

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2009

The Town Board agenda meeting held on Tuesday, May 5, 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 (arriving late; 8:10pm)

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington, Deputy Town Clerk

Also present: Louis Albright and Pat Brhel

Reports

Dominic Frongillo, Town Board

The Planning Board- Tony Tavelli was notified that he was appointed to the committee. Cindy Smalt asked for an application for the planning board.

Building Committee- Dominic will call Steve Nicholson for clarification of some of his numbers presented at the April 7th Town Board meeting about electrical system ratios and new information submitted; see attachment 1. Dominic called for bids and will present it at the next meeting. It appears Finlo will be the company. Don will need a contract presented to the Town board before he can sign it. Dominic will bring contracts for all of the bids to the next Town board meeting. Contract with NYSERDA, the chosen contractor would receive monies from the Town and from NYSERDA. This will be clarified.

Website- There is a major breakdown in the new site so it is a work in progress. Dominic says the problem should be corrected within the month.

Linda Adams, Town Board

Reported on Barille II project- see Town Business

Toby McDonald, Town Board

NYSEG and Integry's accounts- split into delivery and supply. Midnight Sun account is closed. Two new accounts are open for the outdoor fixtures; Slaterville hamlet was included in Town Hall bill, and the outdoor fixture at Town Barns was also added into account.

Town Clean-up- Record amount of items were dropped at the Town Barns (13 tons, normally 8-10 ton in previous years). Scrap metal will take off the price owed for the garbage/recycled "junk". Town pays the fee of \$72 per ton. Clm Linda said Town Barns employees helped with physical labor of people bringing items to be recycled and that the towns' people were extremely appreciative. Toby said generator for the Town Barns is onsite now.

Don Barber, Town supervisor

Harris Beach- We close for Harris Beach. A check was received for \$250,000. Don deposited the monies in HSBC.

Cayuga Country Home- Don reported that Guy's comments seem to imply that we can work through any issues. The Town and Cayuga Country Homes are waiting for feedback from the Dept of State and start date.

La Barge- A response to LaBarge. They want half of their fee charged. The only way they can be paid is through the Dept of State and not the Town of Caroline. The project was not finished due to the fact they couldn't finish what they promised. Linda clarified they expect to paid for "Goals they agreed to meet and didn't".

Health Care Consortium- Is held June 13th and 19th, and is asking municipalities to sign on. Supr. Barber asked

board members to authorize or not authorize his signature in favor of the Health Care consortium.

Town of Dryden wanted to know where the Teamsters Health (the Town Barns has a contract until 2010) stood on the health care consortium, (Teamsters Health does not offer insurance for retirees as the Town Caroline does). Supr Barber said the teamsters will never sign on because they *are* their own insurance and so Dryden Supr will not sign on/agree to change.

An idea for future health care is to work on preventative measures to keep people healthy.

The Town signs a separate contract for health insurance. Since the insurance doesn't cost employees the Town needs to give an incentive for any changes that they may present a cost to employees.

Town Business

Linda Adams, Town Board

Subject- Barrille II - The material we need to take to land owners about the Barrille II project; 3 maps. Creek center vs. thalweg (deepest part of the stream.) The creek center is the "bankfull", highest water in center of the creek usually happens in the spring. Concern of the people is the worry of losing a few feet of property. Don Williams is a proponent of the Barrille II project. Barry Goodrich has also had positive feedback. Concerns about erosion and aquifer add to the positive reinforcement of the project. Pete Hoyt is on board with the project, via Toby McDonald. There are many people that have not "signed" on for the project, and will need to be approached with the appropriate materials and the ability to answer questions.

Permit application was sent last Thursday. The Town board thought the application had been sent a few months ago.

Don feels we are behind on the timeline for the project. Linda will hold a meeting this Thursday to get people on board and expedite the process.

Dominic asked if the project was in jeopardy of not happening this year. Don and Toby concurred that the project can take time to get everyone on board. It may take additional time to negotiate with land owners. If we don't have the bid documents and all aspects in place then the project would not be able to start by July 1st, 2009. Linda was saying that the perpetuity piece needs to be in place to make adjustments for land owners.

Linda said if project doesn't happen then funding could be set aside for later use or the town could lose some of the grant money.

Dominic asked if we could use any of the monies for particular projects (out of the whole) that are in desperate need of repair and could they be done. Don thought the DEC may allow certain projects to be done. Toby reminded that we would still need the proper paperwork and easements from land owners to go forth with the project.

Linda expressed appreciation of the support of the Town board for the Barrille II project. The board expressed that Clm Hoyts questions demonstrates what questions other land owners may have, and that it was helpful to have his input and questions as a basis to work from.

Agenda item for next week. The resolution list for the watershed committee for 2009. Three people offered to monitor the DEC and gas line projects; Tim Levatich, Bob Renick, Liz Smith.

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

Geothermal vs. Cayuga Country Homes- Geothermal aprox. cost is \$32000 and Cayuga Country Homes aprox. cost \$30,000. Brooke Greenhouse to bring the geothermal contract from Cayuga Country Homes to the next Town Board meeting.

Geothermal system-Trenches to be installed for the new building- 20 ft wide, 80 ft long. Paid for partially with an outside subsidy- The town has \$11000 in the budget, NYSERDA has \$2000 with \$18000 as the remainder of funds needed. Supr. Barber applied to the Park Foundation for \$14000, and has applied for another grant to help cover the remainder of the cost.

Lou Albright gave explanation to Pete Hoyt and the Town Board about how the system will work in the summer and the winter. See attachment 2:a for a breakdown of energy heat estimates and attachment 2:b for an Energy Star air conditioning example. See Attachment 3 for cost savings for 15 and 20 years.

Agenda Items

- Agreement with Highway Superintendent Resolution for Watershed Committee
- Authorize Supervisor to sign Contract for Construction of Town Office Building Geothermal contract
- Authorize Supervisor to sign Contract for Photovoltaic Panels Town Office Building
- Authorize Supervisor to sign Contract for Geothermal Heat of Town Office Building
- Appointment Community members to Watershed's Committee

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