

Caroline Town Board Meeting of March 9, 2016

The Town Board Business meeting held on March 9, 2016 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

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

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: 17 people of the public attended

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke under Privilege of the Floor

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

No report

Mark Witmer, Town Supervisor

Telephone conversation with Facilities Dudes (Chris Vodzic and Elayne....). Is this something we want to pursue? Upsides: inventory, asset, and work management and interdepartmental communication, archiving and continuity, reducing paper filing. Downsides: cost (1.5-2K/year?), equipment. Tentatively scheduled to conference on 11 March, 9 am.

Association of Towns Annual Meeting, NYC, 15-17 Feb.

1. Understanding the Highway Budget:

- Cornell Local Roads Summer Intern Program - talk to Cindy, re. developing long-range planning.
- Town's road miles (70 mi. in Caroline). Avg. expenditures in rural towns = 14K/mile/yr
- 90% Hwy Funding from local sources (Town = property tax)
- Budget development
- CHIPS funding for chip-seal
- Life-cycle Planning: 284 Agreement is communication tool between Town Board and Hwy Dept.
- Spoke with Ed Fairbrother from Big Flats: Shared Hwy services, 7-year cycle for Hwy trucks, all lease.

2. Comprehensive Planning - PON 3106 Cleaner-Greener funding for sustainability planning.

3. Broadband:

- Niagara - Orleans Regional Alliance (NORA Broadband Initiative). County legislators. Two-county alliance. Hwy dept mapped addresses (hired a contractor to train highway personnel). NORA address-point mapping, cutoff < 25 mbps. Issued RFP. Fiber/wireless hybrid. "Reverse auction" through regional development. RFP will open on March 1. Vendor (Seneca Solutions) they chose serves

Native American communities. Engineered for ultimate buildout to all? Seneca Solutions potential vendor? REDC

- Whitespace in Thurman (pop. -1200). Evelyn Wood. Advantages: can supply cell services and signal is blind to vegetation. GIS. Worked with REDC. Residents supplied 50% of financing for their installs. 3 mb/s; \$50/mo. Shooting for 80 homes - got 100. Very happy customers. Rainmaker Network Services. Town makes \$1,200 revenue. Frontier is backbone. Solutions from other communities?

5. Energy and Conservation in Municipal Operations:

- Benchmarking - comparison of similar buildings. Energy Star. Software tools
- Baseline and target reductions. Energy Audit.
- Building: Implementation Cost: Annual Savings: Simple Payback
- Behavior: acceleration, maint. of vehicles and tire pressure, reduce idling
- Need a local champion: (EIC). Annual Report, Portfolio management
- NYSERDA funding for energy systems?
- (Complete quantification of Caroline's energy savings: solar PV, geothermal, LED lights!)
- Cleaner-Greener grants

6. Junkyards: GML regulates junk and junkyards. Refuse, garbage.

Tompkins County Animal Control (TCAC), 22 Feb. 10-11 am. (Bill Goodman, Paulette Terwilliger, Holcomb, Jim, Karen Newfield). 2015 animal control summary submitted by Jim from SPCA (Correspondence File). Discussion of enforcement process and success. Requires follow-through from court. Service Animals - means physical assistance or medical (not emotional support, as previous). Can only ask a dog-owner what service the animal provides; apparently documentation or demonstration not required. Identified three avenues for promoting licensing:

Groton had success in licensing by sending out a letter of information to residents - netted 200 licenses. Letter will be shared with the group.

Promoting at public spay/neuter clinics and following up with recipients of this services. Pam will be sending out names and contact information to town clerks.

Promoting at Rabies Clinics. Similar follow-up??

We may want to educate about animal responsibilities in Old Mill.

Board of Assessment Review. Len Pogorzolla and Alan Karasin have agreed to serve on the BAR. Resolve to set date for Caroline of Monday, May 9th, 3-6 pm. Training 9 am at Assessment Office.

Gary Reinbolt, Town Board

Haefele will meet with Councilmember Reinbolt about Broadband on this coming Friday, March 11th. Senator Jim Seward is sympathetic to the Town of Caroline's plight and may be able to come up with some funding for the Broadband initiative.

John Fracchia, Town Board

Absent

Irene Weiser, Town Board

Councilmember Weiser will do some ground work on alternative heat sources (heat pumps) other than natural gas

and the gas lines planned to be installed on the Boiceville Rd property before she presents the alternatives to Bruno Schickel. She plans to have a conversation with Bruno Schickel, (the owner of the homes that will be affected by the heat source used) and talk about the energy efficiency and other benefits of uses other than that of natural gas and the cost running of pipelines to obtain the gas.

Dan Klein, County Representative

Unavailable

Resolutions

Resolution 70 of 2016

Cayuga Lake Watershed

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Cal Snow

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board endorses the water-quality priorities for the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization's Restoration and Protection Plan

The Caroline Watershed Committee allocated the following points-

2 points, drinking water, surface and ground water

1 point, nutrient loading

3 points, road maintenance and road de-icing material

3 points, storm water run-off, includes flooding, and sediment loading

3 points, lack of funding assistance for watershed restoration and protection

1 point, water quality sampling and monitoring

2 points, watershed education

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

Resolution 71 of 2016

Tompkins County Youth Commission

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Cal Snow

Resolved, the Town Board hereby appoints Karyn Scott to represent the Town of Caroline on the Tompkins County Youth Commission.

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

Resolution 72 of 2016

Tompkins County Recreation Partnership

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Gary Reinbolt

Resolved, the Town Board hereby appoints Karyn Scott to the represent the Town of Caroline on the Tompkins County Recreation Partnership.

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

Resolution 73 of 2016**Assessment Review Day**

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

Resolved, the Town Board hereby appoints the following day for assessment review day for Monday May 9th or as a secondary day Wednesday May 11th from 3:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m

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

Approval of Abstracts**Resolution 74 of 2016****Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Gary Reinbolt to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 5 and 6 for \$587.47

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

Resolution 75 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 67 through 103 for \$17,043.00

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

Resolution 76 of 2016**Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 50 through 69 for \$ 70,193.91.

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

Approval of Minutes**Resolution 77 of 2016****Minutes of the Agenda Meeting held February 2, 2016:**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary Reinbolt to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting as submitted by the Caroline Town Clerk, Marilou Harrington-Lawson.

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

Resolution 78 of 2016

Minutes of the Business Meeting held February 10, 2016:

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded Irene Weiser to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting as amended and submitted by the Caroline Town Clerk, Marilou Harrington-Lawson.

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

Executive Session

Resolution 79 of 2016

The Town Board moved into Executive Session on a motion by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary Reinbolt at 9:04 p.m.

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

The Town Board moved out of Executive Session on a motion by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary Reinbolt at 9:49 p.m.

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

----Adjourn----

Adjourned on a motion by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary Reinbolt at **9:50** p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk