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OCTOBER 28, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on October 28, 2010 at 4:30PM at the Town Hall.

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

Public: Jim Murray, Sr., Sigrid Koch, Ray Bush and Robert Eggleston

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

Assessor

Mary Ellen Hill Pierce, the assessor, told the Town Board that Tri-Annual and Annual aid from the state is no longer available. She told the board that if the Town wishes to get maintenance aide they now have to start a new plan. Mary Ellen told the board that the Town of Corinth did an update for 2010 and they are at 100% so they can file the paperwork to get up to \$4.00 per parcel and a three or four year plan. She said that the Town is entitled to the money for the year 2010. If the Town filed the plan for three or four years and followed the plan for 2011 then decided not to continue the State would want the money they paid for the 2011 back.

Mary Ellen told the budget that her budget includes an amount to keep the assessments up to date and the fact that the Town is not going to get the maintenance aid she said should not affect her salary if the Town Board wants her to keep the assessments at 100%. She said that all the other towns she works for are saying that since they are not getting the maintenance aid so why should they pay for it. She told the Town Board that her job description does not require that she re-val a town annually. She said that this is something she does above and beyond her job. Mary Ellen said she suggests that the Town continue doing this without being tied to the State.

Mary Ellen said that this just happened within the last month and she has until December 1st to submit the paperwork. She said the application is three pages long, which she has partially completed already, compared to twenty some pages long before. She said she suggests that she make application for the maintenance aid because there is no reason the Town should not get that unless there is no money in the coffers. She also suggests that the Town submit a four year plan but no actually implement that until I the Town Board looks at it again in about a year and decides what they want to do.

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Mary Ellen told the Town Board that if they don't want the maintenance aid and only want her to keep the assessments at 100% the Town just has to keep doing what they are doing. She said she didn't think there would be much maintenance aide since the state was in the shape it now is.

Supervisor Lucia said that that was a \$16,000.00 revenue item. Mary Ellen said that she did not think she put that amount in the revenue part of her budget for next year. Supervisor Lucia said he did not know about this so he added the revenue money in the budget.

She said that whether or not she does this she is ready willing and able to and she thinks the Town Should. She said that this impacts her financially but all the money the Town has previously put into keep the assessment at 100% she thinks should be carried on.

Mary Ellen told the board that they had two choices:

1. Continue doing as the Town is and not be connected to the state;
2. Sign on and implement a plan, spend a lot of money and may be not get reimbursed

She said that there are not many assessors that can do the up dates in house as she can.

Mary Ellen told the board that the number of sales has dropped but the price has not. She said that if the Town does sign onto the plan they will not approve trending any more. She said such as if after analyzing the sales everything went down 5% in the Town you cannot put all assessments down 5% and still keep 100% without a full re-assessment.

Supervisor Lucia thanked Mary Ellen for coming and said that the Town Board would have to make a decision and get back to her.

SUPERVISOR

Animal Shelter

Supervisor Lucia reminded the Town Board of the Open House for the Saratoga County Animal Shelter on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from Noon to 4:0PM.

Home Town Christmas 2011

Supervisor Lucia read the following letter to the Town Board from the Image Committee:

Home Town Christmas

December 4, 2010

The Image Committee is in the process of organizing Home Town Christmas and we hope it will be a great celebration of the Season. Picture in your mind what you would like Christmas in your home town to look and be like and together maybe we can accomplish this. Our committee is very small and work hard to provide enjoyable events for the community. We are looking forward to seeing and hoping that many of our community members will take part in the celebration. We are looking for merchants, churches, school groups and individuals to take part in the parade with floats, marching and singing groups. If you are interested please call Marilyn O'Neill at 654-9228 with the following information: Name of Organization/Group, float or marching, name and number of contact person. If no answer please leave name and number and the call will be returned.

We are working on the following:

1. Home Town Christmas-December 4, 2010 4pm to 7pm

Decorations everywhere, Merchants open with refreshments, Parade with Santa, tent with activities, refreshments and displays, hayrides, magic show and fireworks.

2. Christmas with Santa – December 11, 2010 Noon to 3pm

Activities, Meet Santa, Stockings, Refreshments

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Supervisor Lucia reminded the Town Board that the Town Hall would be closed on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 for Elections.

Meeting Dates

November 1, 2010	-	2:00PM	Employee Health Insurance Meeting
November 2, 2010	-		Election Day
November 3, 2010	-	4:30PM	Preliminary Budget Meeting
November 4, 2010	-	4:30 PM	Workshop -F. Nichols on Veterans and Meeting with Revision Committee
November 5, 2010	-	4:30 PM	Medic/Squad Joint Meeting
November 10, 2010	-	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
November 18, 2010	-	4:30 PM	Workshop SEDC/Public Hearing Local Law 1-2010
November 25, 2010	-	NO MEETING	– HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sales Tax

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that the October Sales Tax was in the amount of \$67,945.00 and that figure is down from last year.

Supervisor Lucia said that he had, in his office, letters from Time Warner on changes they will be making.

RESOLUTION #232

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF MARVIN AND COMPANY

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth accept the proposal of Marvin and Company regarding the Community Block Development Grant.

Wesley Letter

Supervisor Lucia read a letter from Wesley Foundation acknowledging the receipt of \$100.00 in memory of Donald Rosenbrock to be used where the need is greatest.

Veterans Day

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that there would be a Veterans' Day Ceremony held on November 11, 2010 at the Gerald B.H. Solomon National Cemetery.

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Budget

Supervisor Lucia told the public that the Preliminary Budget is complete and has been filed with the Town Clerk. He said the budget has a 3.35% change. He said this means the rate went from \$1.49 per thousand to \$1.54 per thousand.

RESOLUTION #233

TRANSFERS

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

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

RESOLVED that the following transfers be made:

Transfer \$6,251.10 from 19304.01 (Judgments & Claims) to 47894.01 (Economic Development) for 2010 County & School Railroad taxes; and

Transfer \$898.92 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 19101.01 (Unallocated Insurance-\$694.12) for CAN Surety Bond Policy renewal and to 14604.01 (Records Management - \$204.80) for Voting Machine Legal Ads.

Public Comment

None

Town Board

Councilman Brown

Councilman Brown said he wanted to commend the Highway Department for a job well done in expanding the Town Hall parking lot.

Councilman Major

Councilman Major thanked the assessor for her presentation. He asked the assessor what happens to the assessment on a family transfer. She told him that the assessment does not change.

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes asked that the Town Board be allowed to go to Executive Session on personnel with no decisions made.

Building Department

Code Enforcement Mann told the Town Board that he and a man from Saratoga County Department of Social Services have found a place for Alfred Winslow and his brother to move. He said that Mr.

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Winslow has also agreed to the place. Code Enforcement Mann said that the place will be ready on December 1st and is located on Wall Street.

Highway

Supervisor Lucia said he wanted to also commend the Highway Department for a job well done on the expansion of the Town Hall parking lot.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the Town Board that after reviewing application and interviewing applicants he has decided to hire Zen Baudoux, IV. He said that Mr. Baudoux is a master craftsman and Highway Superintendent Eggleston said he thought he would be a very good replacement for the man he lost.

RESOLUTION #234

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING

On a motion made by Councilman Major and seconded by Councilman Byrnes and the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the board adjourns to bill paying.

RESOLUTION #235

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH NO EXCEPTION

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

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

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

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Abstracts For 10/28/2010

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

\$36,926.03

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

\$1,343.13

Community Development Grant – CD:

\$0

Highway/Town Wide – DA:

\$0

Highway/Part Town – DB:

\$32,312.83

Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:

\$0

Fire Protection – SF:

\$0

Street Lighting – SL:

\$0

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$0

Trust & Agency – TA:

\$116,809.89

Scenic Train –

\$0

Town of Corinth Railroad –

\$0

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Assessor

Mary Ellen Hill-Pierce told the Town Board that it was her mistake and that in her budget papers she did include the \$16,000.00 revenues.

RESOLUTION # 236

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

RESOLVED that 5:05 PM the board adjourns to Executive Session on Personnel with no decisions made.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC

Town Clerk