

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2015

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on October 6, 2015 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember - absent
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Mark Witmer, Councilmember and Deputy Supervisor
Tim Seely, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: no members of the public were present at the start of the meeting

Supervisor Barber started the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

No Report

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

No report

Tim Seely, Town Board

Roof in the Town Hall – Package put together no bids. Councilmember Seely called many roofers- all were very busy with other jobs. He spoke to a roofer in Binghamton who was interested but had not yet submitted a bid. The question is: will the patched roof area hold for the winter weather? Mostly likely the bids will be put back out in December for the work to be done in spring of 2016.

Youth Services Meeting this coming Thursday (10/8) 6-8 pm-Achieving Youth Results

Mark Witmer, Town Board

Planning Board: Discussion of survey questions for Comprehensive Plan. Chad Novelli and Ed Wurtz met with Cornell survey group for feedback on the proposed questions and Councilmember Witmer will report at next month's meeting on the outcome. The survey distribution is planned for early 2016 after the holidays.

Watershed Committee:

- Joe Lychalk discussed Sixmile Creek erosion problem on his property. This repair would have to be made by the County as it is not a Town issue.
- Barry Goodrich received pro bono advice from Jeff Benthin on Sarah Jane and Jim Blake property creek erosion. Need to meet with Blakes. Jeff talked about liability issues with the bridge.
- Grant for FEMA funding (75% from FEMA and 25% from NYS- so 100% funded) for remaining three project sites on Buffalo Road Creek was submitted on deadline of 30

September. Corrina Cavallo of NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services stewarded the grant. TG Miller provided engineering.

Energy Independent Caroline -- No meeting

HeatSmart – No meeting. Councilmember Witmer did however suggest doing an energy upgrade of the Historic Town Hall.

John Fracchia, Town Board

Absent

Irene Weiser, Town Board

CIT Contractor the Committee chose to work with and has been reluctant to make a commitment to the Town.

There is a Aquifer Protection meeting next month.

TCOGG Residential Energy Score Project- There is a fair bit of interest by Susan Brach about (in the future) requiring a home energy efficiency rating of a sellers home to be required and produced to potential buyers the house. Right now there is interest in a suggested option to let people request an energy rating of their home so they can upgrade their house and make it more energy efficient.

Resolutions

Resolution 122 of 2015

2016 Tentative Budget Meeting

A motion was made Mr. Barber and Seconded Mr. Witmer

Resolved, the Caroline Town board sets the following date for the 2016 Tentative Budget Review: Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Town Hall

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Absent; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely:

Town Business

Chuck Bartosh owner of Clarity Connect has continually changed his mind on details of the unsigned proposed contract between his company and the Town of Caroline and has come to the point of refusing to sign a contract with the Town of Caroline and stating he will not work with a contract. He does do broadband work for Tompkins County with no contract, which the board members find to be unfathomable in this day and age anyone would work on either side of project without the benefit of a contract. They expressed their uneasiness especially in the case where someone (Chuck Bartosh) is

continually changing the protocol and scope of the project along with the prices of the first estimated work. One pole to be placed on Supervisor Barbers property would give broad band to approximately 80 homes and would only cost the Town (in addition to previous monies from the original start of the project) the cost of running the electricity, which would be minimal, however Chuck Bartosh will not sign the service agreement. He also has a hybrid system. So what does this new requirement for speed actually mean and with technology changing so quickly is this the best avenue to take? The Town Board members plan to investigate further.

---Adjourn the meeting ---

A motion by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Seely the meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk