

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting  
September 15, 2020 7:00PM  
20 S. Maple St. Corning, NY 14830

Supervisor Feehan call the meeting to order.

Roll call of those present:

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilwoman Jenniffer Mullen	Councilman Mike Morrongiello
Councilman Mike Brenning	
Supervisor Kim Feehan	
Councilman Stuart Sammis	

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Others present: County Legislator Carol Ferratella, Ethics Board Member Lon Fiscus, Village Mayor Jim Thomas, Village Trustees Jamie Cooney and Lorraine Diaz, Water Superintendent Ken Fields, and Highway Superintendent Dylan DeWert.

**Supervisor’s Report**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report for June and July 2020. Councilman Sammis seconded, all were in favor. Motion carried.

**Town Clerk’s Report**

The motion approving the August Town Clerk’s report was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor, carried.

**Abstract Approval**

The August abstract was approved on a motion made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. The motion was carried.

General Fund Town wide	\$31,810.28
General Outside Town	\$178.80
Highway Outside Village	\$14,904.52
E.C. Capital Proj.	\$23,510.93
E. C. Water	\$3,147.42
Equipment Purchase/Cap. Proj.	\$9,530.00
Pinewood Well Proj.	\$491.00
Gibson Light.	\$60.14
Elmhurst Light	\$208.94
Corning Manor Light	\$132.05
Birch Drive Light	\$155.53
Pine Shadow Light	\$69.38
Pinewood Water	\$978.06

Hornby Rd. Water	\$47.67
E. C. Consolidated Water	\$3,366.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,091.27</b>

**Highway MEO Search**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve Highway Superintendent DeWert to begin the process of vetting a Highway MEO. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Soon one of the highway employees will be going off on disability for surgery. This leaves the crew short-handed, as they are already down a crew member since the deputy retired in April.

**Deputy Appointment**

Ken Fields was approved as the Deputy Highway Superintendent on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution #57**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to modify the SW4 Fund of the 2020 budget in the following manor. WHEREAS, the Town of Corning will pay off the interfund loan between Hornby Road Water and the General Fund one year earlier to save interest expense by appropriating fund balance; BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to modify the 2020 budget as follows:

SW4-599 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,379.00
SW4-960 Appropriations	
Sub Account SW4-9789.4 (other LT debt Principal)	\$1,379.00

Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Resolution #58**

The motion authorizing the Supervisor to modify the 2020 budget closing out the Corning Manor Capital Project Fund was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried. WHEREAS, the Town of Corning went to long term financing on its water projects; BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to close out the Corning Manor Capital Project Fund and transfer the remaining proceeds to the operating fund.

**Resolution #59**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis, the Supervisor is authorized to close out the East Corning Extension #1 Capital Project Fund. All in favor. The motion carried. WHEREAS, the Town of Corning went to long term financing on its water projects; BE IT RESOLVED; the Supervisor is hereby authorized to close out the East Corning Extension #1 Capital Project Fund and transfer the remaining proceeds to the operating fund.

**Resolution #60**

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion approving the Supervisor to close out the Pinewood Well Capital Project Fund, Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. WHEREAS, the Town of Corning went to long term financing on its water projects; BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to close out the Pinewood Well Capital Project Fund and transfer the remaining proceeds to the operating fund.

**Resolution #61**

The motion authorizing the Supervisor to modify the budget as follows was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor and the motion carried. WHEREAS, the Town of Corning has included in the 2020 Budget \$10,000.00 for the Town Hall Building Reserve and \$7,000.00 for the Accrued Employee Benefit Payout Reserve Fund; BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to transfer these amounts into their respective Reserve Accounts.

**Code/Building Permit Report**

The Code and Permit reports were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Carried.

**Building & Grounds Report**

The motion to approve the August report was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

**August Highway Report**

On a motion made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis the highway report for August 2020 was approved. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Visitors Comments**

Village Trustee Diaz asked what the Board was going to do about the water contract. Supervisor Feehan stated that Attorney Ryan was handling it. Ms. Diaz appeared to not like the answer and again demanded an explanation. Supervisor Feehan reminded her this a comment session and not a question session. Ms. Diaz again expressed her dissatisfaction and again demanded an answer. Supervisor Feehan ignored her outbursts and asked for other comments. County Legislator Ferratella discussed the Legislatures memorializing resolution asking the Governor to rescind the emergency declaration so we can all have our freedom back. Supervisor Feehan would like the Town to participate as well.

**Executive Session**

At 7:16 Pm Councilwoman Mullen made a motion to leave regular session to enter into an executive session regarding codes and a possible latigos matter. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, carried.

Councilman Brenning made the motion to leave the executive session with Councilwoman Mullen seconding. All were in favor. Carried.

**New Code Enforcer/ Building Inspector**

Councilwoman Mullen made a motion offering the position of Code Enforcer/Building Inspector to Mr. B. Laferty at \$50,000.00 per year beginning on October 12, 2020, with a 90-day probationary period leading to a permanent position. Mr. Laferty was on the Civil Service list from the County. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to adjourn at 8:12 Pm. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards  
Town Clerk