

Town of Corning Town Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7pm [Teams Link](#)

**Welcome**

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

**Community Comments**

- 4) Questions/comments by the community regarding agenda items. Each person will be limited to 2 minutes with a maximum of ten minutes for all comments/questions. No comments at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

- 5) Motion to approve the following consent agenda items by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - Town Clerk [January 2025](#) report.
  - Town Highway [January 2025](#) report.
  - Building and Grounds [January 2025](#) report.
  - Town Council [January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Meeting minutes](#)
  - [Abstract 2 of 2025](#) (correction of voucher 84 – reduce mileage compensation to 65 cents per mile from requested 70 cents per mile. (Total to be paid \$29.90 instead of \$32.20.)

**Bookkeeper Appointment**

- 6) Appointment of Rebekah Carroll/Statements Accounting and Consulting as bookkeeper due to Linda van der Grinten stepping down. Budget will not be affected due to change (cost anticipated to actually decrease by approximately \$10,000). Motion to approve Statements Accounting, LLC contract by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Discussion from Councilman Brenning requested an audit with change of bookkeeper. Supervisor to request quote from EFPR who previously completed audit and bring to next meeting.

**Bid for New Outside Doors**

- 7) Motion to approve sending out bids to replace three (3) outside doors to the Town Hall by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Policy Review**

- 8) Motion to accept the [Emergency Management Plan](#) for the Town of Corning per [NYS Executive Law Article 2B § 20](#) by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 9) [Employee Policy Manual](#) Motion to increase compensatory time to forty (40) hours per year for hourly employees by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 10) Motion to allow vacation time to be granted at the beginning of the fiscal year (January 1<sup>st</sup>) for employees. New employees will still remain ineligible for vacation time until they have worked for six (6) months by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Zoning Plan Updates**

- 11) Motion to accept the [zoning plan updates](#) as highlighted by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Timber Harvesting Local Law**

- 12) Motion to approve setting a public hearing for [Local Law 1 of 2025](#) to regulate timber harvesting. The purpose of this law is to regulate those harvesting activities that hold the greatest potential for causing damage to neighboring lands, water quality, and public roads by Councilman Sammis Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Emergency Management Local Law**

- 13) Motion to approve setting a public hearing for Local Law 2 of 2025 to update Local Law 2 of 1987 to accept the [Town of Corning Emergency Management Plan](#) by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Ethics Law**

- 14) Resolution 18 of 2025 to no longer require financial disclosure forms from any elected official or employee of the Town of Corning by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

- 15) Motion to enter into Executive Session at 1921 based on possible litigation matters by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in

favor. Motion carried.

16) Motion to return from Executive Session at 2007 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Community Comment**

17) Any comments by visitors/community not to exceed two minutes per person and ten minutes for all comments/questions.

- Carol Farratella states she was unable to download the 2025 budget from the website. Supervisor Mullen to email her the budget.
- Ruth Plaisted questioned the voucher comment under item 5 and why the outside doors were not placed in the remodeling of the building. She questioned if the board budgeted the funds and Supervisor Mullen answered that this was budgeted under building and grounds.

### **Truck Sale**

18) Motion to allow Glen Rose to attempt to sell T-5 on Auctions International as another truck has been purchased from the town of Pulteney by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Grant Application**

19) Motion to approve applying for NYS Records Management Improvement Fund Grant with the Village of South Corning (contingent on the Village of S. Corning trustee's approval) by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

20) Motion to adjourn at 2013 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Community Engagement Committee meeting at 6pm

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Town Council Meeting at 7pm