

**RESOLUTION TO BUDGET FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANNING IN 2018**

Whereas the Tompkins County Council of Governments Emergency Medical Services Task Force (TCCOG EMS-TF) has identified that the current system of providing emergency medical response and transport is stressed – with declining numbers of volunteer and paid responders, and Lee Shurtleff, the Director of the Department of Emergency Response has warned that the system could “collapse” without intervention; and

Whereas timely, competent, affordable emergency medical and transport services are critical and necessary public services; and

Whereas the TCCOG EMS-TF will be working for the next several months to identify possible solutions to stabilize provision of EMS services and anticipates having preliminary recommendations by March 2018; and

Whereas it is anticipated that the EMS-TF may require professional services to assist in refining and guiding implementation of proposed remedies; and

Whereas at this point the EMS-TF is unable to provide specific information as to scope of work or expertise required, but the EMS-TF and the Caroline Town Board believes it is prudent to be financially prepared to engage such services as may be indicated so that the crucial work of the EMS-TF can continue uninterrupted;

NOW therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board will provide \$5000 in their 2018 budget to support professional services to assist with planning and/or implementation of EMS-TF recommendations; and further be it

RESOLVED that the commitment to spend some or all of these funds will be contingent upon presentation by the EMS-TF of preliminary recommendations to stabilize provision of EMS services as well as a description of the professional services, qualifications and scope of work to be provided by the expert, and approval of the Caroline Town Board to support such proposed work.