

## **Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2016**

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on December 6, 2016 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

### **Attendance:**

Mark Witmer, Supervisor  
John Fracchia, Councilmember  
Irene Weiser, Councilmember  
Gary Reinbolt, Councilmember  
Cal Snow, Councilmember

### **Recording**

**Secretary:** Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk

**Also present:** 7 members of the public were present

Mr. Witmer started the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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### **Privilege of the Floor**

Frank Proto – Referred to November 2<sup>nd</sup> legal section of the Ithaca Journal regarding alcohol license for on premises alcoholic beverages served at Brookton Market. Checked with Kevin, owners had approached him, no problem proceeding. Site plan review ordinance raised questions. Would like to review submission(s) for license. Concerned for his residential rental properties and tenants as well as an outcome of a tavern

Crystal VanGaasbeck – Opposed to extension of South Hill Extension way. Cited Town of Caroline's 2008 Resolution to rescind support of proposed trail. April 16, 2012 Danby minutes.

Scott VanGaasbeck – continued reading statement picking up where Crystal left off. Mr. Marks.

Kathleen Boyd - Presented a letter from a resident who is underserved on the broadband front.

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### **Reports**

**Gary Reinbolt, Town Board** – No report

**John Fracchia, Town Board** –

### **Building and Grounds**

- No Report

### **Emergency Services**

- Committee has been discussing possible next steps over e-mail. Community survey about EMS perception/needs and discussion of first response coordination across Fire Districts seem to be the leading ideas.

- Trying to determine the scope/role of the committee in light of the recently established TCCOG EMS Committee.

### **Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium**

- Consortium met on November 22, 2016.
- 2017 meeting schedule was established.
- Resolutions passed admitting the Towns of Aurelius and Montezuma to the consortium. Membership in the consortium has grown considerably in 2016.
- Resolution passed extending contract of Locey & Cahill as the plan consultant through 2017.
- Current officers were re-elected for 2017.

### **Joint Youth Commission**

- Attending next meeting on December 13.

**Cal Snow, Town Board** – No report

**Irene Weiser, Town Board** – TCCOG had first meeting. Introductions. Issues facing. Coming up: Plan an agenda.

Broadband Committee Report: Lee Haefele did submit an application on our behalf. Wait to see if Charter has proposed to cover identified “island” areas. If not, Haefele can move forward with build out. Need for an inter-municipal advisory committee to TCCOG. Energy markets. CCA’s in other states. Community Choice Aggregation.

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## **Town Business**

### **Discussion of 2017 Preliminary Budget Amendments**

2017 Preliminary Budget Changes (TENTATIVE > FINAL ADOPTED)

1. Increase Town Board PS A1010.1 by 173 to 9,004
2. INCREASE Supervisor Assistant A1220.103 by 4,713 to 14,340
3. Increase Supervisor EQ A1220.2 by 400 to 600
4. Increase Deputy Clerk PS A1410.101 by 739 to 15,804
5. Decrease Town Clerk CE A1410.4 by 2,000 to 8,000
6. Decrease Records Mgmt PS A1460.1 by 1,300 to 0

7. Decrease Public Information CE A1480.4 by 4,000 to 3,000
8. Decrease Town Hall PS A1620.1 by 1,000 to 2,060
9. Increase Town Hall PS A1620.12 by 1,000 to 1,000
10. Increase Town Hall General CE A1620.4 by 494 to 16,944
11. Decrease Special Items Unallocated Insurance A1910.4 by 927 to 26,035
12. Decrease Safety Inspection Planner PS A3620.105 by 14,340 to 0
13. Increase Support of Highways PS A5010.1 by 3,409 to 62,217
14. Decrease Youth Services PS A7310.1 by 24,366 to 0
15. Decrease Youth Services CE A7310.4 by 70 to 24,296
16. Increase Planning CE A8020.4 by 20,000 to 24,000
17. Decrease Community Services CE A8989.4 by 37,000 to 0
18. Increase Benefits Social Security A9030.8 by 1,328 to 19,345
19. Decrease Employee Benefits W/C A9040.8 by 2,958 to 21,806
20. Decrease Employee Benefits A9060.81 by 3,460 to 0
21. Decrease Fire Co W/C A2189 by 1,736 to 13,417
22. Increase Revenues Misc. A2770 by 4,400 to 4,400
23. Increase Highway General Repairs PS DA5110.1 by 6,754 to 74,290
24. Increase Highway General Repairs OT DA5110.11 by 102 to 1,122
25. Increase General Repairs, FEMA CE DA5110.41 by 242,731 to 242,731
26. Increase Highway Improvements PS DA5112.1 by 867 to 9,537
27. Increase Highway Improvements PS DA5112.11 by 102 to 1,122
28. Increase Highway Machinery PS DA5130.1 by 1,964 to 21,599
29. Increase Highway Machinery PS DA5130.11 by 51 to 561

30. Increase Highway EQ DA 5130.2 by 30,000 to 115,000
31. Increase Highway Misc. PS DA5140.1 by 3,774 to 41,514
32. Increase Highway Misc. OT DA5140.11 by 459 to 5,049
33. Increase Highway Misc. Sick/Vac/Holiday DA5140.111 by 3,918 to 43,098
34. Increase Highway Snow Removal PS DA5142.1 by 8,441 to 92,852
35. Increase Highway Snow Removal OT DA5142.11 by 2,050 to 22,552
36. Increase Benefits Social Security DA9030.8 by 2,179 to 23,967
37. Decrease Highway Employee Benefits W/C DA9040.8 by 966 to 24,426
38. Increase State Aid, Other DA3089 by 242,731 to 242,731
39. Decrease State Aid, CHIPS by 4,300 to 145,700
40. Decrease Fire Prevention, Speedsville Contract SF3410.413 by 531 to 52,050
41. Decrease Fire Prevention, Speedsville W/C SF9040.8 868 to 6,709

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## **Resolutions**

### **Resolution 155 of 2016**

#### **2017 Preliminary Budget Amendment**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and Seconded by Irene Weiser

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**Be It Resolved the Caroline Town Board makes the following Amendments to the**

#### **2017 Adopted Budget:**

<u>Modification</u>	<u>Change to Levy</u>
Increase Benefits, Social Security A9030.8 from \$18,171 to \$19,345	(+\$1,174)
Increase Benefits, Workers' Comp A9040.8 from \$15,658 to \$21,806	(+\$6,148)
<u>Increase Benefits, Workers' Comp DA9040.8 from \$15,658 to \$24,426</u>	<u>(+\$8,768)</u>
<b>TOTAL: \$16,090</b>	

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye Snow: Aye

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A TCCOG COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Whereas the Town of Caroline is interested in promoting energy efficiency and local renewable energy generation, and also in reducing energy costs for its residents; and

Whereas the NY State Public Service Commission, in April 2016, authorized the development of Community Choice Aggregation programs, that allows participating local governments to work together through a shared purchasing agreement to procure natural gas and electric energy supply on behalf of their residents and small businesses; and

Whereas Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is a means to provide lower, more stable and predictable energy costs, while also promoting energy efficiency, local renewable energy development and local job growth; and

Whereas residents and small businesses that are not interested in participating in CCA energy procurement are able to opt out; and

Whereas the Tompkins County Council of Governments works to identify shared services and procurement opportunities to provide better service and lower costs to our residents; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Caroline supports the exploration of Community Choice Aggregation by a TCCOG advisory committee; and further

**RESOLVED** that the town's TCCOG liaison (currently Irene Weiser) shall serve on the CCA Advisory committee and report on the committee's progress; and further

**RESOLVED** that the Town encourages a member of the town's Energy Independent Caroline committee to be a resident liaison to the CCA Advisory committee.

**----Adjourn the meeting ----**

A motion by Mr. Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia to move to executive session for personnel matters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk