

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting Held on April 5, 2005 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall in Slaterville Springs, NY

Board Members Present: Clm. Ed Cope
Clm. Barry Goodrich
Clm. Todd Schmit
Clm. Tim Seely

Board Members Absent: Supv. Don Barber

Visitors: 2

Privilege of the Floor

Fay Dean came to address the Board about her damaged property by water runoff. Two years ago, she addressed this board with the same problem. She wants the Board to regulate this section of land. Clm. Schmit responded by stating that the Town is working on having a Stormwater and Erosion Control Local Law. He stated that this will be done this year.

Committee Reports

Clm. Goodrich stated that they have been working on the Phase II Stormwater Law; he doesn't have a presentable copy, yet.

Clm. Goodrich has the Lawn Care and Cemetery Care Contract ready to be signed with the same contractor as last year. There will be a Hold Harmless Clause included this year.

Clm. Goodrich has been doing a lot of work on the Barrile Project.

Youth Commission-Clm. Seely reported that there is an after school skating program through the Caroline Sports Committee, which is held twice a year that the Town has decided to pay liability insurance coverage for the volunteers.

Clm. Seely added that this year the Town had increased the budget money for the C Y C, however, he has been seeing in the last couple of months, they have expanded programs without any extra money. Clm. Cope stated that the Town's County Youth Services Board Town representative seat is vacant.

Brooktondale Community Center Summer Camp- Clm. Seely said that Debbie Moore attended the meeting. She stated that they are considering improvements to the Camp. They are considering adding an extra week making this a 6-week program, and considering a longer day, but this is contingent on being able to serve a free lunch. Clm. Seely added to have a longer day; the camp is required to serve lunch. Also, they are looking at improving the advertising for the camp, through the elementary school and also through the newsletter.

Caroline Youth Summer Program- Clm. Seely reported that Penney is planning for the summer program, now. The kids are brainstorming for this summer. They do know they still are going to be making crafts and that they will be selling them from the Town Hall. For this year, they have decided they will give their profits to the Food Pantry, and in combination with that, they will also be growing vegetables at the Community Center to give to the food pantry. In the fall, they are planning on serving a hot supper the night the Food Pantry is open.

Town Web Site- Clm. Seely has made changes on the Supervisor's site and has made changes and updates over all.

Street Lighting- Clm. Seely stated that the work orders are in and he should be getting feed-back from NYSEG on locations where the poles will be set. Don Russo will no longer be head of the Town's account. He will let the Board know who is taking it over.

Rec. Partnership- Clm. Schmit stated that they met on March 22, 2005. He is on the Evaluation Committee and he reported that the main item he wanted to pass on to the Board is the program structure and the RFP process. The recommendations that were approved were to start with the smaller programs: fencing, skate boarding, tennis, chess, and Tai Quando. Next week the committee is meeting and they are arranging a 'Bidders Conference', which will hold meetings to get attention to people, agencies and municipalities, which would like to operate programs for the Rec. Partnership. They want to find out what type of interest is out there. The Bidders Conference won't preclude any other proposals that the Committee might not have identified, but that maybe out there that they are not aware of. They have established draft criteria evaluating any competitive proposals of additional questions that they are looking to resolve in terms of finalizing a contract procedure. They basically wanted to do this soon enough with new information before budget time.

Tompkins County Water Resources- Clm. Schmit stated they met on March 21st at the Public Library for a Lake Source Cooling question and answer session with individuals from Cornell, Upstate Freshwater Institute and others. Clm. Schmit felt it was a very informative session with the Main Source Sub-Committee and WRC will be following up the panel members and Cornell and will come back to the Council next month with an update and also with possible recommendations with regards with Cornell's interest in reducing the number of monitoring stations. Also, the Council reviewed a draft of a new brochure with Cayuga Lake Recreation Committee regarding the new regulation concerning Personnel Water Craft i.e. curtail noise, clean boating.

Phase II Coordinating Committee- Clm. Schmit has heard from Frank Proto about some feedback with regards to the sample that the Committee put together.

Clm. Schmit received an e-mail and information from Diane Carlton concerning a DEC Press Release regarding ATV use on State land. A public meeting for Region 7 is set for May 5th, 5-8 PM at the State Fair Grounds in Syracuse. An extra copy of the Draft Policy,

Press Release and notification of the upcoming public meetings, are in the Correspondence file.

Clm. Schmit has been working over the past several months with U S Geological Survey, Fish and Wildlife and others, putting a draft proposal called Bio-Diversity and Sediment Loads in the Six-Mile Creek Watershed, for federal funding, to do additional monitoring.

Stormwater Management Plan- The Annual Report for the Town of Caroline's Stormwater Management Plan needs to be submitted by June 1, 2005. Debbie Gross will give a presentation at the May Agenda Meeting.

Clm. Schmit stated that USGS Aquifer Study Bill is lower this year because of the County payment.

Clm. Schmit reported that because of the heavy rains, there has been considerable damage to creeks and bank loss in the Town. Because of the extensive amount of debris, particularly around the Barille Project area, the residents in the Town may be eligible to receive some assistance in debris removal. Clm. Schmit had the opportunity to drive to the end of Six Hundred Road. He noticed the mesh wall suffered extensive damage, as well. He has spoken with Craig Scutt and Darby for possible funding and the feasibility to put drainage behind that wall.

Barille Project- Clm. Schmit stated that the quarterly reports to the DEC, for this Project, are due in a couple of weeks, by the 15th. The Town did send out for Bid for medium/select heavy stone fill. Another bid was sent out for personal bid documents to local people in the area. Clm. Schmit also noted that the second RFP went out for large pumping equipment.

Clm. Schmit reported that the \$70,000 Legislative Grant has been secured by Barbara Lifton's Office for the Project.

Supervisors Report (given by Clm. Cope)

Supv. Barber received a letter from MEGA electric and gas company saying they are pleased to announce a significant increase in savings in our electricity program. Supv. Barber has a resolution to be passed at the next Board Meeting to vote on.

The Board will need to establish a local advisory board of assessment review. Cal Snow and Bob Spalding have volunteered. The Board should bring forward other names next week.

The Association of Towns gave a sample resolution to pass at the next Board Meeting about property taxes.

Some Highway employees want to have Direct Deposit. Supv. Barber has asked other employees if they're interested, as well. The response is over 50% affirmative response.

Supv. Barber will give an update on health insurance work that he has done.

There will be a resolution establishing Karen Lee Marquis as typist for Court at \$9/hr and up to 6 hours per week.

Also, at the next Board Meeting, there will be a resolution establishing an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy for the Town.

There will be an announcement that Upper Road Qualified Abandonment Public Hearing, April 19, 2005 at 1 PM.

AGENDA

- 1) Cemetery Maintenance Contract
- 2) Letter of Support for EPF Stormwater funding
- 3) Equal Employment Opportunity Policy
- 4) Contract with Youth Bureau for Youth Services
- 5) Appointment of Assessment Review Advisory Board
- 6) Association of Towns Property Tax Resolution
- 7) Appointment of Court Typist
- 8) Discuss Health Insurance Offer Direct Deposit to Employees
- 9) Selecting Advantage Energy as Electricity Supplier

Resolution # 1-4 Executive Session

Clm. Cope Offered the Following Resolution and Moved it Adoption. Resolved, the Town Board of Caroline Adjourns to Executive Session at 8:12 PM to Discuss the Purchase of the Adjacent Property.

Seconded By: Clm. Schmit

Passed as Follows:

Ayes: Clm. Cope, Clm. Goodrich, Clm. Schmit, Clm. Seely

Nays: None

Absent: Supv. Barber

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:30 PM by a Motion From Clm. Cope, Seconded by Schmit, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Clark Walls
Deputy Town Clerk