

TOWN OF CORINTH, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 26,2024 @ 6:00PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Eric Butler, Supervisor
Patrick Clothier, Councilman
Kiley Crooks, Councilwoman
Carey Mann, Councilman
Matt Fogarty, EMS Coordinator
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Brenda Peris, Town Clerk

EXCUSED: Melanie Denno, Councilwoman
Albert Brooks, Building/Code Officer

PLEDGE:

RESOLUTION#203

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Mann and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2024, be approved.

RESOLUTION#204

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Crooks and seconded by Councilman Mann the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the abstracts of September 26, 2024, be approved as follows:

ABSTRACT
Abstracts for 09/26/2024

Voucher A – 240536 – 240561 (Voided 240556)
Voucher B – 242367 - 242389
Voucher CM – 247217 – 247230 (Voided 247215 & 247216)
Voucher DB – 243250 - 243267

General Fund A	\$ 29,708.61
General Fund/Outside Village – B	\$ 15,127.80
Highway/Part Town – DB	\$ 59,514.24
Medical – CM	\$ 42,623.09
Home improvement	\$
SW Consolidated Water 224011	\$ 55,821.54
<u>Lighting</u>	
Eastern Avenue	\$
Eggleston Avenue	\$
South Corinth	\$

TOTAL \$ 202,795.28

GRAHAME CHAMPAGNE-County Fire Coordinator Board: Grahame Champagne spoke about the following items that the County Fire Board is working on.

*Mutual Aid Plan: The plan is still in process waiting for it to be returned from the State.

*OSHA proposed Standards: There is a huge document of safety standards for firefighters. This would cause a huge burden on all fire departments but especially the small departments. If this passes it would increase cost. The increase of costs would be due to checkups, increase of physicals, and admin. Expenses. There has been some input given and new hearing dates to be held. Health and safety are important, but they are hoping to re-write the standards to lessen the burden and cost.

*Fire Coordinator has retired, and Mike Stanley has taken his place.

*Radio communications: the three-digit system has run out of numbers. Each new piece of equipment requires a new number. Due to the demand on fire service to respond to events other than fire has required more equipment, therefore the use of more numbers. They are now going to use a four-digit number.

*Updates to the CAD system so that they can keep up to date with technology

*Improve Communications: Have added the 11th communication tower. There are still some “dead” zones in the County.

*County Hazard Comprehensive Plan has been completed at the County. It is a 286 Page document. The Village/Town is about 4 pages of that document. No major hazards listed for Corinth.

*Health and Safety: Developing rehab units for fire fighters to get out of the weather, etc. The County will strategically set up the units around the county and have a firm plan.

*County has set up a peer support system through the departments, so when a firefighter needs it that have someone to contact. They are looking to expand this due to the success of the program and more training will be set up.

*Training Tower: The old tower has been closed due to not being safe. In the process of trying to build a new one.

*Firefighter memorial service in Albany added 32 names to their list this year for a total of 2260. Many of these are from NYC. We are losing firefighters too often.

*Retention/Recoupment: 80,000 volunteers today compared to 110,000 in the past. Volunteers save taxpayers about 4.7 billion dollars. They serve over 9 million people. Encourage the Town to help with recruitment and retention. People are not volunteering. The demand on volunteers is huge. Working with BOCES for training and would like to go into the High Schools.

RESOLUTION #205
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Crooks and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to move \$18,274.25 DB Fund Balance to DB#5130.4 machinery. The funds have been collected from other communities for the use of our paving machine and are intended to be used for paver repairs.

9N Property survey proposal- LA Group: Spoke with Mike Panich to get specs together. The proposal could run \$70-80k Would need to get specs together, get bid, accept bid and make commitment. Would need proposal for wetland delineation and could use ARPA funds for that.

SUPERVISOR:

***Retirees:** Cherie Delancey and Mike Young retired on Wednesday. The Town Hall had a luncheon for them. Laurie Crossman from the Senior Center is retiring November 29th after 39 years.

***Greenfield EMS:** Matt and Eric had a meeting with Greenfield as the 3-year contract is coming to an end. Looking to equalize the next contract. Discussed increasing about 25K per year until the equalization is met.

TOWN CLERK:

*The Town Clerk presented the Board with the preliminary budget. The Supervisor is waiting to receive the value of Corinth from the County to determine the tax rate. The Town Board scheduled a budget workshop meeting on Wednesday October 9, 2024 @5:30PM, 600 Palmer Ave Corinth.

*Notified the board that a letter is being sent out next week to 90 Town Water District residents notifying them that their drinking water service line lead status is unknown. NYS is requiring the notification annually until the service line pipes are positively identified. The Town/Village water is tested, and an annual notice is placed on both the Village and Town Website, or a copy can be picked up at the Clerk's office.

EMS:

*Looking to purchase an ambulance for the EMS service. Received a state quote of \$256,480 for a Diesel 4 x 4 F350 Chassis type 1 on the lot and available in November. The ambulance would need a Striker power load for stretcher an additional \$33,000. May also need to purchase a cot if the current one does not work with the new power load. That would be \$14,000. EMS Coordinator Fogarty stated that they would like to split the cost with Greenfield and use ARPA funds to pay for it. This would eliminate having to get a bond. A discussion was held by the board, and it was suggested that the Town Attorney's determine the specifics.

*Grant the EMS had applied for will be issuing the last round tomorrow. So far, no grants have been issued in Saratoga County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Anderson:

*What is the 9N Property Survey? Councilwoman Crooks—We need to have a survey for elevations & specific details. Need to find out if the Town can put everything, they choose out there and the survey would help to determine that. Is the EMS still going out there? That is still being decided. When is the next public meeting regarding the 9N property? The board would like to have a meeting quarter 1 of 2025.

Mr. Murray:

*2035 mandate for electric vehicles if nothing changes with the elections has the Town determined a plan? No plan in place currently. Mr. Murray suggested hybrid vehicles and not to go with all electric vehicles.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Mann:

*Healthy Corinth Coalition

The Adirondack Gateway 8 now has a Facebook page, link to website in the newsletter.

*Volunteers for the food pantry needed. The County said the need is increasing.

Councilwoman Crooks: We committed to scheduling a fire contract meeting by September—is there a date? Supervisor Butler –a meeting is schedule for next week.

RESOLUTION #206

TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Crooks and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the Town Board Meeting @7:23PM to executive session on personnel for EMS & Senior Center with no decision.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY
BRENDA L PERIS, TOWN CLERK