

TOWN OF CORINTH, TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 26, 2022 @6:00PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Butler
Councilman Byrnes
Councilman Collura
Councilman Halliday
Highway Superintendent Eggleston
Town Clerk Peris

EXCUSED:

Councilwoman Crooks
Building/Code Officer Brooks
EMS Coordinator Fogarty

RESOLUTION #146

TO APPROVE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES DATED 5/12/2022.

A Motion by Councilman Byrnes and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes Dated 5/12/2022.

Ayes 4
Nays 0
Excused 1

Motion Passed

RESOLUTION#147

TO APPROVE TRANSFERS TOTALING \$78,391.34 AND BILL-PAY ABSTRACT TOTALING \$112,754.03 BOTH DATED 05/26/2022.

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Collura to Approve Transfers Totaling \$ 78,391.34 and Bill-Pay Abstract Totaling \$112,754.03 both Dated 05/26/2022.

Ayes 4
Nays 0
Excused 1

Motion Passed

ABSTRACT

Abstracts for 05/26/2022

Voucher A -220263-220286

B -222188-222205

CM -227132-227139

DB -223127-223143

General Fund A \$ 29,655.55

General Fund/Outside Village - B \$ 8,654.10

Community Development Grant -CDGB \$

Highway/Part Town - DB \$ 64,124.69

Medical - CM \$ 10,319.69

Home improvement \$

Fire - SF \$

SW Consolidated Water \$

Sewer/ Water

Eastern Avenue \$

Tranquility \$

Passarelli \$

Dorset \$

Corinth #5 \$

Lighting

Eastern Avenue \$

Eggleston Avenue \$

South Corinth \$

TOTAL \$112,754.03

PRELIMINARY SOLAR LAW PUBLIC HEARING:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2022
AMENDING THE TOWN OF CORINTH TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH
REGULATIONS FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corinth Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 26, 2022, beginning at 06:05 p.m. at the Corinth Town Hall, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, New York, concerning proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2022. The proposed Local Law would regulate the development and installation of Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Corinth.

Copies of the proposed Local Law are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and also on the Town of Corinth website at www.townofcorinthny.com.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Dated: May 3, 2022
Brenda Peris
Corinth Town Clerk

Public Hearing was opened for proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2022 Amending the Town of Corinth Town Code to Establish Regulations for Solar Energy Systems.

Jim Martin of the LA Group discussed the proposed law:

*The draft Law, is a reflection of the model law in NYS.

*The law breaks Solar into 2 categories:

Small: Individual Solar—residents can have individual solar in any area of the Town. The law encourages the use. Includes up to full roof coverage or ground coverage the size of a shed.

Large: needs to be within 1000 ft of a transmission line & 2000 feet of a substation. An overlay map of where they are allowed has been formed with the help of the County. Permitted with a site plan review from the planning board.

*A decommissioning plan in place for removal of solar if no longer being used.

*The basis is State Law tweaked a little for the Town Law

*Environmental review (SEQRA)

*Each project will have an environmental assessment

BOARD QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Councilman Halliday: there are 2 interested sites at this time---Is that all that is available for the Large Solar projects?

Jim Martin: My opinion, there are few instances where these will be available due to the make -up of the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Murray: Impressed with the draft law. The Law should be approved and wished that it could encompass the Village.

Bill Biscione-Blue Wave Solar: Thanked those involved in putting the Law together. Would like to request some revisions:

*Page 8 Lot Lines: property with several lots would need a variant, due to set back, 100 yards total, would like to aggregate of the lots involved.

Jim Martin: Doesn't see an issue, wouldn't be opposed

*Page 10 & 11: Bond Reference ---discussed type of security for the decommissioning plan. Would like to use Bonds as security. Would like decommissioning plan to run simultaneous with planning board review.

Jim Martin: Escrow account best form but would recommend discussing with the Town Attorney and Accountant. Want to make sure that the funds are there is/when decommissioning would take place.

Councilman Collura: Bonds are ok but need to make sure the language in the bond contract will protect the town.

*PILOT Agreement---

Jordan Fanfan:

*Page #5 What is accessory use?

Jim Martin: Primary use of parcel & accessory. House is the primary and example of an accessory would be a garage, shed, etc.

*Is it a strict 110% of previous 12 months of monitoring?

Jim Martin: It is not continuously monitored---set up at time of application

*89-70 Article c-Installation by a qualified contractor would the Town have a list?

Jim Martin: Yes, the Town would have a list but if the homeowner has someone they would prefer to use and are qualified that person could be added to the list.

*Article D Sub-article B1---Prohibited in front or side yard. An item in my kitchen would need to be charged placing a battery outside of the home, would that be prohibited?

Jim Martin: That is referring to the pole mounted large scale projects

Amber Hall:

*Fee Schedule: When will it be decided?

*If adding panels after initial installation will that require additional fees?

Jim Martin: Suggested a Flat Fee for Residential and a sliding scale for large projects. Would be additional fee to add panels as it would require an additional application.

Supervisor Butler:

*The Town and County Planning Boards are ok with the law.

The public hearing will remain open until June 9th, 2022.

Project for the Town owned property on 9N. How do we get started?

Jim Martin: It would be a master plan project---physical plan for the property. Start with what the Town wants to do, then the LA Group looks at how optimal the site would be. Looks at things such as Safe vehicle access, parking, trash, snow emergency access, etc. They would put together several alternative sites for Town to choose, could phase it in to complete. The property would need a survey to understand the property base line condition. The process would include interaction with the Town, Public, LA Group. We all work together. Financing, grants, and budget would need to be made. Once that is complete it would move onto bids.

Councilman Collura:

*Zoning Laws, where are we with those?

Jim Martin: Its complete just needs to be buttoned up and may require some minor changes.

*Comprehensive Plan?

Jim Martin: Much of it is done but not complete.

COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY REPORT: Grahame Champagne-

*recruitment/retention of firefighter. The statewide campaign ended April 2022. Do not have numbers from the campaign. Saratoga County only had 2 or 3 new members. Advisory board started a new campaign "Roll with Us" to recruit firefighters starting May 4th. Seems to be doing better with this. It will be an ongoing program

*Mutual Aid Agreement ongoing—final version submitted to the State Fire Control. State wanted additional information.

*County Hazmat team ---training continues---the team has been called out to respond.

*Training Center----New Tower & live burn center design selected. Waiting for State to approve funding. Some updates have been made to the center--- person on site to oversee safety & clean-up during use.

*2020-37 line of duty death is in the country, 60% from heart attacks. We need to do better to help 1st responders. 1st responders deal with 400-600 traumas in their career, toxicity in fires has increased. Remember they put their life on the line to help others.

REPORTS:

FOLLOWING REPORTS GIVEN TO THE BOARD:

*Sales Tax

*Mortgage tax

SUPERVISOR BUTLER:

*Memorial Day Parade Monday May 30, 2022 @6:00PM

*Part time Court Clerk

Town Clerk:

I chose Barbara Sirchia as deputy town clerk and would need a motion to approve her appointment.

RESOLUTION#148

TO APPOINT BARBARA SIRCHIA AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK.

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Byrnes to Appoint Barbara Sirchia as Deputy Town Clerk.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Excused 1

Motion Passed

HIGHWAY:

*Hunt Lake Rd & West Mtn Rd. are complete

*Bridge has not been finished---DEC is holding it up

*Hal Raven is looking for stone @the depot---Shawn will try to get up there. Gate for the upper part of the road---town has an old gate that could be used. Board agreed that should be done.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Byrnes: *Have a great holiday.

Councilman Halliday: *Saw the train, people waving

Councilman Collura: *Commend Ed, Kiley, and Jim for the proposed Solar Law
*Commend Shawn and crew for their work on Hunt Lake Rd. and West Mtn Rd.

RESOLUTION #149

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Supervisor Butler to Adjourn the Meeting.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Excused 1

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted by,
Brenda L Peris, Town Clerk

