

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2012

The Caroline Town Board Agenda meeting held on March 6, 2012 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Dominic Frongillo.

Attendance:

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

Recording

Secretary: Christine Wilbur, Deputy Town Clerk

Also present: 4 members of the public

Mr. Frongillo led the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

NONE

Reports

Don Barber, Town Supervisor: Mr. Frongillo reported on the following items for Supervisor Barber -

- Subdivision Review Comm.: sketch plan review for Lounsbury Rd. Subdivision: A meeting will be held on March 22 at 7 PM at Historic Town Hall.

- Draft Resolution for next meeting – supporting a NYS DOS Local Government Efficiency Grant... \$100,000 is available and requires a local match– similar process to Health Ins. Consortium; 2012 budget impact? Dominic does not know; Aaron asked what the difference is between “in-kind” match as opposed to a “cash” match. Lead agency would be the County? Not known.

Draft Resolution for next meeting - Caroline Road Preservation Policy Committee Resolution. Questions: who are committee members? Irene e-mailed questions to Don.

For next meeting - Establish a Youth Commission Committee? Not sure who will bring forward. Dominic read info. from Don – read function of the committee and proposed members, with Aaron being the Board liaison.

Irene – update from Committee Structure Resolution – none so far – needs to be reworked and will hear other perspectives; will bring forward in April. Incorporate feedback from Town Attorney and others.

Board members discussed a resolution that was passed by Tompkins County that recommends a ban on gas drilling and hydrofracking in the Finger Lakes region. The TCCOG Committee is recommending that municipalities consider adopting a similar or supporting resolution to be sent to the list of State officials cited on the County Resolution. Because there is no particular deadline for this action, and to give the Board and community an opportunity to review the resolution, this item will be discussed and considered at a future meeting. Board members will have a preliminary discussion over e-mail and will be an agenda item in April.

Local Law regarding a Moratorium on Gas Drilling – Board members all agreed that the process and procedures to move the law to a vote have been satisfied and will be on the agenda for the meeting on March 14, 2012.

Aaron Snow, Town Board:

- Youth Commission met at the Caroline School – 2011 Annual Reports (distributed) and discussed - 49 youth ages 11-18 – lunch bunches at the school are popular activities; anger management; let kids make decisions; TCAT Great Race was an example – kids picked the places and routes to take; great program for kids; outreach to youth who are frustrated and don't fit in. Aaron passed out a flyer – March 10, 2012 the B.I.G. Project & Plant a Row for the Hungry – at the Brooktondale Community Center – get gardens growing in Brooktondale; fund raiser in Dec. 2012 at Rite Aid – Doug's Fish Fry; Town funds \$11,000 – 49 at-risk youth – builds confidence; private

donations can be made – checks to Coop. Ext. – Caroline Youth Service Program; Town needs to continue funding – very beneficial.

Mr. Frongillo asked if there are statistics on how much time, on average, a youngster participates in the program. Mr. Snow said it is not noted on the report.

Ms. Weiser inquired if there are things that Penny needs for the program that they do not have. Mr. Snow indicated they would like more money for snacks and food. The Community Center and the food pantry assist in this are when they can.

- Rec. Partnership – ready for annual meeting on March 28 at Human Services Building when we will sign 5 year contracts that begin in 2013 – no changes from the past years; costs going up - the program has cost the same for the last 3 years – may increase – contract does not specify money. Is there a draft agreement? Mr. Snow has one tonight and will make an electronic copy. Vote? By the end of 2012 for the contract term 2013-2017. E-mail any suggestions to Aaron prior to March 28th. For Agenda in April? Yes. 134 kids participated - \$7,888 = approximately \$60/youngster. Tompkins County is unique with the Rec. Partnership program. Ms. Weiser asked if there was a breakdown of the ages of the youth in the program. Mr. Snow will find out.

- Highway Department – no report. He sent e-mail regarding the road preservation committee. Ms. Weiser asked if the Highway department has salt commitment contracts. Caroline does not – and has no space to store extra salt. Other towns help out with that.

- Agenda items: None

Dominic Frongillo, Town Board:

- Planning Board meets this Thursday. Among other topics, Jon Kanter will be interviewed for staff support; two applications for minute taker have been received thus far.

- Energy Independent Caroline – The Committee will discuss a draft energy use report for Town of Caroline.

- Agenda item for next week – consider a contract with Liberty Solar – for Town Highway barns – pay set amount of electric – Jon Comstock will be on hand to discuss the particulars.

- TCCOG: County considering resolution to allow rifle hunting within County borders (longer range); send feedback to County representative. Bruce Murray – said guns with similar range are already allowed – some pistols, muzzleloaders, etc. (personally not in favor of rifles).

- Irene Weiser reported there will be a meeting sometime in April at the Borg Warner room at the library to discuss gas drilling & taxation – Don is a presenter and Jay Franklin, County Assessor.

Irene Weiser, Town Board:

- Ms. Weiser met with the Public Information Group. Unofficial committee – resolution to establish committee – merges Public Info. Committee and Website Committee – merge & expand what they do. The group met and discussed ideas – introduced each other and talked about ideas. A draft resolution to establish the new committee was distributed and will be voted on at the meeting on March 13, 2012. The new committee may be called: Communication, Information & Technology Committee – many people interested – lots of previous experience – she listed the names. Some also expressed interest and concerned about how information has been disseminated in the past. Irene asks when you look at the resolution – she tried to make the charge very broad – does it need more structure? Linda thinks it is fine to have a general, broad scope so as not to limit future tasks.

- Bob Freeman – State Office on Open Govt. – April 11th in Corning – will come here late in the afternoon or evening – planning a meeting with TCCOG – Borg Warner room at the Library – maybe at 4:30 PM.

- Aaron asked what it means to expand Town Broad Band Access - Irene reported there will be an informational meeting on March 28th at 7 PM here at Historic Town Hall – for Caroline community members to receive information and ask questions. Sponsored by the County.

- Emergency Preparedness Training – Irene will work with TCCOG to coordinate County-wide training. She reported there is a meeting about responding to hazards that will be held at the Tompkins County Health Department this Thursday from 9 AM – 4 PM.

- Irene asked the question: When Board members say they will “discuss by e-mail” – sometimes not everyone

always looks at their e-mail and sometimes members of the public – responses by e-mail – sometimes include others that were not originally included in initial discussion. Would like clarification about parameters of e-mail – is everything considered FOIL-able? Is everything public?

Linda Adams, Town Board:

Linda reported that she has resigned from Water Shed Committee effective February 22, 2012 – the last meeting was February 21st. The group spent the first 1 ½ hrs. on Banks Rd. project – accessible now due to good weather; Beaver Creek is going well – funding for OTSI – bank restoration and tributary work at the highway department. The scope of the work has been approved – 600 acre stream bank (off Harford Rd.) – if we fix bank, there is a stream restoration project that could be funded as well – a couple of different entities are interested – Don and Barry have been with them to look at the work. It is always recommended to do roads, bank, and stream work all at the same time. An enormous amount of time – a very productive winter – more work has been accomplished this winter than in last 10 winters. Some time was spent on the committee structure and responsibilities resolution. The next meeting is March 20th and Linda would like someone (Irene or Don) to attend and discuss several things they would like to ask about – committee terms, appointments, some members have seats on non-govt. committees – overlap & requirements – they would like more discussion on accommodating the requirements. Roxie Johnston (City) and Chris Payne – have really good ideas about what is a board, committee, council, etc. - really worth listening to them. Volunteers and how to accommodate their comfort levels is one concern. Irene can attend, not sure about Don – but need to be sure there are not 3 Board members as that would constitute an official meeting requiring notifications, etc.

- Need a Chair for Watershed Committee – ideas from Linda? Best way for her is to let that process (committee structure and requirements) unfold.

Town Business

Approval of Minutes

Resolution 64 of 2012 Minutes of a Special Meeting held February 1, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Ms. Weiser to accept the minutes (with the amendments suggested by the Town Supervisor) of February 1, 2012 submitted by Deputy Town Clerk, Molly Adams.

Ms. Weiser also suggested an addition: the meeting was videotaped and posted on YouTube – Ms. Weiser included comments on the segments. She suggests the addition of: after Respectfully Submitted....adding the statement: For people who are interested, view a full version of the meeting at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfmUz2BAtmU&feature=related>....She also noted there was much more discussion with the Town Attorney than was reported.

Ms. Weiser moved to amend the minutes to include the addition she suggested. Mr. Frongillo seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Weiser made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Snow.

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

Resolution 65 of 2012 Minutes of Agenda Meeting held February 7, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Mr. Snow to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting as submitted.

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

Resolution 66 of 2012 Minutes of Business Meeting held February 14, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Frongillo and seconded by Ms. Weiser to accept the minutes as submitted on

February 14, 2012 by the Town Clerk.

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

Hearing no other business, Mr. Frongillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Weiser. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM>

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Wilbur, Deputy Town Clerk