

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2017

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on August 1, 2017 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

Mark Witmer, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Gary Reinbolt, Councilmember - Absent
Cal Snow, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk

Also present: 3 members of the public were present

Mr. Witmer started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor

Kathryn Goldberg – Follow up on trail business. Anything of note happen? Wanted to speak in favor of proceeding with the trail project. Attended comprehensive plan meeting. Believes this topic should become a planning board issue. Board (Clm Weiser & Mr. Witmer) response: Online document is the respected opinion of our town attorney. There is still debate until a judge determines the legal rights. 2009 document study is very comprehensive showing multiple categories such as maintenance cost estimate, etc. All other towns are ready to sign the MOU but have yet to.

Charles Eldermire, Planning Board Applicant interview. Why? “Lived here for 10 yrs. Good time to think about investing time into the community. Gain clear understanding of what is going on & contribute. Getting to know the community better in order to interact, get to know people, and represent. Interests and experience that may serve Caroline.” What do you hope to accomplish? “Personally just learning about the process and how it works. Personally like to figure things out and accomplish. Research and investigating. Understand the value of peoples input and listening. Conflict in interesting and requires people coming together. Mediation”

Vote next week

Reports

Gary Reinbolt, Town Board – No updates

John Fracchia, Town Board – No updates

Cal Snow, Town Board –Irene Weiser, Town Board – Inquire of the County in writing about any potential plans of improvement for bridge on Caroline Depot Rd and the corner on White Church Rd at Cooper cemetery. Discussion regarding refurbishment, new, or alternate highway garage options. Mulks cemetery has not submitted any reports to the state in a while. No board of directors. State wants annual report.

Irene Weiser, Town Board – Response due to Haefele by August 11th. \$32k or 10%, whichever is less for phase 2 build-out to be paid for with monies from grants.

Phone system - Committee recommended VOIP system. Attending a webinar in August regarding phone systems.

Attorney gen going after charter for not providing service promised. Public service commission proposed they be fined for this. Charter claims not their fault, been trying to build out but hold up with work on poles.

Aquifer protection has not met. In touch with Danby for copy of their law on managing water quantity to use as a model for our moratorium.

EMS TCCOG meeting mapped direction committee plans to work. Need for a consultant/Professional services. Contingent resolution – budget \$5k upcoming budget without immediate plan for expenditure. Preemptive measures

Governor is looking for county shared services. Suggested municipalities collaborate to purchase LED bulb streetlights for an energy & cost savings. 79 streetlights in TOC. Suggestion to buy back poles at a depreciated value and purchase new equipment. Help with installation & maintenance. Maintenance fee from NYSEG to go away. Can any streetlights be retired? Liability & indemnification issues, community discussion.

---Adjourn the meeting ---

A motion made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Snow to move to executive session at 9:06p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:XXp.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk