

Town of Corning Regular Board Meeting
December 13, 2023 7:00 PM
20 S. Maple St Corning NY 14830

Supervisor called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members present:

Councilmember Lon Fiscus

Councilmember Stuart Sammis

Supervisor Mike Brenning

Councilmember Jenniffer Mullen

Others Present:

Water Superintendent Ken Fields, County Legislator Carol Ferratella, Village Trustee Lorraine Diaz
Planning Board member Karl Sharak, various other members of the community.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The November minutes were approved on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All were in favor and the motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis the November Building and Grounds report was approved. All agreed and the motion passed.

Councilmember Sammis made the motion to approve the November Town Clerk's report. Councilmember Fiscus seconded, and all agreed unanimously. Motion carried.

The Highway report for November was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilmember Mullen the October Supervisors report was approved. Councilmember Sammis seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The November Abstract was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All agreed and the motion carried.

The motion approving the new software for the water department was made by Councilmember Fiscus and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All in favor. Carried. The cost of the Frey software for the first year is \$12,479.18 and \$2,675 for the years following.

Maryanne Bernardini was reappointed to the Board of Review on a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus. All approved and the motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilmember Fiscus the training for the new bookkeeper was approved. Councilmember Sammis seconded, and all were in favor. The motion carried. The cost of the training is \$200.00.

The motion for approval of the contract for Assessor services with the Town of Catlin along with a 3% raise was made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus. This contract begins January 1, 2024 and ends December 31,2024. The contract is renewed yearly.

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to discuss setting the organizational meeting for January 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Sammis seconded, all in favor. The motion carried. Newly elected will be sworn in at 6:00 PM by Judge Dale Leonard.

The 2023 budget will be modified in the DB fund in the following manor:

| FROM | TO |
|----------------|-----------------|
| DB560 \$21,419 | DB960 \$21,419. |

This was not included in the 2023 budget as is CHIPS money and unknown at time of budget creation.

All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis the 2023 budget was followed as follows:

| FROM | TO |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| DB510 \$23,472.00 | DB960 \$23,472.00 |

All agreed unanimously, motion carried.

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to modify the 2023 budget in the following manor:

| FROM | TO |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| DB510 \$59,500.00 | DB960 \$59,500.00 |
| SW8 \$16,391.00 | DB960 \$16391.00 |

All agreed. The motion was carried.

The motion approving the elimination of monthly payrolls was made by Councilmember Mullen and seconded by Councilmember Sammis. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Beginning in January of 2024 there will be 26 bi-weekly payrolls.

The motion approving the transfers within accounts was made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Mullen. All in favor, motion carried.

The Southern Tier Regional planning contract was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Mullen. All in favor. Carried. The contract amount approved was \$16,000.00 (same amount as last year).

On a motion made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Fiscus, the kennel contract with Jerry Aldrich was approved. All agreed. Motion carried.

Councilmember Mullen made the motion to discuss the salary of the incoming bookkeeper. Councilmember Sammis seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Councilmember Fiscus asked what credentials she has. The bookkeeper recited her education and experience for the board. The board decided to set her salary at \$34,000.00.

The exact amounts of the water re-levies were approved on a motion made by Councilmember Sammis and seconded by Councilmember Mullen. All in favor. Carried. The exact amounts were as follows: Hornby Road - \$3,101.18 Pinewood - \$6,684.55 Consolidated - \$19,092.05 totaling \$28,877.78.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

Joan Rosen from South Corning asked that her statement be added to the minutes. They can be found at the end of these minutes. She wished to let the Board know that she is interested in filling the empty seat on the board.

The board was asked why the bookkeeper is stepping down. They explained that he was leaving of his own will and was not fired.

Carol Ferratella explained that HEAP is still accepting applications for help with heat and cooling options. The website was discussed next, the fact that it is difficult to use. The Board is looking into a new option.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to adjourn at 7:40PM, with Councilmember Fiscus seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes submitted by;

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk

December 13, 2023

Good evening, I'm Joan Rosen, a South Corning resident.

I would like it to be known and recorded in the official meeting minutes, that I am interested in filling the Council vacancy opening up on January 1st.

As many of you know, I ran for a position on the Council in November and received nearly 1/3 of the total votes, only 65 less than the second winning candidate. In addition – and importantly – the spot is being vacated by Jen Mullen who ran and won the position TWICE as a Democrat.

In consideration of all of this, I would like my interest in filling this vacancy on the Council noted.

Thank you very much.

Joan Rosen

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