

July 6, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a workshop meeting on July 6, 2017 at 4:30PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Supervisor  
 Charles Brown, Councilman  
 Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
 Jeffrey Collura, Councilman  
 Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk

Excused- Joshua Halliday, Councilman  
 Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent  
 Albert Brooks-Code Enforcement Officer

Public: None

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

**RESOLUTION #197**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes from June 15, 2017 be approved.

**RESOLUTION # 198**

**TABLE OF MINUTES**

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes from June 22, 2017 be tabled for review until July 13 2017.

**Fun Day**

A discussion was had regarding 2017 Fun Day. Everyone felt it went very well except for a few minor things. Suggestions were made for next year.

Independence Day Celebration

The Board wanted to thank Marilyn O’Neil and the Image Committee for all they did to make the Independence Day Celebration such a success.

Supervisor Lucia had the board review the following letter he composed to send to Louise Carney regarding her statement in the June 8, 2017 meeting minutes.

**RESOLUTION # 199****SEND LETTER TO LOUISE CARNEY**

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

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

RESOLVED that the following response be sent to Louise Carney:



**TOWN OF CORINTH  
SUPERVISORS OFFICE  
RICHARD B. LUCIA**

**Hi Louise,**

**Sorry this response has taken so long, but my computer has been shot for almost 2 weeks and had to take Brian back to Westchester Trauma Center to have his hand checked again.**

**Thank you for coming to the Board to address your issues, we wish more folks came to meetings.**

**#1. As far as the sheriff issue goes, we absolutely have not negotiated anything and cannot until our budget process in the fall. The complete board has not come to a decision as of yet, but letters and comments like yours will help us make the correct choice.**

**#2. The mill property is still owned by International Paper and they have the final say as to what goes there. For years they bundled everything together so that meant that if someone**

wanted to go in there, they would have to assume the rest of the bond on the landfills, which amounts to over 13 million dollars. That means anyone interested would have that debt up front before they invested a dime into their business. Naturally it scared them all away. Except for trash type business, and we have laws on the books to prevent that.

IP also would not sell to anything that came here related to wood or paper business. In the last couple years IP split their property in half, they took the landfill areas and all the wooded area, which is all in the town, and took that section off the market.

The remaining sites, all in the Village, and the cleared sections, are not the ones for sale. There are bites, but still no takers.

As far as the rail cars and whatever else pass's our desks, as a board, no matter what the issue, we are obligated to listen to all the facts, from both sides, and then make a decision.

#3.

We have made several attempts to have upscale senior housing, but they have all fell through for one reason or another, property not big enough, rental surveys not showing enough to fill complex, not close enough to downtown for walkers, to near wetlands. Just in the last month, A person came to

**me with a huge interest in this project, but everything is confidential at this point at their request.**

**#4.**

**We all share the same concern about the low income and dumpy apartments, but the most of them are in the village, not all, but they must tighten up their codes. Like Jacks Place, not sure how that is even habitable. We have had several grants for town folks to fix up their properties, not only to look better, but to make them safer for our residents. Most of these grants go to townspeople that just don't have the means to fix up. A lot are just seniors or widowed people with no means that lived here and paid taxes all their lives. This doesn't make them bad Corinth citizens.**

**#5.**

**I believe you and I had a conversation about the depot before, The new depot is well underway to happen, grant monies are slow to materialize, but they are coming through, We have had to clean out the old depot, that was buried, bring in new clean fill, and have begun digging for the footings and such for the platform that needs to extend to reach the track that the train uses.**

**We are close to having the Electric power put in, which has been years in the process. Then we will be putting up the next phase, a covered pavilion, which will become part of the Station. There are prints of the station that have been in the front hall of the Town Hall for months. The next grant just came through and we are looking forward to the next phase of the project.**

**As far as your picture of the junk car you have been looking at for 15 years, I believe the same code has been the answer, a person is allowed one unregistered car on their property. We as a board, along with the building inspector, try to handle all the laws, town and state as they come to us. There is a process that needs to be followed and the final stage brings them to court, be it local or county court.**

**#6.**

**Again I believe we had the youth commission conversation in my office not too long ago. for 20 years, you did an awesome job as chairperson, and you're to be commended. I remember for a long time you did it all volunteer, before there was any kind of stipend.**

**Also Mr. Falkenbury, did a fantastic job for years, until the County and State paperwork, kept**

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**increasing until it began to bog down the program. Now all the State and Department of Health rules are all on our heads, as to how we can offer programs. You were lucky, you did not have those during your tenure.**

**We have increased the salary to start at what the people in our town hall start at. Still not much interest. We work with the Saratoga County Youth Bureau to receive grants and present a program for our youth.**

**We are revamping out Youth Commission Bylaws, and accepting new members for the Commission.**

**If you have ideas of how to make a better program, we are eager to listen.**

**As far as the Town budget goes, we do pride ourselves in keeping a low budget every year. A lot of work goes into the budget process. We have revenues that are dwindling every year, and we have to offer the same services for less. Not every citizen in Corinth can say they would like to pay more taxes.**

**The famous New York State tax cap is not easy to deal with or follow. Yes you can override it a year, but get hit harder the next year.**

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**We as a board take very seriously the decisions we make as a board, representing the people that put us here. We look at both sides of an issue, and then make the best decision for the most concerned.**

**We actually do have people come to us and thank us for our jobs, and that they like to live here and raise their families here.**

**We appreciate your coming to the board meeting with your issues, we wish more people came to a meeting.**

**Thank you for your interest in your hometown.**

**Sincerely,**



**Richard B. Lucia**

**Corinth Town Supervisor**

Supervisor Lucia gave all the board members a copy of an email from Lincoln Mountain Snowmobile Club regarding them applying for an RTP (Recreational Trails) Grant in hopes of purchasing a larger groomer and drag to maintain its 34 mile trail system. All board members thought this was a great idea. Councilman Byrnes said he would hope eventually that the trail system would extend north to Warren County.

Supervisor told the board that Red Cross would be holding a blood drive on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from \*am to 1pm at the Holy Mother and Child Church.

Supervisor Lucia gave the board members a copy of a letter that is on file in his office stating that Niagara Mohawk, d/b/a National Grid is asking for a rate increase in their delivery rates. Councilman Collura said his delivery charge is more than the supply charge. Councilman Byrnes spoke about a meeting he attended that National Grid told that they do not make any money off their supply it is off the delivery.

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had literature from the Adirondack Architectural Heritage on file in his office if anyone would like to look at it.

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he received a Thank You letter from the New York State Rural Housing Coalition.

Supervisor Lucia gave the board a copy of the County Property Sales.

#### Town Clerk

Nothing

#### Councilman Brown

Nothing

#### Councilman Collura

Councilman Collura said he wondered what the Village's intent was for the four vacant lots in the center of the Village that have been vacant for over 10 years. He said perhaps the assessor should be asked to look at the assessment on those lots since they are in the center of the Village. He said he suggested to the Mayor, quite a while ago, that perhaps the Village give the property owners some incentive to allow the property to be used for something like a Farmer's Market. He said the mayor for not very responsive to that idea.

Councilman Byrnes suggested that this matter be discussed with the Village when the Sheriff's Contract is discussed.

#### Supervisor

Supervisor Lucia told the board that the Code Enforcement Officer wanted the board to be informed about two problems he is working on.

- Property on Angel Road that he has now issued 11 citations on
- Property on Wall Street where a pool was constructed in a manner that was not consistent with the permit that was issued

Councilman Byrnes commented on how the cases are handled and said perhaps our laws need to have more teeth.

Playground

Supervisor Lucia told the board that he had a woman contact him regarding the Playground Director position. He said he told her she needs to come in for an interview and bring a resume. Supervisor Lucia told the board that he will be meeting with the County Youth Bureau next week and he will discuss what is necessary with them.

Councilman Byrnes told the board that he has another meeting with the Neighborhood Watch scheduled for next Wednesday.

**RESOLUTION #200**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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

RESOLVED that at 5:30PM the Town Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC  
Corinth Town Clerk