

March 14, 2019

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on March 14, 2019 at 7:00 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
Robert Hafner, Town Attorney
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk

Public: Maureen Kelly, Sally Green, Joan Beckwith

Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:

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

Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:

- Transfers

RESOLUTION # 120

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS PRESENTED

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

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

RESOLVED that \$2903.00 be transferred from Cap. Landfill reserve ****6338 to A Fund****1782 for upgrades increasing budget appropriation A81604.01 to \$157,903.00:

RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFER AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

March 14, 2019

Transfer from Cap. Landfill Reserve ****6338 \$2,903.00 to A Fund
****1782 for upgrades increasing Budget Appropriation A81604.01 to
\$157,903.00

- Minutes

RESOLUTION # 121

TO TABLE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 07, 2019.

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

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

RESOLVED that the minutes from March 07, 2019 be tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

- First Wilderness Trail-Public information meeting "Presentation of the Town of Corinth Trail Linkage Plan" Thursday March 28th @ 4:30 pm @ Corinth Town Hall.
- Hill Electric-

RESOLUTION # 122

TO AUTHORIZE HILL ELECTRIC TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE APPLICATION TO NIAGARA MOWHAWK WITH THE MONETARY NUMBERS LAST PRESENTED.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Hill Electric be authorized to move forward with application with latest numbers presented to Niagara Mohawk.

- CDBG SEQRA Process-Town Attorney Hafner and Town Board reviewed part 1 and part 2 of the environmental SEQRA process pertaining to the following resolution.

RESOLUTION # 123

TO RESCIND MOTION #113 FROM MARCH 07, 2019.

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

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

RESOLVED TO rescind Motion #113 from March 07, 2019.

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CDBG HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM USING 2018 NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TO CONSIST OF TYPE II ACTIONS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

WHEREAS, federal grant funding is available through the NYS Homes and Community Renewal to support local housing and community development activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corinth has been awarded such funding through the 2018 Program Year funding competition under the NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corinth will use the 2018 CDBG funds to implement a community-wide housing rehabilitation program for existing eligible single family owner occupied homes located within the Town of Corinth; and

WHEREAS, the Town has designated Supervisor Richard Lucia as the Certifying Officer for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town is required by federal regulations to undertake an environmental review of 2018 CDBG Program activities, included under NEPA and SEQRA, prior to the Release of Funds being issued by the NYS Office of Community Renewal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Corinth has completed the attached SEQR short environmental assessment form (EAF) for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation 2018 Program, and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board has declared the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation 2018 Program to consist of Type II Actions under SEQRA in accordance with 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1), (2), and (11).

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Town of Corinth			
Name of Action or Project: Phase V Housing Rehab Program			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Scattered existing single family homes within the Town of Corinth			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Town of Corinth will use FY 2018 CDBG funding, with available Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) funding, to provide technical and financial assistance to help 12 low and moderate income homeowners make significant repairs to their homes. The Town will target the most vulnerable homeowners for assistance from its current waiting list and additional outreach, including frail elderly and disabled owners who are least able to afford health and safety, mechanical, and structural home improvements. The Town will encourage additional public and private investments to improve energy conservation, promote "green" building principles, reduce or eliminate lead based paint hazards, and promote safe and sanitary residential housing conditions throughout the Town.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Town of Corinth		Telephone: 518-654-9232 E-Mail: rucia@townofcorinth.com	
Address: 600 Palmer Avenue			
City/PO: Corinth		State: NY	Zip Code: 12822
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Town of Saratoga: Selection of homeowner applicants is based on established eligibility criteria and issuance of local Building Permits for individual rehabilitation projects once work scopes have been developed and bid by private contractors.			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ n/a acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ n/a acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 0 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ Individual homes have not been selected for CDBG assistance at this time: See response #20 below.	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ The Town will review the location of selected owner occupied homes with respect to applicable HUD Environmental Standards, for known or possible presence of sources of contamination and/or hazardous waste.	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: Town of Corinth	Date: 3/14/19	
Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>		

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project: _____

Date: _____

**Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
Town of Corinth	3/14/19 Date
Richard B. Lucia Name of Lead Agency	Supervisor
Richard B. Lucia Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
<i>Richard B. Lucia</i> Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	<i>[Signature]</i> Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

RESOLUTION #124

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CDBG HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM USING 2018 NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT(CDBG) FUNDING TO CONSIST OF TYPE II ACTIONS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT(SEQRA).

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board declare the CDBG Home improvement Program using 2018 NYS CDBG funding to consist of Type 2 actions under SEQRA.

NEW BUSINESS:

- County Auction March 19,2019 5pm @ the County Building
- SEDC Annual report-On file
- Report sent from Wayne Lemothe- Supervisor Lucia reviewed the grants
- Warren County Railroad suit vs. Town of Corinth-Attorney Hafner said that although this lawsuit names the town, it does not necessarily mean that they are going to collect. Attorney Hafner said it was formal process that they must go through, and the Town will be doing the same if and when they move forward with their law suit.
- Saratoga Plan- Will be here at the Town board meeting on April 4th
- Resolution for EMS- Supervisor Lucia had the clerk read into record the following letter:

**TOWN OF CORINTH
EMS DEPARTMENT**



600 Palmer Avenue
Corinth, New York 12822
Phone: 518-654-9232 x212
FAX: 518-654-7751

**To: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State**

**Re: Proposed 2019 New York State Budget and Impact on Ambulance
Providers**

Date: 3/13/2019

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed 2019-2020 Executive Budget cuts to emergency medical service (EMS) providers. These cuts will have an overwhelmingly negative impact on the ability of EMS services throughout the state to provide care to our patients. Specifically, with regards to ambulance services, the loss of Medicare Part B crossover payments and Medicaid Supplemental Payments to Ambulance Providers will cut \$17 million from ambulance providers across the State.

The Executive Budget would reduce payments to EMS providers through two changes:

1. Eliminating Medicaid Payments for Medicare Part B Coinsurance: Medicare Part B patients are responsible for a 20 percent coinsurance. When a Medicare patient is also eligible for Medicaid, Medicaid pays this 20 percent on behalf of the patient in what is known as a “crossover” payment. The proposed budget eliminates crossover payments, meaning providers already operating below cost will lose out on a further 20 percent if the change is approved.

2. Eliminating the Medicaid Supplemental Funds for Ambulance Providers: A 2017 study by the NYS Bureau of EMS recognized the severity of the State’s underpayments for ambulance transportation and recommended a \$31 million increase over the next five years. To help offset the long history of below cost reimbursement, providers receive Medicaid Supplemental Funds—an annual “catch-up” based on the number of Medicaid calls reported by a provider in the prior year. The proposed budget eliminates this catch-up.

In addition, the 30-Day Amendments to the Executive Budget included a \$190 million across the board Medicaid cut to all Medicaid providers, which will further harm EMS providers.

EMS agencies are already buckling under a payment system that does not allow them to recover the cost of providing services. In the last few weeks, two ambulance services within fifty miles of the State Capitol have announced their immediate closure for financial reasons. Medicaid pays well below the cost of delivering ambulance service and the Executive Budget will decrease this payment even further.

This proposed cut in revenue to ambulance services will force ambulance services – proprietary, not-for-profit, and volunteer -- to reduce the number of ambulances available to respond to emergencies at any given time. It will put downward pressure on EMT and Paramedic wages at a time when EMS agencies are struggling to pay a living wage and experiencing the largest workforce shortage in our history. It will hurt hospitals and health systems as these cuts will impede ambulance services’ ability to continue providing timely emergency and non-emergency inter-facility transport services between hospitals and to and from skilled nursing facilities, putting patients at risk, undermining patient centered-care goals, and impacting the efficiency and patient throughput of these facilities.

We strongly urge you to protect emergency health care and inter-facility transportation in our communities and restore these Medicaid funds in the final budget.

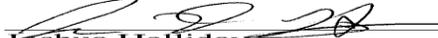
On behalf of the Town of Corinth Board and the Town of Corinth EMS Department.

Respectfully,


Richard Lucia
Town of Corinth Town Board, Supervisor


Edward Byrnes
Town of Corinth Town Board, Deputy Supervisor


Jeffery Collura
Town of Corinth Town Board, Councilman


Joshua Halliday
Town of Corinth Town Board, Councilman


Calvin E. Butler
Town of Corinth Town Board, Councilman


Matthew T. Fogarty
Town of Corinth EMS Director

RESOLUTION # 125

MOTION TO UNANIMOUSLY SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN OF CORINTH EMS PERTAINING TO THE GOVERNORS PROPOSED BUDGET.

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 that the Town of Corinth Town board unanimously supports the Town of Corinth EMS pertaining to the Governors proposed budget.

- Senior Sentinel
- Mortgage Tax
- Tomahawk News
- \$35,000 back in County money for recycling this year.

- Today's Fire Contract- Supervisor Lucia said that Chief Kelley would be presenting his budget to the Town board for informational purposes in the near future, but he is not authorized to negotiate on behalf of the Village.

Councilman Halliday said he attended the Village meeting and the proposed fire budget is increasing from 64% to 68%. Councilman Halliday stated at the village meeting that the Village has the sole decision-making power on a bill that the town pays 2/3 of. He requested the town to have at least two votes on this process next year.

Councilman Collura stated he wanted to see spread sheets, books and expenditures for the fire department because he has an issue with the 70% -30% split. He would like for the Town Bookkeeper to have the opportunity to review the fire departments books. He is not sure that spending over 1 million every two years is sustainable for the town.

Councilman Butler said he feels that it should be distributed fairly and done by total assessed value.

Attorney Hafner said the Town Board did not have to sign off on the contract until the board receives the requested information.

- Motion to pay Bills as presented

RESOLUTION # 126

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH EXCEPTIONS

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 bills be approved as audited with exceptions.

2019 ABSTRACT

Abstracts For 03/14/2019

Voucher A - #190090-190133; B #192074-192099; DB #1930266-#193100; CM #197048- #197065; and SW Eastern #194085

<u>General Fund A</u>		\$ 23,034.18
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>		\$ 21,059.30
<u>Community Development Grant - CDBG</u>		\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>		\$ 43,421.21
<u>Medical – CM</u>		\$ 7,015.73
<u>Home Improvement</u>		\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>		\$
<u>SW Consolidated Water</u>		\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>		
Eastern Avenue		\$ 8,323.00
Tranquility		\$
Passarelli	\$	
Dorset		\$
Corinth #5		\$
<u>Lighting</u>		
Eastern Avenue		\$
Eggleston Street	\$	
South Corinth		\$

The Following Reports are on file in the Supervisors office:

- Town Clerk Report
- Building Code Enforcement Report
- Assessor’s Report
- Justice Report
- Senior Center Report
- Fire Report
- Dog Control Report

Public Comment:

Sally Green- Spoke about the following:

- Sally was before the board to discuss an issue she had with Councilman Byrnes, of which did not pertain to Town Business. She felt she was not being represented by Councilman Byrnes as a Town Board member due to the conflict. Councilman Byrnes stated that this was an issue between her and her neighbor that had very little to do with him and by bringing it to his employer it could be viewed as harassment. Attorney Hafner said this type

of situation could be avoided in the future if public speaking was only allowed for comments relating to the Town of Corinth.

Maureen Kelly- Spoke about the following:

- fire contract -She said the town and village need to work together on this as there are 9,000 people protected by this service and they're are being billed by two different entities. She said the 68% comes from the breakout between the town and the village, 78% of the population is in the town only. She reminded the board that the village votes for the town board as well and they represent all of the population.
- Questioned the railroad lawsuit with Warren County and wanted to know if that meant the rail cars would be removed. Supervisor Lucia said they were working on it. She also asked about the RFP's for the railroad. Supervisor Lucia said they weren't RFP's but letters of interest that were sent out. Supervisor Lucia said they sent out letters to 68 firms and have three firms that are interested.

Town Board & Town Offices:

Supervisor Lucia- Supervisor said that Town auditor Tom Bodden was here this week and he said the monies received for the water have for years gone into the general fund. It has happened this way all the way back to when Barbara was here. He said that Tom and Kate are working on separating those districts now. Councilman Collura asked the Town Attorney if that was legal. The Town attorney stated that he would need to get more information from the Supervisor before he could answer that question.

Councilman Byrnes- No comment

Councilman Halliday-

- Attended the village board meeting last night and they had issues with firemen that did not show up for work because they were at a fire. He said he wasn't sure if the Town had issues with this and asked whether it was something they needed to look at. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that he does not have any issues with his men, and he didn't think it was necessary.
- The village tentatively reached Fire & Highway budgets
- The water; they are going to keep the minimum value charge the same, they will not be increasing it in May. He stated the village said overall there is a \$23,000-dollar surplus in revenue and now they are going to try and build up their reserves.

Councilman Butler – No comment

Councilman Collura-

Discussed the following:

- Commended Fire Department on a job well done on West Mtn Road
- Spoke about the Red Flag Law and asked if the Supervisor could bring it to the table at the county and get a resolution in opposition of this law. Councilman Collura said that Niagara County is doing this in opposition. Supervisor Lucia said there was a process to be followed and it would have to go to the appropriate committee first then they will bring it to the County Board.

Town Clerk Farr- No comment

Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan- No Comment

Building/Code Enforcement Officer Brooks –

Discussed the following:

- Fire on Walsh Street- The home was a recipient of the CDBG grant and he wanted the board to know that the fire did not appear to be caused by any of the grant work being done and that the new smoke detectors that were installed worked well.

Highway Superintendent Eggleston –

Highway Superintendent Eggleston discussed the following:

- Annual Training for 811 on Tuesday, no one will be at the garage.

- Regarding the Fire Contract; why can't it be put out to a vote of the people. If the public knew then they would get out to vote!

RESOLUTION # 127

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

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

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

RESOLVED to adjourn at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk