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March 5, 2009

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a workshop meeting on March 5, 2009 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
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent

Excused: Fred Man, Code Enforcement Officer - school

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

After roll call by the Town Clerk the following business was conducted.

THANK YOU

Supervisor Lucia read a Thank You card from the Rich Family for the plant sent at the time of Skip Rich's mother's passing.

AMBULANCE GURNEY

Supervisor said that he had been asked if the Corinth Emergency Squad could use money from the Ambulance Fund to purchase an electronic gurney. He said that he was told that some of the time the female members of the squad are the only ones on a call and they cannot lift the patients like a male can. He said that the Emergency Squad had enough money to purchase one electronic gurney at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00 but would like to have one in each ambulance and asked if they could take \$12,000.00 from the Capital Reserve ambulance Fund. Supervisor Lucia said he contact the Association of Towns attorneys and was told to contact the State Comptroller's Office. He said he did contact the State Comptroller's office and was told that this could not be done. Supervisor Lucia explained that the resolution setting up the Capital Reserve would have to include the words equipment before the money could be used for anything other than the purchase of an ambulance. Supervisor Lucia said that this could be done next year at budget time if the board chooses to do so.

Councilman Byrnes said that he and Councilman Major had attended an Emergency Squad meeting on Wednesday March 4th and things had been changed. He said that the Emergency Squad had decided to purchase only one of the electronic gurneys. He said this was due to the

fact that the electronic gurney weighs approximately 150 pounds and the members wanted to see how it would go through snow, etc. The Emergency Squad told Councilman Byrnes and Councilman Major that if they decided to purchase a second electronic gurney they had enough money left in the Alfred Tennyson Donation to do so.

UPPER HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD

Supervisor Lucia read the following reply from the Upper Hudson River Railroad

Upper Hudson River Railroad
3 Railroad Place
PO Box 424
North Creek, NY 12853

2-26-09



> Jerry:
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> I have completed a visual inspection of the line from the following
> access points this morning:

- > D... clear
- > Town of Corinth clear
- > Town Hall clear
- > 600 Palmer Ave clear
- > Corinth, NY 12822 clear
- > Ducham Pond Road clear
- > Russell Road 1 tree down north, 1 south
- > Attention: Richard Lucia
- > Kings...
- > Spar Falls Road clear
- > Holmes Road clear, beaver dam erosion stable
- > Depot Road clear

Date: 3/3/09

Track Inspection Report #3

Due to the snowmobile activity on the Right of Way I had our Track Inspector do a visual inspection of the line from each crossing. A copy of this report is attached for your use.

Once the snow is gone we will make the necessary repairs on the track in order for our High Rail unit to pass through the entire route. At that time we will report back to you with these results. My guess for the next inspection would be around the middle of April.

Very truly yours,

W. Jerry Riegel Jr.
Chief Engineer / UHRR

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E-mail: info@UHRR.com

The Town Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the repairs on the railroad. Councilman Saunders said that a visual is not what the contract says has to be done. He said that if something is wrong the Town Highway has to repair it and he has a concern if the Highway Department has enough time and manpower to do the repairs. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that his department could not maintain the crossing signals because they do not have the knowledge. He said he that in the short term he department could repair the crossings on the Town Roads of Holmes Road and Depot Road. He said that he will be working on Antone Mountain Road this year and will check on that crossing. Supervisor Lucia said that perhaps a meeting with the Upper Hudson Railroad should be scheduled. Councilman Saunders said his concern is that if the Upper Hudson does the repairs that that will be charged back to the Town of Corinth. Supervisor Lucia said he thought he remembered a letter from Upper Hudson saying that there would be no charge backs to the Town. Councilman Major suggested that a meeting with the Upper Hudson Railroad be set up for spring to see what need to be done. He said these are big and tough issues to deal with. He said he is glad that the freight rights on the tracks have been preserved. Supervisor Lucia said he heard that somebody was looking at the mill property and use of the spur.

Supervisor Lucia said that he had been contacted by the Motor Car people and they have already scheduled two trips on the railroad. The dates are July 25th and 26th, 2009.

Councilman Major asked if the Town had decided what to do regarding the snowmobiles. Supervisor Lucia said that since CP Rail still maintains freight rights the Town cannot allow snowmobilers on the tracks. Councilman Saunders asked if we needed to post the tracks. Councilman Byrnes said that perhaps an ad for “No Trespassing” could be placed in the Post Star as well as the Pennysaver. Councilman Brown told the board that there are Rail Police that can issue tickets.

RESOLUTION #206

NO TRESPASS ON RAILROAD TRACKS

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Attorney prepare an ad to be published in the Post Star and Pennysaver stating that there will be No Trespassing on the railroad owned by the Town of Corinth.

TOWN CLERK/HIGHWAY BILL

Supervisor Lucia told the board that both Town Clerk Farr and Highway Superintendent Eggleston have been working on contacting Assembly people and Senators to remove Part NN, Section 26 through 28 from A. 156 which would permit a Town Board to covert the offices of Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes and Superintendent of Highway from elected to appointed position. Supervisor Lucia said that Town Clerk Farr receive a copy of a letter sent to Honorable

Sheldon Silver by Assemblyman Marc Alessi requesting the removal of same. She also spoke to Assemblywoman Sayward who said that she also opposes this happening.

GRASSHOPPER CONTRACT

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that he has this year's new contract with Grasshopper Landscaping that needs to be signed. Councilman Byrnes asked if the Town put this out to bid. Supervisor Lucia said it was just a little over \$700.00 and therefore did not need to be put out to bid. Councilman Byrnes said he just thought it would be nice to have a local business be given an opportunity to bid for this.

RESOLUTION #107

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH GRASSHOPPER LANDSCAPING

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

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

RESOLVED that the Supervisor sign and any and all document presented by Grasshopper Landscaping for a contract to take care of the property in front of the Town Highway Garage.

STIFFARM TRAILER

Supervisor Lucia told the board that the mobile home needs to be cleaned out. Councilman Byrnes said that he would remove all the broken furniture and vacuum the mobile. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that his department would take away any broken items, etc. that needed to be disposed of and assist Councilman Byrnes. Supervisor Lucia said that the Town has not heard from the woman that Councilman Byrnes said might be interested in the mobile home. Councilman Byrnes said that the lady is elderly and perhaps she does not want to live alone. Supervisor Lucia said that there was a couple on the list for the grant who wished to have a new mobile home but wanted it in the Antone Mountain Park. He said he could have Lisa Kiselica-Rumpf contact them and see if they would be interested in the mobile if they were accepted by Byrney Mountain Mobile Park. Supervisor Lucia said that we must proceed to see what can be done with this mobile.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia reminded the board that Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday with the clocks being pushed one hour ahead.

RESOLUTION #87

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTIONS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Major, and Byrnes
 Nays 0

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

Abstracts For 3/05/08

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| <u>General Fund/Town Wide – A:</u> | \$49,431.00 |
| <u>General Fund/Outside Village – B:</u> | \$16,407.52 |
| <u>Community Development Grant – CD:</u> | \$245.44 |
| <u>Highway/Town Wide – DA:</u> | \$0 |
| <u>Highway/Part Town – DB:</u> | \$57,066.19 |
| <u>Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:</u> | \$0 |
| <u>Fire Protection – SF:</u> | \$0 |
| <u>Street Lighting – SL:</u> | \$541.87 |
| <u>Sewer/Water – SW:</u> | \$0 |
| <u>Trust & Agency – TA:</u> | \$39,197.42 |
| <u>Scenic Train –</u> | \$0 |
| <u>Town of Corinth Railroad –</u> | \$0 |

TOWN BOARD

Councilman Brown said that he attended a meeting with the Public Health Department and there is a lot going on. He said that they were combining Clifton Park, Halfmoon and Stillwater. Also he said they were combining Greenfield, Corinth and Hadley.

Councilman Saunders said that he attended the Village Board meeting on March 4th and they are applying for some of the stimulus money from the State. He said that the Water Contracts with the outside Water Districts was discussed and he understood it that they were amending the contract to say that the Town had to take care of any repairs in their Water Districts. Supervisor Lucia told him that this is not the way the contract read now. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that the Town assists the Village in making the repairs at the present time by furnishing manpower, etc. Town Clerk Farr said that at the present time we collect from 84 units for the Village and then send the Village the money. She said the Town is not paid any administration fees for this. Councilman Saunders said that if the Town and Village were consolidated then there would only be one district with everyone paying the same. Supervisor Lucia said he thought it was time for the Town and Village Boards to have a meeting to discuss this matter.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that the lights have been completed at the Highway Garage and it is a big difference.

Highway Superintendent told the Town Board that he would be posting the roads effective Monday, March 9, 2009 and asked that an ad be placed in the Post Star and Pennysaver.

RESOLUTION # 108

ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING

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 adjourns to bill paying

RESOLUTION #109

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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
 Nay 0

RESOLVED that the at 5:00 PM the Town Board adjourn to Executive Session on personnel with no decision being made

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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