

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS
December 28, 2015 – Town Board Meeting – 7:00pm**

A Town Board Meeting was held Monday, December 28, 2015, at 7:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: Peter E. Masti, Deputy Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Kenneth A. Burns, Councilman
George E. Langdon, IV, Councilman

ABSENT: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk

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 with the exception of Supervisor Flach.

AGENDA

- Public Announcements
 - Swearing In, December 31, 2015, 3:00pm
 - Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2016, 10:00am
 - Closed New Year's Day, January 1, 2016
 - Closed Martin Luther King Day, January 18, 2016
- Public Comment
- Supervisor's Report, November 2015
- Department Reports
 - Town Clerk, November 2015
 - Building Department, November 2015
 - Sewer Department, November 2015
- Resolutions
 - Approve December 2015 Abstract

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that there will be a Swearing in Ceremony on December 31st at 3:00pm, a Organizational Meeting on January 1st at 10:00am, Town Office will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1st and also closed for Martin Luther King's Day on January 18th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Masti invited the public to comment at this time.

Mr. Frank Cleary stated that he is a resident of the Town of Bethlehem and as a neighbor to the north he has a concern about the law that my allow bringing outside garbage or recyclables into the Town of Coeymans as it may affect them too and he is there interested to hear if something may come of that.

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Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that it won't come to that today because they have Councilman Dolan's promise from their last meeting that it will be addressed in the first month or two of next year.

Councilman Burns stated that they are with him in that they really don't want refuse brought in and left here, they are all for transfer recycling and he does not know how anyone else feels but his biggest concern is if stuff comes in and piles up, even though it is going to be transferred, he doesn't want to see it sitting here for any length of time, he would like to see it come in on one unit, get put on another and gone. He reiterated that Councilman Dolan said they are going to tweak up what they already have, perfect it and bring it up so the public can see what they think about it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would be interested in Mr. Cleary's opinion as a neighbor to the north.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Barbara Tanner stated that she wanted to thank Councilman Masti and Supervisor Flach for all the work that they had done and she wished them both good luck in the future.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

November 2015

FUND	BAL. FWD.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$133,717.90	\$ 35,190.59	\$142,469.75	\$ 26,438.74
PART-TOWN	\$308,927.72	\$ 699.10	\$ 14,325.92	\$295,300.90
HIGHWAY	\$ 62,211.44	\$ 80.22	\$ 53,399.37	\$ 8,892.29
BRIDGE CONST.	\$ 29,190.16	\$ 1.99	-0-	\$ 29,192.15
SEWER	\$238,981.88	\$ 28,384.19	-0-	\$226,831.51
SPEC. WATER	\$115,790.05	\$ 13,227.11	\$ 83,610.49	\$ 45,406.67
TRUST & AGCY.	\$ 51,692.28	\$158,096.27	\$182,498.82	\$ 27,289.73
POL. FORF.	\$ 61,854.76	\$ 402.41	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 51,057.17
H-FUND	\$477,305.71	\$ 78.43	\$ 7,857.11	\$469,527.03
SEC. 8 HUD	\$ 1,057.30	\$ 46,105.24	\$ 41,523.87	\$ 5,638.67
			Total Rec. Bal.	\$1,185,574.86

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Unemployment	\$ 703.82
Grove Cem.	\$40,966.87
C.H. Cem.	\$13,438.84
Sewer Ded.	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

**COLLATERAL FDIC COV. COLLATERALIZED
COVERAGE**

Greene County	\$250,000.00	\$2,460,131.77
National Bank	\$250,000.00	-0-

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Total: \$55,109.53

Deputy Supervisor Masti offered a motion to approve the Supervisor's Report.

MOTION

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

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – November 2015

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked that Town Clerk Millious give the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Millious continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

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

Building Department – November 2015

Deputy Supervisor Masti continued by giving the Building Department Monthly Report.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

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

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

Deputy Supervisor Masti stated that he had spoken with Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer earlier in the day and he indicated that they have \$20,100.00 in Building Fees and for the month of December there is that much for the month alone so he thinks that it is going to be a record year for the Building Department.

Sewer Department – November 2015

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

Councilman Dolan continued by giving the report.

Deputy Supervisor Masti offered a motion to approve the report.

MOTION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Masti, seconded by Councilman Burns, the report was accepted as presented and read.

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

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Councilman Burns asked if they had heard any more about the Village being in compliance with the percentages and whether or not they had their meeting.

Councilman Dolan stated that he knows they talked about it at their meeting but he could not recall if they actually voted on it.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #144-15 APPROVE DECEMBER ABSTRACT

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

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

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS –171114-171157,171162-171167,171246-171267,171269,171271-171272,171274,171277-171279,171281,171283,171285-171286 for a **Pre-Paid Total of \$299,514.90.**

VOUHER NUMBERS –171158-171161,171168-171245,171268,171270,171273,171275-171276,171280,171282,171284,171287-171291-171293-171298 for a **Total of \$116,552.86.**

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS \$416,067.76.

ADDITONAL COMMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Town Clerk Millious stated that the Tax Bills came, her office is working on getting them ready and they should be going out on December 31st, she will start collecting the following week. She added that the Property Tax Notice will be in the paper this week and the following week. She concluded by saying that she wanted to wish Councilman Masti well and it had been a pleasure working with him for the past 4 years and then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wished everyone a Happy New Year as well as wishing Councilman Masti well in his further endeavors and wishing him good luck. He continued by saying that he is looking forward to the Organizational Meeting and moving forward.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Burns stated that as they all know, being on the Town Board can be a pretty cool job but a lot of times it is a very thankless job. He added that they may argue and disagree on things but he believes everyone's heart is trying to do what is right for the community. He continued by saying that there are times when they do things with the Village and it turns out great, like it has been recently, which is a big plus and makes you feel like you are accomplishing something. He went on by saying that a new Chief came in and is doing a great job with the Police Department, Scott is doing a fantastic job with the Highway Department as well as John Kerr with the Sewer Department and he wishes that there was a way that everyone could see what they actually do, it isn't just coming in and putting in your time and trying to find something to do. He added that they are doing major renovations at the Sewer Plant, it's a professional job and they are doing very good and combined with the grants that they got, this is going to be a great year and a lot of problems that have been hindering the Town and Village for a long time are actually going to get fixed. He concluded by saying that he is looking forward to working with the new people, he will do his best to serve with them and then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and great New Year.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked if there were any other comments.

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Councilman Langdon thanked Councilman Masti for his service of 4 years with the Town and added that it was a pleasure working with him for the past 2 years, he did a great job. He continued by saying that he also is looking forward to the next year and he expects it to be their best year yet with things moving in the right direction, he is very optimistic and he is looking forward to it and then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Masti asked that Town Clerk Millious put on the Town's website, Supervisor Flach's rebuttal to the Comptroller and their response back, people should read it for themselves and he believes they will be surprised. He added that he wanted to thank everyone, he has learned a lot and he believes that they all have the best interest of the Town in their decision making. He continued by saying that it has been a privilege and honor, he hopes for a smooth transition and he hopes they continue going in a forward direction like they have in the last couple of years and he is looking forward to seeing what the new year brings for everyone.

Deputy Supervisor Masti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

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

Time – 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted -

APPROVED – As Read ~~January 14,~~ 2016


Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk