

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

The Town Board of Corinth held a workshop meeting on November 16, 2006 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor  
Charles Brown, Councilman  
John Major, Councilman  
Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman  
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer  
Joan Smead, Deputy Town Clerk  
Lisa Rumpf, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Harry Plummer, Highway Superintendent, excused

Public: Ray Bush, R. Zeigler, Robert Prinz, Ruth Christopher, Barbara Weatherwax, Diane & Ted Jordan, Eleanor Kelley, Ron Covell, Leif Sandwick, Sigrid Koch, Louise Kirkpatrick, Mary Baugh, Tim & Cheri Sullivan.

Supervisor Lucia said Superintendent Plummer was suppose to attend the meeting, but He was sick. He was going to talk about the seasonal roads, but we found out the dead line to file was November 1, 2006. So there is nothing we can do about the roads this year.

Mr. Covell, from Trim Line, on County Route 24, went before the board to see if he could get his property, which is Zoned R1, changed to Industrial. Mr. Covell has a chance to sell his building and the buyers want to run a garage for bus repair and sales. Being in R1 he would have to get a use variance. What he would like the Board to do is move one lot and make it Industrial. It has been industrial before.

Supervisor Lucia has checked with Meredith, and she checked with other experts to make sure of the procedure. Her suggestion was, in order to start this process, to make an application in both of your names and that way you could continue on with the sale and if the sale happen before the procedure was done then it wouldn't stop. It is called a zoning boundary adjustment. In order for a zoning boundary adjustment to be made, the applicant must follow the following process:

1. Submit to the Board a written statement as to why the boundary of a zoning district should be made. Identify the parcel, applicant, provide map of parcel, existing use of property, and underlying zoning. Does the existing use conflict with neighboring uses? How long has use been in existence? Will the request have a serious impact on traffic circulation, parking spaces, sewer, water services or other utilities? Will the request cause serious noise, odor, light activity or unusual disturbances?

2. Town Board will review the request for Zoning Boundary adjustment and submit to the Planning Board for their review.

3. Planning Board will offer a recommendation to the Town Board.

4. Town Board will submit to the County Planning Board for a recommendation.
5. After County Planning Board recommendation, Town Board will schedule and hold a public meeting.
6. After public hearing, Town Board will offer a decision.

Councilman Major questioned what Industrial Zone covered. Code Enforcement Officer Mann said that auto repair was listed as Industrial. Councilman Major said he didn't want Mr. Covell to go for a change to Industrial Zone and not have to. Mr. Mann said he would have an application form made up.

#### Public Hearing for small cities HUD Grant

Mr. Rick Jarvis , from the LaBerge Group, explained the process for applicants. The Town has a grant of \$400,000.

Applications are available; when they are filled out they are to be returned to the Town Of Corinth. Some of the information asked for is deed, proof of insurance, income, if school taxes are paid; all this information is absolutely necessary. We will take a look at the applications to make sure they are complete. They will then go in front of a committee, which is formed of local representatives. They will review the applications, they will make sure that they are complete at that point you will be put on a list and we take a look at that list and then we will call you and take a look at your property. We will look at anything you are having a problem with. Heating systems, septic systems, replacement windows, we can pretty much cover anything that is health or safety related. We make sure everything is up to code. After we look at your property, we will come back and do a work write up, which is description of all the work we are going to do. We hope to get local contractors to do the work. They will fill out contractor applications. We will make sure they are okay to do the work. We will send your bids out and give the contractors a couple of weeks to look at the project and they will call you up and make an appointment with you to look at the job. Then they will submit the bids to us and then we will go back to the committee again. We will then have a contractor selected and a price and we will have a pre construction meeting. At this meeting we will make sure the contractor has a permit, a certificate of insurance and then discuss the work up item by item. Then everyone signs the contract and work begins.

If people own mobile homes in a park and do not own the land, are they able to get a grant. Mr. Jarvis said they are.

This grant is 100% free, however the strings are if you sell or move out within five years, you must pay back the money. It is pro rated. After five years it is free and clear.

We will do about fifteen projects, there is no cap, and they will average about \$24,000. Applications will be available at the Town Hall.

#### Supervisor Lucia announced the committee for the HUD Grant

Rose Farr, Richard Lucia, Fred Mann, Mitchell Saunders and Lisa Rumpf. A motion was made by Councilman Brown, and seconded by Councilman Major to accept the committee as named.

Councilman Major attended a meeting regarding the train station. It was very informative. The issue is coming up for stabilizing the station. It is a good project and we need to take some action on it. As of now there is one estimate from a company in Albany. My thought on it is I would like to go local on it and see what we can get for a price from a local contractor. That would give the committee, working on the grant to restore the station, some breathing room to achieve their goals. The Grant was denied this year, but they will resubmit next year.

Supervisor Lucia said that The Town should post the property. Councilman Byrnes said the we should also put posts and signs on the end of Freighthouse Road. Code Enforcement Officer Mann asked if we didn't need to have a name on the sign. Lisa will talk to Brad Towers about the signs.

A motion made by Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Byrnes that we advertise for individuals and/or firms interested in securing/stabilizing the Town Of Corinth's Railroad Depot.

Councilman Major wanted to bring up about The Joint Economic Development Committee downtown enhancement plan and make sure everyone had a copy of it. This would be an excellent guide for the LDC.

**RESOLUTION #239**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Saunders and seconded by Councilman Brown the following resolution was

ADOPTED    Ayes    5            Lucia, Brown, Major, Byrnes, Saunders  
                 Nays    0

Resolved that this Board adjourns to Executive session for a personnel matter with no decision to be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Smead  
Deputy Town Clerk