

**TOWN OF CORINTH  
PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET/REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12,2020**

**Call to Order:** 6:00PM

**Roll Call:**

Supervisor Lucia

Councilman Collura

Councilman Butler

Councilman Byrnes

Councilman Halliday

Highway Superintendent Eggleston

Bookkeeper Halliday

EMS Coordinator Fogarty

Attorney Jackie White

**Absent:**

Town Clerk Peris

Building/Code Enforcement Officer Brooks

**Public:**

No Public Present however supervisor Lucia spoke with Mr. Clements prior to the meeting and went over the budget. Mr. Clements was unable to attend meeting regarding the budget. He was looking to see if taxes would be going down.

**Public Notice:** Supervisor Lucia read the public notice that was previously read during the board meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**TOWN OF CORINTH  
NOTICE OF  
PRELIMINARY  
BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given, the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Corinth, Saratoga County, New York, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, New York, where it is available for inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Further notice is hereby given; the Town Board will hold a Virtual public hearing via Zoom thereon Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 06:00PM. You may dial in by calling 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID#85455219415 Passcode 956393. At such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 113 Article 8 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	-	\$30,340.00
Town Councilman (4) - 2 @	-	\$ 7,062.00
1 @	-	\$ 6,175.00
1@	-	\$ 7,207.00
Superintendent of Highways	-	\$66,750.00
Town Clerk	-	\$38,537.00
Town Justice (2) @ \$18,116.00 each	-	\$36,232.00

In addition,

**REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW - SECTION 495**

**Exemption Report:**

Shows total assessed value on the final assessment roll that is exempt from taxation and shows the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. This report is part of the final budget and made available at the Town Hall.

Dated: November 1, 2020

Brenda Peris  
Town Clerk-Town of Corinth

**Good Evening,**

**Welcome to our 2021 Town Budget hearing.**

**In normal times there are a lot of hours put in the budget process. The Nasty 2020 and its Covid 19 rules and regulations made it twice as long.**

**So many things to ponder and weigh for the benefit of the taxpayers and the employees.**

**The Budget officer puts out worksheets to the department heads, thanking them for the great job they did this year with less, and cutting spending to build our funds up some. Also asking what their bare bones numbers, as we all look into the magic crystal ball, would look like for next year.**

**The board meets and meets discussing personnel, and its effects on the tax rate.**

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**We transposed the budget numbers several times, with some cost of living, no cost of living ,or something in between.**

**We worked hard with the auditor and bookkeeper, finding \$ to make the budget look better.**

**When we started the process our biggest revenue source, Saratoga County Sales Tax was predicted to fall short between 20 and 30 %. This made us use blood sweat and tears, again back to the drawing board.**

**At the very last minute the county came through with a larger sales tax in October than we anticipated, and that the actual shortfall for the towns and county was only 8 %. Insert happy Dance. !!Bottom Line budget we came up with every Line item is down from last year, making a total of 225,000 less to collect taxes than last years budget for the same services and a new highway truck replacing a 21-year-old truck that has seen its share of superglue.**

**It contains again for the third year no raise for the Supervisor and Town Board. Employees will get a 1% cost of living, and the well qualified**

**people that work for below minimum wage will be brought up to \$14.00, or the 1%, which ever they qualify for, not both.**

**Our health Insurance held its ground at 1.8% for a great CDPH Plan, that the employees also contribute too.**

**As you can see in the tax levy projections every department went down, Fund Balances were used, and frugal spending for next year make this a good budget for the conditions our country is in.**

**Again, all the contributions to the building from the employees make this a better occasion.**

**Some folks will think they need more, some will want things changed, but its not that we don't appreciate everyone because we see everything that is being done and serving the town. When people go off the street at fast food places and earn 15 to 17 dollars per hour, it makes us feel pretty bad for \$12 \$13 dollar jobs that have such talent, experience and dedication. Hopefully things**

**will change, and we can make things a little better every year.**

**Here are the budget numbers!**

**In order to present this budget we do have to override the tax cap another year, but its coming closer together,**

**Thank You and God Bless our Employees and citizens.**

**Budget Numbers Tax Rate per 1000**

	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>This Year</b>
<b>Town Hall:</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>1.41</b>
<b>DPW</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>1.81</b>
<b>EMS</b>	<b>.62</b>	<b>.59</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>1.32</b>
<b>General Outside</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>50.4</b>
<b>Town Water District</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>.69</b>

**Supervisor Lucia asked for questions----no questions asked.**

**Supervisor Lucia asked if anyone wants to speak for or against the budget no response to either.**

**RESOLUTION#251**

**To close the public hearing and begin the regular Town Board Meeting.**

Motion by Councilman Collura and seconded by Councilman Halliday to close the public hearing and begin the regular Town Board Meeting.

Ayes	5
Nays	0
Absent	0

Motion Passed

**The following notice was read:**

Public hearing override of the tax cap was discussed. An explanation regarding the tax cap was discussed.

**Notice of Public Hearing  
On Proposed Local Law  
To Override Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law S3-C  
For Town of Corinth Fiscal Year 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corinth Town Board will hold a public hearing on November 19, 2020, beginning at 4:30p.m. at the Corinth Town Hall, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, New York, concerning proposed Local Law NO. 1 of 2020. Proposed Local Law No. 1 overrides the tax levy limit under New York General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the Town of Corinth for fiscal year 2021 and authorized the Corinth Town Board, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2021 pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

A copy of proposed Local Law No. 1 is on file and available for review at the Town Clerk's Office, Corinth Town Hall, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, New York, during normal business hours.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that at the time and place of the Public Hearing all interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2020

Publication Date: November 14, 2020

Brenda Peris  
Corinth Town Clerk

The Local Law can be adopted after the public hearing on November 19, 2020.

Regular Town Board Meeting Called to order via Zoom with recording continued.

**Roll call:** previously taken

**Prayer:** given by Supervisor Lucia

**Meeting Minutes:** No minutes to approve-clerk out sick

**Saratoga County Covid-19 Update:**

62 Current Cases

41 new since Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

14 Hospitalized

20 deaths since onset

**Consultant Report for Verizon Tower:**

Given to board members



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND  
FOR TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT AND TRANSFER OF \$100,000  
FROM CORINTH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**RESOLUTION NO.:**

**INTRODUCED BY:  
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:**

**WHEREAS**, there are unspent funds remaining in the Town of Corinth Highway Department budget that will not be used for for the purpose for which they were levied or received during fiscal year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Board anticipate the need to purchase various types of highway equipment in the future, and wish to set aside Town funds for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Town highway moneys may be used for establishment of a capital reserve fund pursuant to General Municipal Law 6-c if certain conditions are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to transfer the excess funds to a capital reserve fund established for the general purpose of purchase of Town highway equipment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, as amended, the Town Board hereby establishes a capital reserve fund (the "Reserve Fund") to finance the cost of future purchases of various types of highway equipment, which is considered a type of equipment for purposes of General Municipal Law Section 6-c.

2. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to transfer \$100,000 from the 2020 Highway Department budget to the Reserve Fund and hold such funds as required by the General Municipal Law.

3. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, establishment of the Reserve Fund is subject to:

- (a) consent of the Town Superintendent of Highways;
- (b) consent of the Town Board; and
- (c) approval of the County Superintendent of Highways.

Adoption of this Resolution shall constitute the Town Board's consent to establishment of the Reserve Fund. The Town Highway Superintendent has consented and requested this action and will obtain the required approval from the County Highway Superintendent.

4. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, moneys shall be expended from the Reserve Fund only for the purpose(s) for which they were levied or received.

5. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, no expenditure of the moneys in the Reserve Fund shall be made except:

- (a) on order of the Town Superintendent of Highways;
- (b) upon audit; and
- (c) with the consent of the Town Board for a specific item or items of equipment.

6. The Town Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk and Town Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to execute any required documents and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

## **RESOLUTION #252**

**To Adopt the resolution authorized the establishment of Capital Reserve Funds of Town Highway Equipment and Transfer of \$100,000.00 from Corinth Highway Department Budget to Capital Reserve Fund.**

A motion by Councilman Butler and Seconded by Councilman Collura to adopt the resolution authorized the establishment of Capital Reserve Funds of Town Highway Equipment and Transfer of \$100,000.00 from Corinth Highway Department Budget to Capital Reserve Fund.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

**Fire Contract:**

**AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is being made as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021 between the **Town of Corinth, Saratoga County, New York** (the "Town") and the **Village of Corinth, Saratoga County, New York** (the "Village") and the **Village of Corinth Fire Department** ("Fire Department").

**Facts Upon Which This Agreement Is Based**

- A. There has been established in the Town a fire protection district embracing certain of the outlying districts of the Town exclusive of the Village, known as the "Town of Corinth Fire Protection District" ("District") embracing such territory as it is more fully described and duly adopted by the Town Board on November 29, 1940.
- B. The Town Board of the Town of Corinth has duly authorized a contract with the Village for fire protection to the District on the terms and provisions set forth in this Agreement and has authorized the Supervisor to execute this Agreement.
- C. This Agreement has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village and has authorized the Mayor to execute this Agreement.
- D. The Fire Chief of the Village of Corinth Fire Department is authorized to execute this Agreement.

**Agreement**

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

1. For a period of one (1) year beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, the Town engages the Village, through the Fire Department, to furnish fire protection and other emergency services as further described in this Agreement.
  
2. The Fire Department shall at all times during the period of this Agreement be subject to call for attendance upon any fire or emergency type situation occurring in the District and when notified personally or by alarm or telephone call from any person within the District, the Fire Department shall respond and attend to the fire or emergency type situation without delay with such company of men and such fire protection apparatus as is at the disposal of the Village. Upon arriving at the scene of the fire or emergency type situation, the firemen of the Village attending shall proceed diligently and in every way reasonable to extinguish the fire, and the saving of life and property in connection therewith.
  
3. In consideration of furnishing aid and the use of its apparatus as aforesaid, the Village shall receive the sum of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$449,789.00). The Town shall pay this sum to the Village in full on or before January 31, 2021.
  
4. Members of the Fire Department of the Village, while engaged in the performance of their duties in answering, attending upon or returning from any call provided for by this contract, shall have the same rights, privileges and immunities as if performing the same in the Village of Corinth and in the event of injury or death to a regular member during the performance of answering, attending upon or returning from any call provided for by this contract, such regular member shall be entitled to the benefits provided under the New York State Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law and/or the New York State Workers' Compensation Law as applicable.
  
5. The Village will furnish to the Town, on a monthly basis, a copy of the monthly Fire Chief report to the Village.

6. On or about March 1, 2021, the authorized representatives of the parties shall meet to discuss contractual terms and a projected contractual payment amount that the Town will pay to the Village during the 2022 calendar year for fire protection and other emergency services, subject to the execution by the parties of a formal contract or amendment to this contract for the 2022 year.

7. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement among the parties and shall not be modified except by a subsequent written agreement executed by the authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

8. This Agreement has been executed and delivered in the State of New York and shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, the parties have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date above mentioned.

  
Richard Lucia, Supervisor  
Town of Corinth

Charles Pasquarell, Mayor  
Village of Corinth

Andrew Kelly, Fire Chief  
Village of Corinth Fire Department

The Fire Contract has been approved by the Village of Corinth, The Town Attorneys have reviewed and approve of the contract as written.

### **RESOLUTION #253**

**To Approve the Fire Contract Dated January 1, 2021 Between the Village of Corinth, Village of Corinth Fire Department, and The Town of Corinth.**

A Motion by Councilman Byrnes and Seconded by Councilman Collura to approve the Fire Contract dated January 1, 2021.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Absent 0

Abstained 1 Councilman Butler Abstained from the vote due to his employment with the Village of Corinth.

**NIMER :** Defensive Driving Course available for \$19.99

**EMS:** Matt Fogarty asked to discuss personnel in an Executive Session

**BOOKKEEPER:** Kate and Tom worked on the Water

\$135,000.00 Reserves

\$ 4,000.00 Grant Funds

**BILL PAY:** Bill Pay totaling \$168,415.29 for November 12, 2020

**2020 ABSTRACT**

**Abstracts for 11/12/2020**

Voucher A – 200522 -200563; ( )  
B – 202330- 202349 ; ( VOIDED 202345)  
CM – 207240 – 207260; ( )  
DB – 203832 - 203854; SL EASTERN – 204046; SL SOUTH CORINTH – 204015;  
SL EGGLESTON – 204074;

General Fund A	\$ 91236.91
General Fund/Outside Village – B	\$ 16892.72
Community Development Grant -CDGB	\$
Highway/Part Town – DB	\$ 59610.36
Medical – CM	\$ 80199.13
Home improvement	\$
Fire – SF	\$
SW Consolidated Water (voucher 209811)	\$ 141.82
<u>Sewer/ Water</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Tranquility	\$
Passarelli	\$
Dorset	\$
Corinth #5	\$
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$ 223.95
Eggleston Avenue	\$ 116.40
South Corinth	\$ 193.13
**BAN Payment	\$

168,415.29

**RESOLUTION #254**

**To Pay Bills as Presented totaling \$168,415.29 for November 12, 2020.**

A Motion by Councilman Byrnes and Seconded by Councilman Butler to approve Bill Pay for November 12, 2020 totaling \$168,415.29.

Ayes           5  
Nays           0  
Absent         0

Motion Passed

**Reports presented:**

Given to Board Members

Assessor's Report  
Highway Report  
Building Report  
Senior Citizen's Report  
Fire Department Report

Landfill Report  
Town Clerk Report

**PUBLIC:** No Public Comment

**Town Board:**

**Councilman Collura:**

Commended the department heads for holding the line & cutting spending during this time

**Councilman Byrnes:**

Commended the department heads as Councilman Collura as well as Supervisor Lucia for his hard work on the budget.

Shout out to BJ Baldwin for redoing the Veteran's Memorial and how great of a job he did.

Asked board and the Attorney if they had received information regarding NY State Office of Renewable Energy Plan. Concerned how this may take control away from local town/counties. Public comment ends November 16<sup>th</sup> and the Concerned Citizens of Rural Areas is looking to extend the comment period. Our attorney is going to review this information.

**Councilman Halliday:**

Agrees with Councilman Collura and Councilman Byrnes regarding department heads and work on the Budget. It's been a crazy year and everyone has done a great job.

**Councilman Butler:**

Also agrees with the other Councilman

**Town Attorney:**

Nothing further to report

**Highway Superintendent:**

Nothing further to report

**RESOLUTION #255**

**To adjourn to executive session on personnel with no decision**

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Butler to adjourn to executive session on personnel with no decision

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted By

Brenda Peris

Town Clerk