

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2012

The Town Board Business meeting held on October 9, 2012 at the Historic Town Hall was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor Donald Barber.

Attendance:

Donald Barber, Supervisor
Dominic Frongillo, Councilmember
Linda Adams, Councilmember
Aaron Snow, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk

Also present: Nine citizens from the town of Caroline attended the meeting, including two members from the Communications, Information and Technology Committee (CIT) and also in attendance was the Information and Technology Technician (ITT) for the Town of Caroline.

Privilege of the Floor: No members of the public addressed the board.

Reports

Cindy Whitaker, Highway Superintendents

No report

Supervisor Don Barber

The town received 17 comments on broadband via e-mail

The Planning Board and Sub-division Review Committee are aware of a yearly training class at Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) on October 25th. (It is required for members of each board/committee complete a mandatory training once a year- The class at TC3 would satisfy this requirement.)

New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), there is a reduction rates for some of the insurance used in the Town of Caroline.

County Resolution passed to support the stream stabilization Bank's Road project.

Report:

Budget Development

The Town Supervisor, Don Barber met with the Highway Superintendent, Cindy Whittaker and a member of the sheriff department to talk about excess truck traffic on White Church Rd.

Communicated with Department of Transportation (DOT) on speed limit on Burns Rd. Last year a request was sent in regards to lowering the speed limit to 40 mph. The request was misplaced, lost or never received by the DOT, so the Supervisor resubmitted it.

County Representative, Frank Proto

unavailable

Councilmember Linda Adams

Received a correspondence from Ray Watkins who is a member of an ATV group in Richford. Along with information about extensive trails in other states as well as New York, they wanted to inform the board where part of the trails from Richford come into township of Caroline. The group is proactive and contacts land owners (near the trails) which seems to garner them a lot of support.

Councilmember Irene Weiser

Watershed Committee will meet this coming Friday, October 12th. Barry Goodrich will meet with Jamie Clark and Tim McDonald the Principal of the Caroline Elementary School. There is a lot of woody debris near the creek (in back of the school where there is an educational trail for students) and there is worry that the kids will hurt themselves playing in and around it if it is not removed. There was a recommendation to hire contractors to remove the debris, but it is a huge job. Some local residents and parents of the children who attend Caroline Elementary School thought they might be able, as a community project remove the debris, but the debris covers a very large area and it would be large undertaking. The Town of Caroline board has no resources to offer support for the removal project except through an advisory capacity.

Councilmember Dominic Frongillo

No report

Transfers**Resolution 153 of 2012**

Motion was made by Mr. Barber: seconded by Mr. Frongillo

Be It Resolved the Caroline Town Board makes the following 2012 Fund Transfers

\$161.26 from General Fund Account A 7510.41 History Room CE to General Fund Account A 7410.4 Library CE

\$ 6,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5112.1 Capital Improvement PS to Highway Fund Account DA 5110.1 Repair PS

\$ 10,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5142.1 Snow and Ice PS to Highway Fund Account DA 5110.1 Repair PS

\$ 20,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5142.4 Snow and Ice CE to Highway Fund Account DA 5110.4 Repair CE

\$ 35,000.00 from Highway Fund Account DA 5130.2 Equipment EQ to Highway Fund Account DA 5110.4 Repair CE

\$10,000 from Highway Fund Account DA 5112.2 Equipment EQ to Highway Fund Account DA 5110.4 Repair CE

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Approval of abstracts

Resolution 154 of 2012

Highway Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 189 through 204 for \$184,943.07.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 155 of 2012

Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 17 and 18 for \$678.41.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 156 of 2012

General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Frongillo to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 309 through 333 for \$ 72,962.68.

No vote taken.

Discussion before vote- Councilmember Weiser noted that there was an error in the amount to be paid to Integry's, voucher #328

Resolution 157 of 2012

General Fund Abstract Amended

A motion was made by Ms. Weiser and seconded by seconded by Mr. Snow to amend Voucher #328 Integry's by -\$50.80 making the new balance approved for payment of the General Fund Abstract \$72,911.88.

Adopted: Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Approval of Minutes

Resolution 158 of 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to accept the minutes of September 4th, 2012 as submitted by the Deputy Clerk.

Adopted: Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Agenda

Salute to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor

Reports

Discussion and Action Topics

Transfers

Approve Abstracts

Approve September 4th minutes

Budget Deliberation

General Budget

Discussed: Supervisor Barber went line by line through the Revenues- General Fund budget lines A-1001 through A-3001

Resolution 159 of 2012

Code Assistant Hours

Motion Ms. Weiser and 2nd by Mr. Frongillo

Increase A3620.104 Code Assistant hours from two to three per week for the proposed 2013 budget. (The 2013 budget decreases the 2012 budget by \$500.)

Does not carry: Barber: Nay; Frongillo: Nay; Adams: Nay; Snow: Nay; Weiser: Aye

Resolution 160 of 2012

Youth Program

Motion made by Mr. Snow and 2nd by Ms. Adams

Decrease line A7310.4 Youth Programs budget by \$13,981 leaving a balance of \$ 8151.00 for the Recreation Partnership.

Does not carry: Barber: Nay; Frongillo: Nay; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Nay

Discussion: The board discussed the pros and the cons dealing with the cost of the program.

Resolution 161 of 2012

Youth Program

Motion made by Ms. Adams and 2nd by Mr. Snow

Alter line A7310.4 Youth Programs from the 2013 proposed budget of \$22,132 to the 2012 budget line of \$20984.00.

Does not carry: Barber: Nay; Frongillo: Nay; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Nay

Discussion about increasing the deputy clerks hours:

A motion was brought forward by Councilmember Weiser to add 2.5 hours to the deputy clerk's current budget line A1410.101. There was no second and the motion to add 2.5 hours was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Councilmember Frongillo asked about Contingency line A1990.4. Supervisor Barber explained that the budget line starts at \$25,000 but each time there is a transfer the budget decreases, and what the 2012 budget shows (at this time) is that almost \$12,000 has been transferred to a different budget line in 2012. The 2013 budget line will start at \$25,000.

Town Business

Councilmember Weiser spoke in detail about the role of the Communication, Information and Technology (CIT) committee and the plans going forward to make the Town offices more efficient. She spoke about upgrades with the telephone and the purchase of a copier/printer/scanner/fax machine that would add to the overall operations of the Town Hall offices.

She also spoke briefly about the security issues in the Town Hall offices, mainly the clerk's office and measures that would make the area safer.

Adjourn

At 9:55 P.M. Supervisor Barber made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Frongillo, to continue the meeting at 7:00 P.M. October 10, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington, Town Clerk