

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Regular monthly Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday July 9, 2008 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 7:00 pm with the following persons in attendance by Roll Call:

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

Other town officials in attendance were Stephen Jennings – Golf Pro-Greenskeeper-Manager, Town Attorney Edward Skoda, Jack DeWeese Weed Harvesting Coordinator, and Katherine Hillock – Assessor.

A moment of silence was held for Cal Eaton former Planning Board member & Fred Aldinger former Assessor.

Supervisor Kane called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The flag salute was held. Council Member Scribner made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the June meeting.

**Public:**

Mr. Calhoun had asked to speak at this meeting however he was not in attendance.

Dona Goldman asked how the water testing would be done on the lakes this year. One deep and one shallow test will be done on each lake. Mr. Heberer was not present by Sandra Pavlus - clerk answered questions about testing. Mrs. Potocar from West Caroga noted that last year they took 16 samples at a cost of \$336.00. She wondered why only two samples would be sufficient. The company doing the testing needs advance notice of the samples coming in to be processed is needed, it was noted.

It was asked what the status was of a town wide sewer system. Supervisor Kane noted that the municipal building is a priority right now. Letters of interest on this project should be directed to the town board. Ann Nostrand noted that not everyone was not in favor of this project. She wondered how much influence the APA had in the project.

Fred Stumpf noted that road runoff drains into the lakes, which could cause different readings during testing.

Councilman Sullivan noted the importance of having a good plan in place for the testing of the lakes.

**Department Reports:**

Highway – No Report

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Mr. Heberer submitted a building monthly report dated Jan. 1 2008 to July 9 2008. For the past month 27 building permits were issued and 6 sanitation permits were issued.

Dog Control – Mr. Dutcher reported 4 calls for the month.

Golf Course – Mr. Jennings reported, to date, the revenues on the golf course are \$116545.00. He hopes to meet the projected revenues set in the budget. Currently there are 184 members, which is three more than last year. He and his staff have been doing routine maintenance as well as top dressing and verdicuting the greens.

#### BTI – No Report

Weeds –Mr. DeWeese reports that the weed beds are smaller this year. Potamogeton is replacing the Eurasian Milfoil. The quarterly report was submitted per the terms of the grant the town received. He noted that regular meetings are held with his staff. He thanked Mr. Insogna for help with the harvester and Mrs. Donnelly for the use of her property. The air pumps were serviced. Between the evening of July 1 and the morning of July 2, two motors were stolen from the boats used to harvest the weeds. The Fulton Co. Sheriff's Dept. was called. Two motors were borrowed from Canada Lake Marine and two new motors were ordered. The Town's insurance company was notified.

Youth - verbal report given to clerk - 90 children signed up for Summer Recreation. One counselor left, however the Director Desire Hines expects to hire another by the end of the week. Field trips are planned to High Rollers, Pine Lake Beach, the Emerald Theatre, the Great Escape, and Animal Land. There are lots of kids in summer school this year.

Clerk/RMO – The clerk submitted her monthly receipts report. The DECALS computer will need to be hooked up to Time Warner Cable instead of dialup to issue licenses in August. The International Institute of Municipal Clerks training is July 20 thru 24 at Cornell University. The Clerk/Records Management Officer made a binder for each department head on Records Retention & Disposition. The information was from the MU1 Schedule published by New York State Archives. Mrs. Gilbert felt it was important to give out this information in light of a report from the Youth Director Desire Hines that she had destroyed registration records from last year on the program. Those documents have a retention of three years. Each Board member received a copy of the towns procurement policy.

Assessor's Report - Katherine Hillock reported that exemptions were available for cold war veterans. She noted that the town needs to have a public hearing on the exemptions before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Frank Ruggiero of the Social Security Administration reports there are only 200 eligible cold war veterans in Fulton County.

#### **Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Kane – announced the possibility of a new town hall building being built. The board is in the process of receiving estimates to repair or replace the structure. The cost of a new roof was \$216,500.00 there are also structural repairs that need to be done estimated at \$120,960.00, and to remove the asbestos from the building the cost is approx. \$129,149.00. At \$466,600.00 these expenses do not address the problems with water in the basement or the cracked foundation. It was noted that the windows are not energy efficient and the building virtually has no insulation. The board is pricing out a 50 x 100 L shaped building. The space is proposed to house the municipal offices, clinic, highway superintendent, and Golf Course Pro Shop. This project would have to go out for a public vote. The board is looking into low interest loans. The county would do the necessary demolition. The board wants to move forward with the removal of part of the old structure to make way for a utility shed which would support the infrastructure of the existing municipal building.

#### **Committee Reports**

Buildings and Grounds – Councilman Sullivan and Councilman Palcovic, NYMIR conducted an inspection back in April and noted smoke detectors were absent in the highway garage. There is mold in the Highway

superintendent's office. Council Member Scribner called Dept of Transportation today about having more signs on State Highway 10 alerting motorists of the golf course.

Salt & Sand – No Report

Park Creation - Council Member Scribner needs to have a contract drawn up for Mr. Stock as stated in the grant. Attorney Skoda will draw up the document.

Cell Service –Council Member Scribner contacted Senator Betty Little and discussed the course to be taken to get service in Caroga Lake. The senator suggested continuing on with the Local Law and petition.

DEC Landfill monitoring – Councilman Palcovic reported that the second quarter tests were completed. Phoenix Environmental Labs Inc. of 587 E Middle Turnpike Bay 370 Manchester CT 06045 will contact DEC to see if based on previous timely monitoring and results if the frequency of monitoring can be reduced. This item will be removed from the agenda as the monitoring is back on schedule.

**Old Business:**

Tennis Courts – it was noted that the cost of the courts is around \$30,000.00. A resident had asked that this be again discussed at a board meeting.

The Fulton County Planning Board is putting together their 2009 budget contract. The Town of Caroga will be budgeted for \$1500.00 paid by County, with the first 10 hrs free. The board agreed with the projection.

Local Law # 2 – 2006 Attorney Skoda will discuss the wording of the amendment with Mr. Welker at a future date.

*A motion was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Palcovic to go to bid for shingling the golf course roof. Unanimously approved*

**New Business:**

Notice of Petition Index No. 5276-08 Citizens Telecommunications against State Board of Real Property. Attorney Skoda reviewed the document and noted that the current assessment is \$748,565.00 they claim the value should be \$187,041.00.

**RESOLUTION to allow use of municipal building #2008-053**

Offered by Councilman Palcovic

Seconded by Council Member Scribner

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday July 9, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Canada Lake Protective Association contacted the town to ask if they could hold their annual meeting at the Caroga Municipal Building, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga town board does hereby move to allow the use of the building on Saturday July 12, 2008 for the meeting.

Unanimously approved

The Board was notified that the clerk received a Fire Works Application for Pine Lake July 26<sup>th</sup> from Majestic Fireworks, Inc. 29 College St. Clinton NY 13323.

**RESOLUTION Donate Caroga Books to Museum** **#2008-054**

Offered by Council Member Scribner

Seconded by Councilman Sullivan

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held it's regular monthly Town Board meeting on Wednesday July 9, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley Holliday – President of the Caroga Historical Association and Museum asked the town to donate five (5) "Caroga – A Town Recalls Its Past" books to the museum for the purpose of selling the books, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to donate five books to the museum.

Unanimously approved

**RESOLUTION to authorize user agreement - Pictometry** **#2008-055**

Offered by Councilman Palcovic

Seconded by Council Member Scribner

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held it's regular monthly Town Board meeting on Wednesday July 9, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Enforcement Officer, and assessing department is interested in using software and imagery technology, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has executed an agreement with Pictometry International Corporation a Delaware Corporation with offices at 100 Town Center Drive Suite A Rochester NY 14623 now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to have Supervisor Kane sign the Authorized User agreement with the terms being spelled out in a five page agreement with a term from June 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

Unanimously approved

It was noted that in the future there may be a cost for updates. A member of the public thought this program would save the departments time.

Attorney Skoda reviewed a document from Citi which required the signature of the supervisor. This document is a consent assignment of agreement #'s 111-0314244-000 and 111-0284994-000. When the Budget Director returns from vacation she will look up the exact agreements listed. They were thought to be loans on town equipment.

**RESOLUTION to authorize signing of agreement** **#2008-056**

Offered by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Council Member Scribner

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held it's regular monthly Town Board meeting on Wednesday July 9, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, the town was informed by Citi that agreement #111-0314244-000 and 111-0284994-000 were going to be transferred from one lender to another, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga town board does hereby move to authorize Supervisor Kane to sign said agreement upon confirmation of the information by the Budget Director Lita Hillier.

Unanimously approved

The Board discussed the signing of the contracts from CT Male for pre- design services and to move forward with a project for a new utility building and the demolition of the existing old school building. The Board suggested having James Mraz of the Fulton County Planning Department review the documents prior to the supervisor signing the contracts.

**Correspondence:**

Board of Elections added expenses due to new machines

Common Ground Forum 7/16

Josephine Osley letter of complaint building permit issued to contractor without insurance (Mr. Heberer responded that the contractor tried to repair the situation and that he had insurance)

Senator Hugh Farley - status of alienation process

Fulton County Local Law #1-2008 establishing exemption for cold war veterans

Fulton Co. Local Law # 2- 2008 amending Local Law #1 redefine service requirements & eliminate refilling requirements

Fulton Co. Res. # 282 increasing max. income eligibility level for senior citizens property tax exemption

**RESOLUTION to direct ZBA & Planning Board to hold a joint dinner meeting #2008-057**

Offered by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Council Member Scribner

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday July 9, 2008 and

**WHEREAS**, the town board discussed holding the annual joint meeting of the Planning and Zoning Boards of the Town of Caroga this year, Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to direct said boards to hold a joint dinner meeting at the Broken Dock also known as the Nick Stoner Inn. The date of the meeting will be August 6, 2008.

Unanimously approved

Council Member Scribner made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit, accept the minutes of the June meeting and the June 4<sup>th</sup> work session with the planning board. Councilman Palcovic seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert RMC  
Town Clerk