

March 28, 2019- Revised

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on March 28, 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- Not present
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk

Public:

Don Rhodes, Tim Halliday, Kate Halliday, Jett Collura , Jeremy Monte; LA Group, Tracey Clothier; LA Group, Kevin Moran, Mrs. Ricci

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

Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:

- Don Rhodes-

Mr. Rhodes was before the board to discuss concerns on the following properties:

1. Wood Road-

Mr. Rhodes said there are two mobiles tapped into one line. He believes the applicant came into the town with an application and was following up. Supervisor Lucia said he would follow up with Town Attorney.

2. 296 Pine Street-

Mr. Rhodes said homeowner is demanding a meter pit, and if allowed then it will set precedent for others. Mr. Rhodes stated the home owner will not allow East National in his home without a court order. Mr. Rhodes recommended that the town consider sending a letter to home owner explaining Town Law, options and costs. Mr. Rhodes said this home owner may need a meter pit. However, they must determine if that is the case for the cost of it to be covered under the grant.

RESOLUTION # 134

MOTION AUTHORIZING TOWN BOARD TO SEND LETTER TO HOME OWNER AT 296 PINE STREET REGARDING METER INSTALLATION.

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

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

RESOLVED that a letter be sent on behalf of the Town board to 296 Pine Street regarding meter installation.

3. Public informational meeting-

This presentation was done by Tracey Clothier and Jeremy Monte of LA Group and was about the Corinth Trail Linkage Design plan from the Upper reservoir to Corinth beach in relation to the First Wilderness corridor. The following was discussed:

- The scenic train was a core link to this part of trail system but is currently at a standstill.
- Open Space institute and lands are available for recreation
- Trail is one and half miles long
- 100ft board walk feature would be required if Sweetser property was obtained.
- North Country National scenic trail will intersect with all interconnecting trail systems in place.
- Steve Ovitt has walked the trail from Corinth to Tahawus. It is 99 miles, and this is a future jewel.
- Hudson River Valley Greenway funding is an opportunity for grants that would help with the cost of the boardwalk if that becomes an option. They are matched grants for up to \$10,000.00. The Town of Corinth is located at the North end of this corridor.

It was asked how soon work could be started on the trail and where the funding would come from. Ms. Clothier stated the next piece of the project is to get all required easements and the improvements in place from the train station down. Ms. Clothier said the funding can be bitten off a little at a time and done through grant programs such as the Hudson River Valley Greenway Funding. Councilman Collura questioned if this trail would hinder snowmobile use in that area because there is a lot of use there. Councilman Byrnes said it is mostly all private property and should not hinder snowmobile use.

Public Comment:

Tim Halliday asked what liability there was for landowners with the easements. Ms. Clothier stated that New York State Recreation Law protects them.

Kevin Moran commented that he loved this plan and that after tonight he thought it was better yet because it has the potential to be linked into the trail systems up north.

RESOLUTION # 135

THE TOWN OF CORINTH AGREES TO JOIN THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY COMMUNITIES.

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	

RESOLVED the Town of Corinth agrees to join the Hudson River Valley Greenway communities by the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act, (hereinafter, the “Greenway Act”) Chapter 748 of the Laws of 1991, has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway Compact, a process for voluntary regional cooperation and decision-making among the communities of the Hudson River Valley, and

WHEREAS, the process and programs that will comprise the Compact are under development,

And

WHEREAS, communities may participate in the initiation and implementation of the compact process, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corinth is situated in the Greenway area as it was officially designated in the Greenway Act, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act permits the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (hereinafter the “Council”), and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley,

Inc. (hereinafter the “Conservancy”) to assist communities in developing local planning and projects related to the five criteria contained in the Greenway Act: natural and cultural resource protection, regional planning, economic development (including tourism, agriculture and urban redevelopment), enhancing public access to the Hudson River and heritage and environmental education, and

WHEREAS, communities can become eligible to receive technical and financial assistance from the Greenway, and

WHEREAS, community participation in the Greenway planning process is voluntary, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act does not supersede or change the powers that the State has previously granted municipal governments under the New York State Constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law or pursuant to the various municipal enabling acts, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Town of Corinth supports the criteria contained in the Greenway Act and the process by which the Compact will be achieved, and the Town of Corinth endorses the designation of the Town of Corinth by the Greenway Council and Conservancy as a *Greenway Community*.

- Resolution for financial Transfers-

RESOLUTION # 136

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS PRESENTED

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 following transfers be made:

RESOLUTION AND TRANSFERS

Be resolved to establish the following Water Fund Reserves transferring \$75,697.00 from ****1737 as follows:

Dorset Drive Water District Reserve: \$2,242.00 with transfer from ****1737

Tranquility Water District Reserve: \$4,795.00 with transfer from ****1737

Eastern Avenue Water District Reserve: \$11,332.00 with transfer from ****1737

Pasarelli Water District Reserve: \$ 23,179.00 with transfer from ****1737

SW5 Water District Reserve: \$34,149.00 with transfer from ****1737

4. Approving of Minutes for March 21, 2019-

RESOLUTION # 137

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 21, 2019.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes from March 21, 2019 be approved.

Old Business:

- Sheriff Contract-

Supervisor Lucia said the language is built into the contract that the town maintains and controls the ownership of the building. Now it will go to the County Attorney then to the Law & Finance committee for approval and should be approved in May.

RESOLUTION # 138

TO APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S CONTRACT PERTAINING TO THE FIRING RANGE AT 129 HEATH ROAD.

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

RESOLVED that the contract pertaining to the firing range be approved.

- Red Flag Chatter-

Supervisor Lucia said he investigated this proposed law at the County for Councilman Collura, and he was told that this bill was not going anywhere. Councilman Collura said that it was passed by the Democrats, it was unconstitutional, and requested the resolution passed by Rensselaer county be read into record and then forwarded to the Supervisor to bring to the County. The following resolution from Rensselaer County was read into record:

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND OPPOSING INFRINGEMENTS ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has long endeavored to protect the quality of life and the constitutional rights and freedoms of the residents of Rensselaer County and New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body was one of the first Legislative Bodies to declare opposition to the NY SAFE Act via legislative resolution adopted at the February 12, 2013 meeting of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Since 2103 this Legislative Body has continued to state our opposition to the NY SAFE Act and will continue to oppose any infringements on the Second Amendment such as, requiring gun owners to purchase insurance for each legally owned gun, being required to provide social media passwords and being subjected to search engine history background checks, mandated long gun registration, or being required to have a hunting license prior to purchasing a long gun, and any other infringements to lawful gun purchases and ownership; and

WHEREAS, The proposed "Red Flag" Law could permit family members, schools, police officers and district attorneys to seek a court order blocking the possession or purchase of firearms by an individual, a measure that could result in an influx of unfounded demands being placed on judges and courts, and could restrict constitutional rights without due process; and

WHEREAS, Any new laws designed to curb gun violence should be focused on the issues of gun violence related to mental illness and for increasing penalties for criminals who use firearms to commit crimes and to threaten and harm law abiding citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body reaffirms its support of the Second Amendment and opposes additional infringements on the Second amendment; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature, send a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Neil Breslin, Senator Daphne Jordan, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, and Assemblyman John McDonald.

New Business:

- Tire Recycling- Tuesday May 14 from 4-6pm registration and proof of residency is required.
- Corinth Memorial Day Parade- 100th anniversary of our American Legion post.

- Steve Cernek- Will be here to meet with board May 02,2019
- Fire Department- Old Timers Night invitations are in the board boxes all replies should go to Derek Briner.
- Wilton Public Hearing- To be held on April 4 pertaining to Palmertown Ridge development.
- Thank you, card- From Judge Clothier for his retirement party.
- Special Franchise report from State- New Values on the franchises
- Bill Pay-

RESOLUTION # 139

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED WITH EXCEPTIONS

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 that the bills be approved as audited with exceptions.

2019 ABSTRACT

Abstracts For 03/28/2019

Voucher A - #190134-190162; B #192100-192117; DB #1930101-#193127; CM #197066- #197078; and SW Consolidated #199903

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 65,249.36
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 9,957.18
<u>Community Development Grant - CDBG</u>	\$
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 23,040.73
<u>Medical – CM</u>	\$ 9,212.79
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>SW Consolidated Water</u>	\$ 800.00

Sewer/Water

Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
Corinth #5	\$

Lighting

Eastern Avenue	\$
Eggleston Street	\$
South Corinth	\$

Public:

Mrs. Ricci had the following questions and comments for the board:

1. What do the signs posted evacuation routes mean and why isn't the public aware. Supervisor Lucia said they pertain to Emergency management and the route used is dependent on the emergency.
2. When is the water pipe going in on her street because it was supposed to be in last year? Tim Halliday said to call the Village hall. Councilman Byrnes said that it was the villages and they had agreed to do it. Councilman Butler said it is on the list of projects for this year.
3. Trains are still sitting up there on the tracks and she hopes that the town is collecting rent for this. Supervisor Lucia said that everything is at a standstill with the trains.
4. That she hopes there is someone from the town or Sheriffs checking on the tracks up there because there are snowmobiles and ATVs using the tracks and someone is going to get hurt.
5. That there are going to be traffic problems on Route 9n where the new bus garage is going in.
6. She wanted to know when the repairs are going to be made on Main Street and 9N where the tracks cross over the roads. Supervisor Lucia said the one on Main Street is in the Village and the one on 9N is the State's responsibility. Tim Halliday said the tracks on Main Street will be repaired as soon as it warms up.
7. She also wanted to know what the ruling was regarding Town Plow Trucks turning around in driveways. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said the Town has used that driveway for as long as he has worked for the town. He is unaware of any ruling regarding this procedure. Mr. Eggleston said it would be unsafe for the plow truck to back out of that road which is why they use her driveway because it is the last driveway on the street.

Town Board & Town Offices:

Councilman Collura-

Discussed the following:

- Councilman Collura said that he had documentation on alternatives for Fire Protection for the Town and he would like to have copies made and distributed to all board members and Highway Superintendent Eggleston.
- Asked if it was true that the town owned property on Route 9N. Councilman Byrnes said yes it was donated land as part of the Locust Ridge development as parklands years ago.

Councilman Byrnes-

Discussed the following:

- Little League building is coming along well. He wanted to Thank ALL the Community for their help with this project and thanks to them it will be ready on opening day of ball season this year.

Councilman Halliday-

Discussed the following:

- Wanted to Thank Judge Clothier for all his years of service to the Town of Corinth.

Councilman Butler -

Discussed the following:

- ~~Wanted to drive up and look at what Mrs. Ricci was talking about.~~
- Was looking for an update on the Facebook page- Kate Halliday said that they are still ironing some issues out and will continue to work on tomorrow

Town Clerk Farr-

Discussed the following:

- She has given the board a copy of the last stipulation of agreement check from Curtis Palmer.
- That Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan has applied for and been awarded another grant to enable her to attend the Town Clerk Conference in Syracuse.

Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan -No comment

Highway Superintendent Eggleston – No comment

Building/Code Enforcement Officer Brooks – Not Present

RESOLUTION # 140

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 5:49 PM TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL WITH NO DECISION.

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

RESOLVED to adjourn to executive session on personnel with no decision at 5:49pm.

Respectfully submitted



Cheri Sullivan
Deputy Town Clerk