

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Minutes
April 15th, 2025 @ 7pm [Teams Link](#)

Welcome

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

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.
 - Carol Farratella states some confusion with the water surveys. Asked what addresses were utilized for the survey. Informed her on area and that address list was sent to Larry Smith from Painted Post Water and Public Works to review for any residents that may have water. Supervisor Mullen to follow up with Larry Smith next week.

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 [March 2025 report](#)
 - Town Highway [March 2025](#) report
 - Building and Grounds [March 2025 report](#)
 - Town Council [March 18th, 2025](#) report
 - Town Supervisor [December 2024](#) report
 - [Abstract 4 of 2025](#)

Worker's Compensation

- 6) Motion to discuss worker's compensation with Scott Sprague, Steuben County by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scott discussed savings and coverage. States that Town was in the county plan several years ago and left. Rate locked in for two years. A reservation of rights letter must be sent to Comp Alliance to give notice that we are looking at options 60 days before next year. Scott states he likes this to be sent out in September. Scott states PERMA provides training for municipalities including highway, workplace violence, and sexual harassment. Existing claims stay with Comp

Alliance. If we join the County plan, any claims would be kept with the County plan (PERMA) should the Town choose to leave. The Town currently pays \$45,337. The County is offering coverage at \$24,500. Savings of \$20,837. Supervisor Mullen to follow up with comp alliance for a side by side comparison.

Bid for New Outside Doors

- 7) Motion to review received bids and locks for three (3) outside steel doors by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley.
(\$8,700 Tic Toc Handyman or \$13,200 Ely Smith)
Locks not to exceed \$2,000
Per Councilman Sammis the contract needs to specify completion by July 15th, 2025 pending door arrival due to shipping of doors and material. Down payment of doors and pay labor at end. Doors to be fully installed from start to finish so there is no lapse in security.
Motion to approve Tic Toc Handyman bid of \$8,700 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor.
Motion to purchase locks for doors not to exceed \$2,000 per set by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Sammis.

Work Experience Program

- 8) Motion to approve the [Steuben County Work Experience Program and/or Mobile Work Program](#) for the 2025 year by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Local Law 3 of 2025

- 9) Motion to discuss setting public hearing for [Local Law 3 of 2025 for a Moratorium of Commerical Battery Energy Storage Systems](#) by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development Block Grant

- 10) Motion to adopt the [Local Recipient Administrative Plan](#) to confirm how the requirements of the Community Planning grant are met by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sweeper

- 11) Motion to discuss purchase of 2017 Elgin Sweeper from auctions international (Sourcewell – NYS approved bidder) for total of \$20,000 plus auction fees of \$2,000 for total of \$22,000 by Councilman Fiscus and Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approve the purchase Sammis Gridley.

Updates

- Fall festival to be held October 18th noon – 4pm with rain date of October 25th.

- ARPA report filed.
- Water Surveys have been mailed (approx. 175 residents). 19 yes. 14 no Supervisor Mullen to follow up with more residents and ask for quotes for a study.
- Ground has been broken for the Clark St. playground. Thank you Ken Fields and crew!

Community Comment

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

- Joan Rosen would like to know if there is a copy of the ARPA report. Supervisor Mullen instructed her to FOIL for the report if interested.
- Joan Rosen questioned what jobs were available for the work program. Informed that building and grounds, codes, highway, and assessor could all use help.
- Jamie Cooney asked for more information on Local Law 3. Brad Laverty discussed the reason and background of the law. Informed of risk of batteries and potential risk to firefighters.
- Carol Faratella states roadside clean-up now available. The town doesn't have to pay for roadside garbage to go to the landfill. Informed that two-week window is open for DPW if the town would like to schedule. Ken, Glen, and Supervisor Mullen to discuss dates to request.
- Carol Faratella questioned ARPA funds and how much we went over and how that was filed.
- Ruth Plaisted questioned why we spent more than the initial \$69,000. Supervisor Mullen educated that all extra contracts were approved. Ruthie states that she does not feel this should have been done. Educated that board approved all purchases and reflected in minutes. If she would like to review, all minutes are posted on the website or available by FOIL>

Adjournment

13) Motion to adjourn at 1948 by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

April 16th, 2025 Community Engagement Committee 6pm

April 22nd, 2025 Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm

May 20th, 2025 Town Council Meeting at 7pm