

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Minutes
August 20th, 2024 @ 7pm [Teams Link](#)

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order at 1900
- 2) Roll call of board members present R. Michael Brenning, Lon Fiscus, Donna Gridley, Jenniffer L. Mullen, Stuart Sammis
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing - Local Law 4 of 2024

- 4) Motion to open the public hearing regarding local law 4 of 2024 to allow Steuben County Ethics Board to serve as the Town of Corning Ethics Board by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Lon Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Comments by Ruth Plaisted and Jamie Cooney noted that not enough time was posted for the public to review. Commented that would like to have this voted on in the next meeting. Did not agree with having these decisions made in a policy/workshop meeting in July.

- 5) Motion to close the public hearing regarding local law 4 of 2024 to allow Steuben County Ethics Board to serve as the Town of Corning Ethics Board by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Local Law 4 of 2024

- 6) Motion to approve [Local Law 4 of 2024](#) revising the Local Law 2 of 2018 Ethics Law allowing Steuben County Ethics Board to serve as the Town of Corning Ethics Board. – Tabled per public comment to next month for vote.

Resolution to Petition for Speed Reduction

- 7) Motion to approve **Resolution 20 of 2024** to petition the Steuben County Highway Superintendent per [vehicle and traffic law 1622](#) to reduce speeds on the following roads in the Town of Corning by Lon Fiscus and seconded by Stuart Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Speed reduction from 35 mph to 30mph: Goff Rd

Speed reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph: Lower Dr., Upper Dr. Northwood Circle, Schoonover Dr., Stanley Dr., Harrington Dr., King Circle, Theresa Dr., Pinewood Circle, Jolley Way, Lando Lane, Overbrook Dr., Timberline Dr, Forrest Hill Dr., Hickory Lane, Pine Circle, Fairway Rd, Spaulding Dr., Green Pkwy

Roll call vote: _aye_R. Michael Brenning _aye_Donna Gridley _aye_Lon Fiscus
_aye_Jenniffer L. Mullen _aye__Stuart Sammis

Reports

- 8) Motion to approve [Town Clerk July 2024](#) report by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 9) Motion to approve Town [Highway July 2024](#) report by Lon Fiscus and seconded by Stuart Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 10) Motion to approve [Building and Grounds July 2024](#) report by Mike Brenning and seconded by Stuart Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 11) Motion to approve Town Council [July 16th, 2024](#) minutes by Donna Gridley and seconded by Lon Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 12) Motion to approve Town Council [July 23rd, 2024](#) minutes by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Mike Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 13) Motion to approve Town Council [August 14, 2024](#) minutes by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Lon Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 14) Motion to approve Town [Supervisor June 2024](#) report by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Mike Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 15) Motion to approve [Abstract 17](#) of 2024 by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Lon Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Playground/Parks

- 16) Motion to discuss [recreational area on Clark Street](#) by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Mike Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried. PowerPoint of survey results reviewed. Mike Brenning discussed eventual astroturf for area. Budgeted \$32,000 remains from ARPA funds to cover. Motion by Lon Fiscus to approve up to \$32,000 purchasing most highlighted items by residents with a second by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Contracts

- 17) Motion to discuss dog control officer contract by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Mike Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried. Mike Brenning noted would like Deb Matthews to come in and introduce herself and review contract at next meeting. Deb Matthews contacted and agreeable. Tabled further discussion until next meeting. Would like notice posted to allow others to apply. Supervisor Mullen to type up for Town Clerk to post.
 - Gerry Aldrich \$700/month (\$8,400/annual)

- Deb Matthews \$12,000 annual which includes mileage ([page 1 of contract](#), [page 2 of contract](#)).

18) Motion to approve cleaning contract for Town Hall by Donna Gridley and seconded by Lon Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried. Reviewed all contracts. Tabled for vote until later meeting. Would like notice posted to allow others to apply. Supervisor Mullen to type up for Town Clerk to post.

- [D & R Contract](#) -\$323 per month/once a week (\$3,876 annual) or \$590 per month/twice a week (\$7,080 annual)
- Greenstar - \$1,595 per month/once a week cleaning (\$19,140 annual)
- Theresa Novak - \$18,500 annual (\$1,541 per month)

19) Motion to discuss [mowing contract](#) for Town of Corning by Donna Gridley and seconded by Lon Fiscus. Mike Brenning recused himself. Remaining board members in favor. Reviewed contract and services. Would like notice posted to allow others to apply. Supervisor Mullen to type up for Town Clerk to post.

EFC Bond Resolution Procedure

20) *Motion to approve the following by Lon Fiscus and seconded by Mike Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.*

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued regulations requiring issuers of tax-exempt obligations to certify on various forms that they actively monitor compliance with federal tax rules following the issuance of such obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a periodic issuer of tax-exempt obligations and thus is subject to the aforementioned compliance requirements which are critical for the preservation of the preferential tax status of those obligations; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2014, the Town of Corning Town Board adopted updated post-issuance tax compliance procedures prepared by Hodgson Russ LLP, as bond counsel to the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town has reviewed their post-issuance tax compliance procedures and found that no changes are needed for fiscal year 2025.

*R. Michael Brenning __aye__ Lon Fiscus __aye__ Donna Gridley __aye__
Jenniffer L. Mullen aye__ Stuart Sammis aye__*

Setting Next Workshop/Meeting

21) *Motion to set next budget workshop meeting by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried. Next meeting will be September 10th, 2024 at 5:30pm.*

Community Comment

22) Any comments by visitors/community.

Comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person and a maximum of 10 minutes to allow the meeting to run smoothly.

Kathy Rose asked how mowing and contracts are paid for. If it is building and grounds or separate line items. Noted that these contracts have been separate line items for several year.

Ruth Plaisted noted that she feels speed limit reduction signs are a waste of money and money could be spent on other things.

Carol Faratella noted that Town minutes for July 23rd are still noted as "Agenda." Suggest for these minutes to be relabeled. Carol continues to note that \$7,000 approved ARPA list does not note who approved this. Would suggest update.

Tracy Huyler thanks for board for attempting to lower the speed limit on Goff Rd. States that her and her dog have almost been hit several times or pushed off the road into the grass.

Dale Leonard notes that he has not received a water bill for his two properties. Supervisor Mullen sent email to Ken Fields and copied him in.

Resignation

23) Motion to accept Charlette Smith's resignation from the Ethics Board by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Mike Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

24) Motion to hold executive session for personnel issue by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Lon Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

25) Motion to return to regular session at 2119 by Lon Fiscus and seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

26) Motion to adjourn at 2119 by Lon Fiscus and seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

Budget Meeting: September 10, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Monthly Board Meeting: September 17, 2024 @ 7pm

Planning Board Meeting: September 24, 2024 @ 5:30pm