

Caroline Town Board Business Meeting of December 14, 2016

The Town Board Business meeting held on December 14, 2016 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Attendance:

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

Also present: 9 people of the public attended plus the Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

Privilege of the Floor

Lucy Gagliardo, 53 White Church Road, spoke in favor in the trail. Address the issues that the land owners have, imp See attachment one.

Crystal VanGaasbeck, 58 Middaugh Road, Burns Road there are 4 active farms we, as many, value privacy is why we are so upset about the possibility of this trail going right through our property.

Katherine Goldberg – Chestnut Rd was first support of the trail, then in 2008 was against the trail and sided with the people whose land it would affect. Now she has been to a couple of County meetings about the Trails and heard some contradictory information about any negative implications and the knowing the Town of Caroline Board has new and “fresh eyes” viewing the process so now she is in strong support of the trail.

Kathleen Boyd, 149 Middaugh Rd discussed Broad Band initiative and Trail . The trail going forward, in a few words, would be about 200 feet from their back door. Having a “gem” of a hiking area at the expense of the area residents who have their homes next to the railroad bed. She is against the trails going out into Brooktondale.

Agenda

Salute to the Flag (7:00)

Privilege of the Floor: Opportunity for citizens to bring forward matters of concern Please be prepared to make one statement not to exceed 3 minutes in length

Additions or Deletions from Agenda (7:05)

Report from John Clancy, Supervising Forester for NYSDEC, on Shindagan Hollow Open Space Acquisition (7:10)

Highway Superintendent’s Report (7:20)

Supervisor's Report (7:25)

Town Clerk's Report (7:35)

County Representative's Report (7:45)

Environmental Management Council Representative's Report (7:55)

Department, Committee, & Liaison Updates (8:05)

Discussion and Action Topics

- Resolution Supporting Exploration of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and Establishment of a TCCOG CCA Advisory Committee (8:15)
- Resolution of Appreciation to Chad Novelli for his service on the Caroline Planning Board (8:25)
- Transfers (8:40)
- Approve Abstracts: Highway, General, Lighting (8:45)
- Approval of minutes (8:50)

——Adjourn——

Report from John Clancy, Supervising Forester for NYSDEC, on Shindagin Hollow Open Space Acquisition Volunteer <add the map as an attachment>

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

Working on winter road improvements and CHIPS program.

Mark Witmer, Town Supervisor

Supervisor's Report, December 14, 2016

Correspondence of Note:

- Annual Meeting of New York Planning Federation: Saratoga Springs, March 26-28, 2017 (www.nypf.org)
- Letter from Northern Tioga ATV Riders, Inc. asking to discuss opening town roads to ATVs.
- Town of Dryden Proposed Solar Energy Law Public Hearing: Thursday, Dec 15, 7:15 pm, Dryden Town Hall, 93 East Main Street.
- Excellus Notice of Renewal and 2017 Premium Rates
- Notice of increase in cable TV rates by Haefele TV: effective 1/1/17 Basic Cable will increase by \$2.00 to \$65.45/mo; local station fees will increase from \$0.80 to \$1.50/mo, depending upon location.
- Code Enforcement November 2016 Report:

*2 building permits issued, 29 YTD.
Fees Collected: \$350, \$8,145 YTD
Total Inspections: 51, 557 YTD*

Supervisor Notes:

- Cooper Cemetery Incorporation: Called Andrew Hickey of NYS Div. Cemeteries on 2 Dec. regarding status of Cooper Cemetery application for incorporation. Cooper Cemetery has submitted necessary information. Meeting of Cemetery Division Board in Albany will be on December 15th. Recommended Caroline representative attend. He is hopeful that Cooper will be granted incorporation.
- Southeast Recreation Way Extension Proposal: Attended the Open House on the South Hill Recreation Way at the Coddington Road Community Center on November 29 from 4-7 pm. The meeting was held to provide information to the public about the plan to extend this public-use trail from Burns Road to Middaugh Road and to solicit feedback. *The Town Supervisor contacted each of the Caroline landowners with land adjacent to the proposed trail to notify them of this meeting, and the meeting was announced in the Caroline Town Announcements and posted on the Town Website. (I had also apprised landowners adjacent to the proposed trail about the planned extension prior to our June meeting when I first brought the plan forward for discussion).* The meeting was very well attended (101 attendees). The forum presented the planning for the extension of the public-use trail along the rail bed owned by NYSEG from the current terminus at Burns Road to Middaugh Road. Information from the 2009 survey of landowners adjacent to the existing SE Rec Way Trail was also presented, showing a large majority are pleased with the trail. The Trails Committee Report from the Caroline trail group was also on display. This comprehensive document provides data and information on each of the 11 questions posed by the town board in Resolution No. 10-1 of 2008. It is available for review at the Town Hall and on CD.
- Lounsbery Farm Farmland Protection Grant: Scott Doyle of Tompkins County Planning notified me that the application for an agricultural easement for Lounsbery Farm has been denied. Scott said that he is investigating other possible funding sources.
- Brookton Market Liquor License Application: Marie and Josh Cope have let me know that they are committed to maintaining the market as a local grocery and deli that is a family-friendly gathering spot. Their decision to apply for a liquor license (wine and beer only) was based on customer surveys of what people would like to have added to the market. They do not plan to make changes to the structure of the market other than adding a fence, which has been suggested to protect children from the roadway, nor do they plan to make changes to the basic daytime hours of operation.
- Buffalo Road Creek Phase II. Spoke with Tom Abbati of DHSES on 9 Dec updating on process. T.G. Miller is developing final engineering plans and applying for permits. First quarterly report to DHSES is due 15 Jan 2017.
- JYC (Joint Youth Commission) has vacancy for a Caroline citizen representative!

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk – no report

Gary Reinbolt, Town Board

Cal Snow, Town Board

John Fracchia, Town Board

Joint Commission – Need a volunteer

Irene Weiser, Town Board

Karyn Scott, Representative for Town - unavailable

Dan Klein, County Representative - unavailable

Transfers

**A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia
Be It Resolved the Caroline Town Board makes the following 2016 Fund Transfer:**

\$6,428.61 from Reserve Fund **A231** Town Hall Roof to General Fund **A1620.43** Town Hall Reserve
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Adopted Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye

Resolutions

Resolution 156 of 2016

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOMPKINS COUNTY COUNSEL OF GOVERNMENTS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Whereas the Caroline Town Board is interested in promoting energy efficiency and local renewable energy generation, and also in reducing energy costs for its residents; and

Whereas the NY State Public Service Commission, in April 2016, authorized the development of Community Choice Aggregation programs, that allows participating local governments to work together through a shared purchasing agreement to procure natural gas and electric energy supply on behalf of their residents and small businesses; and

Whereas Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is a means to provide lower, more stable and predictable energy costs, while also promoting energy efficiency, local renewable energy development and local job growth; and

Whereas residents and small businesses that are not interested in participating in CCA energy procurement are able to opt out; and

Whereas the Tompkins County Council of Governments works to identify shared services and procurement opportunities to provide better service and lower costs to our residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board supports the exploration of Community Choice Aggregation by a TCCOG advisory committee; and further

RESOLVED that the town's TCCOG liaison (currently Irene Weiser) shall serve on the CCA Advisory committee and report on the committee's progress; and further

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board encourages a member of the town's Energy Independent Caroline committee to be a resident liaison to the CCA Advisory committee.

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

Resolution 157 of 2016

Chad Novelli Recognition as Chairperson on Planning Board

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser

Whereas Chad Novelli has served the Town of Caroline admirably as a volunteer on the Planning Board from 2009 through 2016; and

Whereas Chad has provided steady, thoughtful leadership as Chair during his entire tenure on the Planning Board; and

Whereas Chad's approach as a patient steward of planning processes has enhanced community input and careful crafting of planning documents to reflect attention to the concerns of the Caroline community; and

Whereas during Chad's tenure the Planning Board developed and provided the Town essential guidance for the Local Law Banning Gas Development of 2012, the Site Plan Review Local Law of 2014, and the ongoing update to the Comprehensive Plan; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board expresses its sincere appreciation to Chad for his leadership and determined dedication to keeping Caroline a wonderful place to live.

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

Approval of Abstracts

Resolution 158 of 2016

Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 23 and 25 for \$921.10

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

Resolution 159 of 2016

General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 355 through 391 for \$36,206.72

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

Resolution 160 of 2016
Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 204 through 222 for \$ 40,927.32.

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

Minutes

Resolution 161 of 2016

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting held September 6, 2016:

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary Reinbolt to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting as submitted by the Caroline Town Clerk, Marilou Harrington-Lawson.

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

Resolution 162 of 2016

Minutes of the Business held September 14, 2016:

A motion was made by Gary Reinbolt and seconded John Fracchia to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2016 business meeting as submitted by the Caroline Deputy Town Clerk, Becky Jordan and Town Clerk , Marilou Harrington-Lawson

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

Resolution 163 of 2016

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting held October 4th, 2016:

A motion was made by Gary Reinbolt and seconded Cal Snow to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting as submitted by the Caroline Town Clerk, Marilou Harrington-Lawson.

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

Resolution 164 of 2016

Minutes of a Business Meeting held October 12, 2016:

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary Reinbolt to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2016 Business meeting as submitted by the Caroline Town Clerk , Marilou Harrington-Lawson

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

Resolution 165 of 2016

Minutes of a Special Budget Meeting held October 23, 2016:

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary Reinbolt to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2016 Special Budget meeting as submitted by the Caroline Town Clerk , Marilou Harrington-Lawson

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

Town Business

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Adjourned on a motion by Mark Witmer and seconded by Gary Reinbolt at **10:45p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk