

## **Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014**

The Town Board Business meeting held on March 12, 2014 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Deputy Supervisor Tim Seely.

### **Attendance:**

Don Barber, Supervisor - Absent  
John Fracchia, Councilmember  
Irene Weiser - Absent  
Mark Witmer, Councilmember  
Tim Seely, Councilmember

### **Recording**

**Secretary:** Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

**Also present:** no members of the public were present

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### **Reports**

**Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent**

**No report**

**Don Barber, Town Supervisor**

**Absent**

**Tim Seely, Deputy Town Supervisor**

Joint Youth Commission – the committee will be working at the next meeting to finalize the by-laws and distribute them to all the municipalities. Councilmember Seely will forward to board members

**John Fracchia, Town Board**

Connected with from Christine Better Housing for Tompkins County (BHTC) about the housing grant for the Town of Caroline. There is one person's house that meet the grant perimeters. Councilmember Fracchia will discuss with Supervisor Barber.

Beautification Grant spoke with Chrys Gardner and found out that Caroline does qualify - Councilmember Fracchia thought it might be nice to have a vegetable garden outside the annex building. Councilmember Seely thought Penny Boynton's Youth group might help with the project. Councilmember Fracchia also thought maybe in Speedsville "on the green" might be interested in vegetable garden.

**Irene Weiser, Town Board**

**Absent**

**Mark Witmer, Town Board**

He would like a current list of businesses in Caroline for the County Youth Commission. Suggestion to call 211, put a request over the listserv and

Barry Goodrich Watershed committee membership in the storm water coalition? Generate ideas for stream bank restoration and flood mitigation.

**Dan Klein, County Representative**

**Absent because of the weather**

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**Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution 75 of 2014**

**Minutes of the January 2, 2014:**

A motion was made by Mr. Seeley and seconded Mr, Fracchia to accept the minutes of the Organizational, January 2, 2014 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk as amended.

**Adopted** Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Absent Seely: Aye

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**Approval of Abstracts**

**Resolution 76 of 2014**

**General Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Witmer to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 74 through 108 for \$11,886.16.

**Adopted** Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Absent Seely: Aye

**Resolution 77 of 2014**

**Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 4 and 5 for \$583.36.

**Adopted** Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Absent Seely: Aye

**Resolution 78 of 2014**

**Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Fracchia to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 39 through 60 for \$67,954.06.

**Adopted** Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Absent Seely: Aye

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**Resolutions**

**Resolution 79 of 2014**

**Broadband Infrastructure Project**

A motion was made by Mr. Seely; seconded by Mr. Fracchia

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board will hold a Public Hearing for Determination of Environmental

Significance of Proposed Broadband Infrastructure project on Tuesday April 1, 2014 at 7 PM at the Caroline Town Hall.

**Adopted** Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: absent Seely: Aye

### **Resolution 80 of 2014**

#### **TO APPROVE THE 2014 AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM**

A motion was made by Mr. Seely; seconded by Mr. Fracchia

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caroline is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "**Consortium**"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "**Agreement**"), which provides for the operation and governance of the Consortium; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "**Insurance Law**") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Superintendent of Insurance set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives which offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4705(a)(8) of the Insurance Law provides the governing board of self-insured municipal cooperative must include representation of unions, which are the exclusive collective bargaining representatives of employees who covered by the plan offered by such self-insured municipal cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, Section K of the Agreement currently in place provides for representation on the Consortium's Board of Directors (the "Board") by the Chair of the Labor Management Advisory Committee (as defined in the Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution adopted on September 26, 2013, the Consortium's Board approved an amendment to the Agreement to (a) increase the number of labor representatives on the Board; and (b) provide for future increases to the number of labor representatives on the Board in the event number of participants in the Consortium increases, all as more fully set forth in the 2014 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "**2014 Amendment**"); and

**WHEREAS**, Section T of the Agreement requires that any change or amendment to the Agreement shall require the unanimous approval of the Participants, as authorized by their respective legislative bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caroline has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the attached 2014 Amendment, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Caroline approves the following:

Section 1. The 2014 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium attached to this Resolution is approved.

Section 2. The Town of Caroline Clerk is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution to indicate its approval, deliver a copy thereof to the Board of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, and take any other such actions as may be required by law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Adopted** Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Absent Seely: Aye

#### **Resolution 81 of 2014**

##### **Rescind and Replace Resolution #33- 2014: Tompkins County Recreation Partnership Representatives**

A motion was made by Mr. Seely; seconded by Mr. Witmer

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board rescinds Resolution #33- 2014 which states: **RESOLVED**, that the Caroline Town Board appoints John Fracchia to be its representative to the Tompkins County Recreation Partnership and Don Barber as Alternate Representative; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Caroline Town Board appoints Tim Seely to be its representative to the Tompkins County Recreation Partnership and Don Barber as Alternate Representative.

**Adopted Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Absent Seely: Aye**

#### **Resolution 82 of 2014**

##### **Assessment Review Board**

A motion was made by Mr. Seely; seconded by Mr. Fracchia

Resolved the Caroline Town Board appoints: Len Pogorzala and Alan Karasin to serve as the Town of Caroline Assessment Review Board and appoint Cal Snow as an alternate board member. The Assessment Review will take place May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Caroline Town Hall.

**Adopted Barber: Absent; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Absent Seely: Aye**

#### **---Adjourn---**

Adjourned on a motion by Mr. Seely and seconded by Mr. Fracchia the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk