

September 26,2019- Approved

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on September 26,2019 at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Richard Lucia, Town Supervisor  
Edward Byrnes, Councilman  
Jeffrey Collura, Councilman  
Eric Butler, Councilman  
Kate Halliday, Bookkeeper  
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent  
Albert Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer  
Anne Bourdeau, Clerk

Excused: Joshua Halliday, Councilman  
Rose Farr, Town Clerk  
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk

Public: There was public present

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

**Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:**

- Minutes

**RESOLUTION # 250**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 and SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

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

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

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved from September 5, 2019 and September 12, 2019.

Supervisor Lucia asked Jim Martin and Tracey Clothier from the LA Group to speak on grant writing opportunities.

Jim Martin and Tracey Clothier from the LA Group passed out a list of various programs for grants that are out there now. He asked the Board what their ideas are regarding priorities or needs for Corinth. He suggested they get their "wish lists" together and that he would match them up with the types of grants

before 2020. Supervisor Lucia said he had a list and asked that they go around the Board for their ideas, starting with Councilman Butler.

- Councilman Butler: Hoped for economic development and small business growth. Said economic growth is vital for Corinth and should be top priority.
- Supervisor Lucia: He hoped for economic growth as well along with 'upscale' senior housing, improving the downtown area, farming, trails, youth activity areas, updating the EMS building along with the Town Hall, and a desperate need for a new ambulance (originally gotten through FEMA). Jim Martin asked the year of the ambulance and stated it would be difficult but possible due to the age. Tracey Clothier stated that USDA grants could help but are tough to get due to the paperwork/ financials to be submitted, but that it is possible. Jim stated that Corinth is the only Opportunity Zone in the county which entitles them for Federal grants. This is determined by the poverty level.
- Councilman Collura: He stated the Village of Corinth is in need of a facelift...that there is no balance there. He wondered if there was funding for this.. Jim stated that there are Main St grants to do streetscapes or designs or if there is a principal or influential building that stands out. Councilman Collura stated that much revitalization is needed. He also stated that there is a need for a youth center, preferably on the western end of town.

Councilman Collura also wondered about the 200 or so wooded acres of land located along the Hudson River, near the Fenton property. He suggested making this for recreational use such as atv or snowmobile trails which are very popular in other states and attracts a lot of business.

He also suggested to have a band stand in Corinth...along the river would be perfect. The fact that entertainment somewhere in town is needed. He visited many other towns this summer and they all have band stands.

- Councilman Byrnes: He wished for economic development as well, incorporate recreational areas, atv trails, and possibly buy a parcel or so of land for a new municipal center to combine government, senior housing, and recreational center.

He also suggested that the town get a grant to financially assist the cemetery association. Supervisor Lucia stated the town currently pays \$30K towards the cemetery and he felt that if NYS backs out down the road that it would ease the town's burden. Jim Martin said that grants are possible to partially fund these things.

Councilman Byrnes wished that the railroad project be resurrected. He said the insurance alone was \$10K and it would be a shame to let this go.

Supervisor Lucia stated that the new owners who bought the 102 acres (two parcels) along Rt 9N did not realize they had bought the entire two parcels. He said the assessors have it in record that they did in fact buy both parcels. The board said maybe it would worth approaching them to see if they wanted to sell the back parcel encompassing 50.57 acres and runs close to the river. Much of the property is swamp but that there is a flat dry acreage at the end of Hamilton Avenue near the Depot. Councilman Byrnes asked Tracey Clothier of LA Group if she had walked the property and she said no. She showed a map of the property and figured this would be a wonderful area for

development. Tracey said the Open Spaces was interested in this as well. Tracey said she would go back to her office and strategise all this information.

Jim Martin from the LA Group asked Shawn Eggleston, Town Highway Superintendent about the condition of the garage building. Shawn stated a new roof may be needed sometime. Tracey asked if any storm water problems, as she heard that places in Saratoga County are preparing for it. Shawn said no water drainage problems at all.

Jim Martin stated he will take this information back to his office and marry with the resources if available. Jim suggested the MicroEnterprise grant for possibly economic development. This grant helps small businesses with less than five employees. The grant is for \$200K-\$170K for applicant benefits and \$30K administration. Covers equipment, inventory, and working capital.

Tracey also suggested Ag grants. Supervisor Lucia stated there are at least two farms that could benefit and other small farmers. The Town of Corinth has a "Right to Farm" ordinance. Jim stated that farming could be included in the MicroEnterprise grant too.

Tracey stated that SAM grants for municipal centers were good resources as well and that Senator Tedesco could be helpful with these grants.

Supervisor thanked Jim and Tracey from the LA Group for coming and would meet again with them October 24, 2019.

Supervisor Lucia stated that the Greenfield property owned by the Town of Corinth was removed from the tax auction, as he paid the last two years taxes. The Board agreed that whoever bought the property could pay the remainder of the back taxes.

Kate Halliday, Bookkeeper spoke on the following:

The Operating statement and The CDBG Mobile & Manufacturing Program

**RESOLUTION # 251**

**TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 2019 OPERATING STATEMENT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Byrnes, Collura and Butler

Nays 0

Absent 0

RESOLVED to accept the August 2019 Operating statement.

**RESOLUTION # 252**

**DECLARING THE CDBG MOBILE AND MANUFACTURING HOME PROGRAM USING 2019 NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TO CONSIST OF TYPE II ACTIONS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)**

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

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

RESOLVED to declare the CDBG Mobile and Manufacturing Home Program using 2019 NYS Community Development Block grant (CDBG) funding to consist of Type II actions under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

**RESOLUTION # 253**

**TO AMEND RESOLUTION #223 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 8, 2019 TO READ APPOINT MICHAEL YOUNG TO THE POSITION OF ACCOUNT CLERK/TYPIST AND FIXED ASSET COORDINATOR AT THE RATE OF \$12.92 PER HOUR WITH THE HIRE DATE OF AUGUST 6, 2019**

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

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

RESOLVED to amend Resolution #223 on August 8, 2019 to read Appoint Michael Young to the position of Account Clerk/Typist and Fixed Asset Coordinator at the rate of \$12.92 per hour with the hire date of August 6, 2019.

Bookkeeper Halliday briefly spoke to the Board about the NYS Retirement process and stated that once you are in it “you are in it” and that one cannot get out unless they resign or retire. Kate also remarked that their deductions will start being taken from their paychecks.

Matthew Fogarty spoke about the following: EMS Reports

Matt said that the EMS are very busy and short staffed. A couple of part-timers are off due to injuries related to their fulltime jobs. Matt reported that he has been working himself on the ambulance 36-48 hours a week to help out. He will need to put on more EMTs but that they have plenty of paramedics.

Matt passed out his report: 106 total calls in August along with 106 transports. Matt reported that they are having an uptick in overnight calls (40% higher). Matt stated that they usually go down to one ambulance at nighttime 9:00PM to 9:00AM and that they may have to put another ambulance on nights.

Matt reported that Saratoga Hospital is feeling the crunch and cannot keep up...feeling repercussions. He said it has been trending this way for the past 1 ½ years. He said they are trending towards Saratoga Hospital because one is guaranteed a bed, whereas Glens Falls Hospital you are not. Matt stated the Glens Falls Hospital ER is smaller and they push them to triage.

Matt stated that CDPHP insurance company is launching a new service for Saratoga County only, depending on the emergency. If someone calls 911 with pink eye for example, they will have real

time a physician call them at home for a diagnosis, prognosis, and recommend drugs at their pharmacy. The purpose is to alleviate stress on all ends. Matt feels this service will be coming sooner rather than later with all insurance companies. He said it will also affect Medicaid and Medicare cases and may lose money as a result.

Matt stated that they are having problems with the 2010 ambulance with the air conditioning. NYS Bureau of Health mandates that all ambulances have AC. He also said the building improvement are doing great. Bathroom being sheet rocked and flooring put down. No MultiMed report at this time. Putting more EMTs on. Will meet with Supervisor Lucia next week for his budget.

Supervisor Lucia spoke again on the following:

- Meet Thursday October 17, 2019 specifically for budget workshop...no meeting.
- Needs to present to Town Clerk Farr the tentative budget by September 30, 2019
- Sales tax: \$84,930 for 2019 which is an upgrade from last year (\$78K)
- Mortgage tax \$14102.52

**RESOLUTION # 254**

**TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH EXCEPTIONS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Byrnes, Collura and Butler

Nays 0

Absent 0

RESOLVED that the bills be approved as audited with exceptions.

**2019 ABSTRACT**

**Abstracts For 09/26/2019**

Voucher A - #190501-190524; B #192374 - #192391; DB #193348-#193350; CM #197219- #197224; and SW Dorset - #194027; SW Tranquility - #194054; SW Passarelli - #194079; SW Eastern - #194088; SW Corinth #5 - #198892 and SW Consolidated - #199922

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 32,050.23
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 7,912.77
<u>Community Development Grant - CDBG</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 4,845.81
<u>Medical – CM</u>	\$ 9,369.00
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$

<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$	
<u>SW Consolidated Water</u>	\$	84.00

Sewer/Water

Eastern Avenue	\$	8,309.70
Tranquility	\$	3,413.90
Passarelli	\$	6,182.40
Dorset	\$	1,628.20
Corinth #5	\$	28,590.45

Lighting

Eastern Avenue	\$	
Eggleston Street	\$	
South Corinth	\$	

Town Board:

Councilman Byrnes-No Comment

Councilman Collura: Needed a couple of sets of blueprints for the electrical work at the Depot project. He also stated he would like to have Emergency Management come to one of the meetings to discuss possible emergency situations.

Councilman Collura asked Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent why the bins are always filled and wondered if they could get an extra bin for overflow. Shawn explained that the County Waste handles it and that they take it away on Mondays. Shawn said the guy that works there does a good job packing and repacking the bins to make room and does it by himself.

Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent: Auctions International closed the previous evening and he was able to sell the two ambulances for \$710. Asked the Board if they wanted to accept the bid. They agreed. Shawn also put out seven junks for bid from behind the garage and wanted to decline the low bid on the paver with their permission. The bid was only for \$1500 and felt he could use it for parts etc. Shawn stated that he made \$710 for EMS and \$27270 for the Highway. He said they are down to no pickups, has \$17K left in his budget for this year, and stated he would like to buy a new pickup for approximately \$44K.

The Board agreed to have Shawn buy a new truck.

**RESOLUTION # 255**

**TO APPROVE SHAWN EGGLESTON, TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT TO BUY A NEW PICKUP TRUCK**

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

ADO[TED AYES 4 Lucia, Byrnes, Collura and Butler

Nays 0

Absent 0

RESOLVED to approve Shawn Eggleston, Town Highway Superintendent to purchase a new pickup truck.

Albert Brooks, Building and Codes Enforcement: Albert stated he was told he cannot issue any permits for any new building in the water district until he gets a letter from the Village stating they approve the water, because the Village needs to know if there is enough water to supply the home. Albert stated that the Passarelli district was approved "way back when".

Councilman Butler replied that the water hookups are already there and have been approved previously for water. Albert then said Town Clerk Farr told him that only nine lots have been approved, and that there are twenty more lots. Councilman Butler stated that the nine lots are completing Phase One of the new home construction and the remaining twenty lots are in Phase Two of the construction.

Albert stated that Don Rhodes told him that the codes for the horns and valves are in the book, but that he cannot find any codes in either the town's or the state's code books. Councilman Butler wondered if the codes for compliance were in the IMA. He assured Albert that inspecting the hookups are a simple thing and once he looks at a picture of it that he will have no problems with inspections. Said Don told Albert he would have to have to make sure the horns and valves are set in properly. Albert said he did not feel comfortable doing these inspections and needed to see the codes first.

Councilmen Collura and Byrnes suggested to have the Village do the inspections since the Town was paying them. The Board all agreed to have the Village do the inspections.

Albert also stated he would be on vacation next week and has contacted Neil Hepner, Village Building and Codes to cover for him.

**RESOLUTION # 256**

**TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL WITH NO DECISION**

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

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

RESOLVED to adjourn to executive session with no decision.

Respectively submitted,

Anne M Bourdeau, Clerk

