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June 25, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on June 25, 2010 at 4:30PM at the Town Hall.

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

Excused: Fred Mann, Code Enforcement Officer

Public: Ray Bush, Sigrid Koch and James Murray, Sr.

After Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance the following business was conducted:

ANDREW KELLEY

Andrew Kelley, citizen of Corinth and Fire Chief, told the Town Board that he wanted to address the board on public comment made at the last Village Board Meeting. He read the comment from the Village Board Minutes as follows:

“Jim Murray stated recent discussion at a Town Board meeting resulted in Councilman Major questioning how much input the Town has on the fire department contracts and budgets. Mr. Murray stated Councilmen Brown and Byrnes claim their comments and questions carry no weight with the Village Board.”

Mr. Kelley said that Trustee Denno tried to answer the questions made. He said every year the Town sends Councilmen Brown and Byrnes to the fire budget meeting where they have a chance to ask questions and he said he said he answers the questions as best he can. Fire Chief Kelley also said that this year he came to the Town Board and explained the budget to them line by line. He said at which time he was given a unanimous approval by the full Town Board.

Fire Chief Kelley said he did not know what the issue why Mr. Murray makes comments to the board because Fire Chief Kelley has always had an open door policy where if the board members have any questions they can just come to him and ask them and he will address them. Fire Chief Kelley said he felt Mr. Murray was trying to put a wedge between the Town and Village Boards and maybe even the Fire Company which he wanted to stop right now.

Councilman Byrnes apologized to Fire Chief Kelley for him having to spend his time coming to the Town Board regarding this matter because it was time spent to come about misinformation that was out there. Councilman Byrnes said he appreciates the opportunity to sit down with him Village Board and Fire Chief Kelley to discuss the Fire Budget. He said that he takes a lot of

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information from that meeting and is allowed to ask questions about the different parts of the budget. One example he stated was the chainsaw. He said he asked why they needed a new chainsaw and he was told that the one they have is twenty-five years old. Councilman Byrnes said that there is a lot of misinformation put out by this gentleman not just here but at school board meeting there were comments made about the Town Board, Village Board and Fire Department. Councilman Byrnes said that three were comments made about the Neighborhood Watch that he initiated through the Merchants Association not being supported by the Town and Village Boards. Councilman Byrnes said that is completely false. He said he was not a member of the Town Board at that time, but he went to both the Town and Village Boards and they supported it completely. Councilman Byrnes said that Mr. Murray told the Consolidation Committee that the Village Board did not support the Neighborhood Watch which was completely false. Councilman Byrnes said that Mr. Murray never came to him about the Neighborhood Watch Program. Councilman Byrnes said that perhaps Mr. Murray has his own agenda or is trying to place a wedge between the Town and Village Board. He said he again apologized for having to spend time on this matter. Councilman Byrnes said he fully supports the Fire Budget and appreciates being given the opportunity to sit with and ask questions during the Fire Budget process. He also said that he appreciated Fire Chief Kelley coming before the Town Board to explain the proposed Fire Budget line by line giving all members of the Town Boards an opportunity to ask questions.

Fire Chief Kelley said he would just like to see that if anyone has a problem with the Fire Department that that person come directly to Fire Chief Kelley and ask the question or report the problem. He said that questions can be asked Tuesdays or Saturdays or any other time and he will answer them the best he can. He said he has nothing to hide everything is open to the public. He said he just wants the negativity stopped. Fire Chief Kelley said that people wanting to move into the community hear this negativity and they change their mind about moving here.

Supervisor Lucia said that he felt the communication has improved in the last couple of years. He also said that he appreciated Fire Chief Kelley coming to the meeting and presenting the budget line by line to the Town Board at a round table session. Supervisor Lucia said he thinks that people think because the Village owns the Fire Department that the Town does too and that is not the case. He said the Town contracts with the Village for Fire Protection

Councilman Byrnes said that the concern he has right now is that someone took the meeting that the Town had and went to the Village Board and twisted the words around and stated that he said that the Town does not have any say in the Fire Budget. He said that is completely false and if a person listens to the tape of the meeting that is now what was said. Councilman Byrnes said that this is creating animosity with the Village Board, Town Board and Fire Department that is unnecessary.

Fire Chief Kelley said the preliminary budget that was presented to the Village was the same one that he presented to the whole Town Board.

Councilman Major told Fire Chief Kelley to keep up the good work.

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Fire Chief Kelley said he just wanted to make a statement that there are things out there that are being misread or misinterpreted and they should be clarified.

SCOTT WRIGHT

Supervisor Lucia said that he again has been contacted him regarding car speeding on Wiley Way. Supervisor Lucia said that Mr. Wright said that he thought if Stop Signs were installed that would solve everything. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said he did not think Stop Signs could be installed with New York State approval but that he would contact Joe Ritchey on Monday and let Supervisor Lucia know.

Supervisor Lucia gave the agenda for July 3rd events as follows:

- 10:00am – Firecracker 5K Foot Race
- 2:00pm - Parade with short program following at the beach including a Gun Salute
- 3:30pm – Corinth Junior Class Duck Race
- 4:00pm-5:00pm – Ballston Spa Community Ban at the beach
- 4:30pm-9:00pm – Balloons by Ernie McHale at TD Bank
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm and
8:00pm – 9:00pm – Kenny T and the Back Road Band
- All afternoon with show from 7:00pm-8:00pm – Mohawk Valley Exhibition Squad - water skiing skill
- Face painting by Sher at TD Bank parking lot

Senior and Affordable Housing

Councilman Byrnes said that they were unable to schedule a meeting on the RFPs and therefore awarding the bid will have to be postponed without date.

Supervisor Lucia gave each of the Town Board members the USDA business card.

Supervisor Lucia reminded the Town Board that the Town Hall will be closed Monday, July 5th observance of Fourth of July.

Town Board

Councilman Brown

Councilman Brown told the Town Board members that he had placed some material in their boxes that he would appreciate their reviewing and making comments on same. He said that the Town Attorney has already reviewed the documents.

Councilman Major

Councilman Major said that he will be attending the next LDC meeting and will keep the Town Board apprised of developments.

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Supervisor Lucia

Supervisor Lucia told the board that the train will start on July 14th and that there will be one strip on Wednesdays and two trips on Saturdays.

Supervisor Lucia said that Code Enforcement Officer Mann is on vacation for two weeks beginning Tuesday and that Doug Smead will be filling in.

Supervisor Lucia said that as soon as Mr. Mann returns from vacation he will be setting up a date with Clough Harbour to again go to the Schuh property.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Farr told the Town Board that she had been informed that the Governor's Part T of the budget had been passed. She said that deals with Dog Licensing. Town Clerk Farr asked that a workshop in August be devoted to this matter.

Highway

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the Town Board that he received notice that he will be receiving \$76,000.00 in CHIPS money this year.

Supervisor Lucia said that he had received notification from the New York Cemetery Association and there is a new law subsidizing them and the Town does not have to worry about taking them over this year.

RESOLUTION #

ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING

A motion by Councilman Byrnes 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

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MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Major 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 6/24/2010

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

\$44,908.67

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

\$3,941.32

Community Development Grant – CD:

\$0

Highway/Town Wide – DA:

\$0

Highway/Part Town – DB:

\$24,281.25

Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:

\$0

Fire Protection – SF:

\$0

Street Lighting – SL:

\$0

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$6,471.00

Trust & Agency – TA:

\$113,414.85

Scenic Train –

\$0

Town of Corinth Railroad –

\$292,387.16

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Councilman Saunders and seconded by Councilman Byrnes, at 5:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk