

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on February 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
John Major, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, Councilman
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
Robert Hafner, Attorney
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Fred Mann, Jr., Code Enforcement Office

Public: Ray Bush, Jim Murray, Sr., Linda Byrnes, Richard Feulner, Edwin Eggleston,,Joseph Duguay and Joel Duguay, Brett Stuttard, Colleen Stuttard, Tim Murphy, Sigrid Koch, and Renee and Bruce Baker.

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

RESOLUTION #98
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the minutes for January 3, 8, 10, 17, and 24th, 2008 be approved.

RESOLUTION #99
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

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 the abstracts of January 3rd and January 24th, 2008 be approved as follows:

January 3, 2008

A	-	\$80,150.03
B	-	\$ 8,429.05
CD	-	\$ 6,900.00
DA	-	\$ 3,554.27
DB	-	\$35,550.40
SL	-	\$ 647.00
TA	-	\$23,531.11

January 24, 2008

A	-	\$106,325.22
B	-	\$ 15,680.44
CD	-	\$ 5,800.00
DA	-	\$ 16,074.12
DB	-	\$ 90,661.70
H1	-	\$ 16,074.12
TA	-	\$ 22,512.70

ASSESSOR

Assessor Mary Ellen Hill-Pierce gave the Town Board an update on the re-valuation process. She told the Town Board that she would be sending out letters to the citizens about February 29th. She also said that the New York State Office of Real Property has reviewed her file and they feel she has 100% throughout the town. Councilman Byrnes suggested that the Town Board have a workshop meeting at which the Assessor could explain the new assessments to members of the public. The Assessor told the board that she thought people would prefer a one on one meeting with the Assessor as opposed to a group meeting.

JON KELLEY

Jon Kelley came before the Town Board and spoke about the Scenic Rail system and the status of same. He spoke about up coming grants that he thought the Town should be applying for.

RESOLUTION #100
REQUESTING CORINTH IDA TO CONVERT LOAN TO GRANT

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth hereby requests that the Corinth Industrial Development Agency determine that the seed money given to the Town of Corinth for railroad purposes, in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$127,760.00) will be a grant and not a repayable loan.

ROLL CALL: Richard Lucia - aye
Charles Brown - aye
John Major - aye
Edward Byrnes - aye
Mitchell Saunders- aye

Carried: 5-0

RESOLUTION #101
AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NECESSARY GRANT PAPERS

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 the Supervisor is authorized to sign any and all papers necessary to seek and obtain the following grants from Congresswoman Gillibrand’s office and Senator Little’s office as follows:

1. \$700,000.00 for reconstruction of a Train Depot;
2. \$1.84 million grant for up grades and repairs to the railroad tracks;
3. \$200,000.00 grant to be used for the Antone Mountain Railroad Crossing, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign any and all papers necessary for any other Federal and State Grants that may become available regarding the Scenic Train.

SUPERVISOR

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

- Letters on Morgan Estates – LA Group – 2/12/2008
 - Barbera Homes – 02/01/2008
- Department of Health – Request for Annual Water Tests to be done in the Town’s Water Districts
 - Adirondack Architectural Heritage
 - ORPS Franchise Full Value
 - Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board minutes
 - Saratoga County 911 Newsletter
 - Saratoga County IDA minutes
 - Senior Sentinel
 - Honor a Deceased Veteran – February 26th @ 2:30PM – John Comstock US Marine Corp. – Town of Moreau
 - Capital Region Tobacco Free Schools Newsletter
 - Veterans Corner
 - Family Self Sufficiency Report
 - American Red Cross Report
 - Agreement to Spend Monies – Highway
 - School Newsletter
 - Public Notice from US Army Corps of Engineers – SARCOM Land Development, Inc.
 - Shelter Facility Survey – Senior Center

RESOLUTION #102

APPOINTING KATE HALLIDAY GRANT WRITER

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 Kate Halliday be appointed Grant Writer for the Town of Corinth Justice Court.

SUPERVISOR (continued)

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

- RSVP Newsletter
- Rural Features

Sales Tax – 01/08 - \$76,699.00
Brookside Museum Report
Saratoga County Chambers of Commerce Report
Avalon letter – Village grant

RESOLUTION #103

SUPPORTING VILLAGE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN GRANT FUNDING

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

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

RESOLVED that the Supervisor send a letter in support of the Village's efforts to obtain grant funding through the New York State HOME Program to expand the Village's current housing rehabilitation program in Corinth.

SUPERVISOR (continued)

Supervisor Lucia said that he wanted to commend Fire Chief Andrew Kelley for the work he did at the time of the devastating fire on Monday. He also said he wanted to commend the Emergency Management Team, especially Charles Brown and Sue Winslow for how they handled the emergency. Tim Murphy said that he spoke to a man that came through Corinth and he said that it looked just like a drill with everyone knowing just what to do.

Supervisor Lucia also said that he has received several telephone calls from citizens telling him what a great job the Highway Department has been doing on the roads.

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

Assessors
Building
Animal Control
Fire Department
Highway
Justices
Town Clerk
Planning
Zoning
Senior Citizens
Supervisor's Report

RESOLUTION #104

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AS PRESENTED

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 January 2008.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Murray, Sr. appeared before the board to request that the Town Board set up a fund to make an ice rink. He spoke about using the Little League Field. He also left certain documents that he had regarding two different ways that this could be done. He said that he knows that the Corinth Youth Hockey has to pay for ice time out of Cornith. He requested that the Town look into starting a fund. Colleen Stuttard told the board that he son had been skating since he was four and he is now eleven. She said that she never used the Corinth ice and always paid for ice time. She said perhaps this would be a way to save Corinth Youth Hockey, which is a large program, from paying somebody else for ice time and they could pay the Town.

Supervisor Lucia told Mr. Murray that the Town does own the Little League Field but at the present the property is leased to the Little League for a period of ten (10) years.

TOWN BOARD

Councilman Saunders said he also wanted to commend the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department Chief for an exceptional job at the fire Monday.

Councilman Major said he also wanted to commend everyone. He also said that the committee appointments made by the Supervisor at the last meeting were quite a job. He asked if he could contact Lisa Kiselica-Rumpf and discuss the committee so that he could get back to the board on what needed to be done.

Councilman Byrnes said that he appreciated the Corinth Fire Department, the Town and Village DPWs and the Town and Village officials for all they did at the time of the devastating fire Monday night.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent said he just wanted to ask to go to Executive Session on a particular person.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia told the public that the board and Town Clerk were wearing the red t-shirts in support of Natalie Collura. He said that they would be worn at that next several 7:00 PM Town Board meetings.

Tim Murphy, Natalie Collura's grandfather, said that he spoke on behalf of Natalie's family, and he said that the expressed response from the community with nothing expected in return was mind boggling. He said the support shown was just one more thing to give credit for this wonderful community.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Major the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM to Executive Session on a particular person with no decisions being made. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk