

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
February 16, 2021 7:00 PM
Zoom

Councilman Brenning called the meeting to order.

Roll call as follows:

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

Others present:

Sheriff Jim Allard, Water Superintendent Fields, Village Trustee Jamie Cooney, County Legislator Carol Ferratella, and various other members of the community.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

SHERIFF PRESENTATION

Councilman Brenning welcomed Mr. Allard and thanked him for joining the meeting. Sheriff Allard began by describing the improvements that have taken place in the last 5 years under his direction. He is very proud of the Evidence Technicians, School Resource Officers, Arson Investigators, the Canine crew, and the ability the drones and cameras have added to the success of the department. He also explained the Sheriff App for cell phones and the many aspects of its use. He is pleased with the Reform that has taken place within the department but saddened that the bail reform mandated by the governor has dampened the progress that was being made in the addiction rehabilitation programs.

BOARD STATEMENT

Town Board Statement: The Town Board acknowledges receipt of the request received from Maggie Lott and wishes to inform the public the public that the Boar has referred the matter to the Town's attorney for review.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

CLERK REPORT

On a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen, the January Town Clerk's report was approved. All in favor, motion carried.

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

The January Abstract was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

RESOLUTION #12

WHEREAS, the Town of Corning needs to amend the budget to cover Expenditures that exceeded the 2020 Appropriated amount; BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to modify the 2020 budget in the following manner:

SW5-510 Estimated Revenue

Sub Account SW%-2401 Interest Income \$1.00

SW5-960 Appropriations

Sub Account SW5-9730.7 BAN Debt Interest \$1.00

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the budget amendments listed above. Councilman Fiscus seconded. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION #13

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the following 2020-year end budget transfers:

A FUND

FROM	TO	
A1340.41	A1340.12	\$1.00
A1355.4	A135501	\$1.00
A1355.4	A1355.10	\$219.00
A1410.4	A1410.1	\$1.00
A1410.4	A1410.12	\$1.00
A1620.1	A1620.10	\$10,378.00
A1620.4	A1620.42	\$1,392.00
A5182.4	A4540.4	\$982.00
A5132.4	A5132.2	\$140.00
A9040.8	A9030.8	\$2,888.00

B FUND

B9030.8	B1440.4	\$3,566.00
B9030.8	B4020.1	\$1.00

DB FUND

DB5130.1	DB5110.1	\$31,876.00
DB5110.11	DB5110.1	\$1,373.00
DB5130.11	DB5110.1	\$1,065.00
DB5142.1	DB5110.1	\$10,365.00 \$44679.00
DB5142.1	DB5142.11	\$716.00
DB9040.8	DB5140.1	\$7,069.00
DB5120.2	DB5120.4	\$492.00
DB9040.8	DB9010.8	\$8,733.00
DB9040.8	DB9030.8	\$847.00

SW8

SW88340.41	SW88340.4	\$361.00
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Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

CORRECTIONON

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus, the correction of entries from the building and grounds fund to the town clerk contractual fund and placing the pre-approved amount of \$5,000.00 in the Clerk contractual fund was approved. All in favor, motion carried.

LABORER TERMINATION

Councilman Sammis made the motion to terminate the Building and Grounds laborer, Mike Malburg, with Councilwoman Mullen seconding. All were in favor. Motion carried. The laborer has not been in communication for months and does not return phone calls.

HIRE B & G HELP

The motion approving Ken Fields to seek a new laborer for the building and grounds department at \$14.00 per hour was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. There are two applicants, one with a CDL and the other with a permit for CDL, and both live within the Town.

B & G REPORT

The January Building and Grounds report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor. Carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

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

TABLED ITEMS

Agenda items 16 and 17 were tabled on a motion made by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Carried.

TAX COLLECTION EXTENSION

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss one of the Governors Executive orders regarding the extension of tax collection. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. County Legislator Ferratella commented that she is unaware of any of the Towns within the County that have opted to extend. Councilwoman Mullen made a secondary motion to reject the extension of tax collection for the Town of Corning. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus the discussion regarding the Strategic Plan for the Town of Corning was approved. All in favor. Carried. Councilwoman Mullen gave an overview of what the vision is for this plan. She asks for input from residents and business owners to reach out with their concerns and hopes for the Town. There will be a section added to the website for input. There is hope for growth while all the time keeping in mind the constraints of budgeting.

CJFD OFFICE SPACE LEASE

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss the lease contract for office space used by the Corning Joint Fire District administrators. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All in favor. Carried. While applying for a grant, the CJFD was made aware that since they share the same mailing address as the Town of Corning, they must prove they are a separate entity.

PAINTED POST WATER

The motion to approve discussion regarding the Painted Post water system was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Larry Smith from the Village of Painted Post is trying to loop the water system near Smith School. In doing so the system will cross the Town of Corning town line. Since Councilman Brenning hasn't had time to review the information sent by Mr. Smith, he suggests tabling this item until next month when all have had time to review the details. All agreed.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by councilman Sammis the discussion regarding the printing of the employee manual was approved. All in favor, motion carried. Since the Board has not seen the manual recently, Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to table until it can be reviewed thoroughly. Councilman Sammis seconded, all were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGH IMPACT ACTIONS

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to reject the CEC coordinators plan to review the energy efficiency of the Town. Councilman Fiscus seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN HALL LOCKS

The motion to discuss the 3-year quote for \$3,000.00 to update the data on the existing fob system was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Ken Fields hopes to continue with the fob system as it requires fewer keys he needs to keep track of and is more secure as they can't be copied. Councilman Brenning feels the fob is too cumbersome and wishes for another option. Councilwoman Mullen made a subsequent motion approving the three-year contract with Councilman Sammis seconding. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Fiscus asked if contract can be shortened if another option seems a better fit.

HIGHWAY TRUCK DISCUSSION

Councilman Brenning received a text from Supervisor Feehan requesting a decision regarding the sale of the highway truck and the purchase of a new pick up truck. Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to table this item until they had further information on the details. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS/ADJOURN

Hearing none, Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk