

for repeat offenders – there would be no timeframe, no letter, just an immediate ticket for the next time there is a problem.

Mr. Heberer noted most times the town doesn't recoup the cost involved to get a person to the point that they go to court. He put the cost at over \$50.00 to send the first class letter, a certified letter, to have the ticket served, and then there is he and his staff's time. He noted that in the city of Johnstown they have the ability to tow the vehicle after a 10-day notice.

Mr. Fenzl thought the Local Law should be updated by the town attorney to stop the revolving door.

The board discussed the possibility of a meeting with the judge, the code officer, and the town attorney.

Department Reports:

Highway – Mr. Insogna reported that the town roads are posted at 4 tons. He is getting the equipment in shape. There are two pieces to go out to bid, as they don't use them any more. He would like to purchase a used street sweeper. He will need a mechanic, as Gary Achzet will be retiring in November. The position will be advertised it was noted. There are no roads slated for paving this year. The lakeshore road needs to be repaired. There are 4 – 5 big logs coming up through the blacktop on Balsam & Pine Ave. Some of the newly paved roads did not have a good base and needs to be dug out to be repaired.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Mr. Heberer submitted his report to the board. From 2/4/08 to 4/7/08 there were 18-violation letter sent out with 5 having a resolution. There were 9 building permits issued to date and 2 sanitation permits.

Dog Control – Howard Dutcher gave a verbal report to the clerk. He had 5 calls for the month. NYS Ag. & Markets did an inspection on March 1st – everything was OK.

Golf Course – Steve Jennings called the clerk to say that he is working to clean up the golf course.

BTI – Candice Dean submitted a written report. She has begun monitoring for larva and treating the smaller streams. One person completed the 30-hour course and took the DEC exam April 8. They are awaiting the results. Cold water temps are hindering the larva from maturing into adults. The program will be in full operation by the end of the week.

Weeds – No report, there was speculation that the weeds were either growing or frozen.

Youth - No report

Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar – The Supervisor's Annual Report is on file. The legal notification was in the paper two days ago. The Tax Collector settled with the County Treasurer on Friday April 5, 2008. The board needs to sign the settlement statement and accept the books. The clerk asked to attend the NYALGRO Conference in June. She noted that having spent 7 days in court the need to maintain proper records is very evident.

RESOLUTION to allow Linda Gilbert- RMO to attend training #2008-032

Offered by Councilman Sprung

Seconded by Councilman Palcovic

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Linda Gilbert – Town Clerk/Records Management Officer (RMO) of the Town of Caroga has asked the board to allow her to attend a training offered by New York Association of Local Government Records Officer (NYALGRO) on June 8 - 11, 2008 in Corning NY, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilbert is a member of said association, and has reviewed the program being offered and finds the information to be pertinent to her job as Records Management Officer especially after having to testify to town records in court for parts of 7 days, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to allow Linda Gilbert to attend said training at a cost of \$312.00 for lodging and meals as she will be sharing with the City of Johnstown Clerk Cathy VanAlstyne, plus registration of \$25.00 and any other expenditures that may be incurred i.e. mileage in connection with said training with the cost coming from A1410.4.

Unanimously adopted

RESOLUTION to accept Tax Collectors Final Report **#2008-033**

Offered by Councilman Sprung

Seconded by Councilman Palcovic

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2008 and

WHEREAS, Linda M. Gilbert – Tax Collector did present her books, (check book, paid & unpaid reports, daily receipt books from January 1st to April 1, 2008 and correspondence associated with the process) to the Town Board for review at the April Town Board meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board did review the Fulton County Treasurer’s Settlement with Collectors report, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the Collectors books as presented for audit.

Unanimously adopted

Assessor’s Report – Kathi Hillock welcomed Supervisor Kane. She is finishing the assessment rolls, which will be filed on May 1st. She reminded everyone that Grievance Day is May 29, 2009.

Supervisor’s Report

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Councilman Palcovic met today with CT Male engineers in regards to the modification/relocation of utilities and infrastructure in preparation to tear the older structure down. All of the utilities and support for this building come out the old building. They will come up with a plan to change the heating and reroute the phone and electrical lines. Councilman Palcovic stated that the old structure is severely failing. The asbestos, mold, and air quality survey was completed for both buildings. He noted that there is mold evident in the gym. An air filtration system will be looked into for that room.

Salt & Sand – Highway Superintendent Insogna has been working on moving the sand pile on route 10. He met with a DEC Supervisor on Monday. He liked the new sand and gravel site being looked at on Beech Ridge Road. It is off the road about 250 ft. There is a road already in there. The screening plant would be moved there. He still has to go through APA but does not anticipate any problems. He can buy the sand at the same price he is getting now. The pile would cover the southern and middle parts of town. Mr. Insogna plans on building a small three-sided building by

the old barn to haul sand for up north. He wants to cut the salt use in half. He thinks the move will be complete by the end of June. The existing site will be capped off. The highway superintendent spoke to Bob Ambrosino today and will meet with him tomorrow to pickup more paperwork. The permits are all signed and the application just needs to be sent in. This change will save 14 miles one way to Rockwood. Salt will be hauled as needed from Logan's.

Park Creation - Councilman Sprung stated that the committee would meet on the 17th. As a board he wanted everyone to look at the park to see what could be cut. He wants to stay in budget. Councilman Palcovic suggested bidding out and getting the pavilion and the infrastructure done. Councilman Sprung thought the landscaping was elaborate. The total amount to be spent is \$48,000.00. A member of the public questioned the fountain. Two council members noted it would be frozen 6 – 8 months of the year. Councilman Palcovic suggested waiting to see what the pavilion cost to see how much is left and how to spend it.

Golf Course – no report

Cell Service – no report

DEC Landfill monitoring – Councilman Palcovic stated that Phoenix Environmental Labs, Inc. tested what wells they could access. Due to the snow many of them were buried. The data report was received by the town and submitted to the state. He will contact them to get a proposal for the cost to monitor, per required by the state, for rest of the year.

Old Business:

Councilman Sullivan asked if the board wants to move forward with the sign for the Court at this end of the building. Councilman Sprung wanted to have the sign removable. Barney Signs in Johnstown made the municipal building sign. They will be contacted about another sign.

Councilman Sullivan also wanted to discuss membership in the Adirondack Assoc. of Towns and Villages at the next meeting. (The town was last a member in 2005) Supervisor Kane noted that Brad Dake wants to come to a meeting to talk to the board. A work session may be set up in the future. The board decided to get a couple of dates from Mr. Dake to see when he was available before setting the meeting.

New Business:

RESOLUTION to appoint Zoning Board Chairman #2008-034

Offered by Councilman Palcovic

Seconded by Councilman Sullivan

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2008 and

WHEREAS, Pete Welker was named Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman at the first meeting of the year held by the Caroga Town Board, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Welker was not available to sign the oath of office book within the thirty-day timeframe and did not return the oath of office statement notarized, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to appoint Mr. Welker Chairman of the Caroga Zoning Board of Appeals until December 31, 2008.

Unanimously adopted

Councilman Palcovic discussed HEPA filters – he explained that they are an air particulate that will filter out humane hair, sneeze, dander, pollen, spores, mold, smoke, dust mites, debris, and household dust. The town is looking to purchase units for the gym; it will depend on the sq footage of the room. The entire facility would be impacted to some extent he noted.

Councilman Palcovic told the board that the Caroga Volunteer Fire Dept. was notified this week that they received a legislative grant from Senator Hugh Farley’s Office in the amount of \$1,500.00. The money will be utilized for the purchase of all terrain vehicles for search and rescue and fire suppression, which are back in on the trails. The grant was based on five potential issues in the last couple of years where private all terrain vehicles were used or could have been used by the department. A trailer will be purchased to house them due to the lack of storage space in the firehouse Councilman Sullivan noted.

Correspondence:

- 1) Fulton County Resolution #134 amending Res. 506 of 2007 tipping fees reducing the rate.
- 2) Charles Schumer announced application deadlines for the “Preservations Assist. Grants for smaller Institutions program” and the “2008 Save America’s Treasures Grant Programs.
- 3) Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste set Transfer Station Summer hours beginning April 2nd.
- 4) Edwin Frieberg of B & L Control Service dropped off a brochure for boiler chemicals.
- 5) Ronald McLain dated 3-29-08
- 6) Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired information explaining services.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION to renew contract with E.A.P. #2008-035

Offered by Councilman Sprung

Seconded by Councilman Sullivan

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2008 and

WHEREAS, the clerk did receive three signed copies outlining the terms of the contract with the Employee Assistance Program “A service of St. Mary’s Hospital, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to enter into contract with Employee Assistance Program 427 Guy Park Ave. Amsterdam NY 12010, (518) 842-1900. The town agrees to pay the hospital \$15.00 per full-time employee per year for the E.A.P. The total contract for 12 full-time employees shall equal \$180.00 and whereby this contract shall be effective for twelve months, commencing January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, the full contract on file in the Clerk’s office.

Unanimously adopted

RESOLUTION to Contract with Newport Alliance #2008-036

Offered by Councilman Palcovic

Seconded by Councilman Sprung

WHEREAS, The Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2009 and

WHEREAS, the clerk did receive the agreement from Newport Alliance - 19 Friendship Street Suite G-40 Newport RI 02840 for the towns Drug and Alcohol Testing Program, and

WHEREAS, the agreement, which details in paragraphs 1 – 12 the responsibilities of Newport, the compensation, miscellaneous costs, Compliance, Custody and Control Forms, Terms, Licenses/Certifications, Insurance, Indemnity, Confidentiality, Independent Contractors and Nondiscrimination clauses, and

WHEREAS, in the cover letter signed by Sandra Wahnon- Lopes, Director states that there will be no price increase at this time, Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Kane is hereby directed to sign said contract, in which the pricing remains the same for 2008 - \$48 per drug test and \$30 per alcohol test done at the collection site, \$62 per drug test and \$59 per alcohol test done at client site. Payment will be due net 30 days.

Unanimously adopted

A member of the public asked what EAP was. Councilman Sullivan and Palcovic noted that it is a program employees can go to, to receive counseling on any type of psychiatric, dependence, or stress issue.

At 7:46 pm Councilman Palcovic made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Councilman Sprung seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

At 8:00 pm Councilman Sprung made a motion to exit from the executive session, Councilman Sullivan seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

There were no directives issued as a result of the executive session.

Councilman Sprung updated the board on the Gloversville Transit and the proposed bus run to Caroga Lake. He noted that the Amsterdam run has taken president because Nathan Littauer Hospital could not reach an agreement with CHP. Now Medicaid patients have to transport to other facilities. He noted that a round trip cab trip costs the taxpayers \$40.00, G'ville transit can do it for a substantially lesser amount as the run is both state and federally funded.

Gloversville Transit is looking to develop a loop to Caroga Lake via the Residential Health Care facility. Riders can also purchase transfers or a pass to use the entire bus system. The cost is estimated to be around \$3.00 to \$4.00 one way. We are not really sure what it is going to be yet.

Councilman Palcovic made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit, accept the minutes of the March Town Board meeting, March 19 and 25th work sessions. Councilman Sprung seconded the motion. **Unanimously carried**

Councilman Sprung made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Councilman Sullivan seconded the motion. **Unanimously carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert – RMC
Town Clerk