

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a workshop meeting on February 2, 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: Ray Bush, Kate Halliday and Sigrid Koch.

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

Supervisor Lucia told the board that a resolution needed to be passed regarding the new State Mandated Town Agenda Procedures.

RESOLUTION #89

RESOLUTION ON NEW STATE MANDATED TOWN AGENDA PROCEDURES

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that beginning February 2, 2012, the Corinth Town Board will adopt the new state mandated agenda law, in the following manner:

Any information, or presentations, to be put on a Thursday Meeting Agenda, must be submitted to the Supervisor's Office, no later than eleven a.m. the Friday Before. On the Monday before Thursday's meeting, the agenda will be posted on the Town Website, and available in the Town Clerk's Office. Copies of such things as Public Hearings, Resolutions, etc. will be available in the clerk's office until Wednesday at Twelve Noon.

After that, they will be available at the Thursday Board Meeting. Anything submitted after the Friday deadline will have to wait until the following week's Thursday.

Supervisor Lucia told the board that Kate Halliday has spoken to him regarding the JCAP/OCA Grant opportunities. He said that she is willing to apply for a grant for a Handicapped front door under this grant if the court and board approve.

RAILROAD PRESENTATION

Ed Ellis, president of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC gave a presentation to the board regarding the railroad. He told the board that from July through the end of December there has been 52,000 passengers on the train. He said that most of the passengers boarded in Saratoga Springs. Among other things he told the Town Board that his company estimated they would outlay approximately \$800K in 2011 when in fact they outlaid over \$1M (\$150K on brush cutting; \$500K on track and bridge maintenance; \$150K on signal maintenance and \$250K on track upgrades and turnouts at Saratoga Springs). Mr. Ellis asked that Warren County and the Town of Corinth contribute about \$500,000 toward the track improvements, money that would come through the use of railroad revenue that the County and Town of Corinth are to receive. The contract that Warren County and the Town of Corinth have with the railroad calls for a payment of \$81,000 a year plus 6 percent of the gross revenue. The 6 percent was to be put in a reserve fund to be used in the event of a catastrophic washout, track failure or other problem on the rail line. Mr. Ellis told the board that his company has a \$10 million insurance policy that would come into play in the event of a major problem. Mr. Ellis told the board that his company would be willing to put up the \$1 Million up front if the County and Town agreed to contribute this money. He said that the improvements on the track would allow trains to speed up by 10 mph to 15 mph. He said that the extra speed is important as more people look to catch connecting trains in Saratoga Springs.

Supervisor Lucia said that this matter was tabled by Warren County until next month and he thought the board should table this until next week's meeting so they could review the matter.

RESOLUTION #90

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLYING FOR A JCAP/OCA GRANT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, and Collura
 Abstained 1 Halliday
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that upon the approval of Town of Corinth Justice Court, Kate Halliday be directed to apply for a grant under the JCAP/OCA for a handicapped front door on the Corinth Town Hall.

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that he thought Resolution #12 for January 5, 2012 should be amended to hourly instead of salary.

RESOLUTION #91

RESOLUTION AMEND RESOLUTION #12 FOR JANUARY 5, 2012

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

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

RESOLVED that Resolution #12 for January 5, 2012 be amended to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for custodian, Gary Fuller, be set at an hourly rate of \$8.04 per hour for actual time worked or benefited time earned for the year 2012.

Supervisor Lucia informed the Town Board that the Internal Revenue new mileage rate is \$.555 per mile.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Hickok and the Town Board went over the fees that his office felt should be changed. Code Enforcement Officer Hickok told the Town Board that there was also some language that needed to be revised. Town Clerk Farr said she thought the Town Attorney should be present at a meeting to discuss this since it had to be done by Local Law. After a discussion it was decided that Code Enforcement Officer Hickok prepare a summary of what had been discussed at this meeting and another meeting be held with the Town Justices in attendance, as well as the Town Attorney.

Supervisor Lucia gave all board members a copy of the Internet Policy that had been prepared by the Town Attorney for the Town of Corinth. He suggested that they review same and discuss this matter at next week's meeting.

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that he is in receipt of a statement from the Saratoga County Treasurer of all the moneys paid by Saratoga County to the Town of Corinth for Sales Tax, Mortgage Tax and Dog Impoundment fees.

Supervisor Lucia informed the Town Board that he had received a Thank You from the Albany-Saratoga Sub Vets Memorial Foundation for the pavers.

TOWN BOARD

Councilman Collura

Councilman Collura stated that he read the ad for a maintenance position at the Town. He said he was glad to see that it said a Town of Corinth resident. He asked why the position had to be filled as full time and why it could not be filled by two part-time retired people. Supervisor Lucia said that he felt with all the work that the position entailed it should be a full time person.

Councilman Byrnes said that he thought possibly it could be filled by two part time people and that way the Town could save approximately \$15,000.00 in benefits. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that he felt the position should be filled by a full time person because he felt a full time person would take better care of the equipment he had than a part time person. After a lengthy discussion Supervisor Lucia asked the board members to vote on the matter which ended in 4 for full time and 1 for part time.

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes said that he had arranged for a presentation by GAR Associates at next week's meeting. He gave each board member a copy of the study for their review. He said that GAR Associates was suppose to have a summary to the Town Board on Monday and it would be placed in each member's box.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the board that he had two bids for the radios. He said the bids were as follows:

- Wells Communication \$4,852.80 (4 Channel/40 Watt)
- Northway Communications \$3,800.00 (8 Channel/45 Watts)

He told the board that he would like to purchase the ones from Northway Communication.

RESOLUTION #92
PURCHASE RADIOS

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 Highway Superintendent Eggleston purchase the ten radios from Northway Communications pursuant to their bid dated January 27, 2012.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Hickok told the board that he had received notification that Sam Paquin has been added to the litigation regarding Marquis Manor and that there has been a court date assigned to this matter.

Code Enforcement Officer Hickok told the board that his schooling has been scheduled.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Farr told the board that she has sent a letter to Curtis Palmer's attorney for the difference that they need to pay to the Town for Town taxes according to the Settlement Stipulation. She said the amount that is owed is \$240,541.98.

Town Clerk Farr told the board that she has collected enough taxes that she has paid the Town their share and has already sent a check to the County for over \$650,000.

RESOLUTION #93

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 #94

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 February 2, 2012 Abstract, Claims #20120092 through 20120129 be paid as audited, with any exceptions in the following amounts:

Abstracts For 2/1/2012

Voucher #20120092-20120129

General Fund/Town Wide – A:

\$12,941.94

General Fund/Outside Village – B:

\$109.32

Community Development Grant – CD:

\$1,000.00

Highway/Part Town – DB:

\$18,711.47

Capital Project/Landfill Upgrades – H1:

\$0

Fire Protection – SF:

\$0

Street Lighting – SL:

\$624.98

Sewer/Water – SW:

\$0

Trust & Agency – TA:

\$63,618.61

Scenic Train –

\$0

Town of Corinth Railroad –

RESOLUTION #95
MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion of Councilman Byrnes 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 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC
Town Clerk