

Town of Corning Town Council
Budget Meeting Minutes
September 30th, 2025 @ 6pm [Teams Link](#)

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order by Supervisor Tuttle
- 2) Roll call of board members present: R. Michael Brenning, Lon Fiscus, Donna Gridley, Jenniffer L. Tuttle Absent: Stuart Sammis
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance

Budget

- 4) Motion to discuss [2026 budget](#) by Donna Gridely and seconded by Lon Fiscus. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - [Insurance 8% vs 10% contribution](#) -HRA cost -Insurance Cost. Discussed increased HRA cost (average of \$90,000 over 3 years that was not included in the budget but completed by cash transfers). Supervisor Tuttle feels these costs need to be directly recorded in the budget for transparency to residents and accuracy. Approximately \$50,000 from interest is earned each year through Chemung Canal. Councilman Fiscus suggested using the interest earning to allocate toward HRA cost and budget the remainder. Supervisor Tuttle to work on this.
 - Brad Laverty presented new code software to the board at the estimated cost of \$4,500. This would allow tracking, electronic forms, and benefits to the town as well as his office. Board agreeable to purchase. Supervisor Tuttle to place on next agenda for official vote.
 - Decision if Town Council members should be offered insurance and at what percentage they should contribute if offered. (See above worksheet Lines A67-69) discussed. Town Council members will be offered insurance at the same rate as the employees. Must contribute the same amount.
 - Should Town continue [to pay for buy-out](#) of \$1,500 for insurance discussed. Decision to allow 2 employees receiving the buy-out to maintain until their term ends and for all other employees to not have option moving forward (as no one else currently using). Supervisor Tuttle to add to next agenda for approval and will add to the employee handbook.
 - Budget for allocated new-truck expense for Highway as new snow plow \$320,000 over 5 years - \$64,000/year discussed. Supervisor Tuttle to add to budget as finances allow. Will present to the board at the next meeting.
 - CEATS bus system - no new information. Supervisor Tuttle to update once she speaks with Mark Ryckman.
 - [Salaries](#)
 - [Open Book NYS Report](#)
 - [Highway Superintendent Salary Comparisons](#)Reviewed Open Book NYS report and that all employees are falling well into the average/high-average. Supervisor Tuttle to review all budget items and adjust salary increases as able. Will present board with final calculations between 1 to 3% as town budget allows. Will fully review at next meeting.

Discussed Glen Rose's request for 4% raise. As Glen is being paid fairly per current averages reviewed, salary adjustment will remain the same as employees.

Adjournment

- 5) Motion to adjourn by Councilman Fiscus at 1932 and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 18th, 2025 Fall Festival at Clark Street Playground 1p - 4pm

October 21st, 2025 Town Council Meeting at 7pm