

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025 @ 7pm [Teams Link](#)

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order at 7pm by Supervisor Jen Mullen
- 2) Roll call of board members present: Mike Brenning, Lon Fiscus, Donna Gridley, Jennifer Mullen, Stuart Sammis
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Jennifer 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. Supervisor instructed that “no questions would be taken about my arrest”

Judge Wendy Vanzile: “I had asked to be put on the agenda for this month, so could you make sure to put me on next month's agenda”

Ruth Plaisted asked “just how much are these parties in the park costing the tax people and where is the monies coming from, because there's not one word in the budget about it”

Supervisor Mullen stated “Yes it's there under Parks and Recreation”

Ruth stated “I believe that Parks and Recreation money is long gone”

Supervisor Mullen stated “It's not at all”

Consent Agenda

- 5) A motion to approve the following consent agenda items was made by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Town Clerk [May 2025](#) report
 - Town Highway [May 2025](#) report
 - Building and Grounds [May 2025](#) report
 - Town Council [May 20th, 2025](#) minutes
 - Town Supervisor [April 2025](#) report
 - Town Supervisor [May 2025](#) report
 - [Abstract 6](#) of 2025

Policy – Safety

- 6) Motion for discussion regarding the following policy to add to the employee manual by Councilman Stuart Sammis and seconded by Councilman Mike Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

The town clerk's office will remain locked at all times for the safety of personnel, records, and receivables present in the office. Access will be allowed on a limited basis at the clerk's discretion for town residents with special requirements that may need to be

addressed.

Councilman Lon Fiscus asked “Kathy, is there anything we should know about your office?”

Kathy: “I’ll tell you how I’ve done it in the last year and a half. During tax season, which is January to March. My office is always locked due to the amount of tax money coming in. Then April through December my office is open for the town’s people to be able to come in. The only thing in my office then is my filing cabinet and we all have filing cabinets in our offices.”

Councilman Lon Fiscus stated, “It’s more for your security given the events at Schuyler County in the past.”

Kathy Olmstead stated “Then I guess everyone should lock their doors, because we all need security.

Councilman Lon Fiscus then stated, “you’re at more of a risk than others.”

Kathy stated: “If someone is mad at the Town, why would they isolate me out?”

Councilman Mike Brenning stated: “I don’t know how we can mandate her. I just want to say, if we do that to her office then everyone should have their doors locked too.”

Councilman Lon Fiscus stated, “I’m willing to discuss it further at another time”

Supervisor Jenniffer Mullen asked, “Do you want me to table it then?”

Councilman Lon Fiscus stated “yes”

Supervisor Jenniffer Mullen: “tabled until next meeting then.”

ZBA

- 7) Motion to accept Dan Flatt’s resignation from the ZBA due to health issues by Councilman Lon Fiscus and seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8) Motion to appoint Jack Tallarida to the ZBA, being the only applicant, by Councilman Lon Fiscus and seconded by Councilwoman Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Jack Tallarida introduced himself to the board and towns people.

Fall Festival

- 9) Motion to approve allowing donations from local businesses as gift/door prizes for the Fall festival by Councilman Stuart Sammis and seconded by Councilman Lon Fiscus. All donations will be recorded for audit purposes. All in favor. Motion carried

Updates

- Fall festival October 18th 12p-4p, Rain date the following Saturday
- [AFR completed](#) and filed. Posted on website.
- Audit in final review. To have final results in the next couple of weeks.

Community Comment

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

Ruth Plaisted stated "You said bands were donating their time, now you're saying it's costing \$300.

Supervisor Jen Mullen responded, "I don't remember saying they were donating their time, but it's costing \$600 for the two bands."

Joan Rosen asked, "how many people came to the park last time?"

Supervisor Mullen stated "I think about 40-50."

Kathy Rose asked, "when they did the renovations, were the windows changed out, because if not, that would be a bigger concern regarding the clerk's office"

Supervisor Mullen noted that the Town Clerk could watch on security cameras for people outside and encouraged the clerk to contact CPE to learn how to utilize the cameras.

Joan Rosen asked, "Have we had an inspector come in and inspect the renovations like OSHA?"

Councilman Sammis and Supervisor Mullen responded that "this was not needed due to being a town building."

Adjournment

- 11) Motion to adjourn Supervisor Jen Mullen asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:19pm, motion made by Councilman Stuart Sammis and seconded by Councilman Donna Gridley, all in favor, motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 21st, 2025 Music in the Parks with Sam Pallet and Friends

June 24th, 2025 Planning Board Meeting 5:30pm

June 27th, 2025 Movies in the Park: Clark St Playground Wonka!

July 15th, 2025 Town Council Meeting at 7pm