

Caroline Town Board Minutes, September 2, 2008

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on September 2, 2008 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:02 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Cindy Vicedomini, Deputy Town Clerk

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports:

Dominic Frongillo

Planning board demonstrated they were out there to the adjacent land owners to find out specific concerns.

Information Tech Meeting: Went very well – tried to come up with a budget proposal, and decided to see what the needs are. And looked at what was spent for the hardware, repair, etc. This was looked at last year. Will do a quick survey, next year will have a better figure. Will also look into security.

Web site: Cindy Whittaker posted an event.
Web committee will look at the feedback

Need to Raise necessary funds for the renewable energy

Pete Hoyt

Youth committee – submitted by Carol
Youth commission meets on Tuesday. Don talked to her and not sure who attended the meeting.
Pete indicated that if needed, he would show up for the meeting to help with any budget stuff.

Toby McDonald

Town Hall office bldg is at a small crawl due to a small army, Proposed timetable, waiting to get specs, bouncing back & forth to get the correct wording. It is not all that complicated and pretty straight forward.

Highway department closed this week. Spoke with Cindy from Highway regarding the budget.

Linda Adams

Need to have Engineers look at erosion and blockage – fear of washing out, backed up, not able to clear itself.

Watershed:

Don Barber announced: Highway has budget in and Clerk's office

Linda Adams report

1. Aug 15, 2008 Knot Weed- 3rd site application of Rodeo (herbicide) to treat plants missed or sprouted since 1st and 2nd applications. Volunteers present- Barry Goodrich, Kevin Driess, Linc & Linda Adams. Plants previously treated appear dead.
2. The new bridge on Banks Road over Six Mile Creek should be done by November of 2008. Some of the information can be found on the Tompkins County website. La Bella of Rochester is putting in the bridge.

3. Tompkins County Soil and Water is the lead agency of the Barrile II (B II) project. TG Miller is working on the plans for B II. FEMA (federal) approved the first part of this project and will authorize \$90,670 (it will be \$68,003 - 75% federal; and \$22,667 - 25% non-federal). FEMA said this funding will be granted and not have to go through the appeals process.
4. Ekroos Road culvert. Aug. Jon Nagley surveyed the area creek. Carl Swartz or John Lampman from the Tompkins County (TC) highway department will look at the site and give engineering recommendations. The time table is now 2009 for field work.
5. Six Mile Creek will be worked on at another site, the Pete Wyllie property in the Brooktondale- Middaugh Roads area. Very pleased with design he got. The work will most likely start 9/2/08. The permits have been granted to realign the creek bank. There will be a 100' buffer put in so the creek won't split into two channels (bifurcated), as is the case now. The town will put in the vegetation.
6. The Town of Caroline highway department wash bay needs to be upgraded. Cindy Whittaker, Toby McDonald, and Linda Adams are reviewing compliance options. TOC Wash Bay – reviewing on how to become compliant. Mr. McDonald – saw the portable version, thought very extravagant. Very expensive. Barry Goodrich had a proposal. Concrete version. Need to put where it will need to be for a very long time. Mr. McDonald – doesn't think we should race to be compliant.
7. Mr. Barber thought we did not have to put in before the end of 2009
8. Brooktondale gaging station funding is being discussed with all partners. USGS will commit to 30% portion for 2009, 2010, and 2011. Up from only 20% last term. Dryden, Ithaca, SWCD are all willing to fund as well- just pinning down the various level of support. Looking for other partners such as Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Organization (I O).
9. Trails status: The Planning Board is scheduled to give a recommendation on the Coddington Trail to the Caroline Town Board Sept. 9th

Dog Control:

Two proposals submitted, SPCA and Pet Play House. Enumeration in the proposal: Everyone will have to have a full enumeration by three years and updated every three years. Number of people to number of dogs. Dogs complaints. Council of Governments are interviewing both agencies. Council of governments is negotiating and is just advisory. Also helps with dog licensing. We would be spending a little less with either choice. Formula would be dog times people equals cost per town. County would pay the SPCA or provider. Could be a patch work. Ulysses – Covert. Groton with County Acres. We have to do this under Ag and Markets. SPCA is talking all or nothing.

Budget proposals by the end of the week.

Cleaning lady will be out of commission. Has to have operation, not sure how long.

New equipment. For the new building and maintenance for both buildings.

Agenda Items

- Agreement with SEMO for Phase 1 of Barille II Project (9:00)
- Addendum to Contract with Better Housing for Tompkins County (9:10)
- Adopt Conflict of Interest Policy (9:15)
- Update on Dog Control Contract

Adjourn

On a motion by Dominic Frongillo and seconded by Pete Hoyt, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Vicedomini, Deputy Town Clerk