

Town of Corning Town Council Minutes

May 20th, 2025 @ 7pm

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Mullen.
- 2) Roll Call of board members present: Councilman Fiscus, Councilman Sammis, Councilwoman Gridley, Supervisor Mullen. Absent Councilman Brenning.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Mullen.

Local Law 3 of 2025

- 4) Motion to classify the Moratorium on Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems as a Type II Action, as such, Review under SEQR is complete by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
- 5) Motion to accept 239-m comments from Steuben County regarding the Moratorium on Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing

- 6) Motion to open public hearing for [Local Law 3 of 2025 for a Moratorium of Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems](#)
 - No Questions or Comments
 - Motion made by Councilman Sammis and Seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- 7) Motion to close public hearing for [Local Law 3 of 2025 for a Moratorium of Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems](#) made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Local Law 3 of 2025

- 8) Motion to approve Local Law 3 of 2025 for a Moratorium of Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilman Sammis. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Community Comments

- 9) Questions/Comments by the community regarding agenda items.

- Marvin Olmstead asked if Sewer would be offered to Town Residence. Supervisor Mullen replied saying we are working on sewer grants and a project to try to get sewer down 352 by the hospital. The bond resolution which we will discuss will allow Jamie Genzel from Fagan's Engineering to apply for grants to try and get sewer down 352 by the hospital to increase commercial business in our area. It would then bridge off 352 and behind the hospital to other areas such as the Manor.

Consent Agenda

10) Motion to approve the following consent agenda items by Councilman Sammis and Seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- Town Clerk [April 2025](#) Report
- Town Highway [April 2025](#) Report
- Building and Grounds [April 2025](#) Report
- Town Council [April 25th, 2025](#) minutes
- Town Supervisor [January 2025](#) Report
- Town Supervisor [February 2025](#) Report
- Town Supervisor [March 2025](#) Report
- [Abstract 5 of 2025](#)

STC Conference

11) Motion to approve nine (9) employees/officials (Brad Laverty, Jen Mullen, Stuart Sammis, Phil Zarnoch, Brad Boersen, Glen Rose, Kathy Olmstead, Ciara Force, Ken Fields) to attend the annual [STC conference](#) on June 5th, 2025 for \$75 each (\$675 total) at Corning Community College by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor. Motion Carried.

STC Contract

12) Motion to approve an additional \$3,000 for STC services as extra work has been completed for the town with local laws, planning board assistance, CDBG grant before billing was available directly to the grant, moratorium, larger applications for projects (i.e. Edger by projects (i.e. Edger) by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Worker's Compensation

13) Motion to discuss workers compensation comparison. Cost savings will be \$24,500. There is no downside to changing over. Our contract was over last year, and we voted for one year.

- Motioned by Councilman Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 14) Resolution 19 of 2025 to approve sending Workers Comp Alliance a notice of reservation to withdraw by Councilman Sammis and Seconded by Councilman Fiscus.
- Roll call vote: Stuart Sammis-aye, Lon Fiscus- aye, Jenniffer Mullen- aye, Mike Brenning- absent.

Sewer Line Grant Application

- 15) Motion to approve [East Corning Sewer Bond Resolution](#) for Fagan Engineering to apply for NYS Sewer Grants by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus.
- Resolution 20 of 2025 to approve [East Corning Sewer Bond Resolution](#) for Fagan Engineering to apply for NYS Sewer Grants by Councilman Sammis and Seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
 - Roll Call Vote: Lon Fiscus-aye, Donna Gridley-aye, Jenniffer Mullen-aye, Stuart Sammis-aye, Mike Brenning-absent.

Splash Pad Engineering Study

- 16) Motion to approve Splash Pad engineering study with Fagan Engineering not to exceed \$5,000 by Councilwoman Gridley and Seconded by Councilman Sammis motion for discussion.
- The village has been kind enough to donate the water.
 - Inexpensive cost, employee rate to do a full engineering study.
 - Spoke with Watkins and Elmira Building and Grounds, they stated it is very inexpensive to maintain.
 - There would be a button to push for it to turn on and then it would cycle into a dry well and then into a sewer. Water would be set on a timer. It would be winterized during the winter.
 - This is for us to open the study and see what grants we can receive.
 - Parking will be included in the study and so will insurance prices.

Noise Ordinance

- 17) Motion to approve Resolution 21 of 2025 for [The Town of Corning Noise Ordinance](#) by Councilwoman Gridley and seconded by Councilman Sammis.
- Will start with this but will also have the Planning Board look back over it.
 - Will be at the discretion of the Code Enforcer.

Privacy Policy for Website

18) Motion to approve the [Privacy Policy](#) to be posted on The Town of Corning website per NYS Municipal Website laws by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Updates

- Deputy Supervisor appointment changed to Stuart Sammis.
- Fall Festival October 18th 12pm to 4pm
- Clark Street Playground is partially up and being used.
- AFR to be completed by the end of the month. Extension granted by OSC. Awaiting questions to be answered from OSC auditor to ensure accuracy regarding statement of indebtedness.
- EFPR completed with audit. Awaiting final results.

Community Comments

- Joan Rosen asked if we as the community and employees were notified about Linda stepping down as the Bookkeeper. Supervisor Mullen replied that we were all notified, and that the new accountant information is not generally posted on the website.

Executive Session

19) Motion for executive session based on personnel issue by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

20) Motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:36 PM by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Fiscus.

Policy For Next Meeting

21) Per Councilman Fiscus, he would like to draft for a policy to have the Town Clerk keep her door locked for safety of herself, the deputy clerk, and records/assets. Supervisor Mullen to draft and place on next agenda.

Adjournment

22) Motion to adjourn at 8:37PM by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilwoman Gridley. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 27th, 2025, Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm
- June 17th, 2025 Town Council Meeting at 7pm