

## **Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2009**

The Town Board meeting held on May 12, 2009 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

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

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

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Renate Ferro-Murry talked about Celebrating Caroline ice cream social event, which will take place on Sunday at the Brookton Market. (attachment #1)

Penny Boyton talked about the youth program's desire to participate in landscaping around office building. Cindy Whittaker requested that they could spruce up by the septic tanks along the highway barns. Youth getting head start on gardening by giving food pantry patrons pots of plants that have been started. Also will have a "talking garden." Also helping assist at farmer's market and expanding their sales, including into green cleaning products.

Rich Anderson: applauds beautification efforts and youth involvement. Spoke about issue of junk law: Thinks the way to go is not to pass a law. Issue is very contentious and law won't help. Hopes town can find ways to encourage people and facilitate – youth, boy scouts, help haul for free, etc. Sometimes he and his kids go around and clean up litter. Wind on recycling days produces lots of litter, and no law will help. Community efforts and education seem to work here, regardless of what helps in other places. Law should be a matter of last resort.

### **Town Business**

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

##### **Highway Superintendent's Report**

Doubled amount of tonnage dropped off during junk clean-up week: 16.5 tons. Some people took it upon themselves to clean up certain roads. Out of scrap, received check for \$1139.71, which she gave to supervisor.

##### Roadwork:

- Hand patching roads throughout the Town.
- Graded DePutron Hollow and VanDermark, Beaver Creek Roads.
- Double surface-treated North Landon, Hikory Trail and section of VanDermark. Single surfaced-treated hot mixed section of Landon Road.

Equipment: Still working on removing snow equipment and cleaning trucks and equipment.

##### Misc:

- Continued working on cold storage building.
- Received the used generator from the county. The electric has been shut off to the radio tower on Bald Hill School Road. Would like to advertise the tower and repeater online with Teitsworth Auctioneers with the understanding that the buyer will dismantle and remove from site.
- The salt shed is now full. We were required to purchase 70% of our salt order by the end of June on State contract. We used a significant amount of sand and less salt this past winter due to gravel roads icing.

#### **Don Barber, Town Supervisor**

Correspondence of Note:

1. Laberge- Bill payment ultimatum
2. TCCOG – Health Insurance Consortium meetings 5/13 @ 8PM and 5/19@ 5:30 PM both at TCPL
3. Sales tax revenue down 12.8%

4. EMC and TC Planning with Comments on Valley Road Vegetation plan
5. Invitation for bids on Valley Road Stream bank Stabilization Project
6. TC Health- Town responsible for semi annual water samples at artesian overflow- who?

**Report:**

1. Met with Barrile II team and have a timeline that requires a lot to happen and we still won't know for sure if we have a project until late June when bids are opened
2. Closed on BAN with HSBC
3. Elected Treasurer of NYMIR

Discussion: Contract with Lori Shockey about barn removal: in exchange for \$5000, we would get barn moved out of easement area by June 10th. Timing is that we won't know if Barrile II will go through this year before we move shed. Won't have numbers back from the bids by the time the barn has to come down. Pete against spending town's money on an uncertain proposition. Toby: Whether it goes through this year or next year doesn't have any bearing on whether we take the barn down now. Only issue is whether the project does not happen. Don: no guarantee, but we have two funders (DEC and FEMA) who are very interested in this project going through. The contract would also say that we can remove the barn if her contractor of choice does not remove building on time. She would also agree to an easement on the property. We do have time to file an extension for the project if all does not fall into place this year.

**Frank Proto, County Legislator**

1. STOA funding has been sliced for buses and bus service. Change formula for reimbursement of upstate bus service. We will be able to replace 14 of the 16 buses we wanted and all the Gadabout. Plan for new routes was approved by TCAT board.
2. Health and Human Services committee. Not out of the woods for swine flu, but no cases in this county. Wash your hands!
3. Budget levy came in at 3%, which is a slight decrease in the tax rate.
4. Gas drilling forum was superb. Complimented Don Barber on a good job.
5. Every single MS4 payment has not been mailed. County waiting for 40-50,000.
6. Thursday is Grievance Day and Frank will be late because of a WRC meeting.
7. Looking for a vendor to provide a service in the new TCAT café.

**Linda Adams**

- Has a water testing recommendation document for Landowners, from CSI, in the event gas drilling happens near their wells, ponds, and other surface/ground water
- Friday scheduled field work to remove Japanese knotweed at Barrile I site
- Don: Barrile II team is meeting every Friday.

**Dominic**

- Planning Board will meet on Thursday for the first time in a few months. Two more people have requested applications.
- Welcoming Anosh Shah as our new town intern.

**Transfers**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and Seconded by Mr. Frongillo to make the following fund transfers:

\$250.00	from General Fund Account A7510.2 Historian EQ to General Fund Account A7510.4 Historian EQ
\$250.00	from General Fund Account A1990.4 Contingency to General Fund Account A1480.4 Information CE

**Approval of Abstracts**

**General Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve payment for the General Fund

voucher numbers 143 through 182 in the amount of \$20,258.82.

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

#### **Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 86 through 101 in the amount of \$34,659.79.

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

#### **Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Frongillo to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 9 and 10 in the amount of \$426.52.

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

##### **Minutes of April 7, 2009**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. McDonald to accept the minutes as submitted by the deputy town clerk.

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

##### **Minutes of April 14, 2009**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Adams to accept the minutes as submitted by the town clerk.

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

#### **Town Business**

Cayuga Country Homes: Brooke Greenhouse.

Three segments: Design component (complete), construction and delivery of building (\$139,500), site work related to building (\$100,000: bond component). See resolution 5-4. Discussed progress payment schedule and particulars.

Geothermal: change order to the construction agreement for installment of a geothermal HVAC system, for a total cost of \$19,670. High degree of confidence that it will work. CCH would attend a two-day class; Brooke has done lots of research, and duct work is duct work. Unknown right now is soil conditions, because it's all about contact, but easy to switch back to traditional HVAC system if necessary. Can't make determination until after excavation has been done. Exploration will be no cost. If fill is necessary, more cost effective to have highway dept do it. Brooke thinks the heat-loss calculations will be lower than estimates have shown.

#### **Resolutions**

##### **Resolution 5-1 of 2009**

##### **Contract for barn removal**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to enter into the contract with Lori Shockey for removal of barn.

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

##### **Resolution 5-2 of 2009**

##### **284 Agreement for expenditure of Highway Funds**

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

RESOLVED, the Town Board agrees to sign the 284 agreement for expenditure of highway monies.

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

**Resolution 5-3 of 2009  
Radio Tower Disposal**

By Mr. Hoyt; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the highway superintendent to put the radio tower on Bald Hill School Road out to auction.

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

**Resolution 5-4 of 2009  
Construction Agreements**

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the construction agreements with Cayuga Country homes for the Town Hall Office Building.

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

**Resolution 5-5 of 2009  
Change Order #1 – Geothermal HVAC System**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign Change Order #1, installation of geothermal HVAC system.

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

Discussion: Pete Hoyt read statement. (attachment #2). Toby had question on roof space for the larger photovoltaic system required for geothermal. John Reid (EIC) thinks larger system will have to go beyond the roof lines, judging from system he has at his house. Toby came in thinking he would be in favor of geothermal, but not if photovoltaic panels have to go further than the roofline of the structure. Don: reason for running more photovoltaic has nothing to do with geothermal system; the numbers Lou gave us were based on a traditional HVAC system. Can use a 13K system that will fit on the roof.

See attachment #3 for change orders.

Will move forward on photovoltaic, using a 13K system that will use the available space on the roof, and no more. Dominic and EIC will work with the vendor, Finlo.

**Resolution 5-6 of 2009  
Change Order #2 – Clerk Service Window**

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign Change Order #2, upgrade clerk's service window.

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

**Resolution 5-7 of 2009  
Appoint members to Watershed Committee**

By Ms. Adams; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

WHEREAS, the Caroline Town Board has historically found the Watershed Committee, in advisory role, to be helpful in recommending, reporting, and administration of water quality issues; and

WHEREAS, Caroline has designation as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), compliant with the New York State and Federal Clean Water Act; and

WEREAS, the water resources in Caroline contribute to both the Oswego River/Finger Lakes and Susquehanna River Basin watersheds; and

WHEREAS, Caroline has Six Mile Creek in its township, which is one-third the potable water supply to Ithaca City, and

WHEREAS, many partnerships are fostered between a host of water-relevant agencies; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board appoints the following individuals to the Watershed Committee, term to end April 30, 2010:

Linda Adams (Chair)

Barry Goodrich (Vice Chair)

Jackie Cassaniti (Secretary)

Molly Adams

Rachel Crispell

Craig Schutt

Jon Negley

Edward Bugliosi

Todd Miller

Roxy Johnston

Scott Doyle

Steve Penningroth

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

### **Adjourn**

On a motion by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. Hoyt, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk