

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Caroga Town Board year-end meeting held Tuesday December 29, 2009 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 7:00 pm with the following persons in attendance by Roll Call:

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

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Following the flag salute, Supervisor Selmsler announced that the purpose of the meeting was to make the necessary year-end budget transfers as necessary. There were expenditures that were over budget. In some cases in the highway department there were excess funds in the health insurance areas that will compensate some expense areas where expenses were higher than anticipated. The contingency fund was used in the amount of just under \$15,000.00 (\$14,300.00) over the course of the year, Supervisor Selmsler figured. He stated, "Our final numbers will see that the expenses will probably come in significantly under the budget, and that some of the statements I have been making about financial conditions year to date have indicated that and ... net at the end of the year we'll probably show anywhere from \$70,000.00 to \$90,000.00 probably less expensive than what we have budgeted for. Unfortunately some of our revenues were down." The board commented that the town is on the right road to being in good shape.

Supervisor Selmsler stated that we would have more funds in the bank at year-end vs. where we started at the beginning of the year. We will need them probably with the outlook for next year. We know the revenues sources are going to be up tax wise.

Supervisor Selmsler asked for a resolution to accept the budget transfers presented to the board.

**RESOLUTION to make necessary 2009 year-end budget transfers #2009-086**

Offered by Councilman Sprung

Seconded by Council Member Scribner

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held its year-end meeting on December 29, 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, a legal notice was placed in the Leader Herald newspaper requesting that all claims against the town of Caroga must be submitted by December 28, 2009 on December 14, 2009, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to make the following transfers as indicated below.

To: A1110.4 – Justice C.E.	\$ 668.82	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$ 668.82
To: A1220.2 – Supervisor E.Q.	\$ 247.83	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$ 247.83
To: A1220.4 – Supervisor C.E.	\$ 873.64	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$ 873.64
To: A1340.4 – Budget C.E.	\$ 150.00	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$ 150.00
To: A1410.4 – Town Clerk C.E.	\$ 147.30	
From: A1410.11 – Deputy Town Clerk P.S.		\$ 147.30
To: A1420.4 – Attorney C.E.	\$12,848.35	
From: A9060.8 – Health Insurance		\$12,848.35
To: A1620.2 – Buildings E.Q.	\$21,707.20	
From: A1620.1 – Buildings P.S.		\$ 4,000.00
From: A1440.4 – Engineer C.E.		\$ 6,703.00
From: A9060.8 - Health Insurance		\$11,014.20
To: A1620.4 – Buildings C.E.	\$ 7,000.00	
From: A9060.8 – Health Insurance		\$ 7,000.00
To: A1620.41 – Multi-Seasonal Park	\$ 1,472.15	
From: A1620.42 – Golf Course Bldg. C.E.		\$ 1,472.15
To: A1670.4 – Central Mail/Print	\$ 100.00	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$ 100.00
To: A3620.2 – Code Enforcement E.Q.	\$ 262.74	
From: A3620.4 – Code Enforcement C.E.		\$ 262.74
To: A5132.4 – Highway Garage C.E.	\$ 8,000.00	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$ 6,000.00
From: A7550.4 – Celebrations		\$ 1,000.00
From: A9060.8 – Health Insurance		\$ 8,000.00

To: DA5110.1 – General Repairs P.S.	\$ 5,856.00	
From: DA5110.4 – General Repairs C.E.		\$ 5,856.00
To: DA5130.4 – Machinery C.E.	\$12,000.00	
From: DA5130.2 – Machinery E.Q.		\$12,000.00
To: DA5142.1 – Snow Removal P.S.	\$ 9,000.00	
From: DA5120.4 – Bridges C.E.		\$ 9,000.00
To: DA9030.8 – Social Security	\$ 300.00	
From: DA9010.8 – Retirement		\$ 300.00
To: DA9720.7 – Statutory Bond Interest	\$ 44.36	
From: DA5130.2 – Machinery E.Q.		\$ 44.36

Unanimously Carried

Councilman Sullivan explained to the board about a program he has on his computer at work that allows him to gain access to the work computer at home. You cannot hack into it he stated. That is what he thinks he would like to see us do here with the budget director in the future 2011. There would be a mainframe computer that everyone goes into to be used as a unit as opposed to piecemeal the way it is now. He would like to budget for it next year. Some money was put into the budget for next year for equipment upgrades. Individual components would not be necessary like what the assessor is purchasing.

Mrs. Hillier is looking at new accounting programs. The vendors have come up with creative ways to extend the payments or reduce the payments or some of the fees that were initially presented to us. The intent is to do something with that next year with all the towns. The cost will be spread out over a couple of years probably. Council Member Scribner asked if there was a need to have access to the information from home.

Councilman Sullivan responded that he did not think he would have a need for it. Supervisor Selmser thought he might want remote access. The supervisor thought the golf course and highway dept. might be able to utilize links to track certain information. His examples were for a vehicle history, maintenance records, and purchases. Some other towns were doing this.

The board members were interested in having maintenance records of the town vehicles. Supervisor Selmser has this on his to do list. The board will be monitoring this so there are no legal or insurance ramifications.

Council Member Scribner would like the golf course to have a computer.

The census bureau sent a request for use of a 10 x 10 area for the 15-week period of time to help people fill out census forms.

**RESOLUTION to allow use of the municipal building** **#2009-087**

Offered by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilman Sprung

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caroga Town Board held its year-end meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, the town clerk received a fax from the U.S. Census Bureau asking for use of a 10 x 10 space for the period of time between February 25, 2010 and April 19, 2010 in which to interview and assist residents in the region with filling out paperwork for the 2010 Census, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to allow the use of the building for the period of time between February 25<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>, not to exceed 15 hours per week.

Unanimously Carried

**RESOLUTION Honoring Robert Sprung** **#2009-088**

Offered by Supervisor Selmsner

Seconded by the Entire Board

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caroga Town Board held its year-end meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution is to recognize the services of Robert Sprung, Councilman, Code Enforcement Officer, Sanitation Inspector, and Board of Assessment Review Member for the Town of Caroga, and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Sprung did serve the residents of the Town of Caroga as Town Councilman having been elected to said position on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2002 until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2009, and was appointed to serve as Code Enforcement Officer on April 10, 1991 until August 19, 1994, and as Sanitation Officer from January 1, 2000 until December 31, 2001, and as Assessment Review board member from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1999, and

**WHEREAS**, The officers of the Town and all of its people have valued his honesty, his knowledge, his guidance, his community pride, and are deeply grateful of all of his hard work at the town level of government to make the Town of Caroga a better place to live.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroga by this resolution expresses their deepest appreciation, and gratitude to Robert Sprung and wishes him good health, contentment, and achievements in the future.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroga desires the town clerk to furnish a copy of this resolution to Robert Sprung.

**ADOPTED**, by unanimous vote taken at the Town Board of the Town of Caroga this 29th day of December 2009.

The board members thanked Mr. Sprung for his years of service

Supervisor Selmsler noted that he recently had meetings with cell phone companies at the Pinnacle and at Royal Mountain. Negotiations are underway with Larry Eckler to seal a contract. Jim Blaise is also being asked for a commitment. The second company did a balloon test on the town property and have indicated that a tower toward the front of the property is a better option. It is more visible from the golf course if located in the back. A representative will be at the next board meeting. The town attorney has a contract. Copies will be given to the board members. The attorney will also be at the meeting. The second company is talking about a second tower not within the Town of Caroga. Supervisor Selmsler suggest a spot for them to look at in Ephratah on 29 near the transfer station. These two companies build the towers. They do not provide cell service. Independent Company is looking for a piece of property 75 x 75 to construct a small building and one or two towers and fence it off. Power would be run underground and the town would receive a monthly rental fee and an assessment for equipment they have on site – getting some tax money on it. Conversely other sites can be assessed higher. Once everyone is onboard then the companies contact the providers. If they are interested then they will proceed. They won't just build towers unless the APA OK's everything etc. It was noted that the towers wouldn't necessarily be on the top of the mountains as access roads are necessary.

One of the companies is working with AT & T already. The other company is doing things with the county emergency systems and state emergency systems – trying to tie us in. Homeland Security is pressing the APA to make a lot of this happen. They are a national company with money behind them and are aggressive. It was noted that there already is spotty service in part of Caroga Lake.

The Board members were given copies of the resolutions to be voted on at the Annual Association of Towns in February and were asked to review them.

Supervisor Selmsler asked the board to review the classes being offered at the Lake Placid conference in March. Councilman Sullivan may be interested in attending.

Councilman Sprung made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting. Council Member Scribner seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

At 7:31 pm Councilman Sprung made his final motion to adjourn. Councilman Sullivan seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert – RMC  
Caroga Town Clerk