

November 5, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a meeting on November 5, 2015 at 4:30pm at the Town Hall.

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

Public: Tim Halliday  
Kate Halliday  
Dan Stec

After roll call, the pledge of allegiance the following business was conducted:

**RESOLUTION # 249**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

ADOPTED      AYES    5      Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, Collura, Halliday  
                     NAYS    0

RESOLVED that the minutes October 29, 2015 be approved.

Supervisor Lucia provided the town board with a copy of the current Vehicles, Off-Road Recreational laws for the Town of Corinth. Supervisor Lucia stated that he had spoke to the sheriff's department and enforcing a decibel level would be too hard or almost impossible. Supervisor Lucia also suggested a time limit for recreational use from 7am to 9pm. Supervisor Lucia stated that the local law would have to be changed with attorney. Tim Halliday suggested to the board that they review the local village law, a nuisance law; to see if that would be a possible solution. Supervisor Lucia stated that this could be presented at next week's Town Board meeting when Attorney Hafner is here.

Supervisor Lucia stated that the following items were on file in his office:

- The Senior Sentinel ( November 2015)
- Pictures of the completed Eagle Project

**BUDGET**

At 4:35PM the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget was opened with the clerk reading the Legal Ad that was published in the Post Star on October 30, 2015.

Supervisor Lucia read the following:

TOWN BUDGET

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

MEETING

Good Afternoon, Welcome to the Public Hearing on the Town of Corinth's 2016 Budget.

At this stage the budget can only decrease, nothing can be added that will change the final numbers.

With all the State mandates, and the Tax Cap and Tax cap freeze numbers, it is getting extremely difficult to maintain a town tax rate. We are very fortunate again this year, for about the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> year to maintain our town tax rate at \$1.532334 cents per thousand.

Our Mandated cap was .073 percent increase for our 2016 budget. Which after the math, we are allowed to raise our tax levy, across the board, \$20,389. To start out the town portion of the contracted Fire contract with the village, went up 20,000 for next year.

As far as our other Special Districts are concerned, the fire District goes up 12 cents a thousand;

The Highway Department went up 4 cents a thousand

The General Town Outside the Village went down 13 cents a thousand;

All Lighting districts went down per thousand according to size;

All Water districts on the tax bills have now become reserve funds for repairs and improvements to the various districts. The Village is doing new infrastructure on the water and waste treatment that may cause future water bills from the town, to increase over 3 times. We get water from the village for the districts, and are bound to pay whatever fee they charge to outside users. The Village sets our water district fees.

There is a 2 % cost of living built into the budget for Town Employees.

Our medical Insurance has gone up 11% this year. We have 80/20 for two person and family policies, and up until this year we have not charged a single person employee. That will change this year as the single employee will have to pay 5% of their insurance for the first time ever.

WE are counting on our estimated revenues to come through in 2016, and we have used a good portion of unfunded revenues, to balance this years budget. Depending on the financial situation during 2016, we may not be able to continue in this manner.

Thank you for attending, any questions

There being no other comments in favor or in opposition of the budget at 4:40PM a motion was made by Councilman Halliday and seconded by Councilman Byrnes to close the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION #250**

**ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

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

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

RESOLVED that the Preliminary Budget for 2016 be adopted with no changes.

Supervisor Lucia opened the discussion of the current Town of Corinth local law on Vehicles, Off Road Recreational use restricting the use of ATV's within 500' of a residence. Tim Halliday suggested the town board review the recently passed village nuisance laws. Dan Stec also suggested the town look at the Queensbury noise ordinance laws. The matter was tabled with the board requesting the Town Clerk contact the Town Attorney and ask that he contact the Village Attorney for a copy of the village ordinance.

**RESOLUTION #251**

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS AS AUDITED WITH ANY EXCEPTIONS**

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

ADOPTED      AYES    5            Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, Collura, Halliday  
                    NAYS    0

RESOLVED that the following bills be paid:

Abstracts For 11/5/2015

Voucher A - #150819- #150866; B - #151783-#151805; DB - #153311-153330; SL So Corinth - #154019;  
SL Eastern - #154048 and SL Eggleston - #154065

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 56,789.62
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 6,367.17
<u>Community Development Grant - CD</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 65,330.99
<u>Trust &amp; Agency</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 211.86
Eggleston Street	\$ 110.05
South Corinth	\$ 182.67

**Public Input-**

None

**Town Board**

**Councilman Byrnes**

Councilman Byrnes wanted to thank Kirkland Mihalek for a job done well on the Veterans Memorial outside of the Corinth Town Hall.

**Councilman Halliday**

Nothing

**Councilmen Brown**

Nothing

**Councilman Collura**

Councilman Collura asked the board if they remembered an aquatic species law that was dated June of 2014. Councilman Collura stated that he came across this and wanted to know if the board could revisit this law at a future date.

Councilman Collura also thanked Kirkland Mihalek for his work on the Veterans Memorial.

Councilman Collura thanked Don Stec for attending tonight's meeting and all he has done in the county.

**Supervisor Lucia**

Supervisor Lucia stated that there was a low turnout for elections this year. He spoke of the error made by the Board of Elections, in that his proposition for extending the Supervisor's term to 4 years, was left off the ballot. Supervisor Lucia stated that they apologized.

**Town Clerk**

Rose Farr provided the Town Board with a copy of the attorney draft for the purchase of a stretcher for the EMS.

**Code Enforcement**

Mr. Hickok informed the board that he is currently preparing to send his year end reports to the state.

**Highway Superintendent**

Nothing

**RESOLUTION #252**

**MOTION TO ADJORN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL WITH NO DECISION**

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

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

RESOLVED that there being no further business at 4:57 PM the Town Board adjourned to executive session on personnel with no decisions made.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline McFarlane  
Deputy Town Clerk