

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2018

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on March 6, 2018 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

Mark Witmer, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Megan Barber, Councilmember
Cal Snow, Councilmember
Megan Barber, Councilmember

Recording Secretary:

Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk;
Jessica “Jessie” Townsend, the new First Deputy Clerk was introduced. Jesse started in the Clerk’s office on Monday, March 5th, 2018.

Also present were 3 members of the public

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

Privilege of the Floor

No comments from the public

Reports

Megan Barber, Town Board –

Planning Board – next meeting Thursday March 15th 6:30p

Capital Planning – No updates

Cemetery – Would like to get familiar with the Slave Burial issue in Caroline and talk to people with knowledge about it. There is need to consider places where a commemorative marker could be placed that is not on private property. There is also grant exploration that can be done. A document provided by Bill Keokosky may be helpful.

John Fracchia, Town Board –

Building and Grounds

- Awaiting additional information from LaBella report. Any updates?
- Will be writing RFP for Park & Ride paving project. Need information re; size and other specs.

Communications, Information, & Technology

- Went through website and updated information such as committees, terms of office.
- Added Councilmember Barber

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

- Have reviewed next iteration of website development. Improved over the first and is getting closer to a finished product.

Joint Youth Commission

- Attended February meeting of the Joint Youth Commission. Continued the discussion of needs assessment project. JYC also began assigning program monitors

Cal Snow, Town Board – No updates

Irene Weiser, Town Board – No updates

TCCOG meeting tomorrow with students. Currently discussing ideas. Hoping to meet with the various service department leaders to discuss ideas and gather feedback.

Encumbrance

Resolution xx of 2018

ENCUMBRANCE REVERSAL RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby rescinds the following 2017 encumbrances adopted at the Town's January 2, 2018, Agenda Meeting:

\$ 10,000	from Highway Fund Account DA5142.1 Snow Removal PS
\$ 520	from Highway Fund Account DA5110.4 General Repairs CE
\$ 880	from Highway Fund Account DA5140.4 Misc. CE
\$ 285	from Highway Fund Account DA5680.4 Other Transportation CE
\$ 400	from Highway Fund Account DA5112.2 Improvements EQ

Adopted Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Barber: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye

Discussion:

Designated parking for the park and ride along Midline Rd. Cycle central NY presentation next week to ask for continued support in lieu of lower speed limits, public parking, and roadside trash clean up.

Charter Communications - WSKG March 15th

Town Business

Councilmember John Fracchia brought forth the following resolution for the board to review and have input.

Resolution to demand Comprehensive Federal and State Government Action in the Interest of Preventing Assault Weapon Violence and Mass Casualty Incidents

Whereas, the United States Constitution states in its preamble its intended purpose as to, *“form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty”*

AND Whereas, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states that, *“A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”*

AND Whereas weapons such as the AR-15, and the TEC-DC9 9-mm semi-automatic handgun, often classified as assault weapons, are weapons developed for armed conflict and specifically designed to inflict mass casualties,

AND Whereas, these weapons are inconsistently regulated, with variances in the law occurring across states,

AND Whereas, these weapons are frequently owned and used outside the context of a militia,

AND Whereas, a school is a place where children have the right to pursue a mandated education in safety,

AND Whereas, since the Sandy Hook school shooting of 2012 there have been 239 school shootings nationwide in which 438 people were shot, and 138 people killed,

AND Whereas, violence from assault weapons has been inflicted in settings outside of schools such as movie theatres, concerts, and political events,

AND Whereas, there have been 39 verified mass shooting incidents in the United States in 2018,

And Whereas, there is legal precedence for regulating or banning weapons designed to inflict mass casualties in the form of the National Firearms Act of 1934,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Caroline, calls on the government of the United States of America, and the governments of each State, Commonwealth, and Territory in the Union to enact comprehensive and coordinated assault weapon reform, including background checks, an integrated national background check system, mandatory training for persons purchasing guns capable of inflicting mass casualties, a prohibition on the purchase of assault weapons by persons legally deemed as a danger to themselves and others, convicted of a violent felony, or with a documented history of domestic abuse, violence, or mental disorders classified in DSM V as being an uncontrolled Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorder; Dissociative disorder, Disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder, or Substance-related and addictive disorder.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on these entities to increase funding for community based mental health programs to help individuals with disorders diagnosed by DSM V as being a Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorder; Dissociative disorder, Disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder, or Substance-related and addictive disorder.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on every municipality and school board in the United States of America to pass this or a similar resolution in the interest of protecting our schools and communities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to President Donald J. Trump; Senator Charles Schumer; Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative Thomas Reed; Governor Andrew Cuomo; Senator James Seward; Assemblyperson Barbara Lifton; Tompkins County Administrator Jason Molino; Tompkins County Legislature Chair Mike Lane; Legislator Dan Klein; and the Supervisors of the City of Ithaca, Town of Danby, Town of Dryden, Town of Enfield, Town of Groton, Town of Ithaca, Town of Lansing, Town of Newfield, Town of Ulysses, Village of Cayuga Heights, Village of Dryden, Village of Freeville, Village of Groton, Village of Lansing, and Village of Trumansburg; the School Boards of Ithaca City, Dryden, Newfield, Lansing, Groton, Trumansburg, and George Junior Republic.

Councilmember Weiser thought the resolution could use more support and construction. Mr. Witmer pointed out that NYS has been very proactive on gun control with the SAFE Act and that there is legislation currently under consideration at the state level. Councilmember Fracchia would like to do some work with youth on the topic. The aforementioned resolution may be brought forward next month at the earliest.

----Adjourn the meeting ----

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mark Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk