

December 06, 2018

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on December 06, 2018 at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Public: Kate Halliday, Rebecca Fasula, Matthew Fogarty, Lori Hay

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

**RESOLUTION #346**  
**APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

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

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

RESOLVED that meeting minutes from November 15, 2018 be approved.

- November 29,2018 Minutes

There was discussion pertaining to the conversation had with Mr. Kelley and the gun range. Councilman Byrnes felt the minutes should reflect *that the Town wanted to be notified of gun range use outside of their regular hours, rather than be notified every time*. The following points of interest were also discussed:

1. Require certificate of insurance from Sheriffs
2. Who owns the building?
3. Adding to contract that all of this is at no cost to the taxpayers of the Town of Corinth.

**RESOLUTION #347**  
**APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 29, 2018 WITH REQUESTED CHANGE NOTED ABOVE AS UNDERLINED.**

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

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

RESOLVED that meeting minutes from November 29, 2018 be approved with requested change noted above as underlined.

**Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:**

- Becky Fasulo- Mrs. Fasulo presented to the Town Board historical markers found within the Town of Corinth. Supervisor Lucia thanked Mrs. Fasulo for all her hard work and requested a copy of such for Saratoga County. Mrs. Fasulo noted there are historical markers within the town that are in need of repair; and asked if the town could find a way to repair them. Councilman Byrnes stated the Merchants Association has the funds from the wooden nickels to give to the Town, so maybe they could use some of those funds for this purpose. Supervisor Lucia also stated that there may be funds available from the 2018 Town of Corinth Committee.
- Insurance Presentation/USI Lori Hay- Lori Hay reviewed the Towns coverage summary for their insurance with the board and the following was discussed:
  1. Property insurance increase by 2%
  2. Little league building now listed
  3. Followed up on shooting range
  4. Liability is the same, had added cyber coverage this last year
  5. Inland Marine increased due to additional monitor
  6. Not to have I pads covered
  7. Crime-Court officers were discussed and Councilman Collura and Byrnes felt the courts needed to be working on this but he did not need to be replaced for the Town Board meetings. Supervisor Lucia said that Mr. Kelley also said he would look for someone also, but hasn't yet got back to him.

Councilman Collura questioned the \$17,000.00 on the railroad. Lori Hay said that the \$17,000.00 is only on the crossings and the town has always had that. Councilman Collura said the railroad liability is \$10,000.00 and has the town always paid that. Supervisor Lucia said that town just agreed to that and we have to finish it up tonight and that the \$10,000.00 was not previously paid for by the town. Supervisor Lucia asked Lori Hay if she brought the paperwork and she confirmed that she did.

8. Public Officials
9. Umbrella – additional coverage over the primary never want to use this coverage
10. Accident Insurance for EMS- is much cheaper this year because the State has mandated to remove illness coverage.
11. State disability insurance- The Hartford has notified that their rates are going from \$3.83 to \$8.75 due to losses. They had a 202% loss ratio from 7/2017-6/2018. This is a combined rate. Lori said she got a quote from Shelter Point and they will offer this coverage at \$5.00. Ms. Hay said that she has paperwork with her for this change.
12. Liability Railroad- Ms. Hay said after the contract expired she went to the following places listed on page 27 and the Boston Insurance brokers provided her with the Zurich proposal which came in at \$10,000.00 including taxes.

Ms. Hay said the quote for the town came in at \$76,000.00 not counting the railroad. Ms. Hay said the good news in all of this is that this will be the last year the town has to pay the capitalization fee to NYMIR. The town will be renewing for their 5<sup>th</sup> year and have paid for their 5<sup>th</sup> year so in January they will disburse the first check back. There will be four more installment payments in January over the next four years.

Councilman Collura asked if the building at 17 Pine Street was really worth 1 million dollars. Ms. Hay said the appraisal was done by the towns assessor. Ms. Hay discussed looking into functional replacement cost for that building and the board agreed. Supervisor Lucia said at some point this building will be turned over to the historical committee and they will bear the cost of this insurance.

Ms. Hay briefly spoke on the pollution loss. Ms. Hay stated that NYMIR declined the payment because there was no pollutions loss, so there was no coverage, no loss, therefore they declined to pay. Ms. Hay said she has forwarded this to Selective Insurance because that is who the town had coverage with when it was put into the ground. Supervisor Lucia said they should not continue discussion on this because it is in litigation.

**RESOLUTION #348**

**TO STAY WITH NYMIR FOR TOWN INSURANCE FOR THE 2019 YEAR**

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

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

RESOLVED to stay with NYMIR for the town insurance for the 2019 year

- Dean Farms 9N- Still ongoing
- Skipper Lane- Supervisor Lucia said there is a sale pending on this property and the town needs to take off the stipulation and agreement in order for the sale to go through. Town Clerk Farr clarified that he did not sign off on the stipulation and agreement but the Lis pendens. The Lis pendens is what he had to release and this will allow the county to remove the judgment from the property.
- New Budget Forms- Supervisor Lucia said he had to remove the \$15,000.00 for the bond interest. Supervisor Lucia said the county called and said they needed codes and numbers for this. Supervisor Lucia said he did not have them. Supervisor Lucia said he called the Town Attorney and he said that they probably wouldn't do it until January so therefore it couldn't go in until next year's budget. Supervisor Lucia said there are only five sheets that he needed to resubmit to the county one being the front page and 4 others. Town Clerk Farr said this happened because the attorney dropped the ball. That this should have been done by October 19<sup>th</sup> and the consolidation of the water district has not yet been done either.
- County Youth Bureau Appointment- Supervisor Lucia said he was removing Councilman Byrnes from the appointment now that the town has Jackie and the following motion was made.

**RESOLUTION #349**

**TO APPOINT JACKIE SARNELLI TO THE SARATOGA COUNTY ADVISORY YOUTH BOARD FOR 2019**

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

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

RESOLVED that Jackie Sarnelli be appointed to the Saratoga County Advisory Youth board for 2019.

- Renewing Miller, Mannix Contract plus appointment

Supervisor Lucia said we have the exact same agreement as last year. Supervisor Lucia stated to the board that Planning and Zoning Attorney Martin Pozefsky would leave the town at the end of the year for a position with Saratoga County. Supervisor Lucia said he spoke with Attorney Schachner and the firm agreed to do the Planning and Zoning Attorney for this year at the same rate the town was paying Attorney Pozefsky.

**RESOLUTION #350**

**TO APPROVE EXACT SAME CONTRACT WITH MILLER, MANNIX, SCHACHNER & HAFNER LLC FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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

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

RESOLVED to approve exact same contract with Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner LLC for 2019.

**RESOLUTION #351**

**TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MILLER, MANNIX, SCHACHNER & HAFNER LLC FOR THE YEAR 2019 AS PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ATTORNEYS FOR 2019@ THE SAME RATE AS ATTORNEY POZEFSKY.**

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

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

RESOLVED to approve contract with Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner LLC for 2019 as Planning and Zoning attorneys at the same rate as Attorney Pozefsky for 2019.

- The following documents are on file in the Supervisors office:
  - Senior Sentinel
  - Custodial Report
  - Training certificates- Rose and Cheri
  - Tomahawk News

**Public Comment-** None

**Town Board**

Councilman Byrnes— spoke about the following:

- That people weren't getting the surveys that were sent out. Councilman Byrnes was told that all surveys returned (even those that came back for address corrections) were sent

to Jim Martins office and that there are extra surveys on the counter at the Town Clerks office. Councilman Byrnes asked when the next meeting was with Jim Martin. Supervisor Lucia said it would be after they get the surveys computed.

Councilman Butler- spoke about the following:

- That he was at another municipality’s board meeting in the past and heard Mr. Cernek speak of possible monies for the historical signs, and someone should contact him regarding this.
- If there had been any notification given to planning and zoning board members about the upcoming training date in Saratoga. Councilman Butler stated that he had concerns and wanted to ensure that it wasn’t missed with employee changes that have occurred. Town Clerk Farr said that when she receives it she gives it to the Planning and Zoning Secretary.

Councilman Collura– spoke about the following:

- Wanted to know what was going on with the stipulation of settlement agreement with Curtis Palmer. Town Clerk Farr said it was a settlement of stipulation and she had spoken to Leah who is working with Mike Hill and is waiting for a call back. Supervisor Lucia said Jackie did call him and tell him that they are taking care of what needs to be taken care of. Town Clerk Farr said that March is going to be here fast.

Councilman Halliday-No comment

Highway Superintendent- No Comment

Town Clerk Farr:

Town Clerk Farr spoke on the following:

- Forte- Town clerk’s office needs a resolution hiring Forte Tax for online tax payments this year. Town Clerk Farr said they would also be able to come into the office and make payments however there will be a convenience fee charge incurred by users for this convenience. The charge will be \$3.95 for payments made with a Visa card and 2.45% of the total bill for all other cards.

**RESOLUTION #352**

**TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF FORTE CREDIT CARD SERVICE FOR TAX PAYMENTS MADE ONLINE FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the hiring of Forte credit card service for online tax payments 2019.

- Stated that her office is receiving a lot of surveys.
- East National- Town Clerk Farr said she had residents call that wanted to know when they could schedule the appointment for meter installations because they hadn’t yet

received a postcard from East National. Town Clerk Farr said she spoke with Don Rhodes and he has been on the phone with East National and they updated their scheduling site and next week residents will be able to go online and schedule their appointments for meter installations and the letters would be sent out no later than tomorrow.

**Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:**

- The letter from National grid was read into record:

Dear Supervisor Lucia

The Town of Corinth has the opportunity to replace the HID National Grid owned roadway street lights to efficient LED roadway street lights at virtually no cost as part of National Grid's Outdoor Street Lighting Conversion Program.

National Grid has calculated that the cost of converting your 67 roadway lights to LED lights at the currently calculated Net Book Value of \$1,609.84. Depending on the quantity and type of LED streetlights that The Town of Corinth selects for the conversion, National Grid has estimated that The Town of Corinth can receive an Energy Efficiency Incentive from National Grid in the amount of \$4,325.00.

This Energy Efficiency Incentive is offered on a first come first served basis and will be provided even if it exceeds the Net Book Value that is paid to National Grid by The Town of Corinth.

There are no additional capital costs required for National Grid to perform this conversion to LED streetlights. National Grid will perform the removal of the HID lights as well as the procurement and installation of the new LED lights. The company also will retain ownership of the lights and continue to be responsible for servicing your streetlight requirements.

If you are interested in this offer National Grid can proceed with providing you a formal LED conversion proposal which will remain valid for 180 days. Following receipt of your letter of intent to convert to LED as proposed National Grid will work with you to obtain the tariff LED types that you would like to replace the existing HID lights. Following the receipt of your selections National Grid will calculate and provide a formal offer letter for the Energy Efficiency Incentive.

In addition to converting its streetlights at no costs, The Town of Corinth can anticipate saving money on its utility bill from the reduced energy usage of LED streetlights. National Grid can estimate those savings during your application process.

We would like to encourage you to act soon on this opportunity as Energy Efficiency Incentives and LED conversions are awarded and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

I will be following up with you in the coming days to gauge your interest in this money-saving offer. If you'd like earlier contact please feel free to reach me at 1-518-433-3817 or [Kimberly.Ireland@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Kimberly.Ireland@nationalgrid.com).

Sincerely,



Kimberly Ireland

The Town Board agreed to have Supervisor Lucia favorably respond to this letter.

- Town Christmas party- Supervisor Lucia said that only 33 people had responded and of those 10 were spouses. Nobody from the Town hall is attending so he is not sure if they could still have the party. He believed the caterer requested that there be a minimum of 75. So he's not sure if he should cancel it yet or not but, he does know where the town will be saving money next year.
- Supervisor also asked about giving employees December 24<sup>th</sup> off. Supervisor Lucia said it only falls this year and it won't fall this way for another 7-10 years. Supervisor Lucia said he would like to look into doing it for future years at some time. There was much discussion had on this topic. Councilman Byrnes requested that he receive the cost of the payroll for the day and that he does not agree with giving another day. Highway Superintendent Eggleston and EMS Director Fogarty stated that this would not apply to their employees as they are considered essential employees.

**RESOLUTION #353**

**MOTION TO GIVE PAID DAY OFF TO EMPLOYEES AT THE TOWN HALL UP TO 8 HOURS IF THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO WORK ON MONDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.**

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

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

Roll Call Vote: Lucia=yes, Byrnes=yes, Collura=yes, Halliday=yes, Butler=yes

RESOLVED that the town hall employees receive a paid day off to up to eight hours if they are scheduled to work on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**RESOLUTION #354**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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

RESOLVED with there being no further business the meeting is adjourned at 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted



Cheri Sullivan  
Deputy Town Clerk