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October 4., 2007

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a workshop meeting on October 4, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Excused: John Major, Councilman

Public Present: Sigrid Koch, Jim Murray, Sr., Barbara Weatherwax, John D'Alessandro, Jeff Collura and Bruce Baker.

After Roll Call by the Town Clerk the following business was conducted.

RESOLUTION #228

TRANSFER

Supervisor Lucia told the Board that it was necessary to transfer some money to cover certain bills. On motion of Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Byrnes the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, and Saunders
Nays 0

RESOLVED that Four Hundred Thirty-three and 40/100 Dollars (\$433.40) be transferred from Town Board (AZ1010.4) to Supervisor (A1220.4) for Lexis Nexis and West Publishing Invoices, and be it further

RESOLVED that Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Eleven and 62/100 Dollars (\$17,411.62) be transferred from Refuse Contractual (A8160.4) to Refuse Personnel (A8160.1) for Springer Waste paid from wrong account, and be it further

RESOLVED that Two Thousand One Hundred Seven and 61/100 Dollars (\$2,107.61) be transferred from General Repairs Contractual (DB5110.4) to General Repairs Personnel (DB5110.1) for Main-Care invoice paid from wrong account, and be it further

RESOLVED that Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two and 04/100 Dollars (\$22,252.04) be transferred from CHIPS Equipment (DB5112.2) to CHIPS Contractual (DB5110.4), and be it further

RESOLVED that Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$960.00) be transferred from General Repairs (DB5110.4) to CHIPS Equipment (DB5112.2) for cost of road repairs.

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ELLIS MINING

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had the Town Attorneys check out the paperwork that he received from DEC on Ellis Mining. He said that he was told that it was only a notice from DEC asking that they have Lead Agency status in this matter. Supervisor Lucia told the board that the Town Attorney told him that the Town should not oppose DEC having Lead Agency status but the Town should pay attention to the comment period that follows this application. He said that is when the people in the Town can give their comments in favor or opposition to the increase of the size of this mining. He said this is an important time. Supervisor Lucia also told the board that after Ellis Mining gets DEC approval it must go to the Planning Board for a Special Use Permit due to the percentage they are increasing.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Supervisor Lucia told the board that the October 18th Workshop Meeting will be a Budget Workshop.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Mann told the Town Board that the people went to the Eagle property and will be giving Code Enforcement Officer their quote to clean up the trailers tomorrow. HE said that they found 160 trailers on the property now. Code Enforcement Mann said he has had complaints about Mr. Eagle burying stuff on the property and dumping oil.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia told the board that Mr. Eagle contacted him and told him that if the town put in a culvert he would remove two of the trailers from the front part of the property and when the culvert was completed he would move the trailers from on the front part of the property to somewhere else on the property. Supervisor Lucia told Mr. Eagle that the Town would not be constructing the culvert because Highway Superintendent Plummer and Deputy Highway Superintendent Eggleston both agreed that the culvert was okay as it now stands.

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had five applications for alternates to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said they are: Edward Decker, Jr from Miner Road; Tim Sullivan, Joel Duguay, Lance Abare and Jim Murray, Sr. Supervisor Lucia said that he would be meeting with the chair-people of both boards and she what they wanted to do.

Supervisor Lucia gave the board members copies of the Engineering Proposals for the Feasibility Study on the Town Hall. He asked that they review same and get back to him regarding what they think should be done.

Supervisor Lucia told the board members that Dr. Siniapkin had obtain an appraisal on the property he now rents from the Town. He also said that surveyor David Barrass is working on a boundary line agreement.

TOWN BOARD

Councilman Brown

Councilman Brown read the following letter from the Emergency Management Committee:

August 21, 2007

Dear Supervisor Lucia and Town Board Members:

The Emergency Management Committee recently with the Corinth Fire Co, hosted a full function drill for the Hudson River Black River Regulating District. The drill was very well attended and very informative.

The drill began with an employee of the District feeling a shaking of his home while having breakfast and finding cracks in the Sacandaga Dam due to an earthquake on arriving at work at the Power Station. The billions of gallons of water behind the dam caused a breach of the dam. The huge wall of water eventually took out the Stewarts Dam as would be expected. All towns and villages below the dam were severely impacted by the water.

The following areas in the village and town of Corinth would be flooded if this happened:

Rt 9N North of the village including the lower end of Antone Mt. road. Everything downtown to the middle of Main Street hill. This would take out the Emergency Squad, and the Corinth Substation, removing the power from the village. The sewer pump at the beach would be out of service. The Mobil Mart, (now Stewarts) and Cumberland Farms gas tanks would be under water. River St. and Sherman Ave. and Maple St. would be completely flooded

Hamilton Ave and the streets coming off it all the way to the area of Depot Road.

Center Street and Mill Street to the area near the old fire house would be flooded.

West Maple Street in the area of Gurney Lane and Adam Lawrence Apartments. The water pump station on Hamilton would be out of service.

The International Paper property (now Philmet) including the Mill and Village Waste Treatment Plants. Access to the EPCOR Power Plant would be cut off.

Many of the homes in the area of the Boat Launch on the Spier Falls Road.

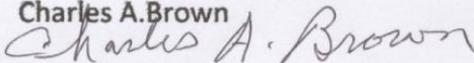
Homes and businesses in the described area would be flooded and not livable for a period of time. Shelters would be necessary for a considerable length of time after an evacuation of the flooded areas.

The Drill we believe was considered a success, and many of those attending gathered after and discussed communications and the time required for notifying those in the village and north on 9N. It was the general opinion of those present that we may not be able to adequately notify and evacuate those living from River Road Campground to the village proper. It was openly stated that loss of life was a possibility and we should do everything possible to prevent it. We also feel any steps that can be taken to do everything possible should be taken under the circumstances.

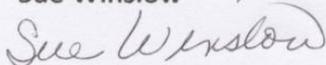
We recently were turned down for a modern alert system for the town and village. The Village at the present time has only one alert siren and that is not in the best location for a siren. The Reverse 911 system is now operational and will help in notification if the right circumstances are in place.

We will be working to obtain funding from various sources for a modern alert system, both in the area of 9N north and the village and town proper. We would appreciate any assistance you could give us

Charles A. Brown



Sue Winslow



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RESOLUTION #229

AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNCILMAN BROWN TO SIGN CONTACT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, and Saunders
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that Councilman Brown is given the authority to sign a contract with Nextel for the purchase of an express card and one year's unlimited mobile broadband for the Emergency Management laptop in the amount of Six Hundred Ten and 48/100 Dollars (\$610.48) with the understanding that the Village will purchase the same for the other laptop owned by Emergency Management Committee.

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes spoke about up dates on the Captain Youth – Spot. He said that their funding terminated as of August 31, 2007 and now they have the following two options:

- 1, Close
2. Find a community based organization to operate

Councilman Byrnes said that they are now occupying the property on a month to month term and do not want to sign a year lease until they are sure what is going to happen. He said he was working to find grants that were available to save this because he feels it is a great service to the community of Corinth and their youth.

Supervisor Lucia suggested that we have someone from Captain come to a board meeting and discuss this matter with the board.

Supervisor

Supervisor Lucia read the following:

- ❖ “At our last regular Town Board meeting the Board decided to temporarily suspend the practice of allowing open public comment. We place a very high value on opening up the floor at our main meetings each month so members of the public can tell us and their neighbors about their views and concerns. However, the opportunity to speak at our meetings was being abused by some people who made malicious, untrue personal attacks. They were made despite the Board's clear policy that the comment period was not to be used for making personal attacks. Before the start of the public comment period at each meeting we have reminded everyone in attendance of the policy against personal attacks. Unfortunately, some people ignored the policy and abused their privilege to address the Board and their fellow community members. To prevent further personal attacks on anyone, the Board decided to temporarily suspend the practice of having an open public comment period at our main monthly meetings. We look forward to returning to the practice of having open public comment at our meetings in the near future. In the meantime, you are welcome to submit written comments or e-mails, which we will read aloud if they do not contain personal attacks. You are welcome to come by my office or call me here at Town Hall. At this point I ask my fellow Board members whether they think any change should be made to our decision to temporarily suspend public comment. Board members, does anyone think a change should be made now?”

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Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes said that he had received an e-mail from someone upset about the termination of public speaking. He said he still thought the lines of communication were still open through e-mails, letters and being able to stop in the Supervisor's office. He said he really doesn't want anymore of these personal attacks to go on. He said he feels it is important to have input from the community. He said that he thought the right to speak should be given back to the public after a brief time.

Councilman Saunders

Councilman Saunders said that he also believed that people's input on town matters is very important. He said he felt it is important to hear from the community on town issues. He said he agreed with Councilman Byrnes and perhaps we should let it go for a couple of weeks and then move on.

Councilman Brown

Councilman Brown said he agreed with Councilman Byrnes and Councilman Saunders. He said let it stand for a short time since other avenues of communications are still there. He also feels public comment is important on the town issues.

Supervisor

Supervisor Lucia stated that he also agreed with all his board members. He thought public comment was important but must be restricted to Town issues not personal attacks.

RESOLUTION # 230

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTION

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Lucia, Brown, Byrnes and Saunders
	Nays	0	

RESOLVED that the board pays bills as audited with any exceptions as follows:

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Vouchers For 10/04/07

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

#20071484, 1490-1493, 1501-1503, 1507-1510

\$30,058.24

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

#20071485, 1494-1495, 1497-1499, 1511-1517

\$4,259.70

Community Development Grant – CD:

#20071489

\$5,625.00

Highway/Town Wide – DA:

\$0

Highway/Part Town – DB:

#20071486, 1500, 1504-1506

\$9,402.77

Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:

\$0

Fire Protection – SF:

\$0

Street Lighting – SL:

\$0

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$0

Trust & Agency – TA:

#20071487-1488

\$1,129.81

Scenic Train –

\$0

Depot Restoration –

\$0

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RESOLUTION #231

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Byrnes and Saunders
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the board adjourns to billing paying.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Saunders and seconded by Councilman Byrnes, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk