

**TOWN OF CORINTH, TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM

ZOOM: Meeting is being recorded

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Lucia
Councilman Butler
Councilman Byrnes
Councilman Collura
Councilman Halliday
Bookkeeper Halliday
Building/Code Officer Brooks
EMS Coordinator Fogarty
Highway Superintendent Eggleston
Town Clerk Peris
Attorney Jackie White

ABSENT: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

PUBLIC: Graham Champagne

PRAYER: Supervisor Lucia

RESOLUTION # 272

TO APPROVE FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Butler to Approve Financial Transfers

Ayes	5
Nays	0
Absent	0

Motion Passed

BILLPAY:

2020 ABSTRACT

Abstracts for 12/10/2020

Voucher A – 200587-200619(Void 200609)

B – 202363-202383

CM –207269-207285

DB –203867-203875

General Fund A		\$ 12,581.13
General Fund/Outside Village – B		\$ 4,133.71
Community Development Grant -CDGB		\$
Highway/Part Town – DB		\$ 5,510.69
Medical – CM		\$ 5,744.63
Home improvement		\$
Fire – SF		\$
SW Consolidated Water	209812	\$ 40,607.52
<u>Sewer/ Water</u>		
Eastern Avenue		\$
Tranquility		\$
Passarelli		\$
Dorset		\$
Corinth #5		\$
<u>Lighting</u>		
Eastern Avenue	204047	\$ 246.68
Eggleston Avenue	204075	\$ 126.64
South Corinth	204016	\$ 212.95

69163.95

RESOLUTION #273

TO APPROVE BILLPAY DATED 12/10/2020 TOTALING \$69,163.95

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Byrnes to approve BillPay dated 12/10/2020 Totaling \$69,163.95.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

RESOLUTION #274

TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 3, 2020

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Butler to approve board meeting minutes dated December 3, 2020

Ayes	5
Nays	0
Absent	0

Motion Passed

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR COUNTY:

- Total cases of COVID-19: 2,998
- New cases since last update (12/8/20): 137
- Deaths: 25
- Recovered cases: 1,952
- Active cases: 1,021
- Hospitalizations: 16
- 7-day rolling average positivity rate: 4.58%
- Total tested: 199,375

COVID RESOLUTION UPDATE:

Information and concerns discussed regarding this Resolution between the Town Board and the Town Attorney.

* Councilman Halliday was looking for a policy that would cover more than travel and be more specific to how an employee handles being sick. Who do they call, are they paid or not paid, if feeling sick when should they stay home or come in? Would like to see it laid out so that employees know exactly what to do?

*Councilman Butler had similar concerns. In addition do we make the employee get tested before coming back?

*Councilman Collura we should take it one step at a time. This resolution would cover travel.

*Attorney White is working with the Supervisor to create a broader policy that would cover COVID-19 and all emergencies.

**RESOLUTION CLARIFYING COVID-19
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS/QUARANTINE POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES**

RESOLUTION #275

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN HALLIDAY

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUTLER

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of New York has put in place certain travel restrictions (Travel Restrictions); and

WHEREAS, the Travel Restrictions have been and continue to be widely publicized throughout the State's website; and

WHEREAS, in certain circumstances, the Travel Restrictions require that individuals quarantine themselves after travel; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Employees are not exempt from the Travel Restrictions and, as such, the Travel Restrictions are already applicable to Town Employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes it is beneficial and desirable to nonetheless clearly affirm and adopt the State Travel Restrictions for Town Employees, even if doing so is not necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Corinth Town Board hereby affirms and adopts the State Travel Restrictions as they may change from time-to-time; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Town Employee who is required to self-quarantine under the State Travel Restrictions must immediately alert their Department Head (or other immediate supervisor) to such fact and may not be present at the Town Hall or any other Town Property or building during the quarantine period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when circumstances permit, an Employee may work remotely from home during the quarantine period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when circumstances do not permit such Employee to work remotely from home, such Employee's quarantine will either be "chargeable" against any paid time off that has already accrued to such Employee or such Employee will not be paid during the quarantine period; and be it further

RESOLVED, THAT THE Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Counsel may take any action necessary to effectuate this Resolution, including distributing this Resolution to Department Heads for posting and/or distributing this Resolution directly to Employees.

Duly Adopted this 10th day of December,2020, by the following vote:

Ayes	5
Nays	0
Excused	0
Absent	0

Motion Passed

Don Rhodes Letter:

Letter to homeowners regarding the water. The Village is sending out these letters to their homeowners as well.

*Councilman Collura asked for a brief overview.

*Councilman Butler has a few questions he would like to get answered before sending the letters out.

* A discussion was held regarding the letters and Supervisor Lucia will hold off sending them out until the board is comfortable to do so.

RESOLUTION #276

To table the Laberge Letter from Don Rhodes.

A motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to table the Laberge Letter from Don Rhodes.

Ayes	5
Nays	0
Excused	0
Absent	0

Motion Passed

Fire Advisory Board Update-Graham Champagne:

*meetings canceled in person, November & December will be via conference call

*Mutual Aid Agreement---Departments within the County agree to help each other when needed. This agreement needs to be updated and a draft was distributed.

*Firefighter going to fire department with Covid-19. Emergency folks always placed in this situation.

*Governor determined that EMS & 1st Responders not included in the 1st step of vaccines.

EMS-Matt Fogarty:

*COVID-19 on the rise

*PPE stock sufficient

*COVID-19 Policy would like it to be work related exposure and more specific. Should be taking precautions, social distance and use PPE

*No COVID-19 employee cases at the squad

*All buildings who have people entering other than employees should have a sign in sheet.

*Income for EMS- meeting with Town of Day and Town of Greenfield. Should be receiving money owed for 2020.

BOOKKEEPER:

*Sent the Supervisor the EMS report Income for November \$17,000.00.

*One report from Judge---no increase in income. Court closed and income will decrease again. The State closed the Court.

REPORTS:

The following reports received and given to the board

*Assessor's Report

*Highway Report

*Building Report

*Justice Report

*Senior Report

*Fire Report

*Town Clerk Report

*Landfill Report

PUBLIC:

NONE

COUNCILMAN COLLURA:

*Received a call from a home- owner and that person has been given the phone number for DEC.

*Albert Brooks and Councilman Collura had discussed building permit fees. Looking to possibly increase the fees by 20%. Asked Albert what he thought. Albert did some research and found we have lower fees than all but one other town. Councilman Collura would like to work on increasing those fees to bring the fees somewhere in the middle, not on the low end and, also not on the high end.

*Believes we will see an increase of Cell Towers applications. We need to have something in place and as we do not need a huge amount of cell towers. A discussion was held between the board regarding the need to put something in place. Address something quickly so that we can protect the constituents and our land. Attorney White will get some information to the board and provide guidance as to what needs to be done.

*Comment from Graham Champagne regarding the Cell Tower. Cell Tower in the location there are still open coverage areas which suggests to him that the Town will be facing this again. They asked for a review of the location. NO one against tower just location. Not a pleasant experience.

*Councilman Collura some push from the State for these projects.

COUNCILMAN BYRNES:

*Did anyone respond to the energy information discussed at the last meeting? No one has received a response at this point. Need time to address the 143 pages of regulations.

*Asked Graham if he wanted to discuss anything further with regards to the Cell Tower.

Since the first hearing, couple additional meetings, some residence did not receive first hearing notice and therefore did not hear what was going on. The residence that did not receive the first letter did receive a second letter. Discouraged as to how this all happened that it was wrong. People can't investigate, research or know how to deal with this situation. He suggested no one in the public knew that this was coming until the first public meeting.

Attorney White stated that all legal requirements have been followed. Can not discuss anything further due to litigation.

Graham believes that communications needs to be better. No one is opposed to the tower but believe that it could be in another location.

*To Highway Superintendent Eggleston----any update on the robbery?

No issues since the security has been put in place.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER:

*Ride in the old EMS fly Car. Lori at the Senior Center would like to get another car to deliver meals. Fly Car seemed Safe. Took it to the DPW to inspect. Looks like about \$1500.00 in parts. Funds would come from the Senior Center Budget. A Discussion was held regarding the car, repairs, and rust.

COUNCILMAN HALLIDAY:

*went to the home dealing with the burning concern. Could smell smoke at the property.

Town Board discussed the burning, burn permit and concerns of the constituent.

*Joined PTSA for School-One of the members is looking for volunteers for the Healthy Corinth Initiative

Substance abuse---looking for a place to put a disposable needle box. Possibly by the EMS building. A discussion was held regarding doing this.

Child Obesity

TOWN CLERK:

RESOLUTION #277

TO APPROVE CDBG PAYOUT OF \$192,833.00.

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Byrnes to approve the CDBG Payout of \$192,833.00

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Excused 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

*2 Court Cases have been postponed until the courts are back open

* Had a discussion with Andy regarding the fire situation. He informed the constituent to call DEC.

***HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Nothing further to report

RESOLUTION # 278

To Adjourn the meeting @7:45PM

A Motion by Councilman and Seconded by Councilman Butler to adjourn the meeting

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Excused 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted By

Brenda Peris

Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION CLARIFYING COVID-19
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS/QUARANTINE POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES**

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Duly adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Attorney White and Supervisor Lucia are working on a broader policy. A discussion followed regarding

EMS REPORTS:

- **Covid is on the rise**
- **Squad stock of PPE is Sufficient**
- **Precautions should be taken by employees both a work and home**
- **No employee cases**
- **Meeting with Day & Greenfield and will be receiving money owed**

BOOKKEEPER REPORTS:

- **Income \$17,000.00 for November**
- **1 Report from Justice court—no increase in income**

MONTHLY REPORTS:

The board received the following reports:

Assessor
Highway
Building/Code

Justice
Senior
Fire
Town Clerk
Landfill

PUBLIC COMMENT:

TOWN BOARD:

Supervisor Lucia

Councilman Butler

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Collura

Councilman Halliday

TOWN CLERK:

RESOLUTION #

TO APPROVE CDBG PAYOUT OF \$192,

ATTORNEY:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

RESOLUTION #
TO ADJOURN MEETING 7:45PM

A Motion by Councilman Butler and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to adjourn meeting

Ayes	5
Nays	0
Absent	0

Motion Passed

