

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2009

The Town Board agenda meeting held on Tuesday, April 07, 2009 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

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

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington, Deputy Town Clerk

Also present: Steve Nicholson and Peter Hoyt (speaking as a citizen and not as a board member)

Privilege of the Floor

Peter Hoyt, speaking not as a board member, privilege of the floor-clarification of e-mail he wrote to Supervisor Barber. Supervisor Barber addressed Pete's concern about FEMA's intended work in the Town of Caroline. Pete feels there is no room for negotiation and doesn't want to deal with the problem anymore. His concern is that there is no room to compromise in the work to be done. Clm Linda Adams also addressed Pete's concerns. Clm Dominic Frongillo put Pete's concerns in context -two issues; loss of land and loss of the ability to "have a say" in what is to be done on his land. Erosion difficulty costs the town, however the town does not have control over the final decisions made by FEMA. Supervisor Barber said, FEMA will pay for engineering-75% (FEMA contract and TG Miller contract signed.) –Pete wants someone with local control and negotiation ability. Clm Toby McDonald encouraged Pete to not to look at the loss of 30-40 ft on his property but the long term improvement he will gain. Clm Linda Adams added that this project is at an impasse (as of today) without having Pete as part of the project.

Reports

Dominic Frongillo, Town Board

Website- working with Clerk's office; update minutes, dog licenses, etc. Energy Committee working on geothermal and solar panels. Community Service Award was presented this evening to Peggy Dunlop and Susan Barr. There was a nice community turn-out for the presentation.

Peter Hoyt, Town Board

Goes to Rec Partnership-working on Facebook.

Linda Adams, Town Board

Natural gas meeting, April 2nd asked leaders and municipality- are they using resources and duplicating information? Cost analysis. Working possibly with CU students and water recycling systems. Watershed committee-we are at an impasse without Pete Hoyt, we have no way forward.

Don Barber, Town supervisor

Cindy Whitaker requesting Upper Road to be declared abandoned. This will go to the public highway manager for the county who will hold a hearing and post a public notice. It is expected the owner may argue against it.

Cornell Cooperative Extension- drilling- Supervisor Barber asked Kimberly Ray to come to TC. The town has the ability to keep the gas drilling companies from using certain roads by posting weight limits and bonding fees on the roads. County assessment can use funds from the gas to support land and school taxes.

Town Business

Subject- Electrical System

Steve Nicholson- bids on 8 different electrical systems- refer to table, (see attachment #1). The table shows the dollars per watt; various ratios for the different systems. The numbers came from estimations from Energy Efficient Caroline. They used weather data from Binghamton, John Reed's system and used data from Steve's own system. The committee then compared the different systems. The annual output is based on the size. The panels are slightly different in their efficiency. High 8.33 and low of 7.8. Finlow gave 3 different estimates-amt changes per size of system. Electricity highest cost \$44,185. Est. the panels last 30 years (possibly longer). Refer to table, (see attachment #1) Taking the profit of what you save and it will decrease the amount of the total cost of the electrical panel. After 30 years the system will pay for itself and the system will ultimately make money. Lowest bid would save more money in a quicker time frame. Geothermal- panels fitting on the roof- redesigned. NYSERDA dictates the size. Labor on the job would be prevailing wage. Net bill each month- possible summer we may have \$0 bills, NSYEG banks the capital and we use it in the winter months.

Don Barber- The town board to review building plans for the May 5th meeting. We received 2 bids- 1st bid from GeoThermal- \$29,800 cost. 2nd bid is from (no name company—from Brooke) \$31,600.

Resolutions

Resolution 04-01 of 2009

Appointments of Assessment Review Team

The Town Board Appoints Bob Spaulding , Len Pogazola and Frank Proto as the assessment review team

By Don Barber; Seconded by Toby McDonald

RESOLVED, etc

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

Agenda Items

- Valley Road Stream bank Stabilization Project SEQR Declaration of Environmental Impact
- Valley Road Stream bank Stabilization Project Authorization for Bidding of Construction Work
- Resolution TG Miller to go to bid
- Photovoltaic on Town Office Building Vetting Process for Proposals
- Qualified Abandonment of Upper Road
- Authorize Supervisor to sign contract for Lawn mowing

Adjourn

On a motion by Dominic Frongillo, and seconded by Toby MacDonald, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington, Deputy Town Clerk