

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Minutes
October 3rd, 2024 @ 5:30 PM Teams Link

Welcome

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Mullen @ 5:34 PM
2. Roll Call of Board Members Present: Councilman Sammis, Councilman Fiscus, Councilwoman Gridley, Supervisor Mullen, and Councilman Brenning.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

Budget

4. Motion to discuss cleaning contract job description/bid tabled till next meeting by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All bids to be submitted by October 14th to allow board members time to review at the October 15th meeting. Bid to be posted on the website by Supervisor Mullen and to the Leader by the Clerk's office tomorrow.
5. Motion to not allow comp time (carry overtime) for any exempt or salaried employees. Table until the next regular meeting.
6. Motion to discuss when board minutes should be posted to website tabled until the next meeting.
7. Resolution to approve [ARPA fund spending of listed purchases](#) by Councilman Fiscus and Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. Motion carried with discussion.
 - a. Transferred money from appropriated account for building maintenance and from interest accrued from ARPA funds to cover the roof because the roof was higher than expected.
8. Motion to approve resolution for ARPA expensed listed above by Councilman Fiscus. Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried. If any extra remains Supervisor Mullen will create another resolution before the end of the year.
9. Motion to discuss the upcoming 2025 budget by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - a. Wendy VanZile noted that the Court contractual funds should be reduced to \$5,000, where in previous years the budget amount was \$10,000. The court has ~~Have~~ only spent \$2,575.52 to date in 2024. The board will revisit next year if anything needs to change.
 - b. Building and Grounds/Water will need to replace the truck that was totaled. Insurance paid \$35,000. Supervisor Mullen allocated another \$35,000 to ensure there was enough for replacement. Funds are also allocated to replace the building and grounds trailer.
 - c. Councilwoman Gridley suggested a one-time deep clean of the building once construction has been completed.-The current budget for cleaning has allocated enough funds to cover a one time deep cleaning when needed.
 - d. Supervisor Mullen requested a dog census for 2025 at the cost of approximately \$1,500. The board reviewed having a dog-census for 2025 and would like to wait at this time. The \$1,500 was not placed in the budget per board request.
 - e. The consortium approved the Town of Corning. Supervisor Mullen appropriated \$70,000 for coverage at this time.

- f. Steuben County Finance Department sent an invoice for \$4,479.87 to be added to the tax levy for Court-ordered tax refunds, corrections, assessment errors, and other assessment changes or adjustments resulting in refunds. The Town will have this added on the tax role. Gibson Light District has a charge of \$48.76 added to the tax role for this as well.
 - g. The Board of Elections noted to allocate approximately \$11,000 for the estimated cost for the 2024 election.
 - h. Steuben County Real Property Tax Service Agency will bill \$1,500 for 2025.
 - i. Motion to approve 3% Raise for all town employees except Court Security by Councilman Brenning and Seconded by Councilman Fiscus. Motion held with request for executive session to discuss personnel issue before vote.
- 10. Motion made by Councilman Sammis to enter into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue related to further budget discussions. Motion seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - 11. Motion to return to regular session by Councilman Sammis and Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approve 3% raise for all town employees except court security made by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
 - 12. Motion to approve 3% raise for all town employees except Court Security by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Fiscus
 - 13. Preliminary 2025 budget to be presented to the public during October 15th meeting. Public hearing must be held before the Thursday following the general election per Office of the State Comptroller.
 - 14. Motion to Approve Tentative Agreement between The Town of Corning and The CSEA Local 1000 Councilman Sammis and Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

- 15. Motion to adjourn at 6:50PM by Councilman Fiscus and Seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

Monthly Board Meeting: October 15th, 2024 @7PM