

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014

The Town Board Agenda meeting and Public Hearing about the 2015 proposed Town of Caroline Preliminary Budget, held on November 6, 2014 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
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Mark Witmer, Councilmember
Tim Seely, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present:

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

Public Hearing: To Approve Preliminary Budget- No members of the public were present

Town of Caroline 2015 Budget Public Hearings Thursday November 6th at 7 PM at Caroline Town Hall
Public Hearing opened at 7:04 p.m for the General Budget

Below is the budget summary:

| | General | Highway | Combined |
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| Spending | \$624,753 | \$1,185,594 | \$2,110,348 |
| Revenue | \$339,737 | \$215,900 | \$555,637 |
| Fund Balance | \$150,000 | \$0 | \$150,000 |
| Tax Levy | \$435,016 | \$969,694 | \$1,404,711 |
| 2014 levy | \$402,463 | \$866,420 | \$1,330,283 |
| Tax Rate/ \$1000 | \$6.45 | Tax Levy increase | 5.6% |

And Public Hearing has closed at 7:04

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. for the Street Light District

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| Tax Levy | \$5,989 | | |
| 2014 levy | \$6,000 | | |
| Tax Rate/ \$1000 | \$0.26 | Tax Levy increase | -0.2% |

And Public hearing has closed at 7:05 p.m.

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m for the Caroline Fire Protection Budget

Caroline Fire Protection District:

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| Tax Levy | \$75,213 | | |
| 2014 levy | \$74,897 | | |
| Tax Rate/ \$1000 | \$1.49 | Tax Levy increase | 0.4% |

Public hearing has closed at 7:05 p.m.

Public Hearing opened at 7:06 p.m. for the Street Light District
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|------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|
| Tax Levy | \$5,989 | | |
| 2014 levy | \$6,000 | | |
| Tax Rate/ \$1000 | \$0.26 | Tax Levy increase | -0.2% |

Public hearing has closed at 7:06 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor

Pete Hoyt came in after the close of the public hearing and Councilmember Seely spoke about the 1 time increase in the Highway budget for machinery, and Supervisor Barber spoke about an automated pump for gas at the Highway Department. The pump is set up for security reasons and tracking usage. The cost of the pump will be split between this years budget and next years budget. The idea behind the automated pump will also allow correct billing for departments that use the gas and make sure gas is not misappropriated by unknown party's as it has been in the past. This will allow only certain people with cards to access the pump so not just any one will be able to "break in" and use the gas.

Reports**Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent**

Report next week

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

Report next week

John Fracchia, Town Board

Report next week

Irene Weiser, Town Board

The board had a brief discussion on desk top computers for the clerk's office as well as a laptop and back up batteries for the offices in case of power outages.

Tim Seely, Town Board

A letter was received from NYS office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation about the Historic Town Hall Roof that a proposed standing seam form metal roofing is approved. Asphalt singles were acceptable too if the Town can't afford a metal roof. The gutters also should be addressed

Trees along east side of the Historic Town Hall building are not on the Town property but because limbs hang over the Town property the Town can technically do the work of removal. Also since the Town has been notified of an impending problem if the trees were to fall on the sidewalk which is on the Town property the Town would be liable if someone were injured. The owners of the property which the trees

are on belong to the Glasers who Councilmember is trying to contact and work out a solution with the Town.

Mark Witmer, Town Board

The Buffalo Creek is coming along. Six bidders came on 11/ 5 with Barry Goodrich and Councilmember Witmer to view the project. The project could be completed before the end of the year, but May 1 and June 1 are set as final completion dates. Bid opening will be on 11/12. The Engineer thought cost is coming in at \$100,000 which is higher than originally thought of \$65,000. What increased the estimate asked Councilman Fracchia. Councilmember Witmer answered \$17,000 is for guard rails, and \$20,000 additional for rock material. Councilmember Seely asked if TG Miller could come to the board meeting to answer questions. Councilmember Witmer also said that \$10,000 from county has to be spent by Fall, Soil and Water FLOPA funds \$11,000 , these monies have to be spent by end of year. The total project \$123,000 cost, \$100,000 if they don't need the additional rock material.

Town Business

The Town Board spoke about the request of Mr. Joseph Wiiki to extend a portion of Level Green changing it from "Minimum Maintenance". The Town Supervisor sent information to Mr. Wiiki about the procedure that would need to be followed; petition presented to the Town Board, Public Hearing, Negotiations between the petitioner and the Town and then a Local Law. The Town Clerk sent 2 Local Laws pertaining to Minimum Maintenance roads and acopy of a petition about a change to minimum maintenance road to use as an example. There would also be input from the Highway Superintendent since she is the one that maintains the roads.

Agenda for Business Meeting

Budget Adoption or 2015: Town, Lighting and Fire Protection

Dog Control with TCAC

Bid discussion Buffalo Creek Stabilization

---Adjourn---

Moved on a motion by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Seely to executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Out of executive session on a motion by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Seely at 8:40 p.m.

Adjourned the regular meeting on a motion by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Witmer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk