

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 9th, 2011

The Town Board Business meeting held on August 09, 2011 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman
Linda Adams, Councilwoman
Toby McDonald, Councilman
Pete Hoyt, Councilman

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk

Also present: Irene Wiser, Bruce Murray and Barry Goodrich

Privilege of the Floor

Irene Wiser- She is still researching information about hydrofracking. She had suggested all town board members watch a "YouTube" video about road preservation. There was also a workshop in Tully about legal aspects of home rule. Irene asked if any of the Town board members attended the meeting and if any had a chance to watch the YouTube video? Don Barber did attend the workshop (while others could not attend for various reasons) and most saw the YouTube video.

Reports

Mr. Donald Barber, Town Supervisor

Correspondence of Note:

1. Annual Equalization rate calculation from NYS Office of Real Property tax services 100%
2. Minutes of Subdivision Review Board July 27, 2011
3. Rec Partnership Budget
4. Email Communication with SDM Contracting
5. SEMO letter stating FEMA grants available for Updating Hazard Mitigation Plans and Implementing them

Report:

1. SEMO inspection of both Barille II and Valley Road Projects Barry said they were very happy with the project.
2. NYSERDA inspection of energy conservation projects 7/7 passed
3. Subdivision Review Board approved preliminary site plan for Birch Hollow Subdivision with a few minor adjustments Final Plat Review scheduled for 8/16
4. Beginning Budget prep NYCOM in town to discuss factors for determining tax levy cap 9/8 @ 3 PM
5. Received 5 resumes from persons who have successfully completed Code enforcement Civil Service exam. Next step to ask them if they are interested. Exam was given on 5/14/11
6. Hazard Mitigation Funding a plan review scheduled for 9/20
7. NYMIR rate reduction of 3.1% for 2012
8. Cayuga Lake

Mrs. Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent (given by Toby McDonald)

Cindy has been working with John Daniels to have someone clean out the swale which flooded out some of the residents behind the Dandy Mini Mart store.

There is a problem which is clean up at the intersection of Deer Field lane and Slaterville Rd. There is a vehicle that sets along side of the road (covered with clothing) which needs to be removed off of the property which belongs to the town. The code officer John Daniels will write a letter telling the individual he has 30 days to remove the vehicle from Town property and if he doesn't comply that the vehicle will be towed and he will pay for the cost of the removal. The Town attorney Guy Krogh talked with Cindy about the safety issue involved with the vehicle remaining where it is and he said it is a Town issue that needs to be addressed. The board can pursue this and enact a number of rules of enforcement.

Time Warner is running a fibrotic cable to Camp McCormick prison for computer and cable access. Time Warner will fix any problems they may cause with the town roads or shoulders while running the cable. The Highway Superintendent Cindy Whittaker said time Warner has followed all directions and got the necessary permits through the Town.

The highway department used oil trucks, to oil down dusty roads. Linda Adams said the residents on Level Green road appreciated the Town superintendant taking the time to put notes on their mailboxes to let them know that the roads will be oiled.

Ekroos road discussion -There is grant money earmarked to fix the drain pipes on Ekroos road. The discussion between Barry Goodrich, Cindy Whittaker and the Town board is whether the grant money could be used in another place that may have more need then Ekroos road like Salmon Creek. There is a difference of opinion as to whether the Ekroos project should go forward and if there was time in the highway department work schedule to prioritize this project.

Toby McDonald, Town Board

No report

Dominic Frongillo, Town Board

No report

Peter Hoyt, Town Board

Pete Hoyt and Don Barber about lowering the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on Burns Rd. in Brooktondale. Don suggested to Jim to get a petition together from some of his neighbors to present to the board. Cindy said she would also like the speed limit reduced on Central Chapel Rd. Toward the end of meeting Jim Raponi presented a petition from 32 of the Burns Road residents to lower the speed limit to 35mph. Cindy Whittaker said that the DOT would more than likely throw out that request as they have never lowered a Town Road that low and that 45mph would appear more reasonable. Pete will speak with Jim and relay the information that was discussed at this meeting and that the discussion would continue at the next board meeting in September.

Linda Adams, Town Board

- a) Walk-through of the Teppco (now Enterprise Inc.) exposed pipe line project on Six Mile Creek, below the Banks Road Bridge, located in the Town of Dryden, near the Town of Caroline line.

In attendance: Barry Goodrich, Dan Craig, Jon Negley, plus

Barton & Loguidice Engineering (who did the design) and Silverline from Burdett (the main contractor). Tour findings- several of the stream structures do not meet installation requirements for elevation, orientation, length, etc. Sometime in the near future a meeting will be scheduled to repair the structures and replant vegetation. Barry said he checked upstream and downstream of that project.

Upstream, 200 to 400 feet, there is a big curve and future work needs to be done on the alignment of the creek with the bridge so flow is centered on the bridge opening; the bridge on Banks Road is being undercut again. Upstream there is a tangle of trees that can change the

course of the creek. Smaller trees should be planted nearer the creek bank so the trees don't get so tall

- b) Barrille II project is complete. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) came to see it in July and they were very impressed. They want to showcase it and have Barry and the others (it was designed by Integrated River Solutions) show it off to visitors interested in seeing it. The project needs to be monitored for 3 years total, and the reports should be sent to the ACE. The Water Resources Council asked for a report.
- c) TCSW has about 5,000 trees from the bankruptcy sale of the RPM tree company. They are selling them for \$5.00 a piece. Craig said the Town of Seneca will be buying 500 trees to replant trees that they remove when they are in the right-of-way
- d)
- e) Evie Weinstien's bridge: Barry met with TCSW, Dan Carig (a local geologist), Jan DeDici from Fish and Wildlife, Scott Doyle from Tompkins County and John Anderson. Some trees need to be removed from above her bridge by a contractor, and one gave an estimate of \$2,000 of a day's work to cut off the root balls and use the trunks to help redirect the water and use grave in the creek, now that the water is low, to redirect the water. Barry said he hopes to use some of the flood mitigation money from the county to do this job. Molly said there is a new owner of Virginia Menzie's property and they need to get permission to go on their property to do the work. This would benefit them as well as Evie.

Town Business

Discussion and Action Topics:

There was a discussion road usage agreement vs. local law to determine thresholds for the Town of Caroline roads. The board discussed hiring an engineering firm to review the roads in the Town of Caroline to view the threshold for the different types of roadways. The cost will be aprox. \$5000 and there is a budget of \$8000 for this project. This review of the roads would offer information on 5 different classifications of roads in the Town of Caroline

Recreation Partnership has about 169 kids that participate in the various programs; about ½ of the cost of each individual child, in each program is subsidized by the taxpayers. So if a program cost aprox. \$80.00 per child then the taxpayers would contribute aprox. \$40.00 toward the program. Anybody from Ithaca and the surrounding areas can join the program, but the Towns that participate help give each child a break in the cost by subsidizing the cost. Dominic said that the whole purpose of the recreation partnership is to allow kids who do not live in the City of Ithaca be able to take part in their programs. The question Pete asked the board to consider is whether or not the Town is going to collectively subsidize this program?

The next Town board meeting will be held at the Speedville Community Center with a presentation by ROUSE.

Transfers

Resolution 105 of 2011

Motion by Don Barber, Seconded by Dominic Frongillo

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to transfer 2011 funds as follows:

\$ 700.00 from General Fund Account A 1420.4 Legal CE to

General Fund Account A 1420.42 Legal Subdivision CE

And Be It Further Resolved that the Caroline Town Board authorizes the following Budget adjustment:

Increase General Gov't Revenue Line A3064 Court Grant \$20,667.00 to \$22,667.00 and

Increase General Gov't Appropriation Line A1620.4 by \$ 20,667.00 to \$ 74,297.00

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Approval of Abstracts

Resolution 106 of 2011

General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Frongillo to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 246 through 272 for \$40,617.83.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Resolution 107 of 2011

Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 129 through 144 for \$ 138,597.83.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Resolution 108 of 2011

Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Adams to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 14 and 15 for \$931.26.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Approval of Minutes

Resolution 109 of 2011 Minutes of Business Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Adams to accept the minutes as amended of July 5, 2011 as submitted by the Town Clerk as amended.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Resolutions

Resolution 110 of 2011

Motion made by Mr. Barber: Seconded by Mr. Frongillo

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a letter to be sent DEC Commissioner Martens asking them to expand the high volume hydrofracking advisory panel to include a local government official and someone from the department of health.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Resolution 111 of 2011

Motion made by Mr. Barber: Seconded by Mr., McDonald

Resolved, that the Caroline Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for the Evaluation of Potential and Actual Infrastructure Damage which will signal that the Caroline Town Board is a co-participant in this RFP.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Adjourned on a motion by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Hoyt the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk