

MARCH 19, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a regular meeting on March 19, 2015 at 4:30 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  
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk  
Leon Hickok, Code Enforcement Officer

Public: Christina Scanlon (Post Star), Tim Halliday, Louise Kirkpatrick, Ted Thompson and Anthony Ferro

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

Supervisor Lucia told the public that Saratoga & North Creek Railroad people had postponed their part of the meeting since they did not have the figures that were needed to inform the people of the correct information. He said that they did make a response and same is as follows:

**S&NC Response to Town of Corinth**  
**Prospective Movement of Demolition Soil**

- S&NC acknowledges the concerns expressed by certain residents of the Town of Corinth regarding the prospective movement of contaminated soil through their community
- S&NC believes that a thorough and public airing of issues surrounding the prospective movement will allay the safety concerns now being expressed.
- S&NC will participate in a public meeting to describe the proposed movement and answer questions that residents may have.
- No movement of such freight will take place until after such a public meeting and after the railway receives approval for the movement from the Town of Corinth Supervisors.
- Development of regular freight service on the S&NC is critical to the long-term survival of the railroad.

Councilman Byrnes asked that the public be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting. Supervisor Lucia told him that he told a newspaper reporter that there would be no public comment today. Councilman Byrnes said he would request that the public present be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting.

#### Fire Contract

Supervisor Lucia gave each board member a copy of the Fire Department's Long Term Plan that Mayor Morreale left in his office earlier in the week. He said that the Mayor apologized for not including the two Town Board members in the fire budget process this year. Supervisor Lucia asked the Town Board members to review this and he told the board that Fire Chief Kelley could come to a Town Board meeting and go over this if any Town Board member wished.

#### Lisa Meade

Supervisor Lucia gave each board member a copy of a letter that he received which was sent to Lisa Meade on March 16, 2015. Supervisor Lucia said that Mrs. Meade being named Middle School Principal of the Year is a great honor. He said that he was also invited to a ceremony to be held in May for Mrs. Meade.

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

- Mortgage Tax Report - \$5,104.50
- Landfill Report
- Sales Tax Report - \$59,739.00

Supervisor Lucia gave each board member a copy of a letter he received from Homeland Security and Emergency Services. He said that he will turn the letter over to the Town Attorney for his comment.

Supervisor Lucia told the Town Board that he found an error in the Re-Organizational Minutes regarding the Corinth Free Library.

**RESOLUTION #129**

**AMEND RESOLUTION #62 IN THE REORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES**

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

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

RESOLVED that the amount in Resolution #62 of the Reorganizational Meeting be amended to read the sum of \$14,500.00.

Supervisor Lucia presented the month end Supervisor's Report for January, 2015 to the board. He said that this report does not have the personnel amounts since the bookkeeper is still working on straightening out the payroll to have the exact numbers.

**RESOLUTION #130**

**APPROVE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

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

RESOLVED that the Supervisor's Report for January 2015 be approved as presented.

Councilman Collura asked Bookkeeper Halliday about the new payroll system. Bookkeeper Halliday said that the hard part is getting one program to merge with the other. She said this is very time consuming.

Bookkeeper Halliday told the board that the damage from the roof leaking at the squad building was checked out and was unfounded. She said she thought the

men that saw the leak should be commended for moving everything so that nothing was damaged.

Town Board

Councilman Byrnes

Nothing

Councilman Collura

Councilman Collura said he wanted to congratulate Lisa Meade.

Town Clerk

Nothing

Councilman Brown

Councilman Brown asked about emails and whether they need to be kept. He was told any emails regarding the Town should be kept.

Councilman Halliday

Nothing

Highway Superintendent

Nothing

Code Enforcement

Nothing

**RESOLUTION #131**

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

On a motion by Councilman Byrnes 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 03/19 /2015

Voucher A- #150169- #150228; B#151553-#151572; DB#153063-153085

<u>General A/Town Wide - A</u>	\$ 48,710.26
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 3,573.13
<u>Community Development Grant - CD</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 24,144.62
<u>Trust &amp; Agency</u>	\$

<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
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Sewer/Water

Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$

Lighting

Eastern Avenue	\$
Eggleston Street	\$
South Corinth	\$

Public

Louise Kirkpatrick

Louise Kirkpatrick asked about what numbers are being discussed. Supervisor Lucia told her that it was whoever is contracting with the railroad that does not

have the numbers ready yet. He said the contractor is crunching the numbers to see if it is even feasible.

Louise Kirkpatrick asked about why they were wanting to bring the material up to Corinth. Supervisor Lucia told her he did not have that answer and that is the question everybody is asking.

Louise Kirkpatrick asked where the location was for the material to be brought to. Supervisor Lucia told her that it was the former Depot property off Hamilton Avenue.

Louise Kirkpatrick asked where the other contaminated material was disposed of if they have been doing this since 2010. Supervisor Lucia told her that this is why the railroad people have to be present at a meeting to answer these questions.

Louise Kirkpatrick said that dealing with waste or something contaminated that is not made here sets a precedent. Supervisor Lucia said that he thinks she means the law that was passed for the mill site. Councilman Byrnes said he thought she was talking about the law that was passed in 1988 stating that they could not bring waste into Corinth.

Louise Kirkpatrick said that she does not think this is a good proposal for the Town of Corinth.

Councilman Byrnes said he thought this was a way for the railroad to keep going. Supervisor Lucia said he didn't think they could exist with the scenic train only and this was one of the ways they were looking at keeping the railroad going. Mrs. Kirkpatrick said that there is a huge rail in Ravena-Coeymans that does nothing but this. Supervisor Lucia told her that those are the type of questions that need to be asked to the railroad. He said that there is also a place in Glenville that is closer than Corinth.

#### Ted Thompson

Ted Thompson said he is retired NYS DOT as a Regional Rail Coordinator and was involved in many of these rail issues. He said that he came up from Niskayuna. He said he emailed Steve Williams last week with the question of why come all

the way up here to go back down. He said that the rail in Ravena-Coeymans is a different rail but CP Rail has rebuilt the rail in Mechanicville handling containers for J B Hunt. Mr. Thompson said that is only a couple of miles so why truck the material all the way up to Corinth.

Councilman Byrnes said that the town is fortunate that they own the rail so they have some control in this matter.

Mr. Thompson asked if it made a difference that the property is in the Adirondack Park. Supervisor Lucia told him that the railroad is tax exempt under Federal Law so that does not make a difference.

Mr. Thompson said he understands that the level of radio activity is minor since they are putting it in a box and then in a rail car.

Supervisor Lucia told him the only advantage would be to give them some rail life until they could find some other freight.

#### Anthony (Jerry) Ferro

Jerry Ferro said he knows that Corinth has been the dumping grounds for various things in the last few years. He spoke about a box car fire that occurred in Corinth year ago. He said he would appreciate the Board members voting against this. He said he feels it is not something Corinth needs.

#### Councilman Collura

Councilman Collura asked if the board could have Attorney Hafner look at the Town Code regarding the importing of waste.

#### **RESOLUTION #132**

#### **ADJOURN**

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

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

RESOLVED that with no further business at 5:00 PM the Board adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr  
Town Clerk