

**October 5, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a meeting on October 5, 2017 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 Superintendant  
Anne Bourdeau, Account Clerk

Absent: Albert Brooks, Code Enforcement  
Rose Farr, Town Clerk

Public: C. Eric Butler

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

**RESOLUTION #260**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7th,14th,AND 21st**

A motion was made by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Halliday to approve minutes from September 7th, 14th and 21<sup>st</sup> and the following was

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

RESOLVED that the minutes for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 14th, and 21<sup>st</sup> be approved.

**OFA PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Lucia reported to the Board that the Office of the Aging (OFA) public hearing will be held. He said this is an annual hearing to discuss next year’s budget and if anyone wanted to attend just to let him know.

**ROTARY CLUB ADS TO AID OUR 2018 FUND**

Supervisor Lucia discussed the Corinth Rotary Club ads to aid the 2018 Bi-Centennial fund. He stated that the profits from the sale of the Rotary calendars which list individual’s birthdays and anniversaries, will be donated to the 2018 Bi-Centennial fund.

**GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE AND COUNTY PROPERTY SALES**

Supervisor Lucia stated that there was a ‘government foreclosure’ in Kingston NY (Ulster County). There were also two Saratoga County property sales. He said that they can hit that particular list faster than the Assessor’s list.

**SUBURBAN**

Supervisor Lucia discussed donating the ‘suburban’ which was formerly used by the Corinth Animal Control Officer to the Corinth Food Pantry. The food pantry would use the donated vehicle to transport

food items from the Regional Food bank warehouse to the local food pantry. Supervisor Lucia asked the Town Attorney Robert Hafner about the legality of donating the vehicle. The following is a written memorandum from the attorney:

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Richard B. Lucia, Town Supervisor  
FROM: Robert Hafner, Town Counsel  
RE: Donation of Town Vehicle to Food Pantry  
DATE: September 29, 2017

We understand that the Town Board would like to donate a vehicle which was formerly used by the Corinth Animal Control Officer to the food pantry. The vehicle is no longer used by the Animal Control Officer and is not needed for other Town purposes. The food pantry seems to be the Corinth Community Cupboard which is now a part of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The food pantry would use the donated vehicle to transport food items from the Regional Food Bank warehouse to the local food pantry outlet.

Under New York Town Law, the Town Board is authorized to sell and dispose of unneeded Town personal property as the purposes of the Town may require. However, there are no statutory guidelines describing the manner of disposing of unneeded personal property. If no provision is made by statute for this procedure, then it is within the reasonable discretion of the Town Board.

In general, the Town must receive adequate consideration for any sale to a private party. A disposition of valuable personal property to a private party for little or no consideration would typically be in violation of the Constitutional prohibition against gifts of Town property, and a disposition for an inadequate amount could constitute an act of waste of Town property under General Municipal Law.

However, in a few situations Town property may be transferred at no cost but with a condition that it be used to provide public services to Town residents. This public service condition can be considered adequate consideration to the Town.

Supervisor Lucia said the condition of the suburban is good and will serve the public well. The Board discussed the fact that the Corinth Food Pantry will need to purchase their own automobile insurance however. Supervisor Lucia stated that he will contact them to do the transfer as soon as possible.

Matt Roger’s Letter

Supervisor Lucia reported that he had received a letter from Matt Rogers, Senior Planner at LaBerge Engineering with regard to the completion of the Depot project Matt can no longer do the project and recommended Shows Leary, a construction project manager. Supervisor Collura questioned whether Shows was a sub-contractor and if he had his own insurance. Councilman Halliday suggested to possibly have him added to the town payroll to save money.

The Tomahawk News is on file in the Supervisor’s office.

USI

Supervisor Lucia reported that he had talked to USI about how Marshall Sterling Insurance Co met with the Board. USI stated that the rates quoted to the Board and given to the NYS are not final, and that they would like to meet with the Town Board on October 19<sup>th</sup>. They emphasized looking at the extra cost for the employees. Currently it is 20% for two family and 5% for individuals.

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Supervisor Lucia reported that the Inter-Municipal Agreement had passed at the last Village Board meeting regarding the new Water District project. It was noted how well both the Corinth Village and Town attorneys worked diligently together. The \$200K grant received to initiate the project will not be sufficient however, and Supervisor Lucia questioned whether to ‘piggy-back’ their grant, obtain a new grant, or use monetary funds.

Councilman Halliday stated that he is in disagreement with the installation of water meters in each household. He feels that it will be an extra cost burden to each household, and the current water billing of ‘same across the board’ should remain the same.

Councilman Byrnes and Collura both agreed that the installation of water metering is a fair way to bill the households for usage. Residents using more water should pay more than ones using less. In addition this new technology would be enhancing water management and conservation.

Councilman Byrnes questioned whether there would be ‘protection’ for the town, and would the excavation charges be the same for the Town as it will be for the Village. He stated he hoped the Town Attorney Hafner would be present at the next meeting with Don Rhodes to answer these questions.

**RESOLUTION #261**

**ATV LEGISLATION**

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

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

RESOLVED that the following ATV resolution be approved.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT PROPOSAL #3 THAT CREATES A LAND ACCOUNT TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR USE BY TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND COUNTIES HAVING NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN USING FOREST PRESERVE LAND.**

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Forest Preserve lands, in many instances, border local and state highways where local government needs to use a portion of land to straighten a dangerous road, replace a culvert to prevent floods, create a safer bike path, drill a water supply well, or install broadband and other critical infrastructure, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Amendment will create a land account with up to 250-acres of State Forest Preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using State Forest Preserve land to address specific public health or safety concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, as in exchange for the land removed from the State Forest Preserve, another 250-acres of land, will be added to the State Forest Preserve, subject to NY State legislative approval, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Amendment also will allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specific highways that cross the State Forest Preserve while minimizing removal of trees and vegetation, and

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Constitution has been amended to allow such projects in the past, requiring approval by two separately elected NY State Legislatures and a Statewide Referendum, and

**WHEREAS**, there exists currently a NYS DOT landbank for NY State road projects which has a long-standing record of success, and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by the voters of New York State, Ballot Proposal #3 would eliminate the time-consuming and costly bureaucratic process for completing important road maintenance, utility installation and bicycle path creation projects in the Adirondacks and Catskills, a process not faced by communities in any other region of New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the Amendment has wide bi-partisan support from local governments, environmental protection organizations, business groups, recreational enthusiasts, and others for two simple reasons; It's for public good and it's rooted in plain old common sense, and

**WHEREAS**, this Amendment represents the best possible solution to long standing or continuing issues, which local government leaders have work for many years to resolve, and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017 warrants the support of all the voters of New York State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Corinth Board does hereby support Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017, which is deemed critically important to our communities, the State Forest Preserve, the environment and the People of the State of New York, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NYSAC and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

Purchase of 65" & 55" televisions & wall mount, Ipads, Router & Modem, Security cameras

Sean MacDonald from Best Buy met with Councilman Halliday regarding an estimate for purchasing a 65" television + wall mount, 5 Ipads with cases, 11 uninterrupted power supplies, 1 router and 5 nodes + new modem, and labor cost. Councilman Halliday also suggested purchasing a "Linxsys" wifi as it is a "workhorse" system and would handle everything. The estimate from Sean McDonald from Best Buy excluding the security cameras is \$6400.00 subject to change.

Supervisor Lucia suggested replacing the television at the squad building with a 55" television with blue-ray capability, for kids to play their games. He also suggested security cameras for the squad building, IP Museum, and the Town Hall. He stated that the security cameras were just upgraded in Ballston Spa and could get a good deal on 12 cameras for \$500.00. Councilman Halliday suggested to have a good monitoring system to see the tapes clearly, rather than outdated ones that would not have this feature. Supervisor Lucia stated that getting a grant from NYS to buy the cameras would be possible too. He also stated that replacing the television at the squad building would come from the Ambulance fund.

**RESOLUTION# 262**

**TO PURCHASE 1 65" & 55" TELEVISIONS & WALL MOUNT, 5 IPADS & COVERS, 11 UPS, WIFI & 5 NODES, 1 MODEM**

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

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Lucia, Brown, Byrnes, Collura
	NAYS	0	
	ABSTAINED	1	Halliday
	Absent	0	

RESOLVED to purchase 2 televisions and wall mount, 5 i pads and covers, 11 uninterrupted power supplies, 1 Wifi system and 5 nodes, 1 modem, and labor costs.

Councilman Byrnes reported that the Corinth Merchants Association will be purchasing wooden nickel chips to be sold during the 2018 Anniversary year. The profit from these will be donated to the 2018 Bi-Centennial Association.

**RESOLUTION**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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

RESOLVED that with no further business at 5:12PM the Board adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Anne Bourdeau  
Account Clerk