

Town of Corning Town Council
Meeting Agenda
August 18, 2026 @ 7pm

Welcome

- 1) Call meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) Roll call of board members present: Linda Shock _aye_ Mike Brenning _aye_ Lauren Gaige _aye_ Lon Fiscus __aye__
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance led by Interim Supervisor Mike Brenning.

Community Comment

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

Ruth- What's going up down by the bowling alley?

Mike- Bradley could you...

Brad- The planning board issued a conditional permit; he's building a used car lot.

Consent Agenda

- 5) Motion to approve the following consent agenda items
 - Town Clerk July 2026 report.
 - Town Highway July 2026 report.
 - Building and Ground July 2026 meeting minutes
 - Town Supervisor July 2026 report
 - Town Council Meeting Minutes July21, 2026
 - Abstract 8 of 2026

Motion to approve the consent agenda items made by Council Woman Lauren Gaige and seconded by Council Man Lon Fiscus to open discussion.

Mike- If you're all good with approving all accept the Supervisors report

Lon- We can table that until next time can't we

Mike- Absolutely we can, I also talked to Katherine a little about the hyper links on the website. She said they are a nightmare to put on the web, and I don't know what that means, but I said yes, it's very nice to be able to click on it and go to it. But if we can't get that to work then we'll go back to where all the department heads will send them out to us. I will check with Kyle.

Lauren- You mean like in emails?

Mike- She said on the website.

Lon- If she wants to call me, we can look at it together.

Motion to table the supervisors report until next month and approve all the other Consent Agendas made by Council Man Lon Fiscus and seconded by Council Woman Lauren Gaige. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CDBG Presentation

6) Motion to discuss awarding of engineering contract

Mike- Before we do #6, We have a CDBG presentation from Allison, go ahead Allison, you've got the floor.

Allison- Gave her presentation about who the town submitted, 2 candidates after interviewing them by the CDBG Board for the engineering need, the town put forward a recommendation to choose LaBella.

Lon- Who conducted the rating you spoke of?

Allison- In the RFP itself, there was a scoring rating, whoever scored highest the two were chosen, then we interviewed both and references were checked and LaBella was clearly the top candidate.

Lon- I just wanted to make sure we were thorough when we had to choose.

Linda- We had interviews in person, and it was Brad and I and Wayne was there from the planning board, the questions were all made up for us. They did very well.

Allison- STC does have record info for all that additional round in the event there's only questions about how the decision was made and all the interviews. The CDBG firm itself has a firm set of guidelines making it a fair and open process.

Jamie- So what would that cost be around \$20,000?

Allison- No, it's fixed and set by CDBG as part of the overall grant and it's a fixed fee.

Carol- So what is the amount?

Allison- It is I believe \$50,000.

Jamie- And what are we getting \$400,000?

Lon- What is this contract for, is it the one....

Mike- This is the engineering contract.

Lon- I just wanted to make sure because you didn't say that. I just wanted it on the record.

Mike- This is for the CDBG engineering grant. We do have resolution # 2026.1, the reason its not following our normal numbering of resolutions, this is going to follow the grant.

Linda- We will follow that # with 2026.2, 2026.3 etc. for the grant only.

Mike- Reading the final part of the resolution to the audience.

Roll Call Vote-

Council Woman Linda Shock __aye__

Council Woman Lauren Gaige __aye__

Council Man Lon Fiscus __aye__

Interim Supervisor Mike Brenning __aye__

Mike- LaBella is awarded the CDBG engineering contract.

Bookkeeper

- 7) Motion to discuss contract with Statements Accounting LLC made by Council Man Lon Fiscus and seconded by Council Woman Lauren Gaige. All in Favor.

Mike- During budget season Tom went from \$20,000 and change, and she dropped him back to \$18,000 some point in time, I don't know quite how or when that took effect, but we had her take out the Auto Renew but the rest was the original contract. I spoke with Rebekah Carroll, Owner of Statements Accounting LLC. So, the plan is I talked with John he'd like to keep Tom the rest of the year. He himself, Tom was given a raw deal. The owner of the company told me, "They weren't to talk to any employees or board members" So take that for what it's worth this is not on Tom, Tom is a very nice guy I told him we'll keep him on as an accountant, probably do your reconciliations. John will probably take the lead in most of it.

So, this is basically the same exact thing we had for his contract, terms are the exact thing we had other than Auto Renew Is gone. And the price is the exact same. Any Questions?

Lon- What are we voting on?

Mike- I'd just like to put it in the minutes, so we can, unfortunately, this is one of many that were unsigned. It's going to take some time, but we are going to get

them all signed. So, if that's okay I just want to make sure we are all on board with it.

All in favor, all said I's, 0 opposed, Motion Carried.

Consultant/Budget Officer

- 8) Motion to discuss consulting contract with John Savash made by Council Woman Linda Shock and seconded by Council Woman Lauren Gaige. All in favor. Zero opposed.

Mike- I sent out the contract with John; he's going to do basically what he did when he was here before. He will do pay roll, Auditing of the departments, and budget officer from civil service. So hopefully he'll get these budget work sheets out soon. On site and off site.

Lon- It seems a little low to me, is he okay with that?

Mike- He's going to be here at least the days I'm here. And whenever else he wants.

All in favor.

- 9) Motion to discuss adding positive pay to accounts, this will help keep track of the checks the town has written and will notify us the next day. All in favor. All I's.

Board Member Position

- 10) Motion to discuss vacant position made by Council Woman Lauren Gaige and seconded by Council Man Lon Fiscus.

Mike- We put out there that we were looking for a new board member. We have done a lot of soul searching for all 4 of us. It wasn't an easy decision, and this does not reflect on anybody, any person or anything other than the fact of the timing of putting someone into that position, and right now is not a good fit. When I say that, it would do just for a person to come in here at this time. Trying to learn while we are swamped with what we are doing. So, we have decided not to fill the spot. We'll wait until the election in November; both spots will be filled then. We all discussed it and decided not to. There are 4 people on the ballot. 2 of them are here tonight, the other 2 aren't. I feel it's not fair for the people coming into this right now. We will welcome whoever gets voted in with open arms.

Lon- There is one thing, my biggest concern is a deadlock, but I've come around to the fact that we're talking about a few months. Yes, the budget is coming up, which could be an area where we disagree. However, I feel like we're going to be able to have an open honest discussion and we're going to work it out. I think you're right, putting someone into having the potential to create more turnover for us, for them and for the staff here.

Mike- I did find out another little piece of info from OSC, it is a vacant spot, so once the election is over and the board has done their paperwork, everything that has to be done then, we don't have to wait until January, we can put that person in office. So, when you think about that it's a short window.

Lon- There will be 2 people that win, so we can pick 1 to come in early. I'm glad to help out, but if both want to come in, I'll gladly step down early.

Mike- I don't see you 3 board members ever becoming a problem. The budget is going to be different this year. It's not our job to put the budget together. It's our job to vet the budget. The budget officer puts the budget together. John is really good about putting a budget together. And John is good about sitting down and talking with each department head and discussing what they need or want.

Community Comment

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Lauren : One thing that's not on here that I want to mention. I'm filling out a application for health officer. But I want you guys to vote on it.

Mike: Yes, we will vote on it but it has to go through Civil Service first.

Jamie: So is this an application from DOH?

Lauren: It's a Civil Service position and I'd be a employee of the Town.

Mike: Basically yes.

Bill: When does the budget have to be in Bath

Mike: It has to be approved by Nov. 15th or 18th , somewhere around there.

Jamie: So do you think John will have a budget out by next months board meeting?

Mike: I'm not sure if he'll have it done by the next meeting, but I know he's already working on it. I'm going to let John post when he wants a workshop.

Carol: I found out recently that the county land bank is rehabbing a home on Fenderson Street Ext. It's in the town of Corning, so it's always a great improvement for the community and for the tax base. I just wanted to let you know that. I would encourage you to use the land bank, and some people are even willing to donate to it.

Jamie: How do you buy those places?

Carol: Now they must pay for the property after a bid and then rehab it and then turn it over to a realtor.

Mary Ann Bernadini: I live in the East Corning area and one of my neighbors lost water in their well. I just don't know if it has anything to do with all that work that Edgers is doing? All that grating is causing problems with the water table. Have you ever complained about this?

Mike: Not so far but I'll keep that in mind. Thank you. Can I have a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm

Adjournment

12) Motion to adjourn; Motion made by Lon Fiscus and seconded by Lauren Gauge Councilperson

We are adjourned. Thank you all for coming.