

# Town of Caroline Town Board Minutes

April 14, 2005

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on April 14, 2005 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:03 p.m.

**Present:** Don Barber, Supervisor  
Ed Cope, Councilman  
Barry Goodrich, Councilman  
Tim Seely, Councilman  
Todd Schmit, Councilman

**Recording Secretary:** Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

## Monthly Reports

### Highway Superintendent's Report

We're now in the dust season. The highway department only sweep roads where houses are close to the road. Found a used trailer in town of Berkshire for \$3500. The one ton will go up for auction May 21 in Palmyra. They're trying to grade and rake and get some calcium on the dry roads (holds dust down and holds road together); can't grade roads with frost still on them. Scrap steel was stolen from the dump box behind the barns. Supt. Whittaker alerted all scrap yards; they'll call her if the parts, which are very unusual, come in. Slaterville fire dist wants to buy fuel from the highway at state bid price. Supt. Whittaker and Supervisor Barber had a meeting on Upper Road, and are now waiting for John Lampman's decision on whether to abandon it.

### Supervisor's Report

#### Correspondence of Note:

1. Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan is available on the Planning shelf
2. ITCTC Highway Capital Plan – includes Brooktondale Bridge
3. Brainteasers: Free workshops on 4/28 using internet for work
4. Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Statewide Wireless Network; county said they would work within the spirit of our town law.

#### Report

Cayuga Medical Center annual meeting. Invited supervisor to attend on April 27. Molly Adams is planning on attending; any other board members are welcome to attend. RSVP.

Upper Road Public Hearing. People who live on the road would be most affected. Sole decision is John Lampman, hearing officer.

Emergency Service Communication System. Supervisor went to county board meeting to talk about their resolution about communication towers. As a result of that meeting, he was given application form for board members to receive minutes for their meetings.

A copy of the Governor's Office on Small Cities Housing Rehab Grant Application is filed in Clerk's office; contains confidential info. We will not hear back until probably September.

Risk Manager. NYMIR has asked the town to assign a safety coordinator. Person must read and maintain the risk manual and disseminate the info to people who need it, and to respond to audits each year from Worker's comp and liability. Councilman Seely expressed willingness.

Boiceville Road bridge. Water level is rising because the stream has changed downstream and caused the gravel to build up upstream over time.

### **County Representative's Report**

Boiceville bridge, Six Mile Creek. Town had an agreement with the county to remove gravel every year from the creek, moving up the creek every year. Right now, the county has not put forth any money for this program. Rep. Proto is looking for programs or funding from the state and county for creek maintenance.

John Lampman said they may start preliminary work in May on lower bridge.

Strategic planning group is moving closer to the five priorities.

Health dept taken up issue of open burning.

Alternatives to incarceration. Move to complete a study looking at the program and how much has been saved as opposed to spent.

Building a new health dept is not imminent; possibility is simply being examined. Looking at alternative uses of old library for county departments.

Universal service charge is still under examination. No date yet set.

Budget, preliminary is started.

TCAT had exec committee meeting to study rates.

39 cases of rabies reported since beginning of year.

### **Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports**

#### **Councilman Schmit**

Will be approving Caroline's contribution to the volunteer monitoring plan. City and town of Ithaca already approved it.

Put together letter of intent to NYS emergency management office regarding flood mitigation. If they like it, they'll ask for a full application, so Schmit asked for \$50,000.

There's been damage to the Moesch wall on 600 Road.

Quarterly reports on Barrille project are in the correspondence file; Schmit requested a one-year, no-cost extension just in case; also submitted a revised budget.

Meetings on labor and equipment needs for Six Mile Creek project. If the city doesn't commit to what they said they'd commit to, we probably won't have it in our budget.

Watershed committee meeting next Tuesday to open bids for dewatering and stone.

Rec Partnership: Will hold a bidders conference on Apr. 29 at Human Services building to talk about the programs they're looking to RFP in the next year and to look at any new programs agencies would like to propose.

#### **Councilman Seely**

Changes have been made to web site; some meeting minutes available.

Bargaining: 14 sections are still open.

**Action Topics**

**Transfers**

**Motion to Authorize Transfer of Funds**

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to authorize the following transfer:

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
\$5000.00	General Fund Account A 1990.4 Contingency	General Fund Account A 6989.419 Housing Grant CE
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**Adopted**

Don Barber	Aye
Ed Cope	Aye
Barry Goodrich	Aye
Tim Seely	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

**Approval of Abstracts**

**Approval of General Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilman Goodrich and seconded by Councilman Cope to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 116 through 157 in the amount of \$43,703.21, as amended. Item number 133, Yellow Pages listing, was pulled.

**Adopted**

Don Barber	Aye
Ed Cope	Aye
Barry Goodrich	Aye
Tim Seely	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

**Approval of Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Goodrich to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 085 through 095 in the amount of \$19,514.35.

**Adopted**

Don Barber	Aye
Ed Cope	Aye
Barry Goodrich	Aye
Tim Seely	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

**Approval of Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Goodrich to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 007 through 008 in the amount of \$646.10.

**Adopted**

Don Barber	Aye
Ed Cope	Aye
Barry Goodrich	Aye

Tim Seely	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

**Approval of Minutes**

**Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2005**

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to accept the minutes of February 10, amended as follows:

Amendments:

Barber: Resolution 2-3, Geisinger was appointed "alternate" (not second) to the subdivision review board.

Barber: the title of Resolution 2-12 should be changed to Community Celebrations.

Seely: Resolution 2-5, "Langdon" Road should read "Landon" Road.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Ed Cope	Abstain
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2005**

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to accept the minutes of March 1, amended as follows.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

Ammendment (Schmit): page 3, third paragraph, "American Fund" should be "Network Fund."

**Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2005**

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Goodrich to accept the minutes of March 10 as submitted by the town clerk.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Town Business**

**Library Computer in the Courtroom**

Barbara Kone addressed the board regarding patrons of the library using the computer in the courtroom while meetings are in session. All agreed that the computer should be available only during library hours, but not when a meeting is in session.

**Discussion of Health Insurance**

Under the Empire Plan, the town would save over \$3000 per year for the four people currently covered. In each case, NYSHIP is at least as good as BCBS. The board is very interested in changing. The supervisor will find out what's involved.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 4-1 of 2005  
284 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, that the town board accepts and will sign the 284 Agreement to spend highway funds.

**Resolution 4-2 of 2005  
Cemetery Maintenance Contract**

By Councilman Goodrich; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, that the supervisor is authorized to sign the cemetery maintenance contract with Lucente Landscaping for 2005.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution 4-3 of 2005  
Letter of Intent for Stormwater Funding**

By Councilman Schmit; Seconded by Supervisor Barber

RESOLVED, that the supervisor is authorized to sign the cooperating MS-4 letter of intent to the Environmental Protection Fund.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution 4-4 of 2005  
Stormwater Management Plan Annual Report Presentation**

By Councilman Schmit; Seconded by Seely

RESOLVED, that the town board will publicly present and seek public comment on the 2005 Town of Caroline Stormwater Management Plan Annual Report on May 3, 2005 at 7 p.m. during the Town Board Agenda Meeting at the Caroline Town Hall and put appropriate notice in the Ithaca Journal prior to that date.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution 4-5 of 2005  
Equal Employment Opportunity Policy**

By Councilman Seely; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, that the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy be added to the Policy Manual.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye

Tim Seely	Aye
Ed Cope	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution 4-6 of 2005**  
**Contract with Youth Bureau for Youth Services**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, that the town board authorizes the supervisor sign the contract with the county for youth services for 2005.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution 4-7 of 2005**  
**Appointment of Assessment Review Advisory Board**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, that the town board hereby appoints Calvin Snow of 665 Buffalo Rd. and Robert Spaulding of 2099 Ellis Hollow Rd. to the Town of Carline Assessment Review Advisory Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this advisory board will convene on May 12, 2005 from 3 to 6 p.m. to hear any and all property owners of the Town of Caroline testify about their 2005 assessment valuation.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution No. 4-9 of 2005**  
**Appointment of Court Typist**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Goodrich

RESOLVED, that the town board hereby appoints Karen Lee Marquis to the position of typist to assist the Caroline Justice Department at a salary of \$9/hr and at a maximum work effort of 6 hours per week.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution No. 4-10 of 2005**  
**Health Insurance**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Goodrich

RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the supervisor to disseminate information about the Empire Plan to the current policyholders.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye

Tim Seely	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution No. 4-11 of 2005  
Offering Direct Deposit to Employees**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Goodrich

RESOLVED, that the town board hereby authorizes the supervisor to enter into a contract with Tompkins Trust Company to provide direct deposit services for Town employees and officials that desire this service at a cost of \$9.95 per month.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution No. 4-12 of 2005  
Selecting Advantage Energy as Electric Supplier**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Cope

WHEREAS the County of Tompkins and other municipalities authorized the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) to bid for electricity on their behalf, and

WHEREAS MEGA has entered into a program agreement with Advantage Energy, Inc., and

WHEREAS the County of Tompkins has awarded a contact to Advantage Energy, Inc., and

WHEREAS Section 408-a of the County Law authorizes a county to include in any purchase contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder authorization permitting any political subdivision in the state to participate in the contract, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this municipality hereby authorizes its contracting official to enter into a customer agreement with Advantage Energy, Inc., for electricity.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution No. 4-13 of 2005  
Amend Resolution 3-7 of 2005**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Cope

RESOLVED, that Resolution 3-7 of 2005 be amended with the following: wording:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor or his designee to act on behalf of the Town of Caroline in all matters relating to this financial assistance.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution No. 4-14 of 2005  
Drug Consortium Agreement**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Schmit

RESOLVED, that the town board hereby authorizes the supervisor to sign the drug consortium agreement.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Todd Schmit	Aye

**Adjourn**

On a motion, the regular board meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk