

Town of Caroline Town Board Minutes

May 8, 2007

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on May 8, 2007 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:00 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Privilege of the floor

The following residents asked questions and voiced concerns regarding the proposed Right to Peace and Quiet law:

- Don Porteous, 3353 Slaterville Rd, thought public not informed about proceedings [the town board meets the first and second Tuesday of each month; will post agenda on outside board]
- Kim Whetzel, 2889 Slaterville Rd., question about regulations on his air strip [will have no effect]
- James Cornell, Bailor Rd., concerned that enforcing law might raise taxes [will have no effect; will be enforced by Sheriff dept]
- Sandy Clary, 3204 Slaterville Rd, owns several dogs, concerned about barking regulations [already covered under dog ordinance; up to SPCS to enforce]
- Tony Tavelli, 76 Rd., stated that the failure of neighbors to work problems out among themselves is what prompted law

Monthly Reports

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Supervisor's Report

Correspondence

1. Letter from Govr Spitzer 4/23/07: Announcing assistance for local government efficiency projects – TCCOG Health Insurance consortium other ideas
2. Invite to Magistrates Association meeting 5/12/07 at 10 AM Ithaca Town Hall

Report

1. Records Storage – spoke with Town of Ithaca need 60 to 75 CF
2. GOSC- \$246K committed (13 projects) of \$336K total, \$41K spent
3. TCCOG working on radios for Communicating with new Emergency Towers - will provide everything but pagers and accessories to fire companies – need to budget or work out deal for highway crew radios
4. Working with SWCD on FEMA funding for Barrile II – getting data for other options

Frank Proto, County Representative

1. Emergency services: met with reps from the five fire companies in the district. Everyone seems pleased with the fund distribution for the communication equipment. One concern with regards to Bangs ambulance since they're a for-profit.
2. County leg meeting: tentative tax rate target.
3. Distinguished youth award reminder

4. Reminder : School budget is up for vote next week

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

1. Completed drug and alcohol training
2. Received training and updated Town of Caroline's Emergency Equipment Database for Tompkins County
3. Attended illicit discharge training
4. Highway dept currently ditching, cutting, brush, grading roads
5. Junk clean up is May 14 through 19. No tires, hazardous waste, construction debris

Nelly Farnum, TB member

1. SPCA and citizens of Caroline 7pm Wednesday, 7/18 meeting in Town Hall
2. Community service award will appear in The Old Mill
3. Land donation, meeting 6/13 at 7 pm, what is involved in accepting land donation

Dominic Frongillo, TB member

1. Energy Independent Caroline report
2. Clean energy and jobs forum in Syracuse
3. Watershed committee public meeting to be held May 15 at town hall
4. CSI board of directors, he and Don met with
5. Web site, started email of TB business meeting agenda to all who signed up

Ed Cope

1. TG Miller contract dealing with stream bank stabilization on Valley Rd

Action Topics

Transfers

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

\$ 109.98 from General Fund Account A3620.4 Safety Inspection CE to General Fund A3620.2 Safety Inspection EQ

Adopted Barber: Aye; Cope: Aye; Seely: Aye; Farnum: Aye; 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 145 through 181 in the amount of \$38,158.40.

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

Approval of Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilwoman Farnum to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 77 through 91 in the amount of \$27,872.56.

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

Approval of Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Seely to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 8 and 9 in the amount of \$579.48.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Cope: Aye; Seely: Aye; Farnum: Aye; Frongillo: 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 numbers 11 through 13 in the amount of \$17,366.

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

Minutes

Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2007

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Frongillo to accept the minutes of March 15 with the following amendments.

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

Amendments:

page 1, 1st para, change “with little result” to “without permanent result” and change “People do” to “In his opinion people should”

page 2, Frongillo, change “pointed out that” to “asked if”

Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2007

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilwoman Farnum to accept the minutes of April 3 with the following amendment.

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

Amendment:

page 2, Frongillo, change Barrile “Phase” to “Phase I.”

Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2007

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to accept the minutes of April 10 as submitted by the town clerk.

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

Town Business

Minutes and their distribution

Guy Krogh gave his interpretation of the law regarding necessity of minutes at town board meetings. His opinion is that minutes should be taken at all meetings, including working sessions. There is much disagreement to this opinion [Town Clerk’s Association, Bob Freeman]

Right to peace and quiet law discussion

Discussed Guy’s comments to the proposed law. Issue of limiting law to citizens of the town and /or to people on their own property. Guy thinks not; it’s not a land-based regulation, but a conduct-based regulation. “Citizen” would have to be struck because it’s violates equal opportunity. Tim and Nelly will meet with Guy at some point to go over the document.

Resolutions

Resolution 5-2 of 2007 Contract with TG Miller

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilwoman Farnum

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with TG Miller for stream bank stabilization on Valley Road.

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

Resolution 5-3 of 2007
Culvert policy

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

WHEREAS culverts form an important part of the highway drainage system, and

WHEREAS, culverts must be maintained and removed or replaced when water can no longer freely flow through them, and

WHEREAS culvert installation has been up to now a responsibility of the town highway department that compounds schedule management and smooth flow of work for that department, and

WHEREAS, the Town board has determined that installation of culverts should no longer be a public expense, no therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board hereby requires that as of July 1, 2007, all culvert installation be governed by the attached policy.

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

Resolution 5-4 of 2007
Establish Public Hearing Date for Emergency Radio Communications Protection Law

By Councilman Frongillo; Seconded by Supervisor Barber

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board will hold a public hearing to hear any and all comments on the proposed Emergency Radio Communications Protection Law on Tuesday June 5 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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

Resolution 5-5 of 2007
Youth services contract

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilwoman Farnum

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the 2007 agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County in support of youth service programming.

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

Resolution 5-6 of 2007
Reduce waste hauler truck traffic

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilwoman Farnum

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline and its neighboring communities are crossed daily by a large number of long haul trucks using State routes and Federal aide highways, with an unusual concentration of trucks hauling municipal solid waste, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline understands its benefits from and obligations to the State highway system, a system which is necessary for the support of local commerce, industry, institutions, statewide tourism, and the local economy's participation in interstate commerce, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline pays a price in the form of rapidly deteriorating roads from overweight trucks, decreased safety from oversized or defective vehicles, many of which appear to be taking shortcuts (or long cuts) to avoid the regulation inherent with the interstate highway system, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Caroline Town Board supports the efforts of New York State's Senator Charles E. Schumer to address these types of problems as outlined in his three-point plan summarized in an October 19, 2006, news release from his office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board directs its representative to the TOMPKINS COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS to support a similarly worded resolution when it is brought before the Council of Governments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the town board hereby directs the town clerk to send certified copies of this resolution to Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, Senator James Seward, and US Senator Charles Schumer.

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

**Resolution 5-7 of 2007
Storm Water and Erosion Control Law Public Hearing Date**

By Councilman Frongillo; Seconded by Councilwoman Farnum

RESOLVED, the Caroline town board will hold a public hearing to hear any and all comments on the proposed Storm Water and Erosion Control Law on Tuesday June 5 at 7:15 p.m. at Town Hall.

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

**Resolution 5-8 of 2007
Establish Compensation for Assistant to Supervisor for Salary Data**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby established the salary for an assistant to the supervisor at \$10 per hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this assistant will support the supervisor in completing the analysis of the salary committee's work, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the maximum compensation for this assistant will be \$250.

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

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk