



Oath of Office / Swearing In of Fire Commissioners & Inaugural Meeting

*Corning Town Hall
Wednesday, October 2, 2019 @ 7pm*

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm.
2. Commissioner appointees present: Ryan Burrell, John Clarkson, David Shafer, Chet Tuttle, Brian Vandusen. Absent: None
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Oath of Office/Swearing In: Each of the Commissioner appointees executed an Oath of Office. A group swearing in ceremony was administered by Corning Town Clerk Susan Edwards.
5. Motion was made by Ryan Burrell to appoint David Shafer as Chairman of the Corning Joint Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion seconded by John Clarkson and carried.
6. Motion made by Chet Tuttle to authorize Chairman Shafer to make an Opening Address to community residents and members of the East, North and South Corning Fire Departments in attendance at this Inaugural Meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Vandusen and carried. Chairman Shafer's address to those in attendance is included with the meeting minutes.
7. Motion made by Chet Tuttle to appoint R. Michael Brenning as Fire Chief of the Corning Joint Fire District. Motion seconded by John Clarkson and carried.
8. Motion made by Brian Vandusen to appoint Adam Nehring as Deputy Chief of the Corning Joint Fire District. Motion seconded by Ryan Burrell and carried.
9. Motion by John Clarkson to appoint Michael Mahnke as Deputy Chief of the Corning Joint Fire District. Motion seconded by Chet Tuttle and carried.
10. Motion by Ryan Burrell to authorize Chairman to initiate a search process for 2 staff positions; CJFD Treasurer and Secretary. Motion seconded by John Clarkson and carried.
11. Motion Chet Tuttle to establish CJFD's administrative office in a secure space at the Corning Town Hall that the Town Council has agreed to provide at no cost until at least December 31, 2020. Motion seconded by Brian Vandusen and carried.
12. Motion by Ryan Burrell to adopt 20 South Maple Street, Corning, NY 14830 as the legal and mailing address of the Corning Joint Fire District. Motion seconded by John Clarkson and carried.

13. (a) Motion by John Clarkson to review and adopt the 2020 Proposed Budget and make same available to the public by posting it on the Town of Corning website (www.townofcorningny.org). Motion seconded by Brian Vandusen and carried.
Chairman Shafer provided a brief overview of the budget proposed for 2020. He noted that the total tax levy would be \$520,000 which is only about \$3,000 more than the tax levy collectively implemented by the Town of Corning and the Village of South Corning for fire protection and VFBL insurance for 2019. \$360,750 of the proposed 2020 levy is subject to the Statutory Spending Limit (SSL) criteria imposed by NYS and \$159,250 of the proposed is not subject to this limitation. Included in the total proposed levy is \$35,000 that would be used to establish Reserve Funds for Buildings (\$5,250), Apparatus(\$5,250), Equipment (\$5,250) and Repairs (\$19,250). In summary, he noted that will the tax rate for 2020 could have been as high as \$1.38/\$1,000 of assessed value, it's expected that CJFD's proposed budget for 2020 will require a tax levy of only \$1.24/\$1,000 of assessed value. In conclusion, he noted that CJFD will hold a public hearing on its 2020 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, October 15th at 7pm at the East Corning Fire Department, Inc, located at 11873 East Corning Road.
13. (b) Motion by Chet Tuttle to adopt CJFD's 2020 Proposed Budget. Seconded by Ryan Burrell and carried.
14. Motion Brian Vandusen to approve The Leader as the official newspaper of the Corning Joint Fire District. Seconded by John Clarkson and carried.
15. Visitor's Comments: It was noted that the flags displayed in the Corning Town Hall are not arranged in their proper order. Dave Shafer thanked Corning Town Supervisor Kim Feehan for her leadership in organizing the original Fire Study that culminated in today's Inaugural Meeting of the Corning Joint Fire District and for helping to secure NYS grant funds to conducting the study and implementing its recommendations.
16. Motion by John Clarkson to adjourn the meeting @ 7:30pm. Seconded by Chet Tuttle and carried.