

Town of Corning
Special Meeting
June 7, 2018
7:00 PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members present:

Councilman Dave Shafer
Councilman Stuart Sammis
Councilman Mike Brenning
Councilwoman Jen Mullen
Supervisor Kim Feehan

Others Present:

Ron Hodge from North Corning Fire Department
John Clarkson From North Corning Fire Department
Wanda Jacobus from Gibson Fire Department
John Jacobus from Gibson Fire Department
Charlie Taylor a resident from Gibson
Ruth Plaisted a resident from East Corning
Bill Gitchell from the East Corning Fire Department

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the East Corning fire Department and the Gibson Fire Department and the North Corning Fire Department and the Gibson Fire Department. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Taylor asked the Board to explain the borders on the map depicting the new areas being covered by East Corning and North Corning in the Gibson district. Supervisor Feehan explained that these will be the "Host" departments to cover until which time Gibson Fire can show that can meet the contract requirements for fire-fighting training, certifications and contract terms. He was also concerned that the two departments covering Gibson will need to drive right passed the closest department and risk getting delayed due to not knowing the area. Mr. Jacobus doesn't understand how he was trained many years ago and until recently was able to fight fires without any issues with the Board. Councilman Brenning explained that the contracts for 2018 stipulated that the departments needed to show documentation as to who had what training in each of the departments. Gibson Fire district #1 did not produce the required training documentation, equipment list, and condition, therefore, the Town Board felt it needed to step in to assure the residents were getting the protection they deserve. Mr. Gitchell explained that he also found out that he did not hold the qualifications he thought he did because his prior chief failed to tell him about the "Bridge" class that could have carried his prior trainings up to date. This is what apparently happened to many of the Gibson Fire Fighters as well. The Fire Commissioners are supposed to make sure the fire fighters are trained up to the standards set by the

State. Mr. Taylor asked if the Board will consider a contract in 2018. The Board re-iterated that once they have produced all the documentation lacking and can provide fire protection services to the Town's contractual requirements, the town will entertain a contract with the Gibson Fire Department. They again reminded those present that this is what is required by the state and up to the Boards within the state to enforce. Mr. Clarkson stated that it is hard to cover another area and hopes that Gibson members will follow through with their training and get back to protecting their own district.

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

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Corning and the North Corning Fire Department for the areas delineated within the MOU covering the section of the Gibson Fire Protection District and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Memorandum as signatory and to remunerate the funds within the next 30 days. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Memorandum of understanding between the Town of Corning and the East Corning Fire Department for the areas delineated within the MOU covering the section of the Gibson Fire Protection area and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Memorandum as signatory and to remunerate the funds within the next 30 days was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor, motion carried.

The motion to adjourn at 7:30 was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk