

Caroline Town Board Business Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2020

The Town Board Business meeting held on January 15, 2020 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

Supervisor Mark Witmer
Councilmember Irene Weiser
Councilmember John Fracchia
Councilmember Tim Murray

Absent:

Councilmember Cal Snow

Recording Secretary:

Jessica L. Townsend, Town Clerk

Also present: 1 member of the public

Mr. Witmer started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Continuation of Public Hearing on Local Law Residency

Pete Hoyt – Affirms his recommendation to remove the limitation on the geographic limit on the residency requirement.

Supervisor Mark Witmer adjourned the hearing at 7:11pm.

Privilege-of-the-Floor

Resident Pete Hoyt – Opposes the new language included in the Privilege-of-the-Floor.

Supervisor Witmer stated that the meeting was not noticed properly and therefore the bulk of this meeting will be postponed until another date. Board discussion on a new date. The meeting will be rescheduled and held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7pm.

Reports

Supervisor's Report - Correspondence of Note:

- Caroline Public Library 2019 annual report submitted by Gale Moran
- Three letters in support of the Old-growth Forest Resolution
- Tompkins County Planning & Sustainability Department will be offering a “Municipal Grants and Assistance Workshop” on 1/29 (4:30-6:30 pm), and repeating on 2/6 (12-2 pm) at the Borg-Warner Room

Supervisor's Notes:

- Working with Bookkeeper Lyke on year-end and year-start books and payroll.

- Watershed Committee will meet on January 21, 7 pm.
- Annual Audit scheduled for next Saturday, Jan 18 at 10 am.
- Received reimbursement of \$7,314 for 2019 legal fees from AT&T for Telecommunications Tower review
- Added information on Berkshire and Candor ATV Local Laws to town website

Highway Superintendent's Report – Routine road maintenance and brush work. Most of the concrete pieces have been removed from the front of the town hall. Two big pieces left and those will be removed soon. Concerns regarding people using seasonal roads this winter, particularly on the bottom of Speed Hill Rd. Drivers are using GPS systems that take them on that road – although the road is posted and temporary additional signage has been added, the issue is still ongoing. He suggests getting in touch with Google Maps and have them update the system so that drivers are diverted from using the road. He has met with two vendors regarding the purchase of two new trucks and is hoping to have numbers together sometime next week.

Transfers

Resolution 47 of 2020

A motion made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Tim Murray to make the following 2019 budget amendment:

\$45,285.97 Increase DA2300 Services - other
\$45,285.97 Increase DA5142.4 Snow Removal CE

ADOPTED: Witmer: Aye Fracchia: Aye Weiser: Aye Snow: Absent Murray: Aye

Resolution 48 of 2020

A motion made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser to make the following encumbrance of 2019 funds:

\$45,285.97 from DA5142.4 Snow Removal CE

ADOPTED: Witmer;Aye Fracchia; Aye Weiser; Aye Snow; Absent Murray; Aye

Abstracts

Resolution 49 of 2020

General Fund

A motion made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Irene Weiser to approve General Fund in the amount of \$47,526.27

ADOPTED Witmer;Aye Fracchia; Aye Weiser; Aye Snow; Absent Murray; Aye

Resolution 50 of 2020

Highway Fund

A motion made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Tim Murray to approve Highway Fund in the amount of \$89,244.08

ADOPTED Witmer;Aye Fracchia; Aye Weiser; Aye Snow; Absent Murray; Aye

Resolution 51 of 2020

Streetlighting Fund

A motion made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Councilmember John Fracchia to approve Streetlighting Fund in the amount of \$591.27

Resolution 52 of 2020

A motion made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Irene Weiser to approve Caroline Fire Fund in the amount of \$6074.00

ADOPTED Witmer;Aye Fracchia; Aye Weiser; Aye Snow; Absent Murray; Aye

Discussion of 2020 committee assignments and projects

Trail – An Information Session on License Agreement will be held on Tuesday, January 28th at the Brooktondale Fire Hall (Supervisor Witmer will confirm the space). Councilmember Weiser wants to make sure that people know that this Information Session will not be about building a trail. She suggests giving the new information during a power point presentation, having maps and possible hand-outs for the public. This is not a public opinion meeting – this is to give the public new information on the License Agreement.

Retirement Party Reimbursement – A brief discussion regarding reimbursement for the previous highway superintendent’s retirement party and future plans on how to pay/reimburse for same. It had been recommended at the last meeting by Councilmember Snow that the town reimburse expenses for the party. Councilmember Weiser proposed that some money be set aside for these kinds of things - it is not often that a gathering to honor a representative from the town with 20+ years of service happens, but she feels that since this party was not offered to the public until last minute, it wouldn’t be appropriate to ask for reimbursement from the town this time. She suggests the board members come together and help to reimburse the cost of this party.

----Adjourn the meeting ----

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mark Witmer and seconded by Councilmember John Fracchia at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica L. Townsend, Town Clerk