

**JANUARY 26, 2012**

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a workshop meeting on January 26, 2012 at 4:30PM at the Town Hall.

Present:       Richard Lucia, Supervisor  
                  Charles Brown, Councilman  
                  Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
                  Jeffrey Collura, Councilman  
                  Joshua Halliday, Councilman  
                  Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent  
                  Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk  
                  Leon Hickok, Code Enforcement Officer

Public Jim Murray, Sr and Sigrid Koch

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

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he received a copy of a letter sent to the Town of Day from the Department of Health issuing them a Certificate of Need. Supervisor Lucia said that now that they have this in place Supervisor Johnson will meet with Rich Reuther and things will progress. He said the Town of Day will pay the Town of Corinth \$30,000.00 this year for this service.

Supervisor Lucia gave the Town a letter from Time Warner with all the changes they are making.

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that Town Topics is a magazine that each board member will receive that has beneficial information including up-dates on new laws, etc. He said that Town Clerk Farr had provided them with a copy of the Model Rules for Public Access to Meetings issued by the Committee on Open Government that the Town needs to pass. He said that the members can review same and it could be discuss at a later date.

Supervisor Lucia also told the Town Board that a new state mandate will be going into effect on February 3, 2012 regarding government/board agendas. He said that the Town attorney said that the biggest thing is that the Town is already doing it with public hearings, etc. However, the town would have to put a page on the web page and also stop taking items for the agenda that would require voting and items that the public might have comments about by the Friday before the next Thursday's meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Hickok said that this was only if the website was updated regularly and the agenda for the meetings had to either be on the website or in the clerk's office the week before. Supervisor Lucia said that the only thing is when the Agenda is given out there cannot be anything added only something that is an emergency item. A discussion was had on this topic.

Supervisor Lucia gave the board members a copy of a second Assessor's Report for January 2012.

Supervisor Lucia announced that the Sales Tax collected by Saratoga County for the month of January 2012 was \$85,408.00.

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that a year ago he received a petition from the Town Hall employees about the air quality and asbestos. He told the board that the State came in unannounced and checked everything over. He told the board that he heard that there was another petition was circulating around and no one had come to him to discuss the matter. Supervisor Lucia said that what prompted this was that on Monday we had a few leaks and come to find out the leaks were caused because the drains were frozen and plugged, He said this prompted an employee to circulate another petition on mold, dampness and poor air quality resulting in unsafe working conditions. Supervisor Lucia said that he pulled out the old report and the report stated that there were no air quality standards and the complaint was found not sustained by the State. Supervisor Lucia told the board that last year the State said as far as they were concerned the case was closed. Supervisor Lucia said that the Code Enforcement Officer was not aware of the decision of the State and therefore when the Complaint was filed he had to act on it. Councilman Byrnes asked where the leaks were and was told that the leaks were in four offices in the buildings. Councilman Byrnes spoke about the back roof over the court offices and how the roof is raised up. He said rain could come right inside of that area. Supervisor said that he discussed this with the Highway Superintendent and he said that if we had any more problems he would see about patching it. Supervisor Lucia said perhaps in the spring the Town could look at obtaining bids to patch or replace the roof. Councilman Collura told Supervisor Lucia that there are new ways to take care of rubber roofs. A discussion was had about prior repairs that were made and how they did not know who the person that made the repairs or how to locate him. Councilman Collura asked if anyone saw mold. Councilman Byrnes asked if there were any employee health issues. Town Clerk Farr said that one employee has gone to the doctor and he said that mold is causing her problem and the doctor did not say that the mold was in the Town Hall because he did not know. Supervisor Lucia said that it is a really bad year for mold. Councilman Collura asked if there was black mold on the ceilings. Code Enforcement Officer said he did not see any mold on the ceilings. Councilman Byrnes asked if the employee was given a copy of the State report. Supervisor Lucia said that it is in the minutes. Councilman Byrnes asked that the employee be given a copy of the State's report.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Sigrid Koch said she wanted to thank the board for allowing her to attend the Planning and Zoning Conference School in Saratoga Springs. She said that the topics discussed and the speakers were excellent.

#### TOWN BOARD

##### Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes said that he asked that GAR be placed on the February 9th agenda. He said that at this time they will present what they have found on the Senior Housing study.

##### Councilman Halliday

Councilman Halliday thanked Supervisor Lucia and Code Enforcement Officer Hickok for his help on the questions he had on the paperwork that was given to him.

Councilman Collura

Councilman Collura asked if the Internet Policy was going to be discussed. Supervisor Lucia said that he has discussed this with Attorney Radner and she thinks two issues that should be added before it could be adopted. Supervisor Lucia said that one of the things she felt should be added is that the Supervisor should have copies of all passwords for all the computers. Supervisor Lucia tabled this matter until next Thursday's meeting.

Councilman Collura asked if the increase in the fees that was being requested by the Code Enforcement Officer was going to be discussed. Supervisor Lucia told Councilman Collura that this matter could be tabled until next week since Attorney Radner had not gotten back to him on her recommendations. He said after it is discussed next week it must be sent to the Town Attorney for correct wording since it has to be changed by Local Law only.

Councilman Collura asked if the Town now charged a fee for drilling a well. Code Enforcement Officer Hickok said that they did not but a report on the quality of the water had to be filed. Supervisor Lucia said that he suggest the Town Board go over the fees one by one.

Councilman Collura read the following into record regarding Wilton Mountain Road and the recent fatality that occurred:

The design and construction flaws on the Wilton / Corinth mountain road need to be corrected.

Roadways such as this, engineered and constructed in defiance of the laws of nature and physics invite accidents.

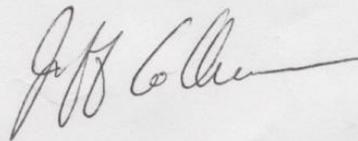
Opposite banked corners, like the ones that exist on the Wilton end of this road, cause collisions.

The natural laws of gravity, friction, inertia and centrifugal force are all ignored when corners are opposite banked, making collisions virtually unavoidable. If a structure caused as much harm as this highway, it would be ~~condemned~~ condemned. Yet, because this roadway is owned by a public entity, the condition is allowed to persist.

Flashing lights on a road sign, are not enough to offset the physical deficiencies

of this section of road, <sup>it</sup> is unsafe at any speed and under all conditions. If it is allowed to continue to exist in its current state, the end result, of such inaction are guaranteed.

This situation needs to be corrected sooner rather than later. Let us come together, work together and make it happen.



A discussion regarding the roadway was had and that the Corinth side of the mountain has had several corrections and changes made to it in the recent years. The Wilton side of the mountain has not been corrected. Supervisor Lucia suggested that Councilman Collura prepare a copy of his statement in letter form and he would see that it was delivered to the Town of Wilton Supervisor. Councilman Byrnes suggested that Councilman Collura contact the Sheriff's Department and see if he can obtain the number of accidents that have occurred on this road.

#### TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Farr told the board that the Building Department Secretary had asked that the renewal licenses be on the agenda for February 9th.

#### HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the board that he is taking quotes for radios.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the board that ENCON has a problem with the drains in the highway garage floors and he has turned the matter over to the Town's engineers so they can discuss this directly with the state because there are three options that are all expensive.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Code Enforcement Officer Hickok told the board that he is awaiting the Town Attorney to get back to him regarding Sam Paquin. He said that he has received a telephone complaint against Mr. Paquin and Code Enforcement Officer Hickok said he had investigated it and found it to be legal. He said he wasn't sure how to proceed since this was in litigation and was therefore waiting for the Town Attorney.

**RESOLUTION #85**  
**TRANSFERS**

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

ADOPTED           Ayes 5           Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, Collura and Halliday  
                          Nays 0

RESOLVED that the following transfer be made:

Transfer \$1195.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 14104.01 (Town Clerk Contractual) for payment to General Code.

**RESOLUTION #86**  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING**

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

ADOPTED           Ayes 5           Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, Collura and Halliday  
                          Nays 0

Resolved that the Board adjourns to bill paying session.

**RESOLUTION #87**  
**MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH ANY EXCEPTIONS**

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

ADOPTED           Ayes 5           Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, Collura and Halliday  
                          Nays 0

RESOLVED that the January 26, 2012 Abstract, Claims #20111535 through 20111547, and #20120001 through #20120091 be paid as audited, with any exceptions in the following amounts:

Abstracts For 1/26/2012

Voucher #20111535-20111547 & 20120001-20120091

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

\$109,613.07

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

\$7,189.88

Community Development Grant – CD:

\$23,458.00

Highway/Part Town – DB:

\$58,315.18

Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:

\$0

Fire Protection – SF:

\$0

Street Lighting – SL:

\$0

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$0

Trust & Agency – TA:

\$76,172.64

Scenic Train –

\$0

Town of Corinth Railroad –

**RESOLUTION #88**  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

ADOPTED    Ayes    5            Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, Collura and Halliday  
                 Nays    0

RESOLVED that with no further business the board adjourn at 5:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC  
Town Clerk