

Town of Corning Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 17th, 2024 @ 7pm [Teams Link](#)

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order at 1900 by Supervisor Mullen.
- 2) Roll call of board members present: Councilman Brenning, Councilman Fiscus, Councilwoman Gridley, Supervisor Mullen, Councilman Sammis
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comment

- 4) Visitor comments related to agenda items. No more than 2 minutes per person with a maximum of 10 minutes for comments. None at this time.

Public Hearing

- 5) Motion to open public hearing for [proposed zoning law changes](#) Local Law 5 of 2024 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - a) Brian Toy from STC reviewed highlights of proposed zoning law changes. Answered public and Town Board questions.
- 6) Motion to close public hearing for proposed zoning law changes by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Law Changes

- 7) Motion for the Corning Town Board to claim lead agency for SEQR by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8) Motion for the Corning Town Board to classify the zoning text revisions as an unlisted action by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 9) Motion that there is no environmental significance in these zoning law changes by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 10) Motion to approve Local Law 5 of 2024 for [zoning law changes](#) Tabled until 2025.

CDBG Grant

- 11) Motion to approve Resolution 24 of 2024 to appoint Jenniffer Mullen or designee as the fair housing officer in response to the [Fair Housing Plan](#) by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried. WHEREAS, The Town of Corning is a recipient of a grant from the Community Development Block Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and implemented in New York State by the Governor's Office of Community Renewal; and

WHEREAS, grant regulations required that recipients affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corning is the grant recipient for the Town of Corning Housing Needs Assessment Project funded through a Community Development Block Grant Award; and

WHEREAS, the Town will affirmatively further fair housing through the publication of materials, placement of legal advertisements and other actions deemed necessary to affirmatively further fair housing in the Town of Corning.

Roll Call Vote: R. Michael Brenning __aye__ Lon Fiscus __aye__ Donna Gridley __aye__
Jenniffer L. Mullen __aye__ Stuart Sammis __aye__

12) Motion to adopt the [Fair Housing Plan](#) by Councilwoman Gridley and Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

13) Motion to approve the following consent agenda items by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Town Clerk [November 2024](#) report.
- Town Highway [November 2024](#) report.
- Building and Grounds [November 2024](#) report.
- Town Supervisor [November 2024](#) report.
- Town Council [November 19, 2024 minutes \(with requested corrections\)](#).
- [Abstract 21 of 2024](#)

Use of Hall

14) Motion to discuss Corning Painted Post School using the Town Hall May 20th, 2025 for the annual budget vote. This is the same night as our meeting. By Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Sammis. Tentative date change for Town of Corning Board meet to May 21, 2025 @ 7pm. Approval for Corning Painted Post to use hall for elections. All in favor. Motion carried.

Insurance Approval

15) Motion to approve [NYMIR Insurance Policy](#) for 2025 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Solutions

16) Motion to approve contract with [Municipal Solutions](#) for 2025 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.
([General Contract Disclosures from Municipal Solutions](#))

Consortium Resolution

17) **RESOLUTION 25 of 2024**: ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE OF THE: 2025 MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Effective Date: January 1, 2025 WHEREAS, the Town of Corning applied for membership in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and WHEREAS, the Town of Corning received notification of approval by the Consortium Board of Directors to become a Participant in the Consortium effective January 1, 2025, now therefore be it RESOLVED, That the Town of Corning hereby accepts membership effective January 1, 2025 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2025 Amendment to the [Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium](#) as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Roll call vote: R. Michael Brenning __aye__ Lon Fiscus __aye__ Donna Gridley __aye__
Jenniffer L. Mullen __aye__ Stuart Sammis __aye__

Hiring Additional Court Officer

18) Motion to approve hiring of an additional court officer, Chris Black by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Brenning. Per the Judges, Mr. Black will not need any additional training as he is a retired Chemung County Sheriff Deputy and currently works part time with Schuyler County Sheriff's office. No changes to payroll will be noted as Mr. Black will be filling in for another officer while they are out of town until June 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

Annual Audits

19) Motion to appoint Town Council members to conduct annual audits by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried. Audits are due by January 31, 2025 for:

- a. [Town Clerk](#) To be completed by Councilman Brenning and Councilwoman Gridley.
- b. [Town Supervisor](#) To be completed by Councilman Sammis
- c. [Court Justices](#) To be completed by Councilman Fiscus

Community Comment

20) Visitor comments not related to agenda items.

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

- a) Jamie Cooney questioned the cost increase of NYMIR insurance.

Adjournment

21) Motion to adjourn at 1952 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

Monthly/Organizational Board Meeting: January 21st, 2025 @ 7pm

Planning Board Meeting: January 28th, 2025 @ 5:30pm