

Town of Caroline
Town Board Minutes
February 16, 2006

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on February 16, 2006 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:01 p.m.

Present:

Don Barber, Supervisor
Ed Cope, Councilman
Tim Seely, Councilman
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman

Recording

Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Monthly Reports

Highway Superintendent

284 agreement between the town board and highway super: County is changing the bidding process, so prices may change.

The Ford 550 truck is constantly breaking down and is no longer under warrantee (the dealer went out of business); recommends sending it to auction.

Seasonal highways: getting calls from 9-1-1 about responding to cars having problems on the seasonal roads (Speed Hill), past the minimum maintenance sign. Guard rails taken right out on Beaver Creek where a 10-wheeler truck slid into them. 9-1-1 wanted town to respond or block road off; we cannot. Signs are placed where NYS mandates. Town has to bear the expense of repair. Superintendent wants to put a weight limit on it. Needs to have town board approval each year for each road. She will provide board with a recommendation for next month.

Town barns creek getting steadily worse; creek is heading straight for the building. The highway can fix the problem in two days and only cost the town labor; DEC will mail a memo of understanding. Supervisor suggested she talk to soil and water. Good time to do it would be March before getting into the busy construction season. If it will require funding from the town, need to get the watershed committee involved. Highway dept has the blocks.

Town pickup has to go to auction: u-joints went out, then the wheel bearings. U-joints covered under warrantee, but not for the other. Wheel bearings are \$300 each. Also air not working on feet: \$419 to fix. The truck was scheduled to go this year anyway. Superintendent gave the specs for the new truck to the board.

Trying to back off snow and ice. Town does not plow Coddington Road, Caroline Depot, or the county end of White Church.

Supervisor's Report

Correspondence

1. Earle Cary – issue with ambulance vehicle parked off the ambulance property.
2. Notice from Sen. Schumer of “Save America’s Treasures Grant” possible opportunity for Town Hall Roof
3. From S. Whicher (TC Administrator) – Impact of Cell Towers on House Prices

4. Letter from Supervisor to Mr. Shurtleff summarizing outstanding issues from 2/2/06 meeting on Taft Rd. Tower
5. Letter from Supervisor to DOT and response regarding speed limit reduction on Slaterville Rd.

Report

1. Communication with Time Warner Cable about Franchise Agreement and payment of property tax: resolved to return to past practice of paying.
2. Discussed All Hazard Mitigation Plan with Ms. Hackett of TC Planning: we can wait to approve unless we have a flood hazard mitigation proposal ready to submit. She will work to provide hard copies of all changes so we can incorporate into our binder.
3. Met with BFD Commissioners to correct Appendix A (description of their portion of district).
4. Planning board is looking to advertise for an intern – need to tell them pay rate (Dominic said he got \$8.50 when he interned for town)
5. Appraisal of new town property on Bald Hill and Leonard Roads is expected before the end of this month
6. Negotiated terms of purchase offer for parcel across the street form Town Hall

Transfers

Motion to Authorize Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to authorize the following transfer:

	From	To
\$3,598.00	General Fund Account A 8710.4 Creek Maintenance CE	General Fund Account A 9050.8 Unemployment Insurance
\$432.00	General Fund Account A 7510.41 Historian Rm CE	General Fund A 7510.4 Historian CE

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Action Topics

Approval of Abstracts

Approval of General Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Frongillo to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 001 through 041 in the amount of \$14,610.46.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Discussion: delete CMS contract v#011; pay Supervisor for the postal payment.**Approval of Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Councilman Seely and seconded by Councilman Frongillo to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 001 through 037 in the amount of \$67,832.82.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Abstain
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Approval of Streetlight Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Seely to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher numbers 002 through 003 in the amount of \$624.91.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Approval of Fire Protection Fund Abstract

A motion was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Frongillo to approve payment for the Community Development Fund voucher number 001 in the amount of \$43,150.00.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Minutes**Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2006**

A motion was made by Supervisor Barber and seconded by Councilman Seely to accept the minutes of January 3, as submitted by the deputy clerk:

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Approval of Minutes from December 30, 2005

A motion was made by Councilman Seely and seconded by Supervisor Barber to accept the minutes of December 30, 2005 as submitted by the town clerk.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Abstain

Town Business

Health insurance policy for full-time employees who elect not to enroll in Town Group. Any money town gives an employee in lieu of taking health insurance becomes income for an employee. We need to set a policy that is cost-effective for the town and that is fair to employees. It should become part of the personnel policy. Whatever is passed should be retroactive until the first of the year; this way, we can take the time to put together a policy everyone is comfortable with. Ed will continue research; Don will bring it up at Assn. of Towns meeting.

Beautification Grant: projects are being proposed in all three hamlets, and if town gets funding from the county, we need to have volunteers ready to do the work. Grants must be matched with funds or labor. Tim will bring the project list to Penny's group; she has kids from all three hamlets who can garner interest in their hamlets. New ideas for projects not on the list should be brought to the supervisor so he can adjust the budget.

Resolutions

Resolution 2-4 of 2006

284 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

By Councilman Cope; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

RESOLVED, that the town board will sign the section 284 agreement in the amount of \$80,000 for work on Burns Road.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Resolution 2-5 of 2006

Ford 550 to Auction

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, that the town board authorizes the highway superintendent to take the Ford 550 to auction and place a minimum bid of \$20,000.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Resolution 2-6 of 2006

New Pick-up for Highway

By Councilman Seely; Seconded by Councilman Cope

RESOLVED, the town board authorizes the highway superintendent to order the Dodge ¾-ton pickup truck off state contract.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Resolution 2-7 of 2006

Sale of Town Property

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Cope

Town board authorizes the supervisor to sign a purchase offer agreement for .4 acres, tax map #3.-3-3, in the amount of \$3500.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Resolution 2-8 of 2006
Driving Tour Grant

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board hereby authorizes the supervisor to send the following letter to the Community Celebrations Committee of Tompkins County:

Tompkins County Administration
Attn: Tourism Liaison
125 East Court St.
Ithaca, NY 14850

Dear Community Celebrations Committee,

The Caroline Town Board fully supports the Community Celebrations Grant Application submitted by the Tompkins County Historians for the creation of a Drive-by Brochure in the spring of 2006.

The Caroline Town Board understands that if the grant request is awarded, the Town of Caroline will accept its portion of the award and is prepared to distribute it to the brochure project created by the Town of Caroline historians, as appropriate, to ensure a successful document.

Sincerely

Caroline Town Board

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Resolution 2-9 of 2006
Reimbursed Mileage Rate

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

RESOLVED, the town board rescinds resolution 1-6 of 2006, and in its place resolves that the reimbursement rate to be paid to town officials and employees for the use of their personal vehicles for Town business is \$0.445 per mile.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Resolution 2-10 of 2006
Appointment of Delegates to the Assessment Review Board

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board appoints Calvin Snow of 665 Buffalo Road and Robert Spaulding of 2099 Ellis Hollow Road to the Town of Caroline Assessment Review Advisory Board, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Advisory Board will convene on May 11, 2006 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to hear any and all property owners of the Town of Caroline testify about their 2006 assessment valuation.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-11 of 2006
Change Term of Dog Licenses**

By Councilman Seely; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

WHEREAS see my resolution. WHEREAS, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 7, has been amended to provide for the licensing of dogs for a period up to three years but not to exceed the expiration date of a rabies vaccination, and

WHEREAS, many residents of the Town of Caroline have expressed that they would like to take advantage of the extended licensing option,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the town clerk to offer residents the option of licensing their dogs for a period of up to three years, provided the license expiration date does not extend beyond the duration of the rabies certification,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board directs the clerk to collect the appropriate fee for each year at the time the license is issued; this fee being nonrefundable should the dog become transferred, lost, or deceased before the license expires.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

**Resolution 2-12 of 2006
Time Accounting for Paid Town Officials**

By Supervisor Barber; Seconded by Councilman Frongillo

WHEREAS the NYS Retirement System requires accurate documentation of hours worked when it determines retirement benefits, and

WHEREAS the Office of State Comptroller requires that elected and appointed municipal officials maintain at least one month's record/diary of their public responsibilities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board hereby directs all of its elected and appointed officials to keep a daily log of the number of hours spent performing their town responsibilities for the month of September, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this record shall be presented to the Town Supervisor by the 5th day of October.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Resolution 2-13 of 2006
Association of Towns Resolutions

By Councilman Barber; Seconded by Councilman Seely

WHEREAS the Town Board directs its delegate to vote in the affirmative on all resolutions being presented at the Association of Towns annual meeting with the exception of New York State and Adirondack Property Taxpayers Bill of Rights, which will not be presented.

Adopted	Don Barber	Aye
	Ed Cope	Aye
	Tim Seely	Aye
	Nelly Farnum	Absent
	Dominic Frongillo	Aye

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk