

Town of Corning
Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 2017
7:00PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members present:

Present	Absent
Councilman Stuart Sammis	Councilman Gary Mapes
Councilman Dave Shafer	
Supervisor Kim Feehan	
Councilman Mike Brenning	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Options for Water in Pinewood

The motion to discuss options for an alternative water source for the Pinewood residents was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Eric Weiss a representative of Clark Tennison Lee was on hand to explain some of the options his firm has discovered. The Village of South Corning has announced they need to raise rates significantly, therefore, the Town must pass that increase on to the Pinewood residents. That increase is significant and follows a recent increase added by the Town to make the district solvent. Testing of the water from the South Corning well revealed there is magnesium present and the tank is older and needs to be replaced. He understands the Town has reached out in effort to come to an amicable solution and found little interest from the Village. He explained there are basically three options to rectify the situation. One option he suggested was a new well be drilled at the pump house site, but questions the amount of water available and the condition of the water. He also stated there would need to be a back up well in place or have a secondary source of water (possibly from the village) available. Another option he suggested was to use the existing well that is near the tank in the Pinewood area. He believes there is a 6-inch casing but would need to do a visual inspection to make sure. He is concerned about its condition after all this time, also the amount of water available and the condition of that water. The third option he discussed was a direct connection to the city of Corning's water supply. It's the most costly, but he believes it is quite possibly the best option. Mr. Weis also discussed funding options and grants that are available to help with the cost of this sort of project. Ideally, the best option is to convince the Village of South Corning to agree to a shared service arrangement. Mr. Weiss will contact the Village representatives and discuss the options available to come to best solution for the water issues that each are facing.

Water Contract with South Corning Village

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss the water contract with the Village of South Corning. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Due to the lack of communication with the Village, the Board is looking at options to save the Pinewood users another large increase in water rates due to the Village increase. Attorney Ferratella explained that if the contract is not signed the Village can not cut off the water to the Town of Corning users without reasonable notice. Also the Village

is not obligated to sell their water to the Town. Councilman Sammis suggests signing the contract but considering other options. Councilman Shafer made the motion to execute the contract with the Village with a letter stating the Town is considering other options to get the Pinewood people the water they need. All were in favor, motion carried.

Retention Grant

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss the NYS Archives grant application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Shafer suggests following Mr. Goodfellow's guidelines. Councilman Sammis would like to know the cost of the entire process as to not request more than needed for the grant. Supervisor Feehan would like to purchase a scanner capable of scanning large maps and the larger books, and to hire a person part time to do the actual work. Mr. Sammis is skeptical the grant could cover the cost of all this. Councilman Shafer made the motion authorizing Councilman Sammis to seek proposals the LBGIF grants requires and to complete the grant process. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Record Destruction

The motion authorizing the destruction of the designated boxes of old records by Mr. Goodfellow was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda item # 8 was discussed prior.

Agenda item #9 was tabled until the next meeting.

Fire Contract Requirements

The motion to discuss the new requirements for transparency within the fire protection and fire district contracts was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Feehan was authorized to send letters to each of the fire departments and fire districts informing them of the new guidelines.

Seeking 2018 Attorney

Councilman Sammis made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to obtain letters of engagement for 2018 Attorney representation for the Town. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Final Pay Apps

The motion to approve the final pay apps for J.P. Wenzel for the East Corning water District #2 was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor. Motion carried. Pay App 3# in the amount of \$22,554.14, and Pay App #4 for \$11,611.60. Water Superintendent Fields requested holding the check until the final meter arrives, as he has been waiting for it for months.

Steel Road Property

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss land on Steel Road. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. Attorney Ferratella says he reviewed the deed and found no restriction on

what that land could be used for. Councilman Shafer thought he read that it must stay green space. The attorney will check with the county to confirm. The Board will review it at next month's meeting.

Budget Transfers

The motion to approve the following budgetary transfers was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, motion carried.

- A1620.1 of \$6,000.00 to A1620.4
- A1110.15 of \$1,000.00 to A1110.4
- A5132.4 of \$1,000.00 to A5132.2
- B3620.4 of \$200.00 to B3620.41
- B9010.8 of \$300.00 to B8010.4
- B9010.8 of \$1,000.00 to B8020.4
- DB5110.4 of \$17,000.00 to DB5110.1
- DB5110.4 of \$4,000.00 to DB5110.41
- DB5110.4 of \$1,000.00 to DB5130.1
- DB5110.4 of \$1,200.00 to DB5140.1
- DB5110.4 of \$10,000.00 to DB9010.8
- SW18330.11 of \$1,000.00 to SW18330.1
- SW18330.4 of \$1,000.00 to SW18340.4
- SW18340.11 of \$1020.00 to SW18340.1
- SW28320.2 of \$1,000.00 to SW28310.4
- SW28330.4 of \$1,500.00 to SW28340.1
- SW28340.46 of \$500.00 to SW28340.4
- SW48310.4 of \$200.00 to SW48340.1
- SW48310.1 of \$396.00 SW48310.4 of \$28.90 & SW48330.1 total of &463.32 to SW48340.4
- SW48320.4 of \$20.00 to SW49030.8
- SW68330.1 of \$179.50 & SW68330.4 of \$200.00 to SW68340.43
- SW78330.4 of \$410.00 & SW78330.1 of \$6.45 to SW78340.41
- SW78330.1 of \$193.46 to SW78340.43

Abstract Approval

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve abstract 12 with Councilman Shafer seconding. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Clerk's Report

The motion to approve the Town Clerk's report for November was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the Supervisor's report for November and it was seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Carried.

Building Permit Report

The motion approving the Building Permit report for November was made by Councilman Sammis. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Highway Report

The Highway Report for November was approved on a motion made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds Report

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the Building & grounds report. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chuck Coons Appointment

Councilman Shafer made the motion to appoint Chuck Coons as the Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. There will be a probationary period until the 14th of February.

Finger Lakes Electrical Work on Gibson Bridge

The motion to approve the proposal from Finger Lakes EnviroTech to enclose the wires on Gibson Bridge was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. Councilman Brenning did not approve. Motion carried. This motion also authorizes the Supervisor to place a SC2 request to NYSEG to reenergize the existing poles.

Re-Levy Water

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the re-levying of unpaid water bills as follows:

Gibson Water District:	\$11,317.68
Hornby Rd Water District:	\$2,171.79
Corning Manor Water District:	\$2,226.31
Pinewood Water District:	\$1,774.03
Total	\$17,490.13

Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution #64 of 2017

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve Resolution #64 of 2017 regarding A bond resolution for the acquisition of maintenance vehicles with plows for use by the town at a cost of \$430,000.00.

Radio BAN

The motion to discuss the purchase of High band radios for the town of corning vehicles was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried. The need for separate frequencies was discussed. The radios will be paid for with a short-term BAN not to exceed \$37,000.00.

Resolution #65

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the resolution regarding the purchase of high band radios at a maximum cost of \$37,000.00. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. The purchase will be made with a bond authorized by the Supervisor.

Northern Tier Communication

The motion to authorize the quote from Northern Tier Communications for the high band radios for all of the Town of Corning Trucks was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bly order to Comply

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss the status of Jeff Bly's order to comply regarding the order for trees to be planted within the sixty-day time frame he was given at the October Town Board meeting. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor to discuss. Mr. Bly stated he had not followed the Boards' direction because he wasn't sure what kind of willow trees to plant and that he had been busy trying to comply with the DEC specs, and the code enforcers computer had a glitch therefor he hadn't received an email he had been waiting for. Supervisor Feehan asked the Board how they would like to proceed. Councilman Brenning stated the growing season was over so not much can be done now. Councilman Shafer would like the code officer to hold off with the violation until spring when planting can be done, and then if he isn't compliant he should be violated. Attorney Ferratella explained that when the judge receives a violation of this sort there is usually some sort of penalty. The Lott's were very discouraged. They stated Mr. Bly never seems to be held accountable for his actions.

Printer Purchase

The motion to approve the purchase of a printer for the Code Enforcer/Assessor in the amount of \$3,372.85 was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motin carried.

Bids for 2008 Ford 2500

Councilman Sammis made the motion to accept sealed bids for the 2008 Ford 2500. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Contract Discussion

Councilman Shafer made the motion to discuss the upcoming contract for Planning services with STC and to consider other options. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor to discuss. Supervisor Feehan asked code enforcer Mr. Coons for his opinion. He explained that he has come to a better working relationship with the planner and has found the new chair to be a positive change as well. Other agencies have additional costs for engineering fees. He believes STC would be the better choice as they are familiar with everything and no time would be lost in the transition process.

STC Contract

Councilman Shafer made the motion to accept a contract for planning services with Southern Tier Regional Planning for the 2018 calendar year in the amount of \$15,510.00. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Solutions Contract

Councilman Brenning made the motion to table this agenda item. Councilman Shafer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Municipal Solutions Contract for Potential Water Contract

Councilman Sammis made the motion to table this agenda item, with Councilman Shafer seconding. All in favor, motion carried.

Updating Ordinances

The motion to discuss updating some of the Town of Corning Ordinances was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Carried. Supervisor Feehan explained the need to update the noise ordinance and zoning law, as well as a few others.

Training

Councilman Shafer made the motion to approve the Councilmen and Supervisor to attend the newly elected official training in Rochester on January 17, 18, and 19. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Internal Audits

Councilman Brenning made the motion approving setting the Councilmen to audit the offices of the Town Clerk and the Supervisor. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in Favor. The motion was carried. Councilman Shafer will audit the Town Clerk again this year, Councilwoman Mullen will audit the office of the Supervisor, all to be completed by January 31st of 2018.

Web-Site Re-Do

The motion to discuss the web site was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Feehan explained Microsoft is eliminating share point workability and the web site will no longer be added to or updated with information.

WEB Site Quotes

The motion to authorize the Supervisor Feehan to obtain quotes for a new web site was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

Court Audit

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the Supervisor to seek proposals for the audit of the Town Court. Councilman Shafer seconded. All were in favor.

RFG Contract Changes

The motion approving the recommended contract changes for Mr. Ron Graner was made by Councilman Shafer and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor, motion carried.

Broad Band Cable

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the supervisor to obtain quotes for service from other carriers. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Empire Access Franchise

The motion to discuss the participation of the Town joining Empire with an interagency agreement to assure their infrastructure would be completed was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor, motion carried.

Year End Meeting

Councilman Sammis made the motion setting the year end meeting for January 2,2018 at 6:30 PM. Councilman Shafer seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Visitor's Comments

County Legislator Carol Ferratella checked with the County DOT regarding the intersection at Goff Rd and East Corning Rd. She was told the DOT had placed a camera to watch the intersection and didn't find an issue with the entrances for Dandy Mini Mart. Therefore, they don't see the need for a traffic light.

Adjourn

Councilman Shafer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk

