

SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on September 5, 2013 at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Excused: Joshua Halliday, Councilman

Public: Ray Bush, Joan Mosher and June Bosford

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

RESOLUTION #218

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

RESOLVED that the minutes for August 15th, 2013 be approved.

JOAN MOSHER

Joan Mosher, Group Leader for the Senior Bus Trips for Tri-Town Seniors came before the Town Board to request that the board increase the amount that they give to the Tri Town Seniors. She told the board that there are more seniors from Corinth that either one of the other two towns. She said that last year Lake Luzerne has lowered the money they gave to the organization for the past two years. She said they gave \$3,500.00 last year and she had no idea what they would be giving the organization this year. She told the board that Hadley give the organization \$2,000.00 per year. She said that generally 20-25 seniors from Corinth go on the bus trips. She thanked the board for previous years contribution.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia told the board that Phantom Corinth night is coming along. He said that he turned this over to Lisa Rumpf to take care of.

The following are on file in the Supervisor's Office:

- Sales Tax Report - \$72,189.00
- Property Sales Report
- Emergency Services Class - Wednesday, September 18th
- Squad Classes - Medical CME 16 Hours - November 10th 9AM-5PM
- Time Warner's new lineup

The board decided to discuss the proposed new local law regarding beaver dams and whose responsibility it is to take care of beaver dams that may cause damage to town roads at next week's meeting.

SERVICE AWARDS

The Town Board discussed the point system that would be used with the Service Award Program

RESOLUTION #219

TOWN OF CORINTH

ESTABLISHING A DEFINED SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to establish a defined contribution Service Award Program for active volunteer ambulance worker members of the Town of Corinth Emergency Squad;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 The Corinth Town Board hereby authorizes the adoption of a defined contribution Service Award Program (the "Program") for volunteer ambulance worker members of the Town of Corinth Emergency Squad as described in this Resolution and the Proposition set forth in Section 12 hereof.

Section 2 The Town of Corinth Emergency Squad is the only volunteer ambulance company having volunteer ambulance workers who are potential participants in the Program. All active volunteer ambulance worker members of the Town of Corinth Emergency Squad shall be eligible to become Service Award Program participants. Unless he or she waives participation, an eligible person shall become a participant on December 31st of the first calendar year after 2013 during which he or she meets the requirements set forth in Article 11-AA of the General Municipal Law.

Section 3 Age sixty-five (65) shall be the Entitlement Age under the Program. Persons who continue to volunteer after attaining the Entitlement Age and having been paid a Service Award shall continue to have the opportunity to earn program credit and to be paid additional service awards.

Section 4 A Participant's Service Award shall be 100% vested (i.e., he or she shall have a non-forfeitable right to it) after he/she has earned credit for five (5) years of service after 2013 or he/she is awarded a finding of total and permanent disability. No Service Award shall be paid to any person until after he or she earns credit under the Point System for five (5) years of service after 2013.

Section 5 The activities for which points shall be granted toward a year of ambulance service are set forth in the *Town of Corinth Emergency Squad Service Award Program Point System* document, which is attached to this Resolution and adopted by the Corinth Town Board as authorized by Article 11-AA of the General Municipal Law.

Section 6 The Town of Corinth shall contribute \$700 to the Program annually on behalf of each participant credited with a year of ambulance service for calendar years after 2013 under the *Town of Corinth Emergency Squad Service Award Program Point System*. Investment income and interest, if any, shall be added to the participant's account and program administration and investment related expenses shall be subtracted.

Section 7 A \$700 prior service contribution shall be credited to the Program account of a participant for each calendar year 2012 and 2013, and for the period February 24, 2011 to December 31, 2011, during which the participant was at least 18 years old and would have earned a year of service credit under the Point System.

Section 8 The total Prior Service Cost shall be amortized, and scheduled to be paid by the Town of Corinth in five (5) consecutive annual payments of about \$5,000 each, with the first payment to be made during calendar year 2015. For the purposes of determining the

amortization payment, the interest rate used shall be the same as the rate used to determine the annual cost of the Service Award Program.

Section 9 The Program shall take effect as of January 1, 2014.

Section 10 All other provisions of the Town of Corinth Emergency Squad Service Award Program shall be in accordance with Article 11-AA of the General Municipal Law, as amended from time to time, and applicable rules and regulations for Service Award Programs promulgated by the New York State Comptroller.

Section 11 The question of whether such defined contribution Service Award Program shall be adopted shall be submitted to a mandatory referendum of electors of the Town of Corinth at the general election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Section 12 The Proposition to be submitted to the voters shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes as may be authorized by the Town Supervisor in his discretion:

Proposition No. 1

Shall the defined contribution Service Award Program for members of the Town of Corinth Emergency Squad approved by Resolution of the Corinth Town Board on September 5, 2013, which Program provides, among other things, that (a) the Town of Corinth shall contribute \$700 to the Program annually on behalf of each participant credited with a year of ambulance service for calendar years after 2013 under the *Town of Corinth Emergency Squad Service Award Program Point System*; (b) the estimated annual cost of the Program for 2014, payable in 2015, may be as much as \$12,000, including the cost of administration, but is expected to decrease to about \$7,000 after five (5) years when the Prior Service Cost (the cost of service awards earned for active volunteer ambulance service before 2014) will be fully paid; (c) no portion of the estimated annual cost of the Program will be paid by any other political subdivision; (d) the estimated annual

cost of the Program per participant for 2014, payable in 2015, may be as much as \$1,200, including the cost of administration, but is expected to decrease to about \$700 after five (5) years when the Prior Service Cost will be fully paid; (e) the estimated annual administration fee for 2014 is \$500; (f) a \$700 prior service contribution shall be credited to the Program account of a participant for each calendar year 2012 and 2013, and for the period February 24, 2011 to December 31, 2011, during which the participant was at least 18 years old and would have earned a year of service credit under the Point System, at a total estimated cost of \$5,000 per year for five (5) years; (g) persons who continue to volunteer after attaining the Entitlement Age and having been paid a Service Award shall continue to have the opportunity to earn program credit and to be paid additional service awards; and (h) the Program shall take effect on January 1, 2014, be approved?

Section 13 The Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Counsel of the Town of Corinth are hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Town of Corinth EMS
Service Award Program
Point System

This is the Town of Corinth EMS Service Award Program Point System adopted by the Town of Corinth Town Board. The Point System is intended to comply with Article 11-AA of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (i.e., the Service Award Program law).

All active volunteer ambulance worker members of the Town of Corinth EMS are eligible to earn Points under the Point System. Once an individual ceases to be an active member, such individual will no longer be eligible to earn points until he/she again becomes an active member.

The Town of Corinth EMS has the responsibility to maintain the Point System records. It is imperative that all active members strictly comply with the sign-in procedures for verifying attendance at drills, meetings, calls, etc. These sign in/attendance sheets must be produced upon demand when the Service Award Program records are audited.

The Town Board may, by the adoption of a resolution, change the Point System; but may do so only if the changes comply with all governing rules, regulations, and laws. In the event that the Point System is changed, a written notice of change will be either given to members or posted at the ambulance station.

When reading this document, a volunteer should keep in mind that the intent of the Point System is to provide him or her with ample opportunity to earn cash service awards under the Service Award Program. A volunteer, for whatever reason (such as regular work hours), cannot earn as many points under one or more categories as other volunteers should focus on the total number of points he or she could earn from all categories of allowable point accumulation activities.

The Point System consists of nine categories of activities for which volunteers can earn points. To earn service credit for a calendar year, an active must earn at least 50 points under this Service Award Program Point System during the calendar year and must be an “Volunteer Ambulance Worker” as that term is defined in Article 11-AA.

The Point System is as follows:

1. Training Courses (other than drills) – 25 point maximum

Based on duration of training courses as follows:

- a. Under 20 hours: One (1) point per hour; no more than five (5) points per course.
- b. 20-45 hours: Five (5) points plus one (1) point per hour for each hour over twenty hours; no more than ten (10) points per course.
- c. Over 45 hours: Fifteen (15) points.

NOTE: Training courses must be satisfactorily completed (certification of completion required) and designated as approved courses by the Town. A list of approved courses will be posted and updated periodically. Persons who are paid to attend training courses as part of their job or profession get no credit in the Service Award Program for attending such courses.

2. Attendance at Drills and Seminars – 20 points maximum

One (1) point per drill or seminar (minimum two hours duration).

NOTES:

- i. Extra long drills of four (4) hours, six (6) hours, or even more hours are sometimes treated as two or more separate drills of at least two (2) hours duration each.
- ii. The term “drill” means a skills practice or skills training session relating to emergency medical service and the term “seminar” means a lecture on a topic relating to the emergency medical service.

3. Participation in a Tour of Duty– 20 points maximum

One-twelfth (1/12) point per hour.

Tour of Duty shall mean a line of duty activity, not falling under one of the other categories involving a period of time scheduled or assigned by the Town of Corinth EMS during which a volunteer ambulance worker is responsible for providing emergency medical service or general ambulance service, including sleep-ins, stand-bys and back up duty, by reason of being stationed at an event, as part of a rostered duty crew or as otherwise provided by the regular procedures of the Town of Corinth EMS.

4. Holding a Specific Elected or Appointed Position – 25 points maximum

One (1) point is earned for each convention meeting attended by a member as a convention delegate appointed by the Town of Corinth EMS.

5. Attendance at Meetings – 20 points maximum

- a. Attendance at any official meeting of the Town of Corinth EMS: One (1) point earned per meeting.
 - b. Attendance at official meetings of a standing committee of the Town of Corinth EMS by a member of the committee: One (1) point earned per meeting.
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6. Participation in Department Responses – 25 points

One-third (1/3) of a point is awarded per response.

7. Miscellaneous Activities – 15 points maximum

One (1) point per activity for participation in activities covered by the Volunteer Ambulance Worker Benefit Law and listed below for which points cannot be earned otherwise, including:

- Inspections
 - Pre-parade clean-ups and inspections
 - Wakes & Memorial services
 - Parades
 - Regular, annual or special cleaning squads
 - Mini-drills
 - Radio checks
 - Work details/Work Call (2-hour minimum)
 - Health Maintenance/Disease Prevention Activities
 - Attendance at Outside EMS Association Activities (non-social)
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8. Line of Duty Disabilities – 60 points maximum

In the event that an active member of the Town of Corinth EMS is either totally and temporarily disabled or partially and permanently disabled as certified by the Workers' Compensation Board or other

competent authority approved by the State Comptroller, and the disability occurs during the course of service as a volunteer while actively engaged in providing line-of-duty services as defined in the Volunteer Ambulance Workers Benefit Law, the volunteer shall be credited with five points for each full month of such disability; provided, however, such volunteer shall cease to be credited with such line-of-duty disability points after attaining the Entitlement Age.

9. Military Leave – 50 points maximum

A Service Award Program Participant whose volunteer service is interrupted by full-time extended obligatory military service or by a single voluntary enlistment not to exceed four years in the armed forces of the United States shall be considered on military leave. During such period of military leave, the participant shall receive fifty (50) points for each full year of military service, prorated for military service of less than a year.

Town Board Member Edward Byrnes moved, Town Board Member Charles Brown seconded, and the Town of Corinth Town Board voted 4 – 0 in favor, Councilman Halliday being absent and excused.

The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a vote of not less than sixty percent (60%) of the full membership of the Town Board.

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had been contacted by Rose Tait who said she was working with Jay Emery to have at least the garage taken down and she wants to donate the property to St Mary's Cemetery. The board instructed the Town Attorney to hold off doing anything more until they tell him to go forward.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the Town Board that his department had finished Dorset Drive.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the board that in this year's budget he had figured enough money to pay his loan payments on the trucks, excavator and the

purchase of a new pick up. He said that he has approximately \$27,500.00 left to purchase the pickup and he has found one on state contract for \$22,600 base price. He said he can purchase one with what he needs on it for under the \$27,500 so he will be making the purchase.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston told the board that Marc Rich is now off and asked if he can replace him. Supervisor Lucia told him that he would look into the budget to see if there is money or if he will have to wait until January. The board asked Highway Superintendent Eggleston what he planned to do. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said he planned to take Wade Holmes from the landfill since he already has his CDL and put Christopher Eggleston at the landfill since he already has his Weigh Master's License.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that the Highway Department will commence the Town Hall roof on Monday.

TOWN CLERK

Nothing

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Lucia suggested that next week's meeting be held at the Emergency Squad Building due to the construction at the Town Hall. All board members were in favor.

Supervisor Lucia told the board members that he needed some dates for meetings on the budget. Councilmen Collura and Byrnes said that Monday or Tuesday would be okay. Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had to go to Ballston both days but would be available after 5:30PM. He said he would contact Councilman Halliday to see when he could meet and get back to the board members.

RESOLUTION #220

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

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

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

RESOLVED to pay all bills as shown below:

Abstracts For 09/05/2013

Voucher #610-#645, #1215-#1228, #2212-#2233; #3007; #3232; #3157

<u>General A/Town Wide - A</u>	\$ 36,806.53
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 3,389.48
<u>Community Development Grant - CD</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$187,378.38
<u>Trust & Agency</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Dorset Drive	\$
Passarelli	\$
 <u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 200.73
Eggleston Street	\$ 104.40
South Corinth	\$ 173.17

RESOLUTION #221
MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

RESOLVED that the board adjourn at 5:50PM to executive session on personnel with no decision to be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E Farr, RMC
Town Clerk