

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Agenda
October 21st, 2025 @ 7pm [Teams Link](#)

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order at 1900
- 2) Roll call of board members present
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Tuttle

Community Comment

- 4) Any comments by visitors/community regarding the agenda. Not to exceed two minutes per person and ten minutes for all comments. No personnel issues to be discussed during this time.

Joan Rosen: On the abstract, that I assumed you approved, it looks like the cost was over \$1,000. \$450 for the bounce house, \$300 for volunteer lunches, which I think was a lot, and there were workers there that I assume were getting paid time and a half. You Jen were the one really pushing this festival. I came by twice and I saw maximum 6 kids, none of whom were in the bounce house, which cost \$450. And the band, I don't know who was listening to them. Now I might have seen, to be generous, 20 – 25 people, but I don't know how many of them were volunteers. I just think, once again, it cost over \$1,000 plus. For this festival there was almost no advertising.

Jen Tuttle: We did put up a lot of signs, Ron and I went around, ...

Joan Rosen: I go all over, there were no signs up at coffee shops around, Tops, or Aldi's, etc.

Jen Tuttle: I will be asking for the funds to be transferred out of my supervisor's fund. I wanted them to come back because they worked there tail off that day. So, I thought it was good to give them a free lunch, which I'm happy to take out of my supervisor's fund. I'd love for you to come to the community engagement meeting and bring these ideas. I'll let you know when the next one is scheduled. Thank you for your comments, I do appreciate it.

Lauren Gaige: Have we gotten anywhere with signs for the park? Signs that say what time the park closes, no drugs, no alcohol, etc.

Jen Tuttle: Ken, have we gotten anywhere with those yet?

Ken Fields: As soon as the board decides what signs they want.

Jen Tuttle: Let's do an addition to the meeting tonight and I'll ask for signs.

Public Hearing for Budget

- 5) Motion to set public hearing for November 18th, 2025 at 7pm for 2026 Town of Corning Budget

Stuart Sammis made a motion and Donna Gridley seconded, 0 opposed, the motion was passed.

Consent Agenda

6) Motion to approve the following consent agenda items.

- Town Clerk [September 2025](#) report
- Town Highway [September 2025](#) report
- Building and Grounds [September 2025](#) report
- Town Council [September 16th, 2025](#) meeting minutes
- Town Council [September 30th, 2025](#) budget meeting minutes
- Town Council [October 14th, 2025](#) budget meeting minutes
- Town Supervisor [September 2025](#) report
- [Abstract 10](#) of 2025

Jen Tuttle: I need a motion to accept the agenda items, but I did see Ciara's letter. On Saturday I did stay and add those vouchers, that way we could have transparency, so everyone from there got paid. So, I'll sign off on those four vouchers if everyone is good with that. It wasn't to upset the clerk's office, it was so the board could vote and get them on the abstract.

Lon Fiscus: Since you brought it up, was it something that could have waited, or was it an emergency?

Jen Tuttle: It wasn't an emergency, but I also didn't want them to have to wait 30 days to get paid. I didn't get the w9's till Friday. In the future I'll be more cautious, but I did want them on the abstract so the board could vote on them. So we didn't get interest from Bobby K.

Lon Fiscus: Well, our terms should be net 30 net 45 or even higher, so I don't know what agreement we have with them. But I don't think we should be going into any agreement that would charge us interest on the inside of anything short of the net 60. Just my opinion.

Jen Tuttle: Understood, again, I did it so I could get them approved. It was not meant to undermine anyone. May I have a motion for the consent agenda approval. Motion made by councilman Stuart Sammis and seconded by councilwoman Donna Gridley. 0 opposed. Motion carries.

No Parking Dyke Road

7) Motion to approve Resolution 33 of 2025 to allow placement of No Parking Signs on Dyke Road near the Fish and Game Club per resident and Code Enforcer request, allowed at Town Board discretion per NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law Section 1660.

Brad Laverty: A problem has come up across from The Fish and Game Club on Dyke Road. There's one house, there's parking on the road, sometimes junk cars. I've already done everything I can do code wise. Now I'm trying to be pro active with No Parking Signs, that would be a help.

Mike Brenning: How do we make that stick being a county road?

Jen Tuttle: Vehicle Law Section 1660 states we can have signs put up. That way the state police can enforce it.

Lon Fiscus: Can you enforce it? Like over here on Elm, people park there away.

Brad Laverty: But with signs up I can then call the state police and get something done.

Stuart Sammis: So this will be "no parking this side"?

Brad: Yes

Lon: ok

Jen: So can I get a roll call vote for Resolution 33 of 2025

MB_aye_, DG_aye_, LF_aye_, SS_aye_, JT_aye_, Resolution 33 carries.

Clark Street Park Signs

7A) Jen Tuttle: Can we have a motion for discussion: Councilwoman Donna Gridley made a motion and Councilman Mike Brenning seconded the motion:

Lauren Gaige: Multiple times this summer people were out smoking marijuana in the park at 3am, and when my windows are open the smells come in the window and in my room. They are also laughing and talking loudly at all times. So I was wondering what the rules of the park are. If I call the police they want regulation signs up. Like when the park opens and closes, no alcohol or drugs, etc.

Jen Tuttle: So let me research it and put it on next months agenda, and Lauren, I'll include you in on this.

CEATS

8) Motion to approve [IMA with the City of Corning for CEATS](#) bus service for \$12,564 from November 2025-December 31, 2026.

Lon Fiscus: A motion for discussion

Motion made by Stuart Sammis and seconded by Mike Brenning

Ron Hodge: What part of Corning is that going to cover?

Jen Tuttle: East Corning to the city, to S. Corning, up to the college. No changes have been made with them to date.

Bill Walters: Do we know how many people actually use it?

Jen Tuttle: No, that is the problem. But if we don't, and it is shut down, we don't know how many we could affect. Due to lack of data, the city has asked us to carry them for 1 yr. They are trying to make this a regional thing.

Ron Hodge: I think the study should have been before we make a decision.

Stuart Sammis: Ron, this just came out within a few months ago.

Lon Fiscus: I know its been several months ago and I know we asked for a study.

Stuart Sammis: There just wasn't time for it.

Carol Ferratella: I'd like to see if its possible to do a study of the Hornell system, because they don't seem to have a problem, and I don't know if its size that makes a difference.

Stuart Sammis: I agree Carol, but if the system isn't running we cant get the data. Hornell is a good bench mark.

Lon Fiscus: I have more questions. I couldn't open the IMA earlier today and I cant open it tonight. Does it talk about what we talked about the conditions, conditional on the county approving that budget amount. Because we did talk about it earlier. On the IMA, does it stipulate that a study will be done? Because we may be in the same boat next year, except then were already out the \$12,000.

Jen Tuttle: May I get a roll call vote: Donna Gridley- aye, Mike Brenning- aye, Jen Tuttle- aye, Stuart Sammis- aye, Lon Fiscus- Nay ~~Resolution~~—Motion approved.

Town Council Insurance

9) Motion to approve Resolution 34 of 2025 for Town Council officials to be eligible for medical insurance. No buy-out will be available for Town Council officials should they elect not to utilize this benefit. Town Council officials will pay the same percentage as employees which will be dictated in the employee manual.

Motion made by Donna Gridley, seconded by Mike Brenning, **entered** in discussion.

Jen: Were trying to get better retention, trying to get more people to want to run.

Donna: But they will have to pay for it out of their pocket. 8 towns were compared to how much of a premium is paid.

Lon: Can we get this tabled till we can check this out?

Jen: This was sent to you all to check it out, plenty of time was given. So can I get a roll call vote. Donna Gridley-aye, Mike Brenning-aye, Jen Tuttle-aye, Stuart Sammis-Nay, Lon Fiscus-Nay Resolution 34 passes.

Health Insurance Premium

10) Motion to increase Town employee medical, dental, and vision contribution to 10%

Jen: Employee Dental, Medical and Vision will be raised by 10% starting 2026. It will be reviewed regularly to see if it will need to be increased or not during budget review.

Motion made by Stuart Sammis seconded by Donna Gridley. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Ending Medical Insurance Buy-Out

11) Motion to end all medical insurance buyouts for Town employees. Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent will remain eligible for the remainder of this term. Once current term ends, benefits will also end.

Jen: At the end of your term the buy out goes away. So, 2028 will be the end.

Lon: What we talked about was grandfathering in and what I see in the agenda, two or three people who get the buy out would no longer be eligible at the end of their term.

Only new people coming in wouldn't get the buyout.

Jen: If you are on Medicare, you are not eligible.

Lon: We should grandfather in if employed in the town already.

Stuart: I think it should be until the end of their term.

Jen: Until the employees term ends with no break.

All in favor. Motion passed.

CDL Reimbursement

12) Motion to approve reimbursement of CDL license for town employees up to \$5,000. Not to exceed 1 employee annually. Reimbursement will be issued bi-annually (every June and December) over a period of three years. If the employee should lose employment (i.e. resignation, termination, lay-off), the employee will not be responsible for paying back the funds and the town will end any and all future payments.

Carol: County offers CDL for Free.

Jen: Table until next month to check with the county. And then we can put it on for next month. And I will reach out to Eric or Glen for more information.

Community Comment

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Carol: Last year there was taxes going out late, so its real county real property tax agency put together the dates that are needed for processing. Then last year a few towns didn't have there budgets in on time so it affected everyone. Because they need everyone in before they proceed. I just wanted to make sure everyone knew the rules.

Jen: Okay, we appreciate that. Thank you

Adjournment

- 14) Motion to adjourn @ 7:55 PM By Mike Brenning & seconded by Donna Gridley. None opposed. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 28th, 2025 Planning Board Meeting at 5:30pm

November 18th, 2025 Town Council Meeting at 7pm

November 25th, 2025 Planning Board Meeting at 5:30pm