

Town of Corning
Regular Board Meeting
April 18, 2017
7:00 PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order

Roll call of members present as follows:

Present	Absent
Councilman Sammis	
Councilman Shafer	
Supervisor Feehan	
Councilman Mapes	
Councilman Brenning	

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Charter Communication Public Hearing

Councilman Sammis made the motion to enter into a Public Hearing regarding the approval of the Charter Communications Cable Franchise. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Shafer made the motion to leave the Public Hearing and re-enter regular board meeting. Councilman Mapes seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Sheriff Presentation

Sheriff James Allard was present to keep the Board informed of the details the Sheriff's department handles on a day to day basis. He talked about the population at the Steuben County Jail, and about the good job the correctional officers do. He believes in giving praise for work well done to keep morale up. He also discussed the many activities the sheriff's office is involved in, such as boater safety projects, gun safety projects, community watch programs are just a few. The Sheriff's office works closely with local police and fire departments as well as with the State Police Department.

Resolution #17 of 2017

The motion approving Resolution #17 regarding the Charter Communication Franchise agreement for a ten year period was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All were in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #15 of 2017

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing accepting the Fire Protection Study grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. This would also authorize Supervisor Feehan as the Fiscal Agent for the project. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Study Proposal

The motion to discuss the proposal received for the Fire Protection Study was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Feehan explained the only proposal received was from Fire Rescue Consulting. She would like to make sure all the departments affected have a chance to look over the proposal and have input before the May Board meeting. Councilman Mapes made the motion requesting the Fire Departments return their concerns and comments 5 days before the May 16th meeting. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution #16 of 2017

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve the resolution regarding the Energy usage report to be given to the Town Board each year by June 1. Councilman Brenning seconded, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Energy Use Report

The motion to approve the energy use report created by Supervisor Feehan was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #18 of 2017

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approving moving forward with the Water District Consolidation Study and allowing Supervisor Feehan to complete the processes necessary. Councilman Sammis seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution #19 of 2017

Councilman Shafer made the motion to allow Supervisor Feehan to apply to New York State Department of State for the Implementation Grant for consolidation and to designate her as the lead and author of its execution. Councilman Mapes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Grant Reimbursement

The motion to authorize the grant reimbursement fund be paid from abstract #4 was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing to Set Water Rates

Councilman Sammis made the motion to set a public hearing prior to the May 16th Board meeting to set water rates for the Pinewood Water District. Councilman Shafer seconded. All were in favor. Councilman Brenning has concerns as the residents were told there would be no rate increases at prior meetings. Supervisor Feehan will send letters to each of the Pinewood residents informing them of the need for increase and how it will be done. She will discuss with Jeff Smith from Municipal Solutions to have him present at the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Hunting Request

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss the request from Mr. Ricci to hunt on Town property located off Powder House Road. Councilman Sammis seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Attorney Ferratella suggested due to private property in close proximity, the request be denied. Councilman Shafer asked if Ken Fields would make sure the property is posted along Powder House Rd. The Board agreed to deny his request for hunting, bird watching, and photography.

Municipal Solution Contract

Councilman Sammis made the motion to table this item. Councilman Mapes seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

River Walk

The motion to discuss the Friends of the River's request to participate in the creation of a walking path along the river was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. The Friends of the River are asking for each of the municipalities that have river access to accept a path along the river for walking. There will be no cost or liability to the Town. Councilman Shafer requests that a spokesman from the project come speak at the next Board meeting.

Rotary Gift

Councilman Sammis made the motion to accept the gift of a swing for the Rotarians and the Friends of the River, to be placed at the River Road River Access. Councilman Brenning seconded. Councilman Brenning made a secondary motion to get DEC approval, Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ethics Board Appointment

The motion to discuss the approval of the appointment of William Greoger of College Ave as a member of the Board of Ethics was made by Councilman Sammis, and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Shafer asked why the Board of Ethics members had not had the chance to interview the new member. Supervisor Feehan explained that due to the resignations of two of the members, there was an immediate need for another

member. Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve tabling this item. Councilman Mapes seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Corning Manor Paving

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the quote of “not to exceed \$23,000.00” from Suit-Kote for micro paving the Corning Manor roads. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Mapes asked if Dylan is in agreement with this type of road repair. Supervisor Feehan assured him that he is. Superintendent Fields requested the road repairs to be done by Lee Contracting MUST be done before any paving is to be started.

Local Law #1 of 2017 Public Hearing

The motion to set a Public Hearing for May 16th at 7:05 regarding the public comment on Local Law #1 of 2017 adopting the updated water law was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All in favor, motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Supervisor Feehan seated the following members on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: Mr. Wayne Bennett, Mr. Mike Pambianci, Mr. Mike Quatrini, Mrs. Pam Bennett, Mr. Charles Coons, Mrs. Heather Hanson, Mr. Mickey Sullivan, Mr. Stan Gridley, Mr. Jeff Brenning, Chelsea Robertson, and Eve Holberg. The first meeting will be held Tuesday April 25th at 6:30 PM.

Chipping Services

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve McDonald’s Contracting to chip the brush and trees at the highway garage. The Village of South Corning would pay half of the fee to have their brush pile chipped as well. The prior contractor is no longer providing chipping service and the fee the McDonald crew charges is an increase of \$3,500.00. Councilman Sammis made the motion to table this item, Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment

Councilman Mapes made the motion to table this item until further information is available on the prior agenda item. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Neally-DeJong Pay App.

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the first pay application to Neally-DeJong in the amount of \$17,546.47, with Councilman Sammis seconding. All were in favor.

Abstract Approval

The motion to approve the March 2017 Abstract (#4) was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor, motion carried.

General Fund	\$31,509.22
General Outside	\$192.44
Hwy Outside	\$24958.16
E. Corning #1	\$898.03
E. Corning #2	\$58,542.17
E. Corning	\$4,282.79
Cap. Project	\$532.45
Pinewood Well	\$12.00
Corning Man. Improv.	\$4,185.87
Gibson Light	\$511.31
Elmhurst Light	\$190.74
Cng. Man Light	\$120.45
Birch Dr. Light	\$141.91
Pine Shad. Light	\$63.28
Gibson Water	\$3,195.47
Cng Man. Water	\$1,804.18
Pinewood Water	\$94,345.64
Hornby Rd Water	\$594..92
E. Cng Water	\$1,051.93
T & A	\$3,824.58
Total	<hr/> \$230,957.54

Minute Approval

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 7 and March 21 of 2017. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Clerks Report

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the March 2017 Town Clerks report. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Report

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the March Highway report with Councilman Mapes seconding. All were in favor, motion carried.

Building & Grounds Report

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the building and grounds report, Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Assessors Report

The motion to approve the Assessor's March Report was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All were in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor's Quarterly Report

Councilman Sammis made the motion approving Supervisor Feehan's Report. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Shafer was impressed.

March Building & Code Report

The motion to approve the Building & Code Report was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All in favor, motion carried.

Judge Rose Grant

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the use of Judge Rose's grant to improve the lighting in the parking lot and to add cameras in the lot also. Councilman Mapes seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Employee Handbook Workshop

The motion to set a date and time for the workshop for the employee handbook was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried. The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday May 2nd at 6:30 PM along with any employee that can attend to make recommendations and changes to the employee handbook.

Visitors Comments

Carol Ferratella explained to the Board that the Wilt Oak disease has been found as close as Canandaigua, NY. South Corning Fire Chief Matt Nering introduced himself.

Adjourn

Councilman Brenning made the motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Councilman Mapes seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk

