

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2009

The Town Board meeting held on January 13, 2009 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

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

Recording

Secretary: Cindy Vicedomini, Deputy Town Clerk

Privilege of the Floor

Bob Spaulding:

1. Serving as Acting President for Fountain Manner Seniors group. We want the Town to consider maintaining the sidewalk from the bus stop on Route 79 to Fountain Manner, as they do use it during the winter also. Please consider this in the 2010 budget.
2. We are holding the annual meeting Tuesday night at 6 pm. We would like to get more people on the board, and be a member. No one has been appointed in past several years and things have been going down hill. Better housing would be happy to take it over. But it belongs to "us." We would like 25 on the corporate board. There is an active tenant's association. Board of Directors – 9 people. Better Housing takes care of cleaning driveway and handling maintenance now.
3. Bob Spaulding gave Dominic a copy of the by-laws.

Frank Proto: Their meetings tend to fall on the legislature meetings so I wasn't able to make that many of the meetings. Also there was a very nice letter to Editor in Journal regarding Cindy Whittaker. A lot of us appreciate her job.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Linda Adams: Watershed committee has a board meeting next week. It will focus on test results. We are going to have a question and answer session.

Dominic Frongillo: handed out Committee Goals for 2009. (Attachment #1)

Email server – The code officer is not able to get email. We need to be aggressive to straighten this out.

Pete Hoyt: Don Barber asked Peter Hoyt to follow up with the insulating of the basement with Chad Novelli.

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

Roads – the house at the end of Braley Hill. To give up to another jurisdiction is a lengthy and complicated matter. Slaterville Ambulance services that house.

Toby will talk to Cindy regarding the Tower on Bald Hill. We are not using it and need to terminate the lease. There should be some salvage value.

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

1. SEMO granted one month extension on Barrile II engineering, data from first test wells shows ~ 4' of cover before aquifer will push through- this really changes type of structures that can be used, 4 more well drilled,
2. Hoping for preliminary drawings for Valley Road Stream Bank Stabilization project this week and sending them to DEC and Army Corps
3. Working with Bailey Homes, attorneys, and Committee to bring Office Building Contract forward.
4. Completed SEQR actions
5. Working with HSBC and TTC for BAN quotes for Office Building

6. Working with NYSERDA for incentives for lighting, geo-thermal, and Photo-voltaic: Geothermal- requires a water source at 8-10 gpm. The shallow aquifer, which the Midnight Sun was using is roughly 30' down. It costs roughly \$35/foot to drill a well \$1000-\$1200. If I can get a well driller and siting criteria worked out, will you pay the bill. According to Jay Payton, it is possible to not hit gravel, but instead hit sand which cannot be pumped.
7. Will begin process of Discharging Diminishing liens (5 ys) on previous Housing Rehab grant – this coming month
8. Working with Mary Hirshfeld of Hammond Hill Rd and CU Plantations on Town Lot landscaping- Youth group is discussing as well and TC Beautification has \$5000 waiting for us- if we meet their criteria

Correspondence of Note:

1. Letter from NYS Office of Community Renewal that we have successfully completed our Housing Rehab grant
2. Filing of quarterly report for two Streambank Stabilization projects
3. SEQR response from TC Planning
4. SEQR response from NYS DOT
5. Correspondence with NYSERDA and Sustainable Performance Consulting about Office Building
6. Grant of \$3,500 from Park Foundation for B-dale Gauge Station
7. NYMIR announcing program to return 75% of our capital investment over 3 yr time line, beginning in 2009
8. Filing of MS4 Annual Report

Transfers

By Don Barber; Seconded by Dominic Frongillo

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| \$ 10,000.00 | from Highway Reserve Fund Account DA 231 Vacation Pay Reserve to Highway Fund Account DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE |
| \$ 2,200.00 | from Highway Account DA 9030.8 Social Security to Highway Fund Account DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE |
| \$ 5,000.00 | from Highway Account DA 9060.801 Medical Insurance to Highway Fund Account DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE |
| \$ 2,110.00 | from Highway Account DA 9060.8 Medical Insurance to Highway Fund Account DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE |
| \$ 8.00 | from Highway Account DA 9060.8 Medical Insurance to Highway Fund Account DA 5130.4 Machinery CE |

Further Resolved, the Caroline Town Board amends the Encumbrance resolution of 12/30/08 for line A 5132.4 to an amount of \$10,500.

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

Approval of Abstracts

General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Linda Adams and seconded by Toby McDonald to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 1 through 28 in the amount of \$68,958.93.

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

Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Dominic Frongillo and seconded by Toby McDonald to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 1 through 18 in the amount of \$88,638.78.

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

Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Linda Adams and seconded by Dominic Frongillo to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 1 and 2 in the amount of \$705.79.

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

Caroline Fire Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Dominic Frongillo and seconded by Peter Hoyt to approve payment for the Caroline Fire District Fund voucher number 1 in the amount of \$7098.00.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 2, 2008

A motion was made by Don Barber and seconded by Dominic Frongillo to accept the minutes as submitted by the deputy town clerk.

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

Minutes of December 9, 2008

A motion was made by Don Barber and seconded by Peter Hoyt to accept the minutes as submitted by the town clerk.

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

Minutes of December 30, 2008

A motion was made by Don Barber and seconded by Peter Hoyt to accept the minutes as submitted by the town clerk.

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

Town Business

Introduce Draft Local Law

A Local Law of the Town of Caroline, State of New York, Providing for a Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property Owned by Persons with Disabilities Whose Incomes Are Limited by Reason of Such Disability

Section 2 of Local Law No. 5 of the year 2000 of the Town of Caroline entitled “A Local Law of the Town of Caroline, State of New York, Providing for a Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property Owned by Persons with Disabilities Whose Incomes Are Limited by Reason of Such Disability,” as amended by Local Law No. 3 of the year 2002, and further amended by Local Law No. 1 of 2004, and further amended by Local Law #1 of 2008

Real property located in the Town of Caroline owned by one or more persons, each of whom is disabled and whose income is limited by reason of such disability, or real property owned by husband and wife or siblings, one of whom is disabled and whose income is limited by reason of such disability, shall be partially exempt from taxation by said Town for the applicable taxes specified in Section 459-c based upon the income of the owner or combined income of the owners. Such partial exemption shall be to the extent set forth in the schedule following.

Annual Income	Percentage assessed valuation exempt from taxation
Less than or equal to \$28,000	50%
Equal to or more than 28,001 but less than 28,999	45%
Equal to or more than \$29,000 but less than \$29,999	40%
Equal to or more than \$30,000 but less than \$30,999	35%
Equal to or more than \$31,000 but less than \$31,899	30%
Equal to or more than \$31,900 but less than \$32,799	25%

Equal to or more than \$32,800 but less than \$33,699	20%
Equal to or more than \$33,700 but less than \$34,599	15%
Equal to or more than \$34,600 but less than \$35,499	10%
Equal to or more than \$35,500 but less than \$36,399	5%
Equal to or more than \$36,400	0%

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and for assessment rolls prepared after such effective date.

Association of Towns Resolutions

Postponed to February 3, 2009

Resolutions

Resolution 1-35 of 2009

Cooperative Procurement of Workers Comp Insurance Agreements

By Linda Adams; Seconded by Dominic Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the agreements with the Brooktondale and Slaterville Fire Districts for cooperative procurement of Workers Compensation Insurance.

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

Resolution 1-36 of 2009

Contract with County Soil and Water Conservation District for Stormwater Officer

By Don Barber; Seconded by Peter Hoyt

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District for stormwater officer services.

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

Resolution 1-37 of 2009

Contract with Bailey Homes for Design and Construction of Town Hall Office Building

Discussion: Pete Hoyt thinks this should be re-examined regarding the increase from Bailey Homes. Prevailing wage requirement. This requirement was missed by the committee in the initial bid." 1.5 hour discussion plus.

By Dominic Frongillo; Seconded by Pete Hoyt

RESOLVED, The Caroline Board directs the Supervisor to suspend negotiations with Bailey Homes to develop plans of engineering design for construction of an Office Building until such time they are considered the winning bidder.

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

Resolution 1-38 of 2009

Contract with Thaler and Thaler for Legal Services

By Don Barber; Seconded by Linda Adams

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with Thaler and Thaler for legal services.

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

Resolution 1-39 of 2009

Amend Community Service Award Process

By Dominic Frongillo; Seconded by Don Barber

WHEREAS, each year individuals, or groups of individuals, make significant and lasting contributions in multiple ways that foster the well-being of the citizens of the Town of Caroline; and

WHEREAS, without the dedication, generosity and commitment of such individuals the quality of life within the Town of Caroline would be diminished, and

WHEREAS, in many instances these contributions and efforts, and their significance for the Town, are not widely recognized, therefore let it be

RESOLVED that there be established a Community Service Award for the Town of Caroline with the purpose of annual recognition of multiple potential kinds of community service including, but not limited to, long-term dedicated service to the Town either in one capacity or in many capacities; short, intense service focused toward a particular outcome; or a one-time feat of an heroic nature.

The award will have the following characteristics:

Eligibility: The focus is on community service to the Town of Caroline; there is no requirement that the individual receiving the award be a current resident of the Town of Caroline. Elected officials are not eligible for the award while holding office. Nominees may be individuals or groups of individuals who, within the year or longer period preceding the year of their nomination, have provided services or participated in activities that have enhanced the quality of life in the Town of Caroline.

Frequency: Up to two awards will be given annually.

Nominations: A call for nominations will be made through announcement in local newspapers and newsletters, posting on the Town's website, and by posting at the Town Hall. The period for nominations shall begin 45 days from the time of posting at the Town Hall. The nomination process is open to anyone who sees the call for nominations. Nominations are made by filling out a specific form that includes a description of the award criteria and the selection process. The form is to be filled out by a primary nominator and at least one other person shall provide a supporting nomination. Elected officials of the Town are eligible to submit a nomination.

Selection: Selection shall be by a committee of three: two citizens of the Town of Caroline and one Town Board member. The Town Board member will chair the committee. Committee members shall serve up to two years and will be selected through a nomination and review process, as is done for other Town committees. The selection committee will convene and make the awarding decision within one month of the end of the period of call for nominations.

Presentation of the Award: The award shall be presented at the April 14th meeting of the Town Board, with a reception for family, friends and citizens immediately following the presentation. An award certificate will be given and the awardee's name will be permanently engraved on a plaque in the Town Hall. Notification of the award will be given to local newspapers and newsletters, and a posting will be made on the Town website.

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

Resolution 1-40 of 2009

Appointments of Delegate and Alternative to Tompkins County Council of Governments

By Don Barber; Seconded by Dominic Frongillo

RESOLVED, the Town Board appoints Don Barber as the delegate and Dominic Frongillo as the alternative to the Tompkins County Council of Governments.

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

Adjourn

On a motion by Don Barber and seconded by Peter Hoyt, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Vicedomini, Deputy Town Clerk