

## **Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2009**

The Town Board meeting held on August 11, 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

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

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

Toby McDonald gave the highway superintendent's report:

- Ditching on Fire Tower Road and Fuller Lane
- Surface treated on Elm Street, Central Chapel, Landon, Level Green, South, and asphalt sections of Breatly Hill, Chestnut, and Vandermark Roads
- Dust oil down on Bailor and Bailor Ext, Chestnut, Vandermark, Level Green, and Ekroos Roads
- Spray patched and used grader patch to repair shoulder damage on Buffalo Road
- We are now hauling in stone to finish surface treating
- Cutting brush throughout the Town

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

Correspondence of Note:

1. Letter from TC Planning- Vacancies EMC and Water resources
2. Correspondence from City of Ithaca – findings of Water Supply Project
3. Letter from DEC regarding extension of University Sand and Gravel Mine
4. Equalization rate- 100%

Report:

1. Sent in application to USDA for funding of PV and geothermal
2. Excavated for geothermal and found water 6' below grade- corresponding with Todd Miller from USGS to determine safe depth for consistent water in this coarse gravel layer
3. Phone conversation and emails with Chuck Bartosch. Frontier says all but two people in town can get DSL, which is bollocks. We will make calls to areas where people report there is not coverage.

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

1. NYSEG notified customers that there will be an additional 2% surcharge, imposed by the state
2. Health dept bldg coming in at between \$8-9 million. If Biggs complex is sold, will put monies against new building. Solar panels are not included in that figure.
3. Legislature endorsed Clarity Connect's application for broadband for the stimulus money
4. Feeder System: transit system pilot for Newfield and Enfield, transporting people from those areas to TCAT stops. Problem: vans are not handicap accessible. Newfield has already requested additional bus shelters.
5. Health and Human Services Committee budget: shortfall for 2009 is \$3.6 million. Can cover shortfall by massaging all accounts, and have some left over. Will keep all depts. going for this year and sustain all the agencies. Still \$4.4 mil short for 2010. Sales tax revenues are down, so this will be a problem.

#### **Dominic Frongillo**

Energy Independent Caroline discussed a proposal from Finlo for an additional ground-mount solar photovoltaic unit, and needs more information. The committee has no recommendation at this time..

## Transfers

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Hoyt to make the following transfer:

\$ 500.00                      from General Fund Account A 7510.2 Historian EQ to  
    General Fund Account A 7510.40.4 Historian CE

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

## Approval of Abstracts

### General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 250 through 283 in the amount of \$29,192.12.

**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. Frongillo to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 142 through 159 in the amount of \$133,056.77.

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

### Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 15 and 16 in the amount of \$581.06.

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

## Approval of Minutes

### Minutes of July 7, 2009

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

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

Amendment: page 1 under Linda Adams: s/b Environmental Protection Fund, not Agency

### Minutes of July 14, 2009

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

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

## Town Business

Valley Road Stream Bank Stabilization Project: water is coming out of the bank. These seeps were not identified before.

Barrile II: Mature trees and fence on Tausz property. Originally thought they would need to remove trees; now decided to save as many trees as possible. New maps drawn.

Town Office Building: Brooke Greenhouse was there to answer questions. Everything is now done in terms of state approvals. Certain codes need to be addressed such as need for a handicap sign and possibly a drinking fountain/water cooler, but nothing about the building changed because of codes. Will take roughly a week for construction: just a matter of getting to that point. Building will be ready for delivery in September, and ready to move in by Thanksgiving. Will see real activity on the building site in early September.

Geothermal: need to get some questions about the depth of the trenches answered. Brooke came up with a total heating load of 28,543 BTUs per hour, which is right on the line of 3 and 4 ton systems. Larger system might not be as efficient, but will guarantee to meet the load. Larger system, however, requires more electric, so cautious not to go too big. Not a big cost difference between the two systems. Board comfortable going with smaller unit.

Don suggested passing it by Lou Albright. Dominic will do this.

Solar: Don talked to Finlo about their needs and has got it all squared away. They will pass future questions through Don and not bother Brooke.

Prevailing wage rate changes: masonry did not go up and Brooke is using lot of people not impacted by prevailing wage (sole proprietors). Impact was small: see change order resolution below.

179D tax deduction: As the building designer, Brooke can apply on behalf of the town for tax deduction for his business. Taxed-paying entity can apply for a 179 tax credit, but town cannot. If the building qualifies, would get between a \$.30 and \$1.80 deduction per sq ft. No liability or responsibility for the town. It's an incentive for the designer to improve the efficiency of the building. Only requirement is that the designer has to have the 179 signed over to them by the town. Brooke: no simple and easy way to get the data on what more town could do to get more benefit. Investment in doing the calculations is all the designer's. After discussion, consensus of board was that the town wait until, say, November, when there's a finished product. Town of Caroline isn't going to assign it to anyone else, and will likely be no reason that town board won't turn it over to Brooke.

## **Resolutions**

### **Resolution 8-3 of 2009**

#### **Purchase of 10-wheel dump truck**

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the highway superintendent to purchase a 10-wheel dump truck from stadium international on state contract.

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

Discussion regarding whether to authorize plow package for \$78,000 with truck purchase or whether the superintendent should wait and negotiate a lower price. Her 2009 budget included trading in a pickup truck, but the plow package would use up those funds. Cindy's main concern is placing the order for the dump truck; she is amenable to doing more research on plow packages, but was unable to do so in time for this meeting.

### **Resolution 8-4 of 2009**

#### **Contract with SEMO for Barrile II construction phase**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with the State of New York Department of Conservation for the construction phase of the Six Mile Creek Stabilization Project (HMGP 1665-0024) at Route 79 and Creamery Road (Barrile II).

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

### **Resolution 8-5 of 2009**

#### **Change Orders Town Office Building**

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the Town Office Building change order brought by Cayuga Country Homes to adjust for prevailing wage rate changes in the amount of \$1108.29.

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

### **Resolution 8-6 of 2009**

#### **Adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2009 to Extend Terms of Office for Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. McDonald

WHEREAS, the Caroline Town Board has discussed and deliberated on a local law to extend the terms of office for the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the Caroline Town Board received public comments on the proposed local law entitled, "Extend Terms of Office for Town Clerk and Town Superintendent of Highways" on August 4, 2009, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 2 of 2009, A Local Law to Extend Terms

of Office for Town Clerk and Town Superintendent of Highways, and directs the town clerk to immediately file this local law with the NYS Department of State.

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

**Resolution 8-7 of 2009**

**Appointment of Community Service Award Committee**

By Mr. Frongillo; Seconded by Mr. Adams

RESOLVED, the Town Board appoints the following three individuals to comprise the selection committee for the Town of Caroline Community Service Award, Fall 2009: Dominic Frongillo, Chair; Cal Snow; and Peggy Dunlop.

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

**Resolution 8-8 of 2009**

**Appointment to Greater Tompkins County Health Insurance Consortium**

By Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

WHEREAS, in 2007, the County, on behalf of Tompkins County Council of Governments, accepted an incentive grant award under the New York State Shared Municipal Services Program, and

WHEREAS, the grant assisted the municipalities in Tompkins County to create a local health- insurance consortium with the intent to provide a net savings to the taxpayers of Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline joined the Greater Tompkins County Health Care Consortium via resolution # 6-3 dated June 11, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the resolution includes the provision for this municipality to enter into an inter-municipal agreement that outlines duties of the Board of Directors, which is charged with the operation of the consortium, and

WHEREAS, each participating municipality must appoint a Director to the Board of Directors who can vote on behalf of the municipality, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Don Barber to serve as this municipality's voting Director of the Board of Directors, and appoints Toby McDonald to serve as an alternate who can vote in the absence of the Director.

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

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Hoyt, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk