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December 20, 2007

The Town Board of Corinth held a workshop meeting on December 20, 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
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer
Michael Hill, Attorney
Joan Smead, Deputy Town Clerk

Public: Raymond Bush and Sigrid Koch.

After roll call by the Deputy Town Clerk the following business was conducted:

Supervisor Lucia introduced Mary Beth Bianconi, with Delaware Engineering and Michael Hill.

Attorney Hill: As you know from our past meetings we had a draft report from Delaware Engineering from Mary Beth regarding composting within the town and we are in the process of considering a draft law which would regulate composting and you have requested a report about composting and I think we all agree that certainly we got what we asked for a good comprehensive report and we have that in front of us along with the opportunity to have Mary Beth with us to talk about the report and to answer any questions that we may have and I don't know if we have gotten any written questions from the public. Mary Beth would like to start with a brief overview of the report.

Mary Beth Bianconi: I am going to talk to you about large scale commercial composting to determine if composting is something that makes sense here in the town. We tried to make the report very user friendly and straight forward not a lot of technical jargon. Composting in general is a very environmental sound thing to do. It is done in agricultural settings almost universally. In Corinth you have a transportation issue with concerns about big trucks coming in and the intersections are not straight up. And you have a concern with water, most water in

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this area comes from wells. You have unprotected water supply under ground with no way of controlling that environment. Your report shows a summary evaluating composting and the technology, we provided a discussion of the regulatory framework, so you can understand what is regulated by the state and where there are conditions that are not regulated because it is not practical and it would be very difficult for the town to regulate them.

Then we discussed the context here in town in terms of location, transportation and water supply and critical elements that we are looking at and we knew that commercial composting is not an appropriate land use for the Town of Corinth. There are certain other places where it works and works really well. But not in Corinth.

Councilman Byrnes asked if it mentions the population of the places where there is composting?

Mary Beth referred him to the back of the book where the counties are listed and where the compost facilities are. It doesn't list the populations of the cities. It lists the county, type of waste to be composted and quantity. Coming up with creative ways to get rid of sludge, a lot of people spend a lot of time doing that, composting is one way, something called pelletizing is another and is expensive. The vast majority of bio solids are not composted in New York State, they are dried.

Councilman Byrnes: What I am getting at is the reports that the way they get rid of the compost, the bio solids, they are making a profit on that end rather than on the compost.

Mary Beth: The way that it works is a large municipality in the State of New York, have to pay people to take it away and those folks pay someone else and they turn around and pay someone else before it actually gets to someone who does something with it.

Councilman Byrnes: At the New York State Association of Towns in February, I talked to a supervisor for a town in Rockland County, we talked about on overcast days they do all sorts of stuff to keep the odor down. On overcast days you can smell it before you get close.

For a ninety million dollar facility just the infrastructure to support that facility would cost you millions of dollars to run it. And then you have operational costs chemicals, trucks and staff. People don't have an appreciation of every day costs.

The operation is hazardous and the people don't get paid a lot of money.

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Councilman Saunders: We are now paying for the sins of the past and if you look at what GE is paying now for the Hudson and if there was a way to dispose of it back then. It was ok to do then, but now we are finding that is not.

Attorney Hill: Now that we have the report, the draft is likely to go undergo some changes. Some of you have looked it over and if you haven't I would encourage you to do so, bring your ideas back to our meeting or communicate them to our office about what you think what we should do by way of revision to the draft law and we will then take your suggestions for revisions for another revised draft that you can all look at and we will move the process forward once you are satisfied with the draft then we will proceed with the law to get this enacted.

I should add as you all know you passed the law to extend the moratorium, I brought it back so it can be filed either late this month or early next month so we have some additional time, not faced with pressure to get something enacted before the end of January. So take the time to go through it again to generate additional revisions as needed.

There are a couple of books in the Town Clerks office for review by the public.

RESOLUTION #282

MOTION TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING FUNDS

Supervisor Lucia told the Board that was necessary to transfer some monies. On a motion of Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Brown, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the board transfer the following funds:

Transfer \$1,500 from A1990.4 Contingent to A7450.4 Museum

Transfer \$5,000 from A8189.1 Other Sanitation Per. Service to A8160.1 refuse/Garbage Pers. Service

Transfer \$3700 from B7310.1 Youth Per. Service to B7410.4 Youth Contractual

Increase Revenues and Appropriations in DA for \$62,000 surplus received from Saratoga county as follows: Increased Revenue Account DA1120 in the amount of \$62,744; Increased DA5142.1 Snow Removal Per. Service in the amount of \$22,000; and increase DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual in the amount of \$40,744.

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Motion made by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Saunders that the Board adjourn to executive session with no decisions to be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Smead
Deputy Town Clerk