

**TOWN OF CORINTH, TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2023 @ 6:00PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:**

Eric Butler, Supervisor  
Jeffrey Collura, Councilman  
Josh Halliday, Councilman  
Albert Brooks Sr., Building/Code Officer  
Matt Fogarty, EMS Coordinator  
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent  
Brenda Peris, Town Clerk

**EXCUSED:**

Ed Byrnes, Councilman  
Kiley Crooks, Councilwoman

**PLEDGE:**

**RESOLUTION #121**

**To Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes Dated 3/23/2023.**

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Collura  
To approve Town Board Meeting Minutes Dated 3/23/2023.

Ayes                      3 Butler, Collura, Halliday

Nays                      0

Excused                2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

ABSTRACT

Abstracts for 04/13/2023

Voucher A – 230180 – 230230 (230216-230220 deleted wrong fund used)

B – 232137 - 232178

CM – 237069 – 237094 (237093 deleted wrong fund used)

DB – 233066 - 233087

General Fund A \$ 26,736.23

General Fund/Outside Village – B \$ 9,014.88

Community Development Grant -CDGB \$

Highway/Part Town – DB \$ 41,868.29

Medical – CM \$ 16,581.46

Home improvement \$

SW Consolidated Water \$

Sewer/ Water

Eastern Avenue \$

Tranquility \$

Passarelli \$

Dorset \$

Corinth #5 \$

Lighting

Eastern Avenue 234005 \$ 288.38

Eggleston Avenue 236004 \$ 142.62

South Corinth 234004 \$ 248.92

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TOTAL \$94,880.78

**RESOLUTION #122**

**To Approve Bill-Pay Abstract Dated 4/13/2023 totaling \$94,880.78.**

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Collura

To Approve Bill-Pay Abstract Dated 4/13/2023 totaling \$94,880.78.

Ayes 3 Butler, Collura, Halliday

Nays 0

Excused 2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

**REPORTS:**

The following reports given to board for review:

- Building Dept.
- Fire Dept.
- Mortgage Tax
- Senior Center
- OT
- Clerks
- Highway work & fuel
- Landfill
- Assessor
- Library Annual

**HIKING CHALLENGE PRESENTATION:** Jennifer Kietzman/Dave Bourque/Dan Smith

Jennifer Kietzman is putting together the Corinth Hiking Challenge. She has also considered naming it the Gateway to the Adirondacks Challenge. She has received some information from Dave Bourque-Brant Lake Challenge and Dan Smith-Chester Challenge. The Challenge would consist of the following 8 Hikes.

**Saratoga County:**

- \*Corinth Reservoir Recreation Area:

- Upper Reservoir Trail to Western Ridge Trail to Beaver Pond Trail

- \*Spruce Mountain Trail (fire tower)

- \*Lake Bonita Loop and/or Lake Bonita to Lake Ann Loop

- \*Moreau Lake State Park Trails:

- Western Ridge Trail

- Baker Trail to Moreau Lake Overlook Trail

- Stonewall Trail

- \*Hadley Mountain Trail (fire tower)

**Warren County:**

- \*Potash Mountain Trail

The main challenge would be the 8- Hikes and once completed the hiker would receive an embroidered patch, a window decal and will be assigned a number. They will also offer a 4- hike challenge. This would help to reinvent Corinth, add to

local tourism, and bring healthy activity to the community. A website would be set up for hikes, maps, photos & registration fees. The fees would help to sustain the challenge. The website would also have promotional items.

Dave Bourque has been working on the Brant Lake Challenge for 3 years and is amazed at what Jennifer has accomplished in 1 year. Goal- community---market it and people will return.

Dan Smith has been working for 8 years with the Chester Challenge. They have kept track of sign-ins and have had 52,000 visits. Brochures are a good way to bring people in. They have kept their challenges family friendly. They have also offered winter challenges. The town pays Dan around \$4,000 per year to maintain the trails with volunteers.

Supervisor Butler stated that all of the costs would be 100% reimbursable to the Town by applying for a grant from the County. This falls into line with the Corinth Healthy Coalition.

Councilman Halliday—Love this idea. Hears about people hiking for patches all the time. Like the Gateway to the Adirondacks title for the challenge.

Supervisor Butler would like to apply for the Grant with the Boards approval and would like regular updates as to how the challenge is going.

### **RESOLUTION #123**

**To Authorize Supervisor Butler to Apply for a Grant from Saratoga County to Be used for the Hiking Challenge.**

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Collura to Authorize Supervisor Butler to Apply for a Grant from Saratoga County to be used for the Hiking Challenge.

Ayes	3 Butler, Collura, Halliday
Nays	0
Excused	2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

#### **RESOLUTION #124**

**To Appoint Dan Willis to the Planning Board, Nicholas Denno to the Zoning Board, both 5- year Terms from 1/1/23 to 12/31/2027; Jennifer Michelle to the Zoning Board as of 1/1/2023 to fill a vacated 5- year term from 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2025.**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to Appoint Dan Willis to the Planning Board, Nicholas Denno to the Zoning Board both 5- year Terms from 1/1/23 to 12/31/2027; Jennifer Michelle to the Zoning Board as of 1/1/2023 to fill a vacated 5 year term from 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2025.

Ayes 3 Butler, Collura, Halliday

Nays 0

Excused 2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

#### **HYDRANT REPLACEMENT:**

The Hydrant on County Route 24 needs to be replaced. The Estimate from the Village DPW is \$3974.30.

#### **RESOLUTION #124**

**To Approve the Replacement of the Hydrant on County Route 24 Using Funds from the Water Reserve.**

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Collura to Approve the Replacement of the Hydrant on County Route 24 Using Funds from the Water Reserve.

Ayes 3 Butler, Collura, Halliday

Nays 0

Excused 2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

#### **ATTORNEY:**

\*Solar Projects: Working with the Assessor and project attorney to work out PILOT terms and decommissioning security. Draft Pilot Agreements have been sent to the Attorneys with value per mega- watt and calculations as to how they would be split between Town, Village, School & County.

#### **SUPERVISOR:**

\*Little League Parade will be held 4/29/2023 @11:00am.

\*American Diabetes Association will be doing the Tour DE Cure ride through Corinth on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

\*Association of Towns Proposal to oppose the passage of Conservation Subdivision Design Bill A04608.

## **RESOLUTION #125**

### **Resolution No. 125 of 2023**

#### **Resolution Opposing Passage of Conservation Subdivision Design Bill A04608**

**WHEREAS**, The Adirondack Park Agency adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill, and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for, and

**WHEREAS**, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas, and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 3.3 million acres of the 5.9-million-acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided, and

**WHEREAS**, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations render most of these areas as not suitable for development, and

**WHEREAS**, bill number A04608 has been introduced in the New York State Assembly, and said bill would require Adirondack Park residential subdivisions that meet specific lot size thresholds to comply with certain conservation subdivision design criteria, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act, which has been in effect for 50 years, and

**WHEREAS**, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an

opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation would require private property owners to incur undue burdens in order to complete additional ecological assessments associated with proposed developments, and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed legislation could eliminate the potential for development on certain lands, constituting a “taking” without compensation, when current law already protects and provides for regulation of these same lands by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation places additional burdens on property owners that are not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and are not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Corinth does not approve of the proposed legislation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Corinth hereby calls upon our local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations, to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (A04608) be withdrawn, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Senator Stec, Senator Griffo, Senator Walczyk, Senator Tedisco, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Assemblyman Jones, Assemblyman Simpson, Assemblyman Smullen, Assemblyman Blankenbush, Adirondack Intercounty, Adirondack Local Government Review Board and the Chairs of the Encon Committees Senator Harckham, and Assemblywoman Glick.

Ayes	3 Butler, Collura, Halliday
Nays	0
Excused	2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

## **TOWN CLERK:**

\*Tax Collection is officially over

\*April 27, 2023, Bill-Pay Vouchers/Invoices need to be to the Town Hall for processing by Thursday 4/20/2023 @ Noon. The Town Clerks Office will be closed for training From Monday 4/24/2023 to 4/26/2023.

## **RESOLUTION #126**

A Resolution in connection with the Amendment to NYS Domestic Relations Law, Chapter 14, Article 3, designating lay individuals to solemnize Marriages.

Introduced by Councilman Halliday, who moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Butler,

WHEREAS, NYS Domestic Relations Law has been amended for Town/City Clerks to provide for designation of a one-day marriage officiant, which became effective March 28, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the authority is limited to applicants who want to marry a couple to whom the Town Clerk issued a marriage license and limited to the specific couple identified in the application and for that specific ceremony, and

WHEREAS, the legislation clearly states the information to be included in the application for a one-day officiant license and requirements, and has entitled the clerk to collect a twenty-five dollar fee for the service to be retained by the Town; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will be accepting applications for One-Day Marriage Officiants and collecting a twenty-five dollar fee.

Ayes 3 Butler, Collura, Halliday

Nays 0

Excused 2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

## **HIGHWAY:**

\*Expenditure agreement of Highway Moneys

## **RESOLUTION #127**

**To approve the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Money.**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to Approve the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Money.



Ayes	3 Butler, Collura, Halliday
Nays	0
Excused	2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

**BUILDING/CODE:**

\*State has new law for Codes. The Town must adopt this new law for Codes. A copy of the information was given to the board for review. This will be discussed at the next Town Board Meeting.

**EMS:**

\*Hired Empire Ambulance supervisors as part timers. Was able to assess some equipment from Empire Ambulance due to their closure. An Ambulance and Powerlift Stretcher with 2 batteries, battery charger & stair chair for a total of \$12,000.

**RESOLUTION #128**

**Authorizing EMS Coordinator Fogarty to Purchase an Ambulance with Misc. Supplies, Power lift Stretcher with Battery, Battery Charger, and Stair Chair Using Funds from the Reserve Account.**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Halliday  
Authorizing EMS Coordinator Fogarty to Purchase an Ambulance with Misc. Supplies, Power lift Stretcher with Battery, Battery Charger, and Stair Chair Using Funds from the Reserve Account.

Ayes	3 Butler, Collura, Halliday
Nays	0
Excused	2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

**PUBLIC:**

Jennifer Michele:

\*Zoning Board Signs---Signs for business' in Town --we should have a discussion on a brand/look we want.

\*Trees for Locust Ridge:

**RESOLUTION#129**

**To Grant Permission to Jennifer Michele to purchase trees for the Town Owned Piece of Locust Ridge Drive, Not to Exceed \$200.00.**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to Grant Permission to Jennifer Michele to purchase trees for the Town Owned Piece of Locust Ridge Drive, Not to Exceed \$200.00.

Ayes 3 Butler, Collura, Halliday

Nays 0

Excused 2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

**TOWN BOARD:**

**Councilman Halliday:** Would like to thank the Fireman. Attended the Old Timers Night-- had a great evening. It was nice to see that so many received awards.

Councilman Collura: Nothing further to report

**RESOLUTION #130**

**To Adjourn the Meeting @ 7:05PM**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to Adjourn the Meeting @7:05PM.

Ayes 3 Butler, Collura, Halliday

Nays 0

Excused 2 Byrnes, Crooks

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted by  
Brenda L Peris, Town Clerk