

**TOWN OF CORINTH, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024 @ 6:00PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:**

Eric Butler, Supervisor  
Patrick Clothier, Councilman  
Melanie Denno, Councilwoman  
Carey Mann, Councilman  
Matt Fogarty, EMS Coordinator  
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent  
Brenda Peris, Town Clerk

**EXCUSED:**

Kiley Crooks, Councilwoman  
Albert Brooks, Building/Code Officer

**PLEDGE:**

**RESOLUTION#89**

**To Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes Dated 01/25/2024.**

A Motion by Councilwoman Denno and Seconded by Councilman Mann to Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes Dated 01/25/2024.

Ayes                    4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused              1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**ABSTRACT**

**Abstracts for 02/08/2024**

**Voucher A –240076-240105(Void240100)**

**B –242051-242069**

**CM –247024-247033**

**DB –243035-243055**

**General Fund A**

**\$ 51,525.33**

**General Fund/Outside Village – B**

**\$ 4,495.30**

Highway/Part Town – DB		\$ 44,299.62
Medical – CM		\$ 6,209.31
Home improvement		\$
SW Consolidated Water 224002		\$ 37,584.23
SF Fire		\$
<u>Lighting</u>		
Eastern Avenue	245002	\$ 357.61
Eggleston Avenue	246002	\$ 185.67
South Corinth	244002	\$ 298.75

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**TOTAL \$144,955.82**

**RESOLUTION #90**

**To Approve Bill-Pay Abstract Dated 02/08/2024 Totaling \$144,955.82**

A Motion by Councilman Mann and Seconded by Councilman Clothier to Approve Bill-Pay Abstract Dated 02/08/2024 Totaling \$144,955.82.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused 1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Supervisor Butler Opened the Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW  
AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 116-6  
MAXIMUM INCOME LEVEL SLIDING SCALE  
FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corinth Town Board will hold a public hearing on February 8th, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Corinth Town Hall, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, New York, concerning proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024. The proposed Local Law would amend Chapter 116 Article II of the Corinth Town Code, entitled "Senior Citizens Exemption", Sections 116-6 entitled "Maximum income level, slide scale," to increase the maximum income level that senior citizens owning real property in Corinth can benefit from a partial exemption from Town real property taxes and the corresponding sliding scale.

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](http://www.townofcorinthny.com).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that all interested parties will be heard at this time and place.

Dated: January 31, 2024

Brenda Peris  
Corinth Town Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Jim Murray:** in favor of the change

**Jennifer Kietzman:** in favor of the change

**Supervisor Butler:** The county changed their scale, and we are lining up with them. It has been over 20 years since this was last updated.

**RESOLUTION#91**

**To Close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law Amending Town Code Section 116-6 Maximum Income Level Sliding Scale for the Senior Citizens Exemption.**

A Motion by Councilwoman Denno and Seconded by Councilman Mann to Close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law Amending Town Code Section 116-6 Maximum Income Level Sliding Scale for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Ayes                    4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused              1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION NO.:    92**

**INTRODUCED BY:    Councilman Clothier**

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:       Councilwoman Denno**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024  
AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 116-6  
MAXIMUM INCOME LEVEL SLIDING SCALE FOR  
THE SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to increase the maximum income level and associated income level sliding scale for the partial exemption on real property taxation for eligible persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this legislation is authorized by New York Real Property Tax Law §467 and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board duly held a Public Hearing concerning such proposed Local Law on Thursday, February 8, 2024 and heard all interested persons,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Corinth Town Board hereby adopts Local Law Number 2 of 2024 amending Town Code §116-6 to increase the maximum income level and associated income sliding scale for the partial exemption on real property taxation for eligible persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to file the Local Law with the New York Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and acknowledges that the Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing by the Office of the Secretary of State; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Counsel to take such other and further action as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Duly adopted this 8th day of February 2024, by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: 4-Denno, Clothier, Butler, Mann

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1-Crooks

**REPORTS:**

The Following Reports given to the Town Board for Review:

- Building
- Healthy Corinth
- Highway Work & Fuel
- Overtime
- Clerks

**ANNUAL AUDITS:**

**Tom Bodden completed the following annual Audits:**

- Town Clerk
- Justices

**EMPLOYEE VACATION & PERSONAL TIME ACCRUAL POLICY:**

A personnel committee meeting was held prior to the Town Board meeting to discuss employee vacation & personal time accrual. The current system has caused some complications. All full-time employees will transition to the new system. 18 employees will be affected by the change.

**RESOLUTION #93**

**To Change the Vacation Leave Accrual Date Policy to renew on Employee’s Anniversary Date. Changed from an Annual January 1<sup>st</sup> date. This Resolution will also allow the Supervisor to make adjustments as needed for any unforeseen circumstances that may arise during the Transition. This change will be reflected in the Employee Handbook Updates currently being Reviewed.**

A Motion by Councilman Mann and Seconded by Councilman Clothier to Change the Vacation Leave Accrual Date Policy to renew on Employee’s Anniversary Date. Changed from an Annual January 1<sup>st</sup> date. This Resolution will also allow the Supervisor to make adjustments as needed for any unforeseen circumstances that may arise during the Transition. This change will be reflected in the Employee Handbook Updates currently being Reviewed.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused 1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

\*Working on long term projects

\*Tweaking the land use law-Would follow the process to amend the law. This would be subject to a Public Hearing and County Planning Board Review. Will take approximately 3 months. Councilman Clothier asked if the amendment to the Land Use Law is urgent? Supervisor Butler stated that there is some urgency.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

\*DCO-The Dog control officer has been using her own vehicle to transport dogs. Some problems have occurred, and the Town needs a Vehicle for Dog Control. Supervisor Butler found a 2024 Silverado at a State Contracted pricing. A truck cap will need to be purchased at a future date using funds in the budget.

**RESOLUTION#94**

**To Approve the Purchase of the 2024 Chevy Silverado at the State Contract Price of \$44,472.50 for Dog Control Officer.**

A Motion by Councilman Mann and Seconded by Councilwoman Denno to Approve the Purchase of the 2024 Chevy Silverado at the State Contract Price of \$44,472.50 for Dog Control Officer.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused 1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION#95**

**To Move \$44,472.50 from B-fund balance to DB-fund #5130.2 for the purchase of the Dog Control Vehicle.**

A Motion by Councilman Clothier and Seconded by Councilman Mann to Move \$44,472.50 from B-fund balance to DB-fund #5130.2 for the purchase of the Dog Control Vehicle.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused 1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**\*Board Meeting Date Change.** The Board meeting on Thursday February 22, 2024, will be changed to Thursday February 29, 2024, due to not having a quorum.

**RESOLUTION #96**

**To Reschedule the Town Board Meeting from Thursday February 22, 2024 @ 6:00PM to Thursday February 29, 2024, at 6:00PM.**

A Motion by Councilman Mann and Seconded by Councilwoman Denno to Reschedule the Town Board Meeting from Thursday February 22, 2024 @ 6:00PM to Thursday February 29, 2024, at 6:00PM.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused 1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**TOWN CLERK:**

**RESOLUTION#97**

**To Approve waiving Town/County Tax Penalty on 51 parcels paid by the Escrow Company CoreLogic Inc. due to an error of the file sent to them by the County which was Missing Water Re-Levey or Omitted Taxes.**

A Motion by Supervisor Butler and Seconded by Councilman Mann to Approve waiving Town/County Tax Penalty on 51 parcels paid by the Escrow Company CoreLogic Inc. due to an error of the file sent to them by the County Missing Water Re-Levey or Omitted Taxes.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused 1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**HIGHWAY:** Everything is good. Doing some cleanup.

**EMS:**

EMS Coordinator Fogarty asked for permission to apply for an AFG Grant which opens on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> and closes on March 8<sup>th</sup>. He would like to write the grant for 3 cardiac monitors. The cost per monitor is \$40,000.00. The Town purchased 3 monitors 10 years ago using the same grant. The total for the Town would be 5% match -- approximately \$6000. It is a competitive grant with about 2000 Grants awarded. The Town of Greenfield could also apply for a grant. Would be looking for an ambulance but would need to discuss this with the Town of Greenfield. The Cost to the Town would be approximately \$15,000 for the ambulance. Supervisor Butler stated that the EMS has a flat line budget. Has had no increase to tax- payers in 3yrs. The service supports itself. There is a fund balance that could be used for the 5% match.

**RESOLUTION #98**

**To Allow EMS Coordinator Fogarty to Apply for the AFG Grant.**

A Motion by Councilman Mann and Seconded by Councilwoman Denno to Allow EMS Coordinator Fogarty to Apply for the AFG Grant.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused 1 Crooks

Motion Passed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Jennifer Kietzman:** Gateway 8 Hiking Challenge. Spoke with a gentleman about adding canoe paddles, bike rides and to highlight the natural resources in the area. Could update this with the web designers. Will send the proposal to the Town Board.

**TOWN BOARD:**

**Councilwoman Denno:** Nothing further to report

**Councilman Clothier:** Have started a Town of Corinth News- Letter to get information out to those who do not use the internet. Would place it in the Town Hall, Library, Food Pantry, and Transfer Station to get started. Currently about half of the Town's population do not hear about things that are happening in the Town.

Councilman Mann: Nothing further to report

**RESOLUTION #99**

**To Adjourn the Town Board Meeting @ 6:50PM.**

A Motion by Councilwoman Denno and Seconded by Councilman Clothier to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting @ 6:50PM.

Ayes            4 Butler, Clothier, Denno, Mann

Nays

Excused        1 Crooks

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted by  
Brenda L Peris, Town Clerk