

**TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 7:00 pm**

The July 19, 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](mailto: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.

Direct: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7142580644>

Meeting ID: 714 258 0644

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,7142580644#

Phone dial-in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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**Agenda**

Appointment of councilmember seat for 2023

***Reports:***

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

***Business:***

- Resolution of Support for a New York State Consolidated Funding Grant Application for the Continued Rehabilitation of the Old Town Hall, Town of Caroline, 2670 Slaterville Road, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881<sup>1</sup>
- Resolution of Support for a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project Grant Application for South Road Culvert Replacement<sup>2</sup>
- Transfers
- Resolution to approve vouchers for payment of town bills
- Approval of minutes from July 6 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.

**<sup>1</sup>Resolution for Support for a New York State Consolidated Funding Grant Application for the Continued Rehabilitation of the Old Town Hall, Town of Caroline, 2670 Slaterville Road, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881**

**By Town Supervisor Mark Witmer, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_**

**Resolution**

WHEREAS the Town of Caroline would like to apply for a grant through the 2023 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Environmental Protection Fund for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF), for continued rehabilitation of the town-owned Old Town Hall, the former *District School No. 2, Caroline and Dryden* at 2668 Slaterville Road, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881 and on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS the Old Town Hall's exterior rehabilitation and repair is a high priority for the Town of Caroline and is eligible for an EPF grant for 50% of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS the Town has hired Historic Ithaca to apply for the grant in April 2023, and for Historic Ithaca or another consultant to administer the rehabilitation project on behalf of the Town and with Town's authority and oversight; and

WHEREAS the Town will pay for the local share (50%) of the eligible project costs if the EPF grant is awarded; and

WHEREAS with the understanding that Town finance the costs of the project in the first instance with the understanding that 50% of the costs will be reimbursed; and

WHEREAS this investment will significantly preserve the life of the building by completing a set of recommended repairs and restoration to the building; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby supports an application for funds in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00 through the EPF program from New York State CFA, for the continued rehabilitation of Old Town Hall; and, be it further

RESOLVED, contingent on award of EPF funds, the Town Supervisor, upon the advice of the Town attorney, is hereby authorized to enter in and to execute a contract with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to accept the award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, contingent on award of EPF funds, the Town Board hereby commits to a total project authorization of \$750,000.00 with the understanding that these funds will be made available in the first instances of the project, and that upon completion of the project, the Town of Caroline will submit for reimbursement and return 50% of the expended project funds will be returned to the Town, so that the Town's share will not exceed \$375,000.00.

**Carried**

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**

**COUNTY OF TOMPKINS                      SS:**

**TOWN OF CAROLINE**

I, Jessica Townsend, Town Clerk of the Town of Caroline, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy of a resolution duly accepted by the Town Board of said Town of Caroline at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_ of July, 2023 and that the same is a complete copy of the whole of such resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Town of Caroline, this \_\_\_ of July, 2023.

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Jessica Townsend  
Town Clerk  
Town of Caroline, New York

**<sup>2</sup>Resolution of Support for a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project Grant Application for South Road Culvert Replacement**

RESOLVED, the Town of Caroline hereby supports an application for funds through the Water Quality Improvement Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to support the replacement of the South Road Culvert for a total project cost of approximately \$100,000, including a 25% match from the Town of Caroline.