TOWN OF CORNING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
7 P.M.

1. **Call meeting to order**
   Roll call of board members present

   Councilman Lon Fiscus – present, Councilwoman Lauren Gaige – present, Supervisor Michael Brenning – present, Councilwoman Linda Shock - present

   Pledge of Allegiance

   Visitors' comments related to Town of Corning issues:

   Joan: The health officer was initially going to have no salary. Next thing you know, it was $2,000 on the budget. I just want to say, I know Lauren is extremely qualified. I just want to put out their Laurens qualifications and what the job description was. About the #9 Town Courts, I was wondering if you could piggyback on that, because I really feel we are going to get a lot more involvement by the community if we can tape these sessions. That way people can watch and know what's going on in the Town. If we could do that, it would be a very positive step towards getting people involved.

   Mike: I've discussed this with Teresa, and the first step is, get them the grant or approval to go after a grant. And once we find out what that grant really is, if there is one available. We might be able to piggyback on that. Right now, they must have approval to go after a grant.

   Ken: Every year they apply for a grant for the court, and they must have approval by the board to even apply for a grant. And it's not guaranteed to get the grant. Last year we got a grant for fire cabinets, and new door locks. So, this year were looking for possible new chairs and maybe hard drives.

   Mike: So, when I talked with Mike from SCT, he said it would be more money to tap into these cameras than it would be to put all new in. But I agree, if they can get a grant, and if we can add to it, I'm all for that.

   Lon: If I remember right, there were grants we couldn't piggyback on. Is it that some grants are specific to the courts?

   Mike: Yes, that's right.

Justin: Do you mind if I piggyback on that. If a private citizen would put their phone on a tripod and recorded this on YouTube, wouldn't you go through less loopholes?

Joan: I think that it should be done legally since this is a town.

Justin: Town of Lindley has someone who filmed theirs.

Joan: Do they do that on Facebook or YouTube?

Justin: Yes, saves a lot of loops you jump through.

Lon: As for Health officer, I think it's a great idea to post a job description, so everyone knows what the role is and the responsibilities that role holds.

Mike: Talking with Civil Service, they said most health officers get paid for doing nothing. They are there because we must have one.

2. **Consent Agenda-**Motion to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion made by Councilwoman Linda Shock and seconded by Councilwoman Lauren Gaige, Motion carries.

   Town Clerk August 2026 report.
   Town Highway August 2026 report.
   Building and Grounds August 2026 report.
   Town Supervisor July 2026 and August 2026 reports.
   Town Council meeting Minutes August 2026
   Abstract 9 of 2026.

3. **Intermunicipal Agreements-**Motion to approve the following resolutions:
   Village of Painted Post
   Village of Riverside
   Town of Caton
   Motion made by Councilwoman Linda Shock and seconded by Councilwoman Lauren Gaige for discussion.

   Mike: The Villages and Town above would like an IMA for our Code Officer to help cover those areas. John is working on how he wants to handle it, but he said the town and Brad will be paid. I have spoken to John Ryan about this. So, what we agreed to before was that we're going to try this until January. Each municipality will pay $1,250 a month for the three months. We'll see at the end of the year. Brad will keep track of his hours and workload and

hopefully at the end of the three months he'll have an idea of what it will curtail. Can we get a roll call vote:

Lon Fiscus- aye, Lauren Gaige- aye, Mike Brenning- aye, Linda Shock- aye Motion carries.

4. **Health Officer-**Motion to appoint Lauren Gaige as Health Officer. Annual salary of $2000.00.
   Mike will notify the Civil Service Office of the following changes: Add Lauran Gaige as Health Officer and add John Savash as Budget Officer.

   Mike: We'll be working off what the county directs being a civil service job. This will be till January. Then we'll add it to next year's budget. Ok, the motion is to appoint Lauren Gaige to health officer threw the rest of the year. Lauren will abstain from the vote. Lon Fiscus- aye, Mike Brenning- aye and Linda Shock- aye. Motion carries.

5. **NY CLASS-**Motion to add Mike and John as signers to NY CLASS made by Lon Fiscus, 2nd by Lauren Gaige, motion carries.

6. **Chemung Canal-**Motion authorized John Savash to receive a key fob to allow him to perform the required functions of his job.

   1st by Linda Shock, 2nd by Lauren Gaige, all in favor, motion carries

7. **New equipment purchase-**Motion to approve the following purchases for the following items:
   New dump box for current 2018 Truck. $12.622.50 Stainless steel box from Sourcewell.
   Brush mower for John Deere 50 not to exceed $3650
   Jack Hammer and Tamp from Gridley Excavation for John Deere 50 for $12,500.
   Motion made by Linda Shock, seconded by Lauren Gaige, Motion carries.

8. **Insure One-**Motion to add Tim Laskowski to be the consultant to assist the employees with any Consortium and Lifetime Benefits questions. Cost will be $25 per employee per month.
   Motion made by Linda Shock, seconded by Lon Fiscus, motion carries.

9. **Town Courts –** Resolution #22, to authorize the town court office to apply for a grant for updating cameras and security for the courts, and courtroom chairs.

   Roll call vote: Lon Fiscus- aye, Lauren Gaige- aye, Mike Brenning- aye, Linda Shock- aye, Motion carries

10. Motion to appoint Michael Harshberger to the planning board to fill the vacancy and bring the board number to five members Motion made by Linda Shock, seconded by Lon Fiscus, motion carries.

    Motion to adjourn.

    At 8:07pm 1st- Lauren Gaige, 2nd by Linda Shock