

**Town of Caroline  
Town Board Minutes  
January 12, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on January 12, 2006 at the Town Hall was called to order by Councilman Cope at 7:01 p.m.

**Present:**

Ed Cope, Councilman  
Tim Seely, Councilman  
Nelly Farnum, Councilwoman  
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman

**Recording**

**Secretary:** Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

**Privilege**

Frank Proto noted that tax bills had a change of 10.6% over last year.

**Monthly Reports**

**County Representative**

Legislature will be dealing with nursing shortage in county. Rep. Proto will continue this year on health committee. He sits on the new personnel committee; health care costs are affecting the county seriously. Continueing on planning committee and the farm and ag protection board. Just appointed to soil and water conservation district. Approved 20K for Town of Caroline Barrile project. Next legislature meeting will discuss: keeping single year assessmant review or going on a different cycle; tax abatements; consumer issues, such as NYSEG. They've begun to change the cycle of when your bill is due. They say new computer system will bill every 22 days, which means 16 ½ bills every year. Proto has written to Senator Bruno. Another issue is that the cost of gas has come down, but it has not come down on our bills. Smoking: noted that the county has just granted second waver to a business.

**Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports**

**Steve Nicholson**

Reported on Environmental Management Council. One of the highlights of the year was selling bags and baskets. Baskets say "Paper or Plastic. No thanks." Created a wind tower ordinance to be distributed to towns throughout the county and to the state. Hired an intern that researched all available ordinances to put together the paper. This is for commercial use, not residential. Big project was backyard burning "If your're smelling it, you're breathing it" campaign. Result was that in Oct, the Board of Health amended the health code to prohibit household burning county-wide. Law probably will go into effect in May or June. They've formed committees: education and energy committees, environmental review committee. Passed a resolution encouraging Cornell to continue monitoring Lake Source Cooling. Web site committee; web site on county planning site.

**Councilwoman Farnum**

Emergency committee: Beth Harrington had a meeting for people interested in animal rescue, affiliated with the Slaterville ambulance. Next meeting in about six weeks.

**Action Topics**

**Approval of Abstracts**

**Approval of General Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilman Frongillo and seconded by Councilman Seely to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 501 through 542 in the amount of \$82,638.77.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Approval of Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Seely to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 259 through 267 in the amount of \$54,554.63.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Approval of Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Farnum and seconded by Councilman Frongillo to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 026 through 027 in the amount of \$668.84.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Approval of Community Development Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilman Seely and seconded by Councilman Cope to approve payment for the Community Development Fund voucher number 004 in the amount of \$75.92.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 1-28 of 2006**

**BHTC Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application**

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, that the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with Better Housing for Tompkins County for the housing rehabilitation grant application.

**Resolution 1-29 of 2006  
Public Hearing for Housing Rehab Grant Application**

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilwoman Farnum

RESOLVED, that the Town of Caroline sets the public hearing dates for the Housing Rehab Grant Application for March 7 at 7 p.m. and March 16 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 1-30 of 2006  
Contract with SPCA**

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with the SPCA for dog control in 2006.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 1-31 of 2006 - TABLED until after discussion with Guy Krogh.  
Appointment of Attorney for the Town**

Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

Discussion: Mahlon is a one-man operation, and his prices are going up every year. Seely concerned he might not have time or the means to do the work and also that Thayler and Thayler have paralegal staff to do work cheaper. They represent the Town of Lansing. Mahlon has not been getting things done in a timely manner in the past year.

Guy K. Krogh attended the meeting and fielded questions from the board. Noted that he would be available for questions by phone during town board meetings he was not required to attend. Discussed his experience working with comprehensive plans. Only area that's coming into play from a legal perspective is that counties are starting to write comprehensive plans, and towns' plans need to be in compliance. Zoning now needs to be in compliance with a county plan. His best recommendation is for public involvement in developing the plan to avoid legal issues down the road. Discussed difference between when charging at a legal vs. a paralegal rate. Noted that he would serve on a committee voluntarily for no charge but as added value in case we're looking for grant money to show contribution in kind.

**Resolution 1-31 of 2006 - RESUMED**

Councilwoman Farnum; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

RESOLVED, that the Town of Caroline enter into an agreement with Thayler and Thayler for legal services in the year 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the agreement with Thayler and Thayler.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye

Nelly Farnum	Aye
Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 1-32 of 2006**

**Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to Recreation Partnership Board**

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Council Farnum

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board appoints Dominic Frongillo to be our representative to the Recreation Partnership, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tim Seely be the alternate representative to the Recreation Partnership, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Tompkins County Youth Bureau.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 1-33 of 2006**

**Brooktondale Volunteer Fire Company Contract**

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilman Farnum

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the supervisor to sign the contract with the Brooktondale Volunteer Fire Company to use the Town Barn fuel tanks as a fuel depot.

<b>Adopted</b>	Don Barber	Absent
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Aye
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Executive Session**

The board went into executive session at 9:15, and adjourned at 9:30.

**Adjourn**

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk