

Town of Corning  
Village of South Corning  
Joint Fire Consolidation Meeting  
January 9, 2019  
6:30 PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of Village Trustees present:

Present	Absent
Trustee Gerald Morse	Trustee Connie Bennett
Trustee Mike Morse	
Mayor Jim Thomas	
Trustee Lorraine Dias	

Roll call of Town Board present:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

On a motion made by Village Trustee Jerry Morse, the Joint Resolution to establish a joint Fire District with the Town of Corning was considered. Trustee Mike Morse seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to conduct a joint hearing to consider a joint Fire District with the Village of South Corning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, the motion carried.

The motion to hold a discussion with Attorney Hannigan was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, carried.

Attorney Hannigan explained that this resolution is the first legal step in creating a joint fire district within the Town. The next step is to hold the Public Hearing which is scheduled for January 30 at 6:30 PM. That will be the opportunity for the residents to voice their opinions and ask any questions they may have. Special meetings will be held by both boards that night after the Public Hearing so that the respective departments can discuss their concerns and hear what they can expect in the future. Notices will be placed in conspicuous places throughout the Village and the Town, notices will be in the

newspaper, as well as on the websites of the Village and the Town. When the legal requirements are completed, the nuts and bolts of the district will begin to come together. The departments will be individual, but they will be working together under one governing board. Five commissioners will be appointed the first year by the Town Board. After the first year, the commissioners will be elected. They will fill terms from 1 to 5 years. The residents will have the opportunity to elect the commissioners. The 5 with the most votes will be elected. Their term will depend on the number of votes they received. The commissioner with the most votes will hold a 5-year term, the commissioner with the second most votes will hold a 4-year term, and so on. The commissioners cannot be a member of the Town or Village Board, nor can they be a chief officer in the fire department. They are required by law to attend training sessions, so they know what they will be responsible for. Some of their responsibilities will be creating and maintaining the budget of the fire district, making sure training requirements are met for the fire fighters, maintaining records, etc. The Chiefs will assist the commissioners with developing policies and capital plans. He explained that if there is debt, such as equipment or department building repairs etc., the debt will stay in that district. If there is a reserve, then that should be turned over to the district, but is not required.

The motion to adjourn the South Corning Village meeting at 7:34 was made by Trustee Dias and seconded by Trustee Morse. All in favor, the motion carried.

The motion to adjourn the Town of Corning meeting at 7:35 was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, the motion was carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards  
Town Clerk