

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2011

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on February 1, 2011 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman
Linda Adams, Councilwoman
Toby McDonald, Councilman
Pete Hoyt, Councilman

Recording

Secretary: Jo Ann Reinhardt, Deputy Town Clerk

Also present: Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

Privilege of the Floor

No reports

Reports

Toby McDonald, Town Board

No report

Dominic Frongillo, Town Board

The Town Board Planning committee will be participating at the February 15 meeting to inform their work on the Critical Environmental Areas and Industrial Site Plan Review.

The website calendar can be updated with committee meetings, activities and events of the community and any other information.

The Community Service Award appointed a committee and advertised the opening period of February 1 through March 10, 2011 for any nominations of the service community award in several publications. Anyone may submit their nomination for service award at the Town Clerk's office or on the Town's website.

Peter Hoyt, Town Board

No reports Mr. Hoyt had read a statement that he requested to be included in the minutes.

Response to Don Barber's remarks of 1/11/11

The record of the meeting on January 4, to which you refer, will show that my criticism of Clm. Frongillo was based upon his attendance record and nothing more. Your criticism of me, in contrast, is personal and sends the chilling message that certain topics of discussion are taboo, at least to you. Be informed that I will continue to speak my mind on all matters affecting town governance, including where relevant, participation or lack thereof on the part of other board members. I will be neither silenced nor intimidated by you.

Linda Adams, Town Board

Watershed Report Feb. 2011

Four families have contacted the Watershed Committee about bank erosion they are / have been watching on their property. Some for several years, not new occurrences per say. Field visits will be scheduled come spring. Barry Goodrich and Soil & Water will take a look, come up with some recommendations for the families.

John Daniels is working with a resident that is currently in violation of our Local and NYS storm water laws. John expects full compliance to be this month February, he is getting good cooperation.

Craig Schutt (TWSD) reported to the W-shed Committee that the State is auditing MS4 compliance. Typically, the State informs the municipality of such an audit. Special focus is on the MS4 section having to do with Illicit Discharge Detection. Barry Goodrich confirmed he is hearing similar talk about discharge being a favored topic, how discharge is mitigated, plans a/o practices a municipality can show for proactive past / future actions. Together the Highway Dept. and W-shed Committee will be working to maintain our good record.

FL-LOWPA funding supports projects and water quality assurance works in Caroline. A brief yet impressive listing was submitted to Tompkins Soil & Water District to highlight the 2010 year. This is part of a constant effort to remain accountable for public funded results.

Feb. 15th, 7pm, Caroline Town Hall: Caroline Recharge Areas. Caroline Planning & Caroline Watershed will have a joint meeting with Todd Miller of USGS.

Future business- in March the W-shed committee will be discussing options for measuring the water quality of the spring in front of the Town Hall. We plan on having costs & options into the Town Board for their consideration during one of the April Board Meetings. Steve Penningroth of CSI and Tompkins Health Dept. have good criteria to offer Caroline.

Topic: FL-LOWPA Resources, Town of Caroline

To: Craig Schutt of Tompkins Soil & Water District

Now that we are in the beginning of 2011, it is appropriate to look back on the value of the support FL-LOWPA resources have for the Town of Caroline and Tompkins County. It would not be an overstatement to say these resources maintain Caroline's compliance with a number of Local & State requirements as well as keeping Caroline in a proactive stance on water related issues. FL-LOWPA supported initiatives:

- a) Six mile Creek Water Quality Monitoring, the source for a 1/3 of Ithaca City's drinking water
- b) Brooktondale Gage Station, located on Six Mile Creek, the 24/7 real time data record is a foundation of stream project designs, scientific worthy data, and a method to measure / quantify investment in water life cycle management
- c) Natural Channel Stream Stabilization Construction 2005, project completed in 2005, a small flood plain was created having proven it is mitigation value in several high water events protecting agricultural property, preventing erosion sediment negatives, & protecting a bridge on a main thoroughfare of Rt. 79
- d) Natural Channel Stream Stabilization Construction 2010 - project completed in 2010, both bank & stream bed erosion has been stabilized; a shallow aquifer's confinement layer protected, this artesian aquifer supplies the drinking water to Slaterville Springs, NY and it is connected to the dynamics of a deeper aquifer supplying more homes with domestic water-a local grade school-as well as a spring located in front of the historic Caroline Town Hall accessible to folks since our Great Grandparents days.
- e) Valley Road Bank Stabilization 2010, largely a County project that has successfully mitigated the eventual loss of a County road into Six Mile creek due to bank erosion
- f) Preferred Pasture Area Creation, an initiative that allows for the relocation of cows out of a low elevation tributary buffer, to higher ground with fencing & solar powered water supply for livestock
- g) Disturbed surface hydro-seeding, one of the best examples of shared municipal resources, improved response time scheduling, superior growth / coverage site measures of hydro-seeding on disturbed surfaces such as ditching, stream construction , and storm water mitigation projects

In the summation: The Town of Caroline could not tackle the examples above without the professional staff of Tompkins Soil & Water which in turn is able to perform because of FL-LOWPA funding. Their professional expertise during planning and field oversight is clearly not a scope a rural Township such as Caroline can cover. FL-LOWPA resources give us access to Tompkins Soil & Water staff that are capable of interfacing with FEMA, the Army Corp of Engineers, SEMA, DEC, and an almost infinite list or water & soil agencies & NGO's.

Is FL-LOWPA a primary contributor to tangible results base investment for the greater good- Yes!

Town Business

Town Board discussed a letter written in August 2010 by Doug Keefe, Chief Speedville Fire Co. to Greg Harrington, of the Slaterville Ambulance. (attachment #1)

Subject

Approval of Minutes**Resolution 52 of 2011 Minutes of Organizational Meeting January 4, 2011**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber seconded by Mrs. Adams to accept the minutes of 1/4/11 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Adopted Barber: Aye ; Frongillo: Aye ; Adams: Aye ; Hoyt: Aye

Resolution 53 of 2011 Minutes of Business Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Frongillo to accept the minutes as amended of 1/11 , 2011 as submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Absent; Hoyt: Aye

Agenda Items for 2/8/2011 Discussion and Action Topics

- Local law of Subdivision changes to be approved by the Board.
- Excavation local laws Cindy & John are working on the permit paper work. A meeting is schedule for next week.
- Cindy Whittaker submitted a request to decrease the speed limit on West Creek Road, Speedville. The Town Board would have to pass a resolution in order to ask the Tompkins County Manager to apply to the New York State requesting the speed reduction.
- Resolution for the local law to impose a Property Tax Cap.
- Worker's compensation agreement for Brooktondale.

Executive session started at 8:02 p.m.

Adjourned on a motion by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. Toby the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann Reinhardt, Deputy Town Clerk