

January 10, 2019

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on January 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Public: Jennifer & Bryan Bourdeau, Maureen Kelly, Matt Fogarty

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

TRANSFERS AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS- None

RESOLUTION #

TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES FROM JANUARY 02, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Lucia, Byrnes, and Butler
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Halliday, Collura

RESOLVED that the salary of Ed Vonsegeren be changed to \$12.92 an hour and be it further
RESOLVED that #15 be changed to reflect Miller, Mannix and Schachner Law firm and be it further
RESOLVED to add John Major as Co-Chair to Resolution #9 and be it further
RESOLVED that a typo in the sick leave section be changed from “pid” to “paid”.

PASSERELLI WATER DISTRICT LETTERS-

Supervisor Lucia said he sent the following letter apologizing for the human error to the residents of the Passarelli water district. Supervisor Lucia said he simply transposed numbers. Supervisor Lucia said the billing error was a human error and it happens a lot at the county. It affected approximately 60 parcels. It is in the process of being corrected at the county and then we can correct it at the town with a new bill by the end of the month.

Town Clerk Farr stated that there were 6 other parcels with errors also and that all of these corrections must be done in her office. Town Clerk Farr explained the rps has already been sent to BAS by the County and it is illegal for them to send another.

January 7, 2019

Homeowner
Pasarelli Water District

Dear Homeowner,

The 2019 Town and County Tax Bills were recently mailed to you. I want to advise you that the total levy for Passarelli Water district was sent in with the amount to be raised by taxes and the estimated revenue dollar amounts were inadvertently switched, causing the higher amount to raise the Tax rate to a \$3.58 per thousand, causing the high water bill. In recalculating I found the new rate to become somewhere 1.12 per thousand range.

I am working with Saratoga County in getting this corrected. Please hold off paying your bill until the new one arrives. There will be no fees involved with this process, and if you pay by escrow, you will be refunded by the town.

There was no water tax on anyone's bill last year as we had money in reserve to cover this expense.

As soon as all the town is hooked up the board will consolidate all 5 districts into one district called Town of Corinth Water District, And next year your bills will all be the same rates, and you will only be paying for what you use. The Town Is going to have to take out a 500,000 Bond to pay for our share of the transition, and has to be paid back by all five outside water districts over twenty years starting in 2020. .

Thank you for your patience. I apologize for this error.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Lucia, Supervisor

COUNTY COMMITTEE CHAIR –Supervisor Lucia said he chairs on the following committees at the county: Health/Social Programs/ Veterans/ Personnel/ year of seniors

CO-CHAIR FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR CORINTH- Appointment of John Major as Co-Chair

Park Renewals- Tabled to 01/17/2019 with no resolution made.

Letter from the Judge-Supervisor Lucia read the following letter from the Judge Clothier into record with regret:

Supervisor Richard Lucia
Corinth Town Board
600 Palmer Avenue
Corinth, New York 12822

January 3, 2019

Dear Supervisor Lucia and Town Board Members;

It is with many mixed emotions that I write this letter.

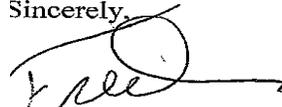
It has been an honor and a privilege to be your Town Justice for the past 32 years. I truly hope that I made a difference. I have always believed that some of the people that stood in front of my bench needed and deserved a second bite of the apple. It always gave me a good feeling when someone that had received that second chance, told me years later "Thank you, I needed that second chance"

It has been great to work with court clerks that without a doubt are the best any Judge could wish for.

Thanks to the great people that I have met, gotten to know and associate with here at the Town Hall.

Please accept this as my notice of retirement from my position as Town Justice, effective March 31, 2019.

Sincerely,



Ambrose F. Clothier

Town Clerk Farr told Supervisor Lucia that according to State Law; resignations must be filed with her office to be considered official. Supervisor Lucia stated that she had a copy in her folder.

Supervisor Lucia gave a brief update on the following:

- Reminder of Corinth RAOK Day in Corinth on January 16, 2019
- Jim Martin Survey

The following reports are on file in the Supervisors office:

- Senior Sentinel
- AATV Report
- EMS Report-Matt Fogarty was present to review report with board
- Town Clerk
- Dog Control inspection report done 12/19
- Fire
- Senior
- Assessors

- Justice
- Highway
- Code Enforcement Report

RESOLUTION #

MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS AS AUDITED WITH EXCEPTIONS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Lucia, Byrnes, and Butler
 Nays 0
 Absent 2 Halliday, Collura

RESOLVED that the bills be approved as audited with exceptions.

2018 ABSTRACT

Abstracts For 01/10/2019

ENCUMBERED BILLS FOR 2018

Voucher A - #180712-180746; B #182540-182566; DB #183430-#183455; EF #187305-187315:
 SW Eastern - #184092; SL Eggleston - #184066; SL So Corinth - #184011; SL Eastern - #184048

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 26,136.39
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 4,913.78
<u>Community Development Grant - CDBG</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 12,666.02
<u>Medical – EF</u>	\$ 6,620.08
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 163.92
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
Corinth #5	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 267.74
Eggleston Street	\$ 139.15
South Corinth	\$ 231.32

Public Speaking-

Jennifer Bourdeau –Mrs. Bourdeau is a resident of Passarelli Water District and was looking for answers to the following questions:

1. What is the money that is being charged on the county taxes paying for?
 Town Clerk Farr said the supervisor told her office to tell the public that the charge on the current tax bill is for the fund that is set up to start the reserve. Mrs. Bourdeau asked if there was a water leak from the main to her house if that would be paid for. Councilman Butler said no, anything from

the shut off to the home is the responsibility of the homeowner, from the shutoff to the road is the responsibility of the Town.

2. How long is the charge going to be on the taxes?
Supervisor Lucia said the charges on the taxes are going to be there for at least 20 years until the bond is paid off.
3. Are any other increases expected in the future? Supervisor Lucia said next year there will be the water bond increase for all districts for the \$500,000.00 which will be dispersed through all 5 districts evenly.
4. Water is a utility why is it based on assessment? Why does one person pay more for the same water as someone next door with a lower assessment? It is a utility it should be one size fits all not based on assessment. Town Clerk Farr said the rate you are paying is the same throughout your district. The county takes the taxable assessment for the district and divides that by a certain number and that's how they come up with the rate each district has. Attorney Hafner said that State Law states that for water districts the default rule is that water districts are Ad Valurum meaning based on property values. Councilman Butler said that when it's all said and done it should not be figured based off your assessed value but should be a flat fee equal to all users. Town Clerk Farr said that she was talking tax bill not water bill. Councilman Butler said lets go back to her original question then what is covered by the charges on her tax bill. Town Clerk Farr said the expenses that Supervisor Lucia figured into the budget. Councilmen Butler said he thinks it's vague what is covered. Councilman Butler asked where that number is going to go next year when they are all one district. Town Clerk Farr said it will be based off the total assessed value of all 282 district users. Mrs. Bourdeau said she would like to see that part of the budget so that she can see what is actually being allocated for. Maureen Kelly stated that this is not how the water charges work for the village residents so she is somewhat confused. Attorney Hafner said if the Town Board wants they can start working on consolidation and possibly have it done by June.
5. Asked if the Village and Town were being charged the same for the meters. Town Clerk Farr said the water meter bills are 40% more than what the village pays but clarified that Mrs. Bourdeau was asking about the cost of meters. Attorney Hafner said the village is paying for theirs and the town will be paying for its own meters. Attorney Hafner further stated that there are two parts to what they are paying for 1. Water rent based on water use times 1.4 because they have staff and services that the town does not. Maureen Kelly interjected that there is also the sum of \$200,000.00 in grant monies that are being applied to the cost for both the Village and Town residents.

6. Mrs. Bourdeau also asked, if at all possible, could the residents receive a letter forewarning them with an approximate estimate of what the upcoming costs would be next year on their tax bills. Supervisor Lucia said all of the boards' minutes are available online.

Maureen Kelly- Ms. Kelly spoke about the following:

1. Historical society and how she took Don Rhodes into the IP Building last week to show him around.
2. That the building now has the 5013c status which has been approved.
3. That Mr. Cernek had received a large donation from IP for the project.

Town Board

Councilman Byrnes- No comment

Councilman Butler- No comment

Town Attorney

Attorney Hafner stated that his office is currently working on the following:

1. IMA lease with the Sheriff's
2. Revisions to sexual harassment policy is being drafted to meet NYS minimum standards- will be ready for next meeting. Supervisor Lucia said he had forwarded a copy of what the County passed to this office. Attorney Hafner said that they would be staying with what the Town is currently using with a few revisions. Attorney Hafner suggested not using the county's version as it could possibly create a situation that would create additional issues.

Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan- No comment

Town Clerk Farr

Town Clerk Farr spoke on the following:

1. Has something to discuss pertaining to water but they need a quorum because Councilman Brynes will need to recuse himself.
2. There are 4 properties listed in the Passarelli water district that do not get water or have ever received water in 20 years. Town Clerk Farr said they have never said anything about it because it was such a miniscule amount, but when they received their taxes this year they decided to call on it. Town Clerk Farr said she called the county and the county said there were two ways to handle it and it is up to the board to decide. The first way is to leave them in the district, or the town can leave them in the district this year and remove it from their tax bill next year. Town Clerk Farr said that she checked with Arty Lozier and he confirmed that they do not and will not be receiving Village water in the future. Attorney Hafner said that he will have to look into taking properties out of the district, whether or not they are billed is different. Attorney Hafner said it needs to be decided if they were in the original map, plan & report submitted to the town. Attorney Hafner suggested that he have a meeting with the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk to decide if these properties were listed in the map, plan report. The County should know whether they are in or out of the district.

RESOLUTION #

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AND GO TO THE AUDIT OF BOOKS FOR TOWN CLERK @ 8:04PM

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Lucia, Byrnes, and Butler
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Halliday, Collura

RESOLVED with there being no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:04pm to go to the audit of books for the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted



Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk