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MAY 1, 2008

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a workshop meeting on May 1, 2008 at 4:00PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
John Major, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, Councilman (excused)
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer
Joan Smead, Deputy Town Clerk

Public: Sigrid Koch, Mitchell Tucker-Sequin, Norman Wilcox, Peter Gunning, Larry Fuller, Bruce Baker, James Hamm, Michelle Wyman

After Roll Call the following business was conducted:

Supervisor Lucia said that the New York State Department of Transportation announced \$20 million in state funding for projects that will upgrade critical rail infrastructures across New York State. Selected projects include emergency repairs, safety and capacity enhancements and track structure and intermodal terminal improvement. Projects funded as part of the \$20 million 2007-2008 program include \$1 million to the Town Of Corinth to complete repairs of the Adirondack Branch between Saratoga and Corinth.

Supervisor Lucia also said we are waiting to hear anything concerning the grant through Congresswoman Gillibrand office to upgrade the crossing on Antone Mt. Road and the tracks to bring it up to a class 2 so the trains can travel faster than 10 miles per hour.

A letter and pictures, from Nancy LeClerc, regarding the water damage to her home were shown and it was suggested that the pictures be sent to the Army Engineers.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston needs permission from the landowner to get rid of the beavers. It will be at least a week or 10 days after they get rid of the beavers for the water to go down. The engineer will be back to access the situation after they get rid of the beavers. The developer is not happy with the stop work order. We have to take one step at a time and monitor the situation. There is nothing else we can do until the beavers are gone. This problem should be monitored periodically.

Supervisor Lucia had a request from a Motor Car Club asking to use the rail tracks on July 26th & 27th to go from Corinth to the 1000 Acre Ranch. They would pay \$35. Per car with approximately 25 cars.

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The attorney for Morgan Estates has sent a letter to the Army Engineers asking them to send a letter to the Town Board requesting that the Board allow them to continue with the rest of the project while they get the other situation cleared up.

A letter received by the Assessor in regards to the Star Program gave the exempt value amount on the enhanced star as \$63,560 for 2008-09 and the amount for 2007-08 was \$55,500. The star basic exempt assessed value is \$33,570 for 2008-09 and the amount for 2007-08 was \$29,320.

Supervisor Lucia read the following letter from the Assessor Mary Ellen Hill-Pierce:

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The board decided to wait on a decision until after Grievance Day which is May 28th.

Richard Butler from Butler Rowland Mays Architects will be at the town hall on Monday, with an engineer. If anyone has any ideas regarding remodeling please tell Supervisor Lucia. A group from the town hall toured 3 town halls last week and will tour 3 more in the near future to get ideas. Minutes from meeting number 1 are on file in the Supervisors office.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston has said that work on Eggleston Street with the Village for a new water line and repaving the street will be delayed until the water situation is cleared up and school is out for the summer.

RESOLUTION # 136
SUMMER HOURS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Major, Saunders
 Nays 0

Resolved that the highway department work summer hours (4 days a week 10 hour days) beginning on May 5th.

The bid was advertised for the clean up of the Howe Road property. Bids must be returned to the town clerk before 3:00pm on May 15th, 2008. To be opened at 4:00PM at the May 15th workshop.

Councilman Saunders would like the board’s opinion on the consolidation study. New York is the highest taxed state in the nation. We need to get facts and figures and let people vote on it. Supervisor Lucia said that he had eight applications for the committee. Councilman Byrnes said he was 100% in favor of the study and it should be open to the public. The bottom line is the vote must come from the Village people. The County Treasurer said that the sales tax that the town and village receive every month would be combined. Councilman Saunders would like to see the study done. Every question should be recorded and answered. Every meeting should be opened to the public. The committee will be made up of village and town residents. Councilman Major said there should be guidelines set up and the committee for the town should be residents of the town and the committee for the village should be residents of the village. We need to be sure the committee is set up correctly. Need to check out laws governing what can and cannot be done. What the original committee didn’t have that we will have is the expert advise from a consultant with working knowledge of the law to be advisor. Councilman Major said he has a copy of laws re committees. There are grants available to finance the study. Better to promote industry with one government. Data would have to be produced.

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Everyone should have an open mind. Councilman Major said he would like to know why, back in the 80's and 90's, the decision was to not consolidate.

RESOLUTION # 137
SITE PLAN REVIEW FEE

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Major, Saunders
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the board established a site plan review fee of \$100.00.

Councilman Major also reminded the board that there was no PPD fee. He also recommended that they wait and see what other towns were charging. Cheri Sullivan, Planning Board Secretary, will be checking this out.

Councilman Major commented on the zone change request. He said he is not sure if there is an application form available. He has been in contact with Jim Martin and he said it was not a big issue. If Code Enforcement Officer Mann needs one, he has draft forms ready and will send one to him.

Councilman Brown reported that Corinth would be included in the siren alert system for emergencies. He is going to get names and numbers of people in the flood plane and also disabled people to make sure they are on the reverse 911 list.

Councilman Saunders commented on the meeting of April 30th. He also commented on getting the railroad spur ready for use.

RESOLUTION # 138
MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTION

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Major, Saunders
Nays 0

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

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General Fund A	-	\$2,460.10
General Fund B	-	\$ 650.14
General Fund DB	-	\$4,906.76
General Fund SLS	-	\$ 191.05
General Fund SLE	-	\$ 220.84
General Fund SLG	-	\$ 114.75
General Fund TA	-	\$ 682.94

RESOLUTION # 139

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Major, Saunders
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the board adjourns to bill paying.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Brown the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Smead
Deputy Town Clerk

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