

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on July 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
John Major, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, Councilman
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
Harry Plummer, Highway Superintendent
Shawn Eggleston, Deputy Highway Superintendent
Robert Hafner, Attorney
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk

Excused-Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer

Public: Ray Bush, Mary Baugh, Edwin Eggleston, Ann Marie French, James Murray Sr., Mary Murphy, Joyce Day, Sigrid Koch, Joel Duguay

After Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and prayer the following business was conducted:

RESOLUTION #186

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Saunders, and the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the minutes for June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2007 be approved.

RESOLUTION #187

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

A motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Major, and the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the abstracts of June 7 and June 28, 2007 be approved as follows:

June 07, 2007

A	-	\$ 34,666.71
B	-	\$ 7,174.03
DB	-	\$ 20,307.89
TA	-	\$ 1,874.33
CD(CDBG)-		\$ 17,746.50
H1(Landfill Upgrades)	-	\$2,765.19

June 28, 2007

A	-	\$ 157,033.85
B	-	\$ 13,975.07
CD(CDBG)-		\$ 65,753.00
DB	-	\$ 115,556.77
H1(Landfill Upgrades)	-	\$2,183.27
SL	-	\$ 496.00
SW	-	\$ 4,627.00
TA	-	\$ 8,991.42
Scenic Train	-	\$ 1,543.00

Supervisor Lucia said that the Town Board had received a letter from the Town Planning Board regarding the proposed Waste Disposal Law. Supervisor Lucia said all Planning Board members and their Attorney had no further recommendations on the proposed law.

RESOLUTION # 188 SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO DISPOSAL OF WASTE AND PROVIDING FOR REFERRAL TO THE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

A motion was made by Councilman Saunders, seconded by Councilman Major, and the following resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Edward Byrnes- yes
 John Major- yes
 Richard Lucia- yes
 Charlie Brown- yes
 Mitchell Saunders- yes

WHEREAS, the Town has significant concerns regarding the potential impacts of all types of waste disposal facilities and has prepared a Local Law regulating such facilities consistent with the development objectives of the Town to mitigate their impacts to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law §20 requires the Town Board to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to provide for review of the proposed Local Law under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall meet on July 26, 2007 at 4:10 PM at Corinth Town Hall, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, NY to hold a public hearing to hear all people who are

interested in proposed Local Law of 2007 – A Local Law Amending the Corinth Town Code Relating to Disposal of Waste. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Public Hearing in the *Glens Falls Post Star* not less than ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines that adoption of the proposed Local Law is a Type I action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and that the Town Board is the only involved agency and, therefore, is the lead agency for SEQRA review of the Local Law, and the Town Supervisor or Town Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to prepare Part 1 of a long form Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) for use by the Town Board in determining the environmental significance of adoption of the Local Law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of the proposed Local Law to the Saratoga County Planning Board and the Town of Corinth Planning Board for their recommendations pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239(m); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of the proposed Local Law to all municipalities within 500’ of the boundary of the Town; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION # 189 AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR LUCIA TO SIGN THE REVERSE 9-1-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMUNITY ALERT SYSTEM

A motion was made by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Major, and the following resolution was

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

Resolved that Supervisor Lucia sign the policy for the Reverse Community Alert System.

Attorney Hafner said that the Town Board had bifurcated its consideration of waste disposal issues and separated the issues between waste disposal and composting because the Town Board was looking for expertise. The Town Board has interviewed and found an engineering firm that the Town Board is comfortable with. The engineering firm has provided the Town Board with a proposal. The resolution that is before the Town Board today is one authorizing

the hiring of Delaware Engineering to help with the composting part of what the Town Board expects will be a future local law.

RESOLUTION #190
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DELAWARE ENGINEERING

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 Delaware Engineering Firm be hired to provide expert advice regarding composting:

RESOLUTION HIRING DELAWARE ENGINEERING

WHEREAS, the Town has significant concerns regarding the potential impacts of composting operations within the Town and wishes to prepare a Local Law regarding such facilities consistent with the development objectives of the Town, and

WHEREAS, before enacting a law governing composting, the Town Board believes it would be prudent to obtain expert advice about composting and the various forms of composting and types of composting systems and processes and their potential effects on the health, safety and welfare of Town residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received information from engineering firms with significant experience and qualifications regarding composting, and

WHEREAS, the Town's planning and zoning consultants, the LA Group, has recommended that the Town engage one of those firms, Delaware Engineering, to provide expert advice regarding composting and the potential effects of various types of composting processes, systems and operations, and

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering will provide such advice and assistance to the Town for a cost not to exceed \$10,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CORINTH, SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town approves and authorizes the hiring of Delaware Engineering in accordance with the terms of Delaware Engineering's letter of May 24, 2007, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

2. That the Town Supervisor hereby authorized and directed to take all actions he deems necessary to effect this Resolution, including the execution of a contract or other agreement on behalf of the Town with Delaware Engineering consistent with the letter referred to in Paragraph 1, above.

Councilman Saunders wanted to know if the board members would be able to give the Engineering firm a list of questions prior to the Engineering firm coming to the workshop. Councilman Byrnes wanted to know what the time frame was and if the board could get started right away. Attorney Hafner said that he believed that as soon as the Engineering firm has a signed contract that the Town Board can begin.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia stated that the following papers are on file in his office:

- Adirondack Explorer
- Government Connections, comptroller newsletter
- Greenfield ZBA Hearing
- Literature from Public Service Comm.
- Mortgage Tax \$14,234.00 for the month of May
- Parkland Committee Minutes/ Concert in Park, the Stony Creek Band on July 19th@ 7:00pm
- RSVP Newsletter, looking for volunteers
- Sales Tax
- Saratoga County Fair, July 17th – July 22nd
- Saratoga County Highway Notice, County Route 10 closed July 18th – July 20th for repair of culvert
- Saratoga Lifestyle, new local magazine
- Senator Farley Bill
- Senior Sentinel
- Veterans Agency Notes
- Tedisco Resolution

RESOLUTION #191
ENDORISING THE NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT

A motion was made by Councilman Saunders, seconded by Councilman Byrnes, and the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Town of Corinth Town board endorses the NYS Property Taxpayer Protection Act.

WHEREAS, The tremendously high property tax burden on New York Families and businesses is the number one issue facing our community today, and the sheer cost of living in New York has forced many residents and businesses to leave, thus slowing the economic engine of the state; and

WHEREAS, Young people are finding it difficult to purchase homes, seniors are struggling to maintain their homes, and businesses are facing immense challenges to create and retain jobs; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers face the highest property taxes in the nation, and when measured as a percentage of home value, nine of the top ten property tax rates in the entire country belong to counties in New York; and the State must act now to thwart the detrimental effects that high property taxes are having on local governments; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Minority Members have introduced the “New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act (Assembly Bill 8775),” which put forth new and innovative ideas for property tax reform that limit the amount that school districts can raise annually through local tax levies to four percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less; in addition the Act would relieve municipalities and school districts of unfunded mandates, reduce county Medicaid costs, strengthen financial accountability over school tax dollars, promote local government efficiency, and encourage local option insurance pooling; and

WHEREAS, The “New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act” will help fix New York’s broken property tax system, providing homeowners, businesses and municipalities significant and lasting relief from the crushing burden of skyrocketing property taxes; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge New York States property tax crisis and urge the immediate passage and chaptering of the “New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act,” which will help local governments reinvigorate New York’s economy by providing incentives for people and businesses to move and stay here; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, and to each member of the New York State Legislature.

SUPERVISOR CONT:

Supervisor Lucia said that for the individuals involved with the Comprehensive Committee they will be getting letters in the mail, however the first meeting will be held on August 6th @ 7:00PM.

Supervisor Lucia said there is a new star program tax rebate. Supervisor Lucia said that average enhanced star property tax rebates for house holds earning less than \$90,000.00 a year in Saratoga County would be \$384.00. Supervisor Lucia said that eligible taxpayers would be notified.

Supervisor Lucia said the Image committee did a great job. The fireworks were outstanding again. Councilman Saunders wanted to thank all that participated in the class projects and the duck race. Councilman Saunders said that John Yannaci won the duck race. Supervisor Lucia and the Town Board members complimented the people in the water ski show about how helpful they were with the duck race and other activities.

The following reports are on file in the Supervisor's office:

- Assessors
- Building
- Animal Control
- Fire Department
- Highway
- Justice
- Town Clerk
- Planning
- Zoning
- Senior Citizens
- Supervisor

Supervisor Lucia took a moment to inform the Town Board members about Town Clerk, Rose Farr's husband, who was at Albany Medical Center having double bypass surgery. Supervisor Lucia said there were some complications, however Gary is expected to be home on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Supervisor Lucia said that John Randall will be driving the van for the seniors until Gary's return.

RESOLUTION #192

APPROVAL OF MOTION TO ACCEPT SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT

A motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Major, and the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town of Corinth Town Board accepts as presented the Supervisor's monthly financial report for June, 2007.

PUBLIC INPUT:

James Murray Sr. - Mr. Murray wanted to know where the Supervisor was with the purchase of property down next to the hospital for the Head Start program. Supervisor Lucia said that the State and EOC that run the Head Start program have worked out something with the YMCA for

two of their classes and another class is going to the Elementary school for this school year. The State and EOC wanted to get this year going and therefore they have tentatively put the purchase of property on the back burner for the moment.

There were no further comments from the public.

Town Board:

Councilman Byrnes wanted to know if the Town Board was aware that the village is trying to get an appraisal for the property that they own up on County Route 10. Councilman Byrnes said that this was a wonderful piece of property. Councilman Byrnes said it had been discussed at the Rail Committee meeting that the property had many uses such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing and access to the Depot. Supervisor Lucia said that he had not been officially told but had heard the village was looking into it.

Town Highway:

Highway Superintendent Plummer told Supervisor Lucia that there has been a change in the Highway construction plans. The Highway department has to replace a culvert on Minor road and that is going to take some time. The Highway department will have to close the road; however, the department has had to order a part and expects it will be in the first week of August. Highway Superintendent Plummer said that there will have to be a notice placed in the paper prior to closing the road. Superintendent Plummer said that they have notified DEC and he intends to contact Encon because this stream flows into the Kayaderosseras.

Highway Superintendent Plummer also told the Town Board that the new transfer station was up and running. Superintendent Plummer said that Rick Straight did a really good job with the transfer station.

RESOLUTION #193

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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 board adjourns, and be it further

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Brown the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk