

November 09, 2017

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on November 09, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Town Supervisor
Charles Brown, Councilman
Edward Byrnes, Councilman
Jeffrey Collura, Councilman
Joshua Halliday, Councilman
Robert Hafner, Town Attorney
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk
Albert Brooks, Code Enforcement-Excused

Public: C. Eric Butler, Louise Carney, Matt Fogarty

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

RESOLUTION #279

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 02, 2017 WITH DATE CORRECTION

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

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

RESOLVED that meeting minutes from November 02, 2017 be approved.

RESOLUTION #280

MOTION TO RESCIND THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE FOR THE TOWN OF CORINTH.

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

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

RESOLVED to rescind the public hearing on proposed Tax cap levy limit override for the Town of Corinth.

Supervisor Lucia reminded all that the joint meeting with the Village is scheduled for next Thursday the 16th of November at 6:00pm at the EMS Building. Supervisor Lucia asked the board members what items of interest they would like to have on the agenda. The following items of interest were requested by

Board members to have on the agenda: Fire Department Budget, Vacant lots in Village, security issues and to ensure that the Depot can be plowed for the Hometown Christmas.

Supervisor Lucia said there are tickets that need to be sold for the train ride for the Hometown Christmas. Supervisor Lucia said he spoke to Bill Davis from the Rotary Club and they are going to help the Image Committee because they have no Volunteers. There was conversation about placing an ad in the Pennysaver for Volunteers and Supervisor Lucia said that he would contact Marilyn O'Neil.

Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan read the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for January 01, 2018 into record.

Supervisor Lucia opened the Public Hearing at 7:10pm and stated the following:

Town of Corinth Budget Hearing

November 9, 2017

- Budget time is a very stressful time for our board. This year being the worst in a long time. This is a bare bones budget, with drastic cuts in every department,
- WE are under the State Mandated Tax cap freeze at 1.84 % this year with a huge shortfall in Revenues.
- We are below our Sales Tax Revenues, Mortgage tax Revenues,
- Court Revenues, Interest rates are nil. Indeck Pilot agreement was paid off last year leaving us a shortfall in revenues even though it went to the assessed value side to bring that up.
- With our tax cap values figured in it only allowed us to raise 35,000 with our going over the cap. We were going to override the tax cap, but after investigating the downfalls, is that if we do our taxpayers would not see the small checks they get for the rebates, and we would have to put in the next budget for the following year a reserve for the amount we would go over.
- In taking all departments in consideration we needed to cut 300,000 from our first initial budget.
- The budget does include a 2% cost of living increase for employees and when you add it all up the amount was actually a small amount to remove.
- This budget does remove a part time employee from court, considering the work load is greatly reduced for 3 people.
- It removes 50,000 for a reserve in our fire department budget leaving an unsigned contract to be revisited.
- We have ~~drastic~~ cuts in our EMS Department starting next year.
- We use 95,000 from a cd plus unexpended balances in all accounts

WITH ALL OF THIS THE END RESULT IS STILL A.13 CENT TAX RATE INCREASE PER THOUSAND.

- We need to maintain services for the health safety and welfare of our citizens and it mean tightening the belts to do, like you would at home.
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RESOLUTION #281

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF CORINTH PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR JANUARY 01, 2018.

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

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

RESOLVED to close the public hearing on proposed preliminary budget for January 01, 2018.

RESOLUTION #282

MOTION TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF CORINTH PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR JANUARY 01, 2018.

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

RESOLVED to adopt the preliminary budget for January 01, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

Lucia- Yes
Brown-Yes
Byrnes-Yes
Halliday-Yes
Collura-Yes

SUMMARY OF TOWN BUDGET - 2018

<u>c</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR OTHER USES</u>	<u>LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>	<u>LESS UNEXPENDED BALANCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</u>
A	GENERAL	\$1,592,630.00	\$491,450.00	\$320,000.00	\$781,180.00
B	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$477,241.00	\$266,050.00	\$145,000.00	\$66,191.00
DA	HIGHWAY - TOWNWIDE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DB	HIGHWAY - OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$1,590,139.21	\$778,000.00	\$385,000.00	\$427,139.21
CD	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CF	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
L	PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

FUND					
V	DEBT SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FUND					
SLS	SOUTH	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CORINTH					
LIGHTS					
SWD	DORSET DRIVE	\$4,584.00	\$4,584.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER					
SF	FIRE	\$374,427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$374,427.00
SLE	EASTERN	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AVENUE LIGHTS					
SLG	EGGLESTON	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STREET LIGHTS					
SWT	TRANQUILITY	\$9,590.00	\$9,590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ESTATES WATER					
SWE	EASTERN	\$22,664.00	\$22,664.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AVENUE WATER					
SWP	PASARELLI	\$10,804.00	\$10,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER					
EF	ENTERPRISE	\$955,485.00	\$451,900.00	\$17,000.00	\$486,585.00
HEALTH REL FAC					
<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>\$5,045,564.21</u>	<u>\$2,043,042.00</u>	<u>\$867,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,135,522.21</u>

Please see attached for Budget 2018 Budget details.

Supervisor Lucia asked Matt Fogarty head of EMS to speak on his report submitted to town.

Mr. Fogarty spoke about the following:

- the town did not receive mutual aid in the month of October but did give mutual aid 5 times.

- Fly car showing its age

- Staffing improving however, one part time employee has not been heard from since August.

Attorney Hafner advised Mr. Fogarty to contact Attorney Tom Peterson.

Supervisor Lucia spoke about the following:

- Meeting on December 07 @ 4:30 Melanie Denno will be present to discuss Insurance with the Town.

- Wesley Newsletter

- Tomahawk News

- County Property Sales

- Railroad Check Report

- S.C Animal Shelter Inspection Report

- Clean Water Booklet

- Letter from Saratoga County inmate:

Supervisor Lucia said he received a letter pertaining to inherited property in the Town of Corinth. This property is currently in violation of the Town Code. The inmate wrote a letter requesting of the Town to postpone any further action against the property. The inmate said he is set for release on December 20, 2017 and would appreciate it if the Town could give him time when he gets out to make necessary corrections. The Board decided to give this inmate 30 days from December 20, 2017.

First Wilderness Contract- Supervisor Lucia said that he has this contract and it needs to be signed in order to get any money. Attorney Hafner said the contract reads that the match is coming from Warren County. Councilman Byrnes asked if the town could work on getting Saratoga County involved with this.

RESOLUTION #283

FIRST WILDERNESS CONTRACT

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

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

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the First Wilderness Contract and any and all other documents that may be necessary.

Supervisor Lucia said the following Report were on file if presented:

- Town Clerk
- Highway
- Building Department
- Justices
- Planning Department
- Zoning Department
- Fire Department
- Senior Center
- Custodial Reports

RESOLUTION #284

MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS AS AUDITED WITH 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
 Absent 0
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the bills be approved as audited with exceptions as follows:

Abstracts For 11/09/2017

Voucher A - #170657- #170690, B - #172359- #172371; DB #173319-#173332; EF #177274 - #177284; SL So Corinth #174016; SL Eastern Ave - #174046; SL Eggleston St - #174064: SW Passarelli - #174082

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 23,882.04
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 3,136.61
<u>Community Development Grant - CD</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 15,427.11
<u>Medical – EF</u>	\$ 2,325.87
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$
<u>CDBG</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$ 110.75
Dorset	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 213.11
Eggleston Street	\$ 110.84
South Corinth	\$ 183.81

Town Board

Councilman Byrnes spoke about the following:

-That Saturday the 25th is Small Business Saturday and he would like to encourage people to shop local small businesses the Saturday after Thanksgiving every year.

-12/20/2017 is the deadline to turn in application for Merchants Association Home Town decorating contest with a \$200 prize for first place.

-Request that the Village clear the road that the Depot is on of snow for the Hometown Christmas.

- Councilman Byrnes said he attended the Veterans’ Program put on at the School last night and it was exceptional and very emotional. It was nice to see that the young kids understand the significance of Veterans’ Day.

-Councilman Byrnes also said the Merchants Association would like to buy T-Shirts to sell for their display windows for the Bi-Centennial. They would like color pictures of the shirts with the emblems. There was also discussion as to who was going to be the contact person for the shirts and who was going to collect the money for the shirts. Councilman Byrnes said there also needs to be someone to answer questions. Councilman Byrnes said that for now he will put down his home number.

-To recognize Supervisor Lucia/Budget Officer for all his hard work and dedication on the Town Budget and its process.

-Also to recognize Shawn Eggleston and Matt Fogarty for always finding ways to cut their budgets.

Councilman Halliday spoke about the following:

-Councilman Halliday wanted to congratulate the re-elected board member and the new board member to the board.

Supervisor Lucia spoke about the following:

- He also commented on the Veterans' Event and how touching it was.
- To thank all board members for their hard work on budget.
- Cate Mandigo will be at Saratoga National for the Hometown Christmas celebration.
- There was also discussion as to finding volunteers' for the hometown Christmas on December 02. Councilman Byrnes said December 02 was Joan Welchs' Birthday and that maybe in the ad for the Pennysaver we could be in search of Volunteers honoring Joan's' memory.
- There would be a small ceremony on November 18 @ 11:00 am with Steve Cernek putting up the Sign from the Historic Preservation on the IP Building. There will be folks present from the IP Foundation.
- Supervisor Lucia spoke about the Trail Grant @ the Depot from the reservoir to the Depot to the beach.

Councilman Brown spoke about the following:

- Congratulated Councilman Byrnes on his re-election and Mr. Butler on being newly elected.
- Said Mechanic Street in the Village is done.

Councilman Collura spoke about the following:

- The Veterans program put on last night and to thank Beverly Jacon for all her hard work.
- Thanked Highway Superintendent for the new signs on Wilton Mountain.
- Wanted to know when the Town was going to see the grant monies from the water grant. Attorney Hafner said he would address this later.
- That for the Bi-Centennial Celebrations the Town should consider changing the name on our ambulances. Supervisor Lucia explained the history pertaining to the name. Attorney Hafner asked if the other ambulance corp. had been formally dissolved. Supervisor Lucia said yes, but that he would send an email to confirm. Attorney Hafner said after he gets confirmation, all the board has to do to change the name is a Resolution and name change paperwork.

Town Clerk Farr spoke about the following:

- Town Clerk Farr said she wanted to speak about the CDBG Grant and that she did not feel it was right to reassess properties that are currently receiving monies for improvements

from these grants. Clerk Farr said she contacted Michelle at CDBG grants and there are no longer laws on the books that prohibit this from happening. Town Clerk Farr said Michelle from CDBG suggested that the Town should pass a local law prohibiting reassessment on the properties receiving these grants until the lien is off the property. Attorney Hafner said he had discussed it with his partner Jackie who deals with assessments and she can work on it. Then they could move forward.

-Town Clerk Farr Said the board had tabled the Resolution pertaining to the IT Bid at the last meeting. Councilman Byrnes thought they had resolved to go with the lowest bid. The Board decided to go with the lowest bid submitted.

RESOLUTION #285

AWARDING BID FOR TABLETS AND IT EQUIPMENT FOR TOWN BOARD AND TOWN HALL TO BEST BUY OF SARATOGA

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

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

RESOLVED that the bid for tablet and IT equipment go to Best Buy of Saratoga.

Attorney Hafner spoke about the following:

- Review of contracts which were just reviewed
- Adjournment tonight to executive on possible settlement of litigation.
- Update Water District #5: Approvals were pending based on 7 conditions;

Attorney Hafner said the following have been met; map plan and report, public hearing, passed resolution establishing the district with conditions, most have been satisfied. There are two conditions that he would like to speak about:

1. The IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) sets the standards for the repairs that they do for us and the district, and this is acceptable. They spoke about the 2 things that Shawn spoke about and it is acceptable in theory. The Village will get back to the town with some proposed language; but it will be set with some standard that is objective like the FEMA one that Saratoga County has. Once the Language has been worked out the town will be receiving the final resolution on the IMA. Attorney Hafner said he believed there was a resolution authorizing the IMA, once he gets the resolution from the village and the language has been cleaned up; the final step of forming the district is issuing an order stating that all the contingencies have been met.
2. The other is the dedication of the infrastructure to the town. This is currently being worked on. We are working on a draft about what will be quick claim deed pertaining to the property in the village with the easement to the town. Hoping to have this done by the end of the week so that we may have a resolution ready for next month's meeting which Attorney Jacqueline White will attend, and then afterwards District #5 will officially exist.

3. Attorney Hafner said he has to confirm with Don Rhodes but there are technicalities with a water withdrawal permit from DOH that have to be addressed.
4. Attorney Hafner said Engineer Rhodes said he is going to request from Supervisor Lucia that he return in January to start discussing the grant money. Attorney Hafner said this needs to be a coordinated effort with the Village. Attorney Hafner said the grant was for meters and there are things that need to be done. The amount of money from the grant will not pay for all the meters. Attorney Hafner said as part of the intermunicipal Agreement the town has agreed to have the same rules and regulations that the village has. Their rules and regulations state there are going to be standard meters. They will be starting their project in April/May of next year. Attorney Hafner said it will be cheaper for the town to change over at the same time as the village.
5. Attorney Hafner said the town is also going to need to work towards the consolidation of all 5 districts.

Councilman Collura wanted to know when the board would get the final draft. Attorney Hafner explained the board has already signed off on the final draft with the conditions and any changes. The board has authorized the Supervisor to approve the final language after it has been approved by the Town Attorney.

There will also be a final order, a final step under Town law, which states that everything has been done. At next month's meeting there will be a resolution approving the IMA. There will be a resolution approving the quick claim deed and the easement with the village pertaining to the property at Freight house road.

Councilman Collura said when the grant was presented to the town it wasn't just for meters. So, if the Town decides that it doesn't want meters will we still get reimbursed for our portion of the grant. Attorney Hafner said he was under the assumption that doing the meters was part of the project to get the grant. Several board members said they were not sure that meters were the direction that they wanted to go. It was decided this would have to be looked into. Town Clerk Farr said they had discussed master meters and individual meters. Attorney Hafner said with other towns where meters have been put in, water usage has decreased because once people start paying for their usage things start to improve.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston spoke about the following:

-Highway Superintendent Eggleston said he received a flyer from Unifirst with specials on winter clothing and the prices were outstanding. He said coats were \$54.00 and Jacket, bibs and a hat were on sale for \$121.00. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said he had enough funds to place this order but wanted to let the board know about the savings.

Public Comment:

- Louise Carney addressed the board regarding the following:

-Mrs. Carney felt that communication from the town was poor. She would like to see the town board be more progressive and aggressive. There is nothing on the Town website informing people what is going to be on the agenda. The residents only seem to know what's going on by the minutes in which case the decision have almost always been made.

- Oil Tankers: Mrs. Carney said she is against these tankers sitting on the tracks in our communities. The communities up North don't want them either; they have been transporting harmful chemicals and are too close to the Hudson River and our communities to be sitting on the rails in our towns. Mrs. Carney feels the Town of Corinth should get on board with other communities to fight against these tankers sitting in our towns'. Mrs. Carney shared a wealth of knowledge about who owns the tankers, the rails and the profits being made by those who want the tankers sitting in our communities. Councilman Collura said the town was aware of it and that is why the Town of Corinth didn't allow it to happen. Mrs. Carney said the town should pass an official resolution stating that they do not want the oil tankers in our town and join in with other communities in the fight against them.

-Mrs. Carney spoke about the section 120-4-5 of the Town Code which pertains to unregistered vehicles within the town. This section of the code doesn't allow any unregistered vehicles and she would like have the Town Board review this section of the code and possibly amend it and enforce it.

-In regards to the police issue with the Village, Mrs. Carney said to let the Village deal it with now. She does not feel that the Town should assume or absorb the cost as this was the Villages choice and to let them deal with the consequences. The Village has dumped the playground on the town and she hopes that the town stands up to them and tells them no!

RESOLUTION #286

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LITIGATION WITH NO DECISION

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

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

RESOLVED that with no further business at 8:29 PM the board adjourned to executive session on potential settlement of pending litigation with no decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk