TOWN OF COEYMANS MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2026 6:00PM

A Town Board Meeting was held Thursday, June 11, 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 C. Reilly, Town Attorney Michael Ravalli Jr., Town Attorney

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:

-The new plow truck was delivered to the Highway Department

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were approved:

-May 28, 2026 Town Board Meeting
-June 2, 2026 Town Board Workshop

Council member Donnelly made a motion to accept the minutes listed above and Council member Stott seconded the motion.
APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – ABSTAIN - SO MOVED

Old Business:

NY FAST Grant: Nick Laraway of Carver Companies gave the following update:
"The FAST New York grant that we've been working with Empire State Development on, dating back over two years now. As a reminder, just what the process was, what Empire State Development is looking to do, we applied for a TRAC-C grant with Empire State Development under the FAST New York program, with the goal of the program to create shovel-ready development opportunities, remove infrastructure barriers, support job creation, and strengthen community competitiveness throughout New York State. At the time we applied for a grant funding as part of a large 80-plus million-dollar, 100-megawatt infrastructure project to support the G.E. Vernova offshore wind project, and were awarded 17 million dollars through the town of Coeymans in support of that project.

Certainly, as all of you guys are aware, that project did not move forward, and we intended on the project customer paying for a substantial portion of the remainder of that bill for the infrastructure improvements. So, we tabled that for about a year, while we were looking through

the opportunities, continuing to pursue other offshore wind developments, and throughout recent developments over the last couple of years it has become apparent that offshore wind manufacturing is certainly delayed for the foreseeable future. We still believe that it is a very viable path for us, and for the community, and the United States in the future, but we don't see a path for that happening anytime soon.

The projects that were underway are being completed, and anything that was in the pipeline has been stopped. So, what we have done since is we've continued with the New York State ISO process, which is a feasibility study related to a large project to bring big power to the Port of Coeymans via the national grid line that's adjacent to the Berkshire spur, but the construction of that would be contingent upon a large manufacturer or similar user being interested and going through the process to become a tenant at the Port of Coeymans. So, simultaneously with that, knowing that the majority of the area, southern Albany County and the central Hudson load zone, is very much out of power, we've been talking with Central Hudson and National Grid, but ultimately back to Central Hudson, about what plans they have in the future to bring additional power capacity to the town, the village, and the areas surrounding the port.

What we have found in the last few months is that Central Hudson is in the process of designing a power upgrade that's going to come from the south from their New Baltimore substation that will bring somewhere around 15 or 20 megawatts, and forgive me if I misquote any of the numbers, no one from central Hudson was available, but they're working on a project to bring a substantial power upgrade to southern Albany County over the next five to six years. What we've been talking with them about is the possibility, if we are able to reallocate some of the grant funds to expedite some of the process and bring some of the power north while we wait for them to do their major project, and that is something that they're actively working on a feasibility study for. What we've been working on with Empire State Development is the possibility of rescoping the project as it relates to bringing power to the greater southern Albany County area.

We've talked about other possibilities of uses of the money, and they're adamant that this was awarded as a TRAC-C grant for power infrastructure, and the only thing they're willing to spend it on is power infrastructure or potentially a reapplication, but that it can't be used for any other source. So, what we've pivoted to and what we're talking with ESD about is utilizing some of the potential grant funding to further the studies of large power for a use in the future to be determined and to work with Central Hudson to bring power up on a 7-to-10-megawatt capacity in the near future if ESD is willing to utilize some of the grant funds towards that with Carver Companies footing the balance of the bill. So, we're actively working through that.

As you can imagine, everything with these major utilities is a time sink, and they have a lot of different irons in the fire. So, we're pushing as quickly as we can, but substantive updates are available usually every, like, 60 to 90 days, so it just is very slowly moving."

Council member Schmitt asked about the project deadline. Mr. Laraway explained the timeline is being extended as they actively review different options.

Barbara Heinzen stated she had asked Carver Laraway at the open house about expansion in Coeymans in which he stated Coeymans was built out. Nick Laraway believes he was speaking

in regards to a geographical expansion, however there is still space available within the footprint of the port. Mr. Laraway stated the potential power upgrade isn't just for the Port of Coeymans, it will be usable to other businesses within the port and town. Mr. Laraway explained they are not a utility company; Central Hudson would still be the supplier.

Zoning Definitions: Supervisor Donnelly asked if the board had any thoughts on the response from the PBZBA. Council member Grogan thought it was well written. Council member Schmitt was not surprised they recommended an update to zoning. It was discussed an RFP could be developed to get an idea to the cost of that type of project.

Truck Traffic/ Roads Study: In regards to road studies council member Schmitt asked if the Supervisor had any luck setting up a smaller meeting with Amrize. The supervisor stated he has been told by Amrize that they do not feel it is necessary. Supervisor Donnelly asked if the board wanted to move forward with anything. Council member Schmitt feels that issuing a stop work order will set the town up for a lawsuit. Council member Stott stated they expanded without site plan review and he feels the town can legally issue a stop work order. Council member Grogan suggested moving forward in a cordial manner. She offered to reach out to Mr. Garcia at the plant herself. Council member Schmitt feels the town should reach out directly to the plant manager possibly via certified letter requesting a meeting. The Supervisor stated he would contact Amrize as the board requested. Heidelberg has stated they would be more than happy to meet with the town.

Rescue Squad: Council member Schmitt has reached out to Travis Whitbeck in regards to creating a 3–5-year plan and the current budget. Mr. Schmitt handed out copies of the proposed budget to the board. He has also asked for Mr. Whitbeck to be available at the next board meeting. Mr. Reilly has been looking into other ambulance districts to study their creation.

Youth Employment: Council member Grogan said all applicants have been interviewed. She would like to increase the shirt quantity to 2 if it is not already. Council member Stott had asked if those returning could get a small bump in pay. He stated all kids are current RCS students.

Wreaths Across America: Council member Grogan has been collecting the names of veterans for the project. She wanted to work on repairing some of their stones. The clerk reminded the board they put some money aside to repairs some stones.

New Business: N/A

Resolutions

Resolution # 088- Hire Seasonal Laborers

	Present	*Absent*	*Aye*	*Nay*	*Abstain*
Stephen Donnelly	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Michael J. Stott	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Stephen J. Schmitt	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Patricia Grogan	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total	4		4		

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

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is in need of hiring seasonal laborers for the Spring and Summer months; and

WHEREAS, job opportunities were posted and applications for such positions were received and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Dominic Labella, Dalton Snyder, and Joseph Foy, each to a Seasonal Laborer position, effective June 22, 2026 through August 31, 2026, at the rate of $18.00 per hour.

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

Resolution #089 Hiring of Part Time Officer

	Present	*Absent*	*Aye*	*Nay*	*Abstain*
Stephen Donnelly	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Michael J. Stott	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Stephen J. Schmitt	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Patricia Grogan	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total	4		4		

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Department (the "Department") continues to actively recruit qualified Police Officers to serve the residents of the Town of Coeymans; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for additional Part-Time Police Officers in the Department in order for the Department to maintain its high standard for public safety and for the safety of its officers; and

WHEREAS, there exists an opening for a Part-Time Police Officers within the Department due to a recent resignation;

WHEREAS, qualified candidate, Guiseppe Stone, is desirous of part-time employment as a Police Officer with the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coeymans Police Chief is desirous of hiring an additional Part-Time Police Officer; and recommends the hiring of Guiseppe Stone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby authorize the Police Chief to hire Guiseppe Stone as a Part-Time Police Officer with the Town of Coeymans Police Department at an hourly rate of $35.27 per hour, effective as of June 22, 2026.

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

Resolution # 90 Appoint PBZBA Member

	Present	*Absent*	*Aye*	*Nay*	*Abstain*
Stephen Donnelly	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Michael J. Stott	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Stephen J. Schmitt	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Patricia Grogan	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total	4		4		

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Town of Coeymans Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals due to the election of Patricia Grogan to the Town Board and her subsequent resignation from the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals' current alternate member, Joseph Cinque, has expressed an interest in being appointed as a regular member of the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals; and meets or exceeds the qualifications requirements for said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Joseph Cinque as a regular member of the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of Patricia Grogan's previously held term, to expire on December 31, 2027.

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

Resolution # 91 Appoint PBZBA Alternate

	Present	*Absent*	*Aye*	*Nay*	*Abstain*
Stephen Donnelly	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Michael J. Stott	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Stephen J. Schmitt	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
Patricia Grogan	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total	4		3	1	

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

WHEREAS, the alternate member position on the Town of Coeymans Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals is vacant due to the recent appointment of Joseph Cinque as a regular member of the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Charles (Fred) Engelhardt has expressed an interest in being appointed as the alternate member of the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals; and meets or exceeds the qualification requirements for said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby appoint Charles (Fred) Engelhardt as alternate member of the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

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

Discussion: Council member Stott stated Mrs. Engelhardt will be resigning from her position on the Ethics Board to avoid any potential conflicts. This resolution will be contingent upon her resignation. (she has submitted her resignation in the time between the meeting and the production of the minutes)

Resolution # 92 Adoption of Sexual Harassment Policy

	Present	*Absent*	*Aye*	*Nay*	*Abstain*
Stephen Donnelly	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Michael J. Stott	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Stephen J. Schmitt	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
Patricia Grogan	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total	4		4		

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

WHEREAS, the New York Labor Law requires all employers to adopt a sexual harassment policy that meets or exceeds the standards set forth by the New York Labor Law and the New York Human Rights Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans is desirous of updating its current sexual harassment policy in order to meet such requirements; and has developed such a policy that is consistent with the provisions of applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans does hereby adopt the attached Town of Coeymans Sexual Harassment Policy, dated May 28, 2026, to take effect immediately.

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

Discussion: Town Attorney Rich Reilly stated this follows the State template which was provided by a colleague at his firm. Supervisor Donnelly stated he would send the policy to Human resources so it could be distributed and initialed by all employees.

Public Comment:

Lynn Freeman lives on 92 Old Ravena Road in Selkirk. She lives next to a lot which held an apartment family but was torn down and a swamp was left. She has Lyme disease herself. She states the ticks and mosquitos coming from this property are in abundance. She is worried for her family's safety and is looking for assistance in combatting the ticks and mosquitos. She would like the town to spray or fill it in. The Supervisor offered to facilitate a conversation between her and the owner. Council member Grogan suggested reaching out to the NYSDEC. It was mentioned NYS DOH may be of assistance s well. Mrs. Grogan took her information and will follow up.

Henrietta Swain lives on Main Street (144) in Coeymans. She played a recording of the noise created by the dirt bikes traveling on James Drive and Main Street. She feels she can file a violation under local law 7. Ms. Swain and her neighbors would like a more consistent patrol. Council member Grogan asked an email be sent to the Albany County Sheriff to alert them to the need for patrols in the specific area

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Motion to Adjourn was made by Council member Donnelly and Seconded by Council member Stott- APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 – SO MOVED 7:08pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace McHugh, Town Clerk