

## **Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2008**

The Town Board meeting held on December 9, 2008 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Dominic Frongillo.

### **Attendance:**

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

**Recording Secretary:** Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Frank Proto: One of the bidders on the office building is Cayuga Country Homes. They built his barn and did a great job. Also right here in town and good to keep work here. Welcomes board to come look at the barn: they were on time and under budget.

### **Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports**

#### **Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent**

Equipment: Two trucks have had to have extensive work done in order to pass NYS Inspection. Our Loader broke down in early November and had to get repaired at Five Star Equipment.

#### Miscellaneous:

1. Working with Cornell regarding a property on White Church Road. I also contacted the Sheriff's Dept about getting junk vehicles and other miscellaneous debris out of the right-of-way at the same property.
2. I attended meeting on 2010 Emissions Standards.
3. Banks Road is now open
4. Pleasant Valley Lighting came and installed a new lighting system above our fuel tanks.
5. Cold storage building can go between the garage and the fuel tanks; spoke with John Daniels

#### **Frank Proto, County Legislator**

1. Harford Road bridge is done: had comment from citizens that there is not light or reflectors on the approach. The county is going to apply some reflective tape, which should be sufficient.
2. County Board passed detailed resolution in support of the federal house rule re: oil and gas drilling: companies must disclose the chemicals they're dumping down wells. Board of health meeting, they passed a similar document: we will get copy for the correspondence. Could use as a template if the town is going to do such a resolution. Scoping document is not the final step; just sets a baseline.
3. Voted to extend the 1% sales tax; this helps defray some of the costs the towns pays for services. City's portion for TCAT comes from that also.
4. Spoke with DEC against proposed changes in regs for stream work: DEC wants highway depts. and towns who are going to do work along streambanks to get permits.
5. Passed the work with the economic dev collaborative through TCAD for water and sewer infrastructure study. What towns do with it is their business, but good to gather the information to see what will be happening down the road with water and sewer.
6. Voted against NYSEG's proposal in town and village of Dryden: NYSEG wanted county to grant easement for the town and village for NYSEG could do temp and permanent work where their poles are. They would give \$900 for temporary easement; \$300 paid once to be split among three municipalities for permanent easement. Mr. Proto feels that the lease should be renegotiated each time.
7. Items for state to consider to relieve property taxes from unfunded mandates. His suggestion is to negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes for the cigarette sales taxes from reservations. Other idea he had was regarding property law 428 – income from agriculture: seller should have to go back 8 years and pay the

taxes (penalty) if property is sold for a different or appreciated use.

- 8. Board has to vote to amend county's comp plan to include sustainability piece. He's concerned that in order to accomplish the goals, they are proposing costly changes that impact county departments. For TCAT to meet their goal, would have to change bus routes: they never contacted TCAT about it.

**Don Barber, Town Supervisor**

Correspondence of Note:

- 1. Letter from Unified Court System that Caroline Court awarded \$3500 grant for equipment
- 2. SEQR document for Office Building sent to interested agencies
- 3. Resignation letter from Susan Barr from Planning Board
- 4. Notice from TC Assessment that NYS has increased income limits for property tax exemptions for qualifying seniors and disabled. Requires Town local law to apply to Caroline.
- 5. Notice from Excellus that Health Insurance premiums will increased 15% in 2009
- 6. Notice from TC Planning of Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Amendment to County Comprehensive Plan

Report:

- Valley road project test borings revealed bedrock too close to surface for steel sheathing- design with concrete blocks being developed- this may involve closing Valley road for a few weeks
- Analysis of Test boring at Barrile II show engineers that excavations more than 4' below stream bed are not advised. Not sure how this will play out – I am asking SEMO for an extension of design time
- I have started the process of gathering information on Geothermal heat for Office Building

**Transfers**

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

- \$ 1.00 from General Account A 1990.4 Contingency to General Fund Account A 5680.4 Radio Tower Lease CE
- \$ 600.00 from General Account A5010.4 Highway Admin CE to General Fund Account A 5010.101 Highway Admin Clerical PS
- \$6,000.00 from Highway Account DA 5130.1 Machinery PS to Highway Fund Account DA 5110.1 Repairs PS
- \$ 10,000.00 from Highway Account DA 5130.1 Machinery PS to Highway Fund Account DA 5142.1 Snow ad Ice PS
- \$ 5,000.00 from Highway Account DA 5110.4 Repairs CE to Highway Fund Account DA 5130.2 Machinery EQ
- \$ 2,000.00 from Highway Account DA 5110.4 Repairs CE to Highway Fund Account DA 5130.4 Machinery CE
- \$ 10,000.00 from Highway Account DA 5110.4 Repairs CE to Highway Fund Account DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE

And Be It Further Resolved that the Caroline Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to make the following budget adjustment:

Increase Revenue Line A3063 Records Mgmt Grant by \$1649.00; and

Increase Appropriation Line A 1460.4 Records Mgmt CE by \$1649.00

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

**Toby McDonald**

Town hall office building committee has been at work comparing the bids. Brought it down to Cayuga Country

Homes and Bailey Homes. Both highly reputable. Proposal to the town board that we go with Bailey Homes. Two deciding components: energy-saving components slightly better; and a bit less expensive. (attachment 1)

Barry Goodrich mentioned we will probably ask for a performance bond. We will make small changes that have no bearing on cost, but that have to go on the floor plan before it goes to the engineering factory.

Don is looking into the geothermal element. It's an option, but is not in the pricing right now. Both contractors are experienced; Bailey would bring in a subcontractor. This would not change the mechanics of the building. Linda is concerned that the sources for geothermal are very overburdened right now.

#### **Pete Hoyt**

Letter in correspondence: Youth Bureau wants to set up an Ithaca Youth Council; wants donation of \$1000 from town to participate. Pete recommends against. He didn't like their selection process; would be nicer if we could select a kid from Caroline to sit on their board. They rejected this idea. Linda said that since this is in the planning stage, and a door is open for a kid in our township to participate, would be nice to send them a letter with a list of our recommendations. Linda also thinks we can push back on the \$1000. Could be shaped or steered by us, let's not shut the door. Toby: just because we don't give the money, we're not shutting the door. Be on sidelines, and let it develop. Dominic: other towns right now going through the same process; he'd be happy to answer.

Rick Morgan email suggesting we set aside room for deputies in our new building. Called the undersheriff; they wouldn't use it. But they might want a key to the building to be better able to keep an eye on it.

#### **Dominic Frongillo**

We have an official citation from Sustainable Tompkins.

Building Dept has not had email in quite awhile. Deb suggested checking the IP address, which changed recently.

### **Approval of Abstracts**

#### **General Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 361 through 396 in the amount of \$33,717.47.

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

#### **Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 231 through 244 in the amount of \$20,474.45.

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

#### **Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 19 and 20 in the amount of \$668.45.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **Minutes of November 6, 2008**

A motion was made by Ms. Adams and seconded by Mr. Frongillo to accept the minutes of November 6 as submitted by the deputy town clerk.

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

#### **Minutes of November 11, 2008**

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. McDonald to accept the minutes of November 11 as submitted by the town clerk.

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

## Resolutions

### Resolution 12-2 of 2008

#### Select Bailey Homes as Town Hall Office Building Contractor

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby authorizes the supervisor to work with Bailey Homes to develop a contract for the engineering design of the Town Office Building for Board approval; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board hereby authorizes the supervisor to work with Bailey Homes to develop a contract, for Board approval, for construction of the Town Office Building.

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

### Resolution 12-3 of 2008

#### SPCA Contract for dog control in 2009

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with the SPCA for dog control for 2009.

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

### Resolution 12-4 of 2008

#### Code Enforcement Contract with Town of Harford

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with the Town of Harford for code enforcement for 2009.

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

### Resolution 12-5 of 2008

#### Special meeting to pay end-of-year invoices

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board will meet December 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at Caroline Town Hall to pay end-of-year invoices.

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

### Resolution 12-6 of 2008

#### Establish date and time for organizational meeting

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board will hold the organizational meeting on January 6 at 7 p.m. at Caroline Town Hall.

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

## Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. Hoyt, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town