

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
November 19,2019 7:00 PM
20 S. Maple Street
Corning, NY 14830

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of the members present:

Present	Absent
Supervisor Kim Feehan	Councilman Mike Brenning (arrived later)
Councilwoman Jenn Mullen	
Councilman Mike Morrongiello	
Councilman Stuart Sammis	

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

At 7:03 PM Supervisor Feehan called for a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2020 budget. Councilwoman Mullen made the motion, and Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, carried. Supervisor Feehan explained there will be no need to invoke a local law to over-ride the 2% tax cap, as this budget is under the cap. The tax rate will be \$4.14 per thousand of assessed value. It is an increase of .09 cents per thousand over the 2019 budget. The reason for the increase is because health insurance costs have risen, and some state funding previously received may not be available (Chips, Extreme Winter etc.). Mr. Fiscus was concerned that the consolidation of the fire districts caused an increase in tax. Supervisor Feehan explained that this will cause an increase in the fire tax for some while others will pay less. The consolidated district fire tax rate is \$1.24 per thousand. All districts will now pay the same amount per thousand.

At 7:12 PM Councilman Morrongiello made the motion to leave public hearing and re-enter regular board meeting. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 37

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the resolution regarding the 2020 budget with a tax rate of 4.14/\$1000 of assessed value, including all special districts, and staying under the 2% tax cap. Councilman Morrongiello seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #38

The motion approving the discussion regarding adopting the Domestic Partner form to be used by the Board while deciding on coverage, was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor to discuss. Carried. Attorney Ryan recommended updating the policy.

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WATER RE-LEVIES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis the following water re-levies were approved. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hornby Road Water District:	\$2,745.99
Pinewood Water District:	\$2,598.63
Consolidated Water District:	\$12,839.86

NYMIR CONTRACT

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the contract with NYMIR insurance for the entire year of 2020. Councilman Morrongiello seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The motion to approve the October Town Clerk report was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Carried.

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis, the October Abstract was approved. All were in favor and the motion carried.

General Fund	\$38,187.78
General Fund Outside Town	\$1,103.25
Highway	\$35,886.03
Gibson Lighting	\$2,150.40
E. Corning EXT #1 Project	\$2,150.40
E. Corning Water	\$10,112.99
Equipment Purchase	\$69,940.27
Corning Manor Water	\$788.00
Pinewood Water	\$7,784.27
Hornby RD. Water	\$47.67
Consolidated Water	\$5,438.18
Trust & Agency	\$10,925.80
TOTAL	\$182,364.62

MINUTE APPROVAL

Councilman Morrongiello made the motion to approve the October 25th meeting minutes. Councilwoman Mullen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT

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

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B & G Laborer

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Morrongiello, the discussion regarding the new hire for the building and grounds department was approved. All were in favor to discuss. The motion carried. Water Superintendent Fields explained that there were many interested applicants but when the wage was discussed, many were no longer interested. The gentleman who is still interested doesn't have his CDL license but is willing to get it. Mr. Fields shared the resume with the Board. They concurred that the applicant will be expected to obtain the CDL within six months and when passed, will be reimbursed the fee for the license and will discuss a pay increase at that time.

B & G APPROVAL

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the hiring of Michael Malburg at \$10.50 per hour with the expectation that he will acquire a CDL license, at his expense, to be reimbursed when accomplished. Councilman Morrongiello seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

The Highway report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Morrongiello and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, the motion carried.

BRUSH DISCUSSION

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis, the discussion regarding the brush drop area at the highway garage was approved. All in favor. Carried. Highway Superintendent DeWert explained to the Board that Overhead Door, who was supposed to install the gate system for the brush drop area, has not been in contact in months. Mr. DeWert has reached out many times but to no avail. In order to prevent contractors and out of area users taking advantage, he would like to erect a small shed-like structure and post a person sporadically to check the eligibility of those coming in. The cost of grinding the brush is going up and so is the amount of brush being dropped off. The Village crew are willing to help with the build and possibly monitoring the area at times. Mr. DeWert would like the Board to create a policy and to give him some direction as to how to enforce it.

BRUSH ISSUE

Councilwoman Mullen made a motion for Councilman Sammis to update the policy created for use with the gate system and have it ready for review at the December meeting. Councilman Morrongiello seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

BUILDING/CODE REPORT

The motion to approve the Code Enforcement and Building Permit report was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor and the motion carried.

NEWLY ELECTED TRAINING

The motion to approve those interested in attending the training for newly elected officials was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Morrongiello. All in favor. Carried. The following are interested in attending: Supervisor Feehan, Councilwoman Mullen, Councilman Morrongiello, Councilman Stuart Sammis, and (Councilman Mike Brenning possibly).

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SECURITY SYSTEM QUOTE

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Morrongiello, a discussion regarding the quote for security systems was approved. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Glen Rose submitted a quote from CPE Interlink to replace and improve the security system for the building and parking lot. The quote is for \$11,000.00. This includes new cameras and microphones, night definition cameras for the parking lot, and speakers for the board room.

SECURITY QUOTE APPROVAL

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the CPE Interlink quote not to exceed \$11,000.00. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Feehan said there was money in the budget to cover the cost.

BUILDING QUOTE

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss the Quote from Larry Foor regarding the improvements and safety concerns submitted to him. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Supervisor Feehan hadn't had time to review the quote and requested more information. She asked Mr. Foor about the cost of the incidentals. i.e. (reproducing, mileage, assistance etc.). He quoted under \$1,000.00 for those. He explained this could all be done in phases. Since he has already gathered the data of concerns and wishes from the employees, the next phase would be to refine the list and build a program, compare to the existing facility, then to develop a scheme and estimated cost and present to the board for questions, and then finally to begin the work in phases. He believes phase 2 could be completed in roughly 4 weeks. Supervisor Feehan will have to speak with Bookkeeper Savash to find the money in the budget.

QUOTE APPROVAL

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis, Mr. Foor's quote was approved not to exceed \$4,700.00 and \$500.00 for the incidentals and meet with him again at the January 21st board meeting. In favor: Councilwoman Mullen, Councilman Sammis, Councilman Morrongiello. Opposed: Supervisor Feehan. Motion carried.

ZONING LAW UPDATE

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to discuss updating the Zoning Law for the Town of Corning. Councilman Morrongiello seconded. All were in favor to discuss. The motion carried. There are many issues with the Town's Zoning Law. Chelsea Robertson, the director from STC, is present to discuss options for righting what is wrong with the Zoning Law. There have been many changes within the Planning and Zoning Boards in the past few years that there has been little time to update. Ms. Robertson explained that there are unused monies left on the contract from 2019 that can be used toward updating the existing law. All agreed that starting fresh and creating an all new law may be easier and more cost effective. The Zoning Laws from neighboring Towns and Villages will be considered as to make zoning more fluid throughout the area.

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ZONING LAW

The motion authorizing STC along with the Planning and Zoning Boards and Chuck Coons to create a draft Zoning Law by May of 2020 was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried. The cost of which will be covered by the STC contract amount.

ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the letter of engagement with Attorney John Ryan regarding the South Corning 2020 water contract. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Olan Rose from Pinewood Avenue shared pictures of some code issues around the Town that he thinks need attention. County Legislator Carol Ferratella shared information regarding HEAP Applications and guidelines.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis at 8:25 PM. All in favor. The motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk

