

December 19, 2019-Approved

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on December 19, 2019 at 4:30pm at the Town Hall.

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

Public:

There was public present

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

Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:

- Minutes

RESOLUTION # 316

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2019.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Lucia, Byrnes, Collura, and Butler
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Halliday

RESOLVED that the minutes from December 12, 2019 be approved.

- Presentation

Supervisor Lucia made special Presentation to Carl Dearborn for all he does for this town and his community. He was presented with a plaque.

- Veterans Coins

Supervisor Lucia said he had commemorative coins thanking a Veteran for everything that they have done for others and their country. Supervisor Lucia thanked the following Veterans.

1. Jack Woods
2. Allen Lapalle
3. Diana Beuhler

- Supervisor's Report-

RESOLUTION # 317

TO ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS REPORT AS PRESENTED FOR NOVEMBER 2019.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Lucia, Byrnes, Collura, and Butler
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Halliday

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for November 2019.

Bookkeeper Halliday said these were the Supervisor reports for November. She said that the Town is looking sound financially.

- Thank you, Cards. – From Martha Brownell and Tracey & Lew Chandler
- County Town Budget Summary's- Summary of budgets from surrounding communities.
- Rail Cars-

Supervisor Lucia said he received the following letter from Richard Ciralli in regard to NEF & Town of Corinth regarding locomotives in Corinth & Greenfield Center.

Dear Mr Lucia,

I was recommended to contact you from our railroad consultant Hal Raven from Queensbury, NY, who is also copied. We are the finance company that owns a locomotive that is currently stored on the unoccupied section of rail that is located at Kings Station in Greenfield Center, NY. Our former customer was Iowa Pacific and they operated as SNC Railroad or Saratoga North Creek. It was brought there sometime around November 2018, as SNC evacuated its equipment from the Warren County owned portion of the tracks after ceasing operation on the line. It was the first closest siding to the CP Interchange point so the equipment could eventually ship out. Unfortunately the SNC and IPH went into receivership and the equipment still sits there. Even though SNC is still the common carrier, it has no employees or resources on the property.

We recently received legal authority to get full possession of our collateral and now fully understand the circumstances surrounding its current location and the inability to transport it

We want to start dialogue and discussions to establish a temporary use agreement with the town of Corinth to assist in clearing the line and being able to move our equipment to interchange and beyond.

Hal also mentioned he saw the track conditions this past September with a contractor from the town of Corinth. He has explained there are various grade crossings, heavy fallen trees and some unknown track conditions to be reviewed, addressed and properly handled to be able to do all of this. We are prepared to retain him as our project foreman with the appropriate personnel, equipment and all necessary measures to insure we are in compliance

We also acknowledge that the possibility of a new operator for that line, in the spring of 2020 is no longer an option.

We want to help the town of Corinth in the much needed cleanup and accessibility of that specified section of unoccupied rail track. Perhaps we can collaborate our resources to make this happen

Supervisor Lucia said this has been forwarded to the Town Attorney Brian. Supervisor Lucia said there is one or two other interested parties that are getting their documents together to present to the board soon.

- Mortgage Tax- \$16,842.00
- Sales Tax- Going down 4.14%

- Bill Pay-

RESOLUTION # 318

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH EXCEPTIONS

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Lucia, Collura, Byrnes, and Butler
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Halliday

RESOLVED that the bills be approved as audited with exceptions.

2019 ABSTRACT

Abstracts For 12/19/19

Voucher A - #190693-190703; B #192498 - #192512; DB #193426-#193428; CM #197294- #197296

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 19,304.62
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 13,665.39
<u>Community Development Grant - CDBG</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 18,347.75
<u>Medical – CM</u>	\$ 4,555.59
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>SW Consolidated Water</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
Corinth #5	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Eggleston Street	\$
South Corinth	\$

- Public- No comment from Public Present

Town Board & Town Offices:

Councilman Collura-

Discussed the following:

- Wanted to say Thank you and that both Christmas parties were very nice.
- Wilton Meeting on the 16th- Attended and learned that this trail project started as a Skidmore College Class project. But he is not sure after attending why the Town of Corinth support is needed. Supervisor Lucia said because they hope to in the future make the trail system county wide.
- Merry Christmas to all!

Councilman Byrnes-

Discussed the following:

- Reiterated what Councilman Collura said about the Christmas parties.
- Councilman Byrnes said that he was glad to see the entire Town Board there at the Fireman's Christmas party showing their support for the fireman and Fire company.

Supervisor Lucia said he would like to Thank Tim Halliday who was the only Village Board member present at the Fireman's Christmas party.

- Wished all a Happy New Year!

Councilman Halliday- Excused

Discussed the following:

Councilman Butler -

Discussed the following:

- Also wanted to reiterate and say Thank you for the Christmas parties.
- Stated that he attended the Senior Center Christmas Luncheon.
- Attended Village Board meeting and they discussed the Radar Speed Signs being worked on and the Village elections are March 18th.
- Councilman Butler said that the Fire company was denied the grant for the air-packs and they will reapply again next year.

Tim Halliday said he wanted to clarify that they weren't denied the grant but that the program has exhausted its funds.

Town Clerk Farr- No Comment

Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan - No comment

Highway Superintendent Eggleston -

Discussed the following:

- To wish everyone a Merry Christmas

Building/Code Enforcement Officer Brooks -

Discussed the following:

- Unsafe structure at 17 Hollister relating to heating oil spill and other factors. Property is currently placarded against occupation. DEC will start monitoring the creek water, they have vacuumed and put matts down. Councilman Collura wanted to know if they were going to dig it up. Code Enforcement Officer Brooks said they may once they figure out who owns the property.
- CPS contacted his office while on vacation regarding a home with 10 children in it. The family has been removed from the home and they are all together, but the home is not fit for them to live in.
- Wished all a Happy Holiday season.
- Stated that people are not happy about having to wait on sending in the money for the operating licenses. The board said that if the letter clearly states that is when the money is due, then that should be when the money is accepted.

RESOLUTION # 319

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 5:00PM WITH POSSIBLE DECISION.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Lucia, Byrnes, Collura, and Butler
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Halliday

RESOLVED to adjourn to executive session @ 5:00pm with possible decision.

RESOLUTION # 320

MOTION TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 5:30PM.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Lucia, Byrnes, Collura, and Butler
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Halliday

RESOLVED to reconvene from Executive session.

RESOLUTION # 321

MOTION FOR THE TOWN OF CORINTH TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE FOR FIRE PROTECTION BY END OF THE MONTH UNDER PROTEST.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Lucia, Byrnes, Collura
	Nays	0	
	Recused	1	Butler
	Absent	1	Halliday

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth sign the contract with the Village of Corinth for Fire Protection by the end of the month under protest.

RESOLUTION # 322

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 5:32PM ON LITIGATION WITH NO DECISION.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Lucia, Byrnes, Collura, and Butler
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Halliday

RESOLVED to adjourn to executive session @ 5:32pm on litigation with no decision.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheri Sullivan RMC". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Cheri Sullivan, RMC
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Corinth