

April 12, 2018

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on April 12, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Town Supervisor  
Jeffrey Collura, Councilman  
C. Eric Butler, Councilman  
Joshua Halliday, Councilman  
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk  
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk  
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent  
Albert Brooks Code Enforcement Officer  
Robert Hafner, Town Counsel  
Excused: Edward Byrnes, Councilman

Public: Frank Mihalek, Killian Sullivan, Joe Tangora, Melissa Geary, John Geary, Mike Geary, Kevin Mason, Daniel Lemieux, Jr. , Logan Dishon, Dianne Dishon, Al Dishon, Devin Robarge, Rebecca Robarge

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

Supervisor Lucia welcomed the boys from Boy Scout troop #4021. Frank Mihalek introduced the boys of the troop to the Town Board and explained that the boys were before the board this evening as part of their Communication Merit Badge.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

-Supervisor Lucia said the minutes from April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were tabled until next week.

**Water IMA Contract/ other water issues-**

Attorney Hafner reviewed the proposed IMA contract pertaining to meters with the Board.

There was discussion had pertaining to

- the billing process and the appearance of double billing
- The 2016 Town water rate analysis and why it was almost half when the Town has 269 water units and the Village has 1200 and there is no current analysis listed on the 2018 paperwork.
- Time schedule for approval

Councilman Halliday said he thought it was more expensive for the town because of the special units that were going to be needed in some areas of the town. Attorney Hafner said this agreement is in three parts; it states that the town is going to pay for the cost of installing and buying the meters for the town, it says that we are going to pay 50% of the cost of shared metered reading equipment, and the town is paying for construction administration for overseeing for the Town. Councilman Collura said that Mr. Rhodes should be here helping the Town Board with these issues. Town Clerk Farr said he is on vacation. Councilman Collura wanted clarification on the Municipal Cost sharing Breakdown.

The following resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT  
WITH VILLAGE OF CORINTH FOR PURCHASE AND  
INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS**

RESOLUTION NO.: 150

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Halliday

SECONDED BY: Councilman Collura

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Corinth (the “Village”) formally provides water to the Town’s Water Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is undertaking a Water Metering Project (“the Project”) whereby meters will be installed on all connections within the Village and master meters will be installed in specified areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the Village have jointly received a \$400,000 Local Government Efficiency Award (“LGE”) towards the implementation of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has already contracted for the purchase and installation of meters in the Village and, if requested, in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has offered to permit the Town to join in on the Project and utilize the contractors and pricing procured by the Village for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is in agreement that the Village and the Town should work together in the implementation of the Project, and at each water service connection within the Town’s water districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the Village are authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements for the performance of their respective functions on a cooperative or contract basis pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 5-G; and

**WHEREAS**, an Intermunicipal Agreement has been prepared which represents the understanding of the Town and the Village regarding their respective rights and obligations in connection with the Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Corinth Town Board hereby approves the proposed Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Corinth in substantially the form provided to the Town.

2. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Intermunicipal Agreement substantially in such form with such revisions as he deems to be in the best interests of the Town after consultation with Town Counsel; and to execute and deliver such other agreements, instruments and other documents, and take such further actions as he, in his sole discretion after consultation with Town Counsel, deems necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this Resolution and the Intermunicipal Agreement.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and contingent upon Town Supervisor confirming with LaBerge that the estimated costs are substantially consistent (within %12.5) with the February 2018 preliminary opinion of probably construction costs.

Fire Contract-

Supervisor Lucia said he has had no communication from the Village Board pertaining to the offer the Town board had instructed him to send in an email. Attorney Hafner said he has spoke with Village Attorney Buettner. Attorney Hafner said he received a email from The Village Attorney stating that due to the passing of the Law by NYS that all firefighters were going to be entitled to the cancer benefits, the full contract amount was going to have to be adjusted upward; the Village has estimated that the cost will increase by about \$300 per firefighter, which results in approximately an \$8,000.00 increase.

Councilman Butler asked if there was any way to act on this between meetings if the need arose. Supervisor Lucia said they could agree to it by phone. Attorney Hafner said that the board could not meet by phone they had to meet by public notice.

Assessment Board of Review Appointment-

Supervisor Lucia said that he received a letter from Nick Denno expressing interest on being on the Board of Assessment review.

**RESOLUTION #151**

**TO APPROVE NICK DENNO TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

On a motion by Councilman Halliday and seconded by Councilman Butler the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to appoint Nick Denno to the Board of Assessment review to fill the term of 10/01/2017-09/30/2022.

Huck Finn Notice- Huck Finn’s Playland hours of operation 11am-8pm

Tomahawk News- On File

EMS Memorial Service-

Supervisor Lucia said every year the state has a Memorial service at the Capitol and Matt Fogarty would be attending this year.

Section 8 Annual Report- On File

Bi- Centennial Updates-

Supervisor spoke of the phenomenal job done by those helping with the Founders day dinner and also spoke about some of the following events taking place in Town regarding the 2018 Bi-Centennial Celebrations.



## BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

- **Mar 25 -- Town of Corinth's Founders Day Buffet Dinner;**
- **April 20 -- Official Founding Date of the Town of Corinth;**
- **April 20 -- Corinth District School Historic Re-Enactment and Time Capsule Opening;**
- **May 20 -- Corinth EMS Day;**
- **May 20-26 -- EMS Open House Week;**
- **May 30 -- Veterans Memorial Day Parade;**
- **June 14 -- Flag Day;**
- **June 27 -- Town Fun Day: Block Dance for Kids, Teen Events;**
- **July 7 -- Independence Day Celebration & Parade;**
- **August 11 -- International Paper Day;**
- **August 12 -- Faith of our Fathers Sunday with Bell Ringing;**
- **August 17 -- 1960's Party;**
- **August 18 -- Parade and any Firematic and EMS Events;**

Fall events will be announced at a later date.

For information contact Bicentennial Chairman and Town Supervisor Richard Lucia at (518) 654- 9232, Ext. 3; by email: [rlucia@townofcorinthny.com](mailto:rlucia@townofcorinthny.com); or go to [www.townofcorinthny.com](http://www.townofcorinthny.com).

For more information and pictures visit:

[www.facebook.com/Corinth-Bicentennial-Events-and-Planning](http://www.facebook.com/Corinth-Bicentennial-Events-and-Planning)

Bids for IT Work-

It was noted that the bid for Smartt software was \$2767.97 and the bid for Sound Solutions was \$2569.00

The Board requested that Councilman Halliday review the proposed bids and give the board his recommendation. Councilman Halliday reviewed and commented and the board voted on the following.

**RESOLUTION #152**

**TO APPROVE THE BID FROM SMARTT SOLUTIONS WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IF PRODUCTS ARE PURCHASED FROM BEST BUY, THAT IT CAN NOT BE THE SARATOGA STORE.**

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the bid from Smartt Solution to perform the needed IT work at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Lucia said the following reports are on file in his office:

- Town Clerk
- Highway
- Dog Control
- Building Department
- Justices
- Fire Department
- Senior Center
- Custodial Reports
- Landfill reports

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Lucia said he received the following letter from the Saratoga and North Creek Railway regarding the suspension of railroad operations. Supervisor Lucia said the board should probably not make any decisions until they know whether or not there was another buyer.



Saratoga & North Creek Railway  
3 Railroad Place  
North Creek, NY 12853

April 12, 2018

Richard Lucia  
Supervisor, Town of Corinth  
600 Palmer Avenue  
Corinth, NY 12822

RE: Railroad Operations Suspended

Mr. Lucia:

As you may be aware, on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Warren County DPW Committee meeting Mr. Ellis announced that the Saratoga & North Creek Railway will be suspending all passenger operations following the final Snow Train on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Ellis indicated that without the ability to have an alternative means of income, in the form of storing rail cars or freight, Iowa Pacific Holdings can no longer sustain the losses of the passenger operations. Mr. Ellis also indicated that if someone were to purchase the Sanford Lake Branch from Iowa Pacific Holdings for \$5,000,000.00, that he would continue operating through the end of the contract in June 2021.

This announcement was obviously very difficult for the company to make. It has always been the intention to preserve rail service wherever possible. The Saratoga & North Creek Railway has tried very diligently to build freight traffic to generate revenue. Although the current prospect of moving stone from the mines at Tahawus looks promising, the S&NC cannot continue to operate at a loss.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Gonyo  
General Manager  
Saratoga & North Creek Railway Co.

**RESOLUTION # 153**

**MOTION TO PAY VOUCHERS AS SUBMITTED**

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

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

RESOLVED that vouchers be paid as submitted.

**2018 ABSTRACT**  
**Abstracts For 04/12/2018**

Voucher A - #180175-#180218(VOID #180211, #180214, #180215, #180216); B #182114- #182143; DB #183110-#183132; EF #187074 - #187092: SL Eggleston - #184057; SL So Corinth - #184002; SL Eastern - #184039; SWE Eastern - #184086; SWT Tranquility - #18184073; Home Improvement #1812-#1813

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 35,967.71
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 5,913.10
<u>Community Development Grant - CD</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 29,672.77
<u>Medical – EF</u>	\$ 39,702.16
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$ 13,860.00
<u>CDBG</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 117.25
Tranquility	\$ 6.50
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
 <u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 220.96
Eggleston Street	\$ 114.76
South Corinth	\$ 190.55

**RESOLUTION #154**  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

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

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

RESOLVED with there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Sullivan  
Deputy Town Clerk