

Town of Corning
Regular Board Meeting
March 20, 2018
7:00 PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members present:

Councilman Dave Shafer
Councilman Stuart Sammis
Supervisor Kim Feehan

Absent:

Councilman Mike Brenning
Councilwoman Jen Mullen

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Comprehensive Plan

The motion to leave regular session and to hear comment on the amendments to the Town of Corning's Comprehensive Plan and Economic Market & Trend Development was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. Eve presented a summary of the amendments made to the 2013 version of the Master Plan. Through the process it was determined a need for a sewer system in the East Corning area, more housing in the Town of Corning, as well as many other needs. Creating this Plan will also aide in the Grant processes for future development.

Public Hearing

Councilman Shafer made the motion to enter into a Public Hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan and enter into a second and final Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant and the Appalachian Regional Commission grants for the Corning Manor Water Capital Improvement completed in August of 2017. This is the second hearing held for the purpose of closing out the grants process and formal exit process. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Regular Session

Hearing no negative comment, Councilman Sammis made the motion to leave the Public Hearings and re-enter regular session at 7:07 PM. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Comprehensive Plan Approval

The motion to discuss the approval of the Town's Comprehensive Plan was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan with Councilman Sammis seconding. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lead Agency Declaration

Councilman Sammis made the motion to declare the Town of Corning Lead Agency regarding the amendment of the Town of Corning's Comprehensive Master Plan and Economic & trend Analysis of 2108 and to declare it a Type 1 action. Councilman Shafer seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #13

The motion approving Resolution #13 of 2018 was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried. This resolution completes the declaration and acknowledges the 239-M review by Steuben County Planning and the Town Board SEQR process and declares it a Type 1 action.

Resolution #14

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve Resolution #14 of 2018. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. The Resolution is a statement from the Town Board to NYS Department of State and OCR that the Corning Manor Capital Improvement Project was completed and that all the grant funds (\$600,000 CDBG and \$150,000 ARC) were fully expended on the project. The Town Board, upon receipt of the NYS letter closing and exiting the grant process considers the project closed.

Legal Notice Statements

The motion to approve the Section 3 grievance procedure, ADA/504, EEO, M/WBE, Fair Housing and ADA end statements on all legal notices as a standard of directives the Town Board approves and will import with respect to all grant procedures was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Bly

Supervisor Feehan turned the floor over to Mr. Dale Bly at his request. He has received the certified letter from the Town Board regarding the Ethics Board's recommendations. He asked to see the complaints waged against him and asked who represented him during the Ethics Board's discussions. Councilman Shafer explained that the Ethics Board reviewed all the minutes and recordings of the Planning Board meetings where Mr. Bly came to the defense of his son regarding the Striping business located on River Rd. He stated that while in most cases, Mr. Bly kept comments to himself, there was an instance in August of 2017, that he became belligerent at the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Bly wants to review those recordings since he doesn't remember behaving in that manner. Supervisor Feehan said he can review the tapes at her convenience and reminded him that he must attend the required ethics training on April 11th. He agreed, and will "take his punishment" if he must.

Town Clerk's Report

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve the February Town Clerk's report with Councilman Sammis seconding. All in favor, motion carried.

Abstract Approval

The motion approving Abstract #3 of 2018 was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried.

AUD

Supervisor Feehan announced that the 2017 AUD has been filed with the NYS Department of the Comptroller and can be viewed in the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. She also stated that the Town financials are reconciled through February 2018.

Town Web-site

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss the state of the Town's web-site. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor to discuss, motion carried. Supervisor Feehan informed them that the site will be down for the next week during construction. Councilwoman Mullen and her husband will be doing the renovation and hope to have it up and running the following week.

Highway Report

The motion approving the Highway Report was made by Councilman Sammis. Councilman Shafer seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Goff Road Paving

Councilman Shafer made the motion to authorize the final paving for the East Corning #2 Water Project. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Carried. The highway department will be paving the affected Goff Road area before the fall of 2018. Superintendent DeWert will wait until after Corning Natural Gas has replaced their piping in the area. The job is not expected to exceed \$110,000.00.

Building and Grounds Report

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

Permit Approval

Councilman Sammis made the motion approving the Building Permit report submitted by the Code Enforcer. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report

The motion to approve the February report was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Feehan stated the revaluation letters will be sent out by the 31st of the month.

Sensus Letter

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss the letter received from Sensus regarding their water meters. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Water Superintendent Fields

explained that one of the meters purchased for the East Corning water districts was deemed faulty. Another meter was switched out to verify that it was bad meter. So far there have been no other issues with other meters. The letter states that any faulty meters will be replaced at no charge.

Planning and ZBA Raises.

The motion to discuss Mr. Pope's request to raise pay for the members of the ZBA and the Planning Board was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. Supervisor Feehan reminded the Board that there hasn't been an increase in the amount paid per attended meeting in over 10 years. Both Boards have been very busy lately. She also stated that the fund will need an additional \$5,000.00 to cover the increase.

Budget Amendment

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve amending the budget (fund B8020.4) in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover the pay increases for the Planning and Zoning Board members. Councilman Shafer seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Pollard Water Credit Application

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve the \$3,000.00 credit limit application for Pollard Water requested by Water Superintendent Fields. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Agenda item #26 was tabled.

Attorney for Lott/Bly Issue

The motion to approve a legal issue concerning the Planning Board with an attorney other than Attorney Ryan due to a conflict was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Authorization

Councilman Shafer made the motion authorizing Supervisor Feehan to reach out to other attorneys and not to exceed \$1,500.00. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

SWAP Support

Councilman Sammis made the motion supporting the Bill (S3292/A3907) regarding Safe Water Action Program, and to send a letter to Senator Tedisco stating such. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor. Carried. This Bill will provide municipalities with water, sewer and storm water infrastructure, an annual supplemental funding stream to support operation and maintenance.

Consolidation Clarification

Councilman Shafer made the motion clarifying the completed consolidation and that the debt charges stay with their own districts, and equipment debt spread equally to each district. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor.

Visitors Comments

Mr. Burdick from Pine Hill came to discuss the issue concerning Mr. Makin's dogs. This is an on-going issue. DCO Aldrich will request bark collars be placed on each of the dogs. This will require Mr. Burdick sign a complaint form and go to court in order to force Mr. Makin to comply. Supervisor Feehan suggested Mr. Burdick meet with Councilwoman Mullen, who also lives in the area, to see if she has had an issue as well. She may be able to help with this situation.

Adjourn

Councilman Shafer made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk