

TOWN OF COEYMANS MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2026 6:00PM

The Town Meeting was held Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 at 6:00p.m. at 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena N.Y.

PRESENT: Stephen Donnelly, Supervisor
Michael J. Stott, Deputy Supervisor
Stephen J. Schmitt, Council Member
Patricia Grogan, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Candace McHugh, Town Clerk
Richard Reilly, Town Attorney
George LaMountain, Superintendent of Highways
Jason Chmielewski, Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer
Marc Tryon, Chief of Police
Keith Geraldson, Chief Sewer Plant Operator

Supervisor Donnelly opened the meeting and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked that the record reflect all board members were present.

Announcements:

-Alcove Day April 25, 2026. Maps can be purchased at the Coeymans Hollow Firehouse

Department Reports

Supervisor Report – March 2026 report read by Supervisor Donnelly

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED

Town Clerk Report – March 2026 Report read by Town Clerk Candace McHugh

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Stott made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Donnelly. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS – ABSENT 0– SO MOVED

Police Department Report – March 2026 Report read by Police Chief Marc Tryon

Motion to Accept the Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Schmitt. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – SO MOVED

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Building Department – March 2026 Report read by Jason Chmielewski

Motion to Accept Reports

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the reports as read, seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0– SO MOVED

Sewer Department Report – March 2026 Sewer Department Report was read by Keith Geraldson

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Schmitt. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0– SO MOVED

Highway Department Report- March 2026 Highway Department Report was by Highway Superintendent George LaMountain

Motion to Accept Report

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Council member Stott. APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4– NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0– SO MOVED

A Motion was made by Supervisor Donnelly to allow Highway Superintendent George LaMountain to submit items to Auctions International (listed below) which was seconded by Council member Stott, all were in favor.

- 2000 Sterling 9500 Single Axle Dump Truck
- 1970 Galion Grader
- 2019 JD 997 Diesel Mower 2,344 hrs
- 8 ft 3 Point Hitch York Rake
- 3 Point Hitch Sickle Bar
- Hammer for New Holland Backhoe
- 1952 Clark Forklift

There is a shed behind Town Hall which has been emptied. Superintendent of Highways George LaMountain, asked for guidance as to what fund the dumpster and electric costs will come out of to fully remove it from the property. He was advised by the board to proceed but a fund was not specified.

Liaison Reports - Council member Grogan requested that all department heads add some detail to their vouchers to help the board better understand the purchase.

New Business: N/A

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Old Business:

Transportation Terminals/ Local Contractor Yard definitions: The attorneys are working on the definitions and will hopefully have an update next meeting.

Truck Traffic/ Lime Kill Road Study: Supervisor Donnelly updated that a meeting was held with NYSDEC. It was suggested a smaller meeting be set up between the town and local entities to discuss if further studies are needed beyond the Albany County Study which is still in development. An interim solution needs to be discussed while the alternate Amrize road goes through their process with DEC.

Supervisor Donnelly clarified the Business Offer Managers position is fulltime. There was a time under the title Clerk to the Supervisor that the job was part time. Council member Schmitt asked for clarification as to whether our Business Manager is full time. Supervisor Donnelly stated she is full time.

Supervisor Donnelly announced the State Comptroller’s office presented the business manager a check for unclaimed funds in the amount of \$10,332.85 at a recent training she attended. The paperwork will be filled out to claim the funds.

Resolution # 080-26 April Abstract

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Stephen Donnelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen J. Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael J. Stott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patricia Grogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>Total</i>	4		4		

I, Council member Grogan offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in the Abstract for April 2026, as follows:

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS – 26-00359 to 26-00421 from the following funds:

General	\$ 173,619.25
Part Town	\$ 22,914.44
Highway – (DA)	\$ 750.42
Highway – Part Town (DB)	\$ 55,137.99

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Sewer	\$ 32,391.77
Trust & Agency	\$ 55,824.32

VOUCHER NUMBERS – 26-00422 to 26-00505 from the following funds:

General	\$ 27,854.74
Part Town	\$ 1,266.95
Highway-Part Town (DB)	\$ 2,108.53
Sewer	\$ 83,237.39
TA - Fund	\$ 2,624.00

TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS – \$ 457,729.80

Seconded by Council member Stott, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

Public Comment:

Michelle Dorsey lives on Bridge St. Mrs. Dorsey feels recent statements made at public meetings by members of the board about the Dorsey’s is creating a public narrative that the Dorsey’s are a threat to the public and unsafe which she stated is not accurate. She feels this placed her and her husband in a position to protect themselves from potential mischaracterization and accusations going forward. Mrs. Dorsey asked how she is expected to allow town employees on her property if the town has stated in-person interactions should not occur between the two parties. She stated they are not refusing inspections but asking for a fair process which protects all parties. Mrs. Dorsey quoted section 71-17 from the town code which allows for intermunicipal agreements to be set up and this is what they are requesting. She stated the Code Enforcement Officer informed her this was not necessary but she does not consider this his decision. Mrs. Dorsey stated the Supervisor suggested emails be sought under FOIL, which was then requested. Mrs. Dorsey received redacted documents and feels this does not allow for transparency and is another reason for an intermunicipal agreement. She specifically requested the board approve the use of an intermunicipal agreement for their inspection process.

Bob Jones of Mountain Road Ext passed out and read 2 separate petitions to the board. The First was a petition for a reduction in property taxes and the second was a public nuisance complaint (see attached).

Lynda Geraldson lives on Fuller Road. She stated the board has received multiple petitions from her road with no answers. Mrs. Geraldson feels they should not be lumped in with the County Road study and nothing has been done in the interim. She feels the board is ignoring their requests. She asked at what point do we stop the nonsense going on with the town. She invited

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the board to sit at her house for 8 hours while the trucks go by. She feels the R/A zone should not have truck traffic. On a side note, she praised George LaMountain for helping a man out near the Highway garage. That is what she wants our town to be. Mrs. Geraldson praised Mr. Donnelly for controlling the meeting last week and does not feel he nor Mr. Dorsey were disrespectful to one another. She also praised Mr. Stott for defending employees.


Motion to Enter into Executive Session was made by Council member Donnelly to discuss personnel matters with the Chief of Police and they will not be returning and Seconded by Council member Stott.

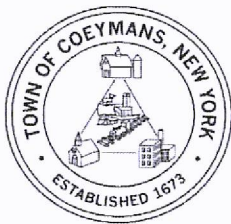
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – SO MOVED 7:11p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session was made by Council member Schmitt and Seconded by Council member Grogan- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – SO MOVED 7:59 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member Grogan and Seconded by Council member Schmitt- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT – SO MOVED 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Candace McHugh, Town Clerk



Petition for Property Tax Reduction

Residents of Mountain Road Extension and Fuller Road, Ravena, New York

Date: April 7, 2026, Pages 1 of 2

We, the undersigned residents of Mountain Road Extension and Fuller Road in Ravena, New York, respectfully submit this petition requesting a reduction in our property taxes.

Since 2023, weight limits imposed on North and South Jarvis Road have redirected heavy industrial and commercial truck traffic onto Mountain Road Extension and Fuller Road. As a result, our residential neighborhood has effectively been subjected to industrial-level traffic and activity, without regard for the quality of life, health, and safety of the residents who live here.

These conditions have resulted in excessive noise, vibration, increased diesel emissions, dust, significant traffic safety risks, road damage, and loss of the residential character of our neighborhood.

Despite these impacts, our properties continue to be assessed and taxed as residential homes, without consideration for the diminished livability and increased burdens placed upon us. These conditions warrant reassessment and tax relief.

We respectfully request that the Town of Coeymans and the appropriate assessing authorities review these circumstances and grant a reduction in property taxes consistent with the impacts imposed on our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Name	Address	Signature
1). Bob Jones	20 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY	<u>Bob Jones</u>
2). Kathy Jones	20 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY	<u>Kathy Jones</u>
3). Keith Gerardsen	187 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY	<u>Keith Gerardsen</u>
4). Lynda Gerardsen	187 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY	<u>Lynda Gerardsen</u>
5). Jim Lubaszka	6 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY	<u>Jim Lubaszka</u>
6). Sean Beazley	16 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY	<u>Sean Beazley</u>
7). Susan VanAlstyne	31 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY	<u>Susan Williams</u>

- 9). Dona Bruckman 24 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY *Dona Bruckman*
- 10). Tony Cacckello 24 Mountain Rd. Ext. Ravena NY *Tony Cacckello*
- 11) Dave Hoffman 24B Mountain Rd. Ext Ravena NY *Dave Hoffman*
- 12). Madyson Hoffman 24B Mountain Rd. Ext Ravena NY *Madyson Hoffman*
- 13). Russell Dayter 143 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY *Russell W Dayter*
- 14). Viginia Dayter 143 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY *Virginia Dayter*
- 15). Gary Shear 134 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY *Gary Shear*
- 16). Kris Groneman 134 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY *Kris Groneman*
- 17). Robert Misuraca 18 Fuller Rd. Ravena NY _____
- 18). Loraine Misuraca 18 Fuler Rd. Ravena NY _____

**Public Nuisance Complaint and Petition
Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York**

Date: Tuesday April 7, 2026 Pages 1 of 2

We, the undersigned residents of the Town of Coeymans, submit this petition and public nuisance complaint regarding ongoing conditions on Mountain Road Extension and adjacent Fuller Road in Ravena, NY.

Residents are experiencing excessive noise, diesel emissions, dust, and heavy truck traffic that substantially interfere with the health, safety, and quality of life of those who live in this area. Roads not designed for high volumes of industrial traffic are being used by large trucks, creating unsafe conditions for residents, pedestrians, school buses, and emergency vehicles.

These conditions raise serious concerns about public safety, air quality, road deterioration, and the ability of residents to safely access their homes. The impacts are ongoing and unreasonable, and they diminish the peaceful enjoyment of our properties.

We respectfully request that the Town of Coeymans investigate these issues, enforce applicable laws and regulations, conduct traffic and safety studies, and implement appropriate mitigation measures to protect residents and restore safe and livable conditions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk

From: LINDA SHEL
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 11:10 AM
To: Stephen Donnelly; Stephen Schmitt; Michael J. Stott; Patricia Grogan
Cc: Town Clerk
Subject: Truck traffic

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Dear Supervisor Donnelly and members of the Town Board;

I would like this to be on record:

At March 14th's meeting, there was yet again a petition submitted asking to put a weight limit on Fuller Road and removing the ones on Jarvis North and South. I'm all for adding a weight limit where it should be, but am annoyed at people trying to push the trucks back onto Jarvis South.

For those of you who weren't on the Board when the weight limit was put on, it wasn't done for no reason. We spent years dealing with the Carver trucks, and that wasn't many years after the road was freshly paved. It was so bad that our grandsons could no longer ride their bikes in the road because trucks were up and down literally every five minutes. The motion sensor camera on our garage would activate before the trucks were even in view, just from the vibration of the road. There's a straightaway in front of our house where the speed limit seems to no longer apply as soon as vehicles come around the curve before it. The dust and dirt from them on our vehicles, porch, and windowsills was horrendous. There was a counter put on the road at one point. The week it was there, the truck traffic all but stopped. Then it resumed once the counter was removed. And nobody ever fixed the damage that they did over those years. We lived with the same as what's currently happening on Mountain Rd Ext and Fuller Rd.

And for the record, we still have issues on our road. As the Supervisor witnessed, there are giant pieces of equipment still being brought up the road, far exceeding the 8 ton limit. I guess the "except local delivery" means anything going to the quarry too? One truck got stuck at the end of the road several years ago that shut Jarvis S down for hours. If there was an emergency, nobody would have been able to get up here. We have a resident that uses emergency services quite frequently. A year ago in January, a trailer with a piece of equipment broke down right in front of our house, putting a divot in the road. With businesses added to the quarry at the end of Jarvis S, we have daily traffic that we've never had before. Dirt bikes, ATV's, etc. race down the road constantly with no regard for any speed limit (or mufflers). Tanker trucks travel down the road at any hour of the night. Not to mention the landfill firing range that on a normally quiet Sunday with minimal road noise, the echo of the gunfire sounds like a war zone. Quite disturbing to have to listen to. So adding back the extra trucks (because we still have many) would result in the destruction of what quality of life is left here.

It doesn't take an engineering degree to know that these roads were not designed for this type of heavy truck traffic. And it doesn't take throwing money at a "road study" when you already know exactly what's going on. The Board's responsibility is to protect Town property and Town residents. ALL the insufficient town roads should have a weight limit on them, not just a couple. Yes business is important, but not if they are destroying property and detrimentally affecting the quality of

life of the residents. The Town has been long aware that this is a problem and the solution of a dedicated road didn't happen yet so the Town's priority should be to shut it down now and then work on a solution, if there even is one, after.

Thank you,

Linda Shell

157 Jarvis Rd. S

Town Clerk

From:
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 8:49 AM
To: Stephen Donnelly; Stephen Schmitt; Michael J. Stott; Patricia Grogan; Town Clerk; rick connell
Cc:
Subject: Jarvis Rd. So. Please read twice
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please enter this document to the public record.

Once again I heard inklings of opening truck traffic to Jarvis Rd. So. Let me state emphatically, WE have done our part for the people of the Town and continue to do so. You need to think long and hard about the current traffic on Jarvis Rd. So.

While I feel for the people of Mountain Rd. Ext. they have no concept of what real vehicle traffic is when compared to our road.

Do not propose mitigating a problem effecting few by imposing hardship on hundreds of additional townspeople along the route from Jarvis Rd. So. to the 9w intersection.

We have had truck traffic from the cement plant for over 80 plus years plus the landfill for over 50 years. Add in the Town trucks daily, the police departments using the shooting range, and current vehicle traffic to and from the cement plant, that is enough. We do not need additional truck traffic added to what currently exists.

Recently the Town relocated the salt shed to the landfill to benefit all the people of the Town. This necessitates continued truck traffic seven days a week in two directions six months per year. At my house I put up with stop and start trucks with associated jake brake with plows scrapping the blacktop as they take the turn.

We have continued illegal traffic into and out of the cement plant as verified by the supervisor.

For those of you who were not born or did not live here when the Town landfill was open let me tell you a little of the havoc it wreaked. Stop and start traffic was 7 days a week, and daily debris falling from vehicles was constant. At my house I endured trash dumping from vehicles as they took the turn onto Jarvis Rd. So. constantly. It was so bad the Highway Department sent a detail every Monday morning due to high traffic debris generated over the weekend. Try holding a weekend event or party and explaining that to your guests.

I suggest you review what the initial proposed purpose of the gates for the cement plant was intended to be used for and enforce it.

Respectfully,

Richard P. Connell Jr.