

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Caroga Town Board work session held Monday September 22, 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 - Here  
Council Member Valerie Scribner - Here  
Councilman Robert Sullivan - Here

Mr. Selmsler republican candidate for supervisor was the other person in attendance.

Supervisor Kane announced that the bids were in on the asbestos removal project that CT Male put out to bid. The lowest bid was for \$23,950 from Atlantic Contracting & Specialties 1 Harrison Troy NY 12180 (518) 272-2715.

Councilman Sprung asked if the town had heard anything from Senator Farley's office about the \$50,000.00 available from his office. Supervisor Kane responded that it is coming. He noted that the money to pay for this is covered.

Councilman Palcovic stated that this is the bid for removal but wondered if additional payment would be necessary for air sampling. Supervisor Kane thought the air sampling was part of what the town is paying for.

Councilman Palcovic thought the air sampling would be done by another vendor. The cost may have been included somewhere.

Councilman Sprung stated that we had to go forward with this. He asked to see if the air sampling was included with the price. Supervisor Kane indicated that he would check.

**RESOLUTION to accept recommendations by CT Male #2008-083**

Offered by Councilman Palcovic

Seconded by Councilman Sprung

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held a work session on Monday September 22, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, the board was notified by CT Male that the lowest bidder to remove asbestos from the original building (white school house) and the rear addition was Atlantic Contracting & Specialties 1 Harrison Troy NY 12180 (518) 272-2715 with a price of \$23,950.00, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the low bid to remove the asbestos.

Unanimously adopted

Discussion – Council Member Scribner asked which part of the building will be done and when will the work be done. Supervisor Kane explained that it is all in the original building. The rear addition is where the utility building will be built. The town is going to take it down.

Councilman Sullivan asked if the town is going forward with the utility building this year. CT Male is scheduled to come up later this week with the finished plans. Councilman Sprung asked if the board all agreed that the utility building is necessary. Supervisor Kane noted there would be a 400- amp underground entrance in there. All utilities and service will be centralized in that building. The furnace has been planned out by Adirondack Mechanical.

Council Member Scribner asked if this was being bid separate. The other board members noted that this was a total bid. It is broken down as requested. “This was the fail safe if the original building came into the hundred thousand dollars, which we could not finance.”

Mr. Selmsler asked why the price was \$100,000.00 less than the estimate given in their reports. The board responded that is because the asbestos removal in the brick building was included in that figure.

Supervisor Kane asked the board where we stood on the location of the new building. Was it going to be here? Councilman Sprung first stated that we have to have the figures on the new building or repair the existing one. The board discussed a letter from Mr. Fenzl regarding the recently alienated property. Mr. Fenzl asked the board to explore the possibility of developing a master plan for a town municipal center on that property. “There are many advantages of having Town Hall, the highway garage, and a salt barn at one location.” Councilman Sprung thought in this economic situation a project of this type would be a huge undertaking. Mr. Insogna indicated to the supervisor that he was not in favor of the plan. Councilman Palcovic felt we were already heavily involved with engineering costs up here regardless of the demolition process, to reinitiate the engineering costs down at another site. Councilman Sullivan noted that up here we have invested in the geological site tests, and already have an existing water supply septic system, and driveway. Council Member Scribner stated “if we ever have to, if you’re ever going to put the barn over there you are going to have to put all that stuff in for them too.” Council member Scribner wants to “do whatever’s the best financially feasible for this town and the taxpayers. Whatever it takes to keep this project at the lowest amount of money that we can do it at.”

Supervisor Kane gave the proposed plans to John Allen he works for a company that has a computer program that can figure cost analysis. Everything was economical, frost wall, concrete floor, carpeting, 2 x 6 construction, fully insulated, ½” CDX on the outside, house wrap vinyl siding and thermopane windows, sheetrock inside and suspended ceilings, the trusses, 30 year architectural shingles on the roof and a vent ridge and hot water heat. This will give the town a comparison with what CT Male is preparing.

Later this week CT Male will give the board figures to fix the water removal downstairs and the cracks in the building. The board members wanted this information so they could be well versed for questions from the public.

Councilman Palcovic suggested reviewing some of engineering packages CT Male has provided as they contain a lot of information about what is deficient in the existing building. CT Male is supposed to furnish color pictures for the meeting.

Some board members thought there would be a large turnout for the meeting. Councilman Sullivan said there was information published by Mr. McLain distributed around town. "He brings up valid points but it is questions no one has asked us to this point."

In the long term there will be a cost to demolish the brick structure. The metal joists can be salvaged. The town will get a significant reduction in the cost to take construction & debris to the mud road landfill. The Fulton County Landfill will take the asbestos material. Councilman Sullivan wondered if the low bidder knows that mud road is available to dispose of our asbestos.

CT Male will be present at the forum. Councilman Sprung was concerned that the public stay under control, and are not rude during the presentation. The board discussed the format for Tuesday night. The information will be presented and then there will be a question and answer period. There will not be any debates. People will be removed if they are disorderly at the meeting. There will be a handout at the meeting. The board will pickup the paperwork before the meeting at town hall.

The board discussed setting a date for a work session on the budget -Thursday 9-25-08 at 7:00pm. (This meeting was later canceled)

A couple of board members were concerned about the budget sheets being submitted. The golf course dept. head is budgeting for a computer system for watering. It was noted that this is a future budget item. Supervisor Kane discussed a five-year plan for equipment on the golf course, which Mr. Jennings agrees to. The highway department should also have a five-year plan.

Wheelerville School is getting a new truck in November. The supervisor was more or less asked last week if the town wanted the old truck for a dollar. We collect their garbage and push back snow for them etc. Council Member Scribner wanted to be sure this could be done legally. The municipal building would get use of the new truck and the highway superintendent would continue to use his truck and the ford truck now used for the municipal building.

Supervisor Kane spoke to Bruce Busch adjacent property owner. He claims the markers in his back yard put in by CT Male are wrong. He doesn't own that much. Mr. Busch had his son, who is a surveyor resurvey the property. CT Male and Mr. Ackerbauer need to discuss the survey.

Brad Dake wants to know if there is any state land in the town that the board would like to obtain/swap. The board will think about this issue. They are not prepared to give him an answer

right now. Supervisor Kane wondered if there was a parcel of state owned land with sand on it that the highway department could utilize. Councilman Sullivan noted that this is a dream for Mr. Dake. Legislation is a ways down the road. Councilman Palcovic thought a mining permit would take years to obtain. Supervisor Kane said the highway superintendent knows of a parcel of land he would like to purchase to haul sand out of but the cost is \$100,000.00 for 20 acres. Councilman Sullivan did note that the town has to look for the future.

The Board discussed the sign for the Glenn H. Harris Memorial Park. The same picture that is on the signs posted at the entrance to the town will be use on this sign also. A Town Court sign will also be made.

There was an article in the local newspaper on shared municipal services grants. The Caroga Court may be able to provide space for other municipalities courtroom use. Councilman Palcovic noted that a resolution would need to be passed by all effected jurisdictions.

Supervisor Kane announced that a CD is coming due for \$60,000.00. He is checking on rates, Mrs. Hillier wants to roll it over. He is trying to get 5% for 12 months.

“I screwed up. I thought in order to get a resolution on the ballot all you did was type it up and submit it. Come to find out I’m wrong.” Supervisor Kane stated. “There is a waiting period on this. I talked to Skoda and he’s going to see if we can’t get a vote in December. He said it is too late to get it in November.”

Supervisor Kane reminded the board of the budget session on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. He asked when the next meeting was besides that? Council Member Scribner responded Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

At 7:40 pm Councilman Palcovic made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert – RMC  
Town Clerk