

February 27, 2020-Approved

The Town of Corinth Town Board held a meeting on February 27, 2020 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
Robert Hafner, Town Attorney
Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk
Cheri Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Albert Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer- Excused

Public:

There was public present: Matt Fogarty, EMS Director; Tina Dimitriadis, Town Assessor

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

Supervisor Lucia spoke on the following:

- Approval of minutes-

RESOLUTION # 111

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 06, 2020 & FEBRUARY 13,2020.

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

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

RESOLVED the minutes for February 06 & February 13, 2020 be approved as presented.

Old Business

- EMS –

Director Fogarty stated the new contracts before the board have been approved by the Town Attorney and reflect the proper billing practices required by law. Mr. Fogarty explained how the billing practice will work to the board. Councilman Byrnes asked if there was an incentive in these contracts in relating to the capturing of signatures or is that through multi med. Mr. Fogarty said it is by law a requirement for those towns to set their fee schedule. Councilman Byrnes also stated that #6 in the Day contract states the Town of Corinth and Corinth and he believes it should be Day.

RESOLUTION # 112

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN OFF ON THE APPROVED EMS CONTRACTS FOR THE TOWN OF DAY AND THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD.

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

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

RESOLVED THE Town of Corinth Supervisor be authorized to sign off on the Town of Day and Town of Greenfield EMS Contracts.

- Exemption meeting with Assessor-

Town Assessor Tina Dimitriadis spoke to the board regarding their requests on raising Senior Aged Exemptions which effects all taxes and percentages, is done by sliding scale and effects both the town tax bill and the school tax bills. It is different from the Senior exemption which only effects the school. She presented a printout with the 2019 roll. There are 18 in the Village and 40 in the Town that are currently under this exemption.

Ms. Dimitriadis said the first time this was adopted by the Town was in 1995 that last revision to this was done in 2003. Ms. Dimitriadis said the school and the county are on the same sliding scale currently. MS. Dimitriadis said that currently the town of Corinth is not grabbing a lot of our seniors. Currently a resident must fall below \$20,700 or less in order to be eligible for this program and it starts at 20% but most go to 5%. Ms. Dimitriadis explained all options to the Town Board.

Councilman Brynes wanted to know if she could give the board a better idea of what the impact of increasing would be on the town's bottom line. Town Assessor Dimitriadis said that she would have to have all incomes and assessments for those that would be eligible. She said she would have Beverly start working on it, but it will take time. The board wanted to know what the estimated dollar value impact on the town would be if they moved forward.

Councilman Halliday said there is a difference in being in a program like this and starting it new, and there are many upfront costs associated with this. Councilman Halliday said we could lose revenue which is a cost to the municipality.

Supervisor Lucia wanted to know if anyone would lose exemptions because of this. Assessor Dimitriadis said that no one would lose any current exemptions. Assessor Dimitriadis said her intent is not to hurt the town but the Seniors need help. Councilman Collura suggested started with \$20,700 and going to \$23,700 and adjust down the line accordingly. The board agreed that the people at \$23, 700 are the ones that need the 20%.

Supervisor Lucia asked the Assessor if she was proposing this what numbers would she be comfortable with. Town Assessor Dimitriadis said if she didn't think there was a need she wouldn't be here. She said these are the people that are first in line to pay their taxes and often they are the most in need of assistance. It is very difficult to watch people choose payment of taxes over necessary medications.

Councilman Butler wanted to know how this would affect the school and the county if the Town Board moves forward. Assessor Dimitriadis said that the school and the county would have to adopt if they are going to change, but if the other two don't agree then the town will have to put in separately.

- Meeting with Attorney for Mill Museum-

Supervisor Lucia they met with the Village attorney it was very informal. Supervisor Lucia said they would be meeting again soon.

The following was discussed:

- reviewed the red line list- There were several of these items that there was more agreement about than not.
- Steve Cernek backed out of everything claiming the town has not paid him
- had meeting with Lucy Stackhouse in Philadelphia PA via telephone over the weekend.
- Had Rose get Deed to have Attorney review to see if Town is prohibited from selling.
- They did not care for the 99- year lease

New Business

- Association of Town handouts-

Copies of the packets from the Association of towns classes were presented to all board members. There was discussion had pertaining to contracts. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said it was recommended that every time a new contract is entered into a lowsap Audit should be requested.

- Tracey Clothier-

Supervisor Lucia said he spoke with Tracey today and she stated that they need to get a few things together before they make a presentation to the board. She was very interested to hear about the property deal on 9N and what its possible uses would be. Supervisor Lucia said she was looking for a note with things they would like to see.

- March 11 Village Workshop for budget to include fire contract. The meeting is open to the public @the Village hall.
- County Auction List-On file
- Franchise values-On file
- Sales Tax-on file and increased from last year to \$69,558
- Town Donations-

Supervisor Lucia said that Bookkeeper Halliday has presented a letter that states that the Town Board is not able to Support/ Donate to any organization unless it is a benefit to every taxpayer. The board discussed making donations on their own. Town Clerk Farr said this is going to effect a lot of donations that the town does.

- County Deed List- On file
- Bill Pay

RESOLUTION # 113

TO APPROVE BILLS AS PRESENTED.

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 the bills be paid as presented.

2020 ABSTRACT

Abstracts For 02/27/2020

Voucher A - #200085-200113; B 202059 - #202080; DB #203654- #203669 (#203659 Void) CM #207038-
#207046 and CBDG-18 - #2020

<u>General Fund A</u>	\$ 28,183.29
<u>General Fund/Outside Village - B</u>	\$ 9,230.02
<u>Community Development Grant - CDBG</u>	\$ 3,000.00
<u>Highway/Part Town - DB</u>	\$ 31,489.56
<u>Medical – CM</u>	\$ 7,407.26
<u>Home Improvement</u>	\$
<u>Fire - SF</u>	\$
<u>SW Consolidated Water</u>	\$
<u>Sewer/Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
Corinth #5	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Eggleston Street	\$
South Corinth	\$

Public comment: There was no comment from the public present.

Town Board & Town Offices:

Councilman Collura-

Discussed the following:

- Congratulated Councilman Halliday on the birth of his daughter.
- Theater Guild- Does the Town want the building or not. It was stated that it was not on the tax roll. The board decided that if they can inspect the condition of the building there wouldn't be a downside to obtain it. It was discussed that the Town could offer it to the Village first and if they don't want it then the Town could acquire it. Supervisor Lucia said he would call Lloyd and see if he is interested in giving it to the village and if not then he would let him know the town needs to see the condition before they accept.

Councilman Byrnes-

Discussed the following:

- Also congratulated Board member Halliday.
- Wanted to discuss if the town or county had a disaster preparedness plan for pandemics. EMS Fogarty said the County has a disaster plan in place for pandemics and disasters. Councilman Byrnes asked if this was information that could be requested so that the town is aware of what should happen. EMS Director Fogarty said there is a county meeting next week to address this and the information should get kicked down. EMS Director Fogarty said that last week he looked into purchasing respirators for EMS staff and the expected delivery date as of now is in April. EMS Fogarty said he has enough for his crew until April.
- Heard that John Seamen was not doing very well. Wanted to send thoughts and prayers to his family because is a Veteran and has done a lot for the community of Corinth.

Councilman Halliday-

Discussed the following:

- Wanted to know where the Town was with the dilapidated barn on the Petruzzo Property. Supervisor Lucia said he wasn't sure where Albert was with it. The board requested that another letter be sent to Mr. Petruzzo and that a time frame should be included in the letter.

Councilman Butler -No Comment

Town Clerk Farr-

Discussed the following:

- Need committee meeting for CDBG next week. Supervisor Lucia said that Nickie had called him and asked if the Village and Town would merge in relation to CDBG grants. Supervisor Lucia said he could not do that. It was decided to have a committee meeting on CDBG Grants @ 8:30 am on Wednesday the 4th of March.
- Informed the board that all Elections this year are from 6am to 9pm. They are in April, June and November.

- Town Clerk Farr requested that Highway Superintendent Eggleston repair the area in front of the South Corinth Methodist Church. Mr. Eggleston said that he couldn't because it was not Town Property. Town Clerk Farr said it was a place that was used for Elections.
- Flatley Reid Contract final copy from Bob. Town Clerk Farr read the changes to the board.

RESOLUTION # 114

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN OFF ON CONTRACT FROM FLATLEY REID AS PRESENTED.

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 THE Town of Corinth Supervisor be authorized to sign off on the contract with Flatley Reid as presented.

Deputy Town Clerk Sullivan – No comment

Highway Superintendent Eggleston –
 Discussed the following:

- Agreement to spend monies

RESOLUTION # ****

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENTS AGREEMENT TO SPEND MONIES.

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

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

RESOLVED THE.

This has been adjusted to reflect that no motion was made on 03-05-2020.

**** No motion was made.

- 5 -year projection plan Hard to project what roads must be paved 5 years out. Councilman Collura question the length of Circle Drive. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said it includes the three roads up there for a total of 1.07 miles. There was a correction to be made in the dollar amount to 78,350.
- Approval to pay Clean Harbors for removal of fuel tank. It will cost about \$3,000.00. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said he is not getting three prices for this because there are not many people who do this. Mr. Eggleston said that all fuel oil must be disposed of properly because the state tracks all fuel oil.

RESOLUTION # 115

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO CLEAN HARBOR FOR THE REMOVAL OF FUEL TANK for \$3,000.

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 to authorize the payment of Clean Harbor for the removal of fuel tank for \$3,000.

- Skid steer Trailer

Highway Superintendent Eggleston said they need a trailer for their Skid Steer. There is a 20 ft tilt deck trailer designed for the skid steer. Highway Superintendent Eggleston said that he has three prices. This does not have to go out to bid. The prices are \$7,056, \$6,980, & \$7,215. Superintendent Eggleston said that usually he goes with the lowest price but this time the price in the middle is the best value for \$66.00 more.

RESOLUTION # 116

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER TRAILER FOR \$7,056.

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

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

RESOLVED to purchase a skid steer trailer for the cost of \$7,056.00.

Building/Code Enforcement Officer Brooks –Excused

RESOLUTION # 117

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 5:50PM.

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 to adjourn at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Cheri Sullivan, RMC
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Corinth