

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on February 22, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor  
Charles Brown, Councilman  
John Major, Councilman  
Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman  
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk  
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer

Excused: Harry Plummer, Highway Superintendent

Public: Ray Bush, Charles and Barbara Weatherwax, Carroll and Ginny Ogden, Mary and Tim Murphy, Diana and Ted Jordan, David B. and Mary Williams, Sigrid Koch, Russ and Arleen Springer, Russ and Yvonne Melville, Patricia Goldberg, Herbert and Ruth Syrop, John Collura and Jeffrey Collura.

After Roll Call and the pledge of allegiance the following business was transacted.

**RESOLUTION #108**  
**LICENSE RENEWAL**

Supervisor Lucia stated that it is time to renew the license for Woodcrest Mobile Home Park. Town Clerk Farr read a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Fred Mann stating that everything was in order in this Mobile Home Park. A motion was made by Councilman Saunders, seconded by Councilman Major and the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Mobile Home Park License for Woodcrest Mobile Home Park be renewed for 2007.

**CENSUS 2010**

Supervisor spoke about the 2010 Census and things that were learned at the Association of Towns School recently. He told the public that the Town Clerk learned that the Building Department and the 911 Coordinator would be the ones that the census would affect the most due to new roads and new subdivisions. He told the public that Code Enforcement Officer Mann and 911 Coordinator Beverly Jacon would be attending a school in March in Ballston Spa on the 2010 Census.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT**

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had received paperwork from the Village regarding the 2007-2008 Fire Department Budget. He told Councilmen Byrnes and Brown that Trustee Denno would be contacting them in the near future to set up a meeting probably for March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**GAS CARD**

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that he has received two new quotes from Northeast Petroleum Technologies, Inc. for the gas card system. Supervisor Lucia asked the Town Board to look over the quotes so it can be discussed at the next meeting. Supervisor Lucia said the quotes were approximately \$8,500.00.

**IMAGE COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Lucia gave each board member a copy of the Image Committee's anticipated expenditures for 2007. Supervisor Lucia told the board that in the Town's 2007 Budget he figures one-half of the fireworks for July plus \$500.00 extra; \$300.00 toward the Fall Festival and one -half the fireworks for Hometown Christmas.

**RESOLUTION #109**

**AUTHORITY TO OPEN NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT  
LANDFILL UPGRADES UNDER CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Supervisor Lucia stated that a new checking account must be set up for the Landfill Upgrades under Capital Projects for 2007. A motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Saunders and the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that a new checking account be set up at TD Banknorth for Landfill Upgrades budgeted under Capital Projects for 2007 in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Code Enforcement Officer Mann thanked the Town Board for allowing him to go to school at the Associations of Towns.

### **TOWN BOARD**

Councilman Saunders said he thanked the board for allowing him to attend school at the Association of Towns. He said it was very informative.

Councilman Brown asked if Mr. Eagle had filed his application within the thirty (30) days as he was instructed by the court. Code Enforcement Officer Mann said that Mr. Eagle had not.

Councilman Major said he had read the new drafts that the Town attorney had submitted three times and he was ready whenever the board was to discuss it.

Councilman Byrnes also thanked the board for allowing him to attend school at the Association of Towns. He said that there were classes that he wanted to go to but he did not have the time to go to every class.

Councilman Byrnes also told the board that he had discussed the drafts amendments with Attorney Hill at length and was also ready whenever the Town Board was to have a workshop on the amendments.

### **PUBLIC**

#### **Barbara Weatherwax**

Barbara Weatherwax told the board that she has turned in new petitions at with the Town Clerk bringing her total up 3548. She said this didn't include the 3449 she filed in 2004. She also filed and read the following letter to the Town Board:

CITIZENS for SAFE & RESPONSIBLE INDUSTRY

PO BOX 44  
Corinth, NY 12822  
518-654-9258



*RSY*

February 22, 2007

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Rose Farr, Town Clerk  
Town of Corinth  
Town Hall, Palmer Avenue  
Corinth, NY 12822

RE: REMEDY UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE TOWN CODE

Dear Rose,

We have attached a set of original Petitions especially Signed by 166 Adjacent & Surrounding Residents ONLY (of the Philmet Property). We targeted 146 dwellings. The Residents of that district are in agreement that they are Against Philmet's intentions of bringing waste // trash industry to the sight and other concerns as stipulated on the Petition.

We have taken the initiative to collect **signatures to assist the Town Board** now knowing what the Residents of that district have to say. It is extremely helpful to have this information and we ask that you make your decisions accordingly.

As remedy, the Residents of that district are asking the Town of Corinth to follow the lead of the Village and write Zoning Amendments to Prohibit processing and burning of Waste at the Philmet Property. We also agree with the Village to place a Deed Covenant to assure that the Land Use is restricted against waste // trash industry.

As with the Petruzzo Sewage Sludge & MSW Co-Composting proposal that we gathered signatures for almost 100 per cent of the Residents in that district; once again we are using our right to remedy under Article 12 of the Town Code. We are asking for your consideration of remedy as a Zoning Amendment PROHIBITING the processing and burning of Waste + Trash just as we continue to wait for the CLEAN Composting Zoning Amendment.

Sincerely,

Barbara Weatherwax

Cc:  
Supervisor Lucia  
Town Councilmen  
Bob Hafner, Town Attorney  
Mayor Brad Winslow

166 ORIGINAL Signatures on Petitions

**Tim Murphy**

Tim Murphy asked the board about the Comprehensive Plan and if the Town had one. Supervisor Lucia told him that we have a Master Plan but it is old and needed to be up dated. Mr. Murphy as ked if it was wrong to prepare a

Comprehensive Plan after the zoning amendments. Supervisor Lucia explained that the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan could take over two years and the amendments to Zoning Law that the Board has been working on are close to being adopted. Supervisor Lucia told Mr. Murphy that he will check with the attorneys regarding the time frame but he is sure since they are working on all this it is okay.

**Herbert Syrop**

Herbert Syrop read the following letter:

February 22, 2007

Dear Board Members,

On a cold January night in 2006 you gentlemen sat at a Town Meeting in the Corinth High School. A large united group of your fellow citizens spoke out against importing household trash and toilet droppings into their town. To my memory, no one at the meeting was in favor of turning Corinth into a repository for New York City garbage or Westchester excrement. The message was loud and clear. People spoke in clear, direct and unmistakable language – they reasoned and pleaded with you to tell the garbage industry one simple word . . . “No!”

That was more than a year ago. You gentlemen threw away precious time. Like the emperor Nero who played a violin while his city burned, Board Members have played a game of delay and procrastination. “Let us gather the facts and decide the issue on its merits,” a Board Member told me.

Yet, all the while you kept the door open to the trash mongers. Instead of following the obvious wishes of those who elected you, you have allowed our town to remain unprotected by laws that other municipalities have enacted to guard their citizens well being.

During that wasted year the threat of the trash titans has grown. We now see an aggressive, arrogant, well funded and opaque Philmet group nibbling at the foundations of what makes Corinth a desirable place to live. With their paid word slingers, press release artists and public relations spin masters they hope to obscure and degrade honest discussion.

Verbal sleight of hand and redefined word meanings, spoken with forked tongues, are the tools of their craft. Trash burning is now called an “energy component.” The combustion of hydrocarbons in its many different forms is called burning “wood chips,” knowing full well that to keep a gasification facility operating at capacity and with profit requires more than one single kind of combustion source. Over the years ahead, for such an installation, a forest of wood chips would be required and the expense for such a fuel would be uncontrollable. But Mr. Deutsch, Mr. Meth and their Public Relations people know that industrial and household waste will always be available and a lot less expensive than wood chips.

Ask Philmet how long their wood chip commitment runs. Ask if there are any limiting factors to that commitment. Ask if they will put it in contractual form. If the time comes when Philmet entertains an offer to sell the “Corinth Industrial Park,” as well they might, will the new owner continue limiting himself to burning wood chips?

Promises, promises are what Mr. Deutsch and Mr. Meth hold out to us, at the same time they float out the statement that “there are ways to get

around Town and Village regulations.”

A simple phrase describes their business method:

#### **Bait and Switch**

Back in New York City where I and the Philmet gentlemen come from, Bait and Switch is a well-known way to fleece an unsuspecting customer.

The victim orders cream let us say, at what seems a good price. It is a good price. But, when the time comes to deliver the cream it is not available. “So take this excellent skimmed milk,” the customer is told. “But I ordered cream,” says the victim. “Cream? Cream you ordered? Not at that low price,” is the reply. (You can substitute wood chips for cream.)

Supervisor Lucia told Mr. Syrop that his five minutes was up.

#### **Diana Jordan**

Diana Jordan told the Town Board that they should be ashamed of themselves not letting Mr. Syrop finish reading his letter to the board.

#### **Ruth Syrop**

Ruth Syrop read the following that is the end of Mr. Syrop’s letter to the Board:

But here is the good news. During Mayor Giuliani’s administration, New York City outlawed Bait and Switch tactics. Businesses that used it lost their licenses and retailers who were ethically challenged had to change their ways. **So let us insist that Mr. Meth and Mr. Deutsch also change their ways here in Corinth.** No more talk from them about things they never intended. No more threats of establishing a Railroad or bringing law suites. Enough of their unsavory tactics.

Gentlemen, a year has been wasted. Tell us what your research has revealed and what conclusions you have reached. Our Town Attorney has written zoning amendments. Are you going to finish the job, and if so, **when?**

It is not only citizens who need to know. Philmet and Bedminster need to know. All of us have been dangling while you play and avoid the issue of Corinth’s future. Is there going to be a wedding between Corinth and the trash masters? If so which one of you will give the bride away?

**Speak to us Board Members. Restore peace to our Town and Village.**

With respect and chagrin,

Herbert Syrop

123 Brandon Road, Yonkers, NY

45 Mesacosa Road, Corinth, NY

### **Diana Jordan**

Mrs. Jordan told the Town Board about having a thyroid test for cancer and how her doctor told that in the late 50s there was a fall out that affected this area. She said the doctor said the cows ate the grass and the people drank the milk produced by the cows. She said her doctor told her that since that time there has been a large increase in thyroid cancer in this area, which he deems as caused by the pollution in the 1950s. Mrs. Jordan told the board not to invite pollution so that our children and grandchildren will suffer, She requested that they pass laws for clean industry and no trash.

### **Jeff Collura**

Jeff Collura read excerpts from the following article:



## WHAT WE HOPE TO DO

In 2005, Philmet Capital Group purchased the former International Paper property with the desire to take an idle industrial site and turn it into an environmentally compatible community asset. Our vision continues to see the Corinth Mills Industrial Park as a valued corporate partner in the community and the home of many companies that will create jobs and grow the local tax base.

The basic elements of our proposal include:

- The development of a vibrant, multi-tenant industrial park that is not dependent on a single company or product;
- The construction of a new facility for Plasticware, a company that manufactures plastic cups and plates;
- The operation of two manufacturing lines by Plasticware that will create approximately 80 jobs. Depending on market conditions, the projection is to add two additional lines and increase employment;
- The refurbishing of the former International Paper energy facility to increase its size and enable it to utilize green energy sources.

We look forward to working with elected leaders, community groups and interested citizens to develop a sound environmental and economic project. While we encourage a healthy discussion and thorough review of our project, we also hope that they will be based on fact and science and not on emotion or speculation. Our desire has always been to take an idle industrial site and turn it into an environmentally compatible community asset.

Mr. Collura said he reads this to mean Corinth Mills is asking for parameters within which to work in. He suggests the Town Board go ahead and pass

regulations for trash, etc. so that Corinth Mills know the parameters to work in.

**Councilman Byrnes**

Councilman Byrnes told the public that the attorneys are negotiating with Philmet’s attorneys. He said they are asking what exactly green stock is. He says he feels the Town Board has not been slacking. He said the Town Board has been very busy this last year trying to amend the regulations in a way that is precise and that there can be no questions as to what the amendment means.

**Supervisor**

Supervisor Lucia told the public that next week’s meeting the board will discuss the new laws with the attorneys.

**Yvonne Melville**

Yvonne Melville asked about the Comprehensive Committee. Supervisor Lucia told her that he hopes to have seven or more on the committee depending on the applications he receives. Mrs. Melville asked how many applications he had. Supervisor Lucia told her a few and he hoped to receive more in the near future. He said he hopes to have a meeting shortly.

**Ginny Ogden**

Ginny Ogden said she was so impressed at the first meeting on the moratorium, She said that she felt the board was obligated to the majority of people who elected them to pass laws for clean composting and no trash. She said Philmet should not be telling the Town anything, the Town should be telling Philmet what they can or cannot do.

**RESOLUTION #110**  
**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Brown, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the bills be paid as audited, with any exceptions in the following:

Vouchers For 02/22/07

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

#20070158, 0163-0173, 0192, 0196-0217, 0224-0231, 0250, 0255-0258, 0263-0266, 0269  
\$87,445.91

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

#2007 0159, 0174-0177, 0193, 0218-0221, 0232-0234, 0249, 0267  
\$7,440.73

Community Development – CD:

\$0

Highway/Town Wide – DA:

#20070248  
\$2,178.00

Highway/Part Town – DB:

#20070160, 0178-0179, 0182-0191, 0235-0236, 0238-0239, 0247, 0251-0254, 0259-0261,  
0268, 0181, 0187  
\$60,249.39

Fire Protection – SF:

P#20070244  
\$148,868.00

Street Lighting – SL:

P#20070240-0242  
\$729.45

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$0

Trust & Agency – TA:

#20070161-0162, 0194-0195, 0222-0223, 0245-0246, 0262  
\$6,042.03

Scenic Train –

#164  
\$10,245.17

Depot Restoration –

\$0

**RESOLUTION #111**

**BILL PAYING**

On a motion of Councilman Saunders and seconded by Councilman Major, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the board adjourns to billing paying.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Byrnes, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC  
Town Clerk