

Caroline Town Board Meeting

The Town Board Business meeting held on April 9, 2013 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor
Dominic Frongillo, Councilmember-Absent
Linda Adams, Councilmember
Aaron Snow, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present:

Privilege of the Floor

Len Porgozola thanked the Highway Department and the Slaterville Ambulance for helping a neighbor. He said they provide excellent service for the community.

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

See attachment 1

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

Correspondence of Note:

1. STERB- Highway Maps- (roads, conditions, traffic, bridges)
2. NYMIR Board Elections
3. Park Grant Approved for Solarize for \$37,000
4. TRIAD Grant Approved for Solarize for \$500
5. 2014-2018 Tompkins Transportation Improvement Plan
6. Climate Smart/ Climate Ready Conference 4/18- 4/21; Planning Board and Subdivision Review committee can get their required training at this conference.
7. Copy of letters from FEMA to SEMO Approving payment for Beaver Creek and change in scope of work for Banks Road
8. Power point slides from 3/21/13 Road Forum

Report:

1. Rural and Valuation Meeting with Jay Franklin TC Assessment 4/4/13
2. Board of Elections Community meeting about change in voting place for Districts 2 and 3- 4/23/13 at Brooktondale Fire Hall (new location)
3. Final forum 3/21 – Committee is developing an Excel spreadsheet to help enforcement and applicants/developers determine if their project will exceed loading thresholds
4. Broad Band- Although the concept behind public financing of last mile for high speed internet was to provide service for those areas that would not likely see private sector build-out, actions be the NYS Consolidated Funding Application Committee proved differently. NYS did not fully fund the Clarity Connect proposal the Caroline TB endorsed. Instead it told Clarity Connect to not build-out in Caroline and Enfield and 2-3 towns in Cayuga County. Because Clarity Connect

kept the County Emergency Communication tower at Taft Road in his revamped proposal, greater than 50% of Caroline will be served by the original grant. In addition 2 Danby towers will help sections of Brooktondale and White Church.

Caroline has several things working against us. From NYS and CC point of view

1. Caroline build-out had 1/6 of the cost for 1/14 of the population
2. Caroline enthusiasm with a 3-2 decision was considered low for enthusiasm
3. Required franchise agreement was only one. CC has some misinformation about the purpose and structure of such an agreement.

Because NYS wants money spent asap, Clarity Connect will start as soon as Friday (but not in Caroline). To get action in Caroline, we need to alert prospective customers of HIS to contact Clarity Connect NOW!!!

The remaining build out will cost ~\$500K. There is another grant for July 2013 with funding in fall. Cayuga County where the completed build-out costs less than Caroline has all of the Towns pitching in. No illusion that will happen here.

If completing the build-out is a priority, we need to determine such by door to door survey of unserved households and work on funding from other sources like County, other muni's, Town of Caroline, and private sector.

State grant will chose lowest cost/subscriber build-out. Since we are starting high, the only way to be successful with the grant is to have significant local funding. Suggest we form a citizen action committee and determine how much energy and importance to completing the HIS Build-out.

Frank Proto, County Representative

absent

Dominic Frongillo, Town Board

absent

Irene Weiser, Town Board

Michael Ludgate signed a contract with the Town of Caroline to be the webmaster and to listserv coordinator and to keep Caroline information notebooks updated. Michael will also help with town of Caroline mailings.

Linda Adams, Town Board

No report

Fund Transfer

Resolution 80 of 2013

Be It Resolved the Caroline Town Board makes the following 2013 Fund Transfers

Motion by Mr. Barber: Ms. Weiser

\$ 1500.00 from General Fund Account A 7310.4 Youth Services to General Fund Account A 7140.1 Youth Program PS

Be It Further Resolved the Caroline Town Board makes the following 2013 Budget Adjustments

Increase General Fund Revenue Line A 3064 Court Grant by \$500 and General Fund Appropriation Line A 1110.4 Court CE by \$500; and

Increase General Fund Revenue Line A 3065 Solarize Tompkins SE by \$37,500 and General Fund Appropriation Line A 8510.4 Community Services CE by \$37,500

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser:

Approval of Abstracts

Resolution 81 of 2013 General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Snow to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 92 through 119 for \$26,447.95.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Nay; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 82 of 2013 Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 7 and 8 for \$590.22.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 83 of 2013 Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Snow to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 48 through 65 for \$55,479.15.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Resolutions

Resolution 84 of 2013

284 Agreement

Motion made by Ms. Adams; Seconded by Ms. Weiser

Resolved, that the Caroline Town Board hereby directs Supervisor Barber and the Town Board members to sign the 284 Agreement with the Highway Superintendent, Cindy Whittaker.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 85 of 2013

Motion made by Mr. Barber; Seconded by Ms. Weiser

Resolved, the Caroline Board authorizes Supervisor Barber sign the contract for Mark Witmer to

manage the Solarize Tompkins SE project for a total \$13,960.00

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Nay; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Discussion: The board discussed how the process would go to oversee the funds for the Solarize Tompkins SE project. Councilmember Linda Adams had concerns about the legality of funds coming to the Town of Caroline (in the form of a grant from the Park Foundation) and if the Town would face any issues by dispersing the funds to Solarize Tompkins SE. She also wondered about the “quickness” of putting a resolution through, making the Town liable for handling the funds. There was also discussion about how the processing of the funds would be handled when reimbursing for purchases; paying funds out for an itemized list of items not yet purchased. Also there was a question in regards to the hiring of Mark Witmer as the manager/organizer of Solarize Tompkins SE. Councilmember Adams asked why a volunteer group such as Solarize Tompkins SE didn’t use the full grant for the solar project to help the community and have a volunteer chairperson (like other Town committees). Supervisor Barber responded that the grant monies were dispersed to Solarize Tompkins SE and were only being overseen by the Town. The committee requested from the Park Foundation, as part of the grant, to have a portion of the funds available to pay for a manager/organizer.

Resolution 86 of 2013

Contract with Scott Land and Yard for Mowing of Town Grounds and Cemeteries

Motion made by Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Snow

Resolved, that the Caroline Town Board hereby directs the Supervisor to sign a Contract with Scott Land and Yard for mowing of Town grounds and cemeteries in the amount of \$3000.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 87 of 2013

“Welcome” Tourism Sign on Route 79

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser

Resolved, that the Caroline Town Board hereby directs the Supervisor or Highway Superintendent to sign the NYS Dept. of Transportation sign installation permit for a Tompkins County Tourism sign to be installed on NYS Route 79 at the Tioga County border. In doing so, the Town of Caroline assumes no financial responsibility for this sign or its maintenance.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Nay; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 88 of 2013

Subdivision Review Committee Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Snow

Resolved, the Town Board hereby appoints Mark Witmer to the Town of Caroline Subdivision Review Board for the term ending December 31, 2017.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Agenda

Discussion and Action Topics

- Transfers (8:10)
- Approve Abstracts: Highway, General, Lighting (8:15)
- Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract with for Lawn Mowing (8:25)
- Authorize Supervisor to Sign NYS Department of Transportation Permit Application for Welcome Sign at Route 79 at Tioga County Border (8:30)
- Discussion of Amended Building Code Enforcement Local Law (8:40)
- Approve Minutes of meetings on 3/12/13 meeting (9:00)

Town Business

Code Enforcement Local Law- The Board discussed the current law and the reason for updating. One of the main reasons is there is no process of appeal in the current law. The Town Attorney, Guy Krogh added additional wording to the proposed updated local law.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution 89 of 2013

Minutes of the Business Meeting held March 12, 2013:

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded Ms. Weiser to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk. Check "land to land" change Congressman Reed

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Adjourned on a motion by Ms. Weiser and seconded by Mr. Snow the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk