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FEBRUARY 26, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on February 26, 2009 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard B. Lucia, Supervisor  
Charles Brown, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor  
John Major, Councilman  
Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman  
Shawn Eggleston, Deputy Highway Superintendent  
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer  
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk

Public: Jim Murray, Sr., and Sigrid Koch.

After Roll Call the following business was conducted:

## **SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Lucia reported the mortgage tax for the month of January 2009 was \$4,054.80.

Supervisor Lucia gave the board a copy of a letter from the Secretary of State Lorraine Cortes Vazquez. In the letter she said that she was pleased to have the opportunity to have the opportunity to speak with local government town officials from all over the state at the Association of Towns. She said that the Department of State is a vital resource for local governments and is always available to the local governments

Supervisor spoke about the telephone system in the Town Hall and problems the offices within the Town Hall are having. He told the board that Time Warner does not have a circular hunt and this is causing the problem. Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that with the assistance of Shane Weaver, of Evolution Tech Services, Inc., the Town has set up "Call Waiting" for the present time. Supervisor Lucia stated that as soon as Time Warner has perfected a "circular hunt" that will be placed in the Town Hall. He said the savings of \$10,000.00 a year offsets the problems at the beginning.

## **RESOLUTION #100**

### **AMEND RESOLUTION #206 FOR 2008**

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

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

RESOLVED, that Resolution #206 of 2008 be amended to read as follows: Bruce Baker be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for there term of October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2013.

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## **RESOLUTION #101** **MOVE ELECTION DISTRICT #1**

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 Election District #1 of the Town of Corinth be moved from 260 Main Street to 244 Main Street, Corinth, New York effective immediately.

## **TOWN BOARD**

Councilman Saunders asked if Supervisor Lucia had heard anything back from Upper Hudson Railroad. Supervisor Lucia said he had no response.

Councilman Saunders said that he had look at the State Law regarding snowmobiles on railroad tracks. He said he read that State Law says that snowmobiles are not allowed to operate on railroad. Supervisor Lucia said he had a call from Kevin Wells and he said that Supervisor Lucia should contact the Supervisor in the Town of Thurman. Mr. Wells told Supervisor Lucia that they give the Supervisor a \$2,000,000 insurance policy so that they can ride snowmobiles on the tracks. Supervisor Lucia said that Mr. Wells asked if the Town of Corinth would consider that. Supervisor Lucia contacted Melanie Denno and she said that she was fine with that. Supervisor Lucia said he contacted the town attorney and he has not gotten back to him. Supervisor Lucia said that he thought CP Rail would have some say in this because they reserved the freight rights.

Councilman Major commented that he thought the presentation on the new Town Hall was very impressive. He said there are things in Scheme A and things in Scheme B that he likes. Councilman Major said that he hoped that this would move along since there may be money allocated for shovel ready projects such as this. Supervisor Lucia told the members of the board to send to his office any changes or recommendations that they wanted to see by the end of next week. Councilman Saunders said that he agreed with the recommendation that the schemes have a full cellar instead of a slab. Councilman Major recommended that the architects take into consideration the codes for the future regarding access and egress. Supervisor Lucia said that a full basement may be used by the Captain Youth at a later date.

Councilman Major told the Town Board that the Personnel Committee is diligently working on the long term and short term goals.

Councilman Byrnes told the board that he appreciated being allowed to attend the Association of Towns in New York City. He said that there were many good classes on shared services, personnel, etc. He said that one of the things they discussed was the State was looking at placing a cap on taxes on State land. Councilman Byrnes said that this would have a great impact on the Town of Corinth.

## **TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk Farr told the Town that she wished to reiterate what Councilman Byrnes said regarding being appreciative that the Town Board allowed her to go to the Association of Towns in New York City. Town Clerk Farr said that she has sent letters to the Senate and Assembly people on the Local Government Committee in opposition of making the office of Town Clerk be

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appointed and not elected. She said that this would take it away from the voters and this was not what she felt should happen.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the Town Board that he had two bids for the installation of light in the two bays. He said one was from Norman Wilcox and one was from Henry Hack. He told the board that Mr. Hack's bid was the lowest.

### **RESOLUTION #102**

#### **AWARD INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT HIGHWAY GARAGE**

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

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

RESOLVED that the contract for installing the lights in the Town of Corinth Highway Garage be awarded to Henry Hack.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the Town Board that the drains at the garage have been cleared and replaced. He said they also installed an end on the drain to be able to flush it out.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston went over his Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. The original signed Agreement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

### **RESOLUTION #103**

#### **ACCEPT AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS**

A motion was made by Councilman Saunders, 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 accept the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds as presented by Town Highway Superintendent Shawn Eggleston on February 26, 2009.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Mann told the board that he also appreciated the board allowing him to attend the Association of Town's school in New York City.

Code Enforcement Officer Mann told the Town Board that he would be going to school in Lake Placid next week and Douglas Smead would be filling in for him.

Code Enforcement Officer Mann said he wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Eggleston for assisting in the removal of garbage from the mobile home the Town now owns in Byrnzey Mountain View Mobile Park.

Code Enforcement Officer Mann told the board that he had been contacted by residents on Hack Road who said that ARC trailers are speeding over Hack Road. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that he could shut down Hack Road for no through trucks. He said Gabriel Road

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and Fuller Road had previously been shut down for no through trucks. It was the consensus of the board that the Highway Superintendent now shut down Hack Road to all through trucks.

Councilman Saunders asked about trash pick up in the Town. Supervisor Lucia told Councilman Saunders that this was looked into a couple of year ago. Councilman Major said he remembered that the quote was somewhere around \$450,000.00. Councilman Major said that if Councilman Saunders was looking at how much would have to be budgeted for this he should check with the Town of Day or the Town of Lake Luzerne.

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collector Farr told the Town Board that she had sent over \$800,000.00 to the County and at this time has approximately \$100,000.00 more to send to them.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **RESOLUTION # 104**

#### **MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTIONS**

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

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

Resolved that the board pay the bills as audited with any exceptions as follows:

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Abstracts For 2/26/08

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

\$67,638.08

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

\$12,702.26

Community Development Grant – CD:

\$0

Highway/Town Wide – DA:

\$0

Highway/Part Town – DB:

\$32,121.98

Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:

\$0

Fire Protection – SF:

\$207,855.00

Street Lighting – SL:

\$0

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$0

Trust & Agency – TA:

\$18,513.16

Scenic Train –

\$0

Town of Corinth Railroad –

\$0

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**RESOLUTION #105**  
**ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING AND 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 the at 4:30 PM the Town Board adjourn to bill paying and then to Executive Session on personnel with no decision being made.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Major the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC  
Town Clerk