

**TOWN OF CORINTH, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2024 @ 6:00PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**EXCUSED:**

Carey Mann, Councilman  
Albert Brooks, Building/Code Officer

**PLEDGE:**

**RESOLUTION #109**

**To Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes Dated March 14, 2024.**

A Motion by Councilwoman Crooks and Seconded by Councilwoman Denno  
to Approve Town Board Meeting Minutes Dated March 14, 2024.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Crooks, Denno

Nays 0

Excused 1 Mann

Passed

**ABSTRACT**

**Abstracts for 03/28/2024**

**Voucher A –240180 - 240204**

**B –242127-242142**

**CM –247067-247076**

**DB –243086-243096**

**General Fund A**

**\$ 24,322.91**

<b>General Fund/Outside Village – B</b>	<b>\$ 4,822.72</b>
<b>Highway/Part Town – DB</b>	<b>\$ 20,060.67</b>
<b>Medical – CM</b>	<b>\$ 19,703.51</b>
<b>Home improvement</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>SW Consolidated Water</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>SF Fire</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b><u>Lighting</u></b>	
<b>Eastern Avenue</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Eggleston Avenue</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>South Corinth</b>	<b>\$</b>

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**TOTAL \$68,909.81**

**RESOLUTION #110**

**To Approve Bill-Pay Abstract Dated 3/28/2024 Totaling \$68,909.81.**

A Motion by Councilwoman Denno and Seconded by Councilwoman Crooks to Approve Bill-Pay Abstract Dated 3/28/2024 Totaling \$68,909.81.

Ayes	4 Butler, Clothier, Crooks, Denno
Nays	0
Excused	1 Mann

Passed

**REPORTS:**

The following reports given to the Town Board for review:  
Sales Tax-numbers are on schedule with last year.

**CHIEF KELLEY:**

\*The proposed 2024-2025 fire budget was presented to the Town board by Fire Chief Kelly. He discussed the numbers on the proposed budget and gave explanations for each category.

\*Invite to Old Timers Night Dinner: Chief Kelley invited the Town Board, EMS Coordinator Fogarty, and Highway Superintendent to the Old Timers Night Dinner.

**GRAHAM CHAMPAGNE-SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE:**

\*Recruitment/retention of fire fighters---will be a big push in April with videos on social media and tv. Are talking to BOCES about training for high school students. There have been many retirements in the paid fire departments. This is causing the loss of volunteers to pay positions.

\*Burn Building---have been trying to build for the past 3 years. The County is stepping up to help. They are selecting an architect.

\*The county has a hazmat truck the is housed at the Saratoga Springs Firehouse.

\*OSHA and the EPA are going to require all fire departments to have training in using and processing hazardous materials. Big changes to regulations. Some rules will apply to all fire departments and will be hard on the smaller departments.

\*Portable radios—handhelds will not be paid for by the county. They cost up to \$8000. The Fire Department is currently using Motorola radios. Kenwood has provided a demonstration, and their prices are cheaper. Looking to see if they will be compatible with the large system.

\*Fire Training—Saratoga County has done a good job of offering training. New training has been added. Terrorism training & suspicious activity training. The State is providing stipend for lost wages when taking some of the training. Fire Fighters have continuous training to maintain their certification.

\*Have been working on a 3-year mutual aid agreement with the State. It has been back and forth with Albany.

\*The County EMS Director—Drug overdoses are up over 25% from last year. Averaging around 2 overdoses per day and 1 death per week.

\*The County hazard mitigation plan meetings are open to the public

\*Saratoga Springs is having a street concert June 5<sup>th</sup> on Broadway. Roads will be blocked, and they will be dealing with crowds. The Fire Chief may ask other departments to help.

#### **GRANT WRITER UPDATE:**

It has been narrowed down to 5 Grant Writers. 3 Interviews have been completed and 2 more are scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. One of the interviews was with the same company that the school uses for Grant Writing. They are very good and would be good for the joint board meetings. This is a good investment to help with future grants. A final decision will be made by the end of April so things can

get started by May. There are many grants out there and we have received a list of 40. Will keep the taxpayers updated.

**NOISE ORDINANCE:**

The board has fine-tuned and fixed the proposed local law.

**RESOLUTION #111**

**To Schedule a Public Hearing on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00PM**

**For Proposed Local Law #3 of 2024, Establishing Chapter 93(Noise)**

A Motion by Councilman Clothier and Seconded by Councilwoman Crooks to Schedule a Public Hearing on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00PM For Proposed Local Law #3 of 2024, Establishing Chapter 93(Noise)

Ayes            4 Butler, Clothier, Crooks, Denno

Nays            0

Excused       1 Mann

Passed

**HANDBOOK DISCUSSION:**

Suggested that the employee handbook should be updated every 2 years. A discussion was held regarding a benefit for part-time employees. The Town has several part-time employees who have worked here for a long time. Currently the part-time employees get no benefits. A discussion regarding paid holidays determined it would be too expensive. A discussion was held regarding giving part-timers 16 hours of paid time off. Most positions would not need to be replaced during the part-timer's absence. EMS part-timers would need to be replaced. To qualify for the paid time off the part timer would need to work 20 hours per week. The Total cost would be around \$2400.00 and would be split across multiple funds. If approved would like to add this to the handbook. Councilwoman Denno said it would be great for retention. Councilwoman Crooks is ok with the move but would like to look at pay adjustments.

**SUPERVISOR:**

**RESOLUTION#112**

**Accepting \$14,200 from Saratoga County Grant and increasing the Towns Economic Development budget line A6989.4 appropriately.**

A Motion by Councilwoman Crooks and Seconded by Councilwoman Denno Accepting \$14,200 from Saratoga County Grant and increasing the Towns Economic Development budget line A6989.4 appropriately.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Crooks, Denno

Nays 0

Excused 1 Mann

Motion Passed

### **RESOLUTION#113**

**Funding a New B Budget Line #1930.4 litigation with \$15,000 from the A Fund Balance.**

A Motion by Councilman Clothier and Seconded by Councilwoman Denno to Fund a New B Budget Line #1930.4 litigation with \$15,000 from the A Fund Balance.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Crooks, Denno

Nays 0

Excused 1 Mann

Motion Passed

### **HIGHWAY:**

\*Superintendent Eggleston asked for permission to purchase a new woodchipper as the 1988 woodchipper broke down and is in tough shape. It would cost a lot to fix. He found a woodchipper for \$83,391.55 at State Contract Pricing. A discussion was held.

### **RESOLUTION #114**

**To Move \$83,391.55 from B Fund Balance to DB#5130.2 Machinery for the Highway to Purchase a New Woodchipper on the State contract List.**

A Motion by Councilwoman Denno and Seconded by Councilman Clothier to Move \$83,391.55 from B Fund Balance to DB#5130.2 Machinery for the Highway to Purchase of a New Woodchipper on the State contract List.

Ayes 4 Butler, Clothier, Crooks, Denno

Nays 0

Excused 1 Mann

Motion Passed

## **EMS:**

\*Received letters of support for the Grant from Elise Stefanick and Matt Simpson. The letters have been included with the Grant.

\*Center for Medicaid/Medicare report needs to be filed and is due in May. It will need to be completed for all services. EMS Coordinator Fogarty is starting to complete it as it will take a couple of months.

\*May is Mental Health Awareness Month. EMS Coordinator Fogarty would like to do something for his staff. 1/3 of Health Care Workers suffer. Councilwoman Crooks suggested the Mental Health Van for meditation. It has been used at Corinth Schools.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

\***Graham Champagne**—Would like to extend an invitation to the Town Board to look on First Street. The minimally disruptive construction of the Cell Tower has started. At first, they told the community that it would not be removing more than 50 trees but have already removed 100. It was a big miss. Councilwoman Crooks stated that the Town had no law in place at the time and fought this in litigation.

\***Jim Murray**-As for the Fire Training through BOCES. Should allow older people to be included also and not just high school students. That way you may get more interest. Graham stated that it is not just for high school students.

## **TOWN BOARD:**

**Councilwoman Denno:** Nothing further to report

**Councilman Clothier:** Do we have a Junior EMS Program? No  
There is a Junior Fire Fighter Program.

## **Councilwoman Crooks:**

\***Fire Board/Commission**-who will reach out to Greenfield and Hadley Luzerne Fire? A discussion was held.

\***Fun Day:** Fun day has been scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 9<sup>th</sup>. More information will be shared as it gets closer.

**RESOLUTION #115**

**To Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:15pm.**

A Motion by Councilman Clothier and Seconded by Councilwoman Crooks to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:15pm.

Ayes            4 Butler, Clothier, Crooks, Denno

Nays            0

Excused       1 Mann

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted by  
Brenda L Peris, Town Clerk