

January 25, 2018

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on January 25, 2018 at 4:30PM at the Town Hall.

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

Public: Kate Halliday, Jim Martin LA Group, Jeremy Monte LA Group

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

**RESOLUTION #92**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 AND JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.**

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

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

RESOLVED that meeting minutes from January 04, 2018 and January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved.

Supervisor Lucia spoke about the following items.

Jim Martin Presentation:

Supervisor Lucia introduced Jim Martin of LA Group and Jim Martin introduces Jeremy Monte of LA Group. Mr. Martin spoke about the following-

1. Discussion of Comprehensive plan-

Mr. Martin said there were originally 11 sections to the comprehensive plan that they intended to work on however he understands that due to time and financial constraints they may have to prioritize and not address all 11 items. Mr. Martin discussed the community workshop format and meeting flow. Supervisor Lucia asked if this was the one from May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Martin said yes.

2. Brief update of former International Paper Site-

Mr. Martin said the Village is moving forward with negotiations with the sewer treatment plant and they are looking for more acreage to expand possibly 3 or 4 more acres. Mr. Martin said this is relevant

because it is going to provide more capacity to the entire region. Mr. Marin said this is important because any new uses coming to that site would be restrained by sewer capacity so with the village moving forward with the expansion it provides available sewer.

Mr. Martin said the sale a couple years ago was decoupled the Mill Site proper from the landfill. The property that is being sold currently is the former mill site proper, which is about 95-100 acres. Mr. Martin said in terms of the old landfills they both have been capped and only the most recent one has a liner. The landfill permits issued by DEC have expired so there are no active landfill permits on the property anymore.

Mr. Martin said the Village wanted to set down a planned unit development designation on that property. Mr. Martin said in his opinion and advice to the Village and Town; this is a good step to shorten the length of time to get a new use there and to get people in. The Village has a PUD clause that he is currently updating with the Village. The next step is to set forth uses and help to shape the development that will occur there. Mr. Martin said it will be constructive to have dialogue between both communities. There needs to be meetings between both entities to successfully change the uses of this property to positively affect the communities.

Mr. Martin said as Jeremy suggested that a possible reuse for the landfill is to allow a solar array site. Supervisor Lucia said the Department of energy has already been to the site and done a survey on the covered Town landfill. Mr. Martin said in his opinion this topic is worthy of its own meeting. Mr. Martin said that ownership of the property is an issue and needs to be addressed. Mr. Martin said it is not in the best interest of the Town and Village for IP to continue ownership of that property. Supervisor Lucia said the economic development people said they were focusing on the Northern part of the State this year. Mr. Martin said this site has many attributes to it such as railroad, power, gas and former industrial site and needs to be on the radar screen. Mr. Martin said that the site needs proactive ownership and the outside world needs to see the Town and Village working together on this. Supervisor Lucia said that is the only way we are going to go anyplace.

Supervisor Lucia asked if the proposed new PUD would override the covenants that are on the property. Mr. Martin explained that Mel Denno has been pushing the PUD as it is a means by which the covenant could be terminated and all three parties involved with the covenant would have to agree before the termination could occur. There are many questions to be answered and asked however, the PUD can go a long way towards protecting the use of the property just as the covenants have. If it's not zoned for there then it can't be there.

Supervisor Lucia said what we are talking about are the Villages Covenants, not the Towns. Mr. Martin said that the Covenants on the Landfill stay in place. Councilman Byrne's said don't the covenants cover both parcels of land. Supervisor Lucia said each the Town and Village have their own covenants but they also encompass the whole property. Mr. Martin said the covenants that are proposed to be removed are only on the mill site property. The landfill site will remain intact; there are many things that have changed since the covenants were originally placed on the property. The landfill has been capped, the permits expired and the properties have been separated from each other for active sale, meaning the landfill property is no longer on the market for sale.

Councilman Byrnes asked what Schumer was trying to do with the property, was he trying to separate it. Mr. Martin said he was to make it more successful and successful he was. There are now three parcels of property. Mr. Martin explained the intention of the separation was to make the Mill site

proper available for sale on its own it is decoupled from the other holdings of which IP still retains ownership. Mr. Martin further discussed this with the board using the accompanying map. There is an opportunity on this forested land here for something else to occur.

Currently the thinking is that on the Mill site proper is where the PUD would be in place and then the covenant would come off of that site only. Supervisor Lucia said as far as he is concerned he would not remove the covenant off the landfills. Mr. Martin said there needs to be further investigation into the nature of these covenants and who has control over what covenant. Mr. Martin said that there has got to be movement on that site. It needs a new proactive owner who wants to aggressively market it. It needs to grow from the inside outward, it must start with the Town and Village then to the County, State and if needed the Federal Government, ie and EPA grant for clean up or something similar.

Supervisor Lucia said the board had before them last week the yearly investment cost for SEDC and the requested him to ask Jim if he felt it was necessary for them to make the investment payment again. Mr. Martin said he felt it was relevant, he felt that Dennis Brobston was one of the best Economic Development people in the region. Mr. Martin reiterated that the only people that are going to make something happen on this site are the Town and the Village. Mr. Byrnes said that IP has restrictions on the property also. Supervisor Lucia said that everyone is going to have to play together in the sand box or nothing will get done.

Councilman Butler asked if Mr. Martin was implying that the Town and Village get together and purchase this property. Mr. Martin said no not at this time, but like he said to Melanie; what are you suppose to do just let this property be a wasteland, because that is not an option either. Mr. Martin said there are options and opportunities out there that have to be turned up and over. Councilman Byrnes said they need to look at having an IDA or SEDC looking at the property to find someone to purchase it. Mr. Martin said maybe this is where the property is *not looked at as one whole parcel, but as several different with different possibilities such as an industrial park, Business Park or subdivision, etc.* Councilman Byrnes said that maybe they should speak to Indeck and see what they may have to offer potential buyers.

Mr. Martin said the reality is that IP will end up owning those landfills for the duration of time. Supervisor Lucia said there was a bond on those landfills and that is part of the reason why they never sold, because any prospective buyer would have to make an initial payment of something like \$375,000.00 immediately after purchasing it, per year. Mr. Martin said the property is separated now. Mr. Martin said the PUD with the zoning at the Village is going to be a two step process and the second step has got to have the shared discussion.

### 3. Public outreach plan-

The next thing to be done is to start a public outreach. A survey or public meeting, public meeting dates, times, formats etc. Supervisor said there was a public meeting set for February 15<sup>th</sup> with Don Rhodes. Councilman Byrnes said he thought it was best to wait for the residents to get back into town that leave for the winter months. The Board decided it was best to wait and revisit in mid April early May. It was decided that the board would meet with Jim Martin again on March 01, 2018. This will give the board time to review and formulate any questions they may have prior to sending out a survey and having a public hearing.

Councilman Butler took a moment to inform Jim Martin of the new Planning Board Chairman Phil Giordano.

Town Clerk Farr requested a break down of the bill from LA Group for billing purposes. Mr. Martin said that would be possible.

**RESOLUTION #93**

**MOTION TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR YEARLY INVESTEMENT TO SEDC.**

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

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

RESOLVED to make payment to SEDC for Annual Investment.

Community Involvement-

Supervisor Lucia said the following Ad will run in the Pennysaver for the next two weeks:

**NOTICE**

**TOWN OF CORINTH IS LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1 – MEMBER OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**
  - 1 – ALTERNATE FOR THE PLANNING BOARD**
  - 1 – MEMBER AND ALTERNATE FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
- ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE SEND LETTER OF INTEREST TO SUPERVISOR RICHARD B. LUCIA, 600 PALMER AVENUE, CORINTH, NY 12822.**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT 518-654-9232 EXT. 3**

Letter from Court-

Supervisor Lucia said he received a letter from the State of New York Unified Court System informing him they have purchased all rights and ownership of the Court program from SEI and there will be no further licenses fees for the software and customer support. Supervisor Lucia said this will save the town approximately \$2,500.00 a year.

Sales Tax-On file in Supervisors office-

Fire Contract-

Supervisor Lucia said that this is the same contract they looked at last, the only change being the amount of \$17,500.00. Supervisor Lucia said the Attorneys have talked and it was agreed that the Village would accept this contract if it was signed tonight.

**RESOLUTION #94**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR FIRE SERVICES FOR 2018 WITH THE VILLAGE OF CORINTH.**

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

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

RESOLVED that contract with the Village of Corinth for fire services for 2018 be approved.

State Contract Report-

Supervisor Lucia said he spoke to the State in regards to the IT package the Town was looking for and the State couldn't beat the bids that the Town received. Councilman Halliday said the networking proposed on one the bid won't work here and would be pointless so that should be removed from all of it. Councilman Halliday also said that we would not need the \$200 battery backups, the \$50 dollar ones would work. The Board requested that the bids be returned by the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. There was further discussion and the following was decided.

**RESOLUTION #95**

**MOTION TO REBID THE IT CONTRACT LESS BATTERY BACK- UP AND NETWORKING.**

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

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

RESOLVED that the IT Contract be rebid less the battery back-up and the networking.

Jack Sudusky-

Supervisor Lucia said that Bob Eggleston is out for medical reasons and he spoke to him this afternoon. Supervisor Lucia said that he spoke to Jack Sudusky and he is willing to come in. Supervisor Lucia said the question is whether to have him come in for just the court or the Town meetings also. Councilman Butler said just for the Court. Councilman Byrnes said the money is already been budgeted, so we should keep it the same as Mr. Egglestons' time. Supervisor Lucia said they only make \$18.00 an hour for a two hour minimum.

**RESOLUTION #96**

**MOTION TO REHIRE JACK SUDUSKY TO TEMPORARLY FILL-IN FOR BUILDING SECURITY OFFICER.**

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

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

RESOLVED that the Jack Sudusky temporarily be appointed Building Security officer.

**Bi-Centennial Committee:**

Supervisor Lucia said at the meeting last night they had 14 people show up and it was a super meeting. Supervisor Lucia said that Patty Siano offered to start up a website for the Bi-Centennial Celebrations. Supervisor Lucia read the following letter submitted to the Bi-Centennial Committee. Supervisor Lucia said this is the type of involvement that we need from every organization in Town to make this a success.

**January 22, 2018**

**Dear Bicentennial Committee,**

**On behalf of the Transportation Department of Corinth Central School I would like to submit a request to be part of the parade planned for this coming summer.**

**Our thought is to portray transportation "From horse power to hemi power". We have access to a horse drawn, antique, farm wagon, an antique bus, and of course our newest Hemi powered bus. We, with your direction and assistance, would like to include everything from bikes to Mary and her little lamb! Our hope is to have students dressed in period clothing riding in the vehicles and our bus drivers handing out bags of bus safety information. Of course this is all at the very preliminary stages. We have the blessing of Harold Nicholson, Transportation Supervisor and Dr. Mark Stratton, Superintendent of schools. Now if this meets with your satisfaction, we will make a concrete plan and begin the planning process.**

**I recognize the need to be at your meetings and to share our progress. I assure you that either I or someone from our committee will be made available to you as needed.**

Supervisor Lucia said he was thrilled to receive this letter and hoped that more members of the community would contribute to this Bi-Centennial celebration as this organization has.

Bookkeepers Reports-

Bookkeeper Halliday said she was before the board tonight because of an issue with our overtime policy being out of control. Mrs. Halliday said she had just ended a phone call with Town Attorney Peterson in regards to the issue they are having with overtime and payroll. Bookkeeper Halliday said Mr. Peterson is not in agreement with what is going on. Mrs. Halliday said Attorney Peterson is going to look into this.

Bookkeeper Halliday explained to the board that there are some employees that want overtime pay for holidays that fall during their vacation. In a nut shell we have some employees where when they take a 40 hour week, if a holiday falls within that week they want overtime pay for those 8 hours. Councilman Butler said the intent is to fill a 40hr week; so someone puts a slip in for 32 hours and the 8 hr holiday not 40 hrs plus the 8 hours. Bookkeeper Halliday said that is essentially what is happening.

Councilman Butler said you can't use benefit time to get overtime. Councilman Byrnes said if it is vacation time they are using then they should only be taking 4 days vacation and the holiday not 5 days vacation time and still expecting overtime for the holiday. Councilman Butler said if they get called into work then that is something else. Councilman Butler said if a slip like that is turned in then it needs to be returned. Councilman Halliday said the board tried to correct this issue two years ago and it ended up being reversed. Councilman Byrnes said they are trying to use holiday time to get overtime. Councilman Halliday said there is a misconception here that holiday pay is going to be paid at time and a half. Councilman Halliday reviewed the organizational and it specifically states that it is time worked. There was further discussion amongst the board and it was suggested that an email be sent to all Department heads affected. Councilman Halliday said he feels that it needs to be in Black and White and maybe more specific. Not all board members agreed some felt that what we presently have is sufficient. Bookkeeper Halliday said they won't hear from Tom Peterson again until Tuesday. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said it all comes down to the Supervisor or Department head. Because if the Supervisor says that you don't get it then you don't get it. Bookkeeper Halliday said but when the Supervisor approves it. The board agreed that if the supervisor is approving it that they need to have the supervisor come to the board. Councilman Byrnes also said the board needs to marry the employee handbook and the organizational. The board decided that further discussion of this topic should be in executive session so that they can talk about specifics.

Mrs. Halliday said with this new payroll company she receives an email of when years of service are completed and so she has written a letter up to send out thanking them for their service upon her notification.

Motion to pay Vouchers as submitted:

**2018 ABSTRACT**

**Abstracts For 01/25/2018**

Voucher A - #180030-#180036; B #182018- #182027 (#182017 VOID); DB #183018-#183024; EF #187011 - #187014;

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 12,790.40
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 4,327.36
<u>Community Development Grant - CD</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 28,550.21

<u>Medical – EF</u>	\$ 5,175.20
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$ 23,851.00
<u>CDBG</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Eggleston Street	\$
South Corinth	\$

**RESOLUTION #97**

**MOTION TO PAY VOUCHERS AS SUBMITTED**

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

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

RESOLVED that vouchers be paid as submitted.

**Town Board:**

- Councilman Byrnes- No Comment
- Councilman Halliday- No Comment
- Councilman Collura- Excused
- Councilman Butler- No Comment

**Town Clerk-**

Town Clerk Farr spoke about W.B. Mason. Town Clerk Farr said the salesman from W.B.Mason used the bathroom in the Town all the other day and when he came out he suggested to her that maybe the town would be interested in purchasing modern amenities for the bathroom such as toilet paper holders and paper towel dispensers. The salesman said there is no charge for the dispenser you would just have to use their products. Councilman Byrnes said that you have to be careful with the paper products supplied. Supervisor Lucia said they would look at it and asked Town Clerk Farr to give the board pictures and a proposal.

Town Clerk Farr also asked if the informational water meeting could be held at the Town Hall for parking purposes. Town Clerk Farr said there are over 300 homes this letter will be sent to. Supervisor Lucia said the emergency squad holds many more people. The Board decided to leave the meeting at the squad building.

Town Clerk Farr asked the Board members Lucia, Byrnes and Halliday about the Cold Water Vet program and if they remember if it was approved because it is listed on the tax bills but it does not take off for

the town. Town Clerk Farr said that she is asking the Board because she thought they did. Supervisor Lucia said they did not because they felt there were already enough exemptions. Supervisor Lucia said if Tina did it, it would have been submitted to the county. Town Clerk Farr said that if it wasn't done, then why is it listed on the bill. This is why she is questioning it. Councilman Byrnes asked when they discussed it. Town Clerk Farr said 2016. Supervisor Lucia said that she should just check the minutes and find out.

**Highway Superintendent-**

Highway Superintendent Eggleston spoke to the board about his five year highway projection plan. Mr. Eggleston spoke to the board about the 7 items he had listed for 2017 and explained to the board that the seven items in black were what was projected and the 7 items in red were what was completed. Mr. Eggleston said the total road miles repaired in 2017 were 5.2 miles of blacktop and 1.3 miles of dirt road all while staying under budget. Mr. Eggleston said this was the most mileage done since he started working here in 1986. Mr. Eggleston spoke about the projection plan for 2018 and elaborated some on the projected project for Wells road.

**RESOLUTION #98**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONIES.**

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the Agreement for the Expenditures of Highway Monies.

**RESOLUTION #99**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

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

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

RESOLVED with there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Sullivan  
Deputy Town Clerk

