

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2010

The Town Board meeting held on January 12, 2010 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at Time 7:00p.m. by Councilman, Toby McDonald

Attendance:

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

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk

Privilege of the Floor

Steve Nicholson, Chair of Energy Independent Caroline- along with other members of the committee reviewed the 45 page energy study done by Taitum Engineering (paid for by a grant from NYSERDA) for the Town of Caroline. The Caroline Energy Committee all agreed that the document was well prepared and accurate. The committee is recommending to the Town to apply for another NYSERDA grant (due 2/17/2010) that would pay for 80 to 100 percent of improvements in various areas in the Town. Some of the examples include; a new furnace for the Town Barns, lighting, insulation, new hot water heaters, etc) The replacement recommendations are listed in detail in the study. The total cost would come to about \$60,000 with the Town contributing 20 percent. The payback to the Town would be about \$7,000 in 7-8 years. Shawn Lindaberry from Cornell Cooperative Extension has offered to do the study and the paper work involved in applying for the grant.

Discussion continued with mentioning MEGA as one avenue to use as the Town as a entitled customer. Energy management could be hired as a way of looking into ways to save energy. It is a possibility to we combine with other Towns, but Linda's recommendation was not to take the leadership role. The Town would need to decide how much they are willing to contribute toward the total of the grant . (It was suggested that the more the Town put in toward the total that the more likely grant money would be awarded.) Toby asked if we could pick and choose what items would be feasible for the Town, Steve said yes. Energy Independent Caroline recommends do everything suggested by the study. See attachment 1. Linda expressed concern about the payback time.

Frank Proto asked does NYSERDA reimburse per item and or as a whole? Is "in kind services" accepted or is cash required. Does the grant cover repairs or capital improvements? John Reid said some of both.

Their was concern expressed that the money may not be available because of the large State deficit but it was noted that the monies are not coming from the State but solely from NYSERDA.

Barry Goodrich looks at long range plans .

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Frank Proto, County Legislator

Election chair Martha Robertson chair, Dooley Keifer new vice chair . Frank to be on many committees.

Frank has been reappointed to the Board of health. Frank is also Chairman of Water Resources, with Barry Goodrich as Vice Chairman.

Procedure for 2011 budget, concern about States withholding money that has effected the Health Department and T-Cat. Some monies have not been paid going back to 2008 and through 2009. T-Cat just received some monies along with TC-3.

Discussion of swapping roads with various towns/ Dryden/Lansing/ Ulysses Township and County.

Local road swapping may include Thomas Rd and Middaugh Rd. and Besamer Rd (to be redone) and Boyceville Rd.

The State held 12.5% on the Health Department water testing, which will result in no County water testing from January through April, 2010.

The TC Youth program- is short 25k apportion across the Town, which will translate to a 4.5 % cut in Caroline. This could result in no summer work for kids, no money to pay the youth for summer jobs.

T-Cat new routes and new bus passes. Starting Monday, January 18th, 2010. Old passes will no longer work. The general route will stay the same.

Census- is set up for educational purpose only. The short form mailed to homes must be completed otherwise if they are not returned then individuals will receive a visit from the Census Bureau. .

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent (given by Toby McDonald)

The Highway workers worked 21 days (December 21st to January 10th) without a day off clearing the roads in the Town. The new truck will be arriving soon.

Toby McDonald, Town Board

Ribbon cutting Ceremony Tuesday 19th at 9:30AM

Linda Adams, Town Board

Soil and Water Committee to look at draft for Barrille II.

Approval of Abstracts

General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Toby and seconded by Pete to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 1 through 36 in the amount of \$63,463.80

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

Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Toby and seconded by Linda to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 1 through 3 in the amount of \$29,966.32.

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

Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Toby and seconded by Pete to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 1 and 3 in the amount of \$747.82.

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

Resolutions

Resolution 1-35 of 2010

Landscaping Design Contract

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Ms. Adams

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with Scotland Yard Landscaping.

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

Resolution 1-36 of 2010

2010 Fire Protection Contracts

By Mr. McDonald; Seconded by Mr. Hoyt

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the supervisor to sign any returned Fire Protection District contracts.

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

Adjourn

On a motion by Toby McDonald and seconded by Pete Hoyt, the meeting adjourned at Time 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk