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OCTOBER 16, 2008

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a workshop on October 16, 2008 at 4:00PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
John Major, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, councilman
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk

Excused: Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer

Public: Randy A. Tubbs, Neil O'Brien, Barney Gille, Richard Reuther and Sigrid Koch.

After roll call the following business was conducted:

MELANIE DENNO

Melanie Denno, the Town's Insurance Broker, from TD Banknorth Insurance Agency, Inc., came before the board and explained what her function is in securing insurance for the Town. Mrs. Denno said that the Town's liability policies are currently written with Selective Insurance Company. She said that year after year Selective has provided the best product at the best rate. She said that the premium with Selective has been going down over the last five years. Mrs. Denno told the Town Board that this year she has submitted applications to the following companies:

- Selective
- Prime Insurance
- Trident Insurance
- New York Municipal Risk Association (NYMIR)
- Utica National
- Travelers Insurance Company

She said that NYMIR, Trident and Selective offer the most experience and specialized insurance programs that meet the unique needs of a municipality. Mrs. Denno told the board that she has requested that all quotations be received no later than November 15th.

Mrs. Denno also spoke about the Town's health insurance. She said that they will be offering options to the Town with their current carriers: Empire and Blue Shield. She said that she is also seeking proposals from the following:

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- MVP
- CDPHP
- AETNA

She said her goal is to have these options to the board before the end of November. Mrs. Denno said that she will then meet with the Town Board and Supervisor Lucia has asked that she hold an employees meeting as well.

Mrs. Denno told the board that although the Town's insurance contracts are currently with Selective Insurance, Blue Shield and Empire she feels that it is TD insurance's job to work as the Town's advisor and provide the following services:

- To know the insurance markets and what is available to the Town
- Negotiate the Town's premiums with the carriers
- On the even t of a loss to work with company claims department on the Town's behalf
- Review the Town's losses and reserves with claim adjustors
- Review and update all assets including buildings, vehicles, and equipment
- Participate in loss control inspections
- Participate in loss control efforts

Mrs. Denno told the board that their agency and the Town of Corinth have been doing business for nearly 30 years. She said that her office currently employs seven residents of Corinth. She told the board that she felt having the Town's insurance professionals as active members of the community is a significant benefit since they have their fingers on the pulse of the community, and are aware of most events and activities that are taking place.

PENFLEX

Edward Holohan, President of Penflex came before the Town Board to discuss a retirement incentive program for the Corinth Emergency Squad. Randy Tubbs said that he was suppose to contact Mr. Holohan with the names and number of active squad members at the present time and he just gave Mr. Holohan the number at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Holodan said that if the Town pick his company they would be the administrator and the State Comptroller has already named Glens Falls National Bank to be the Program Trustee for the investments.

Mr. Holohan stated that his company now handles the retirement of the Corinth Fire Department as well as many other municipalities in the area. He said that there are two different programs:

- Defined Benefit which pays \$20.00 a month beginning at age 65 or whatever age is set up;
- Defined Contribution which the contribution is \$700.00 per year per member that meets the point criteria and is paid at the age of 55 or 65 by lump sum or monthly whichever the person wants.

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Mr. Holohan said that Defined Contribution would be the easiest and would be as follows with a 20 member squad that all members meet the point criteria: $20 \times \$700.00 = \$14,000.00$

He said the Defined Benefit would be harder to figure. He said that they would have to estimate how long the members would live after age 65 and accumulate funds in an investment account. Mr. Holodan said that the more the investment makes the less that has be added each year.

Mr. Holohan stated that the Town could go back five years for the entitlement if the squad kept good records. Randy Tubbs said he thought everyone would be happy if the Town just started this year.

Mr. Holohan said that the Emergency Squad needed to get him a list of the active squad members and their date of birth, as well as the date they started with the squad. He said upon receipt of that he could give the board a better idea of the cost.

He said the first thing that needed to be done was the board needed to decide if they wanted to hire Penflex. He said the fee would be as follows:

- Defined Contribution - \$40.00 per head per year;
- Defined Benefit - \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00
- Administrative fees are negotiated with the New York State Comptroller's Office

Mr. Holohan said that it will be necessary to have several workshops with the squad, the town and the squad and Town together. He said then the Town Board need to pass a resolution to adopt the program subject to voters' proposition. He said they could help the Town prepare the resolution and submit it to the Town Attorney for review. He said that the process takes probably three to four months with the vote being held at a Special Election. Mr. Holohan said that all town and village citizens would be allowed to vote on this.

He said they way it looked at the present time the Special Election would have to be held in 2009 and the money would have to be allocated in the 2010 Budget year.

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Councilman Saunders told Trustee Denno that he was upset with the way the Village is handling the issue of consolidation and the grant.

Supervisor Lucia asked Trustee Denno where she understood the grant application, feasibility study and dissolution committee to be. Trustee Denno said she thought the Village was awaiting the Town to get back to them.

Councilman Saunders said he understood that the committee was going to be established and then the committee was going to choose who the consultant was going to be. However, he said that he understood the consultant had already been decided. Trustee Denno said that the consultant had not been picked. She said that she felt it was the Village Board's decision on the consultant because they were paying for him. Trustee Denno said she understood that the

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Village and Town were going to split the \$5,000.00 for the writing of the grant and the Village and Town can split the 10% match needed for the grant and negotiate what attorney fees can be taken, if any.

Councilman Saunders said he understood that there were no guideline requirements for the committee's duties. Trustee Denno said that there are two things:

- Feasibility Study
- Dissolution

She said that there are strict guideline for the dissolution. Councilman Major said that he remembered Attorney Michael Hill telling the Town Board that the feasibility study follows the same guidelines as the dissolution so that the guidelines would not have to be re-established.

Councilman Saunders asked if the Village had yet set up the committee. Trustee Denno said that they have not and are going to start fresh by picking the committee. She said she thought the committee should consist of people from both the Town and Village and the department heads. She said that she will be pushing the Village to get this rolling and have them follow the same guidelines as for dissolution.

Supervisor Lucia told the board that attorney Hafner had also gone over the process at length with the Town Board.

Councilman Saunders said that he had done as the Supervisor had asked and no circulated a petition but he did not think the Village was doing as they should. He said that at least a month ago Supervisor Lucia sent a list of prospective people to be on the committee to the Village and the committee has not yet been formed.

Councilman Byrnes told the board that he did not believe it was the Town Board's place to tell the Village Board what to do.

Trustee Denno told the board that she hope the committee is in place shortly, the money is available and the grant for feasibility study is completed by the end of November. She said that she has spoken with Michael N'dolo and he said that all meetings of the committee should be public. Councilman Byrnes said that he agreed that whatever the committee findings are should be public, as well as all their meetings.

RESOLUTION #218

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO FILE AND SIGN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

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RESOLVED that Richard Lucia, as Supervisor of the Town of Corinth, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant program for the 2008-2009 Program Year. The Town of Corinth, as co-applicant, will support the Village of Corinth, lead applicant, in all grant administration matters pertaining to this application.

The purpose of the application is to secure funds to conduct a Village Dissolution Feasibility Study for the Village of Corinth. The Town of Corinth will be co-applicant for the application.

RESOLUTION #219

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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
 Nay 0

RESOLVED that at 5:20 PM the Town Board adjourn to Budget Workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk