

March 01, 2018

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on March 01, 2018 at 4:30PM 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

Public: Matt Fogarty, Steve Smead

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

RESOLUTION #120

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2018.

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 that meeting minutes from February 15, 2018 meeting be approved.

Supervisor Lucia introduced the following:

Steve Smead-

Mr. Smead was before the board to clear the air on a few things one being time limits with the minutes. Mr. Smead said in the past 6 or 7 years it has been sporadic; however this department is much better than some of the others at getting minutes submitted to him Mr. Smead said with the other boards he has waited 9-10 months. Mr. Smead said the new system has been in place for about 2 months now and he does not believe there are genuine issues, he believes that it is working as it should. Mr. Smead furthermore stated that the minutes are not his first priority; his main job here is to make sure the system is secure and running. Mr. Smead said that there have only been issues in the Town Hall twice and that was when an employee introduced a virus to the system. Mr. Smead said the minutes were a secondary issue and if someone really wants to read them they can come into the Town Hall. Town Clerk Farr asked why he didn't notify her office that those minutes had draft on them instead of letting them sit there for three weeks. Mr. Smead asked why that was his job. Town Clerk Farr said it wasn't his job just professional courtesy. Councilman Collura said that their constituents' come to them and want to know why and where are the minutes. Councilman Collura asked if it would be possible to have the Town Clerks office directly upload and that would remove Mr. Smead from the equation. Mr. Smead said that would be hard to do without jeopardizing the security of the site. Mr. Smead said that for the

last seven years there has been no rhyme or reason as to when he would get the minutes. Councilman Halliday suggested to just pick two dates a month in which the minutes should be uploaded and then they can be posted to the web on those dates. Councilman Byrnes asked how old some of the minutes would be doing it this way. Mr. Smead said that just because they will be available to be uploaded by he to the web on those specific dates does not mean that he is going to be able to get them to the web at that time. So there will be times where there is going to be delays. Mr. Smead said that the minutes have always been published to the web within the business week. Councilman Byrnes said the reasonable expectation here is that within 5 days of the date they are to be uploaded by then they should be published to the web. Councilman Byrnes said there needs to be better communication. All agreed. Mr. Smead said there have been no expectations in relation to the minutes. Councilman Collura said there is a legal expectation that they have to be posted within a certain time frame. Town Clerk Farr said the minutes have to be completed within two weeks by law but doesn't believe there is a requirement for posting to the web and there is no law stating that the minutes have to be approved. Councilman Butler said that Mr. Smead should plan his web site updates around these dates.

There was further discussion about software used on the site. Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan explained what transpired that got us to this point, and just felt the same thing was happening with the uploads as with the emailed minutes and Mr. Smead wasn't seeing them or getting them just as with the emailed minutes. Mr. Smead said it was his responsibility to publish the minutes not Cheri's' job to check and see whether or not he has published the minutes to the web, her job is to upload them to him. Mr. Smead said that if the Town Board has a problem with the minutes not being posted then they need to come to him, not Cheri. Councilman Collura said that what will happen now is that the girls will keep a log of when they send them and a log of when they are published and they can submit this to the board. Councilman Collura said that a couple of months ago there were many months of minutes that had not been posted. Mr. Smead said that is why we came up with the FTP Solution and quite honestly a couple of months ago are when his sister died and his mind was on other things, he may have missed some. There was some further discussion about whether or not minutes have to be foiled. Town Clerk Farr said that minutes have to be foiled by law. The Board decided the dates would be the 1st and the 15th of every month at which point the minutes have to be uploaded to the FTP site. Supervisor Lucia said he did not want to see the minutes take away from security.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston requested that Mr. Smead change his phone number to transportation. Town Clerk Farr said that the Museum hours need to be changed to reflect the correct time on Saturdays' from 1-3.

Mr. Smead spoke about improvement to the Towns website. He said that he can remotely access the towns' website by creating a true VPN. Mr. Smead said he is able to remote in to everybody but he would like to make it available to the Supervisor and Mr. Fogarty down at the EMS. Mr. Smead said that these improvements will bring the town current with 2018 technology.

Matt Fogarty-

Mr. Fogarty presented his annual report for the Pen Flex program to the board. Mr. Fogarty said this report pertains to volunteers. Councilman Collura wanted to know if the Volunteers were going to be used to replace employees. Mr. Fogarty stated this has been past practice but he has no intention of doing it that way. Mr. Fogarty said they currently have two very successful Volunteers and the Third is currently in class. Mr. Fogarty said currently there are only 4 active volunteer members.

Supervisor Lucia spoke about the following:

DEC Burn Permit- Mr. Lucia said he had this burn permit for Mr. Eggleston at the Highway Department. It was decided that the Burn permit was for the Town Clerks Office.

Supervisor Lucia said a few weeks ago the EMS was rented for a party and he was asked if the Town took donations. Supervisor Lucia said they did. Supervisor Lucia said this person said they may have a 55" television to be donated from Saratoga Hospital.

Dog Control Letter-

Supervisor Lucia said he received a Thank you letter for the Dog Control Officer. Mr. Lucia said he also received a call from the Saratoga County Probation department in relation to a call Ms. Floud answered and how professional she was relating to her service, attitude and job. Supervisor Lucia said he would be putting the Thank you note and a letter in her file.

Councilman Butler asked if the Town was looking for an assistant Dog Officer. Supervisor Lucia said she keeps flipping back and forth but currently she is using the back up from Greenfield.

Public Service Commission Letter-On File relating to the Transmission line from Spier Falls to Rotterdam NY.

Troy & Banks-On File NY State Street Light Replacement & Savings act.

SEDC Report-On File 2017 Annual Report outlining business investment, job and wage growth.

2018 Updates- Supervisor Lucia said the Sponsorship letters have been sent out and some have come back. Mr. Lucia said he had a phone call asking what the perks were for those that donated \$5,000.00 or the \$2,500.00. Supervisor Lucia said he has been working with Pam to come up with some of these. Town Clerk Farr said she is having a lot of people come in about the shirts and they would like to know when they are coming in. There was discussion about whether or not people could get the logo on the front and back. It was clarified that you could for an extra charge of \$5.00.

Councilman Byrnes said he wanted to speak about that also because the merchants would like some type of Poster from the Bicentennial committee to put up in their windows with contact information and the process for people to see.

Town Clerk Farr said she was still waiting to find out from Councilman Collura if the size 4x was available and if there were going to be sweatshirts.

Supervisor Lucia said he has handed to the board tonight a packet he received from Town Attorney Peterson for the board to review.

Code Enforcement Officer Brooks-

Code Enforcement Officer Brooks spoke to the Board about an issue at the house of a CDBG grant recipient with a contractor. Code Enforcement Officer Brooks said there were more problems with the structure and they did find out that the duct work was smaller than what should have been installed.

Code Enforcement Officer Brooks said they had a professional come and give an estimate for these repairs. This will need to be addressed at tomorrow's meeting.

Councilman Collura confirmed that the meeting was at 10am tomorrow.

Code Enforcement Officer Brooks said next week he will be at training in Lake Placid.

Town Board-

Councilman Byrnes- No Comment

Councilman Collura- No comment

Councilman Halliday-

Councilman Halliday said he went to the Village board meeting where they were discussing the fire contract. Councilman Halliday said where it sits as of today they are going to be asking the Town for 64% of \$776,020.00. He said the largest increase came from the floor in the firehouse which needs to be resurfaced due to safety concerns. The Fire house has added an additional \$50,000.00 on top of the \$50,000.00 they requested last year. Councilman Halliday said that Fire chief Kelley explained that the \$50,000.00 from last year was never intended to be a one year thing but to be there for the next five years. Councilman Halliday said the additional \$50,000.00 was for the air packs. Councilman Halliday said Chief Kelly said replacement of gear is every 5-10 years. Councilman Halliday said they were allowed to ask questions and Fire Chief Kelly said he was not going to put a price tag on Safety of either fireman or residents.

Councilman Halliday said when they got to the point about splitting the budget there were a few ideas thrown out:

1. 50/50
2. 64/36 most likely
3. 64/36 with a 50/50 split on reserves and
4. 70/30 split.

Councilman Halliday said Mayor Morreale suggested that the town look out to other agencies such as Greenfield, Greenwich and Stillwater to see what the cost would be. Councilman Collura said he feels that would be a good idea.

There was further discussion relating to this and the Board did speak about creating their own Fire District. Councilman Byrnes said this is what the Village does not want. Councilman Halliday said he is a fan of paying for your fire protection based off the assessed value of one's home because that seems the fairest. Councilman Collura said the businesses in the Village are receiving quite a break currently then because they are only paying 36%. Councilman Halliday said so out of \$776,020.00 the Town will be paying \$500,000.00 which would be the 64%, around a half a million dollars

Councilman Halliday said that Trustee Enekes twice made a comment that the Village has legal options but they don't want to go that route. Councilman Halliday said his impression was that the Village was standoffish in regards to the budget presented by the Fire Department and they too can't afford this kind of increase. The Board briefly spoke to Jack Sadosky security officer who is also involved with the Greenfield Fire commission and shared a rough amount with the board what the town of Wilton \$660,000.00 and the Town of Greenfield is \$775,000.00. Councilman Halliday

asked if they pay tax per thousand or just a flat fee. Mr. Sadousky said it was tax per thousand. Supervisor Lucia said that Locust Ridge had donated property there for a firehouse. Councilman Butler said he was not defending anyone but the numbers state there are 980 houses in the Village and over 2000 in the town, he said it doesn't matter what type of building a building is a building. Councilman Collura said that when paying for fire protection is rivaling the cost of his home owners insurance something has got to be done. Councilman Halliday said the Fire budget was a 22% increase and the board should look into other options and not drag their feet. Councilman Butler said if the board wants to agree to less than the 64% percent then they have to justify why. Town Clerk Farr said that you can't justify if you have nothing to compare it to. Councilman Collura asked the Board how they are going to be able to compare it if there is nothing to compare it to and if this is the case then he is just going to say yes to the budget. Supervisor Lucia said that Mayor Morreale already has the numbers in his hand. Supervisor Lucia said he had had calls from other Supervisors. Councilman Collura said Mayor Morreale called to see what the percentage breakdown was, not what it would cost the Town to go with another Fire Department. Councilman Byrnes said his concern with going with other companies is response time.

Councilman Collura made the following motion:

RESOLUTION #
MOTION TO COMPLY WITH MAYOR MORREALE'S REQUEST AND LOOK INTO OTHER OPTIONS
FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

On a motion by Councilman Collura and seconded by No One the following resolution was **NOT**

ADOPTED	Ayes	1	Collura
	Nays	0	
	Absent	0	

RESOLVED the resolution failed.

Councilman Halliday said the Village Clerk asked a question that was more for the Assessor but it had to do with the Village looking to get a tax exempt status on the Village upper reservoir property. Town Clerk Farr said they are attempting to get the entire Village in the Town as non-taxed. Councilman Butler said as he understands the Village Board voted to not have that property logged off, so there is no financial income to it. So now they are looking into turning the property over to Saratoga Plan. Supervisor Lucia said he believes that Saratoga Plan is a tax exempt group.

Councilman Butler- No Comment

Town Clerk-

Town Clerk Farr said one of the women working with Sandy Sims painting the rocks wanted to know if they could bring some in to put around her desk window @ the office.

Town Clerk Farr said she received a telephone call From the Town Clerk of Greenfield and they are having a Ceremony on the Following and requested that the Town of Corinth adopt the same resolution.

RESOLUTION #121

RESOLUTION OF HONOR

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	

On November 20, 2017, The Corinth Fire Department and Greenfield Department, along with several mutual aid companies responded to a structure fire in the village of Corinth with the possibility that people may be entrapped.

During this emergency, 4 firemen, Lt. Brandon Stautner, Capt. Derek Barss, Chief Steven Denton II, and District Chief Justin Burwell entered the house responding to the belief that people were trapped upstairs. Attacking through heavy smoke and flames shooting down the stairs, Barss, Stautner, Denton and Burwell divided tasks and moved through the house while supporting each other’s positions. As they continued searching through deteriorating conditions, a child was heard crying. Barss found the child on a couch and carried him out to the waiting EMS and returned to his position on the right side of the house. Moments later, a second child, a baby, was heard crying and was carried by Barss from his crib to safety and the waiting arms of EMS staff. Their team work, their years of training and self-sacrifice, and their dedication to their profession saved the lives of two children and honors the many men and women that volunteer in service to their communities as firefighters.

WHERE AS, the Towns of Corinth, and Greenfield wishes to honor with great adoration, District Chief Justin Burwell, Chief Steven Denton II, Capt. Derek Barss and Lt. Brandon Stautner, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, by The Town of Corinth and The Town of Greenfield that these distinguished firefighters are recognized for their Courage, Bravery, and Valor and this Resolution of Honor be spread upon the minutes of Town meetings, this assembly and proudly announced to the citizens of our communities.

Supervisor Lucia said he had a list of EMS members that he and Mr. Fogarty wanted to acknowledge in regards to this tragic fire. Supervisor Lucia said he thought that this resolution was going to be for all that responded but it was only for fireman so the Town is going to have to do another one for the EMS.

Deputy Town Clerk- No comment

Highway Superintendent-

Highway Superintendent Eggleston said he had the paperwork ready for Town Clerk Farr to publish the two proposed bids that he has for equipment.

RESOLUTION #122

MOTION TO SET DATE FOR BIDS ON PURCHASE OF TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT.

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

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

RESOLVED that the bid opening for the above mentioned items be set for Thursday March 19th 2018 @ 4:40pm & 4:50pm.

RESOLUTION #123

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

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

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

RESOLVED with there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk