

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

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on September 6, 2016 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:02 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:** 4 members of the public were present

Mr. Witmer started the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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### **Privilege of the Floor**

Kathleen Boyd spoke under privilege of the floor re: her email dated Aug 26<sup>th</sup> sent to the board and “broadband committee” with questions about the committee. Reference to broadband public informational meeting of Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. (No official committee resolved at this time).

Willa Lawrence spoke under privilege of the floor offering her time toward the broadband process. Requested map showing properties ineligible under grant application round 2.

MaryAlice Kobler spoke under privilege of the floor re: support and acceptance of community solar renewable energy.

Jonathan Comstock spoke under privilege of the floor re: support and acceptance of community solar renewable energy.

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### **Reports**

**Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent** - Report attached (attachment 1)

**Gary Reinbolt, Town Board** – Discussed whereabouts of Broadband process. In receipt of map from Haefele and drafting letter of endorsement to the State documenting unserved areas. Map is evidence to refute states assertion of serviced areas. Round 2 closes in November.

Their process is to obtain easements to extend fiber nodes. Not a consumer oriented extension. In support of moving forward with Haefele.

**John Fracchia, Town Board** – Report next week

**Cal Snow, Town Board** - Mabel Webb VanDyke stone erected at local cemetery. Propose for town to help with generic grave placard/marker. Example attached (attachment 2)

**Irene Weiser, Town Board** –TCCOG news: Town of Ulysses is having to pay more on broadband build out therefore Supervisor Liz Thomas stated they could use the money given to us by them back. Aquifer protection committee met Aug 25<sup>th</sup> to review attorney comments on local law being drafted. Notifications and due process unclear, will reach out to Guy Krogh on these issues. There may be need for a part time person for grant writing and water monitoring/advising for best water management practices on watershed. Possible Soil and Water or DEC involvement? Received work proposal from Computing Center for next year for budgeting purposes. Contacted All-Mode and Finger Lakes Technology Group regarding new phone system. Finger Lakes Technology Group would have to run their fiber out and is cost prohibitive at \$800-1,000/month. All-Mode will be at Town Hall Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate their system. The All-Mode system as a cloud system would eliminate need for in house server as well as discontinue Frontier system and run through Time Warner. An option to look into with a new system is connecting with the Highway Department. Bright Works IT Company's phone service is another option to explore. TCCOG news: Insufficient housing in Tompkins County. Housing crisis summit meeting for end of November TBA. CIT Committee to resume convening. Proposed accepting Bruce Cota to CIT Committee. Energy task force Committee to meet bi-monthly at 4:30pm in the old jail conference room opposite health consortium. Purpose: Help municipalities to understand the counties renewable energy road map and encourage municipality involvement. Municipal Courts Task Force report: Is justice better served when the opportunity for shared services is explored? A centralized court as opposed to several municipal courts? Recommendations included a centralized DWI court. Suggestion to revive centralized youth court. It is recognized that several municipalities hold court Monday nights. This puts a strain on the Sheriff's Department transporting people to multiple locations, the defenders bar with attorneys needing to make appearances in two places at once, and billing hours. Recommendation for towns to get together and hold court differing nights. Meet next to move recommendations forward. EMS Task Force report: The month of August proved a hard time recruiting. Irene Weiser and Doug Keefe represent Caroline. Community Choice Aggregation committee met with Jewel Asset last month. Met this month to compare/contrast Jewel Asset with Mega, another provider. There is one more entity interested as administrator to the program. Other vendors wishing to express interest are welcome. New York State recently updated the laws and procedures to the Foil process.

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### **Town Business**

Attendance expected from Frontier broadband to explain easements and plan for 10 down, 1 up service. Frontier cancelled last minute. The Clarity Connect Broadband grant from Seward's office is not expected to transfer to another service provider. Mark awaiting confirmation. Proposal sent to code officer for feedback.

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

A motion by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Mr. Fracchia the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk