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MARCH 18, 2010

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a workshop on March 18, 2010 at 4:30PM at the Town Hall.

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

Public: Ray Bush, Jim Murray, Sigrid Koch, Christopher Rudolph, Andrew Kelley and Ken Green.

After Roll Call the following business was conducted:

Supervisor Lucia thanked all the Town Board members, Town Hall employees and citizens of Corinth who attended the Saratoga County Honor a Deceased Veteran held Tuesday honoring Corinth's own Robert LeClerc. Supervisor Lucia said that it was a very moving memorial.

KEN GREEN

Supervisor Lucia turned the workshop over to Ken Green. Mr. Green told the board that he and Supervisor Lucia had been meeting weekly for at least one hour. He invited any board member that was interested to stop in and sit in on the weekly meetings.

Mr. Green said that he had been reviewing the Town of Corinth's Comprehensive Plan and is about half way through it. He said that he is a firm believer that when you put this much time and money into the creation of a Comprehensive Plan it should not be just set on the shelf. Mr. Green said that he has not found anything that was missed in the Comprehensive Plan. He said it shows a balance approach where there is a balance approach where you want residential, commercial and industrial and you don't want to be a bedroom community. He said that this is a good plan.

Mr. Green told the Town Board that at one of the meetings with Supervisor Lucia they included school Superintendent Starr. Mr. Green said that it is a fantastic school system and that would be one of our selling points. He said that the three would be meeting again at a later date at his office.

Mr. Green asked about the internships that were mentioned in the plan. Supervisor Lucia said that the Town has another committee working to up date the Land Use Ordinance, etc. He said that they were working very hard. Christopher Rudolph, Deputy Chair for that committee, said

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that the committee has been working since November, 2009. Chris told Mr. Green that they met every two weeks and that their next meeting is Monday, March 29, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. Mr. Green said that he would like to attend that meeting, not to speak but just to listen.

Councilman Major spoke on the internships. He told Mr. Green that this was done through the school Guidance Department and through the Vo Tech Center.

Ken Green said that he was reading the plan some things are already being done. He said he knows the Town has already established a Local Development Corporation and more department ship between the Town and Village, Saratoga County officials, SEDC and Saratoga Plan. He said that he will be setting up meeting with SEDC. Mr. Green said the plan mentioned setting up an annual Job Fair and he asked if that was happening yet. Councilman Major said that they were attaching to outside fairs and every level 2 seniors have a requirement to complete an internship work experience/career. Councilman Major said he did not know what the school is doing locally. Councilman Saunders said that they do a career day. Ken Green said that the local businesses should be aware of when that was so that they could participate.

Councilman Major told Mr. Green that he told the head of the LDC about Mr. Green and said that he would be reaching out to him. Councilman Major said he suggested that the LDC also reach out to Mr. Green. Ken Green said that he would also like to attend one of the LDC meetings.

Ken Green said that he would be making some strategic calls to the Empire State and set up meetings either in Albany or here. He said that there are some changes in the budget that are economic development tools. He said that it some time takes three to five months to find out exactly what is there but the sooner we get in to talk to them the better off we may be.

Mr. Green said that in terms of the mill property Supervisor Lucia met with the representative of the International Paper, the owner of the property, and Mr. Green said that we are still premature in marketing that asset. They are still buttoning up, removing some asbestos and tearing down some buildings that must be taken down for safety reasons. Ken Green said that they really not ready for us to be aggressive in marketing the property. He said that that gives us time to gather our materials and our story as it relates to the mill. Councilman Saunders asked how we could get this out to the public that this demolition was for safety issues only and not what GE went through before. Supervisor Lucia said that is what the mill officials said that there are some that are buildings falling down that are dangerous and not for a tax break. Mr. Green said that he and Supervisor Lucia will meet with the man and will create a press release. Councilman Saunders said that perhaps Drew Kerr could come down here and print a story. Supervisor Lucia suggested placing something on our website.

Councilman Byrnes said that if we were going to be contacting the media we needed to clarify something. He said that he has heard that citizens think that the Town hired Mr. Green to market the IP site only when the Town has other property such as the Industrial Park on Heath Road, etc. that also needs to be marketed. He said we need to get it out to the citizens that we hired you to market all of Corinth not just the IP site.

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Councilman Major asked how the meeting with the representatives from IP went. Supervisor Lucia said it went very well. They told him about the buildings that needed to be torn down for safety reasons. He said that he told them about the rumor that IP was going to tear up the railroad spur and they told said that would not happen because it was very necessary for them. Supervisor Lucia said they spoke to him about the conveyance of the time office building to the Town and how that might happen by late summer. Councilman Major said he felt that their meeting and informing the Supervisor was positive because they did not have to do that. Mr. Green suggested that Supervisor Lucia and Mr. Green have a conference call with the representatives from IP and discuss the tearing down of the buildings and a press release regarding same.

Councilman Brown said that they are putting a new electric feed into the mill waste treatment plant. He said that they were now going to feed from National Grid. Ken Green said that was good and showed the IP is putting money into the property.

Mr. Green said he still has two “suspects” for the property. He said they have not come on the property yet so they are suspects and not prospects.

Mr. Green said that Warren County is preparing to rebid the operator on the railroad for freight and scenic. He said he would be following this and Supervisor Lucia and Mr. Green would be meeting with Steve Fisk regarding this.

Councilman Major asked if Mr. Green had dialog with Tom Loggins. Mr. Green said that he would be talking to him.

Supervisor Lucia said that the IP representatives did tell him that when they had everything taken care of they might be coming back to the Town and Village Boards regarding some of their zoning.

Mr. Green said that he did give a presentation to the Village Board and they seemed receptive of coming on board. He said that he has another meeting with the Village on April 7th. Councilman Saunders brought up that the \$10,000.00 that the Town was paying Mr. Green came out of Economic Development which is an A fund that is funded 43% by Village citizens and 57% by Town citizens. Councilman Saunders said that when Mr. Green was brought on board the Town Board told him that it was not just for the Town but for all of Corinth. Councilman Saunders said he is glad that the Village is coming on board but it is just the funding that bothers him. Councilman Saunders said he wished that we had some synergy between the Town and the Village Boards. Councilman Saunders asked what Mr. Green saw differently about what he would be doing for the Village than what he would be doing for the Town. Mr. Green said that the retail holes in the Village are their main concern. Mr. Green also said that \$15,000.00 a year for a year with the number of hours that is going to be put in is not much. Councilman Saunders said that this is where he sees that the two governments are not communicating.

Councilman Byrnes said that he thought that the Village Board saw the Town Board’s efforts by bringing Mr. Green on board so they decided they wanted Mr. Green’s services. Supervisor Lucia said that the Town Board just decided to take the bull by the horns and contract with Mr.

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Green. He said he felt that having the Village on board everyone is going to get more bang for their money. Councilman Major said he understood about the budget concerns but he felt that the synergy was taking place now that the Village had decided to come on board.

Councilman Major said he liked these economic development workshops because all parties voiced healthy ideas. He said that it is important for all the town committee members to understand that we are trying to move forward and we can't have negative felling if we are going to bring somebody in to town. He said we have to look at the big picture.

Councilman Byrnes said that we need to have another joint meeting with the Town and Village boards. Supervisor Lucia said that Superintendent Starr said that he thought the joint meeting with the Town, Village and School Boards went very well the last time we had one and perhaps we should schedule another one yearly. Superintendent Starr said that after their budget process is over he will take the initiative to set another joint meeting up. Ken Green said that perhaps the Village Board could have a liaison at some of the weekly meetings with Supervisor Lucia and Mr. Green.

Mr. Green said that he will be meeting with the LDC and IDA. He said he would also attend a Merchants Association meeting and see how they are promoting their events.

Mr. Green said he spoke to Dr. Starr about a student or two to conduct some PR work to promote Corinth and its events. He spoke about the Pennysaver and Saratoga Today. Mr. Green suggested that if he could get some students to meet with him on a regular basis he might be able to contact Saratoga Today and have something about Corinth in of their papers. Ken Green said it is the community news that needed to get out there. Supervisor Lucia spoke about the local newsletter that the Town had many years ago on a monthly basis. Councilman Byrnes said that perhaps this could be brought up to the Merchants Association. Mr. Green said that we could sell advertising to cove the cost of the newsletter.

Councilman Major told Mr. Green that the LDC is just starting out. He said that Jim Martin from LA Group has spoke to them about available funding. Councilman Major said he felt that Mr. Green coming on board was at an ideal time for the LDC.

Supervisor Lucia asked Mr. Green if he could look into if there was some way that the Town could get the taxes that are due to the outside towns waived. Ken Green said he would look into that.

Supervisor Lucia asked the Town Board about their feelings on the golf course. He said he was contacted by the Greenfield Supervisor the other day. Supervisor Lucia asked about doing this as a joint venture. He said that Town of Greenfield has a meeting set up with the EMBA board on April 14th. A discussion followed regarding this matter. It was the decision of the board that the EMBA needs to define the process they are going to follow and if there is an opportunity for Corinth to partner with Greenfield then we will be interested.

Councilman Major told Mr. Green that we need not to forget Wilton Mountain Road. Mr. Green said that he plans on going to Wilton to see how high this is on their agenda and then two of us

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should go to the Metropolitan Planning Association to see where we are on their planning process.

Councilman Major asked that we should be sure that the new committee be advised of the changes in zoning that were made by local laws such as County Route 24, Hamm Road and South Corinth. Chris Rudolph said the maps may be updated but he was concerned about the revisions to the definition. He said he could bring his book in and compare it tomorrow. Supervisor Lucia said that he could check with Town Clerk Farr.

Supervisor Lucia reminded the Town Board that at next week's workshop our first Public Hearing on the CDBG.

RESOLUTION #118

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Brown, at 6:00PM the meeting was adjourned.

At 6:15PM the meeting reconvened with the following people present:

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor
 Charles Brown, Councilman
 John Major, Councilman
 Edward Byrnes, Councilman
 Mitchell Saunders, Councilman
 Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent-Excused
 Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk
 Andrew P. Kelley, Fire Chief
 Christopher Rudolph, Fir Department

Supervisor Lucia stated that Fire Chief Kelley wanted to go over the Fire Department Preliminary Operating Budget. He went over line by line what his Preliminary Operating Budget was.

Fire Chief Kelley said that he had increased Repair and Maintenance to the Building by \$11,000.00 due to a safety hazard that was found regarding a floor at the Fire House that needed to be repaired by an outside entity, there was a \$2,075.00 increase in insurance and all other items stayed the same or are less than last year. He said that his total Preliminary Operating Budget was down \$13,456.00.

After questions by the Town Board were answered Chief Kelley asked that each of the Town Board members were asked if they saw anything wrong with the Preliminary Operating Budget as had been presented. It was a unanimous vote of the Town Board members that the Preliminary Operating Budget as presented seemed okay with them.

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Chief Kelley said that the amount that the Town would have to pay next year would be down a total of \$2,500.00.

Supervisor Lucia thanked Fire Chief Kelley for coming to the Town Board and explaining his Preliminary Operating Budget. Supervisor Lucia said he thought that the Town Board members had more knowledge of the fire company and could better answer questions place to them by the citizens of the Town.

RESOLUTION #119

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Major, at 6:25PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk