

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2013

The Town Board Public Hearing meeting held on October 14, 2013 at the Historic Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Donald Barber.

Attendance:

Donald Barber, Supervisor
Linda Adams, Councilmember
Aaron Snow, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Tim Seely, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: There were 6 members of the public from the Town of Caroline.

Privilege of the Floor

Supervisor Barber spoke to the citizens explaining how the public hearing would work; each member wanting to address the board would have 3 minutes to do so.

No members of the public addressed the board.

The public hearing closed at 7:02 P.M.

Budget 2014

Supervisor Barber gave a PowerPoint presentation about the 2014 budget and how the fund balance works. As an example if the Planning Board has a budget of \$4000 for the year and they only use \$2500, then the balance of \$1,500 would go into the fund balance. The more efficient the board has been over the years keeping the property tax cap down by trying not to overestimate the cost of line items per year, then there is less left over to go into the fund balance. This has made the budget very efficient over the years but also leaves less money to go in the fund balance for the following year.

The board discussed the proposed 2014 budget.

Councilmember Weiser- Explained that even if we cut all the un-mandated budget lines the town would have probably about \$87,000 dollars, however this would only be a temporary fix and would have to be revisited to find additional funds (make cuts) for next year. To cut monies from the Highway Department is not a permanent fix to the budget either.

Adjourn

On a motion by Supervisor Don Barber and seconded by Councilmember Irene Weiser, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk