

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Town Board work session held Tuesday March 25, 2008 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 6:30 pm with the following persons in attendance by Roll Call:

Deputy Supervisor Ralph Palcovic - Here
Councilman Robert Sprung - Here
Council Member Valerie Scribner - Here
Councilman Robert Sullivan - Here

There were 18 members of the public in attendance.

The roll was called and the salute to the flag was held.

The Deputy Supervisor opened the meeting stating that the purpose of the meeting is to select a town supervisor for the remainder of this year. He thanked the public for attending the meeting and he thanked the many candidates who have an interest in being supervisor. He reminded everyone of the September primary and hopes people will give the voters a selection to choose from.

There have been some additional communications since the last meeting. A letter of qualifications and additional information from Sarah Burgess. Mr. Breen also submitted a background and history. Since Mr. Breen did not have an opportunity to address the board at the last meeting he was given time this evening.

Mr. Breen thought that one of the equality he has is collegiality. He has always been a good team player. Over a year ago he was speaking to former Supervisor Barker about becoming the town attorney. Mr. Barker suggested that he run for supervisor. Mr. Breen has done some research and thought the position of supervisor was more of being the town's executor and now realizes that the supervisor is a councilmember no more an executor than any other of the council members. In that respect he feels he could be quite good as the supervisor. He has managed a 45-person Wall Street law firm, and a 300-person office dept. of Merrill Lynch. He is retired, and noted that he moved up here 4-5 years ago.

Mr. Ron McLain submitted two letters. In one letter he is not seeking the position and in the second one, delivered as of today, that Mr. McLain is seeking the position. Mr. McLain was not present on the meeting. Councilman Sullivan asked about the dates of the letters. Deputy Supervisor Palcovic stated that there was some confusion on the dates but one was hand delivered today but it is dated the 13th and received as of today - his intentions to run for the town supervisor position. The previous memorandum from him was March 20th that he did not want to be appointed. He will be on the slate.

Deputy Supervisor Palcovic explained that he would offer each candidates name seeking a nomination of the individual candidate and a second.

Council Member Scribner stated, “Before I was able to talk to all of you, I had people in mind that I thought would be good and who would not be good. After talking to all of you personally – we can’t get anyone that is not good. They are all good candidates, everyone has good qualities to offer the Town of Caroga.” She hoped in November anyone that doesn’t get the job would run again and show the interest shown tonight. “You are all worthy of supervisor.”

Deputy Supervisor Palcovic first offered Mr. Jack McCarthy’s name for the position of supervisor. Hearing no motion once, twice, none were forthcoming.

Mr. Breen’s name was offered for the candidate position of supervisor for the Town of Caroga. A motion was made by Council Member Scribner. He asked for a second once, twice, none were forthcoming. The process continued on.

Sarah Burgess as candidate for the supervisor’s position. Hearing no motion once, twice, none were forthcoming.

At this time Mr. Ron McLain’s name was offered for the position of Supervisor of the Town of Caroga. Hearing no motion once, the next candidates name was offered.

James Selmsler name was offered as a candidate for supervisor for the Town of Caroga. Councilman Sullivan made a motion. Council Member Scribner seconded the motion. Deputy Supervisor Palcovic then asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Sullivan asked if the entire slate had to be gone through first. Deputy Supervisor Palcovic responded that he didn’t think we did.

Councilman Sprung - no
Council Member Scribner - yes
Councilman Sullivan - yes
Deputy Supervisor Palcovic - no

“At this time we have come to a draw.” Deputy Supervisor Palcovic stated, “We will continue tonight until we do have a candidate.”

Mr. Robert Kane’s name was offered for the position of Supervisor Town of Caroga. A motion was made by Councilman Sprung. Deputy Supervisor Palcovic seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called.

Council Member Scribner - after a moment, asked that the next council member be polled.
Councilman Sullivan - no
Deputy Supervisor Palcovic - yes
Councilman Sprung - yes
Council Member Scribner – yes

Deputy Supervisor Palcovic stated to the clerk that a majority of the board has voted for Mr. Kane for the position of Supervisor of the Town of Caroga? I responded, “Yes, it is.” Deputy Supervisor Palcovic congratulated Mr. Kane.

Deputy Supervisor Palcovic again thanked everyone and reminded them to run for the office of Supervisor for the Town of Caroga when it is on the ballot. Councilman Sprung noted that he was formerly the County (republican) Chairman and he struggled to find candidates at election time. He encouraged people to seek the seat.

At 6:45 pm Councilman Sprung made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Scribner seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert – RMC
Caroga Town Clerk