

TOWN OF CORINTH, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2025 @ 6:00PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Supervisor Butler Called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL: Eric Butler, Supervisor
Patrick Clothier, Councilman
Kiley Crooks, Councilwoman
Melanie Denno, Councilwoman
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Barb Sirchia, Deputy Town Clerk
Jackie White, Town Attorney

EXCUSED: Carey Mann, Councilman
Albert Brooks, Building/Code Officer
Matt Fogarty, EMS Coordinator
Brenda Peris, Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION #72

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board Meeting Minutes dated 1/23/2025 be approved.

RESOLUTION #73

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

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

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

RESOLVED, the abstracts of February 13, 2025, be approved as follows:

ABSTRACT
Abstracts for 02/13/2025

Voucher A – 250054-250100
 Voucher B – 252046-252076
 Voucher CM – 257026-257045
 Voucher DB – 253021-253045 (Voided 253034)

General Fund A		\$ 48,673.88
General Fund/Outside Village – B		\$ 13,817.13
Highway/Part Town – DB		\$ 87,149.60
Medical – CM		\$ 9,602.09

Fire Protection	125001	\$ 513,000.00
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SW Consolidated	22501-225002	\$ 40,776.77
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Lighting

Eastern Avenue	255002	\$ 483.40
Eggleston Street	256002	\$ 400.57
South Corinth	254002	\$ 418.36

TOTAL \$ 714,321.80

REPORTS: The following reports given to the Town Board for review

- Dog Control Officer
- Assessor
- Overtime
- Fire Dept.
- Highway work and fuel
- Building/Code Enforcement
- Mortgage Tax
- Sheriff
- Clerk

HAL RAVEN, RAIL LINE UPDATE:



2/13/25
Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway
Town Of Corinth Board Railroad Update

Good Evening,

We are pleased to update the Board with the status of the railroad. SCH has made significant improvements to the structure and railroad in general in the 3 years we have operated it. 2025 was our strongest year and we performed the most work. Our goal from the start had been to support and build our community and this was the most successful yet. April and May were full of school trips from all over the area including Corinth, Greenfield, Hadley, Saratoga Springs, Broadalbin and others. We have also attracted bus tours from Maine, Canada and NYC! We hosted our first WW2 living history weekend, dinner trains, sunset trains, and local food trains such as pizza express and ice cream express that help support our local businesses. We participated in Hadley Maple In April for the second year and will do it again this spring. We also hosted toys for toys Operation Toy Train and collected 426 toys!

Railroad maintenance was our strongest this year. SCH was contracted by Warren County to complete repairs to the northern part of the line that were just under 400k to fix. These were only necessitated because of improper maintenance and lack of railroad inspection that caused culverts to become backed up.

On the Corinth line, we repaired 9N crossing, Braim Rd, and Dunham Pond Rd. Crossties have been put in at multiple locations as well. Continued brush cutting and spraying had had dramatic results as well. It is noted that the line will heavily need crossties in the coming years and grants should be used to do this work.

Here are some numbers and projects completed.

Brush control and cutting:	\$28,000
Crossties and surfacing:	\$14,500
Rebuilding of 9N crossing:	\$ 690,540 <i>waiting for State sign off. Power meter</i>
Dunham Pond Road Repair:	\$18000
Braim Road Repair:	\$2500
Hanfields Yard rebuild	\$27000
Ballast for track:	\$8000

Passengers moved: 37,000
Donations to local nonprofits: \$9,500
Revenue back into local businesses: \$340,000
Employees: 18

2025 Plans

We are already anticipating a very busy year, with bus tours, new trains and community events! However we are hoping the town can help us with some property improvements. Corinth Station does not have any restrooms or handicapped access. Grants would be a great way to help develop this great site and improve the customer experience. A Handicap ramp would be a huge benefit to the community!

SC&H is also trying to purchase property to build a locomotive and car repair shop as well as a location to serve as a year round museum and meeting center. This would not only bring us additional contract business but would add more jobs! We have had a few positive discussions to get some freight customers online for transloading and owning our own land would help that happen. We have also made multiple offers to International Paper about buying the spur and have been told to standby until 2025.

DIESEL TOWN USA:

This is our proposed idea for a shop facility on property in South Corinth. This location would serve as a year round museum, conference center, and restoration shop with additional room for freight transload, Cafe, brewery and gift shop. Our collection of vintage locomotives has made us a top rail attraction in the country and we want it to have a long term future and preservation of these rare locomotives and cars. Diesel Town would become a wonderful attraction for the area.

The Town Board and Hal Raven held a discussion regarding plans for the railroad and grants for the railroad. Supervisor Butler is going to add this to the grant list.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

RESOLUTION #74

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

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

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

RESOLVED, to change the mileage reimbursement rate from .67 cents to .70 cents.

COURT:

RESOLUTION #75

HIRING OF COURT CLERK

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

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

RESOLVED, to hire Olivia Minor as Clerk to the Courts for 32 hours a week, \$22.00 per hour.

ATTORNEY ITEMS:

Dog Control Agreement with Hadley: A discussion was held by the board. The agreement would be for a simple 10K per year shared DCO. The DCO would be an employee of the Town of Corinth but would need to be appointed by both Town Boards. 60-day notice to cancel. How Payment is made to the Town of Corinth has not been decided. Supervisor Butler will discuss that with Hadley.

EMS Agreement with Greenfield: The Attorney is still working on this regarding the tax burden for both municipalities.

Recycling Agreement with Saratoga County: Would like to do a 5-year agreement with the cost increasing each year. Attorney White suggested that the Supervisor and Town Board look over the agreement before signing.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: Supervisor Butler explained the reasons for the need for budget transfers. At the time of the new ambulance was purchased in December, the Town of Corinth cut the check for the full amount. Greenfield sent Corinth the check for their portion after the bill was paid therefore causing the need for a transfer. Another transfer needed due to the appropriation funds feeding the DB Balance, and transferring is the cleanest and easiest way to take care of the money so that all is accounted for in the 2024 budget. The last was due to the Judgement and claims account being short.

RESOLUTION #76

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the end of year budget transfer from Tom Bodden from the A fund balance to the CM fund balance in the amount of 45k.

RESOLUTION #77
APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the end of year budget transfer from Tom Bodden from the B fund to the DB fund in the amount of 350k.

RESOLUTION #78
APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the transfer of 2k from the B Fund Balance to Judgement and claims #1930.4 in the 2024 Budget. Increasing from \$15k to \$17K.

SUPERVISOR:

Museum House: The house next to the museum-we should consider what the future will hold for that building. Possibly form a generic committee to see what to do going forward.

Town Water Lines: a water line around Heath St./Butler Dr. just had to be repaired. The water lines in that area are all made of copper which last around 60 years. These lines are at that point now.

HIGHWAY: Keeping busy with the roads & maintenance. Lots of salt. About a trailer load a day delivery. It's coming in slowly, but we have some on hand.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Residents of route 9N addressed concern about Town Code Violations. They spoke about their specific concerns, and they shared pictures of the property with the Town Board. Supervisor Butler said that there was an order of remedy issued on 1/17/24 and that there is a process that must be followed.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilwoman Denno: Ask if the new ambulance was in service? Supervisor Butler said he believed it was and that it is currently stationed in Greenfield because it is difficult to get into the garage at the Corinth EMS Building.

Councilman Clothier: 1 year anniversary of the Town News Letter. He wanted to Thank his wife.

RESOLUTION #79

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Butler and seconded by Councilwoman Crooks the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:11PM.