

**Town of Caroline
Town Board Minutes
August 11, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on August 11, 2005 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:07 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Visitors: Nellie Farnham and Dominic Frongillo, both candidates for the Town Boards seats being vacated, and Amanda Wooden

Privilege of the Floor

Frank Proto wanted to be updated on the status of the planning committee's work.

Amanda Wooden addressed the board regarding an incident in which someone drove a truck through the barn on the Middaugh farm on Slaterville Road, and the Sherrif deemed it criminal intent.

Monthly Reports

Highway Superintendent's Report

Cindy Whittaker reported that the paver is in town; they would close Middaugh Road for paving starting on Monday. They've been working on Bailor Road and plan to move on to Tobytown and Cecil Kane. Shoulder work will probably start in October, and to cut expenses, all the towns go in together on equipment rental and pool their laborers to complete these projects.

Supervisor's Report

Correspondence of Note

1. Water Resources Council: Todd Schmit's term is expiring, so there will be a vacancy on this committee.
2. Caroline EMC: Steve Nicholson's appointment is ending; they will need to either reappoint him or name someone else by December 1.
3. Sunday TCAT service will end starting August 21.

Report

NYMIR: At the board meeting, the supervisor learned there will be a 0% increase in insurance rates. Expect to have property appraised and may see an increase due to proper values of buildings.

Midnight Sun: Have received a signed contract from Tony Liu for Phase II. Supervisor sent the signed agreement to Buck Labs.

Supervisor has sent budget requests out; needs them back in early September to be developed by September 30.

County Legislator's Report

- Eighth annual farm-city day at Freebrook Farm on Saturday.

- Ridership is less than one person per day in Caroline on Sunday, so the service is stopping. The TCAT budget was reviewed, and they're looking for an increase of \$95,000 from each of the three contributing entities. Rep. Proto suggested TCAT Inc form an advisory board; they will be encouraging volunteers.
- County solid waste facility has been charging an uncovered load fee that was never approved by the legislature. If anyone is charged a fee, they should let the county know.
- Board of health has sanctioned two meetings in September with the public about burn barrels. The change being proposed will give the health dept. the power to enforce the burning ban.
- Sheriff Meskill put in for three more deputies.
- Space Needs Committee: taking a ten-year look at county needs. Health Department is the first agency that needs to be considered; they do not need all the space they occupy at the present location. It would cost around \$11 million to fix the building or \$9 million to build a new building. They propose dismantling the old library (deconstruct, not demolish) and rebuilding it using 70 to 80 percent of the materials, then to move some existing departments into it. Alternatives to Incarceration program needs to be accommodated.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Councilman Goodrich

Barrile project: both the excavator operator and his replacement went on vacation this week. They've finalized through to structure 6 today (out of 34 or 35), and will hydroseed starting tomorrow. DEC did inspection and was pleased.

Agreement from Speedsville Fire Dept. for diesel: gave to supervisor to look over.

Councilman Cope

Planning board feels the goals outlined at the meetings were generally accepted; now will move on to the implementation phase. Next step will be a meeting at the end of September: they'll present scenarios that are based on how to serve several of the goals at once. Town Hall might not be big enough for these meetings.

Councilman Seely

- Bob Walsh is the new NYSEG streetlight contact for the town. The work orders for the new streetlights are in; no scheduled time for them to be installed.
- Buck engineering has contacted a drilling agency to start work, probably next week. UFPT has been contacted and will start flagging underground utilities. Questions on septic system location.
- Caroline Youth committee will meet August 16.

Councilman Schmit

1. Public meeting on how nutrient and sediment reduction may be addressed in the Chemung and Susquehanna River Basin will be held at Town Hall on August 16 at 6 p.m.
2. Septic System workshop will be held at Town Hall on Sept. 20
3. Well water workshop will be held at Town Hall on Sept. 27
4. Will meet with agencies about continued funding for gauging station.
5. Debbie Gross, environmental planner, is leaving Dryden; they don't have a replacement
6. Handed out updated budget summary for Barrile. Intermunicipal Organization funding grant can match that of the DEC. As a bonus, IO contributed \$15,000 for personal services.

Action Topics

Transfers

Motion to Authorize Transfer of Funds

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

	From	To
\$50.00	General Fund A 3620.2 Safety Inspection EQ	General Fund A 3620.4 Safety Inspection CE
\$200.00	General Fund A1460.2 Records Management EQ	General Fund A 3620.4 Safety Inspection CE

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

\$7,500.00	from General Account Fund Balance to General Fund A 8710.4 Conservation CE (TRIAD Grant)
\$15,000.00	added to General Fund Revenue A 2389 Government Services – Watershed (from IO)
\$10,000.00	added to General Fund A 8710.1 Conservation PS
\$12,500.00	added to General Fund A 8710.4 Conservation CE

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 Goodrich to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 276 through 304 in the amount of \$34,846.62.

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 164 through 175 in the amount of \$17,258.64.

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 Seely and seconded by Councilman Cope to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 014 through 016 in the amount of \$613.80.

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from July 5, 2005

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Schmit to accept the minutes of July 5, amended as follows:

Amendments:

Seely: Stated in his committee report that the “town has reregistered the town’s domain for two years.”

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

Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2005

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Supervisor Barber to accept the minutes of July 14, amended as follows:

Amendments:

Cope: Supervisor’s Report, last line, remove the refrence to himself as a person Councilman Cope needs to speak to.

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

Town Business

Contract with the Food Pantry

Councilman Cope distributed the agreement for the board to review.

Contract with the Caroline Seniors

Councilman Cope distributed the agreement for the board to review.

Safety Coordinator

NYMIR wants each subscriber to establish a safety committee, consisting of three employees, to meet a minimum of four times per year. Supervisor asked everyone to go over the information from NYMIR and provide feedback. Town Board should establish the committee, but the committee members should name their coordinator.

Resolutions

**Resolution 8-3 of 2005
Snow & Ice Agreement**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Goodrich

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the agreement extension with the County.

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

**Resolution 8-4 of 2005
Speedsville Fire Department Use of Town-Owned Fuel Depot**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Goodrich

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the agreement with the Speedsville Fire Department for using the town barn's fuel storage unit as a fuel depot, contingent upon the Highway Superintendent's approval.

Adopted	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 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk