

## SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

The Town Board of the Town Of Corinth held a workshop meeting on September 2, 2010 at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

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

After roll call the Supervisor conducted the following business:

### **SUPERVISOR**

- Family Fun Night:

Supervisor Lucia said that Family Fun night was a great time had by all again this year. Supervisor Lucia also told the board members that this was the last year for Bobby Dick and the Sundowners; the band was very appreciative of the plaque presented to them by the Town board thanking them for all the years they have preformed for the Family Fun night.

- Grant Letter:

Supervisor Lucia said he was proud to announce that the Town of Corinth was one of only two recipients in Saratoga County to be awarded a \$400,000.00 New York State Community Development Block Grant. Supervisor Lucia said the new company retained by the Town of Corinth; Marvin & Marvin who applied for the grant on behalf of the Town did an outstanding job. Supervisor Lucia spoke briefly about forming another committee to review the applications and also stated that the town is still waiting to hear if they have received any funds on the grant that town the town partnered with the Town of Greenfield on.

- Parking:

Supervisor Lucia said there have been many issues with parking out back and after getting together with the Brad Towers (Town Hall Maintenance) and Shawn Eggleston (Highway Superintendent) they had decided to work together and came up with a plan to extend the back parking lot to allow for extra parking for the Saratoga County Sheriffs, WIC and for on Court Days. Supervisor Lucia said they are also looking into lighting for this parking lot.

- Workshops:

Supervisor Lucia said that the summer has come to an end and so has the vacation workshops. Supervisor Lucia said the board is going to be busy in the coming months with their workshops and said the following is an example of the workshops pending: Attorney Cathi Radner (to finish their discussions on employee sick time), Planning and Zoning Board meetings, Emergency Squad, Paramedics, Town Assessor; Maryellen Hill-Pierce and many Budget workshops.

- Little League Field: Supervisor said in regards to the letter that the Town Board received relating to the Little League Field, that he had spoke with Mr. Briner. Supervisor Lucia said the situation would work best if all that were involved would work together. Councilman Saunders said that he had advised an individual to go to the Village Board and see what the Village is doing with Jessups Park (the Old Fireman's Field), as there is almost 80 yards of field there. Supervisor Lucia said it has been proven that these types of program that are offered to the younger children are beneficial.
- Miller Mannix: Supervisor Lucia said the Town had received a note from Miller Mannix stating the easement had been filed.
- Sample Dog Law:

Supervisor Lucia said Town Clerk Rose E. Farr had presented a sample Dog Law ordinance for the Town Board to review.

Supervisor Lucia said he has also spoke to Steve Cernek this week about the grant for the museum and the George Holland Photos. Supervisor Lucia said Kendra Schreiber has also informed him that she is working on next years grant for the Children's Youth Theatre.

**Town Board:**

**Councilman Brown:**

Councilman Brown said he wanted to mention the beaver dam had been removed, and again, the Town Highway Crew did a great job. Councilman Brown also said this is National Preparedness week and felt people should know to have a plan, a kit, and be able to self sustained for at least 72 hours. Supervisor Lucia wanted to know if there was a list the Town could hand out to residents. Councilman Brown said there was not but he could work on putting one together. Councilman Saunders asked if a trial run had ever been done. Councilman Brown said it has not. Supervisor Lucia said part of the problem is very low attendance at the meetings. Councilman Major said there have been functional command centers in place within the town for real issues such as when there was the fire at the Adam Lawrence Apartments.

**Councilman Major:**

Councilman Major said he was just curious about the date of the 9-11 Celebrations. Supervisor Lucia said it was going to be on Saturday September 11 and there is a schedule of events in their folders.

### **Councilman Saunders:**

Councilman Saunders said he has some concerns with the consolidation committee and he had read the draft report and wanted to speak specifically about it, as the Supervisor is a member of that board. Councilman Saunders said he felt it was imperative to say that New York State is committed to fund these types of incentive programs, even if the State is having issues with financing, that this proves that the state is still on board if the committee is going to be awarded the \$400,000.00. Councilman Saunders said when the town contributed the \$2,500.00 to match the funds from the village, to get the 45,000.00 or \$50,000.00 in order to do this study. If this dissolution process goes through, the town will get these monies which could be up to \$400,000.00. Councilman Major asked what the next step in the process was. Supervisor Lucia said there was a public meeting scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Councilman Saunders said the savings are not seen immediately but will be seen in 15—20 years and he feels this needs to be stressed at the committee level. Councilman Major asked if there were any specifics such as, guidelines. Councilman Saunders said from his understanding on this, there is documentation as to what this State money could be used for but it is very liberal in its use in order to address community concerns that arise so that there is a buffer that is available to the community so that nothing will fall through the cracks as the community works through the process of dissolution. Councilman Saunders said his understanding going into this process was that when all was said and done there would be a clear understanding of the cost savings or the cost to the public. Councilman Saunders said this \$50,000.00 was not meant for just one government entity to sit there and decide yes or no. Councilman Saunders said this is where his frustration lies because it was his understanding that the group that was chosen and the firm that was hired were suppose to come in and look at all the different angles of the dissolution process; and at the end of the day this committee was suppose to come up with, if you do this, this is what you are going to save. Councilman Saunders said it is very confusing when three different options are given. Councilman Major said it was very confusing when the town board reviewed it. Councilman Saunders said the bottom line is that \$50,000.000 has been spent with only 12 meetings held; if this is the draft and if the final draft is anything like this, he is going to be very disappointed in the leadership that put this together; and CGR if they believe that this is adequate for \$50,000.00, because it is well short of the mark. Supervisor Lucia said it has been in the papers and the minutes that he has not been pleased with CGR from the beginning and he is not pleased with the outcome to this point. Councilman Brown asked if it was \$400,000.00 a year. Councilman Saunders said that the state has said that there will be monies available up to \$400,000.00 per year for five years after and if the dissolution occurs.

Councilman Saunders said he also wanted to know what was being done with the green monster on Route 9N. Code Enforcement Officer Mann said at this time there is nothing being done. Councilman Saunders asked if possibly the town could have their engineers look at this fence to see if it is structurally sound. Councilman Saunders said he feels this has been done just to be an agitation issue. Councilman Major said there have been many comments in regards to folks entering the town with concerning this situation. Councilman Major said people have a hard time understanding that the town cannot enforce because it is not written in the code. Supervisor Lucia said maybe the town could have

the engineers check on this fence when they come to town to visit Chris Schuhs' house after Labor Day. Supervisor Lucia said the visit to Mr. Schuhs' house would be coordinated after Labor Day.

**Code Enforcement:**

**Fred Mann:**

Code Enforcement Officer Mann said John Randall came to his office looking for a permit for a barn that was to be 10 x16. Mr. Mann said that he was unable to issue the permit because according to town code the applicant is required to show proof of insurance and Mr. Randall does not have any homeowners insurance. Mr. Mann said that Mr. Randall could meet all the setback requirements for the proposed barn he just does not have homeowners. Mr. Mann said that he spoke to Supervisor Lucia about this and Supervisor Lucia called Attorney Cathi Radner and Attorney Radner said the Town could request that Mr. Randall sign a waiver that would state that the town would not be held liable. Councilman Major said that the Town of Corinth Town Code requires that the applicants have proof of insurance. Mr. Mann said that is correct. Supervisor Lucia said that he does not have insurance and he is unable to afford insurance. Councilman Saunders said in his opinion if the Town Code requires insurance then the applicant should have insurance. Councilman Saunders said if the Town Board is going to start allowing waivers for things that are specifically stated in the Town Code; that he has concerns that other items that come up in the future people would be looking to have waivers. Councilman Brown said they could have the language changed to state that it is a one-time waiver. Councilman Major said he understands what Councilman Saunders is saying though because if we do it here then we are going to be expected to do it there and it would be setting a precedent. Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan suggested that if the structure is for only one cow then why couldn't the applicant just build a smaller barn such as a 10x10 in which he would not be required to have a permit. Code Enforcement officer Mann said that is another option and he would be able to build a 10x 14 without a permit as long as he is 10 feet off the line. Supervisor Lucia said that maybe the Code Enforcement Officer Mann should go back to the applicant and suggest that maybe he build it a little bit smaller that a code is not required. Supervisor Lucia said that Code Enforcement Officer Mann should advise the applicant also that the Town Board would not be willing to accept the waiver.

Code Enforcement Officer Mann said his second topic of concern that he wanted to discuss with the Town Board was the Alfred Winslow Property. Mr. Mann said the new owner Kevin Cleveland was in the other day and wanted an update as to where the town was with this situation. Mr. Mann said that he rode around with Matt Dyer from Adult Services last week and showed him three possible properties that would work. Mr. Mann said they are getting the water from over to his place. Supervisor Lucia said if it is Mr. Cleveland's' property then he could evict them. Mr. Mann said with his brother living with him, who is handicapped, it complicates this situation but at this point and time Matt Dwyer is handling the situation.

**RESOLUTION #204**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING**

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

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

RESOLVED that the board adjourns to bill paying.

**RESOLUTION #205**  
**MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTION**

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

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

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

<u>Abstracts For 9/02/2010</u>	
<u>General Fund/Town Wide – A:</u>	\$17,077.71
<u>General Fund/Outside Village – B:</u>	\$1,864.74
<u>Community Development Grant – CD:</u>	\$0
<u>Highway/Town Wide – DA:</u>	\$0
<u>Highway/Part Town – DB:</u>	\$19,198.35
<u>Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:</u>	\$0
<u>Fire Protection – SF:</u>	\$0
<u>Street Lighting – SL:</u>	\$456.14
<u>Sewer/Water – SW:</u>	\$0
<u>Trust &amp; Agency – TA:</u>	\$56,293.26
<u>Scenic Train –</u>	\$0
<u>Town of Corinth Railroad –</u>	\$0

**RESOLUTION #206**  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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

RESOLVED that the board adjourns at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Sullivan

Deputy Town Clerk