

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on April 2, 2013 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor
Dominic Frongillo, Councilmember
Linda Adams, Councilmember
Aaron Snow, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: Two Caroline residents; one doing a High School project which required attendance at a Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Barber led the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor

There were no members of the public who addressed the board.

Committee Reports

Don Barber, Supervisor:

The Board of the Elections will meet with the public to talk about combining voting districts 2-3 which is Brooktondale and Slaterville in the same polling place, the Brooktondale Fire Department. District 1 will keep the same voting place in Speedsville.

The Assessment Review Board will meet with the public on May 22nd, 3p.m.-6p.m. to discuss any property assessment tax grievances.

The new Court Clerk will be Christine Armstrong from Berkshire.

Agenda items for Tuesday, April 9th.

Recreation Partnership presentation

New Welcome to the Town of Caroline sign (no expense to the Town)

Contract- Scott Land and Yard for mowing services.

Fire escape contract (Historic Town Hall): 6 local contractors to bid

Amended Code Enforcement Local law

Planning Board and Subdivision Review Committee

Aaron Snow, Town Board:

The Watershed Committee had an audit by NY State DEC with Ellen Hahn. Nothing major came out of the audit; the town is in compliance.

Watershed Committee Meeting (3/19) Barry Goodrich showed maps of future projects for Belle School and creek work on 600 Rd. For the Banks Rd. repair project the town will get funding from FEMA.

Councilmember Weiser- Coddington Rd (near where it intersects with Belle School Rd. and Deputon Hollow Rd.), Tompkins County Highway Department will “raise” the road so the “hump” in the road will be lessened. The County was addressing an issue of soil erosion where a culvert that goes under the road. Because of heavy rain, and in climate weather the soil has started to erode around this culvert and

has pushed sediment into the surrounding property. However since they are raising the road there will be less work needed to be done on the culvert so more money will be available for creek work. There is a discussion of “in kind contributions” or what the monetary expense might be to the neighbors who are having issues because of the creek. There is also the question of does the Town need to contribute? As the project moves forward this may come up. There will be many trees that will need to be removed.

Janice Johnson from the Recreation Partnership will be coming next week to the Caroline Town Board meeting to give a summary of the program. She will be here at 7pm.

Caroline Youth Commission- The annual mailing will include a brochure and questionnaire to go out with the Town mailing. Councilmember Weiser has the questionnaire. There was a discussion about requesting a transfer of \$1500 to the Caroline Youth employment fund.

Dominic Frongillo, Town Board:

The Planning Board is meeting about working on updating the Comprehensive plan. They discussed a process, and having town meetings to work on the best way to collect information to apply to the updates. It is possible the committee will do a Town wide survey. They would create one that has been updated from the original that was done 7+ years ago. The Planning Board is continuing on site plan review committee process and discussing what the difference in the responsibilities of the two committees. The plan is to try and have a final recommendation for the Town Board in the next few months.

Energy Independent Caroline has been awarded a grant from the Park Foundation for \$37,000 for the Solarize Tompkins SE program. The Town of Caroline has agreed to be the fiscal sponsor and so the check for the grant will be made out to the Town of Caroline. Supervisor Barber talked about the process of receipts/invoices and abstracts. The board discussed how much detail is required on the invoice. Advertising and printing, among other incidentals are paid for by Park Foundation grant. The Town of Caroline will oversee the funds and would disperse money to Solarize Tompkins SE. The receipts will be attached to vouchers and be submitted in a purchase order type system. Supervisor Barber said the group would also be hiring a manager to oversee the Solarize Tompkins SE projects.

Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) would like to be informed of any road projects done in the Town of Caroline.

Community Service Award- Nominations for the award will be accepted through April 20th and the award will be given to two community members or groups of people at the first meeting in May. The award ceremony will take place at 6:30p.m.

Irene Weiser, Town Board:

Aquifer Protection Committee (APC) met (today) with Craig Schutt from Tompkins County Soil and Water District along with Cindy Whittaker, Superintendent of the Caroline Highway Department. Craig talked about agriculture uses and regulations, and Cindy spoke about the role of the Highway department. Todd Miller will be a guest at the APC meeting in May. He will discuss how to regulate nitrate accumulation in the soil, which is caused by a lot of manure and/or septic systems. Todd would like to do a project (with permission from Caroline Elementary School) to test the 2 aquifers (upper and lower) that feed the wells on the property. He would like to test the recharge rate. He has testing equipment to do the project. Councilmember Weiser will talk with the Caroline principal and follow up with school district if necessary to help set up the project. She will also talk with Kevin McMahan, Code Officer for the Town of Caroline about what his role is in following procedure. Cindy Schulte from the Tompkins County health department said that various wells throughout the town have to be monitored because they are considered public water. This testing would include apartment buildings, mobile home parks and other public areas like Schickel’s Boiceville apartment houses, Caroline school and Camp

McCormick. There is no cost to the Town of Caroline.

Time Warner Cable draft has been written along with a new franchise agreement. The Broadband grant with Clarity Connect does not include the Town of Caroline or the Town of Enfield. The grant money requested was for 3.5 million dollars for whole project. The State grant was for 2.5 million, excluding 2 towns in Tioga County and 2 Towns in Tompkins County, in which the town of Caroline was one. Tompkins County would like to see it go forward as well as the Town of Caroline and Enfield. There will be a meeting with the County, Clarity Connect, Supervisor Barber and Councilmember Weiser to discuss on other ideas for getting broadband for the Town of Caroline.

Caroline Highway Department- no report.

Health Care Consortium- no report

Linda Adams, Town Board:

No report

Approval of Minutes

Resolution 79 of 2013 – Minutes of Agenda Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Frongillo to approve the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on March 5, 2013 submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Mr. Frongillo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Weiser to adjourn the meeting The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk