

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
November 14,2023 7:00PM
20 S. Maple St. Corning NY

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Corning Town Budget. Councilmember Sammis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Brenning began by explaining the tax rate will increase 1.98%, still under the 2% cap. The Village of South Corning trustees had many questions about increased funds and salaries. After hearing questions and comments the Public Hearing closed on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. It was approved unanimously, and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Brenning called the meeting to order, and the roll call was as follows:

Present

Absent

Councilmember Jenn Mullen

Councilmember Lon Fiscus

Supervisor Mike Brenning

Councilmember Stuart Sammis

Others in attendance:

Highway Superintendent Glen Rose, Water Superintendent Ken Fields, Bookkeeper John Savash, Code Enforcer Brad Laverty, County Legislator Carol Ferratella, South Corning Trustee Lorraine Diaz and Trustee Jamie Cooney, along with various other residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

BUDGET APPROVAL

On a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis, the 2024 Budget was approved. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING SET

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to approve setting a Public Hearing for the Schoonover Drive water project for Tuesday December 5th at 6:30 PM. Councilmember Fiscus seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

LEAD AGENCY

The motion approving the Town as Lead Agency for SEQR regarding the Schoonover Drive water project was made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All were in favor and the motion carried.

SEQR

The Corning Town Board has reviewed the SEQR materials and considered the impacts. After careful review the Board finds these impacts to not be significant, therefore, the Town Board makes a declaration of negative environmental significance. **WHEREAS**, Where the Town Board of the Town of Corning (herein called the town) in County of Steuben, New York has received a petition, signed and acknowledged or proved as required by law and in full compliance with the requirements of Section 191

of the Town Law for the establishment of a water district in a portion of the Town as described therein and herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received and reviewed a map plan and report prepared by LaBella Associates DPC, competent engineers, duly licensed by the State of New York for the proposed establishment of the Schoonover Drive Water District in the Town and the construction of water improvements therein, consisting of the extension of approximately 550 linear feet of 8 inch diameter HDPR SDR-11 water main including valves, hydrants, related appurtenances and service laterals to six parcels and other ancillary or related work in connection therewith (referred to herein as the Water Improvement) ; and

WHEREAS the map plan and report dated September 2023 has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection; and

WHEREAS the proposed District is bounded and described as follows:

See attached:

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

The motion to approve the Corning Town Board making a declaration of negative environmental significance was made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus. All agreed and the motion carried.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to approve the October 2023 meeting minutes with Councilmember Fiscus seconding. All in favor, motion carried.

B & G REPORT

On a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis, the October Building & Grounds report was approved. All in favor. Carried.

CLERK REPORT

The October Town Clerk's report was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All approved. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to approve the October Highway report given orally by the Highway Superintendent. Councilmember Mullen seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried. He will submit a written copy of his report in the near future.

OCTOBER ABSTRACT

The October abstract was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$26,721.55
General Outside	\$2,906.95
Highway Outside	\$4,765.49
Gibson Light	\$397.49
Elmhurst Light	\$166.94
Cng Manor Light	\$227.06

Pine Shadow Light	\$73.07
Pinewood Water	\$685.01
Hornby Rd Water	\$57.55
E.C. Water	\$26,138.29
Trust & Agency	\$435.24
TOATL	\$62,574.64

ZONING BOARD MEMBERS

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to approve appointing Carl Sharak and Dan Flatt to the zoning board. Councilmember Sammis seconded and all were in favor. Carried.

WATER RE-LEVY APPROVAL

The Board approved the re-levy of unpaid water bills to be placed on the 2024 taxes by motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously. A final amount will be available at the December board meeting.

ARPA SPENDING

The motion approving the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of a new tractor for the Building and Grounds department and a new vehicle for the Code Enforcer was made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All were in favor, carried.

TRAINING APPROVAL

Councilmember Sammis made the motion approving the attendance of Councilmember Mullen to the newly elected officials training in January. Councilmember Fiscus seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

BRUSH DROP DISCUSSION

On a motion made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus the discussion regarding the Saturday brush drop off was approved. All in favor, motion carried. The board will discuss re-opening the Saturday brush drop off again in the spring.

WATER SOFTWARE DISCUSSION

Councilmember Fiscus made the motion to discuss the new software for water billing and collection. Councilmember Sammis seconded the motion. All in favor to discuss. Carried. Councilmember Sammis has made no decision regarding the purchase of new software.

COURT HIRE

The motion to approve the hiring of Kyle Benjamin as court security officer was made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Mullen. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

On a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis the date of the December board meeting was discussed. All in favor. Carried. The building will be used by the school district for voting on the regular board meeting date, so the Board agreed to change the date to the 13th

of December. That is also the same night as voting for the fire commissioners, so the board meeting will take place at 7:00 PM in the Assessor/Code office.

SAFE WORKPLACE AWARD

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to acknowledge the Comp Alliance safe work- place award check for \$2,461.00 received by the Town of Corning for having no accidents in 2022. Councilmember Mullen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS

The vacant Gibson Park was discussed.

Making Town news more available to residents was discussed.

Village water savings passed on to the Pinewood residents (?)was discussed.

Collins road repair was discussed.

The need for a new roof for the current building was discussed.

These minutes submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk