

**Town of Caroline
Town Board Agenda Minutes
Public Hearing on 2007 Budgets
November 2, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on November 2, 2006 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:01 p.m.

Present:

Don Barber, Supervisor
Ed Cope, Councilman
Tim Seely, Councilman
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman

Recording

Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Guests: Penny Boynton, Youth Commission

Public Hearings

Town Budget

Don opened the public hearing and asked for comments to the board. No comments.

Streetlight Budget

Don opened the public hearing about streetlights. No change in amount since last year, but since assessment has gone up, the tax rate has gone down.

Question from Jack Booker: Is there any way to know how the increase in the assessed value of Caroline comes from additional buildings and how much is looking at the existing buildings?

Don: two changes are looked at: 1) change in use (reported monthly by code enforcement officer) and 2) reassessment of properties sold. Development is not always the way to increase a tax base and thereby lower taxes; if it were so, Manhattan would have the lowest tax rate.

Caroline Fire Protection District Budget

Don opened the public hearing about Caroline Fire Protection District budget. No comments.

Committee Reports

Seely:

- Noise Law Committee would like to have an hour with the attorney at Nov. 22 meeting. Guy is available.
- Will be getting the roof of the maintenance barn sealed and painted by Rich Brothers.

Frongillo:

- Watersheds committee. Need public notice in the paper that we're accepting bids for well drilling.
- Web site: Brainstorming details of functions for the site. One idea is to allow the public to sign up to automatically get information posted to the web site, like minutes, emailed to them.

Cope: Planning board will give presentation at the general municipal law hearings. Brought up the issue of planning board formulating recommendation on wind turbines to the board. TG Miller: very expensive; might it be worth looking at other less expensive firms.

Youth Commission

Penny Boynton spoke about Beautification Grant and Farmers Market.

Beautification: Eagle Scouts did projects at the Fire Hall. She handed over notebook with all the details of the project to the board. She presented a suggested framework for the beautification grant completion.

Agenda

- Presentation from Steve Pennigroth from Community Science Institute
- Presentation from Katy Nicholson from Sunnywood Design on Web site
- Budget for 2007
- Shared Services agreement
- Establish a civil service position with a pay rate for highway superintendent assistant
- Introduce local law on new building code
- Introduce local law for new stormwater regulations
- Annex design RFP
- Bald Hill School Road Properties

Resolutions

**Resolution 11-1 of 2006
Subordination of diminishing liens**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign a subordination agreement for a mortgage for Angela Ferris.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk