

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting Held on February 1, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall in Slaterville Springs, NY

Board Members present: Supv. Don Barber
 Clm. Ed Cope
 Clm. Barry Goodrich
 Clm. Todd Schmit
 Clm. Tim Seely

Board Members Absent: None

Visitors: 1

Committee Reports

Recreation Partnership Board- Clm. Schmit reported that Peggy Hendricks gave a special presentation on the Foundation and the opportunities for the RP to establish a fund under their 5013c umbrella. The use of the Foundation's 5013c status would eliminate the need for forming a separate 5013c, which comes with its own start up and operating costs and administrative requirements. The information will be further evaluated at the next month's meeting.

Finance Committee- The Committee presented the final billing recommendation to the Board for payment to the IYB. Unfortunately, the projected net costs were underestimated, leaving a gap in payment of \$7145. The Board asked for a more thorough analysis of this, so as not to make the same errors in the future. Given the required payment per our current contract, the Board approved that the \$6400 remaining in our reserve accounts be used to offset the budget shortfall and that the balance of \$745 be carried over to next years budget. This will be discussed again at length at the next meeting on February 22, at the Human Services Building.

Caroline Watershed- Clm. Schmit reported that there was a special meeting held for landowners in connection with the Barille Project. Only a couple of landowners attended the meeting. Clm. Goodrich believes the landowners don't understand the concept of what an easement is, so he will meet with them tomorrow.

Clm. Schmit reported that the LEAPE training on January 24th was attended by Lou Albright, Clm. Goodrich, Clm. Schmit and a group from the Town of Dryden and the Village of Dryden.

Clm. Schmit stated that there was a 6-Mile Creek Partnership Meeting on January 27th, which Clm. Schmit gave a presentation on the Barille Project update. Also, Todd Miller gave an update on the Caroline Aquifer Study with a slide presentation along with some of the results and more additional information.

Clm. Schmit reported that he has submitted an Invoice for the Barber and Deline drilling costs to the County.

Clm. Schmit has received a USGS Agreement from the Tompkins County Health Department for the sediment analysis and gaging station operation costs.

Clm. Schmit met with the environmental planner, Debbie Gross, to speak about doing some additional storm water services. They developed a good plan on what is reasonable for her do, including preparing the Town's Annual Report. Clm. Schmit has a draft agreement ready to approve the environmental planner agreement with Dryden. This draft agreement is basically the same as the agreement that the Town had last year with them, as well as the pay rate of \$27.44 an hour, up to the maximum of \$7,500.

Youth Commission- Clm. Seely reported that the Caroline Sports Commission was invited to the January Meeting. It was a very informative meeting about the relationship with the Town and the liability insurance for the sports programs. The Town insures the volunteers for these events for gross negligence insurance, i.e. in case of making bad decisions, and then jeopardizes the children; the volunteers would be covered from a liability standpoint. But the Town wouldn't cover for any athletic injuries of the children. Clm. Seely feels that those issues were cleared up.

Clm. Seely stated that the Caroline Sports Commission currently runs two programs. The soccer program runs in the fall and is very successful. The other is the basketball program, which didn't run because of the lack of interest. The Commission will be working harder to get it running, next year. There is another program that isn't really being sponsored, which is ice-skating. Karen will be calling the Town insurance company about what type of coverage is needed when the kids are at Cass Park.

There will be a youth Variety Show at the B. C. C. on February 18th at 6:30-9:00PM. The admission to the Show will be to bring a dessert to pass.

Town Web Site Update- Clm. Seely and Marty will be meeting next Tuesday to update the Website Page.

Clm. Goodrich attended a 6-Mile Creek Volunteers Meeting to work out a plan for this year. He stated they would like to have five different sampling times, three of them at high-flow creek times. Steve will let Clm. Goodrich know who will make the determination when high-flow occurs and how to notify all the volunteers to go out for samplings.

Clm. Cope stated that there were a lot of breakdowns with the Highway equipment and there is one employee that is out on Worker's Comp, with a back injury.

Clm. Cope reported that the Planning Board would like to bring a report to the Town Board at the next Board Meeting about the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisors Report

Supv. Barber brought the Fire Department Contracts for the Town Board Members to read. The Contracts will be in the Correspondence file.

Supv. Barber stated that the Town Board has not formally appointed the Intern that the Planning Board is using, in a formal resolution. The Town Board needs to formalize this by the Planning Board submitting their recommendation for this intern, by this week.

AGENDA

- 1) Presentation by the Planning Board
- 2) Appointment to the Subdivision Review Board
- 3) Traffic Safety Street Lights
- 4) Cable Franchise Agreement with Haefele
- 5) Planning Board Intern Appointment
- 6) Environmental Planner Agreement
- 7) Storm Water Local Law Development Process
- 8) Fire Protection Contracts
- 9) Association of Towns Resolutions
- 10) Attorney for the Town: Discuss Contract Provisions
- 11) Quality Community Grant Application

Supv. Barber brought up the issue from last month about the Town Board agreeing to go ahead and spend \$5,000.00 for a housing rehabilitation grant application through Better Housing, with the possibility of not receiving the grant. The Town Board discussed this and decided to move on this.

Resolution #2-1-2005 Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application

Supv. Barber Offered the Following Resolution and Moved its Adoption.

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline has successfully implemented a housing rehabilitation program to serve low-income homeowners in conjunction with Better Housing for Tompkins County, Inc. over the last 14 years, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline recognizes a continuing serious need for housing rehabilitation services among low-income homeowners who cannot afford to make needed repairs, and places a high priority on serving that need in the Town, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities has made Small Cities CDBG Funding available to municipalities for this and other purposes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Caroline will submit a new CDBG grant request of \$400,000 to the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities to continue to provide a housing rehabilitation program on a town-wide basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroline will hire Better Housing for Tompkins County, Inc. to prepare the grant application materials for review and submission by the Town of Caroline.

Seconded By: Clm. Goodrich

Passed as Follows:

Ayes: Supv. Barber, Clm. Cope, Clm. Goodrich, Clm. Schmit, Clm. Seely
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

Supv. Barber received a request from Danby's Planning person for the Town of Caroline to apply for NYS Quality Communities Grant Application. This is a forest management plan and this might work well with our Comprehensive Plan. Supv. Barber stated that this grant program is very competitive, with \$1 million dollars allocated statewide, and with intermunicipal joint applications given priority. Clm. Cope will give this letter to the Planning Board.

Supv. Barber received a notice from Cooperative Ext. Ag. Program, regarding two properties on Level Green Road stating they are interested in these properties being a part of the Ag. District. They are wondering if the Town had any problem with this. The Board had a long discussion and will be discussed further.

Clm. Seely found out how much street light poles would cost if the Town would purchase them.. The cost would be about 17-year pay back. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mahlon Perkins attended the Meeting to discuss the purchase of the Midnight Sun. There was a long discussion and then went into an Executive Session.

Resolution # 2-2-2005 End Executive Session

Clm. Cope Offered the Following Motion and Moved its Adoption. Resolved the Town Board of Caroline Adjourned from executive Session

Seconded By: Clm. Goodrich Passed as Follows:
Ayes: Supv. Barber, Clm. Cope, Clm. Goodrich, Clm. Schmit, Clm. Seely
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

The Meeting was Adjourned by a Motion Made by Clm. Cope, Seconded by Clm. Seely, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Clark Walls
Deputy Town Clerk