

Caroline Town Board Year End Business Minutes of December 28, 2020

The Town Board Year End Business Meeting held electronically via Zoom teleconference on December 28, 2020 at 9:11 a.m. hosted by Supervisor Witmer

Attendance: Mark Witmer, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Cal Snow, Councilmember
Tim Murray, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Velvet Lyke, Assistant to Supervisor Witmer

Also Present: Highway Superintendent, Bob Spencer; Bruce Murray and Emily Adams

Privilege-of-the-Floor

Bruce Murray made a statement asking the Town Board to not be in a hurry to adopt the Comprehensive Plan until the Town holds two in person public hearings so that the Town Residents can have a way to make their opinions known. He also made comments regarding the Task Force and specific building requirements and the Zoning Commission.

Supervisor Witmer stated that he feels that the community had many opportunities to make statements and comments by contacting the Supervisor or Town Clerk.

Councilmember Murray addressed Mr. Murray's concerns by clarifying that the focus of the Task Force was on commercial development not on non-commercial development such as home construction.

Councilmember Fracchia noted Mr. Murray statement that the Zoom meetings at this time is appropriate due to the pandemic and he believes that the vote for Comprehensive Plan should be at the Agenda Meeting or Business Meeting in January.

Councilmember Weiser indicated her agreement with Councilmember Fracchia, and she is also concerned about the impact on Solar Farms.

Additions and Deletions to Agenda

Councilmember Murray wished to add a comment about the Task Force recommendations and then withdrew his request in response to Councilmember Weiser's objection

Councilmember Weiser, seconded by Councilmember Fracchia, called for deletions of the following discussions:

1. Findings regarding potential environmental impacts of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan
2. Negative declaration of environmental impact of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan
3. Resolution to adopt the 2020 Town of Caroline Comprehensive Plan
4. Approval of minutes of December 9
5. Motion for Executive Session to discuss legal matter re. town property at gravel pit

Supervisor Witmer rejects the deletions proposed since the items had been discussed at the December business meeting and the agenda was put forth in a timely manner; however, after further discussion can agree to delay to the Business Meeting.

Adopted: Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye; Murray: Aye

Resolution 147 of 2020 Resolution authorizing 2020 Budget Amendments

A motion made by Supervisor Mark Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Cal Snow Resolved, the Caroline Town Board makes the following 2020 budget transfers:

Amount	From	To
\$2,100	A1990.4 Contingency	A1420.4 Legal
\$660.00	A5132.2 Garage EQ	A5132.4 Garage CE
\$201,436.72	DA233 Hwy EQ Reserve	DA5130.2 Hwy EQ Expenditures

Adopted: Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye; Murray: Aye

Resolution 148 of 2020. Resolved the Caroline Town Board approves payment of vouchers for bills

A motion was made by Supervisor Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Murray Resolved the Caroline Town Board approves payment of vouchers for bills in the amounts of \$14748.70 for the General Fund and \$494,870.36 for the Highway Fund.

Adopted: Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye; Murray: Aye

Resolution 149 of 2020 Authorizing Supervisor to Sign Fire Protection Contracts

A motion was made by Supervisor Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Weiser Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2021 Fire Protection Contracts with Speedsville Volunteer Fire Company and Brooktondale Fire District.

Adopted: Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye; Murray: Aye

Resolution 150 of 2020

A motion was made by Supervisor Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Fracchia Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2021-22 Agreement for Workers' Compensation Insurance with the Comp Alliance.

Adopted: Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye; Murray: Aye

Superintendent Spencer thanked the Board for their support during his first year in office. 2020 was challenging and he is looking forward to 2021. He also noted that the Highway Barn has been refaced and additional work has been completed Superintendent Spencer would like to add a discussion to the Agenda or Business Meeting in January to discuss the Capital Plan. Councilmembers Weiser and Fracchia thanked Superintendent Spencer for all the work that the Town Highway crew has performed in 2020. This was unanimously seconded by Councilmembers Witmer, Snow, and Murray (by Zoom signal).

Supervisor Witmer suggested that a discussion be held in January regarding the Agenda meeting being changed to a Business meeting so that the Town Board can address additional issues.

A motion to adjourn by Supervisor Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Snow and carried unanimously at 9:54 a.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Velvet Lyke, Assistant to the Supervisor

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