Public Message regarding Finance Office operations during the building closure:

**Current Taxes:** Most towns are extending their collection period (warrant) until 4/30/2020 so that taxpayers can continue to pay their 2020 taxes to their town collector before the taxes are returned to the County and avoid 5% penalty fee. 2020 County taxes in the Town of Howard, City of Hornell and City of Corning will not be able to be paid to the County until May 20th. In late-April, taxpayers can pay delinquent Corning City, Hornell City or Hornell City School taxes by calling the Finance Office to obtain the amount due and to discuss the form of payment.

**Prior Year(s) Unpaid Taxes:** Please mail any payments for contract payments or full payment of prior year taxes to the Finance Office using checks, money orders or certified checks. Do not mail cash. If paying by money order or certified check, a receipt will be mailed back to you after your payment has been processed. This may take a few weeks so please be patient while awaiting the return of your receipt. If paying by personal check your “paid” check is your receipt. There will also be a secured drop box at the main office building if you would like to deliver any of these payment forms to the office building. Be sure to place them in an envelope and write Finance Office on the front of the envelope.

You can also pay by credit card using our on-line payment system at [https://paylocalgov.com/Payment/SelectEntity/642](https://paylocalgov.com/Payment/SelectEntity/642). You can access the toll free number to make electronic payments by calling 1-888-877-0450. Select option 1 at the first prompt and option 3 at the second prompt. You will then have to wait for a person to answer the call. You will need either your tax map number or contract number to make a payment on-line or by phone.

**Installment contracts:** All installment contracts will be completed by mail until further notice. Please call 607-664-2488 to discuss your contract details. Following this telephone conversation, the contract documents will be mailed to you for your Notarized signature. You will then return the contracts to the Finance office by mail with your payment for the down payment. The Finance Office will process the contract and mail you your copy of the contract and any payment coupons. We strongly encourage that you set up automated ACH payments to facilitate an automatic deduction from your bank account to make your monthly installment contract payments.

**Retiree Health Insurance Payments:** Please mail your monthly share for health/dental/vision coverage to the Finance Office using checks, money orders or certified checks. Alternatively, you can use the secure drop box or the electronic payment systems described above under “Prior Year Unpaid Taxes.” We are unable to accept cash payments at this time.

Finance Office staff are answering phone calls so please call 607-664-2488 with any questions or concerns. Thank you.