

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Minutes
November 19th, 2024 @ 7pm [Teams Link](#)

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order at 7 PM
- 2) Roll call of board members present Councilwoman Gridley, Councilman Fiscus, Councilman Brenning, Supervisor Mullen. Absent: Councilman Sammis (attended by Teams but did not vote)
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

- 4) Motion to approve the following consent agenda items by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Town Clerk [October 2024](#) report.
 - Town Highway [October 2024](#) report.
 - Building and Grounds [October 2024](#) report.
 - Town Supervisor [September 2024](#) report.
 - Town Supervisor [October 2024](#) report.
 - Town Council [October 3, 2024 minutes](#) (with requested corrections).
 - Town Council [October 15, 2024 minutes](#) (with requested revisions).
 - Town Council [November 7th, 2024 minutes](#)
 - [Abstract 20 of 2024](#).

Chips

Motion to pay Lane \$1,751.20 for Highway bill by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes Posting

- 5) Motion to discuss posting Teams video/transcript of meeting while awaiting final

approval of board minutes by Councilwoman Gridley and Seconded by Councilman Fiscus. After much discussion the video/transcript was left undecided.

Contracts

6) Motion to discuss cleaning contract (with prevailing wage) for Town Hall by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor for discussion.

- [D & R Contract](#) -\$373 per month/once a week
- [Greenstar](#) - \$1,500 per month
- [Pristine Clean](#) - \$1,880 per month
- [Retterer & Sons Janitorial](#) - \$737 per month
- [Corning Professional Cleaners](#) - \$1,260 per month

7) Motion to approve D & R for cleaning for 2025 budget year by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley to discuss proposals for cleaning. Motion was made to accept D & R contract for 1 year by Councilman Fiscus and Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. Motion carried.

8) Motion to approve [Edmunds IT Gov Tech three-year contract](#) \$12,180 annually made by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

9) Motion to approve [TUQC Contract](#) for 2025 made by Councilman Fiscus and Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

10) Motion to approve Comp Alliance Workers Comp for \$45,337 for one year, by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No-Cost Water District

11) Resolution 21 of 2024 to approve [No-Cost Water District Intermunicipal Agreement](#) with Villages of Painted Post and South Corning and the City of

Corning. Roll call vote: Councilman Brenning yes, Councilwoman Gridley yes, Councilman Fiscus yes, Supervisor Mullen yes. Motion carried.

Resolution to Levy Unpaid Water Bills

12) Motion to approve Resolution 22 of 2024 to re-levy unpaid water on the attached Village and Town of Corning properties 2025 tax roll per General Municipal Law 452(4); Town Law 193(3), Town Law 198(9)(c) (Solid Waste) by Councilwoman Gridley and

seconded by Councilman Fiscus.

Roll call vote was Councilman Brenning yes, Councilwoman Gridley yes, Councilman Fiscus yes, Supervisor Mullen yes. Motion carried.

Purchase Approval

13) Motion to approve purchase of new Building and Grounds/Water truck for \$80,920.00 to be paid for in 2025 budget by Councilman Brenning and Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. **All in favor.** Motion carried.

Address Change

14) Motion to approve Resolution 23 of 2024 to change the Town of Corning address to 25 South Elm Street Corning, NY 14830 as the front entrance is now completely closed by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. Roll call vote: Councilman Brenning yes, Councilwoman Gridley yes, Supervisor Mullen yes, Councilman Fiscus yes. Motion carried.

Planning Board

15) Motion to reappoint Sara Hale to the Planning Board for a five-year term (January 1st, 2025 – December 31, 2029) by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried. Recommendation received from the planning board to support reappointment.

Motion to accept Resolution 24 of 2024 with the updated [Planning Board Fee Schedule](#) (Fee Schedule Differences) by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. Roll call vote was taken Councilman Brenning yes, Councilwoman Gridley yes, Supervisor Mullen yes, Councilman Fiscus yes. Motion carried.

16) Motion to approve setting a public hearing on December 17, 2024 at 7pm for revisions to [the Town of Corning Zoning Ordinance](#). (Rationale for Change) by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board of Assessment Review

17) Motion to reappoint David Burrows for a five-year term effective 10/01/2024-09/30/2029 by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Evaluations

18) Motion to discuss annual evaluations for employees by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Fiscus.

Discussion ensued regarding if evaluations should be linked to pay raises. Will set up workshops with employees after the holidays to have further discussion and create evaluations as a group.

Community Comment

19) 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.

- The Ethics committee was brought up by community member Joan Rosen that she had tried to call to talk to the ethics board Brenda Scotchmer, but she never received a call back. Joan stated she then called Jack Wheeler and he knew no such thing of the Town of Corning Ethics Board being moved to the county. Another Community member Carol Ferratella has received several calls from residents for ethics board information. Information is listed on the website under the government tab. Supervisor Mullen sent an email during the meeting to Brenda Scotchmer requesting follow-up for Joan Rosen.
- Community Member Joan Rosen brought up The Notice of Claim that has been brought up against Jen Mullen the Supervisor by The Court Clerk, Theresa Novak. Supervisor Mullen stated she can't make any comments at this time. Joan Rosen noted there is a public hearing for this claim on December 5th, 2024. Supervisor Mullen noted this is a deposition against Ms. Novak who filed the claim which is not open to the public. Workers comp is covering this claim and no additional cost to taxpayers.
- Another Community Member Carol Ferratella noted we should take visitor comments for agenda items should be in the beginning of the meeting like when we started at the beginning of the year and general comments at the end.

Adjournment

20) Motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Board Meeting: December 10th,2024 @ 5:30pm Monthly

Board Meeting: December 17th, 2024 @ 7pm