

Town of Corning Budget Workshop
October 08, 2019
6:30 PM
20 S. Maple Street
Corning, NY 14830

Supervisor Feehan asked for roll call of those present.

Present	Absent
Councilman Mike Morrongiello	Councilman Stuart Sammis
Councilman Mike Brenning	
Supervisor Kim Feehan	
Councilwoman Jenn Mullen	

Others Present:

Water Superintendent Ken Fields, Highway Superintendent Dylan DeWert, Jamie Cooney and Lon Fiscus.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Supervisor Feehan began by explaining the Budget process must be completed by November 20th. The Town Board Meeting for November is the 19th. She has concerns about the possible need for an over-ride law in case the 2% tax cap is exceeded, as the local law would need to season, she suggests proceeding with it at next meeting. The Local Law can be repealed at the December meeting if not needed by creating another Local Law. The amount for the Transfer of function for the Consolidated Fire District will come from OSC. Until that amount is known, there's no way to know if the over-ride law is needed.

Supervisor Feehan asked Ken Fields what his needs may be in the upcoming year. He explained that the sander he uses for the parking lot is aging and may need replacing soon. Also, the material under the swings in the park will need to be replaced with pea gravel, and the NYMIR representative requested that the pavilions in the parks be torn down. The Gibson pump is aging and currently not having a problem, but because of its age, could have trouble at any time. One of the B & G trucks will need to be replaced in 2021 after it is paid for.

The next item discussed was the 2021 revaluation to be done by the assessor. Supervisor asked the board members how they would like to fund it. After some discussion they decided to fund it at \$10,000.00 per year over 4 years.

Sales Tax was the next item discussed. Supervisor Feehan explained her interest in taking the full sales tax next year instead of the \$350,000.00 taken last year and proposed for this budget. She explained it would reduce the tax rate from \$4.14 per thousand to \$1.86 per thousand and would eliminate the total amount budgeted for the DB Fund. She also explained that the AIM money will be coming from the County from internet sales tax instead of from the state. When Supervisor Feehan contacted Mr. Donnelly at the County he said he couldn't tell her what their rate would be if she decides to take the

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full sales tax amount. Councilwoman Mullen asked if this topic could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting as she would like to discuss it further. Councilman Brenning would like to follow Bookkeeper John Savash's advice on this matter. He also suggests that each Board member make an effort to sit in on a County meeting each month for the next few months.

The Rite Aid certiorari was discussed. Supervisor Feehan spoke with the Riverside Mayor regarding this matter and he told her the Village will not be assisting financially. Attorney John Ryan advised her that the Town and the County are on the hook for it.

The highway budget was next to be discussed. Mr. DeWert explained that the street sweeper is older (almost 20 years old) and needs to be replaced in the not too distant future, hopefully next year. Also, the brush tractor needs a new mower. He would like all the debt for the equipment to be paid in full when he leaves office as to let the next superintendent start fresh.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Morrongiello allowing Ken to dismantle the pavilions in the parks (South Corning and Corning Manor) as recommended by NYMIR. The debris can be taken to the landfill and the county will bill the Town for cost of disposal. All in favor. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made a motion to set the next Budget Workshop for November 13 at 7:00 PM. Councilman Morrongiello seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried. The Board requests John Savash (bookkeeper) be present.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen at 7:40 PM. Councilman Morrongiello seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk