

Town of Corning  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 15,2019  
7:00 PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of the members present:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to leave regular session to enter a Public Hearing regarding the creation of a reserve fund for the Town Hall building. Councilman Sammis seconded, all were in favor. The motion carried. BE IT RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT TO Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Town of Corning is hereby establishing a capital reserve fund to be known as the Town Hall Building Reserve Fund. The purpose of the Town Hall Building Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a specific capital improvements related to the Town Hall Building. The Supervisor is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of the Town Hall Reserve Fund in the manner provided be Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Supervisor may invest the moneys in the Town Hall Reserve Fund in the manner provided be Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of Corning. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Town Hall Building Reserve Fund and show the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, and capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and the date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Town Hall Building Reserve Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law and expenditures from the Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the reserve Fund is established. No expenditures shall be made from the Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional action or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law and other law. This resolution is subject to permissive ( mandatory) referendum pursuant to Municipal Law and any other law.

Mr. Cooney asked how much will be invested each year. Supervisor Feehan explained that \$10,000.00 will be invested this year and next. She assured him the Fund will cover the Town Hall building and the B & G building. The Main building has some issues that will be addressed first, like the leaky roof and older windows. Security will be addressed when the moneys are available. Councilwoman Ferratella suggested looking into the availability of a grant. Councilwoman Mullen will be meeting with the architect and Code Enforcer on Thursday next week to go over the needs of the buildings.

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On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Morrongiello the Public Hearing was closed. All in favor, the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 35**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to acknowledge the receipt of Local Law #2 of 2019, for the 2020 budget over-ride law, to be placed on the agenda for November 19,2019 for public comment. Councilman Morrongiello seconded. All in favor, carried. Since the consolidation of the fire departments there has been a change of function. Because of that change, the Office of the State Comptroller configures the tax cap allowable which will be figured into the budget. Before the budget can be completed that amount must be received. Timing is the issue. If the Local Law is not needed, it can be repealed at the December meeting.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor. The motion carried.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning, the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the September abstract in the amount of: \$417,609.47. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Carried.

General Fund Town-wide	\$59,477.96
General Outside	\$2,278.54
Highway Outside Village	\$305,012.95
Gibson Light	\$23.55
Elmhurst Light	\$190.34
Corning Manor Light	\$119.34
Birch Drive Light	\$146.65
Pine Shadow Light	\$67.85
Pinewood Water	\$47,449.23
Hornby Rd. Water	\$605.55
EC Consolidated Water	\$1,737.51
TOTAL	\$417,609.47

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Supervisor's report was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

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**CODE & VIOLATIONS REPORT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen the Code Enforcement and Violations reports were approved. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

**HIGHWAY REPORT**

The Highway report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the Building and Grounds report. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

**COMPUTER DISCUSSION**

The motion to approve the discussion regarding a new computer for the water department was made by Councilman Morrongiello and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor and the motion was carried. Superintendent Fields explained the computer is used for monitoring the pump houses and well information. He is concerned as the computer is 7 years old and if it were to malfunction it could be disastrous.

**COMPUTER APPROVAL**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis a new water system computer was approved with a quote of \$1,190.00. All were in favor of replacement and the motion carried.

**EC BACK UP WELL**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to discuss a second well in East Corning for back up for the Guthrie Hospital. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor to discuss. Carried. Guthrie has concerns regarding a one well system in case of an outage, as it is a dead-end service. They would like the Town of Corning to put another well on the Town owned property near the hospital. The Steuben River Basin Commission sent a hydrologist to examine the area to locate an acceptable spot. Finding none on Town owned land, he suggested the Hospital put the well on their property. Councilman Brenning suggests looping back into the Goff Road system, if there was land available to do that, then there would be back-up from the Gibson and Corning Manor Wells.

**NEW HIRE**

The motion approving discussion regarding hiring someone for the Building & Grounds department was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Morrongiello. All in favor, the motion carried. This will be advertised in the Leader 3 times, stating the applicant should have a CDL license and an interest in earning a water license. The applicant will start at around \$10.50 per hour. Superintendent Fields will interview and bring to Board for their approval.

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**UPSTATE TOWER UPDATE**

Councilman Morrongiello made the motion to approve discussion regarding the contract from Upstate Tower. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Feehan explained that Attorney Ryan looked over the updated contract and said they had worked out the easement with the Steeles. They don't want to go through the Planning and Zoning Boards again as not much has changed. They have offered to purchase the property for \$25,000.00, which all agreed seemed a fair price.

**UPSTATE CONTRACT APPROVAL**

On a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen the contract was approved and authorized the Supervisor to execute it. All in favor. The motion carried.

**COUNTY SHARED SERVICE**

The motion to discuss the 2020 Shared Services agreement with Steuben County was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor and the motion carried. There were no changes from last years agreement, when the final contract is received the Board will approve it.

**ASSESSOR SHARED SERVICE**

Councilman Sammis made the motion approving the Shared Service agreement with the Town of Catlin for Assessor services. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**VISITORS COMMENTS**

Mr. Cooney asked the size of the lot to be sold for the Tower in Corning Manor. Supervisor Feehan explained the lot was .26 of an acre. Ruth Plaisted wish to remind the board about the need for updating the zoning law to include the amount of time a camper can be inhabited in the Town. Legislator Ferratella informed the board that there will be no Extreme Winter funds or Pave New York funds next year from the State.

**MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS PRESENTATION**

Councilman Morrongiello made the motion to approve discussion with Jeff Smith regarding his report on the Pinewood Water issue. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Smith met with the Village officials to get a better understanding of the upcoming water improvement project and how that would affect the Pinewood Acres Water district. The data gathered before 2019 was not accurate due to accounting practices. Going forward, the data is considerably improved. He was confident that the Pinewood users are responsible for about 11% of the usage from South Corning. He believes that from the beginning of 2019, the Village will be building a small surplus each year. About a third of their budget is debt service. It is too early to determine exactly what the costs will be as they have not even begun yet. They are still determining if they will construct a second well and disconnect from the City of Corning or if they will proceed as before. The existing tank is older and in need of cleaning and repair, and possibly replacing. They have secured a \$3,000,000.00 grant and a

\$1,000,000.00 CBD Grant, which must be used within the year it is received. The Pinewood residents do not benefit from the hydrants or the infrastructure within the Village, therefore, they do not feel they should be paying the same amount of debt for the project as the Village residents. Taking all of this into consideration, Mr. Smith estimates that the Pinewood Water District users will ultimately see an increase of around \$270.00 per household per year. The total report can be found at the end of these minutes.

**ADJOURN**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to adjourn at 8:20PM. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards  
Town Clerk