

## **Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2015**

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on March 3, 2015 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Mark Witmer.

### **Attendance:**

Don Barber, Supervisor- absent  
John Fracchia, Councilmember  
Irene Weiser, Councilmember-absent  
Mark Witmer, Councilmember and Deputy Supervisor  
Tim Seely, Councilmember

### **Recording**

**Secretary:** Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

**Also present:** Pete, Patrick and Stephanie Hoyt were present

Deputy Supervisor. Witmer started the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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### **Privilege of the Floor**

Pete Hoyt and his 2 children; Stephanie and Patrick attended the meeting. Pete's children are in a government class at Ithaca High School and attended this agenda meeting to obtain class credit. Pete was concerned that the website seemed to be behind with information. It was explained there had been some issues with the website and there was a plan to get a new updated one. He also asked about the Buffalo Rd project. Deputy Supervisor Witmer said the project would be beginning in May 2015. Councilman Seely also let Pete know about the public hearing coming up in May about the request from a couple of Town residents for .6 miles of Level Green to be changed from Minimum Maintenance to a yearly maintained road. They are planning to build a house on Level Green Rd.

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### **Reports**

#### **Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent**

Report given by Councilman Witmer: Highway Supervisor: Promoting Ditching presentation on 19 March to other Hwy. Depts. Proposed Brooktondale Fire Station for consideration as TCAT Park-n-Ride (town already maintains).

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

Absent

#### **Tim Seely, Town Board**

Report at Business meeting. He did mention going to the Association of Towns and went to some very good sessions on; Ambulance, Broad Band Service, and Contract Negotiations

#### **Mark Witmer, Town Board**

Planning Board: Planning Board held the second Community Conversation on the update of the Comprehensive Plan on Sat, Feb 21, at the Caroline Center Church. Next event is set for March 25th at Slaterville Fire Hall, 7-9 pm.

Energy Independent Caroline: Feb meeting canceled.

Watershed Committee (Tues 24 Feb: Barry Goodrich, Jackie Cassaniti, mw):

- Planning for Ditching Consequences and Best Practices presentation by Rebecca Schneider. 9-11 am, Thursday, 19 March.
- Review of candidate sites for Flood Hazard Mitigation funds from Tompkins County.
- Begin review and update of Caroline Stormwater Control Plan.
- Sharon Anderson to speak at March 16 Watershed Committee Mtg: Flood Resiliency event at The Space on 16 April, 8:30 am - 1 pm. And Environmental Financing Boot Camp - information on financing infrastructure improvements for climate resiliency.

### **John Fracchia, Town Board**

#### **Emergency Services**

- Shared resolution establishing Town of Caroline Emergency Services day with leadership of all service providers. It was very positively received and as follow-up will be gathering information about members with milestone years.
- Attended February meeting of Slaterville Ambulance. They have two new members, but more are still needed. There are some members with an interest in making a membership push and some preliminary thoughts were discussed. Likely going to do education/recruitment events at Brookton Market and Boiceville.

#### **Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium**

- Submitted Municipal Cooperation Agreement with our suggestions for revision to Chair, Judy Drake. Will be attending the first meeting of the MCA sub-committee in mid-March.

#### **Wellness Committee**

- Received response from Mack Cook (Cortland) GTCMHIC's Own Your Own Health Committee, re; inquiry about how other municipalities got started. Most are in the beginning stages and he does not have much to share. Going to continue research.

#### **CIT**

- Reviewed Broadband Funders Letter from D. Barber and offered feedback.

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

- No update

### **Other**

- Attended Tompkins Workers' Center Celebration on February 12, where the Town was recognized as a Living Wage Employer. Said a few words on the importance of doing so and encouraged attendees to find out if their municipality is a living wage employer. Challenged other municipalities to do so if they aren't.
- Received notification from Christine Carreiro (Better Housing Tompkins County) that there is a member of our community who has applied for the grant and who qualifies. The home inspection uncovered some issues that will require remediation in order to qualify for the grant, but the family has agreed to address them. The remainder of the project can be covered through grant funds. Total estimate is \$34,000, \$18,500 of which would be covered by Caroline's contribution. The remainder will come from an available NYS HOME Grant.

### **Irene Weiser, Town Board**

absent

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### **Town Business**

There was a discussion about the Slaterville Ambulance Service, the lack of volunteers and what it might cost the Town, monetarily to hire two paramedics to cover weekends and also in cost and in time of response for citizens if there was a contract with Bangs to fill in vacant times.

### **---Adjourn the meeting ---**

A motion by Councilmember Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Fracchia the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk