

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2017

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on October 3, 2017 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

Mark Witmer, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Gary Reinbolt, Councilmember
Cal Snow, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: No members of the public were present.

Supervisor Witmer started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Introduction of the Tentative Budget

The Board spoke about the DA5130.2 Equipment line being lowered. The budget from last year is being lowered to \$85,000.00. This is because of the large equipment purchase of the gradall last year made the 2017 budget higher. The Highway Superintendent left this line blank (0), but the Town Supervisor felt having a cushion of \$85,000.00 if the Highway Department needed equipment in 2018 was a good idea. If the money isn't used in 2018 then it will be moved to a Highway Equipment reserve for the following year.

Councilmember Weiser feels we should have more money in the Highway Equipment reserve. She talked about moving some of the Fund balance to add to the various reserve funds; having a "flush year" to put more in our reserve funds.

Agenda

Mark Witmer, Supervisor-

Salute to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor: Opportunity for citizens to bring forward matters of concern
Please be prepared to make one statement not to exceed 3 minutes in length

Introduction of 2018 Tentative Budget

Discussion of 2018 Tentative Budget and Schedule Budget Workshops

Committee Reports

Resolution Authorizing the Caroline Town Court's Application to Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for Energy Improvements to the Historic Town Hall

Resolution to Hold the November Agenda Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, because of Election Day

Discussion and Agenda Items for October 11 Town Business Meeting (8:30)

Gary Reinbolt, Town Board – No updates

John Fracchia, Town Board –

Health Consortium- 4% increase in the insurance. The Town of Homer and Town of Newfield joined the Consortium. The TC Health Care Consortium is expanding which is helping to keep the expenses down.

Cal Snow, Town Board –

Judge Harold Phoenix retirement party December 10th at 3-5 pm at the Brooktondale Fire Department

Irene Weiser, Town Board –

The EMS task force met. The county has an over target request of \$25,000.00 for professional services.

Aquifer- trying to pull together a meeting.

New phone system for the Town Offices- Councilmember Irene Weiser is working with a new company about options for a new Town Hall phone system.

Town Business

The Board talked about the 2018 Tentative Budget and scheduling budget workshops.

There was a discussion of a Highway Assistant or hiring the current Town Highway Superintendent as a consultant when (2 years from now) when the Cindy Whittaker retires.

Councilmember Fracchia talked about the painting of the Historic Town Hall and replacing the current furnace with heat pumps.

Resolutions

Resolution 130 of 2017:

Change Date of November Agenda Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Witmer: Seconded by Mr.Snow

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board will hold the November Agenda Meeting on Wednesday, November 8th, at 7:00 p.m.. The change in date is because of the Election Day 2017 is on the normal Agenda meeting day of Tuesday, November 7th.

ADOPTED: Witmer: Aye Fracchia: Aye Weiser: Aye Reinbolt: Aye Snow: Aye

Resolution 131 of 2017:

Authorizing the Caroline Town Court's Application to the Justice Court Assistance Program for a Grant for Energy Improvements to the Historic Town Hall

Motion made by Mr. Witmer: Seconded by Mr. Fracchia

Whereas, the Historic Town Hall is designated on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of Interior, commemorated as the Slaterville School from 1869-1959; and

Whereas, the Historic Town Hall houses the offices of the Town of Caroline Justice Court, as well as the town's History Room, and hosts Town Board and Town Committee meetings; and

Whereas, the Historic Town Hall is currently heated by an antiquated (50 year-old) gas-fired boiler, but does not have air-conditioning; and

Whereas, air-source and geothermal heat pumps provide both heating and cooling functions with very high energy efficiencies compared to combustion technologies, especially when combined with sealing and insulation of the building envelope; and

Whereas, the Town of Caroline is committed to reducing energy consumption and promoting renewable energy usage in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board strongly endorses the Caroline Justice Court's application to the Justice Court Assistance Program for a grant to support evaluation of the Historic Town Hall's current building envelope, to finance any additional air-sealing and insulation that is needed, and to finance replacement of the current boiler with a heat-pump system.

ADOPTED: Witmer: Aye Fracchia: Aye Weiser: Aye Reinbolt: Aye Snow: Aye

Resolution 132

Agenda Meeting and Working Budget Meetings

Motion made by Ms. Weiser: Seconded by Mr. Reinbolt

Resolved the Caroline Town Board will hold an October Working Budget Meeting on Wednesday, October 11th, immediately following Privilege of the Floor at 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting and another Working Budget Meeting will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Caroline Historic Town Hall.

ADOPTED: Witmer: Aye Fracchia: Aye Weiser: Aye Reinbolt: Aye Snow: Aye

----Adjourn the meeting ----

A motion made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, CMC
Town Clerk