

Caroline Town Board Meeting of March 11, 2015

The Town Board Business meeting held on March 11, 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
Mark Witmer, Councilmember and Deputy Supervisor
Tim Seely, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present:

Agenda

Authorize Supervisor to sign 2015 Slaterville Ambulance Service contract
Approve Abstracts
Approve Minutes
Establish Date for Ambulance Services Community discussion
Workers Comp Agreement
Website Discussion

Privilege of the Floor

No privilege of the floor

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

Absent

Tim Seely, Town Board

Mark Witmer, Town Board

John Fracchia, Town Board

Irene Weiser, Town Board

Dan Klein, County Representative

The Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan passed.

The Distinguished Youth Award:

This award was established by former Legislator Frank Proto. The winner of this award in March was Aidan Mackenzie. Aidan is a Brooktondale native and a junior at Ithaca High School, and just turned 17. Aidan has accomplished much in his time. He is on the Ithaca High School tennis team. He is taking 3 AP classes and 2 Honors classes. Last Summer he attended a summer program at St. John's College Annapolis where he read and discussed works that are the foundation of our democracy including the US Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Supreme Court decisions, speeches of Lincoln and Douglas, and Plato's Republic. In 2014 Aidan spent a week with his church youth group on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, where he lived with a family in a remote town and worked to improve the parish school there. He helped residents in Appalachian after the flood of 2011 by shoveling mud out of a church and working to help move ruined furniture out of houses. Aidan has most recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 55 in Ithaca. His Eagle project was to construct a deer fence around a planned garden at St. Catherine of Siena Church. He designed the fence, obtained funding and materials, and organized about 30 volunteers to build it. The garden is to be used for the Church Teen Youth Group to grow food for Loaves and Fishes.

Sparklers in NYS:

In November 2014, New York State passed a law that allowed the sale of sparklers. However, the law does not apply automatically. Instead, each county must decide for itself if it wants to allow the sale of sparklers within its borders. Sales would only be allowed from June 1 to July 5, and from December 26 to January 2, only from NY State licensed retailers, and only to people 18 years of age or older.

Sparklers are defined in the law in 370 words, a definition which spells out 3 different types. In case you are not familiar with the term, sparklers are hand-held devices that produce a shower of sparks when ignited. This law is characterized by those in favor of it as a personal choice and as a local economic issue.

One group that is opposed to this law is the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. They point out that sparklers are responsible for over 3,000 emergency room visits a year. And they cite statistics that more than one-quarter of fireworks injuries are to children under 15.

Town Business

March 25th 7-9 p.m. Emergency Services meeting at the Brooktondale Community Center, put information on Town list serv, website, Councilmember John Fracchia to reach out to Bangs for informational input. Councilmember Tim Seely and Councilmember Mark Witmer spoke with David Salway at the Association of Towns about the Broadband funding. He appeared shocked at the way the course had taken with Chuck Bartosh and the raise in the price from the original estimate. They thought of Caroline as "success story" based on the fact that the Town was able to establish grant monies, funding from other Town's and raise monies to bring broad band to the community. Will the State lend a hand? Could a State initiative bring forward other vendors? The question was discussed considering all the changes.

Approval of Abstracts**Resolution 77 of 2015
Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilmember Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Fracchia to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 5 and 6 for \$565.17.

Adopted Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

**Resolution 78 of 2015
General Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilmember Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Seely to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 67 through 100 for \$20,885.86

Adopted Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

**Resolution 79 of 2015
Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilmember Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Seely to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 53 through 58 for \$75,149.15.

Adopted Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolutions**Resolution 80 of 2015
Slaterville Ambulance Service Agreement for 2015**

A motion was made by Councilmember Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Fracchia Resolved, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor, Don Barber to sign the Agreement with the Slaterville Ambulance Department \$56,000 for 2015.

Adopted Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

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Adjourned on a motion by Councilmember Witmer and seconded Councilmember Weiser at

8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk