is doing a great job and it is awesome hearing what he is doing with his cars and staff. He added that if anyone has a problem at their house and need assistance, call 911.

Ms. Pearson asked if she could put in a request for the Rescue Squad and Police and then asked that people put reflective numbers on their houses so they can readily find them in an emergency.

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Councilman Burns asked how you would know what number goes on your house.

Councilman Langdon interjected that it would be his 911 number for his address.

Councilman Burns stated that he didn't know that his address number was his 911 number because in other areas there is a different number.

Ms. Pearson reiterated that it is just your address, it is what they go by and it is so hard for the ambulance or police to find them in the dead of the night, or even in the bright of the day in an emergency.

Ms. Tanner stated that she believes Persico's Hardware has the numbers.

Councilman Burns stated that in Columbia County your mailbox is one number and another number is your 911 number.

Supervisor Flach stated that the ambulance, police and EMS are asking that everyone have reflective numbers on their house and/or mailbox so they can find you and it is not just for them it is certainly for your own benefit.

Councilman Burns continued by thanking Town Clerk Millious for all they do in her office and then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Langdon stated that his house is not visible from the road and he put black and white numbers on his mailbox but he believes that they are reflective.

Ms. Tanner stated that she thinks 911 numbers are either green or blue reflective.

Supervisor Flach stated that they are fine as long as you can see them.

Councilman Langdon stated that he wanted to thank the Chief for what he has done with the Police Department and in the year that he has been involved, he has more cars than they ever have had and he figured out ways to pay for them, which has been a blessing for this town. He added that the Police Department has stayed in budget for the first time in what he believes to be about a decade and it is quite an accomplishment to make that kind of a swing that quick. He continued by saying that it is the same way with Highway Superintendent Searles and the reason that they Town is in good fiscal shape is because they have managers who are doing a good job with their resources and it is exciting to see. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Burns stated that he wanted to include the Sewer Plant, those guys are doing an awesome job.

Councilman Langdon interjected that the also wanted to thank Bill and Larry for what they have done with the sewer issues, which is commendable and they could not have done it without them.

Councilman Masti stated that he is thankful that all the police cars are operable as well as the addition of "In God We Trust" in Town Hall. He continued by thanking the Town Board for doing a good job and Town Clerk Millious for her due diligence in having the paper available. He added that in his four years, he has seen a lot of progress and he sees where people started working together rather than working against each other and he hopes and prays that it continues. He went on by saying that the Highway Department opened up bays for Coeymans Hollow Fire for their firetrucks and this is what community is all about, they are all public servants and in the last year he has felt that more people are talking to him about it and he thinks it is awesome. He concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments, hearing none he continued by saying that it is his last televised meeting and he wants to thank a lot of people, Diane and her staff, Cindy, Bonnie and Marina, working with them daily has been awesome, Kevin, George and Tammy, Dawn the Assessor and Roger who are awesome, Sante, & Kathi in the Building Department, Chief McKenna, who hiring him has been the pinnacle of his career and the best

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thing that has happened to this Town and he appreciates him so much, all of the officers who are doing a great job and have turned the Police Department around, which has been awesome, the Highway Department, Scott, Nelson, Donny and the guys who have done a phenomenal job and are good, good guys to work with, the Sewer Department, John, John and Keith with John Lennon who has done an amazing job coming back to be a great worker and he is very proud to have him down there, Emergency Management, Bill Bruno, Fire Chiefs Billy, Ken and Travis, the Rescue Squad, Village Mayor, Keith, Joel & Billy, Henry and his crew, Joe Burns and all of the part-time workers that he missed, those who helped with the R-C Trains for the last three years, which has been awesome for the community and he hopes that they will continue it, Peter, Ken, George and Tom, he wanted to thank them for making his time pleasant, him and Tom have had long talks in his office, they disagree on things but at the end of the day they agree to disagree, which he appreciates, Zoning and Planning Board members, Larry, who he could not have done without, businesses that have come into Town, a 6 million rise in assessment, taxes are down 2.5%, which he is proud of and the Board's budget, Rachael, Nancy and Matthew in his office, without Rachael and Matthew, they could not have gotten the budget to where it is, the new system enables them to do so much in-house, they are saving money and he thanks them for helping him get a budget that is awesome, there is \$120,000.00 in contingency and no negative fund balance. He continued by saying that he spoke with Supervisor Elect Crandall for 3 hours one day where he expressed some of his concerns and felt very good about their meeting, he was concerned about the computer system and getting someone in there who can use it because payroll and everything is running so good, they don't want to go backwards, he thanked everyone for helping him and all of the people of the Town who have been amazing and supportive. He continued by saying that they will have to do some business next week at their Workshop in which his Secretary Nancy may be moving to a clerk's position as well as possibly some budget amendments. He concluded by thanking Attorney for the Town Wukitsch, who he had called on a daily basis and he has been awesome as well as wishing the new Board Members well and then thanked his wife, who he could not have done it without.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Flach asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

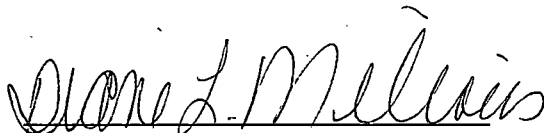
On motion of Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Masti, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read January 14, 2016


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk