

Town of Caroline Board Minutes: May 13, 2008

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on May 13, 2008 at the Town Hall was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Dominic Frongillo at 7:06 p.m.

Present:

Toby McDonald, Councilman
Pete Hoyt, Councilman
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman
Linda Adams, Councilwoman

Recording

Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Privilege of the Floor

Harold Phoenix: Needs to get the Magistrate's association dues paid so he can get his 35-year pin. Clerk will send certified mail tomorrow, if necessary.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Frank Proto, County Legislature

Grievance day for tax assessments: 5/14 from 3 to 6 pm. Final assessment role due at end of May. Formal assessment review board occurs at the end of May or beginning of June. If it's a clear error, you don't have to bring comparatives and appraisal.

WIC program: there will be a WIC program; the issue is who will be the organization that delivers the program. No other entity has applied to deliver the program. RFP has yet to come out. County not sure they want to apply. State will decide who will deliver the program. Very well-used program, and a good bang for the buck. Very efficiently run. If the program moves, concern is for all the other support programs, if health dept moves up by airport. This is a transportation and efficiency issue because of the impact on all these families who use the programs. There are 8 employees with the WIC program now, and have to find positions for these employees within the county structure if this program leaves. Problem is that county passed a resolution not to apply. Concern is the budget. Total hit to the county is under \$20,000, and not worth putting everything at risk for that amount. And in 28 years, not one other agency has applied to deliver it. In moving to the new building, there is a lack of space to administer all the services.

TCAT: considering lowering fares to increase ridership. State Transit Operating Assistance (STOA) fund reimburses for mileage and bodies riding the bus. So increasing ridership brings in more money.

SPCA: supportive of continuance with them.

Resident Bernie Clark has a relative who died and was a Korean War Vet. His name is not on the monument on White Church Rd. Maybe town could find out who is missing from monument.

Highway Superintendent

Mr. McDonald gave the report for Cindy Whittaker.

- Trees have been removed in Ogden Circle
- Patching gravel roads and paved rds, cutting brush continuing
- Upcoming: Ridgeway and Level Green.
- Junk week successful: over 10 tons to solid waste; also two pickup loads to Salvation Army. Got over \$2500 for scrap. Bills for \$2352 for cartage fee for midnight sun demolition. Highway dept will use the concrete.
- Temporary sign stands were stolen from the highway dept.
- Talking with county about getting generator from one of the towers; would have to be converted from propane to natural gas. Will not have to pay for this generator.
- Highway department closing from May 26 to June 2.

Supervisor's Report

Correspondence of Note:

1. Letter sent to Governor and yesterday's announcement that DOT will be recommending ways to get East Coast originating garbage trucks off our County and Town roads
2. Letter from John Confer requesting letter of support for Proposal to Reduce Highway Mortality of Amphibians

Report:

1. With the resolution that Linda will be bringing forward we are very close to receiving funds for the Valley Road stream bank stabilization project
2. Council of Gov'ts – Health Care Consortium: settled on a law firm to review Consortium agreement for compliance with NYS Law and is recommending a consultant to complete phase 2& 3 of our grant-funded project
3. TG Miller did complete survey in April of Barrile II; data has been sent to Integrated River Systems
4. Dominic attend State review of Housing Rehab grant administration

Dominic Frongillo

EIC having information meeting on 5/22 at 5:30. Also want to organize a panel discussion on energy independence.

Pete Hoyt

Lucente signed lawn mowing contract.

Doug Keefe, fire chief in Speedsville, has put together a meeting of the three fire districts and asked Pete to attend, tomorrow, which he will.

Linda Adams

Guy Krogh responded with the law on the public use of Coddington Trail: there is liability.

Toby McDonald

Annex committee is working toward coming to the town board with a more finalized proposal, either next month or July.

Transfers

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

\$ 2,250.00 from General Account A1990.4 Contingency to
General Fund Account A 1930.4 (for last month's transfer of Speedsville Community Hall grant money)

\$ 2,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5110.1 Repairs PS to
Highway Fund Account DA 5110.11 Repairs PS OT

\$ 10,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5130.1 Machinery PS to
Highway Fund Account DA 5142.1 Snow and Ice PS

\$ 4268.85 from Community Development Fund CD 909 Fund Balance Reserves to
Community Development Fund CD 8686.402 Program Delivery

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

Budget adjustment

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Ms. Adams

Increase Revenue line DA 2300 Services- Other Governments by \$6,100 and increase Appropriation line DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE by \$6,100

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

Abstracts

Approval of General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 129 through 172 in the amount of \$19,246.67.

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

Approval of Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 97 through 124 in the amount of \$31,586.61.

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

Approval of Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 8 and 9 in the amount of \$937.93.

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

Approval of Community Development Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Ms. Adams and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve payment for the Community Development Fund voucher numbers 8 through 8 in the amount of \$15,320.50.

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

Minutes

Minutes of April 1, 2008

A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Adams to accept the minutes of April 1 as submitted by the town clerk.

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

Minutes of April 8, 2008

A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Adams to accept the minutes of April 8 as submitted by the town clerk.

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

Resolutions

Resolution 5-3 of 2008

Expand Beautification Projects

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, the town board supports expanding beautification projects to include banners along route 79 in Slaterville and possibly Brooktondale and the feasibility of construction of a sign structure at the intersection of Route 79 and Brooktondale Road.

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

Resolution 5-4 of 2008

Authorize Contract with Cooperative Extension for Youth Services

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with Cooperative Extension for Youth Services.

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

**Resolution 5-5 of 2008
Authorize Lawn Mowing Contract**

By Mr. Hoyt; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with Lucente Landscaping for lawn mowing.

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

**Resolution 5-6 of 2008
Support Amphibian Crossing Project**

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board, in support of the amphibian migration across Thomas Road during the spring of the year, authorizes the highway superintendent to close Thomas Road to through traffic for a maximum of five nights during the months of April and May each year. Closure shall be by means of temporary road barriers that will permit local residents to circumvent these barriers as necessary. Request for closure shall be made by the amphibian migration project to the highway superintendent by noon on the last business day before requested closure.

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

**Resolution 5-7 of 2008
Streambank Stabilization of Valley Road**

By Ms. Adams; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the State-Local Disaster Assistance Agreement for the 404 Hazard Mitigation Program.

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

**Resolution 5-7 of 2008
Employee Handbook**

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board adopts the Town of Caroline Employee Handbook.

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

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk