

TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 7:00 pm

The May 17, 2023, Caroline Town Board Business Meeting will be held at the Caroline Town Hall. Members of the public may attend in-person or by Zoom. Masks are strongly advised. Minutes and video recordings will be posted on the [Town of Caroline website](#). Comments may be provided at Privilege of the Floor during the meeting, by email (clerk@townofcaroline.org), or by mail (P.O. Box 136, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881).

INSTRUCTIONS TO ATTEND THE ZOOM MEETING (<https://zoom.us>)

You do not need to have a Zoom account to join. Options 2 and 3 are easiest without an account. You may need the Meeting ID for any of these methods.

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Agenda

Reports:

Supervisor's Report, Town Clerk's Report, Code Officer's Report, Committee Updates

Business:

- Update from the Agriculture Committee
- Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign Memorandum of Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County for development of Caroline Agricultural Plan.
- Discussion of Proposed Zoning Law
- Resolution to recognize Emergency Medical Services Week (May 21 - 27)¹
- Resolution to recognize Children's Emergency Medical Services Day (May 24)²
- Resolution to update the Town's Health Insurance terms in the Employee Handbook³
- Transfers
- Resolution to approve vouchers for payment of town bills
- Approval of [minutes of May 3](#) meeting

—————Adjourn—————

- Privilege-of-the-Floor is offered at the beginning of town meetings as an opportunity for individuals to provide input to the town board. Speakers have up to three minutes, subject to modification depending upon time constraints of a particular meeting. Each citizen is provided one speaking opportunity per meeting and unused time may not be transferred to another speaker. Written input is also welcome.
- Speakers agree not to speak about Town staff personnel matters. Personnel matter should be directed to the appropriate Supervisor or Department Head.
- Comments should be directed to the town board. The Supervisor or Councilpersons may answer questions brought forward or defer to allow for further research and thought.
- Respectful discourse is required.

¹Resolution ____ of 2023. Designating May 21-27 as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; therefore be it RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby proclaims the week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as *Emergency Medical Services Week*.

²Resolution ____ of 2023. Designating May 24 as Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day

WHEREAS, millions of children receive emergency medical care each year due to illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different than the needs of adults in medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Emergency Medical Services for Children is to help states and communities prepare for an emergency involving a child through the provision of pediatric-ready emergency departments and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program supports research and improvement science to drive transformation of emergency care systems; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children relies on its established partnership with the EMS community, as well as multidisciplinary teams of healthcare providers across the emergency care continuum to help states and communities reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children, the tens of thousands of prehospital and hospital-based clinicians and families it serves, and the professional organizations and federal agencies in which it partners are committed to ensure the delivery of high-quality of emergency care children; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services for Children and the dedicated personnel who work tirelessly to improve the delivery of pediatric care across emergency care systems; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby proclaims May 24, 2023, as *Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day*.

³Resolution ____ of 2023. Update of employee health insurance terms for the Employee Handbook.

RESOLVED, the following health insurance policy changes shall be incorporated into the Town's Employee Handbook.

1. Section 806 - Medical Insurance, Eligibility, Elected Officials, paragraph 1: The Town will make available medical insurance coverage to each Full-time Elected Official. For purposes of this section, "Full-time Elected Official" shall be defined as the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Superintendent of Highways, provided they continuously work a minimum of thirty hours per week (from Resolution #31 of 2023).
2. Section 806 - Medical Insurance, Health Reimbursement Arrangement: Employees and officials currently covered by the Town's health insurance may continue with a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) funded annually at 100% of the Out-of-Pocket maximum (OOPmax) or they may switch to a Health Savings Account (HSA) funded at 100% of the OOPmax for two years, then 50% OOPmax thereafter. This is a one-time irreversible option that must be made at the start of the year. New employees and officials eligible for the Town's health insurance are eligible for an HSA funded at 100% OOPmax for the first 12 months, then 50% OOPmax annually thereafter (from Resolution #128 of 2022).