

**Town of Corinth, Town Board Meeting  
January 7, 2021  
4:30PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30PM

**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

**EXCUSED:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

**PUBLIC:** Ralph Petruzzo  
Brian Harrison  
Dave Barass

**PRAYER:** Given by Supervisor Lucia

**RESOLUTION #1**

**To approve Prepays totaling \$4725.09**

A Motion by Councilman Byrnes and seconded by Councilman Butler to approve  
Prepays Totaling \$

Ayes 5

Nays 0  
Absent 0  
Excused 0  
Motion Passed

**BOOKKEEPER:**

Requested a Labtop and is getting a quote

**RESOLUTION #2**

**TO APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10 & 23, 2020**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Byrnes to approve Board Meeting Minutes Dated December 10 & 23, 2020.

Ayes 5  
Nays 0  
Absent 0  
Excused 0  
Motion Passed

**PUBLIC:**

PETRUZZO/HARRISON:

Ralph Petruzzo and Brian Harrison spoke about the subdivision they are looking to get approval for. The original approval had expired. Looking to do a planned development district. This would need to be approved by the Town Board first and then would go to the planning and zoning board. A discussion was held between the Town Board, Mr. Petruzzo, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Barass.

**COUNCILMAN COLLURA:**

Board is considering a 6-month moratorium to give time for the board to make some regulations regarding cell towers. Councilman Collura commented that we need to get a handle on it. He believes with where the Town is located others Cell Tower Companies will be looking to build towers here.

Mr. Barass commented that solar farms are also something to consider.

Councilman Byrnes agrees and that it should be done as soon as possible.

Supervisor Lucia suggested speaking with Jim Martin to move forward.

#### **EMS:**

COVID is hitting squad hard, down 5 people, causing staffing issues

Hospitals are overflowing and everyone in health care is stressed.

Vaccines have been offered to all EMS staff and anyone who wanted a vaccine received one.

Councilman Collura asked if it was mandatory for the staff to get the vaccine

Matt Fogarty said it is not mandatory but that most of his staff did receive it

#### **COUNTY COMMITTEES:**

County had their reorganization meeting yesterday.

Town Reorganization will be next Thursday

#### **ASSESSOR-SENIOR EXEMPTIONS:**

All set with the exemptions

#### **MORTGAGE TAX:**

This area is still doing well. Mortgage tax for December 2020 was \$15,163.00.

#### **ROAK MONTH:**

Supervisor Lucia reminded everyone of ROAK (random Acts of Kindness)

## **TOWN-COVID SAFETY:**

In order to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 VIRUS the Town Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. The Town Hall will be staffed Monday -Wednesday from 7:30AM to 4:00PM and Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Friday----Closed

Town Clerk: Mon-Wed. 7:30AM to 4:00PM Thurs. 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Payments can be made by mail or in the locked drop box at the front of the Town Hall  
600 Palmer Ave Corinth NY 12822

For any in person services such as Marriage Licenses, Landfill Permits, handicap parking-permits, etc. you can schedule an appointment by calling 518-654-9232 Ext. 4

Building/Code Enforcement: Mon-Thurs. 7:30AM to 11:00AM

Planning/Zoning: Wed-Thurs. 12:00PM to 4:00PM  
518-654-9232 Ext. 6

Supervisors Office: Mon-Wed. 7:30AM to 4:00PM Thurs. 8:00AM to 4:00PM  
518-654-9232 Ext. 3

Town Court Mon-Wed 7:30AM to 4:00PM Thurs. 8:00AM to 4:00PM  
518-654-9232 Ext. 2

Assessor's Office Mon-Wed 7:30AM-4:00PM  
518-654-9232 Ext. 5

As always, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our staff and residents. Stay Safe and be well!

## **PENFLEX REPORT:**

Annual report received for EMS Program for volunteers. No contributions in 2019 or 2020. Matt suggested keeping it open until the end of this year but possibly consider closing at the end of the year. It has been, a number of years since having any volunteers.

## **TAXES:**

Taxes have been mailed.

Councilman Collura was pleased with the taxes---they went down almost 10%. Nice job to Supervisor, Town Board, and all involved in making this happen.

Supervisor Lucia-all taxes went down except NYS Mandate

**TOWN BOARD:**

**COUNCILMAN COLLURA:**

\*Discussed increasing the building fees. Our fees are very low and should be increased 25% & should cover expenses in that department.

Building/Code Officer Brooks---our current fees are lower than any town around us.

Supervisor Lucia suggested contacting our attorneys to find out the protocol for increasing the fees

Councilman Butler---looking for fees lists of other towns

\*Need to move forward with moratorium for cell towers and solar panels

\*Does not want to force employees to get the vaccine

\*Discussed the proposed public health law #A416 below:

[nysenate.gov/legislation/b...](http://nysenate.gov/legislation/b...)

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2120-a to read as follows:  
3 § 2120-a. Removal and detention of cases, contacts and carriers who  
4 are or may be a danger to public health; other orders. 1. The provisions  
5 of this section shall be utilized in the event that the governor  
6 declares a state of health emergency due to an epidemic of any communi-  
7 cable disease.  
8 2. Upon determining by clear and convincing evidence that the health  
9 of others is or may be endangered by a case, contact or carrier, or  
10 suspected case, contact or carrier of a contagious disease that, in the  
11 opinion of the governor, after consultation with the commissioner, may  
12 pose an imminent and significant threat to the public health resulting  
13 in severe morbidity or high mortality, the governor or his or her dele-  
14 gee, including, but not limited to the commissioner or the heads of  
15 local health departments, may order the removal and/or detention of such  
16 a person or of a group of such persons by issuing a single order, iden-  
17 tifying such persons either by name or by a reasonably specific  
18 description of the individuals or group being detained. Such person or  
19 group of persons shall be detained in a medical facility or other appro-  
20 prate facility or premises designated by the governor or his or her  
21 delegee and complying with subdivision five of this section.  
22 3. A person or group removed or detained by order of the governor or  
23 his or her delegee pursuant to subdivision two of this section shall be

Councilman Halliday stated that the bill has been around since 2015 and has not been voted for.

**COUNCILMAN BYRNES:**

Wanted to commend the Shawn and the DPW for doing a great job with the large snowfall. Supervisor Collura Agrees

**COUNCILMAN HALLIDAY:**

Applied to be a lead Covid process tracer, had to be certified and to do so took an 8- hour course. Discussed some of what he learned during training. Fears it is not always taken seriously. Temps. should be taken at the door and thinks Closing the Town Hall to the public is the right thing to do.

A discussion was held among the board and other department heads on how it will affect employees and what the specific rules should be.

Supervisor Lucia asked EMS Coordinator Fogarty and Councilman Halliday to come up with a plan and oversee it.

Councilman Butler asked about closing the museum to the public.

**COUNCILMAN BUTLER:**

Executive session subjects

**SUPERINTENDENT EGGLESTON:**

Would like to put out a truck bid as soon as possible. Currently down a truck.

**RESOLUTION #3**

**TO ALLOW SUPERINTENDENT EGGLESTON TO GET BIDS FOR A TRUCK**

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Butler to allow Superintendent Eggleston to get bids for a truck.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Excused 0

Motion Passed

**Building/Code Officer Brooks:**

Clerk is still out with no set time of return

Councilman Collura Thanked Officer Brooks for doing a good job. Witness how difficult it can be at times.

**RESOLUTION #4**

**TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL WITH NO DECISION**

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

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Excused 0

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted by  
Brenda Peris  
Town Clerk