

# Town of Caroline Town Board Minutes

February 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on February 13, 2007 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:07 p.m.

**Present:** Don Barber, Supervisor  
Ed Cope, Councilman  
Tim Seely, Councilman  
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman

**Recording Secretary:** Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

## Privilege

Supervisor Barber addressed members of Energy Independent Caroline who were still present and requested that they end their meeting by 6:45 so the Town Board can start their monthly business meeting on time.

## Monthly Reports

### Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

#### Supervisor's Report

Correspondence

1. Town has 5 year extension to Mining Permit
2. Policy and Program Impacting on Agriculture to take place 2/28 from 2-4 PM at TCCCE
3. Dog Control Emails – particular SPCA reply
4. Request from Senator Seward for member item projects (last year applied for TH roof replacement).  
Deadline extended until 2/19
5. Youth Program 2006 report

Report

- NIMS training opportunity 2/28 at 9 am, Slaterville FD, ISO 100 & 700
- Need to appoint Assessment Review Board – Cal Snow and Bob Spaulding
- Housing Rehab Grant: 8 projects committed value: \$146.5K
- AOT Resolutions Committee need TB input
- TC Council of Governments recognized that tall structures can be placed as to interfere with microwave signal on Emergency Comm System. County is asking Town to consider local law to protect the system
- TCCOG has asked the County to change the TC Fire, EMS & Disaster Advisory Board to include 4 delegates from TCCOG (supv, mayor, code enforcement officer, and highway super)
- TCCOG will be looking at Planning Bd training
- State Emergency Mgt Org is asking for Notice of Intent for Hazard Mitigation Projects – K. Hackett of TC Planning suggested that SMC Stream Restoration is a good candidate. Are there other projects?
- Have an invoice from PERB for putting the dropped grievance on their agenda. Union has paid their fee, I asked them to pay ours, they refused to pay the \$50; is much less than the cost to fight. Will put in next month's abstract unless TB advises differently

#### Frank Proto, County Representative

- Board of Health: possible creation of tobacco free zones (voluntarily) in buildings the county owns or does business in. Looking at inst. draft water well permitting program.
- Planning committee: affordable housing strategy (very preliminary)

- Finance committee meeting of youth partnership (Dominic elected chair); need to revise rec partnership agreement, and financial commitments of the municipalities
- TCAT: applied for and received JARC funding , 1st round was to help individuals of certain income get to work, this round will help develop new routes and buy some hybrid buses
- Additions to ag district, March 1st deadline for paperwork for ag assessments
- Budget workshops; March 3 public meeting at Dryden Fire Station 9:30 am to 12:30 pm; March 10 Enfield Elem School, March 24 Human Services Bldg
- Health Dept Bldg Committee: will accept new building location suggestions until June
- Emer Planning Board: template for how individuals can notify about conditions and apply for funds

#### **Dominic Frongillo, TB member**

- EIC developing work plan. Submitted project summary to the William James Foundation (national annual sustainable business competition) for town-owned renewable energy production project. Has been selected for the next round.
- Watershed, rec partnership, and web site developing work plans

#### **Tim Seely, TB member**

- Youth program annual report from county is in communication file. Youth financial report for farmers market: made \$920, 50% to go to community center, and 50% for cleanup and maintenance of front of old fire hall where market is held
- Flashing lights at Caroline school: DOT says change in vehicle traffic law has changed the application process. New law states the DOT owns, installs light and school district pays yearly fee. Will need to start the process all over again once we receive letter from DOT.
- Building code officer needs new computer; current machine will not run Windows XP, which is needed in order to run new code software.

#### **Steve Nicholson, EMC report**

- Jan mtg elected 3 vice chairs
- Over 25 members now; only two municipalities not represented
- Committees for 2007: air quality (outdoor boiler emissions, idling emissions), energy committee (wind turbines and biofuels), unique natural areas, environmental review, web site
- Planning board has had cuts in budget
- He is also on board of directors of state association of EMCs

## **Action Topics**

### **Transfers**

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

\$ 1250.00	from General Fund Account A5132.4 Garage CE to General Fund Account A5020.4 Highway Engineering
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And make the following budget adjustment:

Decrease revenue line A 2770 Unclassified Revenues by \$ 4,738.00 and  
decrease Appropriation line A 4540.4 Ambulance CE by \$4,738.00

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	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 31 through 84 in the amount of \$71,535.77.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

### Approval of Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Seely to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 7 through 33 in the amount of \$34,620.90.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

### Approval of Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Frongillo to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 2 and 3 in the amount of \$641.29.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

### Approval of Community Development Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Supervisor Barber to approve payment for the Community Development Fund voucher numbers 1 through 3 in the amount of \$32,611.29.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

## Minutes

### Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2007

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Barber to accept the minutes of January 9 as submitted by the town clerk.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

## Town Business

### Planning Board Applications

Chris Fillinger: would like chance to have impact on the town's environs. Has lived on both shores and in middle of the country. Experience: noise committee; district commissioner for fire dept. TB: what is your

vision of Caroline in the next 20 years? Chris: Regional compromises for development. TB: gathering public input is job of PB. Chris: would be a good learning experience. PB: your thoughts on the comp plan? Chris: all admirable goals, and a lot more work than even a pessimist might realize. TB: views on noise committee process? Chris: very valuable, and more work than we thought, but we gathered a lot of opposing views to put together a basic recommendation. Important to find a compromise that will work for most people.

Bev Liddington: Important to give back to your community; easy to complain, but harder to take part and shape the change that will happen down the road. Experience: subdivision committee; youth board; after school program; aux to fire company. TB: subdivision review board; how did you find the experience? Bev: tough, must take lots of complaints, but we worked out a good and fair plan. Also being a mother and wife is experience. Lived in town for 47 years. TB: your vision in 20 years? Bev: a lot like it is now; not a lot of big business, but allow people freedom on their land. Like to think that younger kids coming in will have what we've had here. TB: getting people involved? Bev: I think I could be effective; important for people to know what planning board is all about; too many rumors, people don't try to get real answers. Having lived in the community for a long time, I can reach out to other people who have been here a long time. TB: next step for PB is development guidance system. Bev: If on the committee, I would give it a lot of thought.

Board members felt both candidates very capable of serving on the Planning Board. Vote: Bev Liddington

### **Annex engineering proposals**

Tim summarized proposals. Think of them as all-inclusive with the exception of septic system, alternative energy or alternative heating systems, topographical survey.

All in line with each other. David Klein (DLK) has lots of municipal and historical experience. Both David and Schickel have dealt with public bidding process. Hunt doesn't have to pay a subcontractor for engineering as the other two would. All proposals can probably be negotiated. All bidders offer pre-referendum and post-referendum breakdown.

Tim will get clarification from DLK on pre-referendum numbers before next month's meeting.

Board will seek residents to form committee on the design of the building.

### **Noise Law development process**

Tim handed out a template of noise law recommendation from committee. Board will formulate a list of questions for the noise committee; e.g., target shooting, gas drilling, generators. Should complaints to be resident-driven? Dogs. Don is working with the SPCA & Guy Krogh on enforcing the existing dog ordinance.

Board will have a working session or two and invite the public for comment before forming the law.

Committee felt strongly that permitting be involved. Granting variances is not restrictive, but is an avenue for residents to pursue exceptions to the regulation for certain occasions (such as an outdoor rock concert). Ed will request that the PB look into the variance process so they can provide a recommendation for blanket variance to apply to any future laws, not just noise.

## **Resolutions**

### **Resolution 2-1 of 2007**

#### **Memorandum of Understanding between Highway Superintendent and Emergency Personnel**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline and its highway superintendent have resources at their discretion that may prove useful in serving the public outside the strict applications of the NY State Town Law; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroline, by request of the town highway superintendent and by such authority as extended by applicable sections of the town law of the State of New York, do hereby permit, authorize, and direct the town highway superintendent to fulfill such additional responsibilities from time to time as circumstance necessitate, although such activities may not relate directly to the specific responsibilities of the highway department of the Town of Caroline as specified by the highway law. This includes:

1. The removal of snow, as required, from all municipal properties and the maintenance of outdoors safety conditions thereon;
2. Emergency assistance as may be requested by the chief or other responsible officer of a local fire company, in support of fire and EMS-related emergencies;
3. The rendering of such assistance as may be requested from time to time to cope with related emergency situations of any special district within the Town of Caroline, including school districts;
4. The use of town highway department resources as may be determined by the highway superintendent to be necessary and in the best interests of the general populace of the Town of Caroline

It is understood that there are reciprocal activities provided to the highway department by the fire and EMS agencies in certain emergencies.

This resolution is hereby submitted in the interest of and for the protection of the Town of Caroline, its highway department, and its full complement of personnel.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-2 of 2007**  
**Mileage reimbursement rate**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, that the reimbursement rate to be paid to town officials and employees for the use of their personal vehicles for town business is .485 per mile.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-3 of 2007**  
**Approve Brooktondale Fire Protection contract**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the Brooktondale Fire Protection contract.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-4 of 2007**  
**Approve Speedsville Fire Protection contract**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the Speedsville Fire Protection contract.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-5 of 2007**  
**Noise committee working session**

By Councilman Seely; Seconded by Councilman Barber

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board will hold a public working session to talk about the noise control local law on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-6 of 2007**  
**Approve Association of Towns resolutions**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board authorizes the voting member to oppose the ATV resolution No. 11 and support all others.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-7 of 2007**  
**Appoint members of Energy Independent Caroline committee**

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board appoints the following residents to the Energy Independent committee: Erica Frenay, Craig Modisher, Steve Nicholson, Lou Albright, Katy Nicholson, Karl Russ, Mary Alyce Kobler, and John Reed; and Dominic Frongillo will be the Town Board liaison to the committee.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-8 of 2007**  
**Schedule proposed Stormwater Local Law public meeting**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board will hold a public hearing to hear any and all comments on the proposed Stormwater Local Law on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Caroline Town Hall.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Adjourn**

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk