

November 7, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget on November 7, 2013 at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Public: Ray Bush

The meeting opened with Town Clerk Farr reading the Legal Ad published in the Post Star on October 30, 2013.

Supervisor Lucia read the following:

Public Budget Hearing

November 7th, 2013

The 2014 Budget

The Budget Process has formally ended for the upcoming year. But unfortunately the 2015 process starts tomorrow. We monitor every day with the bookkeeper, town auditor, payroll clerks and Town clerk's office, to make sure things are on target, and the monies come from and go to, the right accounts, to make sure our books balance, and do we need to change things come next fall for 2015.

The economy, plays a huge part in where our budget goes, then when you add the state mandates, the rising costs of fuel, electricity, propane, asphalt, and Health and Property Insurance, you have your work cut out for you.

On the revenue side we hope for more sales tax, mortgage tax, grants and fees, to offset our expenditures.

This year, before the process started, we took the time to chat with all employees' that wanted to talk to the board. We get to know them better and also get to know what is needed to make their particular departments function better for the public.

The budget officer and the Town Board spend a lot of hours, putting together this preliminary budget, with being fair to taxpayers while we do it.

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The Budget we are presenting today has a Town Tax rate of \$1.527175 per thousand, compared to last year of \$1.520281,

In Special Districts, the Highway DB has gone down from \$1.69 a thousand to \$ 1.387258, The B Fund has gone down from .40 cents to .38 cents a thousand, and all water and lighting districts remain stable.

The Special District, Fire Protection, has jumped from .960568 per thousand, to \$1.099253. This includes our regular fire contract with the Village for Town Fire Protection, and a onetime charge of \$30.000, for our half of the new fire department water rescue boat,

The budget includes a 2% employee raise across the board, and some individual adjustments for job duties and descriptions. We are adding one more full time paramedic, making two town employees. The rest remaining partime. The cost of a medic is almost completely covered by revenues from outside municipal contracts.

We will be getting a much needed new furnace at Town Hall, Highway will be adding a couple new dump bodies

Any raises next year will be given on a merit system, after Employee reviews throughout the year,

If you were to compare the tax rate per thousand for the main taxing accounts, A,B,DB, and Fire Protection, Last year was \$4.59 per thousand and this year \$4.38 per thousand.

As budget Officer, I feel we are presenting a very fair budget, with today's costs. We are planning on more revenues from sales taxes and the like. We also have used some fund balances, which we need to be careful of, as we don't want to cut them to short.

Again we are quite a ways under the state Tax cap of a 2% raise in taxes, if we went up anymore, we would be forced to raise taxes, and this board pledges to not do that as long as it is financially fesible.

We also have to monitor this closely as not to have to raise taxes too much higher and still maintain our quality of services.

We want to thank the Department heads and employees for always being fiscally responsible throughout the year.

There being no one in favor or in opposition to the proposed Preliminary Budget the Public Hearing was closed on motion of Councilman Halliday and seconded by Councilman Byrnes.

RESOLUTION #256
ADOPTION OF BUDGET

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

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

RESOLVED that the Preliminary Budget for 2014 be adopted with no changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E Farr, RMC
Town Clerk

November 7, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on November 7, 2013 at 4:45 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Public: Ray Bush, Kate Halliday and Tim Halliday

After roll call and Pledge of Allegiance the following business was conducted:

RESOLUTION #257

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

RESOLVED that the minutes for October 24th, 2013 be approved.

Supervisor Lucia told the board that they needed to have a date to meet with Wayne Lamothe to discuss the RFPs that were received on the depot.

A short discussion on billing company for the EMS was had.

RESOLUTION #258

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BILLING COMPANY

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

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

RESOLVED that Multi Med be named as billing company for the EMS, and be it further RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to secure Multi Med as the billing company.

Supervisor Lucia said that the following are on file in his office:

- Tomahawk News
- Saratoga County Public Works Letter – Dam Warning Signage
- Real Estate Sales

Supervisor Lucia said that he was happy that the Service Award Program passed.

Town Board

Councilmen Collura, Brown, Halliday and Byrnes

All Councilmen congratulated all the re-elected people. Councilman Collura said that he wants the Clerk to know that he is not taking a raise in 2014.

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes said he was glad that the Service Award Program passed. He also said thank you to everyone for their votes.

Councilman Byrnes asked that the Town pass a resolution that the Town would pay for the Environmental Site Assessment for the Sr. Housing Project. He said that the Village has already expended approximately \$10,000.00 so it is his opinion that the Town should pay for this.

RESOLUTION #259

APPROVAL THAT THE TOWN PAY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT ON THE SR. HOUSING PROPERTY

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town pay for the Environmental Site Assessment for the Sr. Housing Project.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Farr suggested that the Hometown Christmas be named the Joan Welch Hometown Christmas this year. Supervisor Lucia said she should check with the Image Committee and see if they had anyone else in mind.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Eggleston congratulated all the re-elect people. He also thanked the Town Board for all their hard work on the budget.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the Town Board that he needed to purchase a flight chain and other parts that came to a total of over \$2,500.00.

RESOLUTION #260
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE

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 Highway Superintendent be approved to purchase the Flight chain and necessary parts.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Hickok congratulated all the re-elected people. He also wanted to thank the Highway Department for their assistance with the Town Hall roof.

Councilman Byrnes thanked Code Enforcement Officer Hickok for his assistance with the Town Hall roof.

Supervisor Lucia told the Highway Superintendent and the Code Enforcement Officer that he appreciated everything they are doing toward the Town Hall roof.

RESOLUTION #261
MOTION TO ADJOURN TO BILL PAYING AND PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH ANY EXCEPTIONS

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

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

RESOLVED to pay all bills as shown below:

Abstracts For 11/07/2013

Voucher #757-#806, #1266-#1279, #2267-#2277

<u>General A/Town Wide - A</u>	\$ 104,134.43
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 3,845.72
<u>Community Development Grant - CD</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 18,422.79
<u>Trust & Agency</u>	\$ 58,161.16
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Eggleston Street	\$
South Corinth	\$

RESOLUTION #261

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

RESOLVED that with no further business the board adjourned at 5:10PM to Executive Session on a particular person with no decisions made.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E Farr, RMC
Town Clerk