

**Town of Caroline**  
**Town Board Minutes**  
**November 1, 2005**

The agenda meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on November 1, 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 Farnum, Dominic Frongillo, and Jeffrey Phoenix, candidates for the Town Boards seats being vacated

## **Public Hearings**

### **Caroline Budget**

Supervisor Barber demonstrated the two budgets that make up the town tax rate.

General: Decrease in spending, mostly due to winding down of Barrile. Savings used: decrease due to town keeping money back to pay for the Midnight Sun. Tax rate increase of 15%.

Highway: Increase in spending; non-property tax increase of 20%. Planned savings to be used will be for the GradeAll. Tax rate decrease of 4%. Difference is because assessments have gone up.

Total levy increase: 11%

Amount to be raised by taxes: 1.8% increase.

Questions/Comments: Councilman Cope noted that clerk's salary was misprinted; it showed an increase in excess of 3%. Supervisor will change the amount to a 3% increase.

### **Caroline Fire District**

Caroline Fire District rate = \$1.44/1000

### **Caroline Lighting District**

Caroline Lighting district rate = \$.051/1000

## **Committee Reports**

### **Councilman Cope**

Planning board will meet this week, but he will not be in attendance.

### **Councilman Seely**

Street lighting: talked with Bob Walsh on Monday. Currently we have four work orders approved for streetlights; expect them to go up before the end of this year. The other three lights on route 79: holding up process is approval from DOT.

**Councilman Schmit**

Barrile: Eagle Scout and his crew did the plantings along the creek. Planted approx. 800 plants. Additional funds are coming in from various sources to offset the amount he's over budget. Needs supervisor signature on the community capital assistance program grant to have money released.

**Supervisor Barber**

We purchase our gas through Mega; our natural gas contract runs out November 10 – before the next meeting – so we need to sign a new contract. They suggest we not go with a fixed price.

Remind the board that two volumes of the Draft Env. Impact statement on the new communication towers are in the town hall. Public comment will take place Thursday of this week; written comment due by next Wednesday.

**Resolution:**

**Resolution 11-1 of 2005**

**Mega Contract**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign a contract with Mega for a variable price for natural gas for one year.

<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 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk