

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
June 21, 2022 7:00 PM
20 S. Maple St. Corning, NY 14830

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of members present:

Present:

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

Others Present:

Water Superintendent Ken Fields, Highway Superintendent Glen Rose, County Legislator Scott VanEtten, County Legislator Carol Ferratella, Bookkeeper John Savash, Village Trustee Jamie Cooney and various other residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the Town Clerk's report for May. Councilman Fiscus seconded, all were in favor. The motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen the minutes from the May 17th meeting were approved. All in favor, motion carried.

The motion to approve Abstract 6 was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund	\$87,718.09
General Outside	\$244.28
Highway Outside	\$36,090.06
Gibson Light	\$284.66
Elmhurst Light	\$128.35
Corning Man. Light	\$84.52
Birch Dr. Light	\$89.45
Pine Shad. Light	\$65.39
Pinewood Water	\$823.10
Hornby RD. Water	\$31.83
EC Water	\$2,872.60
TOTAL	\$128,432.33

The discussion regarding the termination of the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Catlin for Code Enforcement services was approved on a motion made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Resolution #17 of 2022 regarding the end of the agreement with Catlin Town for Code Enforcement services was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were favor, carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to discuss NY Class with Councilman Brenning seconding. All in favor. Motion carried. John Savash began by explaining that many of his clients are using NY Class. He suggests transferring reserve funds as the bank rates are not keeping up with rising interest that NY Class is paying. Funds are not locked in like CD's and are collateralized at 102% and interest is compounded daily. He suggests investing \$700,000.00 initially contingent upon review of the Town's Investment policy.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the Municipal Cooperation Resolution. Councilman Brenning seconded, all in favor, motion carried. **Resolution #18 of 2022:**

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-o to included school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis.

WHEREAS, the Town of Corning Board wishes to invest portions of the Town of Corning available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of June 21st, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Town of Corning Board wishes to satisfy the Town of Corning's safety and liquidity need of their funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: That Kimberly A. Feehan, Supervisor of the Town of Corning is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of June 21st, 2022.

The May Building and Grounds report was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the May Highway report. Councilwoman Mullen seconded, and all were in favor. The motion carried. Highway Superintendent wishes to trade the backhoe that was recently purchased. He has had the CAT servicepeople visit more than a few times to repair it and it is still not right. He refused to pay the repair bill as it is still under warranty. He worked out a deal for a new hoe. He will return the one with problems and pay \$22,000.00 for a new one which will arrive sometime in October. On a secondary motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis Mr. Rose is authorized to trade the existing backhoe and use \$22,000.00 from his equipment fund to purchase a new backhoe. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus the discussion regarding the Town Hall/Fire building was approved. All in favor. Carried. Councilman Brenning attended a meeting at the Village of South Corning with Labella Engineers to discuss a study for housing fire equipment and/or Town and fire offices. The Village agreed to take part in the study to see what the options are. The cost of the study is \$3,400.00. Supervisor Feehan questioned what the cost is for each of the entities involved. The Consolidated Fire District, The Town of Corning and the Village of South Corning will all be affected by the final decision. Option #1 is the renovation of the existing Town Hall with additional Fire bays, Option #2 is a new complex in the Green Space between the Village Hall and the Town of Corning Highway Barn. Option #3 is the renovation of the Village Hall with more room for Fire. More information to come at the July Town Board Meeting.

The Zoning Code re-write discussion was approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmembers Sammis and Mullen have been working with Maggie Costello from STC throughout the process. Maggie will be moving out of state at the end of July but assures the Board there will be a working copy ready for review before she leaves. Supervisor Feehan would like Maggie to be present at the July meeting to help with any questions the Board may have.

The Strategic Plan discussion was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, motion carried. Internet connectivity is still a huge sticking point in the process. There are a few options that are being discussed, but it may be nearly impossible to get one hundred percent coverage in the Town.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss the progress with the Parks Project. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Councilwoman Mullen thanked Ken for all the help he has offered her. They are just waiting for the equipment to arrive before they can proceed.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

Ken Fields would like to look into purchasing a trailer sign. He found the average cost is around \$16,000, and wonders if ARPA money can be used for the purchase. He will get quotes. Ruth Plaisted asked about the progress at Craig's Auto. She would like to see more cars removed from the property. Carol Ferratella explained that the HEAP money can also be used for cooling in the summer. Those interested should apply through the Office of the Aging. There will be another NYSEG increase and suggests people get on line and voice their opinions on the rate hike. Redistricting has taken place within the County. Tire amnesty day at the landfill will be in September.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Councilwoman Mullen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk