

TOWN OF CORINTH, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
600 PALMER AVENUE CORINTH NY 12822
JULY 9, 2026 @ 6:00PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Supervisor Butler Called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL: Eric Butler, Supervisor
Patrick Clothier, Councilman
Melanie Denno, Councilwoman
Carey Mann, Councilman
Shawn Eggleston, Highway Superintendent
Brenda Peris, Town Clerk

EXCUSED: Kiley Crooks, Councilwoman
Carey Mann, Councilman
Albert Brooks, Building/Code Officer
Matt Fogarty, EMS Director
Derrick Briner, EMS Deputy Director
Anders Olsen, EMS Deputy Director

PLEDGE: Supervisor Butler led the Pledge of Allegiance

RESOLUTION #147

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Denno and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED that the Town Board Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2026, be approved.

RESOLUTION #148

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Clothier and seconded by Supervisor Butler the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, that the Town Board Meeting Minutes dated June 25, 2026, be approved.

RESOLUTION #149

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Clothier and seconded by Councilwoman Denno the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, the abstracts of July 9, 2026, be approved as follows:

ABSTRACT

Abstracts for 07/09/2026

Voucher A –260399-260426
 Voucher B –262239-262264
 Voucher CM – 267159-267164
 Voucher DB –263176-263184

General Fund A	\$	22,368.34
General Fund/Outside Village – B	\$	17,775.10
Highway/Part Town – DB	\$	4,185.45
Medical – CM	\$	3,250.19

Fire	\$	
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SW Consolidated	226006	\$	365.20
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Lighting

Eastern Avenue	265007	\$	292.03
Eggleston Street	266007	\$	154.12
South Corinth	264007	\$	255.82

TOTAL \$ 48,646.25

REPORTS: The following reports given to the Town Board for review:

Senior Center
Clerks
Overtime
Assessors
Highway Fuel & Work
May Financials
Landfill
Sheriff's
Building/Code Enforcement

BID OPENING: Highway Mechanics work truck

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED WILL RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 CURRENT YEAR HEAVY DUTY 1 TON DUAL WHEEL 142" 4X4 WORK TRUCK WITH 9' SERVICE BODY.

BID FORMS AND DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS SETTING FORTH ALL INFORMATION TO BIDDERS MAY BE SECURED AT THE TOWN HALL, 600 PALMER AVENUE, CORINTH NEW YORK, 12822, DURING THE HOURS OF MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8:00AM to 4:00PM NOT ON LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM ON THURSDAY JULY 9, 2026, BY THE TOWN CLERK. ALL BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ AT THE TOWN BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026, AT 6:00PM.

THE TOWN OF CORINTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS

TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF CORINTH
600 PALMER AVENUE
CORINTH, NEW YORK 12822

The Town Clerk received and opened the two sealed bids as follows:

The First Bid was from Greenwich Ford:

Bid/Quote



Date 06/18/2026

Government Agency	
Agency Name	Town Of Corinth Highway
Street Address	111 Heath Rd
City, State, Zip Code	Corinth NY 12822

Dealer	
Dealership Name	Greenwich Ford
Street Address	1111 State Route 29
City State, Zip Code	Greenwich NY 12834

FIN Code	OE668

Dealer Code	F13500

QTY	ORDER NUMBERS	VEHICLE DESCRIPTION (BODY CODE)	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1	T54C	2027 Ford F-350 Cab Chassis (see attached)		\$60,180
		Less Gov't Concessions/Discounts		(-7,544)
		State OGS # PC69492		
		Add: 9'Service Body (steel) See attached		\$14,305
		all gov't/Fleet Discounts applied		
If needed, you may attach an additional list of order numbers				
TOTAL PURCHASE				\$66,789

Government Agency Representative	
Signature	
Printed Name/Title	Shawn Eggleston---Hwy Super
Date	06/18/2026
Email	highway@townofcorinthny.gov
Telephone	518-796-6641

Dealership Sales Representative	
Signature	
Printed Name/Title	Mark Robillard/Commercial Manager
Date	06/18/2026
Email	mrobillard@greenwichford.com
Telephone	518-247-6973

The second bid was from Mohawk Chevrolet



Vehicle: [Fleet] 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD CC (CK31003) 4WD Reg Cab 146" WB, 60" CA Work Truck (✓ Complete)

Quote: TOWN OF CORINTH BUILT TO SPEC 3500 CC 60" CA WHITE REG CAB

Quote Worksheet

	MSRP
Base Price	\$49,100.00
Dest Charge	\$2,795.00
Total Options	\$1,098.00
Subtotal	\$52,993.00
DEJANA QUOTE # KIS014031	\$14,954.00
REMOTE START	\$850.00
LED COMPARTMENT LIGHTS	\$1,200.00
Subtotal Pre-Tax Adjustments	\$17,004.00
Less Customer Discount	(\$3,100.00)
Subtotal Discount	(\$3,100.00)
Trade-In	\$0.00
Subtotal Trade-In	\$0.00
Taxable Price	\$66,897.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Subtotal Taxes	\$0.00
Subtotal Post-Tax Adjustments	\$0.00
Total Sales Price	\$66,897.00

Y. Fielding 7/9/26
Dealer Signature / Date

Customer Signature / Date

****THIS IS A BUILT TO ORDER SPEC. VEHICLE MUST BE ORDERED BY 7/24/2026****

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RESOLUTION #150

TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM GREENWICH FORD

A motion was made by Councilwoman Denno and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, To approve the bid from Greenwich Ford for \$66,789 and allow Highway Superintendent Eggleston to purchase the 2027 Ford F-350 with 9' Service Body(steel).

Supervisor Butler: Next up on our agenda tonight is the public hearing on battery storage and solar facilities. Before we dive into that, let's talk a little bit about how we're here, what a moratorium actually is. A moratorium is a legal tool that municipalities can use to press a pause button. If a municipality chooses to install a moratorium, it will give the Town the ability to pause all current applications for the period of time that we choose, which is a year right now for the moratoriums being considered. It would pause any applications coming in and everything would basically just be frozen. It gives the town board an opportunity to do a little research, understand the hazards and the dangers of some of these things, and allow us to plan and create some good land use laws. We do not believe that we as a board can just say no to these. If it was that easy, we wouldn't need a moratorium and would just create a local law and we would be done. So, there's a process in order for us to have control of where they go and how they build them and whatever other information that we can find out in the meantime. This gives us the opportunity to find those answers and write a good, strong law. We'll consult with our attorneys, we'll consult with engineers, and with other battery storage professionals., I'll even connect with other town supervisors because there's a half a dozen of them out there right now writing the same laws. I want to explain to you how we got to this point. Probably six to eight weeks ago, the town board knowing we wanted to start a solar moratorium added the BESS to that conversation and we all agreed that we need to start a moratorium for those as well. At that point I reached out to the Town's Attorney to get the process started. There's a lot of rumors out there about them and things that we don't know and once that ball gets rolling, it's harder to stop it. Currently, there are no applications for BESS. We go to the attorney, and She gives us legal language and the procedural way to do this, so it doesn't get argued in court at a later date. To start a local law one of the very first parts of the process is the public hearing. Six weeks ago, we scheduled a public hearing for tonight. So, at this point, the town board has decided we'd like this moratorium, one of the stipulations is the public hearing. We need to have the public hearing to receive comments from the public. That's what we're doing here tonight. There is a full room tonight that would like to speak on this. We think this is great. When we

open the public hearing if you'd like to speak, please stand up, state your name for the record and we will be looking for whether or not you are for or against the moratorium. We are going to put a timer of 3 minutes for each person. The only comments that we're really looking for, which is important tonight, is just whether you would like us to do a moratorium or not. We understand all the dangers in part of it, and there's things about battery storage that we don't know yet. I'm sure when we get into the research, we're going to find things that we didn't know before. With that being said let's read the public hearing notice.

BESS PUBLIC HEARING: The Town Clerk read the following public hearing notice

**TOWN OF CORINTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026
ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corinth Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 9, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Corinth Town Hall, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, New York, concerning proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026. The proposed Local Law would establish a one-year moratorium on any Battery Energy Storage Systems facility in the Town of Corinth. A Battery Energy Storage Systems facility is defined as one or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy derived from any source, including solar or wind sources, to be stored and then released at a future time. Copies of the proposed Local Law are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Dated: June 15, 2026
Brenda Peris
Corinth Town Clerk

Supervisor Butler:

Before we open up this public hearing, there's a little glitch we ran into with the county. One of the steps that we also have to do is notify the Saratoga County Planning Board that we're going to do a local law, and we wait for their response. Due to the timelines of the county's planning board, their schedule and their submission dates, their submission date was actually before our meeting six weeks ago, we were not able to get on the county's planning board meeting for June. Due to that we don't have the response as we sit here now. Their meeting is next week. They'll give us a response right after that. So, we're going to listen to the input from the community today, but we won't officially take the vote until two weeks from now at our next meeting.

RESOLUTION #151
TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilman Clothier and seconded by Councilwoman Denno the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No.1 of 2026, Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Supervisor Butler opened the Public Hearing:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Beth McCue:

So, my question is really pulled to more transparency about what is going to be the moratorium without really being completed right now. So, you had said that you can't say no about this project, and we've been told by people that you can, that it can be a town decision. So, I need clarity about that. I think I should continue to go on because you got a three-minute timer on me. The other thing is, can the community take a vote and see who -- the numbers of people that want it or don't want it before going in and using resources and money for a one-year moratorium development? And why six months -- why 12 months? Why not six months? Again, that time is resources with staff as well as attorney. I don't know the details, but, you know, this is something that I'm not familiar with. So, can we have an estimate of that? And again, why six months or 12 months? To me, these are things that I would need to know about voting for the moratorium. I mean, there's obvious reasons why I would want it. But now we're locked into what your moratorium is and why it is. And I don't know if I'm informed about that or if anyone here is. Will you be calling others -- and I know we've talked about this in the meetings. My concern is, you know, the whole Adirondack Park and surrounding towns are involved with these issues, as you know. Will you be collaborating with others to learn things and grow in the process of insights quicker, really, and in more efficient ways in terms of why did they do a moratorium this way or that way? Because that's just the way you do projects in any system in this country. So, I would hope that you would answer to all of these. That is a biggie. I think they're all biggies to me. Looking at the negative impacts from those discussions, obviously, and then looking -- yeah, so some of the things that have been reported that have happened as a result of having these in communities, looking at those and understanding the impact, the financial impact, as well as the community impact, as well as the environmental impact. Those are the biggies, to me it's a common-sense issue. And to me, being on the streets of this community, I think the majority of people have a lot of concern. So again, are we voting on it first, or is the moratorium something that makes sense? I mean, it does make sense that you're stopping this project and you get to give it the respect and the justice that it needs to understand it. But I hope that you're seeing that there's a major amount of information out there, and there's, what, 40 towns that are against this one issue right now, probably more, 40 that are deciding. You're familiar with those. I know you've been on Violet's Adirondack Battery Facebook page. So those are what my questions would be. I don't know if you want me to repeat them, but in order for anyone to be informed about the moratorium, the cost, how you're going to go about this, those are some insight questions that I have.

Supervisor Butler: So, before we go too far down this other rabbit hole, this public forum is really for us to listen to you to understand your opinion on the moratorium. Because she touched on some points

that others may have questions about as well, I will respond to this. A moratorium is a moratorium. It's strictly a period of time to pause and create a law. We're choosing a year to do so. If we get done in four months, we'll stop the moratorium because we'll introduce a new local law, we'll have another public hearing, which actually presents the final product.

Mary Beth McCue: Please let me know how much does the community -- how much do we have privilege to be involved with where we are right now? For example, six months to a year, there's a significant amount of cost difference. So, I know that you've been back and forth about six months or a year. I don't know the amount of time. You're saying, No, there's not. To me, not knowing the amount of time in the six months or a year, And knowing that, you know, we don't have gobs of money in this area. So that's a concern that people have on the streets.

Supervisor Butler: There's no real way to tell you that right now. Battery storage is relatively new, as most of you know. I will give you another reference point. Our attorney is not just the attorney for us; they probably represent dozens of other municipalities. So that is a huge source of information right there. They're not only writing these laws for us, but they're also writing for other people. We will definitely use that as a source.

Mary Beth McCue: That was another question. Will you be reporting to us while you're in the process of the moratorium? That makes sense to this community, where you come in every couple of weeks, or every week, and you give us an update or information.

Supervisor Butler: We will probably not report as much as you'd like, because giving out half information is not a very good idea.

Mary Beth McCue: Giving out what information?

Supervisor Butler: I'm just going to call it half information, just not good information.

Mary Beth McCue: It involves the community more.

Supervisor Butler: I get it, but at the same time, if you want to slow down the process, then introduce 4,000 people to your process. If you guys elect us for a reason. I mean, this is the reason. These local laws that are written, you guys are relying on us to make good choices. So, we're going to create this law during the moratorium and we're going to present it back to you. We'll give you however much time we think is needed.

Mary Beth McCue: So Violet point blank told me, as well as it's been online, that the town can decide whether or not to have this project.

***Town Clerk: note-there are no project(s) application(s) at this time**

Supervisor Butler: The moratorium?

Mary Beth McCue: Yeah, no, not the moratorium.

Supervisor Butler: We're only talking tonight about the moratorium.

Mary Beth McCue: And I'm speaking to what you said. So, you had said it's not like you can make the decision. And I saw a few people looking back at me and I'm told and even saw it online that you can

make the decision against this project. I understand you're making the decision to do the moratorium. So, I'm trying to get clarity about it.

Supervisor Butler: We will look into it. I can't give you that answer right now.

Mary Beth McCue: You can't answer whether or not it's something you can answer right now about whether or not the project comes in. Violet, who is overseeing this throughout the park has indicated online that you can make a decision, that town officials can make a decision against this project if they want to.

Supervisor Butler: We will find that out in the moratorium process.

Mary Beth McCue: You said earlier, excuse me, that you can't, that you can't do that.

Supervisor Butler: I get it, It's a very important question. We are going to move on. You guys need to trust the fact that we are going to gather as much information as we can and make the decisions.

Attorney Jackie White: Just to be clear, I think this was stated a couple of times by the supervisor, but if and when a local law is introduced on the substance of battery energy storage system facility regulations, again, that's a local law process. There is a public hearing that will be held, and you will, as you do with every local law, follow the process and make sure that the public has the ability to have input as required under the law.

Derrick Teft: I am pro-moratorium for at least a year unless we can somehow manage to get where we need to go before that because the way our zoning laws are currently set up both town and the village are completely inadequate or absent for, I think, the type of project that is being proposed, as well as the scale of the project that's being proposed. Things that I would like the town to consider, to help mitigate some of the environmental impact concerns, the community health impact concerns, as well as the economic impact concerns, consider massive developer-funded insurance. Having the developers carry enough insurance that if they go bankrupt, that we, the town, are not responsible for any problems that might come of that, especially cleanup and disaster relief. There's a lot of waste that can come from these things. Who's going to be responsible for that? If there's an emergency, explosion, a leak, again, we don't want that burden to fall on us. I think the town needs to consider, as far as updating zoning laws, strict vesting deadlines. If the project is not meeting river's local milestones, that could impact their permits. I think we need to be cognizant of that. There needs to be mandatory noise and water caps. There's a lot of; I think everyone's aware of all the risks and dangers that are associated with these. we need to consider ultra-quiet cooling technology, closed-loop water systems as part of this project, as opposed to other forms of water systems that can take the really hot water and put it back into the Hudson River, and that would definitely impact aquatic environments, not only in our area, but for as long as the Hudson River touches. I also think we need to consider laws about flood zone. What does our zoning law say about putting a project like this in a flood zone that is on the I.P. papermill site? I think beyond just the battery energy storage language, we should consider putting language about data centers, because those are also growing. You know, our zoning laws are completely silent on battery storage, which I think is part of the reason we need the moratorium, and is doing more to break that course. I think we have, you know, flood zone restrictions. So, I think we should consider prohibiting critical infrastructure from being within a certain amount of riverfront property. I think we also want to consider its proximity to local housing and humans. I also think as far as the data center, we need to treat them a little bit differently with our language and consider special use permits for some of the

things that are going to be involved in this project. So, I would consider everyone to vote yes on the moratorium for at least a year to give our town enough time to really put in strict guidelines and strict zoning laws so that we as a community can tell the developers, here's what you need to follow in order for you to be here. There's some pros, I know there's dollar signs when it comes to projects like this, but we also have to weigh in, what's at stake here, all right? It's more than just dollar signs. What can we do as a community to put these regulations in and update our zoning laws? I would be expecting the town to give some serious thought to updating our zoning laws. That's all I have to say.

Supervisor Butler: Just wanted to touch on two things, because you mentioned them. Just so we don't get too far off track. Any rules and regulations that we create will not pertain to properties in the village. When you touched on IP property, that's a village property, we don't control what goes on in there. We're just the 42 square miles outside the village. There are no current projects in the works. I know you talked a little bit about the size of certain projects, but there's not anything going on right now. We're not proposing one, there's not one here that we stalled, we're just pre-planning.

James Murray Sr.: I am for the moratorium, but I have a big suggestion. The people that have talked to me, what I've seen presented at the village board, there's a lot of inaccuracies that are being presented as being fact, which are not fact. I'm suggesting that the town have a public hearing with state officials that do know what they're talking about, that can come in and then they can answer a lot of these questions with accurate information. I bet 80% of this community here, people don't know what a moratorium is, they don't know what a solar farm is and they don't know what battery storage is so that's why I think you need to bring in somebody from the state. I have many, many years at the GRD Center we used to do that all the time with different projects that we were going into. We would bring state and federal officials in that knew what they were talking about and literally educate us. I think that if the town would bring in somebody from the state, it'd be nicer to get somebody from the federal, the committee that do know what they're talking about, that would educate the community about these issues. Like I said, people would talk to me and they're totally inaccurate. I know a little bit more about both of them because I worked on both of them.

Brian Fox: Just to be clear, there are two separate moratoriums, correct? One for BESS and one for solar? Correct. Okay, so my concern, as well as my partner, I wish she could be here tonight, is just outside entities doing things in our town without the town's people getting a say in it. This is specifically what they did with the Rise development over there, despite the considerable opposition for that. So, it just kind of seems like it's going to be done for profit, and some executives' pockets are going to be lined, who lives at Saratoga, which is, again, we'll have to move back. So, I have pretty common sense why people might be concerned about somebody selling this down on River. That's all I'll say about that.

Kevin Salis: Hi, my name is Kevin Salis. I'm in favor of the moratorium. I spoke out at the Village meeting, the most recent one, kind of touching on a lot of the environmental impacts that can be caused by battery resource centers as well as data centers. But in addition to the environmental damage and the personal health damage that can come from it, there's also the economic risk. I'm speaking from the perspective of a property owner. Places like battery storage centers and data centers specifically prey on lower income areas. They do it because they know that a lot of the people there probably don't have the resources to do anything about it. They strip it of its resources, and then they leave the people who are living there fending for themselves. And I think that is completely unacceptable. I think that's really a really unethical immoral business practice. And I think that it should be looked at from the perspective of what is going to be the impact to the actual people who live here and the surrounding environment.

We live in a beautiful area, in a natural setting that You can't find anywhere else in the world. People are so OK with just saying, if it's enough money, we can destroy all of this. And for what benefit to anyone? I don't see any benefit from putting any systems in here, like any battery storage, any data centers, anything like that. Even with strict regulation, I don't think they're necessary in any way. They don't bring jobs. They don't bring any income. They don't bring any value. And they'll actually-- there's a risk of them significantly decreasing property values, because nobody wants to live there anymore. So, nobody's going to buy property here. Nobody's going to open businesses here, and it's going to destroy everything that's been built. So, I'm strongly in favor of the moratorium. And like I said, at the village meeting, I think that the time of the moratorium should be spent developing in legislation. I don't think it serves any purpose to have any of that here or in the surrounding area, because it won't just affect us. It will affect the towns around us too. And it will affect, you know, water pollution, things like that will affect towns downstream from us. So, it would be very short-sighted to agree to consider them as an option.

Kendra Schrieber: For the moratorium, what's in the moratorium. Thank you for the work that you do here. It's appreciated very much. And I know this is off subject, but on Monday night, six o'clock, Village Hall, be there please for the public hearing.

Marianne Morrelle: Hi, I'm Colonel Marianne Morrelle. My career in the Air Force was as a healthcare administrator with a master's in public health. I support the moratorium, and I agree with the time period of 12 months with the idea that if the work is done earlier, that's wonderful, it's done earlier. But it gives you all the time to do the full research that you need to bring in the parties. As Jim suggested, state and federal, if necessary, to get the information that you need to make the decision and to present that information to us. One of my big concerns, and I know you've touched on it, Supervisor, is the public health, the health issues. Again, one of my responsibilities in the Air Force was disaster preparedness, as well as wartime preparedness for medical care. And these things actually pose some significant risks to the community if there's an issue, and to our first responders. I think we have a due diligence requirement, which I'm sure that you will do in this 12 months, to make sure that if it is allowed for people like this to come in, that the resources and the support of equipment and training for our first responders in an emergency situation is going to be adequate, and how would we evacuate, if necessary, around the storage facility. because that can be a very toxic environment. So, I commend you all for the moratorium. If it takes more than 12 months, I will support that, but I think 12 months is a very reasonable approach for this significant of an event. Thank you.

Supervisor Butler: Just to touch on her comment about the length of this, if we get close to the end of the one-year period and we're not ready or we're not comfortable, as long as we are showing some progress, we may extend it for another six-month period of time as we go.

The Town Clerk read the following letter received by the Town Board:

Dear Town Supervisor and Members of the Corinth Town Board,

I am a resident of the Town of Corinth and am unable to attend tonight's meeting because of my work schedule. I am writing to ask that my comments regarding the proposed Battery Energy Storage System be included in the public record.

I strongly support placing a moratorium on the development of battery energy storage facilities in Corinth while the Town has sufficient time to thoroughly investigate the potential effects of these facilities and establish appropriate local regulations.

Corinth is a small community surrounded by natural resources, homes, and property that deserve careful protection. I am concerned about the potential risks associated with large-scale battery storage facilities, including fires and thermal runaway, emergency response capabilities, environmental contamination, and the possible effects on nearby residents and property.

I recognize that energy needs and technology are changing. However, I do not believe that asking the Town to proceed cautiously with a project of this magnitude is opposition to progress. Once a facility is built, the consequences of an inadequate decision cannot easily be undone.

I ask the Town Board to use the proposed moratorium to carefully examine the experiences of other communities, consult independent experts and local emergency

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responders, evaluate potential environmental and public safety consequences, and develop strong zoning and safety regulations before allowing any battery energy storage facility to move forward.

I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice included in this discussion, even though I cannot attend the meeting in person. I respectfully ask the Town Board to proceed cautiously and put the long-term safety, environment, and interests of Corinth residents first.

Sincerely,

Laura Tilbury

RESOLUTION #152

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Denno and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No.1 of 2026, Establishing a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems.

SOLAR PUBLIC HEARING: The Town Clerk read the following public hearing notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF CORINTH**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corinth Town Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 9, 2026, beginning at 06:00 p.m. concerning proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026. The proposed Local Law would impose a one-year Moratorium on any new Solar Energy Systems that do not yet have site plan approval for the purpose of considering zoning code amendments to address these systems. At the Public Hearing, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Copies of the proposed Local Law are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and also on the Town of Corinth website at www.townofcorinthny.com.

Dated: June 15, 2026
Brenda Peris
Corinth Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #153
TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Denno and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law no#2 of 2026 Establishing a Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Corinth.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Murray Sr.: I did work on the GDR&D Center on solar energy. Same thing as on the battery storage, is that a lot of people here, people that have talked to me, and they don't understand what's going on. They don't understand what's involved in that. It would be nice if you could bring in somebody from the state, maybe even federal and have education, public hearing for the community and explain what is going on with accurate information, not with inaccurate information. There is a lot of that out there.

Supervisor Butler: Thank you very much. We'll make one quick comment, because you brought up the state in both of these opportunities. I'm not sure people from the state are anybody we want to talk to. The state are really the ones that are pushing this whole project.

Marianne Morelle: I support this moratorium as well for the reasons I stated for the previous one and for all the reasons that Derek mentioned in the earlier proposal for the moratorium for the storage. But in addition, I would just ask the board in your inquiries and your discovery to also look at something that I learned about, which is the microclimate that is being created around massive solar farms. And what I was reading is that they're going to be spawning a lot more F1 tornado areas because of the difference in the temperatures in these microclimates around certain areas. So, I just ask that you kind of look at that and consider that as you go forward.

Mary Beth McCue: Maybe some people saw it online. Alexandra Fasulo was in-- Washington DC last week and in and out of the federal buildings with a lot of people at that level and at state levels fighting this whole solar farm versus solar residential issue. A quick Google search can bring up the same concerns, critical concerns that we just heard about with battery issue in terms of environmental, negative environmental impacts. property taxes as well as property values. The integrity of this area, I believe, in both of these issues, is already being questioned until the decision is made. This is a community that's in a very pristine area. And even if it wasn't, I'd still feel that we need to honor the environment, the earth, what humans and what health of humans need. I've been a health care provider for almost 40 years. And the biggest insult to our -- and that's just a technical clinical term out of research -- the biggest insult to our bodies that will drive any condition along the way or create conditions are toxic insults in terms of food, environment, and so on. And that's highly documented, and it's not new science. So, the introduction of these massive projects, along with something like the Hudson River coming through here and all that that trickles down to, It just doesn't make any sense at all to me, and it just goes to everything that Kevin so eloquently discussed, and it's just all common sense, but we all want our health, we all want financial viability, and we want to secure all these pieces. It's just common human nature, and these are all threats. They're threats. I'm not trying to say anything that they're not. It's what everybody's feeling and talking about. I think the more truth that we can speak to these issues, the further along we're going to really work with them with integrity and transparency, and resolve them in a way, while you're doing your moratorium project, that we know that we've done what we need to do and we're not going to hear about the decision and negative impact that the community is going to have to implore. Let's back that up, too. And can you just clarify just one quick question? These wonderful comments and sharing, how does this fold into the process right now?

Supervisor Butler: Currently, we are mainly focused on two things. One, we are listening to these comments and will use them when we get into this process. Coming from myself, coming from a planning board, I was planning board chair for 10 years, along with four years of the town board and now five years here, so I have some background in how the land use laws work. At this point, the public

hearing itself, like I stated earlier, is really just to make sure to see how the public feels about us starting a moratorium and getting this going. Then we'll, you know, be off and running. And, you know, there's someone here standing up saying, no, I don't think you should do a battery storage or a solar moratorium, so we'll move forward with that. We have a solar law now, that is only four years old, but we feel like we need to update that to change some things on it. I would be very surprised if it actually, , if that actually extended out for a full year. The BESS may take a while longer, because I think they're going to uncover all kinds of things that we're just not aware of yet. As you can tell, just by this local law and process, we started, as a town board, talking about it six or eight weeks ago. Here we are, we got to this point where, you know, we're eight weeks-2 months in, and we've just been able to do the public hearing. We got paused again because of the county. The municipal laws and processes take a lot of time. There are deadlines on everything. A year's not an excessive amount of time. We only get our attorney once a month at a meeting. That's 12 meetings. We'll hopefully have some workshop meetings in the midst to take care of some of these.

Mary Beth McCue: Is it my understanding that our discussions tonight, and perhaps in two weeks when we return again, are going to be helpful to inform the moratorium.

Supervisor Butler: The moratorium is strictly a tool. I mean, maybe the understanding of what a moratorium is, just a big pause button. It's a tool that we use to say, all right, time out. We're not doing any of these things right here until we can figure out some rules and regulations, so we have control.

Mary Beth McCue: The rules and regulations. Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt. That's what I mean. The rules and regulations that thus follow after you read the moratorium. I would hope that all of this and more to come in the meetings are ingredients to inform where you're heading.

Supervisor Butler: Yes, we can give you some updates on things, but at the same time, as I say, we're not going to put out too many details because, you know, it's like a puzzle. We don't want to give you, you know, ten pieces of a thousand-piece puzzle because there's a stop. You kind of have to take it in perspective. To give you little bits and pieces of it, you can shred this little piece of it. But you kind of need to write this whole thing. It'll really make more sense at the end. I mean, we're pretty open. We'll give you as much information as we can. But there are certain things that you're going to have to rely on us to do the research.

Mary Beth McCue: I respect that, where you're at in the conversation. My question is how much of what the community wants and desires and discusses are a part of the development of those pieces.

Supervisor Butler: When we get to that point where we think we have a good law, we will put it back out, we will go through this process again. And if we need to have more than one meeting, we can have more than one meeting. We can leave it open and have meetings for four more months. And that's kind of how we get to that point.

Kendra Schrieber: I am for the solar moratorium. This is, I assume, just for solar fields. It's not, for instance, if I wanted to put a barn up and put solar on my barn, it wouldn't include that.

Supervisor Butler: Correct. Just large commercial solar projects.

Kendra Schrieber: Excellent, excellent. Thank you. You know, a lot of this is regarding money. We're going to be getting money in from these companies, right? Tax dollars are coming into our coffers. The true value in any business is not the dollar. But the value of business is what benefit it brings to

humankind, to our collective group. Money is simply a tool. And that was Laura Nesmith, mother of Brian Nesmith from the Monkees, not mine. She was the inventor of liquid paper. Very useful tool.

RESOLUTION #154

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Supervisor Butler and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law no#2 of 2026 Establishing a Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Corinth.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

VILLAGE APPLICATION SUPPORT: Water infrastructure Grant Application Board Resolution- Lead Service Inventory

TOWN OF CORINTH

RESOLUTION NO. 155

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VILLAGE OF CORINTH'S APPLICATION FOR A NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Village of Corinth (the "Village") owns and operates a public water system (PWS ID NY4500164) that serves users within both the Village of Corinth and portions of the Town of Corinth (the "Town"); and

WHEREAS, the Village and the Town are parties to an existing Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) under which the Village provides water service to users located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the federal Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), which superseded the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, require public water systems to prepare and maintain an inventory of all service line materials in their distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to apply for grant funding under the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Lead Service Line Inventory grant program, funded through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), to prepare a lead service line inventory for its public water system; and

WHEREAS, the inventory will include service connections located within the Town that are served by the Village water system, consistent with the IMA; and

WHEREAS, verification of service line materials will, at certain locations within the Town, require minor and temporary excavation to expose existing curb stops and service lines within previously disturbed areas of the public right of way, with disturbed areas restored to their prior condition; and

WHEREAS, the Village is the sole applicant for the grant, and the Town is not a co-applicant; and

WHEREAS, the project is anticipated to be funded entirely by grant funds and requires no financial contribution from the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the Village's effort to complete the lead service line inventory in order to protect public health and to meet the regulatory obligations applicable to the Village water system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Corinth hereby supports the Village of Corinth's application for a WIIA Lead Service Line Inventory grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town consents to the performance of the lead service line inventory, including the minor and temporary excavation described above, at service connections located within the Town that are served by the Village water system, consistent with the existing Intermunicipal Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town acknowledges that the Village is the sole applicant for the grant, that the Town is not a co-applicant, and that the project requires no financial contribution from the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor and Town staff are authorized to cooperate with the Village and its consultants as reasonably necessary to facilitate completion of the inventory within the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilwoman Denno and seconded by Supervisor Butler was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
Nays	0
Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: July 9, 2026

ATTORNEY ITEMS: None

MONEY MOVES: NONE

SUPERVISOR ITEMS:

*4th of July-image committee celebrations—Food trucks, music, face painting, balloons on Friday.

5k Race -raised over \$700. For the food pantry, parade, bag of cupcakes on Saturday all turned out great.

TOWN CLERK:

*RFP-Request for Proposals for Administrative Services for the NYS & Federal Home Improvement & Mobile Home Replacement Grants. Deadline to receive request is August 11, 2026, so I will be sending the board copies and will be looking for approval at the August 13, 2026, Board Meeting.

*Disbursement #6 approval needed for CDBG 281HR310-24

RESOLUTION #156

CDBG 281HR310-24 ABSTRACT #6 APPROVAL

A motion was made by Councilman Clothier and seconded by Supervisor Butler the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, to approve CDBG 281HR310-24 ABSTRACT #6 Totaling \$100,255.19 to be paid at the time the deposit post to the checking account.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Murray SR. : The State has an agenda. GE Global Growth may be a good contact to inform the public about BESS & Solar. GE originally created these. They have well-educated people there and would be able to provide accurate information.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Clothier:

Reminder of the Fund Raiser at the Grange—They are in need of a new roof. There will be baked goods, music, and raffles. It is being held Saturday July 11, 2026.

RESOLUTION #157

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Butler and seconded by Councilman Clothier the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3 Butler, Clothier, Denno
	Nays	0
	Excused	2 Crooks, Mann

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Brenda L Peris, Town Clerk