

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

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members present:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

September Town Clerk Report

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the September Town Clerk’s Report. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Transfers

The motion to approve the budget transfers and budget amendments (found at the end of these minutes) was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nealy-DeJong pay app

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the final pay app for Nealy-DeJong for contract A, with Councilman Shafer seconding. There are a few parts yet to be received and completed to fulfill contract B. All in favor, motion carried.

Abstract 10

The motion to approve the September abstract was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All were in favor, motion carried.

General Fund	\$63,028.19
General outside	\$707.73
Barnard Cemetery	\$375.00
Highway	\$20,462.70
E. Corning Cap.	\$17,716.45
Cap. Proj. Equipment	\$233,415.76
Gibson Light	\$547.22
Elmhurst Light	\$205.69
Corning Manor Light	\$130.29
Birch Dr Light	\$151.43

Pine Shadow light	\$66.84
Gibson Water	\$13,350.80
Corning Manor Water	\$658.70
Pinewood water	\$42,814.19
Hornby Rd. Water	\$635.72
E. Corning Water	\$462.18
East Corning Water 2	\$144.86
Trust & Agency	\$3,824.58
TOTAL	\$398,698.33

September Supervisors Report

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report with Councilman Mapes seconding. All in favor, motion carried.

Highway Report

The motion to approve the September Highway Report was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

Building Permits

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve the Building and Code Report for September. Councilman Shafer seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds Report

The motion approving the Building and Grounds Report was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, motion carried.

Amended Standard Operating Work Day

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the amendments needed for the Reporting of the Standard Operating Work Day to the State. The retirement system requires it reported differently than the state requires it. This affects Councilman Shafer and Town Clerk Susan Edwards. Councilman Shafer abstained from the vote, the others in favor, motion carried.

Setting Bid for Highway Trailer

Councilman Sammis made the motion to set out and accept bids and to authorize a legal notice to be placed for a trailer for the asphalt paver. Councilman Mapes seconded. Sealed bids will be accepted until 11:59 AM November 16th, 2017 and opened at 12:00PM the same day. The lowest responsible bidder will be awarded the bid at the Regular Board meeting on November 23rd. All in favor, motion carried.

Inter-Municipal Agreement Amended

The motion to approve the amended agreement with the Town of Catlin was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Brenning. Councilman Sammis explained the main sticking point was who would pay the workers comp for our water superintendent while filling in for the Catlin operator.

GMM Hickling Agreement

The motion to approve the settlement not to exceed \$25,00.00 was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Mapes. Councilman Brenning not in favor. Motion carried.

Justice Training

Councilman Mapes made the motion to approve Justice Rose to attend training in February 2018. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Pinewood Letter of Increase by Village

The motion to discuss sending Pinewood residents a letter informing them of the increase of cost of water by the Village of South Corning was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Since the rates were recently increased to make this district solvent, it is concerning that the Village has presented the Town with a rather large increase in rates which will have to be passed on to the residents of the Pinewood district. Supervisor Feehan would like to send a copy of the contract from the Village to the Town and an informative letter explaining the conundrum being faced. Councilman Shafer suggests waiting until after meeting with the Village mayor to discuss a compromise. The possibility of drilling a new well within the Town was discussed.

Pinewood Well Investigation

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the Supervisor to investigate all options for funding a well project for Pinewood Acres Water District. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

NY Drinking Water Fund Application

The motion to approve the Supervisor to obtain quotes for services for the proposal of a Pinewood well was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineering Quotes for Well in Pinewood

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve the Supervisor to obtain quotes for Engineering of a map, plan and report for a possible Pinewood Acres well project. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Vacant Land Purchase?

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss the purchase of 70.56 acres of land adjacent to the water tank for the possible placement of a well for the Pinewood Water district. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to table this item as well as the following agenda item until after a meeting with the Village officials to discuss some sort of compromise regarding the proposed increase in water rates. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing

Councilman Sammis made the motion to set a Public Hearing regarding a Local Override Law of 2017 for November 15th at 6:30 PM. Councilman Brenning seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve setting a Public Hearing for November 15th at 6:30 PM for a budget workshop. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Court Budget Amendment

The motion approving the amount of the grant line item amount from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor, motion carried.

Fire Study Committee

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the committee members for the Fire Protection Study Committee as follows:

- Village of South Corning: Jim Thomas and Chet Tuttle
- South Corning Fire: Adam Nehring and Jeff Brenning
- Gibson Fire: Oscar Dixon and Joe Giardina
- North Corning: Jeff Cross and Nick Cecce
- East Corning: Evan Brown and Gerald MacDonald
- Town Board Liaison: Stuart Sammis (non-voting)

Councilman Mapes seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Citizen member to be made final at next meeting.

Partial Tax Payments

The motion to discuss accepting partial Tax payments was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Mapes. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Mapes stated that there needs to be more information before he could approve it. Tax collection will continue as is, at least for next year, until more information becomes available. This agenda item and the following item are tabled on a motion made by Councilman Mapes and being seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shed Donation

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss the donation of the shed by the Food Pantry of the Southern Tier. Councilman Mapes seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Sammis explained the shed was donated to be used for the Community Garden storage of equipment and to be available to the gardeners. Supervisor Feehan explained the Board should have approved it before being moved on the premises.

Shed Approval

The motion accepting the donation of the shed was made by Councilman Mapes and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All were in favor, motion carried.

Planning Board Member Attendance

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the Supervisor sending a letter to Planning Board member Jon Huff explaining the he either attend meetings regularly or submit a letter of resignation. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The letter will state that if he does not comply then the Town Board will remove him.

Visitor Comments

A question was asked about how much of the tax payers money was spent on the community gardens. It was explained that much of the material was donated, and the school district pitched in with the building of the beds and the labor of filling them with soil.

Supervisor Feehan explained that she is still awaiting the franchise agreement from the Empire Cable System.

A resident suggested not tying the water issue to the fire contract for the Village of South Corning.

Adjourn

Councilman Mapes made the motion to adjourn at 8:45. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards

Town Clerk

