

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
May 17, 2022 7:00 PM
20 S. Maple St. Corning, NY 148302

Councilman Brenning called the meeting to order.

Roll Call as follows:

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

Others Present:

County Legislator Carol Ferratella, Water Superintendent Ken Fields, Highway Superintendent Glen Rose, Richard Graham (Hope Cemetery), Village Mayor Jim Thomas, Village Trustee Jamie Cooney, Jeff Smith (municipal Solutions), Attorney John Ryan and various other members of the community.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to accept the modified agenda for the meeting. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the discussion with Christine Foster from 823 Interiors and Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. Ms. Foster began her presentation by explaining her interest in senior housing. She has studied many models for our aging population. Some of the options she recommends are:

Small Model Housing- This has 12-14 residents with staff members living along side the residents. They all share household duties such as meal preparation, gardening, decorating etc.

Cooperative Living Model- this model has 5-6 residents that share a dining area and common area with private bedroom and bathrooms located around these areas. This may be staffed by young people (such as students). This option is more suited to residents who need little assistance with daily activities.

Then of course, there is the model for those who require more assistance in their everyday lives that we are all more familiar with, however, couples may reside together even if only one requires more assistance. This model would have a nursing staff available at all times.

The motion approving the discussion with Jeff Smith from Municipal Solutions was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Smith began by explaining the options available to municipalities for borrowing. He Explained the importance pf setting up a reserve fund for purchasing and/or repairs. He also suggested adopting a Bond Resolution for when equipment becomes available the borrowing process can

move along much quicker. A procurement strategy is also important to maintain a well working fleet.

The discussion with Richard Graham form Hope Cemetery was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Graham is a trustee with the Cemetery and also responsible for maintaining the grounds. They have three sources of income, dividends and interest from their investments, sales and internments, and donations. Their general fund is quickly depleting due to more cremations than burials. They would like the Town to make an annual donation of \$10,000 if possible. The board thanked him for his presentation and said they would consider it.

The April minutes were approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Abstract 5 was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$49,562.03
General Outside	\$59.41
Highway	\$25,285.16
Gibson Light	\$996.12
Elmhurst Light	\$357.99
Cng Manor Light	\$176.77
Birch Dr. Light.	\$98.87
Pine Shadow Light	\$131.03
Pinewood Water	\$1,500.78
Hornby Rd. Water	\$140.41
EC Consol. Water	\$2,251.99
TOTAL	\$80,560.56

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the Standard Operating Work Day resolution for Town Clerk Susan Edwards, Supervisor Kim Feehan, and Councilwoman Jenniffer Mullen. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The Standard workday is 8 hours per day.

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

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the highway report. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Agenda item number 14 discussion was approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All were in favor to discuss. The motion carried. The updated CHIPs funds amounts were released for the 2022-2023 year. CHIPS- \$163,228.83 PAVE NY- \$43,253.82 and EWR- \$36,899.71.

On a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen the discussion on the proposed Fire/Town Hall was approved. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Brenning explained that the Village of South Corning still wants no part of involvement with the project.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the discussion regarding the Parks project. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilwoman Mullen explained the equipment for the Davenport Park has been chosen and the mulch ordered. She has not exceeded the \$40,000.00 budget and is looking forward to the installation.

The motion approving the total cost for the Davenport Park project at \$36,817.00 was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis the Zoning Law Update was discussed. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Sammis believes the June completion deadline will not be a problem. He is pleased with the progress they have made.

The motion to approve the MOU ratified by CSEA Union members and signed by the Union was approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor, motion carried. This agreement is effective immediately and increases the wage for a new hire to \$21.50 per hour.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to hire a new MEO/Mechanic as a lateral transfer from the Town of Horseheads. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis Ken Fields was authorized to obtain a credit card to be used by the Building & Grounds department and one for the highway department with a \$5,000.00 limit. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to call for a roll call vote regarding the CGR Consolidation study discussed at last months meeting. Councilman Sammis seconded the motion, All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Sammis NO

Councilman Brenning NO

Councilwoman Mullen NO

All agreed to not follow through with the study to consolidate the Villages of Riverside and South Corning with the Town of Corning.

The motion to approve the Town of Corning to mow the Gibson Fire Department grass for this season was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen the discussion regarding the Code Enforcer to drive the Town vehicle to and from work was approved. All in favor, carried. Councilman Sammis didn't see a problem with it. Councilwoman Mullen stated that during the interview process the commute was discussed and dismissed as not a problem. On a subsequent motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis it was decided that the Town vehicle should stay in the Town and not be driven to and from work. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion allowing all Board members to speak with outside entities without prior Board approval, with the exception of Attorneys and regarding financial matters. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

Ken Fields is having difficulty finding an employee willing to work for \$14.00 per hour and asked the board to consider raising that amount. The Board will make a decision at the next meeting.

Ruth Plaisted asked what could be done to improve the amount of cars and junk at the Craig's Auto shop at the end of King Circle. She was told to contact the code officer. She says she has done so and nothing was done about it.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to leave regular session and enter executive session with Councilman Sammis seconding. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to leave executive session and enter regular board meeting. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to adjourn at 9:38 Pm, with Councilwoman Mullen seconding. All were in favor and the motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk