

Caroline Town Board Agenda Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2019

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on October 1, 2019 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

In Attendance: Supervisor Witmer, Councilmembers John Fracchia, Irene Weiser, Cal Snow, and Tim Murray

Recording Secretary: Becky Jordan, Deputy Clerk

Also present: 9 members of the public

Mr. Witmer started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:0X p.m.

Privilege-of-the-Floor:

Brandon Wylie - Talk of giving the Code Enforcement Officer a contract. Is there any truth in that?

Mr. Witmer responded there is no intention of said contract

Peter Hoyt - Re: receipt of FOIL request for CEO's hours Jan 1st - Aug 15th 2019. Wants understanding of the process of recording hours. Mr. Witmer explained the time record spreadsheet.

Chad Tibbels - Thank you for having me.

Committee Reports

Cal Snow, Councilmember -

Highway - 2 residents interested in becoming members of the highway barns task force. One Engineer and one Architect.

Tim Murray, Councilmember -

Planning board met this week. Meeting again on Oct. 10th @ 6:00 pm.

The Planning Board is going to make a recommendation that the Board address the telecommunications plan.

There will be a public hearing and Board vote on the Comprehensive Plan.

Irene Weiser, Councilmember -

Emergency Services - Continue to communicate with Bangs Ambulance regarding services in the town. Ambulance services with a paramedic run \$270/hour which is more service than needed and not a feasible cost to the town.

GIS mapping .. potential locations for dry hydrants

Since receiving the license agreement by NYSEG re: the trail we've been contacted by Scott Van Gaasbeck. I had a visit with Scott Van Gaasbeck whom has offered an alternative route proposal. Map handout.

Resolution xx-2019. Resolution to relinquish 2018 BridgeNY Grant

Motion by Mr. Witmer, seconded by Councilmember Fracchia

Whereas, the Town of Caroline was awarded a BridgeNY grant from NYSDOT for culvert replacement on Boyer Creek at Ekroos Road in 2018; and

Whereas, the Town of Caroline was also awarded a WQIP grant from NYSDEC for culvert replacement and stream stabilization on Boyer Creek at Ekroos Road in 2018; and

Whereas, the Town performed emergency culvert replacement at Ekroos Road in 2018 that can be applied to the 25% town share for the WQIP grant; and

Whereas, the NYSDEC is working with the Town on a modified plan that will build upon the emergency culvert replacement, enhance aquatic passage, and stabilize stream bed and bank; and

Whereas, the BridgeNY grant would require replacement of the new culvert; and

Whereas, the awarded BridgeNY funds cannot be applied to other projects in Caroline; therefore be it

Resolved, the Town of Caroline relinquishes the 2018 BridgeNY Award from NYSDOT so that the funds can be directed where needed.

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

Resolution to auction 2014 Dodge Ram 4500 1 ton pick up

Motion by Mr. Witmer, seconded by Councilmember Murray

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

Resolution to appoint Steve Nicholson as continuing Caroline representative on the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.

Motion by Mr. Witmer, seconded by Councilmember Snow

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

Discussion and Agenda items for October Town Business Meeting -

Propose to set Brooke Greenhouse's provisional status following completion of training/certification to the minimum of 8 week timeframe

Set Tentative Budget discussion meetings starting with the beginning of the October 9th Board meeting at 7:00 PM. Second budget meeting proposed for Monday October 14th at 6:00 PM. Third budget meeting proposed for Monday October 21st at 7:00 PM ***(Oct 21 meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled due to scheduling conflict).***

Discuss next steps regarding NYSEG License Agreement and the alternate trail proposal.

Brighten Up Caroline lighting

Mr. Witmer to request Auditor for closure of audit of the office of the Clerk.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilmember Fracchia and seconded by Mr. Witmer at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk

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