

April 04, 2019

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on April 04, 2019 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
Albert Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer- Excused
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk

Public:

Tim Halliday, Kate Halliday, Matt Fogarty, Mike Woodcock

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

Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:

- Appointment to fill vacancy-

Supervisor Lucia said the board decided on who to appoint to the Town of Corinth Justice position.

RESOLUTION # 141

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL T. WOODCOCK AS TOWN OF CORINTH TOWN JUSTICE FROM APRIL 04, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019.

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

ADOPTED BY Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLVED that Michael T. Woodcock be appointed Corinth Town Justice from April 04, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

- Library Annual Report- Pamphlet of happenings @ Library-on file
- Fire Contract-

Supervisor Lucia said Mayor Morreale was in the office today requesting an answer on the budget in the next couple of weeks. Supervisor Lucia said he also informed him there would be no further joint meetings held between the Town and Village. Anyone with questions must come to the Village board meetings and ask questions there. Mayor Morreale said many of the other Town and Villages are 75%/25% split and the Village and Town of Corinth are a little higher. Councilman Halliday said it was his understanding the Village Board approved their budget and fire contract last night for next year, and his concern is their lack of respect for the Town in assuming that we are just going to blindly pay the fire bill. Councilman Halliday thanked Village Board member Tim Halliday for voting against the Village budget. Councilman Halliday said the Village saved approximately 350,000 from cancelling the sheriff contract

last year. They saved another \$80,000.00 this year. That is almost half a million dollars in savings, and he doesn't understand the increase.

Councilman Collura said this is nothing against the Fire Department. Councilman Collura asked how the foil was coming along. Town Clerk Farr presented the foil request response to the board and the following was decided. Councilman Collura said (1) they were looking to review the checkbook, to review back 4 years, (2015). Councilman Collura said the town still has time to look into other options. The questions remained that if we are being charged for equipment, why are we being charged for it after it's paid for. (2) Looking for list of equipment that only the Town uses.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston said the people pay \$1.29 a thousand in taxes for the highway department, pay \$1.28 per thousand for the Fire Department, they have 1/3 the equipment and no full-time employees, so how is the increase justified. He doesn't begrudge the fire department, but he doesn't understand why their budget continues to increase while his goes down.

The board briefly discussed options that were available to them from the paperwork that Councilman Collura submitted for review last week. It was decided they would do research into their options due to the continued increase in the bill. The Town owes it to its tax payers to see if other options would be more cost efficient because there is enough money involved to do so.

The board asked Michael Woodcock if he could explain mutual aid. Mr. Woodcock said that each agency in Saratoga County signs a mutual aid agreement which allows for automatic mutual aid amongst communities. If you don't agree to you are not entitled to it. Mr. Woodcock further explained the training demands on volunteer fireman and the impacts it is having on volunteer companies.

Councilman Collura said he felt it would be cost effective for the Town to have its own Fire Department. The board discussed getting experts to investigate this and the cost of tankers. The equipment is out there and available for purchase if needed.

Councilman Butler said last year the budget was 64% with a 50/50 split on reserves and this year it has increased to 68% of everything with no justification or explanations for the increase. He stated he was in favor of using assessment to divvy up the cost of the fire department. Councilman Butler said in other towns where there is the 75/25 split the businesses are in the towns; whereas with the Town and Village of Corinth most of the businesses are in the village so the situation is reversed. The Board agreed the fire department budget should be done by assessment at the same rate for the entire community.

RESOLUTION # 142

MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION ON FIRE CONTRACT UNTIL APRIL 18 WORKSHOP –

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

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

RESOLVED to table the discussion on the Fire Contract until April 18 with guests as needed.

- Shooting range contract-

Supervisor Luci said after attorney review there was a change to be included that relating to no firing after 8pm in the evening. Councilman Butler said he spoke to Andy Kelley about this and Mr. Kelley said

there was a two-week period in the fall after the campers leave that they practice night shooting and it ends within one hour of dusk.

- Town of Corinth Facebook page- Supervisor Lucia said it is up and running and to make sure that you are looking for the town logo.
- 16th Annual Saratoga County Planning conference- is scheduled for February 05, 2020.
- Charter Letter- Channel 489 will cease transmission-on file
- Bookkeeper Report-

Town Bookkeeper Halliday presented to the board a water report reflecting reserves and actual balances. It was established that the bills have no impact on the reserves. The reserves were funded by the taxes and the \$10.00 quarterly charge per water user however, the \$10.00 charge has not yet been included into the reserve accounts. This is currently being implemented and updates will be given later. There was discussion as to whether the town would have to have the \$10.00 charged assessed next year and they won't know until the numbers are reviewed.

Town Board & Town Offices:

Supervisor Lucia-

Supervisor Lucia discussed the following:

- Rail Trails-

Supervisor Lucia said that Jack Kelley was here today with another gentleman who was interested in looking at the town's rail lines to possibly start his pedal rail car business in Corinth. Concerns presented:

- did he have insurance.

- the rail crossings were off, and this could pose a danger.

The board decided it was okay for this gentleman to ride the rails to see if it was a viable option for his business. The Board requested he provide proof of insurance before putting the rail car on the rails.

- Information Booth-

Supervisor Lucia said he was contacted by the new owners of Bob's Bait and requested that they be able to sell souvenirs of the area out of the information booth. Supervisor Lucia said Volunteers use to man this booth, now the fliers are just out there available to the public. The concerns mentioned were that if he ever decided to make any other changes that the town be notified, and it also be approved by the Code enforcement office.

Councilman Collura-

Discussed the following:

- Councilman Collura stated that he was disappointed that there would be no more joint meetings with the village. It is disheartening that this is happening.

Councilman Byrnes- No comment

Councilman Halliday-

Discussed the following:

- Echoed Councilman Collura sentiments in relation to the Village and feels they should band together to make things work and that timing and diplomacy was everything.

Councilman Butler –

Discussed the following:

- Councilman Butler proposed that the town send the village a letter stating that we agree to stay at the same rate and pay as we did last year at 64% with a 50/50 split on the reserves and at the same time get the committee together or create a committee to work out what is the fairest way to do this together for the taxpayers before we run into this issue again. Councilman Butler said that the town may need this later in the process because we are attempting to make this work.

Town Clerk Farr-

Discussed the following:

- Needed a motion to pay CDBG bill

RESOLUTION # 143

MOTION TO PAY CDBG AS AUDITED FOR \$96,227.00

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

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

RESOLVED that the CDBG bill be approved as audited.

2019 ABSTRACT

Abstracts For 04/04/2019

Voucher CDBG #1900-1907

<u>CDBG</u>	\$ \$96,227.00
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- New Computer- Town Clerk Farr said that her office is getting a new computer and she does not want the computer to leave her office for security reasons.

Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan -No comment

Highway Superintendent Eggleston –

Discussed the following:

- Notified the board that he was calling in the two young men that worked last year picking up garbage to come in Easter vacation week to do the same.

Building/Code Enforcement Officer Brooks – Not Present

RESOLUTION # 144

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 5:29 PM.

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

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

RESOLVED to adjourn at 5:29pm.

Respectfully submitted



Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk