

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on March 7, 2017 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

Mark Witmer, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Gary Reinbolt, Councilmember
Cal Snow, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk

Also present: 2 members of the public were present

Karyn Scott, JYC/RP

Barry Goodrich

Mr. Witmer started the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor

Reports

Karen Scott, Joint Youth Commission/Recreation Partnership –

Presented the Spring/Summer 2017 I-Play book. Youth Joint Commission now has a Facebook! Annual report draft is available. Joined the Recreation Partnership Board.

Gary Reinbolt, Town Board – No report

John Fracchia, Town Board –

Building and Grounds

- Researched video system for Clerk's office and it appears as though the Arlo Security System - 1 Wire-Free HD Camera, Indoor/Outdoor, Night Vision, would meet our needs. It is well rated and sells for \$139.00.
- Researched deadbolts for records room and recommend that we purchase a Schlage Single-Cylinder Deadbolt. It sells for \$46.00
- Supervisor Witmer forwarded me information about Beautification grants and will be discussing with the possibility of collaborating on this with the Clerk's office.
- We discussed putting our lawn mowing contract up for bid this year and I am in the process of creating that document. This does not reflect dissatisfaction with our current service, but rather doing our due diligence since it has been several years since we have collected bids.

Emergency Services

- Received lengthy response from Lori Mithen-Demasi regarding options for ambulance districts and first response. I am currently reading through it and then will be share it with the Emergency Medical Services Task Force for their thoughts and input.

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

- No updates

Joint Youth Commission

- Attended February meeting of the JYC. Draft of annual report was shared and it is in the process of being expanded.
- There was a good deal of discussion around how to create more awareness of the JYC's work.
- (defer to Karyn Scott)

Cal Snow, Town Board – No report

Irene Weiser, Town Board –

BROADBAND UPDATE

No CIT committee meeting, but updates as follows Broadband update: On 3/2 Town was notified that Haelefe TV has been awarded support in the State's Round II Broadband grant. Haelefe provided a map detailing coverage. (attached) Details of when they receive funding, when buildout begins TBD. Haelefe noted that Frontier was also awarded some coverage areas in Caroline. No details on that yet. Haelefe TV coverage as follows: Harford Rd (partial) Harford Slaterville Rd (partial) Canaan Rd (all) Flat Iron Rd (all) Slaterville Rd btwn Flat Iron Rd and Town/County line. 76 Rd from Mill Rd to just beyond Yaple Rd Yaple Rd (all) Level Green Rd (partial) Goodrich Hill Rd (all) Blackman Hill Rd (partial) McGrath Rd (all) Weston Rd. (partial)

PHONES

Phone Server update - CISCO has been in touch re: VOIP phone service. The missed apt. Then they put me in touch with Finger Lakes Technology Group who proposed, contrary to earlier correspondence with them that they could provide service to us. I asked them to verify – waiting to hear back.

AQUIFER PROTECTION

As a requirement by funders of his technical assistance program, Steve Winkley has written a Sourcewater Protection Report that summarizes his work to date w/our committee. (see attached) The

committee will meet later this month to review this report, along with our latest draft of a possible local aquifer protection law to determine next steps.

TCCOG

EMS Task Force Lee Shurtleff provided Part 1 overview of EMS system in Tompkins County. Part 2 tomorrow. Thanks to Dan Klein for helping us get hooked up w/ Danby Board member and faculty at Cornell Institute for Public Affairs – as a result, we've now got 3 terrific graduate students who will be doing research and developing a report on possible solutions and innovative models around the State and County.

Community Choice Aggregation

The CCA work group met again with Joule Assets to discuss details of how to implement Community Choice Aggregation in interested communities. There are 2 ways to get started – Either Town selects and signs contract with a chosen program administrator OR Town passes a local law enabling the Town to purchase power on behalf of their residents. Ultimately the Town will need to both select a program administrator AND pass a local law - but either option is a good way to start. If Joule Assets is chosen they will provide support, information and help pull together a power purchase agreement that will provide residents with stable energy costs AND can also help promote local renewable energy development and local jobs. Several towns seemed very enthusiastic with Joule's presentation, including Caroline, Danby, and perhaps Dryden, Town of Ithaca, Cayuga Heights and Ulysses. City's interest unknown.

Shared Services

County Administrator Joe Mareane provided overview of Gov's requirements for shared service initiatives this year. Joe wants to put together committee of Supervisors to identify shared service action to be put on the ballot this fall for voter opinion/approval. Action plan must be completed by August. Meetings to start in March, if possible. Although there is strong support for the existing and ongoing shared services, there is strong opposition to the Gov's infringement.

Town Business

Discussion of Proposed 180 Day Moratorium

Discussion went well at the March 6th Information session. Solar farms should qualify for waiver. Local Law for Solar may be advisable. Solar was one of the few concerns and we do not wish to deter solar. Another concern was economic impacts. As required by law, it is procedural for the Planning Department to review moratorium for which they have 30 days. SEQRA reviews environmental and economic impacts. Environmental assessment forms (EAF) are completed and will be introduced at next business meeting and presented at public hearings (2 public hearings TBA).

Agenda Items for Business Meeting:

- Introduce Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF) along with revised Moratorium
- Schedule public hearing(s) for moratorium
- Benchmark Resolution
- Guest, John Comstock from Heat Smart

----Adjourn the meeting ----

A motion made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Jordan, Deputy Town Clerk