

Caroline Town Board Meeting of November 11, 2015

The Town Board Business meeting held on November 11, 2015 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Mark Witmer, Councilmember and Deputy Supervisor
Tim Seely, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: One member of the public was present

Privilege of the Floor

Agenda

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

No Report

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

Correspondence of Note:

1. Ag and Markets Inspections of SPCA of Tompkins County is satisfactory
2. Haefele TV franchise fee report
3. Letter to Justices from Supervisor Barber

Report:

1. Preliminary budget development
2. Meeting with Cornell Resource folks to identify avenues to add zip to the Caroline Youth Program.
3. Met with TCCOG shared services- looking to create a proposal for a grant to develop a common financial platform for all municipal governments in Tompkins County
4. To ease the transition, I am working with Supervisor Elect Witmer on daily tasks to get him acquainted with the process.

Tim Seely, Town Board

Bid date in December for roof

JYC overages that we asked an additional \$4900 from the County. Recommendation to use for Youth employment. Beth Bannister has stepped to take over the program as the program manager resigned. One program is at Caroline is for 5th graders for Fort building and one for science. At Dewitt they have a girls building group. (7 mins)

Mark Witmer, Town Board**John Fracchia, Town Board****Irene Weiser, Town Board**

CIT committee met with Haefele about bringing broadband to Caroline. Possible to run cable through Caroline on the way to Cornell. 12 mins.

Dan Klein, County Representative

Transfers**Resolution xxx of 2015**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Witmer

Be It Resolved the Caroline Town Board makes the following 2015 Fund Transfers

- \$ 1,600.00 from General Fund Account A 1620.43 Town Hall Roof CE to General Fund Account A 1620.4 Town Hall CE.
- \$ 1,000.00 from General Fund Account A 1620.2 Town Hall EQ to General Fund Account A 9060.8 Medical Insurance
- \$ 500.00 from General Fund Account A 1620.12 Town Hall PS to General Fund Account A 1620.1 Town Hall PS.
- \$ 20,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5112.2 Capital Improvement to Highway Fund Account DA5110.1 Repairs PS.
- \$ 40,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5112.2 Capital Improvement to Highway Fund Account DA5110.4 Repairs CE
- \$ 7,575.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5112.2 Capital Improvement to Highway Fund Account DA5112.1 Capital Improvement PS

\$ 6,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5130.2 Equipment EQ to Highway Fund Account DA5130.4 Equipment CE

\$ 1,651.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5112.2 Capital Improvement to Highway Fund Account DA5140.11 Brush & Weeds PS OT

\$ 20,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5112.2 Capital Improvement to Highway Fund Account DA5142.4 Snow & Ice CE

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Approval of Abstracts

Resolution xxx of 2015

Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 21 for \$474.20.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution xxx of 2015

General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Witmer to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 360 through 387 for \$11,373.35.

Amended Tim Seely

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution xxx of 2015

Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Seely to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 212 through 234 for \$47,023.54.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Town Business

Cooper Cemetery

Bob and Carine Kenyon

Lot holders meeting aprox. 15 Has a account at Tompkins Trust Company 20 minutes

The 501C3

Resolutions

Resolution xxx of 2015

Bronze Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser

TB Resolution No. 2014 - : Approve Offering Standard Bronze Plan

Whereas, the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (Consortium) has approved the Standard Bronze Plan to be available September 1, 2015; and

Whereas, the Town Board has determined that benefits of the Bronze plan are the same as that of the previously approved Platinum with the difference being the 40% patient cost share for the Bronze plans vs 10% with Platinum plan; and

Whereas, the Town Board has discussed making an affordable high deductible health insurance available to Town officials and employees that are not receiving health insurance as a benefit of employment, at their expense, and

Whereas, the Consortium's Standard Bronze Plan at a 2016 monthly premium of \$324.72 Individual and \$844.26 Family meets the criteria of a low cost high deductible plan;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Town Board approves offering the Consortium's Standard Bronze Plan effective January 1, 2016 as a health insurance plan option for employees and officials.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution xxx of 2015

Audit

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Fracchia

The Caroline Town Board has received from Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, and Michelson, LLC and reviewed documents entitled "Communication with those charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit dated 10/29/15 and Town of Caroline Financial Report for Fiscal year 2014 dated 10/29/15, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board, accepts both reports as being accurate and true.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution xxx of 2015

Budget Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Witmer

Change A9010.8 General Retirement \$34,427.00

Change DA9010.8 Retirement \$57,921.00

Workers Compensation DA 9040.8 \$23,000.00

Revenue A2189. \$15,000.00

Fire Protection 9040.8 \$7428.00

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution xxx of 2015

MEGA

A motion was made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Mr. Fracchia

RESOLUTION: xxx of 2015

Resolution for Letter of Interest in MEGA's Plan to provide Community Choice Aggregation for Residents of Caroline

Whereas, deregulation of the energy supply market has led to myriad Energy Supply Companies (ESCOs) that can make energy supply choice difficult and hazardous;

Whereas, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) permits community involvement in shaping the community's source for energy supplies;

Whereas, CCAs enable communities to use the power of bulk-buy and competitive bid to acquire affordable energy;

Whereas, CCAs can stimulate the markets for renewable distributed energy resources;

Whereas, MEGA (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance) is seeking nonbinding Letters of Interest and Support from municipalities interested in providing their residents the opportunity to purchase their energy through CCA;

Therefore be it Resolved, the Town Board of Caroline authorizes the Supervisor to submit accompanying Letter of Interest and Support to Mr. Ron Feldstein, President & CEO of MEGA

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution xxx of 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Fracchia

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution xxx of 2015

2016 Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

----Adjourn----

Adjourned on a motion by Mr. Barber and seconded Mr. Fracchia at **9:49** p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk