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April 2, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a workshop scheduled for 4:00pm on April 2, 2009 at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
John Major, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, Councilman
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Melanie Denno, Village Trustee
Leigh Lescault, Village Trustee
Andy Kelley, Fire Chief
Kevin Granger, 2nd Assistant Chief

Public: Jim Murray, Sr., Sigrid Koch, Chris Rudolph, James Wickham, Shawn Wickham, Lisa Kiselica-Rumpf

After Roll Call by the Town Clerk the following business was conducted:

Supervisor Lucia spoke about the following items:

APA Notice- Supervisor Lucia said in regards to the application of Jeffery, Dianna and Thelma Collura that he spoke with the planning Secretary and she said this was fine, it is just a continuation of a process that was previously started. Code Enforcement Officer Mann agreed that there were no issues with what was taking place here.

Town of Greenfield - Notice of Public Hearing regarding a minor subdivision in Greenfield. Supervisor Lucia said if anyone was further interested they could contact the Town Of Greenfield Planning Board.

Corinth Fire Department Officers for 2009-2010

Resolution-

Supervisor Lucia said the Town Board needed to make a resolution to schedule the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Master Plan. Councilman Major asked if the changes presented at the last meeting were in this. Supervisor Lucia said they were suppose to be but if there was anything found that was not suitable to give Jim Martin from LA Group a call. Supervisor Lucia thanked the Comprehensive Planning Committee for all their hard work put into this plan.

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RESOLUTION #119

TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF 2008 FOR APRIL 30TH, 2009 AT 7:00PM.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held on April 30th, 2009 at 7:00pm on the final draft of the 2008 Town of Corinth Comprehensive Plan.

Little League Parade- Supervisor Lucia said the Little League Opening Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday April 25th, 2009 from the Fireman's Field to the Corinth Little League Field. All teams will be playing a short game and the rain date is scheduled for Sunday the 26th of April at 1:00pm.

Violation Complaint Form –Supervisor Lucia said the Code Enforcement Office has a new complaint form that started yesterday April 1st 2009. Supervisor Lucia said the form will be required to be filled out and signed by any individual that is filing a complaint. Supervisor Lucia said there is space on the back of this form for Code Enforcement Officer Mann to record his actions. Councilman Byrnes said he felt this would be benefit to Fred Mann in that now there would be a paper trail as to why he would be investigating and what the outcome was of the investigation.

Saratogian Newspaper Article- Supervisor Lucia said he placed this article in the folders just as an FYI in regards to Governor Paterson's attempt to give Town Boards power over voters. Supervisor Lucia said the Town Board passed a Resolution last week in support of the Town Clerks and Highway Superintendents.

Small Cities Grant- Supervisor Lucia said there would be an ad in the Pennysaver that will run for two weeks regarding a grant that is available for a mobile home currently set up in a local park. Supervisor Lucia said that interested parties must be local residents and meet income guidelines. Supervisor Lucia also said that applications can be picked up at the Town Hall. Councilman Saunders asked what would be the approximate cost of moving the trailer to another location. Councilman Byrnes said it would probably be between \$1800.00- \$3000.00. Councilman Byrne's said that there are new state rules on the types of foundation that mobile homes can be placed on. Code Enforcement Officer Mann said they now have to be placed on a frost wall or an engineered system.

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Supervisor Lucia asked the board members if there was anything they would like to comment on. Councilman Brown and Councilman Saunders, Highway Superintendent Eggleston and Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan said they had no comments at this time.

Councilman Major- Councilman Major said he would be attending the next LDC meeting on Monday night. Councilman Major said that they will be going through resource materials that have been compiled. Councilman Major said they have talked with a developer but he is slowing down the process a little bit because of the comprehensive plan which he feels will be an asset and since there are two village board members present he would like to ask them for a copy of the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Major said that he does have a copy of the Village and Town Zoning Specifications.

Councilman Byrnes- Councilman Byrnes said the Senior Housing Commission has decided that they need to include the village in on the Task Force for the Senior Living Committee. Councilman Byrnes said they wanted to include the Village because a lot of the properties that they are targeting are within the Village and also because there are many times when the Village may be eligible for grants that the town is not and a joint task force between the Town and Village would be more advantageous to the seniors of the community as a whole. Councilman Byrnes said that at last night's village meeting they made a resolution to commit some monies to this committee. Councilman Byrnes said they need to do a comprehensive study on living situations in the community. Councilman Byrnes said they have broadened the scope to include more than the seniors to include affordable housing and people with disabilities also. Councilman Byrnes said there are other options out there for senior housing and these options will be included in a comprehensive study. Councilman Byrnes said he would like to work with the towns Attorney and draw up a resolution such as the one the village passed so that all involved will be on the same page as the committee. Councilman Byrnes said they have included individuals such as Jack Kelley, and have representatives the from the Department of Agriculture, and are trying to recruit individuals from Section 8 Housing, the Committee is trying to include individuals from different housing areas in hopes to expedite the process. Councilman Byrnes said the monies that are set aside for this committee would only be used in the hiring of a consultant agency. That would be needed to help with the comprehensive study to ensure accuracy. Councilman Byrnes said he had a copy of the resolution passed by the Village and would give this resolution to the clerk to make a copy. Councilman Byrnes said they will be holding their meetings in the senior center. Councilman Byrnes said the director of the Senior Center, Laurie Crossman is also on this committee. Supervisor Lucia said that Meredith Jenkins would also be another person to approach about sitting on that board. Supervisor Lucia said another good source of information is the County. Councilman Byrnes said the Department of Agriculture has done some studies of which they may have to foil the information.

Code Enforcement Officer – Fred Mann said that he was at the senior center for the yearly inspections and he had an issue with the bathrooms in the basement that have not been used but would like to see them removed. Code Enforcement Officer Mann said there is mold growing and it is right beneath the kitchen and he is surprised that the Department of Health has not had an issue with them previously. Code Enforcement Officer Mann said that he spoke with the Director of the senior center and she is good with the facilities being removed because she could

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us that space as storage. Supervisor Lucia asked Highway Superintendent Eggleston if the removal of these facilities was something the guys would have time to do. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said they would as the exhaust was just finished today. Supervisor Lucia asked if there was any one available to do community service. Supervisor Lucia said that Deputy Clerk Sullivan said the painting part may be something a scout could do for an Eagle project. Supervisor Lucia said that Highway Superintendent Eggleston will get this done at his convenience.

Code Enforcement Officer Mann said in regards to Mrs. Billings place that he had been in contact with Rick Jarvis about the siding that is falling off her home. Mr. Mann said Mr. Jarvis did return his phone call and said that he would attempt to get hold of Barrett Brothers the construction company that did the job to see if he could get them to fix the problem. Supervisor Lucia said that town should get in touch with the Barrett Brothers first to see if they will correct their mistakes and if not then they should get in contact with Randy Nicholson and get an estimate to properly do the job the way it should have been done the first time. Councilman Byrnes asked if Mr. Barrett was paid with grant monies to do the job. Code Enforcement Officer Mann said that he was, but that they had many problems with him. Councilman Byrnes said that the Town should not use him again if he will not make good on his work.

Supervisor Lucia said that the senior center received the \$10,00.00 grant from the County that was originally refused, but in the meantime Supervisor Lucia had worked with the Senior director at the county, Sandy Cross and received monies from that agency and then the grant monies that were originally refuse came in. Supervisor Lucia said with these monies the senior center has obtained all new carpeting through out the building and new chairs. Supervisor Lucia said that most of the old chairs are in salvageable condition and asked if the Town board wanted to store them, donate them or if there were any other ideas that anyone had for the chairs. The American Legion and the Knight of Columbus were discussed as options but the need for storage was an issue. It was brought up that the American Legion could use them if the Village would donate their old village hall building to the American Legion Melanie Denno Village Trustee said that that hall was offered to the American legion and they declined. Village Trustee Denno said they told her that they were very happy where they are.

RESOLUTION #120

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH ANY EXCEPTIONS

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

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

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

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Abstracts For 4/02/09

<u>General Fund/Town Wide – A:</u>	\$32,694.70
<u>General Fund/Outside Village – B:</u>	\$1,517.06
<u>Community Development Grant – CD:</u>	\$265.00
<u>Highway/Town Wide – DA:</u>	\$0
<u>Highway/Part Town – DB:</u>	\$3,571.52
<u>Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:</u>	\$0
<u>Fire Protection – SF:</u>	\$0
<u>Street Lighting – SL:</u>	\$640.96
<u>Sewer/Water – SW:</u>	\$0
<u>Trust & Agency – TA:</u>	\$55,578.91
<u>Scenic Train –</u>	\$0
<u>Town of Corinth Railroad –</u>	\$0

Fire Department Budget Presentation:

Supervisor Lucia said that Fire Chief Andy Kelley and second Assistant chief Kevin Granger were present to discuss the fire department's budget. Fire Chief Kelley said he wanted to thank Councilman Brown and Councilman Byrnes for coming to the meeting last night and representing the town in front of the Fire Department. Councilman Major asked if there was a limit on the membership. Chief Kelley said membership was limited to 60 members and currently the fire department has 52 members.

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Chief Kelley said he wanted to review the proposed fire department budget and put an end to any rumors that may be floating around town, so if there are questions to please ask them he wants to make sure that both boards understand the fire departments budget. All board members were handed a packet containing information on the fire departments budget. Chief Kelley said there was also an incident run log for 2008 in this packet. There is a section in the budget that is called incident response performance analysis. Chief Kelley said that the average response time is one of the best in the area. Chief Kelley said that he has a lot of dedicated fireman that he has asked to respond to all calls that come to the fire department and to at least respond and if they can help, help and if they can't then at least they tried, he likes to refer to them as a good intent calls. Councilman Major asked about the extrication calls. Chief Kelley said the emergency squad only does first aid; the fire department is responsible for extrications and spills. Councilman Byrnes said he appreciated the time that was spent last evening by Chief Kelley showing himself and Councilman Brown the extrication equipment and the rescue truck with all the equipment that is on it. Chief Kelley said that Kevin Granger will be here shortly and he will be explain some of the items that were left out of the budget because they did not have the figures yet to put it in the budget. Chief Kelley said he wanted to review the vehicle schedule and this is why the capitol reserve money is put away, so that the fire department does not have to increase the taxes. Chief Kelley said that when they built the new firehouse the fire department decided that it was going to have to take a hit so they decided to not put any money in the reserves for the last four years, so that is why the fire department is short. Chief Kelley said right now the department is behind four years in the replacement of one of the trucks. Chief Kelley said an average pumper life span is between 20- 25 years. Chief Kelley said he has had a truck last 30 years and he contributes this to the care and maintenance of the trucks by the fire department and the new moisture fire building. Chief Kelley said the new trucks are made from stainless steel with poly tanks and they last longer. Chief Kelley said the last truck built in 2001 was made of stainless steel and in years to come you would only be looking to do paint touch ups. Councilman Major stated that the chief was expecting longer life spans out of the newer trucks. Chief Kelley said that was correct.

Chief Kelley said that this does not mean when the next engine tanker is due to be replaced in 2014 that it will have to be replaced, it is just a projection but they are trying to get back on schedule. Chief Kelley explained an ISO is an insurance rating on which homeowners insurance premiums are based on calls for the fire department to have four pumpers at the fire station for a community of this size. Chief Kelley said if the fire department gets this pumper they will receive a much higher rating the next time they have an ISO and they will better be able to serve the members of the community. Chief Kelley said when the fire department is able to obtain a higher ISO rating that the taxpayers save money on their premiums. Councilman Major asked if the fire department was looking to have four ETA's and a tanker. Chief Kelley said no that the ETA is called a tanker because it holds 1,000 gallons or more. Chief Kelley said the fire department is just looking to get a truck that holds more water because times are changing. Chief Kelley said that through the years town Highway Superintendent Eggleston has helped out the fire department by putting in dry hydrants at the following locations; the Town pit, at the end of Chapman Street, Spier Falls Road and County Route 10. Chief Kelley said the fire department has looked at putting a dry hydrant in the river but is very difficult because the flow of the water has to be a factor along with the height fluctuation. Councilman Byrnes asked about the cost of the truck now compared to the cost of the truck in another year. Chief Kelley said that the cost may be increasing significantly in the future because there may be only one company making the engines and if that is the case then they can charge whatever they want to for an engine. Chief

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Kelley explained that this would be due to the increase in the new regulations that a lot of the current manufacturers do not want to step up to. Kevin Granger said that it would take almost eight months to have this new truck built and they have sketch pictures of the new truck.. Councilman Major asked if the fire department was looking to replace the three thousand. Chief Kelley said no, they will not be replacing the three thousand it is only 15 years old right now, they are looking to replace the 1985. Chief Kelley said they would be putting it into reserve, they will not be taking it out of service. Kevin Granger said they have always had three engine/pumpers; actually the trucks have been referred to as pumpers because of the amount of water that they are able to hold. Mr. Granger said that they will have to go through the whole legal process including the procedure of bids and public hearings. Supervisor Lucia asked what was in the reserve. Chief Kelley said there is \$230,000 currently in reserves and the fire company is looking to increase the 2009 funds. Of which the cost would be split between the village and the Town. Chief Kelley said that currently the town is contributing \$30,000 and the Village is contributing \$30,000 so the fire company is looking for an increase of only \$20,000 dollars by the Town and Village each. Chief Kelley explained that with a substantial amount of money down, the truck companies would work with the fire department so that payments could be made which would enable them to still make contributions to the reserve fund. Chief Kelley said the fire department has been unable for the past four years to put any money into the capital reserves and that is why they are behind. Councilman Major said that normally the town and the Village put away \$30,000 dollars a year in the reserve fund, so the actual increase that is being asked for in the reserve fund is only \$20,000 more than last year. Chief Kelley said that it correct. Chief Kelley said this is where history comes into playback in 2001 the fire department put \$60,000 in for the truck and \$40,000 in for the property. Councilman Saunders asked Chief Kelley what drives his business from an insurance standpoint. Kevin Granger said the ISO comes in periodically and looks at basically three aspects that drive the homeowners' policy one is dispatch, two is water supply available and three the fire department as a whole and their ability to supply water to the town. Mr. Granger explained the requirement including general times frame that the ISO expects the fire company to be able to meet. Kevin Granger said that plans and training are also a factor in the ISO evaluations. Councilman Saunders asked what happens when and if the Fire Department does not meet the ISO expectations. Mr. Granger explained that everything the fire department can do is assigned a point value, Mr. Granger said the fire departments score right now is around 57 which gives them a rating of 5 if the fire department can get the rating to go to 60 then the 5 to would change to a 4, then it is an improvement, which will help mitigate fire damage which would give reductions to homeowners. Chief Kelley said the last ISO report was done when the Corinth Answering service was in Business, so the fire department is probably due for another one soon. Mr. Granger said that not even counting the ISO look at what happened downtown a year ago, in that circumstance they really needed a fourth engine and if they had it the outcome most likely would have been very different. Chief Kelley said in regards to the budget it is all broken down into line items and there are only a few things that have changed from last year to this year. Chief Kelley said one of the increases is in the insurance, which show a 5% increase over last years. Chief Kelley said that uniforms have gone up by \$500.00 dollars. Chief Kelley said this is important because people are perceived by how they look and a first impression has a lasting impression. Councilman Major said the town of Corinth has many activities that the fire department takes part in, possibly more so than in other communities. Supervisor Lucia asked if when fireman leave if the uniforms stay or go. Chief Kelley said that the fire department keeps the uniforms in a closet and if a fireman comes

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in and a uniform fits them the fire department will make alterations to it. Chief Kelley said that highway Superintendent Eggleston has been an incredible relief to the fire department. Chief Kelley said that when there is a disaster in the community everyone can set aside their differences and come together. Chief Kelley said that the truck maintenance was going to increase by \$7,000 to do some bodywork now before it cost them more at a later time. Chief Kelley said there would be a \$1,000 increase for tires because the life span of tires on emergency vehicles is seven years then they start breaking down. Chief Kelley said it is in the 1900 section of the DOT manual. Chief Kelley said the radios increase \$3,000.00 dollars because the county is going to a new radio system and the \$3,000.00 is for the installation of the radio systems in the trucks. Chief Kelley said that the County bought the radios and the pagers and that is a blessing because the portable pagers came in at a cost of \$2,500.00 and the radios cost \$3,000.00 a piece. Councilman Major asked if the fire department would be in good shape with the new system. Chief Kelley said he believes they will but the county has not decided which company they are going with yet. Councilman Saunders asked if the \$3,000.00 increase was for the installation of the radios and the remaining \$3,000.00 was for just the regular maintenance of the radios. Supervisor Lucia asked if the total amount for this was \$6,000.00 or if it was \$6,000.00 plus the three thousand. Chief Kelley said the six thousand was the combined total. Chief Kelley said diesel increased by \$2,000.00 just in case of any future price Fluctuation. Chief Kelley said that turn out gear has increased from \$1,900.00 to \$2,100.00; this is the total cost to fully dress a fireman. Chief Kelley said they try to do this on a five-year rotating basis and if it is good they do keep it in service and that OSHA standards say that after 10 years you can no longer use the equipment. Chief Kelley said that the Scuba Gear has increased \$500.00 because they need to replace equipment. Chief Kelley said that the Corinth Scuba team is the first team called out for a dredging situation in Washington County. Councilman Major asked what is the diver capability currently. Chief Kelley said it is eleven. Councilman Major said that was very good. Chief Kelley said on that team of eleven they have one master diver who is Chris Rudolph and that means that he has the capability to dive to 130 ft. Chief Kelley said the deepest waters that they encounter locally is the Sacandaga and at its deepest point it is only 80ft deep. Chief Kelley said that most of the divers are able to dive to 60ft. chief Kelley said the river is 65 ft deep at the Spier Falls dam. Kevin Granger said that most of the Hudson River is 9-12ft deep. Councilman Saunders wanted to know if other fire departments have a dive team. Chief Kelley said the only other Saratoga County Fire Department that has a dive team is South Glens Falls. Chief Kelley said that Saratoga County does still have a dive team but what happens is that if you need the County dive team you need to call every individual member and by the time that they are geared up and travel time a lot of time has elapsed. Councilman Saunders asked if the price to replace a dive team was \$4,000.00. Chief Kelley said the four thousand dollars was to replace and maintain the equipment of the divers not to replace the team. Councilman Saunders asked what the price of the suit a diver needs is. Chris Rudolph said the price for a dry suit is \$2,500 to \$4,000 and the price of a wet suit is \$500.00 - \$600.00. Chief Kelley said that the guys do a good job maintaining their equipment because it is similar packing your own parachute; they are the individuals going into the water with it. Councilman Major said having our own dive team is such an advantage because the steps that have to be gone through in the process are so much shorter and we are better able to respond in a much quicker time frame. Councilman Saunders had three questions for Chief Kelley that he wanted to address for concerned members of the public. The questions are as follows:

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1. What are the pluses and minuses of having a fire department versus a fire district? And shouldn't the town residents pay more for fire protection than village residents?

In response to Question number one Chief Kelley said that with a Fire District residents would pay more, the Fire District would actually submit a budget as presented. Chief Kelley said that the calls they went out on last year were split 50/50 between the town and village residents and it fluctuates year to year. Chief Kelley said if there was a consistent trend where the majority of calls were always going to the town then he could see possibly changing the way things are done but that is not the case. Chief Kelley said that if the Town and Village residents wanted to go to a district, it is the Fire Company that would make out, because the rates that Hadley & Luzerne are getting, which are districts, is \$1.30 per thousand in assessment and the village residents are only paying \$.65 per thousand.

Councilman Saunders said the only place to generate monies for the Fire Department is from taxpayers assessed value. Councilman Saunders felt that the cost is based on assessments and the town has more in assessed values, which the tax levy is based on, than the village residents so it looks to him that the villages resident are bearing the greater load. Councilman Saunders said in the village the average assessment is 113,000 and in the town the average assessment is 230,000. Councilman Saunders said felt that the community needed to be fair to all its residents because the greater value is in the town. Councilman Saunders said that 56% of people in this community live at or below the poverty level. Councilman Saunders said the how to of financing a Fire District like Corinth's is where his issue lies because he feels that the community we live in has a Fire District that is second to none in NYS.

Kevin Granger said that this is becoming an issue nationwide and it will eventually have to be addressed because everything is changing and growing. Mr. Granger said that when it gets to that point it would have to be hashed out between. Mr. Granger said that even if they went to a district the rates would not change. Supervisor Lucia reminded the board that the fire department is a department of the village. Councilman Major said he felt that the town is getting a good deal from the village fire department and he would not change anything.

Village Trustee Denno said that the village would be looking at this when they do the foundation study. Trustee Denno said that Shawn McGuire from the Department of State would be working with the village on this. Trustee Denno said that he is the gentleman that has helped Lake George with their department. Councilman Major said these are very serious issues to look at because if the town continues to grow the way that it presently is that there could be repercussions if we change to a district because as it stands now if the town continued to grow they have the option to not use the village fire department, they could create their own or use other towns.

Councilman Saunders said that he is in no way dissatisfied with the service of out Fire Company but citizens of the community have asked him to gets clarification on these matters and he feels compelled to ask. Councilman Saunders said come September when the town gets deeper into these discussions he wants to have an idea of where they are going. Councilman Saunders wanted to know why when he speaks to other districts they say it is the best thing they could have done. Chief Kelley said sure why they are going to say that because you would be handing them a blank check, there are no discussions a district submit a budget and that is it. Chief Kelley

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said that once you have a district you couldn't contract out of the district if your not happy with the services.

2. In regards the "Janitorial Expenses" in the fire department budget he wanted to know what exactly it was and if the name could be changed?

Councilman Saunders said that he knows from attending the village meeting last year that it would cost more than \$19,000.00 if it were outsourced it would cost much more. Councilman Byrnes said it is misleading when it is referred to as janitorial. Chief Kelley said if any one had recommendations for a name change to give it to him he does not have a problem with that. Chief Kelley said it could be labeled "mechanic" because the department maintains the equipment, it could be labeled "secretarial" because they do paperwork and ordering. Kevin Granger said that it covers so many different functions, that is probably the reasoning behind "janitorial" because it sweeps all the odds and ends into one basket. Trustee Denno said that the village has researched it and if you look at other municipalities that is the same language they use, but would further research if needed. Chief Kelley said it could be put under mechanics. Councilman Byrnes said "facilities operations" would work. Trustee Denno said that even if they did not change the name at this point that Councilman Saunders knew what it was now and would be able to relay that to the public.

3. Is the "Fly Car" being used for a personal car?

Councilman Saunders said he voted for and supported the Fly Car but here is concern out in the public that it is a personal car and he was under the understanding that the fly car was a vehicle that was intended to go from the fire department to the fire and instead of using personal vehicles this car was to be used. Councilman Byrnes said he was the one who brought this fly car to the Town Board and what he said was that the vehicle would be equipped so that wherever the fire chief was he would be able to go directly to the fire. Councilman Byrnes said the way he presented it was that if the fire chief was equipped to save lives and be a first responder it would be in the best interest of the community. Kevin Granger said that he works for the state and the state has found that it is cheaper for them to purchase vehicles for the employee than it is to pay mileage for them. Mr. Granger said it was not abused but there were still multitude of complaints because some people have different motives in mind. Chief Kelley said that if he uses the fly car as a personnel vehicle that trustee Denno can attest that he has submitted receipts for gas. Councilman Saunders said he did not feel comfortable asking the question but the answer was satisfactory to the board and at least now it may help to decrease some of the suspicions that are out in the public. Chief Kelley said that he was satisfied that Councilman Saunders asked the questions.

Chief Kelley said he invites all members present to come to the fire department and put the equipment on so that the board members could go back to the public and say the fire department needs the equipment because they have walked in the firemen's shoes for a little bit. Councilman Byrnes said he was at the Fire Department and can attest to what Chief Kelley said. Chief Kelley said that the fire department trains a lot so that they can be proactive instead of reactive. Chief Kelley said that he save the taxpayers a lot of money by wheeling and dealing with anything from materials, to maintenance body repair, paintwork etc.

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Councilman Saunders said that the town board has asked all other departments to cut back. Councilman Saunders said the key word here is “maximization” which is how one does more with less and that is what needs to be done and how we do this is what is measured with the public.

Chief Kelley said what the fire department is asking for is based on safety issues, better protection, updated equipment to do the job properly because if they don’t have these things where is the liability going to fall. Chief Kelley said are only asking for what it takes to do a job the right way; he can’t do a job halfway. Mr. Granger said the last time the fire department received new extraction equipment was in 1985. Mr. Granger further explained how vehicles have changed since that time from the types of metal used to make the cars to the combustible airbags that are in a different location in every type of car. Councilman Byrnes said having the opportunity to train with the fire department opened his eyes a lot, there was a lot that he did not understand until he did it himself. Councilman Byrnes said he felt incredibly proud of our fire department after this training and the \$20,000 extra that they are asking for will probably end up costing more if it is delayed purchasing the vehicle, these vehicles do not get cheaper. There was further discussion by Mr. Granger about the equipment that was needed and why. The Board members were reminded that the town does not have a vote in this decision because the fire department is a village department. There was also a discussion about grants that may be available to the Fire Department. Chief Kelley said he had applied but it takes almost two years to receive the fund and if the Fire Department does get the grant then it will be a win win situation. Trustee Denno said there were procedures available for applying for stimulus money for rural areas such as ours. Chief Kelley said letters of support from the town Councilmen and community would be a great asset.

RESOLUTION #121

MOTION TO ADJUORN TO BILL PAY

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the board pays bills as audited.

RESOLUTION #122

MOTION TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION AT 6:25PM WITH POSSIBLE DECISION TO BE MADE

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

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

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RESOLVED that the Town Board adjourn to executive session on personnel and litigation with a possible decision.

The town board reconvened at 6:47pm and the following business was conducted to vote on the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #123

MOTION TO KEEP STEVE SMEAD AS A COMPUTER TECHNICIAN FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN HALL OFFICES.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the town board retain computer technician Steve Smead for all town offices for the year 2009.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Brown the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk