

Minutes of the Caroline Town Board Held on May 1, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall in Slaterville Springs, NY

Present: Don Barber, Supervisor
Ed Cope, Councilman
Tim Seely, Councilman
Nelly Farnum, Councilwoman
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman

Visitors: none

Recording Secretary: Mary Clark Walls

Committee Reports

Nelly Farnum, TB Member

Land Donation- She met with Trails and Open Spaces Committee. Two primary agenda items: Trails and Land donation. They visited the land with John Confer on April 28th. The group has decided to have two presentations one on June 6th at 7:00 PM covering Trails, and on June 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM, Land Donation and an introduction to the Larkin Land Presentation. The speakers will be Rocci Aguirre, FLLT and Jim Curatolo, Upper Susquehanna Coalition. Clm. Farnum would like a follow-up for a fund-raising. She stated she wrote a letter to Mr. Larkin.

Caroline Emergency Planning Committee- Clm. Farnum brought Flood Fliers that she designed to the Board Members, including information about the town culvert policy. This flier has good information in it concerning how to be prepared and avoiding flood damage. The May project would be updating the Emergency Plan for Caroline.

Library- Clm. Farnum met with Barb Kone and Pat Brhel on April 14th discussing the curtailment of County funding. There was a discussion.

Cayuga Medical Center- Clm. Farnum stated the highlight of the Meeting was the Cardiology Department having an arrangement with Rochester being affiliated with the Cleveland Clinic.

SPCA- Clm. Farnum stated they would like an educational meeting with the TB in the summer. A date in July on a Wednesday would work. Also, they have hired a new animal control officer. Clm. Farnum will follow up on their suggested changes to our current Law for more appropriate enforcement.

Radio Tower Law-Clm. Farnum suggested having our Town Attorney give input on the County making possible changes. Supv. Barber stated at some point the Town would have to hold a public hearing about the height of buildings being built, but there is no specific time frame for this.

Community Service Awards- Clm. Farnum would like a committee to start selecting nominations for this award. She suggested advertising on the web and in the Newsletter.

Tim Seely, TB Member

Youth Commission-He stated they are trying to be more proactive this year. They would like to start the budget process earlier this year. Last year it came to their attention too late there were areas the committee would have liked more in-put in some areas. Now they are beginning to shift resources i.e. sports store.

Summer Camp-He reported the Camp has no one to run the Camp or to take over the program. Clm. Seely is using Debra Moore to help find someone.

Building and Grounds- Clm. Seely reported this is the time of year to begin a contract for mowing the cemeteries, Town Hall and the Annex. He has contracted Mr. Lucente to do the job for the same amount as last year, \$2,660.00.

Resolution # 5-1 of 2007

Contract for Lawn and Cemetery Care

A motion was made by Councilman Seely and seconded by Councilwoman Farnum to have Mr. Pete Lucente care for all the Town Cemeteries and Town grounds for the sum of \$2,660.00 for 2007.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Cope: Aye; Seely: Aye; Farnum: Aye; Frongillo: Aye

Town of Ithaca Storage- Clm. Seely needs to know from the Town Clerk how much space to rent from the Town of Ithaca. Supv. Barber will email her and Supt. Whittaker and bring a contract to next week's Meeting.

NYS DOT- Clm. Seely stated there was a review with NYS Vehicle Traffic Law concerning the maintenance and surety bond for the flashing lights at the School. He will send the letter to the Town insurance company.

Town Annex-Clm. Seely will meet with Tom Schickel the architect. They will meet this Thursday to discuss the timeline and give him the electronic files. The Annex Committee: Barry Goodrich, Christian Neilson, and Molly Adams.

Library Group- Clm. Seely met with a group and they gave him good in-put on how the room could be used: more books and shelves, a reading room and meeting space. Making the library a bigger component in the Town can be very useful to show people that this is for the public and not just having new office space.

Noise Control Law- This local law will be known as Right to Peace and Quiet Law. There will be more of a discussion on this subject next week. Clm. Cope will have information from rental properties by next week.

Dominic Frongillo, TB Member

Town Hall Annex- He contacted NYSERDA (Carlos Dachary) about possible grant incentives for energy-efficiency in the Town Hall annex. Clm. Seely and Clm. Frongillo will be meeting with Carlos, tomorrow.

Street Lighting-Clm. Frongillo, Clm. Seely and Chris Fillinger met with Owen McIntee (Livingston Lighting & Power to discuss options for low-light-pollution streetlights. The next step is to write NYSEG to inquire what the process would be to install such lights.

Town Clerk Minutes- There was a discussion about the Town Clerk being at all Meetings and Working Sessions. The Town attorney will be at the next Regular Meeting.

Salary Committee- Clm. Frongillo contacted Career Services at the Cornell ILR School. Some students over the summer are interested on working the numbers everyone in the Town collected from last September. This should take approx.10 hours.

Energy Independent Caroline Report- Clm. Frongillo and Abby met other people to get wind speed data at the Emergency Communications Tower on Taft Rd.

Wind Tower Law- EIC might be able to develop and recommend a wind tower law to the Town.

Ithaca Energy Conservation Corps- Cornell U. students are partnering with Ian Shipiro (Taitem Engineering) to conduct door-to-door energy conservation promotion in Ithaca, modeled after Caroline's efforts.

Biodiesel- Cornell, TCAT, ICSD, City of Ithaca, Town of Ithaca, DPW, Tompkins County DPW will all purchase 5% biodiesel fuel through a state contract starting in August. The price is not yet set, as the new contract has not been fully negotiated. Once the price is set in August, the Town can then purchase the 5% fuel at that price.

Tompkins Weekly- Tompkins Weekly published an article on Energy Independent Caroline's accomplishments this week.

Watershed- The public meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on May 15th at the Town Hall.

Stormwater Law- He has updated the Law with comments from Supv. Barber and Guy (Town Attorney). A draft Letter for Intent to interested agencies has been drafted.

Illicit Discharge and Detection Law- Caroline will host a training for highway personnel and volunteer monitors on M2 from 8:30-1:30PM at the Brooktondale Fire Department for the State mandated Law.

Barrile Phase II- Craig Scutt, Jon Negley, Supv. Barber and Clm. Frongillo met to discuss the SEMO Application and sent letters to neighboring landowners.

Barrile Phase I- The Watershed Committee and TCS&W will host a tree planting day on May 21st at the Barrile Stream Project (with May 25th as the rain date). Volunteers are needed. Contact Barry Goodrich at 539-7252 for more info.

Rec. Partnership- The Agreement will be sent to municipalities in late May or early June. It should be discussed at the Town's June meeting.

Rec. Coordinator- Progress was made in developing consensus language. Cathy Valentino will volunteer to be a special projects volunteer and work on issues of transportation, programming and fundraising.

Forum- There will be a clean energy and jobs forum in Syracuse this weekend.

Website-Clm. Frongillo started emailing the TB business meeting agendas and special notices to all who signed up.

Ithaca Journal.com- Clm. Frongillo contacted the Ithaca Journal to update their listing of the Town of Caroline's website.

ED Cope, TB Member

Clm. Cope brought the signing of the contract for the stream bank stabilization on Valley Road for next week.

PB Consultant-The consultant will begin on the fourth Wednesday of the month. May 23rd will be the first meeting.

Electric Co.- Clm. Cope has not met with MEGA yet. He stated maybe we could raise money with extra wind purchase.

Supervisor's Report

Supt. Whittaker would like the TB Members to take a tour with her to get the Town Board's advice on two or three sections of the Town's roads. Supt. Whittaker will pick the date.

Supt. Whittaker would like the Town Board to set a Culvert Policy. Some wording needs to be changed.

Tompkins County Youth Services sent a contract for 2007, which needs to be signed.

There are a lot of heavy garbage trucks driving through Caroline. Supv. Barber would like to follow Senator Schumer's effort to reduce waste hauler truck traffic by establishing a resolution stating this.

AGENDA

- 1) Minutes and their Distribution
- 2) Culvert Policy
- 3) Discussion of Right to Peace and Quiet Local Law
- 4) Establish Public Hearing Date for Storm Water and Erosion Control Local Law
- 5) Signing Contract for Youth Services
- 6) Review EAF of Storm Water and Erosion Control Local Law
- 7) Resolution Establishing Compensation for Completion of Salary Committee Work
- 8) Establish a Date for a Public Hearing of Emergency Service Tower Protection Law
- 9) Resolution Supporting Sen. Schumer's Effort to Reduce Waste Hauler Truck Traffic

On a motion, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Clark Walls
Deputy Town Clerk