

Town of Corning
Budget Workshop
November 15, 2017
6:30 PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll call of members present as follows:

Present	Absent
Councilman Gary Mapes	
Councilman Mike Brenning	
Supervisor Kim Feehan	
Councilman Dave Shafer	
Councilman Stuart Sammis	

Supervisor Feehan Introduced the representatives from Bampa's House who were there to inform the Public, as well as the Board, of an interest in property in the Oakfield area. Dave Iacco, the engineer of the project, introduced the following ladies who are very passionate about this coming to fruition. Charlotte Dugan was in attendance. Her husband's death enticed her family to create a home like setting in which others can pass peacefully. Mary Ann Starbuck, a former Hospice nurse, was also present to further explain more details of the anticipated home. The Cordes' were present representing the Lyons Club, who helped with fund raising and grant submission. Together, they have raised a total of \$350,000.00. At the end of life, because of Medicare stipulations, many patients are asked to leave the hospital and their only recourse is to go into a nursing home if family is unable to care for them. Since the nursing homes are short staffed, the patient care suffers. This was the driving force to create a restful place where families can come together and move through the end of life process with their loved one. The home will consist of three bedrooms, two (2) for patients and one for family members. The home would have two (2) bathrooms, one for the family, and one for the staff. A family room to be used for a meeting room, and most likely a kitchen. The care givers will be volunteers, medications will be regulated by a nurse, and there will be no cost to the patient except for their medications. There are other homes like this in the Southern Tier. One in the Penn Yan area, another in Wayland, Clifton Springs, and Canandaigua. While most of the residents from the Oakfield area believe a home like this is a wonderful idea they don't want it in their neighborhood. They believe the green space should be kept for the area children. Others were concerned about the integrity of the neighborhood. Supervisor Feehan explained that the land in question is owned by the Town and she will consider the concerns of the residents before the Board makes a final decision on what to do with the property. Ultimately it is up to the Planning Board to recommend land usage.

Oakfield Land Use

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve Supervisor Feehan to check with the attorney if the land can be sold or if there are stipulations for what can be done there. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney Hannigan Proposal

Supervisor Feehan introduced Attorney Terrance Hannigan to consider representing the Town of Corning through the Fire Consolidation Endeavor. Attorney Hannigan began by explaining his experience as a fire fighter, EMT, and various other positions related to fire-fighting, and now an attorney. He has prior experience with the legal aspects of creating joint fire districts. His availability to attend meetings may vary as he lives some distance away. The board is concerned that there are some issues within the departments and wonder what liability falls on the board since they know of the issues and are unable to fix it. Attorney Hannigan assured them that they, as a Board, are not liable for those issues and together he will help to rectify those issues in the first few meetings. He believes that all fire fighters should have yearly physicals and be SCBA qualified to reduce liability.

Attorney Hannigan

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve engaging Attorney Hannigan to represent the Town through the Fire Consolidation study, with a stipulation not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mapes. All in favor, motion carried.

Garrett Hoover Seating

The motion to approve adding Mr. Garrett Hoover to the Fire Protection Steering Committee was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor, motion carried.

Over-Ride Budget?

Supervisor Feehan explained that the \$15,500.00 for the STC Planning contract would cause an over-ride of the budget. She asked the Board if they would rather take that amount from fund balance or over-ride the budget. The Board decided to take that amount from fund balance to stay under the tax cap, and to approve the Planning Contract at the December Board Meeting when all proposals are in to compare.

CSEA Contract

Supervisor Feehan discussed the approval of the CSEA contract by the Highway Department. She informed the Board of the changes from the prior contract. This new contract is valid for 3 years and has changes in insurance, bereavement time, and the use of banked sick time.

CSEA Contract Approval

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the CSEA contract through 2020 for the Highway Department. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Councilman Sammis made the motion to adjourn at 7:55PM. Councilman Mapes seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards, Town Clerk