

Town of Corning Board Meeting  
January 17, 2017  
7:00 PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members present:

Councilman Gary Mapes

Councilman Stuart Sammis

Supervisor Kim Feehan

Councilman Dave Shafer

Councilman Mike Brenning

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**BAR Appointment**

Councilman Sammis made the motion to appoint Gary Herrlich to the Board of Assessment Review for the period covering 9/30/2016-9/30/2021. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Ethics Board Appointment**

The motion appointing Mark Whitmer to the Town of Corning Ethics Board was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

**Final Consolidation Report**

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve discussion of the Final Consolidation Report of the East Corning Water Districts. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Feehan discussed Mr. Steeds final report and would like to hold an informational meeting with the affected residents before next month's regular board meeting. She would like to have the consolidation in progress by January of 2018. Councilman Sammis would like to assure the residents that each district will keep its own debt fee.

**Resolution #2 of 2017**

The motion to approve Resolution #2 regarding the Boards acceptance of the Final Consolidation Report and for it to be sent to Mr. Kyle Wilbur at the NYS Department of State for approval was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Fire District Consolidation Grant**

Councilman Brenning made the motion authorizing the Supervisor to apply for the Fire Protection Study grant and was seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution #3 of 2017**

The motion to approve Resolution #3 requesting grant funds was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. This resolution authorizes Supervisor Feehan as the Award Grantee and Administrator Designee. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution #4 of 2017**

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve Resolution #4 authorizing the approval of the purchase of a Rescue Pumper by East Corning Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$487,313.00. Councilman Shafer seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agreement of Expenditure**

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the Expenditure 284, in agreement with Highway Superintendent DeWert, for general road repairs not to exceed \$200,000.00. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The repairs will include .35 mile from the City line leading to Lackawanna Ave not to exceed \$65,000.00. Powder House Road leading to the Erwin Town line .89 mile not to exceed \$75,000.00. Spencer Hill Rd. leading to the Erwin Town line .40 mile, not to exceed \$65,000.00. Councilman Shafer asked Superintendent DeWert why these roads weren't listed on his 5 year plan for repair. He explained that some are, but due to weather, traffic, etc. things change. Mr. Shafer also stated that the paving should be done by the town since the purchase of the paver last year. Mr. DeWert assured him that he will do as much of the paving as possible with the town owned paver.

**Highway Purchase with BAN**

The motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 truck with snow equipment off Onondaga County Bid in the amount of \$182,000.00 was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

**Highway Purchase of 2017 Truck**

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the purchase of a one ton truck with dump box through NYS bid to be paid with CHIPS funds in the amount of \$126,000.00. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Re-Assessment Project Expenditure**

The motion to approve moving funds to pay the assessor for the re-valuation project was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor, motion carried. Councilman Mapes was concerned about payment for data collectors if needed. Supervisor Feehan stated that the assessor does not feel she will need help.

**Resolution #5 of 2017**

Councilman Sammis made the motion to set the monthly Board meetings for every third Tuesday of the month. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution # 6 of 2017**

The motion setting the standard operating work day was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Sammis. The 8 hour/ 5 day week applies to all employees, elected official and appointed officials. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Highway Report for December 2016**

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the December 2016 highway report. Councilman Mapes seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**December 2016 Town Clerks Report**

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the town clerks report for December 2016. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**December Meeting Minute Approval**

The motion to approve the December minutes was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, motion carried.

**Abstract 15**

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve Abstract 15 of 2016. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Code Enforcement Report**

The motion to approve the Permit report was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Building and Grounds Report**

Councilman Mapes made the motion approving the Building and Grounds report for December Of 2016. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Assessor Report**

The motion to approve the Assessors report for December 2016 was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution # 7 of 2017**

The motion to approve the resolution setting and fixing the salaries of all elected officials and appointive offices as per the 2017 budget and appointments was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried.

**Mileage Reimbursement**

Councilman Brenning made the motion to set the mileage reimbursement at .45 cents per mile, and Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor. Motion was carried.

**Resolution # 8 of 2017**

Councilman Sammis made the motion setting The Leader as the official Newspaper for the Town of Corning. Councilman Shafer seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution # 9**

The motion setting Chemung Canal as the official Repository was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution # 10**

Councilman Sammis made the motion establishing a petty change fund for the receiver of taxes at \$50.00, the Town Clerk petty change fund at \$ 50.00, and the water receiver fund at \$30.00. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution #11 of 2017**

Councilman Mapes made the motion setting the returned check fee at \$25.00. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution # 12**

The motion authorizing the Highway Superintendent or the Supervisor to open competitive bids was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Motion was carried.

**Resolution # 13**

Councilman Sammis made the motion setting Sprague Insurance as the official insurance for the Town of Corning against fire, theft and liability exposure. Councilman Mapes seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Policy Approval**

The motion approving the Ethics Policy, The Procurement Policy the EOP Policy, the ADA, and the Violence in the Workplace policy was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor, motion was carried.

**Visitors Comments**

It was suggested that the Ethics Committee be independent of the Town Board, and that there not be a Board member on the Ethics Board. Town Law does stipulate that a Board member can also be a member of the Ethics committee. Carol Ferratella asked if the re-valuation project would include commercial properties. And also informed the Board that there will be free radon testing made available by the County. She would like the Board to be aware that Brooks Baker and Jim Allard would like to present information at future Board meetings.

**Adjourn**

Councilman Sammis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 Pm. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan A. Edwards  
Town Clerk