

**Town of Caroline
Town Board Minutes
December 15, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on December 15, 2005 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:02 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. Final EIS of Emergency Services Tower Communication System has just been received. Board should give input. Maybe should go over the plan at the organizational meeting. Supervisor will let the neighbors know we'll be going over it. Councilman Goodrich noted that legislature will be voting on it sometime this week.
2. Taft Road Tower site plan.
3. Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on CD. A draft copy is in the courtroom. The board needs to approve or respond to it, but not before the end of the year.

Report

- Housing Rehabilitation Grant: Stacey Crawford and supervisor talked with GOSC to review our 2005 application. The application rating showed most items being excellent or very good. They suggested a statement about this would be helpful as well. Just not enough money to fund all the applications, and we were on the borderline. A couple of "good" ratings should be discussed on our next application. They noted that our asking for an extension on our last grant was taken as a negative. We should include a statement on why it was late.
- Lee Knuppenburg is back to work with irregular hours. He may still need backup.
- Council of Governments: It was learned that the Tioga County Council of Governments got started by rallying around a specific issue: health insurance. There is some energy to rally Tompkins County Governments around the same issue. Trying to set up a meeting for late January or early February about this issue.
- Association of Towns Resolutions: 23 resolutions were considered. Some were tabled and others tweaked slightly. Expect official copy soon. Trying to set up meeting with Lifton to discuss before going to Annual Meeting.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Councilman Goodrich

Needs supervisor signature on the Speedsville Fire Dept. contract.

Doug DeKosky of Integrated River Solutions met with several people last Friday. Gave recommendations. Only real concern was some deposition of material in two different places coming from somewhere they don't know. The erosion (or lack of) is doing very well.

Gordy Morgan from Soil and Water and Barry will set up several cross sections next week so they can monitor the areas that are suspect. Will continue for three years (required by the Army Corp).

Watershed Committee has been given the draft stormwater regulation to look over. Must be on the books by the end of 2007.

Action Topics

Transfers

Motion to Authorize Transfer of Funds

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

	From	To
\$269.01	General Fund Account A 1990.4 Contingency	General Fund A 1220.4 Supervisor CE
\$33.44	General Fund Account A 1110.41 Municipal Ct. Trials CE	General Fund A 1110.4 Municipal Ct. CE
\$293.77	General Fund Account A7510.2 Historian EQ	General Fund A 7410.4 Library CE
\$210.00	General Fund Account A7510.41 Historical Room CE	General Fund 7510.4 Historian CE
\$150.00	General Fund Account A 8020.4 Planning CE	General Fund A 8020.1 Planning PS
\$1750.00	General Fund Account A 9060.8 Health Ins.	General Fund A 9030.8 Social Security
\$15,000.00	Highway Fund Account DA 5110.41 Repairs-Creek CE	Highway Reserve Fund Account DA 232 Stream Reserve Fund
\$5000.00	Highway Fund Account DA 5130.1 Machinery PS	Highway Fund Account DA 5110.1 Repairs PS
\$2048.09	Highway Fund Account DA 5140.1 Misc PS	Highway Fund Account DA 5110.4 Repairs CE
\$3429.33	Highway Fund Account DA 5140.1 Misc PS	Highway Fund Account DA 5130.4 Machinery CE
\$331.69	Highway Fund Account DA 5140.1 Misc PS	Highway Fund Account DA 5140.4 Misc CE
\$12,970.04	Highway Fund Account DA 5140.1 Misc PS	Highway Fund Account DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE
\$169.08	Highway Fund Account DA 9030.8 Social Security	Highway Fund Account DA 9040.8 Workers Comp
\$3383.47	Highway Fund Account DA 5130.2 Machinery EQ	Highway Fund Account DA 9060.8 Health Ins.

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 447 through 486 in the amount of \$13,078.45.

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 229 through 250 in the amount of \$31,259.04.

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 023 through 024 in the amount of \$631.15.

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

Approval of Community Development Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Seely to approve payment for the Community Development Fund voucher number 003 in the amount of \$3590.00.

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2005

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to accept the minutes of October 27, as submitted by the deputy clerk.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye

Tim Seely	Aye
Ed Cope	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

Resolutions

Resolution 12-2 of 2005
Request Speed Limit Reduction

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

WHEREAS, New York State Route 79 carries over 4000 vehicles per day through the Town of Caroline, and

WHEREAS, the speed limit is 45 mph for the entire distance between Slaterville Springs (which is 35 mph) and the City of Ithaca (which is 30 mph) except for a 1.25-mile stretch between Lounsbery Road and Besemer Hill Road, and

WHEREAS, the 55 mph road section of Rt 79 has three intersections and several blind hills that limit safe passing, and

WHEREAS, this same stretch of road has active farming, a tractor/trailer depot, a church, a residential development, a commercial recreation center, and 32 apartment buildings and residences and at least five small businesses, and

WHEREAS, the increased speed limit signals to drivers that sight distances are satisfactory for traveling at the higher speeds, which is the opposite of the actual conditions described above,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board requests that the New York State Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit on State Route 79 between Besemer Hill Road and Lounsbery Road to 45 mph.

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

Resolution 12-3 of 2005
Membership in the Drug Testing Consortium

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign a statement of acceptance of the Tompkins County Consortium’s Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Policy.

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

Resolution 12-4 of 2005
Year-End Meeting Date

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, the 2005 year-end meeting will be held December 30 at 9 a.m.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Barry Goodrich	Aye

Tim Seely	Aye
Todd Schmit	Aye

**Resolution 12-5 of 2005
Organization Meeting Date**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Schmit

RESOLVED, the organizational meeting will be held January 3 at 7 p.m.

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

**Resolution 12-6 of 2005
Speedsville Fire Protection Contract**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Goodrich

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the fire protection contract with the Speedsville Fire Department.

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

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk