

CAROLINE TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7:00 pm

The Caroline Town Board Business Meeting scheduled for April 13, 2022 will be held at the Caroline Town Hall by Zoom videoconference. Members of the public may attend in-person or by Zoom. Mask are recommended. Minutes and video recordings will be posted on the [Town of Caroline website](#). Comments may be provided at Privilege of the Floor during the meeting, by email (clerk@townofcaroline.org), or by mail (P.O. Box 136, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881).

INSTRUCTIONS TO ATTEND THE ZOOM MEETING (<https://zoom.us>)

You do not need to have a Zoom account to join. Options 2 and 3 are easiest without an account. You may need the Meeting ID for any of these methods.

Direct: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7142580644>

Meeting ID: 714 258 0644

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,7142580644#

Phone dial-in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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AGENDA

Privilege of the Floor*

Reports:

Discussion of property tax exemptions - Jay Franklin, Director of Assessment

Supervisor's Report

Town Clerk's Report

Highway Superintendent's Report

County Representative's Report

Department, Committee, & Liaison Updates

Discussion and Action Topics:

Discussion of new highway facilities site selection

Resolution supporting legal clarity for municipally-owned broadband¹

Discussion of use of ARPA funds

Discussion of extension of Land Use Moratorium

Approval of minutes of [March 9, 2022](#)

Resolution to approve vouchers

—Adjourn—

***Privilege of the Floor Policy at Caroline Town Board Meetings**

- Privilege-of-the-Floor is offered at the beginning of town meetings as an opportunity for individuals to provide input to the town board. Speakers have up to three minutes, subject to modification depending upon time constraints of a particular meeting. Each resident is provided one speaking opportunity per meeting; written input is also welcome.
- Comments should be directed to the town board. The Supervisor or Councilpersons may answer questions brought forward or defer to allow for further research and thought.
- Personnel matters should be directed to the appropriate Supervisor or Department Head.
- Respectful discourse is required.

¹Resolution ____ of 2022. Supporting Assembly Bill 6763-A and Senate Bill 594-B to provide legal clarity for municipalities to own and operate municipal broadband.

Whereas, robust internet access is inadequate in many rural areas of New York State, as is true for Caroline; and

Whereas, the Caroline Town Board has engaged with private Internet Service Providers (ISPs) over the past decade to promote buildout of high-speed internet to all residences in Caroline; and

Whereas, the Town of Caroline supported the successful Round II and III New York State Broadband Program grants to Haeferle TV for buildout of high-speed internet to 136 residences, but many areas of the town remain underserved; and

Whereas, municipally-owned broadband enables municipalities to provide comprehensive internet access within the town and enhance local competition; and

Whereas, municipally-owned broadband ensures that internet fees paid by customers go exclusively toward supporting local internet service; therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby calls for passage of Assembly Bill 6763-A and Senate Bill 594-B to clarify the legal authority for municipalities to own and operate municipal broadband; and further be it

Resolved, this resolution with a letter from the Supervisor shall be sent to the the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State, Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Majority Leader, New York State Senate, the Honorable Carl E. Heastie, Speaker, New York State Assembly, the Honorable Rachel May, Member, New York State Senate, the Honorable Peter Oberacker, Member, New York State Senate, and the Honorable Anna R. Kelles, Member, New York State Assembly.