

Caroline Town Board Minutes, February 12, 2008

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on February 12, 2008 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:04 p.m.

Present:

Don Barber, Town Supervisor
Toby McDonald, Councilman
Pete Hoyt, Councilman
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman
Linda Adams, Councilwoman

Recording

Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Privilege of the Floor

Lou Albright, Besemer Lane: Handed out photo of intersection looking east from Besemer Rd. Pointed out that the corner is not well marked; no intersection sign west; Besemer sign and route 79 sign are in line going west; Besemer road sign is back from the road farther than most road signs, also a small sign; the reflectors get knocked over by snow plows and they don't reflect.

Bert Cooley also lives on Besemer road and agrees it's a poorly marked intersection. The corner gets a lot of accidents, poles get taken out. Streetlight would be nice; will write to county Don Barber doesn't remember how the streetlight issue played out when the board discussed it previously.

Cindy Whittaker: town plows Besemer for the County under contract; have to plow shoulders.

Frank Proto recommends not waiting until spring to write to the county because they're setting the work plan now; advises Mr. Cooley to copy him on the letter.

Bert Cooley: his impression is that Town has no IT guidelines set forth by board. He proposes board appoint a committee with residents knowledgeable about IT to set up procedures. He had a written proposal.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

- Asked about web site. Would like to post road closures. Mr. Frongillo: will arrange to train her this month so she can post information to the site.
- Salt shed cover is on.
- Taking down Midnight Sun; can't bury the building. Spoke with county about getting excavator – no problem, but sooner the better. Superior Disposal will haul for \$72 per ton.
- Gone through tremendous amount of salt. Lots of ice buildup.
- Took the wall out in the vault where the records had been stored.
- State contract price for one-ton: gone up \$7000; fits the budget, with enough left over for a plow to put on the front of it. Sell our truck as a plow package.
- Thanked all the residents who come by highway barns every day, starting at 5 am to make coffee, leave meals, desserts, etc.

Supervisor's Report

Correspondence of Note:

1. Notice from DEC listing comments on Shindagin Hollow Forest Management Plan
2. Notice from TC Health regarding Revisions to Sanitary Code- Well Water
3. Notice from CCETC – Ag District Additions from 2/1 to 3/1

Report:

1. GOSC- The Foreclosure of a Property mentioned last month has not been resolved. Committee has given home owner 2 weeks to settle or we move on.
2. Council of Gov'ts – Health Care Consortium, Dog Control on agenda 2/28/08

3. Comments on Dog Control survey questions responses?
4. Laberge will be sending a notice releasing us from our contract with them for Planning Services
5. Working with Better Housing for TC on contract to spend \$25K of Town funds received from lien closure before end of contract.
6. Received call from TC Highway that they want to join in Shard Services Agreement
7. Health Insurance change over – a few glitches. Hopefully it's just due to prescription being bought on our about 2/1-change over date
8. I will forward Attorneys comments on Health care consortium.

Frank Proto, County Representative's Report

- Governor's proposed budget and impact on county; will lose \$.5 million. Trying to get a handle on how this will affect services.
- Assessments: last day for Caroline residents is Friday; people should check inventory for errors. Next opportunity to grieve is in May if you don't complain now. Due date for Ag Assessments in April 1st.
- Lake Source Cooling: talking to Cornell. Over 20 sites are being monitored by different organizations
- SPCA contract
- Collecting fees from people getting services they're not entitled to; there are four major programs they follow, and 229 people receiving services and money they're not entitled to, valued at over \$500,000. Reasonably success at collection.
- Tim Joseph has been appointed as the Commissioner of the Finger Lakes Parks Commission; resigning from the Legislature effective Feb 19th.

Pete Hoyt

- Emergency preparedness committee: He and Beth Harrington agreed to co-chair committee.
- Discussed cost issues involved in using Tompkins Weekly to advertise Town Board activities.

Abstracts

Approval of General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 25 through 61 in the amount of \$53,794.09.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Approval of Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 25 through 47 in the amount of \$41,976.71.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Approval of Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Frongillo to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 2 and 3 in the amount of \$836.30.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Approval of Community Development Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve payment for the Community Development Fund voucher numbers 2 through 3 in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Approval of Fire Protection Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve payment for the Community Development Fund voucher numbers 2 through 3 in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Persons with Disabilities Whose Incomes Are Limited by Reason of Such Disability, and directs the town clerk to immediately file this local law with the NYS Department of State.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-3
284 Agreement**

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Town Board agrees to sign the 284 agreement for expenditure of highway monies.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-4
Purchase one-ton pickup**

By Mr. Hoyt; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the highway superintendent to purchase a one-ton pickup at state bid.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-5
Alternate to Recreation Partnership**

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline participates in the Recreation Partnership of Tompkins County and must appoint a member and an alternate to the Recreation Partnership Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board appoints the following people to the Recreation Partnership Board: Dominic Frongillo as member, and Pete Hoyt as alternate.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-6
Alternate to Council of Governments**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline participates in the Tompkins County Council of Governments and must appoint a member and an alternate to the Council of Governments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board appoints the following people to the Tompkins County Council of Governments: Don Barber as member, and Dominic Frongillo as alternate.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-7
Support City Using Six Mile Creek Water Source**

By Ms. Adams; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

WHEREAS, Six Mile Creek Drinking Water Treatment Plant is a significant source of potable water; and

WHEREAS, the Caroline Aquifer helps address a fundamental quality of life requirement for future community growth; and

WHEREAS, having several sources of water adds robustness to the Ithaca City water scope; and

WHEREAS, the Plant's continued utilization of Six Mile Creek is a very successful example of municipal cooperation between Ithaca City, Tompkins County, and the Town of Caroline as the Barrile stream restoration project highlights; and

WHEREAS, watershed dynamics are interconnected; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline very much appreciates the expert advise, equipment, and technical input it has received from this relationship; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between the City of Ithaca and the Town of Caroline has created stewardship of Six Mile Creek watershed that helps insure for generations to come compliance with Federal, New York State, and local clean water goals; and

WHEREAS, well-maintained streams support a wide range of lush flora and fauna, adding to the uniqueness of our Finger Lakes Region, for residents and tourists to enjoy, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board respectfully urges the Ithaca City Common Council to continue operation of the Six Mile Creek Drinking Water Treatment Plant.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-8
Set Public Hearing for Proposed Illicit Discharge Local Law**

By Ms. Adams; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board will hold a public hearing to hear any and all comments on the proposed Illicit Discharge Local Law for March 4, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Caroline Town Hall, 2670 Slaterville Road, Slaterville Springs.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-9
Contract with Tompkins County for Planning Services**

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with the Tompkins County Planning Department for Planning Services.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Discussion: Mr. Barber noted that town will not pay any bills to Laberge for services they did not provide, and that we will even request reimbursement since what they supplied did not match what they contracted to do. Mr. Frongillo: County has already started work and they've been extremely responsive. Mr. Barber: County will not charge more than town has to spend. Mr. McDonald concerned that if Laberge couldn't deliver, maybe it's not deliverable; or do we have reason to believe the county can deliver. Mr. Frongillo: County is aware of the issues, and is already providing good guidance.

**Resolution 2-10
Contract with Tompkins County Library for Funding**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the agreement with Tompkins County Library for funding.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-11
Establish Town Hall Annex Committee and their Charge**

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it requires more space for town offices, court, and library uses; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to combine the Midnight Sun property, which it already owns, with the town hall property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks input as to the particulars of how to accomplish this goal; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board establish a committee to explore the options of the Town Hall Annex Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of this committee be as follows:

Barry Goodrich, co-chair
Steve Nicholson, co-chair
Toby McDonald, liaison to the Town Board
Tim Seeley
Brooke Greenhouse
Len Pogorzala

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this committee be charged with exploring all aspects of the Town Hall Annex Project including, but not limited to: space requirements, rehabilitation or demolition of Midnight Sun building, site plan, building design, methods of construction, cost estimates, and a timetable for completion of said project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this committee shall report its conclusions and recommendations to the Town Board for the board's consideration.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-12
Create Secretary to the Highway Superintendent Civil Service position**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby creates the position of secretary to the Town Highway Superintendent at the salary of \$10.82 per hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Tompkins County Personnel.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-13
Amend Resolution 1-22 of 2008**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to change Bald Hill Rd. to Bald Hill School Rd.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

**Resolution 2-14
Approve Association of Towns Resolutions**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the voting member to support the resolutions.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk