

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2016

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on August 2, 2016 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

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

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: One members of the public were present

Mr. Witmer started the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke under privilege of the floor

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

CHIPS funding came through, working on Buffalo Rd shoulders

Snow and Ice policy- A written policy- A local roads written policy

Pre purchase of road service material

Feasibility Study for the Town Highway Barns

Gary Reinbolt, Town Board

Next week's agenda

Mark spoke with Time Warner. Considering Caroline Center but did not discuss details.

Councilmember Gary Reinbolt said Time Warner is aware of RFP. Time Warner build out.

Cable Buffalo Rd, Fuller Lane, Middaugh Rd, Coddington Rd possibly move up Valley Rd

Central Chapel Rd 76 Rd

John Fracchia, Town Board

Building and Grounds

* No update

Emergency Services

* Committee met on July 27th at Speedsville Fire Hall. Discussed comprehensive first response in the Town of Caroline. There are two schools of thought: Town sponsored response team v. fire department sponsored team. Town agencies (as researched by Kathy Mix) have the following certifications:

- Brooktondale holds agency code and is eligible for State reimbursement and can provide O2 and AED only – they currently do not have any other privileges.
- Speedsville does not hold agency code and is not recognized by NYS DOH at this time.
- Slaterville Ambulance: no longer holds an operating certificate. They were deactivated and archived 4/11/16.
- Slaterville Fire: does not hold agency code and is not recognized by NYS DOH at this time.

* Discussed the need for mutual aid agreements between the fire departments in order to really move the ball. Some leadership is supportive of exploring this, others may not be. The committee is attempting to pull together a meeting of the fire chiefs to begin the discussion.

* Discussed community AED devices and have compiled a list of places where they could exist. Kathy Mix is going to research it.

* Next meeting is Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 PM and tentatively scheduled for the Brooktondale Fire Hall.

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

* Consortium met on July 28. Annual meeting is next month and several key items will be voted on including the budget and updates to plans.

* Currently 7 new municipalities are considering membership.

* Passed a resolution to align the actuarial values of the medal plans to ensure compliance with the Affordable Care Act. This will create some adjustments to things like deductibles and co-pays in the next enrollment year.

* Passed a resolution to once again offer flu clinics at no cost to members.

Cal Snow, Town Board

Councilmember Cal Snow spoke with Anne and Wilson Martin about the slave burial grounds on their property. Though they understand the legitimacy behind wanting to preserve the area they feel since there is not an exactness to where the people are buried that a marker on the roadway commemorating the burial grounds is sufficient at this time. They do not wish to have their private property disturbed, and ask that their wishes be respected.

Irene Weiser, Town Board

Tim is now our technician from Computing Center (Mike Dodge is still at the Computing center but had some personal reasons and was out of the office for a while.)

Councilmember Weiser will be looking into new phone systems for incorporating into next year's budget. Our current system is at least 8 years old – very old in the life of a server. Computing Center will review our network needs and advise. Two options: New server, new set of handsets or hosted system with no in house server and monthly fee.

Aquifer Protection – on hold due to Representative on medical leave

Continue to make progress on draft local law.

TCCOG – Councilmember Weiser to present resolution at next week's business meeting.

EMS Task Force to be formed to explore county-wide solutions to EMS/Ambulance needs. Concerns about volunteerism shortage. Identify Legal, regulatory, financial framework. Medical focus. Assess needs and how to meet them. 6 month and final report in a year. Committee of 8-12 forming with Lee Shurtleff and Brian Wilbur advisories to committee.

Community Choice Aggregation- promoting. Interviewed a couple service providers. No decisions at this time.

Advocacy Center in conjunction w/ Cornell Law School developed guidelines for addressing domestic violence in the workplace. Suggest reviewing model policy and if appropriate incorporating in our personnel manual review.

Emergency Preparedness

Attended City/Cornell/County planning meeting on drought preparedness. Will help assess needs in rural communities, farmers, etc. drought provisions; water conservation. Watershed flow rate graph. Water use advisory has not reached rural areas.

Town Business

Rescind last resolution (110 of 2016 July 13, 2016) regarding accident and claim process. (New Resolution to follow).

Discussion about the roof for the Historic Town Hall.

Discussion of the concern of Petty Theft in the Caroline area and Drug Paraphernalia being found - Put on list serve message from the Sherriff's department

Brad DeFress – Discussion of Town Hall parking lot infrastructure

Funding opportunity for Town of Caroline culvert replacement

Buffalo Creek project with possible government funding opportunities through Senator James Seward

Resolutions**Resolution 111 of 2016****Rescind Resolution 110 of 2016**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and Seconded by John Fracchia

Resolved, the Town of Caroline rescinds the following Resolution 110 of 2016

(Reimbursing Donald Ward for Repair of Motorcycle

Whereas, an accident occurred on July involving a town truck driven by town employee William Case and a motorcycle driven by Donald Ward of 346 Buffalo Rd, Brooktondale, NY and

Whereas, it has been established that the town truck was at fault; and

Whereas, Mr. Ward will provide a written statement that he will waive any further action against the town once he is reimbursed for the damage done to his motorcycle; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board authorizes the supervisor to write a check in the amount of \$1200 for the repair of Mr. Ward's motorcycle, based on an estimate he brought forward from a repair shop Ithaca Recreation Sports; and be it further

Resolved, the town will seek reimbursement from the Town of Caroline's insurance company).

All Town Board members in favor of rescinding the aforementioned resolution stating Aye:

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

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

A motion by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Mr. Fracchia the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk