Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2008

The Caroline Town Board agenda meeting and public hearing held on November 6, 2008 in the Town Hall was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor

Dominic Frongillo, Councilman Linda Adams, Councilwoman

Toby McDonald, Councilman, Absent

Pete Hoyt, Councilman

Recording

Secretary: Cindy Vicedomini, Deputy Town Clerk

Also present: Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

Public Hearing on the 2009 Budget

Supervisor Don Barber opened the floor for the public hearing on the preliminary budget at 7 p.m.

The General Budget was read, which includes the General Fund and the Highway Fund. 2008 Salaries:

 Town Board (4)
 \$ 8,000

 Justices (2)
 \$19,760

 Supervisor
 \$10,712

 Town Clerk
 \$19,133

 Hwy Superintendent
 \$49,955

The tax levy increase is 3.3%. Hearing no comment, the supervisor closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

The **Caroline Fire Protection Budget** was read. Caroline Fire Protection and Brooktondale both have a 1.54% increase. \$67,448 is the final number for fire protection; it is slightly less than a 2% increase. Hearing no comment, the supervisor closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

The Caroline Lighting District Budget was read. Hearing no comment, the public hearing closed at 7:11.

Linda Adams, Town Board

The testing bore holes for the Barrile II will be starting very soon. We will have that confinement and the aquifer.

We are continuing to find people for the removal of the building. It is a very unique barn with useable timber. Two other folks are interested, and we would like at least three to look at it. It has to be out by June 2009. There has been no question that the barn stay, it has to go. We cannot build up the creek bank to stabilize the barn. The lady who owns it does not want money for the barn, she would just want a small building (10×14) to appear on her property for lawn mower, etc..

Pete Hoyt suggests public hearing so everyone knows what tentatively is going on with barn removal.

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

I am trying to get the sand pile in, cutting brush, clean up, etc. I have made arrangements to have Pleasant Valley Electric in to repair the lighting. There has been problems with someone stealing gas.

Do we have someone on the committee at Camp MacCormack? It was a youth facility, now there is ribbon wire around the compound confining individuals. It was a juvenile delinquent facility, and now is a maximum security facility.

Cindy had someone approach her indicating that they hit a deer near the camp and had no headlights. They asked a guard for help, to use a phone or make a call for them. The guard would not help, just told them to get away from the property.

Linda Adams - I did speak to the director. We should follow up with the advisory board. Linda will look into this. There is a couple of issues: 1) try to be a better neighbor, and 2)public education; what is appropriate and not appropriate. There is now correctional guards.

Resolutions

Resolution 11-1 of 2008 Budget Adjustment

By Pete Hoyt; Seconded by Dominic Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the following budget line adjustments:

Change line SF-3410.414 to \$12000.

Change line SF-9040.8 to \$7098.

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

Resolution 11-2 of 2008

Appointment to the Recreation Partnership

By Pete Hoyt; Seconded by Linda Adams

RESOLVED, the Town Board appoints Pete Hoyt as the liaison to the Recreation Partnership of Tompkins County and Dominic Frongillo as the alternate.

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

Agenda Items

Adopt 2009 Town Budget

Adopt 2009 Caroline Fire Protection District Budget

Adopt 2009 Caroline Lighting District Budget

Open Office Building bids and establish process for evaluating

Authorize Supervisor to sign contract for Highway Shed construction

Resolution to appoint Bond Attorney

Adjourn

On a motion by Pete Hoyt and seconded by Dominic Frongillo, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Vicedomini, Deputy Town Clerk