

## Caroline Town Board Agenda Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2020

The Town Board Agenda Meeting was held electronically via Zoom teleconference on July 7, 2020 beginning at 7:06 p.m. hosted by Supervisor Mark Witmer co-hosted by Councilmember John Fracchia

### Attendance:

Supervisor Mark Witmer  
Councilmember John Fracchia  
Councilmember Irene Weiser  
Councilmember Tim Murray  
Councilmember Cal Snow

### Recording Secretary:

Jessica L. Townsend, Town Clerk

**Also Present:** 0 members of the public

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Supervisor Witmer opened by stating that there is an extension to the Executive Order on open meetings until August 5<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the town board will assess whether they will be required to hold public meetings in person or continue via Zoom conference should it be extended again.

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### Privilege-of-the-Floor

None

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### Additions or Deletions to Agenda

None

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### Committee Reports

**John Fracchia, Councilmember** – None

**Irene Weiser, Councilmember** – Broadband -Spoke to Lee Haefele about the FCC BB opportunity that Tim Larkin notified us about. Haefele is qualified and will apply, but not optimistic that we will get an award because of our low population density in the areas that have been identified for coverage. Mark informed us that there may be BB funding in the next Federal aid package. Is still working on getting the Charter map from Haefele showing broadband areas Charter was going cover but didn't. Once they locate that map, she will bring forward to the PSC. There is a proceeding underway called Host Community Benefits which is a program to help towns progress renewable development. Worked with Deborah Dawson (County Legislature) to draft a Resolution for an extension on feedback from municipalities that want to get involved but were not notified with enough time to do so. Thinking of doing a sign-up letter or a Resolution to bring this forward. NYSEG – settlement agreement has been published but not yet approved. Will be continuing to work on the electric rate case; their proposal shows a 24% rate increase over the next 3 years. Will be continuing fight and oppose this.

**Cal Snow, Councilmember** – Highway Dept - Paving on Buffalo Road tomorrow and Thursday (weather permitting).

**Tim Murray, Councilmember** – Planning Board is meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. very close to having a full draft of the Comp Plan for public presentation in August. Concerns about public hearing presentation being done via zoom conference and not in person. It was noted that for people that do not have broadband access at their homes, they also can call in to join the meetings.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Cal Snow to approve the Business Minutes of June 10, 2020 as submitted by Town Clerk, Jessica Townsend

Discussion: Supervisor Witmer inquired about language in the minutes during the discussion before the vote on the Moratorium. Town Clerk will listen to the audio and make an amendment if necessary and the town board will vote on approval at next week's business meeting.

**Tabled:** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye; Murray: Aye

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### **Agenda items for July 15 Business Meeting**

Received 2 bids for the Town Hall Site Improvement project. Will be making a recommendation next week.

Terry Carroll - Climate Vulnerability Assessment presentation.

Discussion on the Finger Lakes Land Trust - Thomas Road proposal.

Discussion of town actions and diversity commitment.

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Executive Session was called on a motion made by Supervisor Mark Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Cal Snow to discuss the performance review of Code Enforcement Officer, Brooke Greenhouse at 8:00 p. m. and ended at 8:53 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica L. Townsend, Town Clerk