

January 17, 2019

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on January 17, 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  
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk  
Albert Brooks, Code Enforcement

Public: Kate Halliday, Maureen Kelly

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

**TRANSFERS AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS-**

**RESOLUTION#81**

**TRANSFERS AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS PRESENTED**

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

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

Transfer from Town railroad\*\*\*6341 to B fund\*\*\*\*1795 \$13,765.00 for expenses establishing Budget appropriation B56804.02.

RESOLVED that the above mentioned transfers and budget adjustments be approved as presented.

**RESOLUTION #82**

**TO TABLE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2019**

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

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

RESOLVED that the minutes from January 10, 2019 be tabled.

**RESOLUTION #83**

**FOR STANDARD WORK WEEK**

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

ADOPTED      Ayes    5            Lucia, Byrnes, Halliday, Collura, and Butler

Nays 0  
Absent 0

**RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYEES STANDARD WORK DAY**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Corinth, Location code 30286, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for the following employees and will report days worked to the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted.**

**Appointed Employees:**

Position	Current SWD	New SWD	EE Status	Hours per Week
Court Clerk	7.50	6.00	Full-time	30.00
Bookkeeper	7.50	6.00	Full-time and Appointed	Min 34.00-Max 37.50
Senior Center Director	7.50	6.00	Full-time	37.50
Cleaner	7.50	6.00	Full-time	35.00
Town Clerk	7.50	6.00	Elected	35.00
Typist	7.50	6.00	Part-time	20.00
Typist	7.50	6.00	Part-time	24.00
Clerk	7.50	6.00	Part-time	16.00
Clerk	7.50	6.00	Part-time	24.00
Code Enforcement Officer	7.50	6.00	Part-time	20.00

RESOLVED that the Town of Corinth, location code 30286, be established as presented.

Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:

- Resignation of Erica Coltrain as Building/Code Enforcement Officer secretary
- Letter from Scott Wertans @ Saratoga Railroad

Tim and Richard,

The below email describes the issue that National Grid was advised by the owners of the Saratoga & North Creek RR that the power should be shut off at the grade crossings currently owned by the Town of Corinth and the County of Warren. Please make arrangements with Mr. Halabi at National Grid to transfer these power services to your respective entities. Without power, the crossing signals will first fail and operate (gates are plugged up) but eventually the batteries will be exhausted and freeze resulting in permanent damage to the signal equipment cases, and create an environmental spill potential.

Your quick action on this is truly appreciated.

Please advise me of what your plan is going forward for these signals.

Thanks,  
Scott

**RESOLUTION #84**

**TO APPROVE OPERATING LICENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING AS PRESENTED**

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

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

RESOLVED that the following licenses be approved as follows Alpine Lakes, AAMMHP, LLC, Byrnes Mountain View Mobile Home Park, Gaardsman Properties, LLC, Pixley’s Junkyard, Rustic Barns Campground, Richard B. Young’s operating license.

Public Comment-No Comment

Town Board:

Councilman Byrnes - No comment

Councilman Collura-

The following items were discussed:

- If the town was going to put power in at the Railroad Depot or not. **Councilman Byrnes said guy he was talking to could not do it but he believed that the Town still had time. Supervisor Lucia said they had until March 31<sup>st</sup> to get it done.**
- Did the town receive the grant for the repairs to the town building and EMS building or not. **Supervisor Lucia said the Town received just the one, the Town hasn’t heard anything on the other one. Councilman Collura asked how much the one was for Supervisor Lucia said he didn’t know but that they do a drawdown and confirmed with Town Clerk Farr. Town Clerk Farr said she didn’t know her office handles the CDBG grant and Home Improvement grants for the people. Town Clerk Farr said she does not handle this grant and never did. Supervisor Lucia said that someone told him that it works with a drawdown where you spend some of the money then submit it and then you get reimbursed up to \$100,000.00. Councilman Halliday asked if the bills were submitted individually or all at once. Supervisor Lucia they said it would be quicker to send it in piece by piece. Councilman Collura said then the Town is going to send it in. Supervisor Lucia said he was going to have to find out who told him the information.**
- The town water tax- what is it and what is it for. **Councilman Butler said it is a water tax that is on the Town and County line item that is based off your assessment. Town Clerk Farr said that she was told by the Supervisor to tell people that it is moneys’ that are being used for the reserve for maintenance. Supervisor Lucia said not the whole thing. Town Clerk Farr said he did not say “not the whole thing”. Supervisor Lucia then asked her how long she had worked here. Town Clerk Farr said she has never done anything with the water like that. Councilman Collura said when they went into this process he understood that everyone in the district was going to share in this process equally. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that anyone who gets water should pay equally**

because it is the same water in a \$100,000.00 dollar home as it is in a \$400,000.00. Supervisor Lucia said the County controls the amounts according to your assessment and this will all be equaled out and once they are all combined into one district. Town Clerk Farr said it will still be based on assessment. Town Clerk Farr said at the last meeting the Town Attorney said it is state law that mandates it be based on assessment. Councilman Collura said that if he was aware of this prior he would have voted against this. Supervisor Lucia said the bond still has to be added to the tax bill when finished. It will be a separate tax line item that will be split evenly amongst all water users and it is not based on assessment. Councilman Collura asked what exactly is based on assessment. The answer was the tax line item on Town and County taxes. Highway Superintendent Eggleston asked where the money goes that is collected on the taxes. Supervisor Lucia said that normally it just covers the cost of the water. This year Don said he would like the town to have \$100,000.00 in each district and this year the town only put in \$40,000.00. Councilman Byrnes said he would like to see some clarification from Bob as to where the money goes that the county is collecting. Highway Superintendent said that people ask him questions all the time and he would like to have an answer to give to them as to where this money goes. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that people are asking if the water bills for their water and for a certain amount of maintenance then what is the tax for and he would like to be able to explain it. Councilman Halliday said that he didn't know why they had to ask the county as they have nothing to do with the Towns water district. There was discussion had as to how the Supervisor calculates. Supervisor Lucia said he gets the number from Town Clerk Farr every year as to what the current water rate is per user and the number of pools then there is a \$10 charge per quarter, and now its \$20. Town Clerk Farr said no, it has not yet been changed to \$20 a quarter. Councilman Butler asked where this tax line came from. Supervisor Lucia said it has been there ever since he has been here. Supervisor Lucia said they all had bonds and Eastern Avenue was the last one to have it. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that Eastern Avenue and Dorset Drive were the only districts that had bonds all the other districts were paid for by the contractors. Highway Superintendent Eggleston explained that with Passarelli and Petruzzo the cost were paid for by the contractors and they in turn charged to the homeowners when they bought the lots. Councilman Collura asked if the bonds were repaid by assessment. Supervisor Lucia said the bonds are paid for by the users equally. It will show on your tax bill a line for the bond and a line for the water tax.

#### Councilman Butler-

The following items were discussed:

- Requested judges reports that reflect how many cases a month come before the town judges.
- The Village hired a towing company to tow vehicles left on streets during snow storms
- Economic development-revenues are down, bills are up. The town should start using the monies allotted and focus more of our attention in this area.

#### Town Clerk Farr-

The following items were discussed:

- A resolution needs to be done approving the courts audit done by the independent auditor.

**RESOLUTION #85**

**TO APPROVE THE JUSTICE COURT AUDIT DONE BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the Justice Court audit done by an independent auditor.

- The proposed local law #4 of the village pertaining to water

Highway Superintendent Eggleston-

The following items were discussed:

- Lost a heater at the County recycling building and Mark changed it out.

Code Enforcement Officer Brooks-

The following items were discussed:

- Route 9N property requested extension
- Skipper Lane has C/O
- Difficult to replace Erica
- The mistake he made

Councilman Halliday-

The following items were discussed:

- ~~That he took offense of the email sent and to be mindful of tone and choice of words when sending.~~
- That Mr. Brooks needs to be mindful of tone and choice of words when sending emails because he thought he was a little aggressive.

**RESOLUTION #86**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO REVIEW BOOKS FOR AUDITING FOR BUILDING AND BOOKKEEPER THEN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEVERAL PERSONNEL ISSUES WITH NO DECISIONS.**

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

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

RESOLVED to adjourn to review books for auditing for Building and Bookkeeper and then to executive session on several personnel issues with no decision at 5:17pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheri Sullivan".

Cheri Sullivan  
Deputy Town Clerk

**\*\*Red Ink is reflective of requested changes\*\***