

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday January 17th 2023 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
Councilwoman Jen Mullen
Supervisor Kim Feehan

Absent

Councilman Mike Brenning

Others Present:

Water Superintendent Ken Fields, County Legislators Carol Ferratella and Scott VanEtten, Village Trustee Jamie Cooney, Highway Superintendent Glen Rose, and Justice Wendy VanZile.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ABSTRACT #1

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

General	\$122,477.41
Highway Outside	\$12,466.95
Gibson Light	\$346.27
Elmhurst Light	\$149.76
Cng Manor Light	\$98.42
Birch Dr. Light	\$105.28
Pine Shad. Light	\$70.09
Pinewood Water	\$10,533.89
Hornby Rd. Water	\$610.25
E. C. Water	\$952.62
TOTAL	\$147,810.94

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus the meeting minutes for December 20th were approved. All in favor, motion carried.

CLERK REPORT

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve the December Town Clerk's report. Councilman Sammis seconded. Councilman Fiscus abstained as he had not seen it yet. All others in favor, motion carried.

B & G REPORT

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

HIGHWAY REPORT

Councilwoman Mullen made a motion to table the approval of the highway report as it was not available. Councilman Sammis seconded, and all were in favor. Carried.

BOND COUNCIL

The motion authorizing John Alessi and Hodgeson Russ as Bond Council Attorney was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Mullen. All in favor, motion carried.

FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Councilman Sammis made the motion authorizing Jeff Smith and Municipal Solutions as financial advisors for the Town of Corning. Councilwoman Mullen seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1

The motion approving Resolution # 1 of 2023 was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. The Resolution authorizes the town board and the highway superintendent to enter into a 284 agreement for 2023 relative to the expenditure of highway monies for repair and improvement of Town highways. This agreement must be prepared in duplicate, signed by a majority of the town board members and the highway superintendent and filed with in the Town Clerk's office. (Highway Law 284). All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to approve Resolution #2 of 2023 with Councilman Sammis seconding. All were in favor and the motion carried. This Resolution establishes a rate of \$.65 per mile to be allowed for town officers and employees for the use of their own automobiles in the performance of their official duties if there is no Town vehicle available to use. (Town Law 116)

RESOLUTION #3

Resolution # 3 of 2023 was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Carried. This Resolution authorizes the Town of Corning regular Board meeting to be held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

RESOLUTION # 4

The motion approving Resolution #4 of 2023 setting the Town's official newspaper as the Corning Leader was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor and the motion carried.

REOLUTION #5

Chemung Canal Trust Company was set as the official Depository for the Town of Corning on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All were in favor and the motion

carried. This Resolution (#5 of 2023) assures that all money coming into the Town shall be deposited solely into this bank.

RESOLUTION #6

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve Resolution #6 of 2023. Councilwoman Mullen seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried. This Resolution states that the Supervisor will submit to the State Comptroller and the Town Clerk a report of the fiscal year. This report will be available for inspection by the public and an ad placed in the local paper (within 10 days) stating such.

RESOLUTION # 7

Resolution #7 was approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried. This Resolution imposes a \$25.00 charge on all checks returned for insufficient funds.

RESOLUTION # 8

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion approving the highway superintendent to open competitive bids on public works and purchase contracts that are required to be advertised. Councilman Fiscus seconded, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION #9

The motion to discuss the setting and fixing salaries of all elected and appointed officers (and the rates of wages of hourly employees including overtime and regular pay rates) was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor to discuss. Motion carried. Discussion as follows: Judge Leonard was concerned that part time clerk Anne Haynes was not receiving the salary discussed at the budget meeting. She was appropriated to receive \$20,000.00 but also approved her at \$18.00 per hour to not receive more per hour than Theresa, the full time clerk. \$21.97 per hour would bring her the \$20,000 as she works less than 17.5 hours per week.

HAYNES PAY RATE INCREASE

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to clarify the pay rate for Anne Haynes at \$20.00 per hour with Councilman Fiscus seconding. All in favor, motion carried. This salary can be increased at the next budget season as discussed to \$21.97.

RESOLUTION #10

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis the petty cash funds were established as follows. All in favor, motion carried.

- Town Clerk \$50.00
- Water receivable \$30.00
- Tax Collector \$50.00
- Code Enforcement \$50.00

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion approving Susan Edwards and Avonne Dickerson to accept credit card payments for transactions related to the Town of Corning. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor, carried.

HANDICAP PERMITS

The motion appointing Susan Edwards and Avonne Dickerson to issue handicap parking permits was 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 Susan Edwards and Avonne Dickerson we designated as agents to receive notices of claims filed with the NYS Secretary of State. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to approve the attendance of the Board members for the virtual training by the Association of Town at a cost of \$100.00 each. Councilman Fiscus seconded. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS

There will be a 10% reduction of taxes for volunteer fire fighters in the upcoming year.

There will be a dedication of the sign on the highway barn for Dylan DeWert when the weather gets better.

Highway Superintendent Rose informed the Board that he is not in the retirement system at the present time as he is already drawing from it and is asking the Board for a 10% raise for the 2024 budget year.

He feels he is saving the Town by not being enrolled in the system.

The Senior Citizens income level has been increased which will make more eligible for the tax break.

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Mullen at 7:50 PM. Councilman Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk

