

June 1, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Corinth held a workshop on June 1, 2017 at 4:30PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard B. Lucia-Supervisor  
Charles Brown-Councilman  
Edward Byrnes-Councilman  
Jeffrey Collura. Councilman  
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk  
Anne Bourdeau, Account Clerk

Absent: Joshua Halliday, Councilman  
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent  
Albert Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer

Public Thomas Clothier  
Gary Randall  
Leigh Lescault  
Julia DiGioncchino  
Melanie Denno  
Tim Halliday  
Alison Clark  
Meghan Allen  
Ed Allen  
Pete Morreale  
Dianna Buehler

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

**RESOLUTION #178**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 18<sup>th</sup> and MAY 25, 2017**

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

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

RESOLVED that the meeting minutes for May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved.

### Matt Fogarty

Matt Fogarty gave the Town Board his report for May, 2017. After giving the board his report he mentioned to the board that the Village Planning Board had contacted him regarding on street parking in front of the EMS building. Matt told the board that he expressed his concerns that no parking be allowed especially in front of the bay doors since it would interfere with the entering and exiting of the ambulances.

Councilman Collura asked that the Town send a letter to the Village expressing their concerns and requesting that No Parking signs be placed on the street across from the bay doors.

Matt Fogarty told the board that he was going to reach out to the school to see if he could, within the next two weeks, conduct a Community Outreach for CPR and First Aid classes for students that might need these for summer employment.

### Melanie Denno

Melanie Denno spoke to the Town Board regarding the Village not renewing the Sheriff's Contract on June 1, 2017. She gave the board a brief synopsis of what had transpired to date with the Village. She said, in her opinion, the Village Board did not have the facts and figures needed before making their decision. She said the most concern from the public, police officers, fire department members and EMS staff was response time followed by a case of an active shooter at school and protecting the EMS staff in the event they are called to a situation regarding a domestic, drugs or weapons. By eliminating the Sheriff contract, the Village eliminated the response time of this layer of protection for the EMS staff. She spoke about the Village Mayor sending a letter canceling the Sheriff's Contract on May 11, 2017. On May 17, 2017 her motion to renew the contract was voted down 3 to 2. While the entire Village Board understands the concern that water taxes will significantly increase in the next few year, this is a completely separate matter from police protection and it is the Village Boards responsibility to educate the public regarding an increase in water taxes.

Melanie said she considered it the duty of the board to protect their constituents. She was unable to get her motion passed by the Village Board that did included a joint meeting between the Town and Village. Melanie asked the Town Board to consider inviting the Village Board to a joint meeting to discuss the shared contract with the Sheriff that would cover both the Town and Village residents. There was a consensus from the Town Board that a joint meeting was something they would consider.

Councilman Byrnes thanked Melanie for coming to the board and making her presentation.

### Diana Buehler

Diana Buehler, a village resident and a Deputy Sheriff, said that she has worked in the Village for three years and she said things are getting worst not better. She told the board that her major concern would be the increase in the response time. She explained that now a deputy could be in Edinburg when a call was received for Corinth. That would mean a lengthy response

time. She told the board that the Mayor had a concern with the Sheriff's Department going to the Elementary School since the school was in the Town. She told the board that she felt it was important that the children knew that the sheriffs were their friends. She encouraged the Town Board to speak with the village Board.

Councilman Byrnes said he thought the people needed to have a say in this matter. He said that as board members they are responsible for the safety and well-being of their citizens.

#### Alison Clark

Alison Clark stated that she has been a resident of the Village for eight years. She said everybody she has spoken to is very nervous about having no sheriff protection. She said she felt all the discussion was on the budget when it should be on the safety of the citizens. She also asked that the Town Board reach out to the Village for a joint meeting on this matter.

#### Julia DiGioncchino

Mrs. DiGioncchino said she lives at 3 Atwell Road in the Town and she applauded the Village Board. She said she felt that the protection she has is adequate and the Town should not be bailing out the Village. She said she did not feel it was the Town's responsibility to take this over.

#### Ed Allen

Ed Allen, a Village resident, said he paid Village taxes and he also pays Town taxes. He said he thinks the Town should have a part in this. Supervisor Lucia told Mr. Allen that the sheriff's protection is part of the County tax not the Town tax.

Supervisor Lucia explained that the one problem is that the Village Budget runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> and the Town Budget runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> so any discussions regarding the Town Budget would have to be in the fall.

Supervisor Lucia told the public that he will request a meeting.

Supervisor Lucia reminded the Board of the Independence Day Celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Lucia gave all board members a copy of the New York State Real Property Assessment rate for Corinth which is 100%.

Supervisor Lucia showed the board a letter that Councilman Collura had drafted regarding the condition of NYS Route 9N.

#### **RESOLUTION #179**

#### **MOTION TO SIGN LETTER TO GOVERNOR CUOMO REGARDING NYS ROUTE 9N**

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Corinth send a letter to Governor Cuomo regarding the fact that NYS Route 9N drastically needs repairs.

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Byrnes said he felt Corinth was a community of one and would agree to have a meeting.

Councilman Byrnes spoke about going to two different award ceremonies for the graduating high school seniors and how great it was to have such dedicated young people.

Councilman Byrnes also told the board that the Class of 2017 dedicated their year book to his son Tyler.

Councilman Collura

Councilman Collura said he wanted to send his condolences to the Tracy family,

Councilman Collura stated that the village Board is made up of five people and the citizens should remember this when the next people run for the Village Board. He spoke about having a substation for the Sheriffs located at the school. Councilman Byrnes said he didn't think people that are arrested should be taken to the school.

Town Clerk

Nothing

Bookkeeper

Bookkeeper Halliday gave the board her reports. A discussion of the rates to be charged for the ambulance was discussed. It was unanimously decided to contact Multi Med, since the Town rates are very low, to ask about raising the rates that the Town is charging.

Councilman Collura asked Bookkeeper Halliday if the overtime is under control. She told him it was.

**RESOLUTION #180**

**APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AS PRESENTED**

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
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Halliday

Resolved that the Town of Corinth Town Board accepts as presented the Supervisor's monthly financial report for January 2017.

Supervisor Lucia read the following report from Stephen Cernek into the record:

**Report to the Corinth Town Board Board  
Submitted by Stephen Cernek June 1, 2017**

**1. National Historic Register:** Additional research and writing was done in support of the application for the IP building to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The approval given in March at the Waterford meeting was regional, so now the building will be considered for State and National status in June. Bill Krattinger, who is in charge of the regional division of NYS State Parks that handles the nomination process, was working to further develop the application and required more historical information from me on the Hudson River Mill.

Bill is very confident in our prospects for full National Register status. It would be better if we knew for sure who the architect of the building was, but so far we have only been able to speculate that it was likely one of three individuals. Bill has been very engaged with me in the research, is very interested in the building and the general project, and he has expressed his interest serving on the Museum's Board of Trustees. If Bill joins the Board this will mean that it will have four strong professionals with historic, preservation and museum background experience to guide the development of the future Museum

**2. Non-Profit Status:** The National Register application is in, and the application for the Museum Charter from NYS has been submitted to the Department of Education. Next up is the application to operate as a non-profit in New York State, and then - once the Museum charter is granted perhaps in September - the application for IRS 501 (c)(3) status can be completed and submitted. When both of these are approved the Museum can begin to raise money from corporate and foundation sources.

**3. Existing Conditions Study:** I would like to have an existing conditions study done on the building soon to determine what needs to be done to preserve and to convert it to museum use, but the low estimate for this work is \$14,000. Since the building is still owned by the Town of Corinth, we can only use monies provided by State or Federal agencies to have the study done. Attempts to communicate with Corinth's elected State representatives and to seek funding from them were very discouraging.

The State Program that provides funding for such studies requires that the building be listed on the National Register, but the next grant deadline is March 2018. Unless someone would be willing contribute the funds in the near term without seeking the tax benefits, we may have to wait another year before the conditions study can be ordered and paid for.

**4. Hudson River Mill Film:** I received written permission from the AFL-CIO in Washington to obtain a digital copy of a film that was shot at the Hudson River Mill in 1959 that is presently located at the Wisconsin State Historical Society. This film likely shows the operation of the then newly constructed No. 11 paper machine. This film would be a good display video for the museum, but the accession costs of the film and the expense of converting it into a useable DVD will run around \$200.

**5. Archive of Mill Photographs:** I also found and purchased on eBay a never-before-seen stereo view of the mill's wood yard (it was posted to the Museum's Facebook page). From the information on the stereo view I was able to locate the university archive in California that holds about 15 other Hudson River Mill photos from the same (ca. 1910) photo shoot. None of these photos have ever been seen locally before. Many are very RARE interior views of pulp and paper production. I am working presently with the museum curator via email to determine the best way to secure high resolution copies of these photographs.

**6. Museum Advisory Committee:** I have met three times with our Museum Advisory Committee and have communicated several times by email. The group plans to host a social event for former mill workers at the IP building this summer. I recently located among materials salvaged from the Mill a VHS copy of films made at retiree picnics in the 1950s. I am presently having this VHS tape converted to DVD so that it can be shown at the social event.

**7. Museum Facebook Page:** The number of visitors to the Museum's Facebook page continues to grow. The item posted there that has received most interest was a 2-minute film clip taken from the footage I recorded on November 1, 2002, the day the mill shutdown. The clip was widely shared, having reached the Facebook pages of 5,953 people. The Museum's Facebook following has now grown only to 180 from the 99 before the film posting, so there is more work to do.

**8. International Paper:** I will conclude on the most positive note I can by saying that after several months of communication attempts, I finally have a phone call meeting arranged with a Vice-President from the IP Foundation who wrote to me, wanting to learn more about our Museum plans and what our funding needs are! The call is scheduled for the second week of June.

I am being cautiously optimistic about this communication due to my past experience going down a similar road with International Paper. In 2006 I went to Washington to meet with two IP Vice-Presidents, one of whom said the IP building would be gifted to the Town within 90 days, and the other offered \$50,000 in seed money for the museum. That was eleven years ago. It took another six years (2012) to have the building gifted, and over a decade to resume funding communications with the Foundation.

Please direct any questions or comments to me at.....stephencernek@me.com

Respectfully submitted.

**Stephen Cernek**

**RESOLUTION #181**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Lucia, Brown, Byrnes and Collura
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Halliday

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rose E. Farr, RMC  
Town Clerk