

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
05/16/2023 7:00PM
20 S. Maple St Corning NY 14830

Councilmember Brenning called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of members present:

Present

Councilmember Lon Fiscus
Councilmember Jen Mullen
Councilmember Mike Brenning
Councilmember Stuart Sammis

Absent

Supervisor Kim Feehan

Others Present:

Village Trustee Jamie Cooney, Water Superintendent Ken Fields, County Legislator Carol Ferratella, and various other residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Agenda

On a motion made by Councilmember Sammis the agenda for May was approved. Councilmember Fiscus seconded, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Supervisor Resignation

The motion to accept the resignation of Supervisor Feehan was made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All in favor. Carried.

Brenning Resignation

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to accept Councilmember Brennings resignation as Town Councilman. Councilmember Fiscus seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution #27 of 2023

On a motion made by Councilmember Fiscus, R. Michael Brenning was appointed as supervisor through the end of 2023. Councilmember Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Transfer Approval

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to transfer all accounts, emails, and relevant documents to Supervisor Brenning. Councilmember Sammis seconded and the motion carried.

Reassign

The motion to reassign all files and correspondences to the appropriate personnel to allow the continuation of business was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Property Return

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to recover all town property (phone, keys, etc) from the former Supervisor. Councilmember Mullen seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Removal From Accounts

The motion authorizing the removal of the past supervisor from all accounts and material associated with the Town of Corning was made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus. Motion carried.

Account Access

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to add R. Michael Brenning to all accounts and material associated with the Town of Corning, and Councilmember Fiscus seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Building Access

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to remove the prior supervisors access to the Town offices during non-working hours. Councilmember Mullen seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Code/Lock Change

Permission for Ken Fields to change all locks and codes was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus. All were in favor, the motion was carried.

Audit of Financials

The motion regarding an audit of the Towns financials was made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus. All in favor to discuss. Attorney John Ryan and the Association of Towns were all consulted and believe that Bookkeeper John Savash has been looking over the financials for many years and he says all is in order. The Board will ask for a complete audit of the Supervisor's office as well as the Town Clerk's office in January when the newly elected people start.

Budget Officer Appointment

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to make John Savash the budget officer through the end of the year at a prorated rate. Councilmember Sammis seconded. All in favor. The motion carried. He will be accepting a portion of the \$3,500.00 allotted in the budget to bring Mr. Brenning up to speed on processing payroll etc.

Minute Approval

On a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis the April meeting minutes were approved. All in favor. Carried.

B& G Report

The Building & Grounds report was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Report

The April Town Clerk report was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda item #19 was tabled as the highway report was not received by the board.

May Abstract

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to approve the May abstract. Councilmember Sammis seconded. All agreed. Motion carried. The utility bills will be added tomorrow before the checks are sent out.

Appointment Dates

The motion to discuss the Planning Board/Zoning Board appointment dates was made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. Terms end ever five years in rotation so that not all members expire at the same time.

Pavilion Quote

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to allow Ken Fields to get quotes for the cost of a pavilion for Shawn Lane Memorial Park in Corning Manor. Councilmember Sammis seconded the motion, and all were in favor. It was agreed that a 20X12 pavilion would be acceptable. Signage will be posted to prevent vandalism. Councilmember Fiscus made the motion allowing Ken to get quotes for the pavilion. Councilmember Sammis seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Law Update

The Zoning Law update discussion was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Fiscus and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. Carried. There has been no response from Brian Toy from STC regarding the edited version. Councilmember Sammis will reach out to him for comment.

Deputy Supervisor

Supervisor Brenning asked for a motion to appoint Councilmember Mullen as deputy Supervisor through the end of 2023. Councilmember Fiscus made the motion and Councilmember Sammis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Walgreens Certiorari

The motion to discuss the recommendation made by Attorney Ryan regarding the Tax Certiorari for the Walgreen building in Riverside was made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor to discuss. All agreed the amount was disturbing but will accept Mr. Ryans advice.

Roll call vote:

Sammis	Aye
Fiscus	Aye
Mullen	Aye
Brenning	Aye

Motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

County Legislator Ferratella explained the new bill from the governor's office has many changes.

Judges are given more options as changes were made to the bail reform portion of the bill.

AIM will stay the same as last year.

Minimum wage will increase each year locally as well as state wide.

There will be a training stipend for volunteer fire fighters.

The state will crack down on sticker stores using the Tax Fraud act.

Cheri Crozier wished to thank the Board for the Davenport Forest park.

Ruth Plaisted was saddened regarding Kim Feehan's resignation.

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM and Councilmember Fiscus seconded.

All agreed unanimously. Carried.

These minutes submitted by:

Susan Edwards

Town Clerk

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