

Town of Caroline Special Budget Meeting

October 14, 2010

The adjourned meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on October 14, 2010 at the Town Hall commenced at 7:00 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk

Also present: Penny Boynton, Caroline Youth Program Coordinator

Privilege of the Floor

Penny Boynton from the Caroline Youth Program: Population served; middle school through high school. Brooktondale summer camp kindergarden-5th, with Junior and Senior councilors from the program. Though the program works mainly with middle school and high school students they invite 5th graders to attend and learn about the program. They sometimes do a “floating” class room where the group goes to the students at Caroline Elementary School and teach them about the program. The participants of the program get to choose what programs or projects they want to do. This teaches the kids to make decisions and teaches kids to work together. They eat, play games, have parties and work on projects together. The kids use the parties to co-mingle with other students from other communities. They are in charge of setting up their own structure. The program works on getting them out in to the community so they can connect with everyone. For example they went to Home Depot, to purchase items for a project, each of them were asked who are you representing? The kids realize they are representing not only themselves but their communities. The program has helped a variety of kids; 5th grade thru seniors. Some have been participants for all their school years; they have participated with the program year after year. The focus is to teach kids to learn about the community and how they will represent the community within and outside the community.

Don: What other options/ programs do the kids have access to?

Penny: A lot of other programs have been pulled from the community. Dewitt Junior High School has lost funding for many of the after school programs. There is not that many choices. Modified sports, fewer teams, and options then there used to be within school. The programs we offer are closer to home are easier to get the kids to come to and easier to get them home.

Pete: How many kids in the program right now?

Penny: Twenty-five at this time, some times less with an average of 8 or 12 attending. The School year program average is 11-18 attending at time.

Pete: It seems like a lot of money for a few kids..

Dominic: Do you know how many kids participated in total last year?

Penny: Ninety-one total for the year.

Toby: Does that include the summer camp?

Penny: No, it does not include the participants in summer camp.

Pete: How much fundraising does your group do?

Penny: They don't do fundraising. The group works on different projects within the community. For example they helped build shelves for the library and worked on getting the computers for the library up and running too. The youth working within the community has a real strong connection, which important to everyone involved.

For 2010 approximate contributions to the program are Town \$8000, County \$15,700 (without a 7% cut would be contributing), State \$2000, United Way \$2300. Penny is asking that the town make up the amount that the County is expected to cut from the program which is approximately \$8000, based on a partial contributions from the County.

The board continued the discussion with the pros and cons of contributing more of the town's money to the program.

Budget Amendments

Resolution 10-12 of 2010

Motion by Mr. Hoyt; seconded by Ms. Adams
Decrease line A7310.4 to \$0

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber to table the discussion, seconded by Mr. McDonald

Ayes:

Nays:

All in favor in favor of tabling the discussion-**Ms Adams; Mr. Barber; Mr. Frongillo; Mr. Hoyt; Mr. McDonald**

Resolution 10-13 of 2010

Motion by Mr. Hoyt; seconded by Mr. McDonald
Decrease line A1110.10 to \$20,056

Decrease line A1410.1 to \$28,851

Decrease line A3620.1 to \$38,944

Decrease line A5010.1 to \$52,225

Ayes: Ms Adams; Mr. Barber; Mr. Frongillo; Mr. Hoyt; Mr. McDonald

Nays:

Resolution 10-14 of 2010

Motion Mr. Hoyt; seconded by Mr. Frongillo

The town board authorized a reclassification of the Town Supervisors position with a increase of hours from 10 hours to 15 hours a week with a salary of \$16,500 and no hourly rate increase.

Ayes: Ms Adams; Mr. Frongillo; Mr. Hoyt; Mr. McDonald

Nay: Mr. Barber

Resolution 10-15 of 2010

Motion Mr. Hoyt; seconded by Frongillo

The town board authorized a reclassification of the Court Clerks position with an increase of hours from 20 hours to 22 hours a week with a salary of \$16,459 and no hourly rate increase.

Ayes: Ms Adams; Mr. Barber; Mr. Frongillo; Mr. Hoyt; Mr. McDonald

Nays:

Resolution 10-16 of 2010

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. McDonald
Increase line A1410.101 to \$9750

Increase line A1110.103 to \$4,350

Ayes: Ms Adams; Mr. Barber; Mr. Frongillo; Mr. Hoyt; Mr. McDonald

Nays:

Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Frongillo, the town board adjourned at 9:47 p.m. The budget discussion is tabled until Tuesday October 26th at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk