

TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 7:00 pm

The August 16, 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. 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.

Direct: <https://zoom.us/j/7142580644?pwd=MIJXbzJWZVZQa2VBaHF3NklKUGxLQT09>

Meeting ID: 714 258 0644

Passcode: xd3U0n

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,7142580644#

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

by phone press *6 to mute/unmute, *9 to raise hand

Agenda

Privilege of the Floor: Opportunity for citizens to bring forward matters of concern.

Please be prepared to make one statement not to exceed 3 minutes in length. Please sign up in advance on the sign-in sheet at the meeting hall or by raising your Zoom hand before the salute to the flag to be registered by the Clerk.

Reports:

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

Business:

- Resolution to set a Public Hearing on the 2024 Tompkins County Shared Services Plan for Countywide Rapid Medical Response¹
- Resolution on SEQRA review of the proposed Caroline zoning law²
- Review and discussion of proposed zoning law
- Transfers
- Resolution to approve vouchers for payment of town bills
- Approval of minutes of August 2 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 matters 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. Schedule a Public Hearing for the Draft 2024 Tompkins County-wide Shared Services Initiative (CWSSI) Plan

WHEREAS, the New York State Countywide Shared Services Initiative (CWSSI) generates property tax savings by enabling collaboration between local governments across the state; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State offers grant programs to incentivize and aid local government efficiencies through shared services; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for financial incentives, Tompkins County is required to convene a Shared Services Panel comprised of municipal chief elected officials and develop a draft plan outlining new initiatives that demonstrate significant property tax savings; and

WHEREAS the Tompkins County Shared Services Panel has convened multiple times in 2023 and identified the pilot Countywide Rapid Medical Response program for inclusion in the 2024 CWSSI Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CWSSI requires that a public hearing be held ahead of the approval of the draft 2024 Plan; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical first response is an issue of interest in Caroline as well as other rural areas of the county; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Caroline will hold a Public Hearing on the 2024 CWSSI Plan on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m.; and further be it

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Town Clerk is authorized to place proper notice of this public hearing in the Town’s official newspaper.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

²Resolution ____ of 2023. SEQRA Review of the proposed Caroline Zoning Law

WHEREAS, by Resolution 64 of 2021, adopted February 10, 2021, the Caroline Town Board formed a Zoning Commission to develop a comprehensive zoning plan for the Town; and

WHEREAS, Caroline’s Zoning Commission approved their Final Report to the Town Board on March 27, 2023 after 51 public meetings and a rigorous process that encouraged and considered public input; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board accepted the Commission's Report on April 5, 2023 and has since then been reviewing and amending the proposed zoning law and has completed a draft Full Environmental Assessment Form Part I; therefore be it

RESOLVED, adoption of zoning is classified as a Type I Action under New York State's Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8, §617.4; and further be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby declares its intent to be lead agency; and further be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board identifies the following interested agencies for opportunity for uncoordinated review: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Transportation, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Town's Review Board, Tompkins County (as required by General Municipal Law § 239 m and n), Tioga County, and the Towns of Danby, Dryden, Candor, Richford, and Berkshire (as required by Town Law § 264(2)).