

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Minutes
March 18th, 2025 @ 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, Supervisor Mullen, Councilman Sammis
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Mullen.

Public Hearing

- 4) Motion to open public hearing for Local Law 1 of 2025 to regulate [Timber Harvesting](#) by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Marvin Olmstead questioned what this local law was regarding. Explanation was given.
- 5) Motion to close the public hearing for Local Law 1 of 2025 to regulate Timber Harvesting by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning.
- 6) Motion to open the public hearing for Local Law 2 of 2025 [Emergency Management Plan](#) by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - No questions or comments.
- 7) Motion to close the public hearing for Local Law 2 of 2025 Emergency Management Plan by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Community Comments

- 8) 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. None at this time.

Local Law Approval

- 9) Motion to approve Local Law 1 of 2025 to regulate [Timber Harvesting](#) by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 10) Motion to approve Local Law 2 of 2025 [Emergency Management Plan](#) by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- 11) Motion to approve the following consent agenda items by Councilman Sammis and seconded Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Town Clerk [February 2025 report](#).

- Town Highway [February 2025](#) report.
- Building and Grounds [February 2025 report](#).
- Town Council [February 18, 2025 meeting minutes](#).
- [Abstract 3](#) of 2025

Budget Transfers

12) Motion to approve the following [budget transfers](#) to close out 2024 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Noise Ordinance

13) Motion to discuss [Noise Ordinance](#) for the Town of Corning Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Fiscus would like more clarification and an ordinance that is more objective. Had questions that he would like sent to the Planning Board for review. Supervisor Mullen to send questions to Planning Board for review. Tabled for further review by planning board.

Bid for New Outside Doors

14) Motion to review received bids for three (3) outside steel doors by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried. Discussion regarding types of locks and cost vs benefit of each type of lock. Discussion regarding type of doors that each contractor is planning to utilize due to the cost discrepancy. Supervisor Mullen to reach out to each contractor and request door specifics and written detail of hardware. Ken Fields and Supervisor Mullen to bring lock estimates to board at next month's meeting for follow up.

Trailer

15) Motion to approve [2025 22" deck trailer](#) for Ken Fields at state bid \$10,800 by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Audit

16) Motion to review quotes for 2024 audit by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approve EFPR for 2024 A fund audit by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

- EFPR \$18,500 for A fund.
- Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co., LLP \$26,000 for A fund
- Drescher Malecki – Awaiting response

Procurement Policy Revision

17) Motion to accept [revised procurement policy](#) for compliance with CDBG grant by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Conference Request

18) Motion to approve Kathleen Morrow-Olmstead to attend the annual [Town Clerk conference](#) for a total of \$984. This cost includes hotel, training, and meals by Councilman Brenning and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Updates from Supervisor Mullen

- While out campaigning and talking to residents, several residents on the North side noted the request for public water due to damage to their washers, dishwashers, hot water heaters etc. Supervisor Mullen would like to send out a survey to the Northside residents and determine if and how many residents would be interested in public water before moving forward with any studies or grants. If there is no interest, there is no reason to pursue but if a majority of residents have interest, Supervisor Mullen will follow up. Larry Smith from Painted Post DPW spoke with Supervisor Mullen today and has agreed to help in any way he can and states Painted Post would be happy to help with the project.
- Councilman Sammis updated on Three Rivers Development meeting regarding growth of potential new small business and increasing hiking trails through the Town.
- Supervisor Mullen reminded residents of the Community Engagement meeting being held tomorrow at 6pm.
- Supervisor Mullen asked Council members to walk through the building and determine if any construction needs should be finished as Ely Smith states he is done with the renovation.

Community Comment

- 19) Any comments by visitors/community not to exceed two minutes per person and ten minutes for all comments/questions.
- Carol Ferratella noted upcoming County Earth Day events/times. Supervisor Mullen to post on website.
 - Carol Ferratella questioned why the roof was fully paid when it is not complete. Supervisor Mullen informed her that only the down payment had been made.
 - Carol Ferratella noted that the landbank is working with municipalities within Steuben County to utilize countywide acquisition of property and

return it to taxable status. Carol encouraged the Town to notify of any land donations that the Council may know of.

- Carol Ferratella discussed the Deed Fraud Alert Service that is available to residents who own property and would want to be notified if someone illegally transfers a property's title or mortgage.
- Ruth Plaisted noted that she would like Facebook to only have Town of Corning events. Nothing from the fire department, church dinners etc.
- Ruth Plaisted questioned when Shawn Lane Park will be updated. Supervisor Mullen informed her that all park equipment has been purchased but the building and grounds employees are working on clean up after the storm. Currently colder weather has prohibited work on the parks/playgrounds. Building the playground on Clark St. will start first as there is no equipment in that area. After that is completed, Shawn Lane will be updated.

Adjournment

20) Motion to adjourn at 1946 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

March 19th, 2025 Community Engagement Meeting at 6pm

March 25th, 2025 Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm

April 15th, 2025 Town Council Meeting at 7pm