

.Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
November 15, 2022 7:00 PM
20 S. Maple St. Corning NY 14830

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Brenning made the motion to enter Executive Session regarding an employee issue.

Councilman Fiscus seconded.

Councilman Brenning made the motion to re-enter regular meeting, with Councilman Fiscus seconding at 6:38 PM.

Roll call of members present:

Present

Councilman Lon Fiscus
Councilman Stuart Sammis
Supervisor Kim Feehan
Councilman Mike Brenning

Absent

Councilwoman Jenn Mullen

Others Present:

County Legislators Carol Ferratella and Scott VanEtten, Village Mayor Jim Thomas, Village Trustee Jamie Cooney, Water Superintendent Ken Fields, Highway Superintendent Glen Rose, Justice Wendy VanZile and various other residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Sammis made the motion to leave regular session and enter the Public Hearing at 7:02 Pm. Councilman Fiscus seconded, and all were in favor. Supervisor Feehan explained that there was no need to override the Tax Cap as this budget is well below the 2%. The tax rate per thousand will be \$3.94 for the Town portion. LED lights were installed on the lighting districts which saved a great deal in the lighting districts. Councilman Brenning made the motion to close the Public Hearing and re-enter regular board meeting at 7:05. Councilman Sammis seconded, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

BUDGET APPROVAL

The motion to authorize and approve the 2023 Town of Corning budget was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Councilman Brenning made the motion to approve the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #40 of 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Corning received ARPA monies and will spend a portion in the General Fund; **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to modify the 2022 budget in the following manner:

A Fund A-510 Estimated Revenues	
Sub Account A4089 Federal Aid, Other	\$46,364.65

A-960 Appropriations:	
Sub Account A7140.2 Playground & Rec Center, Equipment	\$38,164.65
Sub Account A1440.4 Engineering, Contractual	\$8,200.00

RESOLUTION # 41 of 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Corning needs to appropriate \$45,848.00 from unassigned Fund Balance to cover the cost of the new parking lot at the Town Hall;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to modify the 2022 Budget in the following manner:

A-599 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$45,848.00
A-960 Appropriations	
Sub Account A5650.2 Off street parking- Equip and Cap outlay	\$45,848.00

RESOLUTION #42 of 2022

WHEREAS, The Town of Corning received AIM payments not included in the 2022 Budget and now needs to modify the 2022 Budget in the following manner for both B and DB Funds:

B Fund	
B-510 Estimated Revenues	
Sub Account B2750 AIM related Payments	\$50,948.00
B-960 Appropriations	
Sub Account B9010.8 State Retirement	\$4,474.00
Sub Account B9040.8 Compensation	\$4,000.00
Sub Account B9060.8 Medical Insurance	\$17,000.00
Sub Account B9901.9 Interfund Transfers	\$25,474.00

RESOLUTION #43 of 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Corning received an allocation of \$269,316.00 in CHIPS (Consolidated Highway) from New York State for 2022 which the Town of Corning did not include in its 2022 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to modify the 2022 Budget in the following manner:

DB-510 Estimated Revenues	
Sub Account DB3501 State Aid, Consol. Highway	\$269,316.00
DB-960 Appropriations	
DB5112.2 Improvement-CHIPS	\$269,316.00

RESOLUTION #44

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FROM	TO	
A9040.8	A1910.4	\$7,250.00
A1330.4	A1330.3	\$310.00
A1220.4	A1340.2	\$369.00
A1620.1	A1620.10	\$2,000.00
A5130.1	DB5110.1	\$61,000.00
SW38340.1	SW38310.1	\$315.00
SW38340.1	SW38330.1	\$75.00

SW48340.4	SW48330.4	\$100.00
SW89030.8	SW89730.7	\$1.00

Councilman Fiscus seconded these resolutions. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus, Attorney John Ryan was approved to represent the Town as an appraiser related to the Riverside Development Corp. which earlier this year commenced a tax cert case against the Town pertaining to the property at 375 Pulteney Street not to exceed \$12,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTORNEY APPROVAL

The motion approving Attorney Hourihan for the section 75 hearing for the Town of Corning was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Carried.

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

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

General Fund	\$65,630.20
General Outside	\$3,616.25
Highway Outside	\$59,762.81
Gibson Light	\$653.16
Elmhurst Light	\$285.96
Corning Manor Light	\$188.48
Birch Dr. Light.	\$200.83
Pine Shadow Light	\$137.63
Pinewood Water	\$465.32
Hornby Rd. Water	\$21.60
E. C. Water	\$4,246.08
TOTAL	\$135,208.32

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

On a motion made by Councilman Fiscus the Town Clerks report for October was approved. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Councilman Fiscus made the motion to approve the October 18, 2022 minutes. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

The October Highway report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Carried.

NEW TRUCK PURCHASE

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss replacing the Superintendents 2015 truck. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried.

BID DIRECTION

Councilman Sammis made the motion approving the Highway Superintendent to set out specs for a new vehicle replacing the Brown 2015 Chevy. Councilman Fiscus seconded. All in favor to discuss. Carried. Superintendent Rose will accept sealed bids for 30 days from the date the notice is in the local newspaper. Specs can be picked up in the Town Clerk's office and bids returned to be dated and held till opening day.

BID RESULT DIRECTION

On a motion made by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis the highway superintendent is authorized to open sealed bids at 12:00 PM on the 30th day from the day the notice appears in the newspaper. A list of received bids will be kept and the Town Board notified of the results. All in favor, motion carried.

DEPUTY REPLACEMENT

Councilman Sammis made the motion to remove Ken Fields as the Deputy Highway Superintendent and replace him with William Walters. Councilman Brenning seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

B & G REPORT

On a motion made by Councilman Fiscus the Building & Grounds report for October was approved. Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PFOS INFO

The motion to discuss PFOS was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All were in favor to discuss. Carried. Superintendent Fields explained that the Governor has set out new requirements for testing. So far nothing has been present in the Towns water. NYS rural water has a lawsuit against a certain chemical manufacturer. There is a statewide registry for municipalities to join the recovery program. Supervisor Feehan will fill out the online form and submit.

B & G HIRE

The motion to discuss a new hire for Building & Grounds was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in Favor, carried. Supervisor Feehan explained that the budget will allow the new hire to be paid \$14.00 per hour until 2023 when the budget allows \$18.00 per hour. Mrs. Brenning is concerned that the wage increase will cause a burden to the taxpayers down the road when he becomes licensed.

HIRE APPROVAL

Councilman Sammis made the motion to hire Tyler Baumgartner immediately if he is agreeable to the \$14.00 per hour wage level until the first of the year when he will receive \$18.00 per hour. Councilman Fiscus seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

DOOR REPAIR

Councilman Sammis made the motion to discuss making the building ADA compliant. Councilman Fiscus seconded. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. The side entrance doors are very heavy and awkward for a wheelchair, not to mention there is a huge gap where wildlife has been coming in. The Board

agrees to make the door in the court ADA compliant and replace or repair the doors at the side entrance. The Building and Grounds crew will investigate.

WORKERS COMP.

The motion to discuss Worker Comp coverage was made by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. The Town has been given two options for payment/coverage which are unclear. Supervisor Feehan will reach out for clarification.

Agenda item 21 was tabled until the December meeting.

ASSOCIATION DUES

The motion authorizing the Association of Towns dues of \$1,500.00 was made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor, carried.

TUQC CONTRACT

The TUQC contract was approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Agenda item #24 was tabled until the December meeting.

WATER RELEVIES

On a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning unpaid water bills over \$100.00 will be re-levied on the 2023 tax bills, those less than \$100.00 will be added to the next quarters bill. All in favor. Carried.

NEW BUILDING

The discussion regarding the three options for fire/town and village building plans was approved on a motion made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Councilman Brenning stated the Joint Fire District will meet on the 30th of the month and make their decision. South Corning Mayor Jim Thomas stated that at this time the Village is not interested in joining the options presented. Supervisor Feehan is willing to continue moving forward at least to see what funding is available. Councilman Sammis believes a new build makes more sense than retro fitting the existing town hall.

Councilman Sammis made the following motion with Councilman Fiscus seconding. The Town of Corning will join with the Corning Joint Fire District to collectively pursue funding for a building that will house town offices, building and grounds, and fire bays and offices for the Joint Fire district. All in favor. Carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

Scott VanEtten explained to the Board that the County has discovered a surplus in sales tax collected from municipalities in the area which are now being refunded back to them. Each municipality will receive payments in two checks.

Glen Rose asked that the Board approve payment for a dedication sign for the Highway garage in Dylan DeWert's memory. The cost of the sign is \$575.00 including installation. Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve payment with Councilman Fiscus seconding. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Rose also asked that three of his employees be paid as MEOM starting in January. Kyle Yochum, Brenton Austin and Greg Young. Councilman Sammis made the motion approving the pay increase with Councilman Fiscus seconding. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Carol Ferratella reminded the Board of the HEAP program available to residents in need.

A resident from East Corning has concerns about the security of a laptop used by one of the Councilpersons.

A resident from Pine Hill shared complaints regarding properties near his residence. Supervisor Feehan explained the new zoning law will take affect soon and invited him to the Public Hearing to hear of the changes to the law.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk