

Town of Caroline Town Board Minutes

June 16, 2005

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on June 16, 2005 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:04 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

Supervisor's Report

Correspondence of Note

1. Public hearing with DEC about gas leasing of Potato Hill State land
2. Ag and Farmland Protection Board Plan – looking for municipal input

Report

Public Safety Road Patrol: Committee has reported out findings. It is agreed and recognized that Sheriff department is understaffed. How to get funding for these positions appears to be something that needs negotiation. Will be starting education and negotiation process next Monday at Inter Coop meeting.

Mining Permit: University Sand and Gravel buying adjacent property and applying for mining permit to expand mine.

Brooktondale Bridge at TNT intersection: Work to begin soon. Public information meeting at the bridge on Tuesday 6/21 at 5:30.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Councilman Goodrich

Should have stream channel cleared out in 4-5 days. Mrs. Abbey in Varna called; her son Aaron would like to do an Eagle Scout project: wants to do planting and revegetation on the Barrile site. He would bring in and coordinate volunteers. All but fill material is on site. Our sign is ready to pick up; to be sited off Hamilton Rd at the entrance to the site.

Councilman Cope

Planning Board: He passed meeting notes of Speedsville public session, where two people were in attendance. Last meeting to take place June 28 at Town Hall.

Councilman Seely

Met with Youth Group last Saturday at BCC, where they were planting their container gardens. Talked about money they donated to MacKenzie Park, and what the town is considering doing about alternative plan to use Midnight Sun property. They talked to him about what they'd like to see happen with the BCC. Meeting coming up to start budget talks.

Councilman Schmit

Rec Partnership meeting last month. Bidders conference: six agencies attended. Evaluation committee reviewed proposals (received four proposals: Ithaca Youth Hockey, American Red Cross, IFV, a classical fencing program, and Ithaca Youth Bureau). Will be discussed later this month at the full Rec Partnership meeting.

Willows are still available.

Barrile: Labor hires have been secured. Clearing and grubbing is underway. City survey crew have marked out control points and are doing in-house prep for survey data sheets, etc. Talked to Mr. Wilson at minority and woman-owned business office; everything is fine with the paperwork Todd submitted. Todd will inquire whether we have to pay for heavy equipment delivered in early July, but will not use until later on.

Action Topics

Transfers

Motion to Authorize Transfer of Funds

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

	From	To
\$4000.00	General Fund Account A 5132.4 Garage CE	General Fund Account A 5010.4 Highway Admin CE

And Be it Further Resolved that the Caroline Town Board makes the following budget changes:

\$70,000.00	added to General Fund Revenue Account A 3061 Grants
\$18,801.00	removed from General Fund Revenue Account A 2389 Government Services - Watershed
\$7,500.00	added to General Fund Account A 1440.4 Legal CE
\$28,699.00	added to General Fund Account A 8710.4 Conservation CF
\$15,000.00	added to General Fund Account A 8710.1 Conservation PS

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 Cope and seconded by Councilman Seely to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 197 through 235 in the amount of \$22,756.40.

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 Goodrich and seconded by Councilman Cope to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 128 through 147 in the amount of \$33,816.00.

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 number 011 in the amount of \$151.74.

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2005

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to accept the minutes of May 3, amended as follows:

Amendments:

Barber: change date of minutes to May 3, 2005

Schmit: page 3, Caroline Watershed Committee, 1st paragraph, should be changed to read, "Parts of the report are attached."

Schmit: page 3, Caroline Watershed Committee, last paragraph, should be changed to read that a copy of the report "is available at the Town Hall."

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

Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2005

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Goodrich to accept the minutes of May 12, as submitted by the town clerk:

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

Town Business

Health Insurance Carrier

Need one active employee in the plan to use empire plan. So town won't be switching.

MacKenzie Park

Considering using town's property for the park since people seem to use it anyway, and parking here too even when they do use the property across the street. Northeast appraisal can provide an appraisal for the current park property for under \$450, and submit a report within 30 days of approval of funds.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Business agent for the bargaining unit was in town today and met with the unit. He contacted the supervisor and discussed the open issues. When the final report is written up, the unit will approach the board when they've got something signed.

Midnight Sun Purchase

The town now has the physical copy of the document put together in 1998 by contributing agencies and the property owner, Tony Liu, regarding this property. When the tanks were removed, water was tested from the bottom of the pit. Report shows contaminants and their levels. An environmental engineer would have to interpret what those levels mean. Based on that study, Buck Engineering recommended we move to Phase II to determine what the contaminant levels are now. The cost of Phase II is \$3500.

Ed Cope talked to Scott Nostram from the Buck Engineering a couple weeks ago. If the Town were to do a Phase II report now, we would not get reimbursed from the state Environmental Restoration Program; they only reimburse funds spent after the application is approved. Once we apply for ERP, it takes three to four months before getting approval. Norstram also said that the Phase I report strengthens our application. He thinks the total cleanup will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000-70,000, of which the town is responsible for ten percent. Buck Engineering would charge \$500 assist town in pursuing ERP funds. The ERP will provide complete indemnification.

Private property owners can't access ERP funds.

Resolutions

Resolution 6-1 of 2005

Emergency Stream Permit Expenditures

By Councilman Schmit; Seconded by Councilman Cope

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline is active in watershed management in our community, and

WHEREAS, the Town through its Watershed Committee work with local residents in addressing issues of stream bank erosion, sedimentation, and protection of our water resource environmental amenities, and

WHEREAS, recent high water and flooding conditions has severely damaged the Herb and Rachel Crispell farm crossing located on Six Mile Creek in the Town of Caroline, and within the Barrile Stream Restoration Project limits currently under construction, and

WHEREAS, damage to the crossing and adjacent stream banks made crossing at this location with machinery and cattle impossible, and the eroded banks were left in a highly unstable condition promulgating increased sediment loads during future high water events, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of immediate remediation of this area to continue farm operations and to protect the water resource, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation has issued an Emergency Stream Permit to reconstruct and stabilize the farm crossing, and

WHEREAS, the property owners have coordinated and contracted for repairs to area with a total cost of \$6,800, and

WHEREAS, the property owners are seeking cost-sharing assistance from the Town of Caroline, Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, and

WHEREAS, both the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization have agreed to authorize \$1,200 towards the project cost, and the property owners have agreed to pay \$3,200, and

WHEREAS, the Town has worked cooperatively with property owners and local agencies to cost-share similar watershed and stream bank projects,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town will contribute \$1,200 towards the project cost leveraged with the other agencies and the property owner.

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

Discussion: Tim Seely noted that in future if town is doing cost sharing with a property owner, the board should require three bids just like they do for regular town contracts.

**Resolution 6-2 of 2005
MacKenzie Park Appraisal**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to contact Ken Gardner of North East Appraisals to perform an appraisal on the MacKenzie parcel.

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

Executive Session

On a motion by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Cope, the meeting went into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss how the town will proceed with the contract with Tony Liu and the collective bargaining agreement.

On a motion, the executive session adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion, the regular board meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk