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December 10, 2009

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a regular meeting on December 10, 2009 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
John Major, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, Councilman
Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Robert Hafner, Town Attorney
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk

Excused: Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer

Public: Jim Murray, Edwin Eggleston, Sigrid Koch, Renee and Bruce Baker.

After roll call, Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer the following business was conducted:

RESOLUTION #265

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the minutes for November 4, 5, 12 1m3 19, 2009 be approved.

RESOLUTION #266

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

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

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

Resolved that the abstracts of November 5th and 19th, 2009 be approved as follows:

<u>November 5, 2009</u>			<u>November 19, 2009</u>		
A	-	\$35,052.37	A	-	\$30,674.89
B	-	\$20,674.66	B	-	\$ 1,008.89
DB	-	\$12,496.88	DB	-	\$ 7,122.19
T&A	-	\$67,526.72	T&A	-	\$55,937.82

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Supervisor Lucia spoke to the Town Board about the up coming conference for Planning and Zoning coming up in January 2010. He said that the board had discussed not paying the extra charge if the registration is late and he felt that the Town Board needed to pass a resolution regarding this.

RESOLUTION #267

TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND SCHOOLING

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

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

RESOLVED that the Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference for 2010 will be held January 25, 2010 at the Saratoga Hilton and Saratoga Springs City Center, and be it further

RESOLVED that any member or secretary of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Corinth may attend this conference, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth will pay the maximum of Fifty-Five Dollars (\$55.00) for each person to attend this conference, and be it further

RESOLVED in the event that the reservation is made for the conference after the deadline of January 11, 2010 the additional Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) charged will be paid by the individual.

SUPERVISOR

The following are on file in the Supervisor's office:

- APA Notice – Michael DeMarsh – 2 lot subdivision
- CCSD Elementary Parent Newsletter
- Honor Deceased Veteran – Preston Jenkins, WWII from Town of Moreau
- Planning Board Schooling – all Planning Board and Zoning Board Members are up to date
- Pro Act – information for use of this for September-November 2009
- Red Cross – October 2009
- Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board
- Senior Sentinel
- Snowmobile Trail System – discussion was had regarding registering a snowmobile and liability insurance
- Time Warner letter regarding proposed changes
- Veterans Corner

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board about a meeting he attended with six other Supervisors at the Town of Greenfield earlier today regarding all six towns applying for one HOME grant. Supervisor Lucia told the board that he will be receiving more paperwork regarding this and then they can make a decision.

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Supervisor Lucia gave the Town Board members a letter that was received from Deborah and Craig Stollery requesting that they be allowed to take construction material from the apartment house located at 96 Main Street to the Town of Corinth Landfill at a reduced rate equal to that of the commercial haulers. After a lengthy discussion the Town Board decided to have Highway Superintendent Eggleston check with the landfill and see what the Town of Corinth was being charged to make sure that the Town did not lose any money since the last time a commercial hauler asked for a reduction it was in 2006. The decision was left up to the landfill if this could still be done.

EMPLOYEES HANDBOOK CHANGES

Councilman Saunders

Councilman Saunders commended the committee for the work they did on the handbook. He said he only has three areas that he questioned:

- Consistency across the board – If the Town Hall has a time clock he felt that the Highway Department should also have a time clock. He told the board that the County Highway Department does use a time clock.
- Longevity – should be the same for every employee either everyone gets it or no one gets it
- Nepotism – hiring family members and how that can be consistent

Councilman Byrnes said that he thought the committee agreed on the longevity. Councilman Major stated that he thought that in the long term this was going to be worked out in a salary schedule. Supervisor Lucia said that these were things that could be discussed later because at this point what needs to be done is the handbook has to be agreed upon so that it may go into effect in January.

Supervisor Lucia said that there are a few things that he thinks need to be in the handbook before it is approved:

1. Working hours should include a new item showing the court hours to be 31-1/2 hours per week. A discussion was had that the court would only be receiving 31-1/2 vacation pay and the reporting to the state retirement would be for 4 days a week and not 5 days a week. This would show under the new State Retirement reporting regulations beginning in January 2010
2. No smoking within twenty feet of the front or back door of the building. Supervisor Lucia said that he has had complaints regarding people coming to court and having to walk through people smoking at the front door. Town Clerk Farr told the Town Board that this was not the town employees but the people who were attending court.
3. All salary employees pay should to be disbursed on an hourly basis for actual time worked or benefited time earned for the year 2010. He said that all time off would be kept by the bookkeeper in a book that could be accessed by any Town Board member to see what time was being taken off and how much was left.

RESOLUTION #268

TO APPROVE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AS PRESENTED WITH THREE CHANGES

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth Employee Handbook be approved as presented with the following three changes:

- Working hours should include a new item showing the court hours to be 31-1/2 hours per week. A discussion was had that the court would only be receiving 31-1/2 vacation pay and the reporting to the state retirement would be for 4 days a week and not 5 days a week. This would show under the new State Retirement reporting regulations beginning in January 2010
- No smoking within twenty feet of the front or back door of the building.
- All salary employees (with the exception of elected officials and department heads) pay should to be disbursed on an hourly basis for actual time worked or benefited time earned.

ATTORNEY UPDATE

Attorney Hafner told the Town Board that he has been working with the County IDA regarding the Serial Bonds the Town agreed to in September. He said that formal IDA approval is needed and Attorney Toohey said that he will apply for formal approval at the December 14th meeting. Attorney Hafner said that he has sent draft papers to Attorney Toohey and he hopes that the can close on or about December 21, 2009 Attorney Hafner said he would keep the Town apprised of further developments.

PUBLIC

Edwin Eggleston spoke about the railroad tracks and how they will rust if they are not used.

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEES

Councilman Saunders

Councilman Saunders told the Town Board that at the last meeting of the newly formed committee the following appointments were made:

- Chairman – Glenn Tearno
- Vice-Chairman – Chris Rudolph
- Secretary – Cheri Sullivan

Councilman Saunders said he thought this was a good committee that is going to work very hard. He said that the committee decided to change their name to Zoning Revision Committee. Councilman Saunders said that the next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Saunders told the Town Board that the committee wanted to know if the Town Board wanted them to look into preparing a plan for minor subdivision within the APA to be approved by the local Planning Board and not have to go to the APA. Supervisor Lucia said that he spoke to Jim Martin of LA Group and Jim asked that this matter not be acted on until he can give a presentation to the committee at the January 4th meeting. Supervisor Lucia said that Jim Martin said he would do a presentation to the Town Board if any of the board members could not be present on January 4th.

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Councilman Saunders spoke about the railroad tracks on Route 9N. Supervisor Lucia told him that after Councilman Saunders' brother-in-law was in and spoke to Town Clerk Farr Supervisor Lucia contacted a person at International Paper Company and was told that they have already hired Reigel Brothers to make the repairs.

Councilman Brown

Councilman Brown asked if Adam Lawrence or the road leading to Adam Lawrence was in the Town. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that both are in the Village. Councilman Brown said that he had complaints regarding the road.

Councilman Brown told the Town Board that there was a power outage today and he had a chance to use the emergency notification system. He said they found that there are some things that need to be changed. He also told the board that he found out that National Grid has a website (outage control) that shows all the outages at any one time.

Councilman Major

Councilman Major said he wanted to remind the board about the interviews for the Planning Board and Zoning Board. Supervisor Lucia said he hopes to have the interviews this next week.

Councilman Major asked that Supervisor Lucia get the three changes to the Handbook to Lisa so that she could make same. He also wanted to be sure that the Workplace Violence Policy be added to the Handbook.

Councilman Major said that in reviewing the Zoning Board minutes he noticed that there was a great discussion between the members.

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes said that last year the Town gave its employees a gift certificate from the Corinth Merchants Association. He said only 34 out of the 57 certificates were turned in so the Town is receiving a refund of \$345.00.

Councilman Byrnes said that Captain Youth could not make the meeting on December 17th and asked that they be re-scheduled for January 14th, 2010.

Councilman Byrnes said he wanted to commend Highway Superintendent Eggleston and his department for the work they did during the recent storm on Wilton Mountain. He said that the Corinth side of the mountain was great.

The following reports are on file in the Supervisors Office:

- Town Clerk
- Highway
- Building Department
- Zoning Department
- Justice Court
- Senior Citizens
- Supervisors Report

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RESOLUTION # 269

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AS PRESENTED

A motion was made by Councilman Byrnes and 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 Town Board accepts as presented the Supervisor's monthly financial report for November 2009.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Attorney Hafner commented on how good it was to see an Emergency Management Committee Chairman interested in the safety of the pets.

With no further business at 8:20PM and on a motion by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Brown the Town Board meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk