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The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a joint workshop with the Town of Corinth Planning Board on March 20, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
John Major, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, Councilman
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
Frederick Mann, Jr., Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Robert Hafner, Town Attorney
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk

C. Eric Butler, Chairman Planning Board
Louise Reed, Planning Board Member
Althea Rivette, Planning Board Member
Edwin Eggleston, Planning Board Member
Joan Beckwith, Planning Board Member
Martin Pozefsky, Planning Board Attorney
Cheri Sullivan, Planning Board Secretary

Public Present: Jim Murray, Sr. Sigrid Koch, Lynn Walker, and Bruce Baker.

RESOLUTION #116

OPPOSING ANY AMENDMENT TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, TOWN LAW AND EDUCATION LAW THAT WOULD REMOVE STATUTORING IMPEDIMENTS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX COLLECTION FUNCTIONS

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that in light of the recent push to consolidate the Tax Collector the Town Clerk/Tax Collector asked that the board pass a resolution. 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

WHEREAS, the Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness was created by former Governor Spitzer to study and recommend ways to make New York State's local governments more efficient and competitive for economic growth and expansion; and

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WHEREAS, the Commission has indicated that efficiencies and economics would be best achieved by consolidation of local governments, local services and transfer of functions, such as tax collection, among others, to a county or other regional government; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Corinth feel that the Town Tax Collector provides services to their citizens with professionalism, diligence, intelligence and integrity and bring a specialized experience to the position particularly with issues unique to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Corinth is of the opinion that their citizens are efficiently served by tax collection service provided by the Town and find that the local presence of the Tax Collector provides a meaningful and necessary presence within the Town of Corinth; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Spitzer's 2009 Budget seeks to remove those powers from the voter without voter input;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Corinth support the continuation of the centuries old tradition of local tax collectors presiding in the Town of Corinth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Corinth opposes any effort to eliminate citizens' local and convenient access to the Tax Collector; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Corinth is overwhelmingly opposed to any amendment to the Real Property Tax Law, General Municipal Law, Town Law and Education Law that would remove the statutory impediments for the consolidation of local government tax collection functions; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Corinth is opposed to any measures that would create a bigger government that is more costly, less convenient, and lacking the personal service that is currently provided by the local tax collector.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Hafner told the Town Board that Michael Hill, Esq. in his office had composed a letter that the Town Clerk has sent to EPCOR regarding a shortage in the payment of taxes pursuant to the Stipulation of Settlement Order signed by Judge Ferradino. He said that EPCOR paid its taxes as billed in 2007 and 2008 but the amounts were not the amounts stated in the Stipulation of Settlement Order. Attorney Hafner said that according to the letter EPCOR owes the town \$128,181.94 for 2007 and \$172,642.49 for 2008.

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JOINT MEETING

- Site Plan Review was discussed at length. It was agreed that Cheri Sullivan, Planning Board Secretary, would check to see what other towns in Saratoga County charge and then the Town Board would set the fees and let the Planning Board know. The fees to be set were Site Plan Review for Residential; Site Plan Review for Commercial; and Special Use Permit. It was also decided that all engineering fees regarding the Planning Board should be handled as was stated in the March 6th minutes (the engineering fees for a major subdivision should be escrow of \$2,000.00 paid by the applicant and the engineering fees for a minor subdivision would be set as follows: The Town engineer would provide estimates and the amount is escrowed through payment by the applicant).
- Planning Board Secretary Cheri Sullivan told the Town Board that she was confused on how many copies of the Special Use Permit were to be collected. She said some places say seven (7) and some places say (4). It was the consensus of both boards that seven (7) copies are required of all documents: one for the Building Inspector; one for the Planning Board Attorney; and one for each of the five Planning Board members.
- The discussion of how the maps are handled was had. Secretary Cheri Sullivan said that at the present time they require two mylars and a paper map at final submission. All three maps are signed and one mylar is filed with the Planning Board and one mylar and the paper map have to be filed with Saratoga County. It was decided that this is the proper way to handle this. Planning Board Secretary Cheri Sullivan said that the Town keeps a mylar because the paper ones can not be read after a considerable length of time. Town Clerk Farr said perhaps the Town could apply for a grant to assist with a place and way to store the maps.
- Planning Board Secretary Cheri Sullivan said that she has found that in the laws it says that at the time of a Family Exemption a Minor Subdivision Application should be completed by the applicant and this is not being done. Attorney Hafner said he thought this should be the way things are done. Attorney Hafner said he would check the language in the Family Exemptions to make sure that a sub-standard lot cannot be made at the time of a Family Exemption.
- Planning Board Secretary Cheri Sullivan asked what the Town Board considered school for the Planning Board. She said that David Barrass is willing to teach a "Maps" class but he is a surveyor and is not a certified instructor. She also asked about the training resolution that was to be renewed every year by the Town Board. Supervisor Lucia said he thought that resolution was done in the re-organizational meeting. Town Clerk Farr told him that it was not. Supervisor Lucia told the Planning Board that the Town Board would pass a resolution regarding the training. Attorney Hafner told the Planning Board Secretary that

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they should check the state statute regarding training. Attorney Pozefsky said that Town Law tells exactly what qualifies as training.

Planning Board Secretary Cheri Sullivan suggested that the Town and Planning Boards have a joint meeting more than once a year. Councilman Major suggested that if during the course of business a question came up the Planning Board deliver a memo to the Supervisor to be discussed by the Town Board.

Planning Board Member Edwin Eggleston said that he wished the Town Board would act the same way they do when having these joint meetings as they do when they are sitting at the Town Board seats. He said he hoped to see them work for the good of the entire town not for one group.

Planning Board Chairman C. Eric Butler asked the Town Board to just touch on the proposed Composting Law that the Planning Board would be discussing at tonight's meeting. Planning Board Attorney Pozefsky said that he had discussed this matter with Attorney Michael Hill and he knew the Town Board had been working on this for a good length of time. He said the proposed Local Law is quite lengthy and the Planning Board probably would need to go over the proposed law at length. He said that he was going to suggest a Planning Board Workshop for sometime next week to go over the proposed law in detail. Planning Board Chairman C. Eric Butler asked when the Town Board wanted the Planning Board's recommendation. Supervisor Lucia said that they would like their recommendation prior to the April 3rd Public hearing.

Councilman John Major said that the proposed local law covered two things: Composting and non-conforming use. He wanted the Planning Board to realize that before they reviewed the proposed law.

Councilman Byrnes asked if it would be beneficial to the Zoning Board and Planning Board to have the applications be notarized. Attorney Hafner said that he would look into this and get back to the board.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia told the board that there would be a meeting of the Scenic Train on Monday, March 24, 2008 at the Corinth Fire House and the Town and Village Boards have been invited to attend.

RESOLUTION #117

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PLACE AD IN THE PENNYSAVER FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR A CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Richard Lucia to place an ad in the Pennysaver requesting volunteers for a committee to study the feasibility of consolidating the Town and Village of Corinth.

TOWN BOARD & PLANNING BOARD

Councilman Edward Byrnes reminded the Town Board that on Saturday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM there will be a Family Fundraiser at Wainwrights to benefit Natalie Collura.

Planning Board Member Althea Rivette reminder the board of a Spaghetti Supper to be held March 30th at the Grange also to benefit Natalie Collura.

Planning Board Member Joan Beckwith questioned her re-assessment and asked the board why they picked this time to do a re-assessment. Councilman Saunders explained at length why and how the process was done.

Councilman Saunders told the Supervisor that he thought the assessor should be asked to again come to a Town Board meeting or workshop to answer questions the board members may have. He mentioned that he needed to know why location of property did not play a role in the re-assessment. Attorney Hafner said that he thought it was too far along in the process for the assessor to come to another meeting and explain anything. Councilman Saunders explained that he needed additional information to answer questions of the citizens that elected him.

With no further business a motion was made by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Major the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk