

NOVEMBER 20, 2008

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a regular meeting on November 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
 Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk
 Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Office
 Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
 Lisa Kiselica-Rumpf, Bookkeeper/Secretary

Public: Ray Bush, Jim Murray, Sr., Sigrid Koch, James Hamm, Melanie Denno and Cassandra Martin.

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

INSURANCE

Melanie Denno, our insurance broker, from TD Insurance Agency made a presentation regarding the town's property and liability insurance. She said that she sought quote from several insurance companies including, Utica, Selective, NYMIR, Prime and Trident. She told the board that Utica decline to compete; Travelers decline since they will not quote Town under 20,000 in population; NYMIR quoted the amount of \$49,342.85 plus capitalization fees in the amount of \$289.06 and additional fee for bonds in the amount of \$935.60 for a total of \$50,567.51; PRIME Quoted the amount of \$55,640.00; Trident quoted the amount of \$44,123.45 but could not match the present coverage the Town has; Selective quoted an amount of 15% lower than last year for the same coverage - \$43,686.35.

Mrs. Denno went over at length what the Town would have for insurance if they decided to stay with Selective.

RESOLUTION # 240

CONTINUE WITH SELECTIVE INSURANCE

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth accept TD Banknorth Insurance Agency, Inc.'s quote from Selective Insurance for property and liability insurance for December 14, 2008 through December 13, 2009.

Cassandra Martin spoke to the board regarding health insurance. She told the Town Board that if the Town decided to keep the insurance the way it was that Blue Shield would go up approximately 11.72% and Empire would go up approximately 16.10%. She gave the board figures for an alternative for each plan, as well as for CDPHP and MVP. She said that she did not have the exact figures from CDPHP and MVP at this time. Cassandra also went over the health insurance for the Retirees. She said retirees insurance went up 38.64%. She said that she found out on a Tuesday what the figures were and had to let the company know by that Saturday if a Town would be taking that insurance. Cassandra also said that if after reviewing the documentation that she gave to the board the board felt that they wanted to go with another company she would attempt to do that. The board asked that they have time to review the documentation presented and they scheduled another meeting with Cassandra for December 4, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had now received a quote from Time Warner for the telephone service at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lucia stated that if the Town were to enter into a three year contract with Time Warner for their telephone service it would save the town approximately \$10,000.00 a year. He said that the Emergency Management line would have to remain a Frontier telephone line.

RESOLUTION # 241

RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH TIME WARNER FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth enter into a three year contract with Time Warner for telephone service, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents.

CPA

Supervisor Lucia said that he was contacted by two people about becoming the Town of Corinth CPA. One has been employed as Comptroller for Lake George for many years. The other person is employed by a firm in South Glens Falls with five people that service a number of school and Towns. Supervisor Lucia told the board that he has received a proposal from one and is awaiting the proposal from the other.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL BILLING

Supervisor Lucia told the board that they need to make a decision on whether to continue having Multi Med do the EMS billing or the Town do their own billing. He showed the board a worksheet prepared by Richard Reuther on the cost of having Multi Med do the billing as opposed to having the Town do their own billing. The worksheet showed the Town could save

approximately \$6,000.00 the first year and approximately \$17,000.00 the second and third year if, in fact, they did their own billing.

RESOLUTION # 242

RESOLUTION FOR TOWN OF CORINTH TO DO THEIR OWN EMS BILLING

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth handle its own EMS billing beginning March, 2009, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth send notification to Multi Med.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia told the board that Richard Reuther had presented a bill for attending a 2-day seminar for billing in the amount of \$645.00. It was stated that all other paramedics have a limit on what the Town pays toward their schooling. It was decided by the Town Board that Richard Reuther would be paid \$250.00 for attending the seminar and that if he needed to attend schooling that would cost over the \$250.00 it would have to be okayed prior to attending the school.

Supervisor Lucia gave each board member a copy of two letters regarding the state budget deficit. One was from NYSAC and the other was from the New York State Comptroller.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Mann told the Town Board the Cathi Radner, one of the Town attorneys, told him that she thought the Eggleston matter should be taken to Supreme Court. The Town Board discussed this matter at length.

RESOLUTION # 243

RESOLUTION TO INSTRUCT ATTORNEY TO TAKE THE EGGLESTON MATTER TO SUPREME COURT

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

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

RESOLVED that since L. Mark Eggleston is now deceased, the Town Board instructs the Town Attorneys to take the matter to Supreme court with the condition that any action be taken against the real property.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that Hometown Christmas was going to be held on December 6, 2008 if any member of the board was interested in participating.

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that Saratoga County Treasurer’s Office reported \$57,068.96 collected in mortgage tax for the Town of Corinth in the month of September, 2008.

BEAVER LAKE

Supervisor Lucia stated that he had been presented with the following bills for removal of the beaver lake that was threatening the railroad tracks in Greenfield recently:

Walter S. Pratt & Son, Inc.	\$4,848.10
John Ray and Sons	\$1,399.66
Capital Tractor, Inc.	<u>\$ 377.33</u>
TOTAL	\$6,624.43

Supervisor Lucia told the Board that the Town of Corinth’s share would be \$3,312.21.

RESOLUTION # 244
RESOLUTION TO PAY ONE-HALF THE BILLS PRESENTED FOR DRAINING
BEAVER LAKE

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth pay one-half of the expenses presented for the draining of Beaver Lake which was threatening the railroad tracks in the amount of Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and 21/100 (\$3,312.21).

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he would contact Melanie Denno and see if the Town’s insurance would cover any of this expense.

RESOLUTION # 245
RESOLUTION TO CHANGE FEES CHARGE AT LANDFILL FOR USE OF
C & D SCALE

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

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

RESOLVED that effective January 2, 2009 the minimum fee to be charged for the C & D scale will be \$6.00.

TOWN BOARD

Councilman Major told the board that the LDC agreement has been signed by both parties. He said that they are starting to determine the assets of the community.

Councilman Brown said he wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Eggleston and his department for the emergency evacuation signs that are now installed throughout the Village.

Councilman Saunders asked what the status of the comprehensive committee’s report is. Supervisor Lucia stated that Chairman, Glenn Tearno, recently contacted him and told him that the committee is meeting almost every week and has only approximately four members at the present time. Mr. Tearno told Supervisor that they should be finished in early January and present their plan to the board in mid January.

Councilman Byrnes said that he would hope the Town Board and the Comprehensive Committee would have a meeting to discuss the plan before it was finalized. Supervisor Lucia said that he thought he told Mr. Tearno to come to the December 4th meeting but he would check the date out for sure.

Councilman Saunders said that he saw where Cambridge rejected their Comprehensive Plan since it did not include any provisions for the results of AMD.

Councilman Byrnes said that Jim Comstock said he would trap the beavers at a cost of \$50.00 per pelt on the Beaver Lake property since he is the only license trapper for nuisance animals in the area and Chris Doll said he would trap the beavers north of the property free of charge.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the Town Board that his department cleaned out a culvert on Porter Road.

RESOLUTION #246

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTION

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

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

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

Abstracts For 11/20/08

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

\$129,826.88

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

\$14,415.45

Community Development Grant – CD:

\$8,000.00

Highway/Town Wide – DA:

\$0

Highway/Part Town – DB:

\$57,693.24

Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:

\$0

Fire Protection – SF:

\$0

Street Lighting – SL:

\$0

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$0

Trust & Agency – TA:

\$6,831.68

Scenic Train –

\$0

Depot Restoration –

\$0

RESOLUTION #247
MOTION TO ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING

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

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

RESOLVED that the board adjourns to bill paying at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk