

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the regular monthly Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday June 12, 2024 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 6:30 pm with the following persons in attendance by roll call. The flag salute followed.

Supervisor Ralph J. Palcovic - Here
Council Member John Glenn – Here
Council Member Barbara DeLuca – Here
Council Member Richard Sturgess – Here
Council Member Matthew Cooper – Here

Department heads in attendance Jeremy Manning – Bike Trail, Mike Kunath – BTI, Steve Stedman – Golf Course, John Olm – Boat Wash Lake Stewards, Walter Hogan – Weed Harvesting Coordinator, Zack Vosburg facilitated the zoom meeting. At the start of the meeting there were 8 signed in on Zoom, at the height there were 15 participants and as the meeting adjourned there were 13.

Supervisor Palcovic asked if anyone wanted to read the minutes of the May meeting, hearing no response the Supervisor went into department report.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Mr. Manning thanked the highway department for their help in assisting the state with putting in a new culvert pipe. The other was old and blocked.

The trails are wide open, and riding great. There has been a lot of rain but it has helped things.

Their first event was last weekend. It was an enduro series race. There were 65 riders. GT Bikes was there with a demo fleet. It was part of a demo tour. They came from San Diego and were in Killington VT and stopped in Caroga. There are two more races scheduled this summer, along with the festival which is the 24 & 25 of August. Mr. Manning was recently contacted by the Eastern States Cup, they are the largest bike promoter in the northeast. They run massive downhill bike races throughout the spring, summer, and fall. They are looking for a new venue next year, and they are interested in doing it here. They bring in up to 300 – 400 racers per event. Mr. Manning stated we would get a percentage of the registration, and vending fees. They sent him a writeup, which was sent to the supervisor, on what our responsibilities would be along with theirs. We need to look at places for RV parking. We could collect fees for that. Mr. Manning stated we need to come up with a vending policy for the town. Mr. Manning recommended a minimum fee and a percent of their takings. It is very common he stated. Right now, for our festival people come up and sell food and beer and we don't have any taking on that.

Council Member DeLuca asked if we have enough trails for 300 riders? Mr. Manning replied we have enough. We may have to cut one new trail before the event. They want hard trails. We have four that qualify now. Mr. Manning stated they could tape the woods. The riders ride it in. We are smaller compared to some of the other places, but our reputation is growing about our trails. They reached out to the town. They haven't looked at our trails but a lot of the racers have been here and talked about our trails.

Supervisor Palcovic's concern is the infrastructure, to contain and park the multitude of cars. He stated we have to come through the logistics for parking. Though we park along the road and have a permit for this volume we have to find alternate parking. Supervisor Palcovic is in favor of it and looks forward to having it. Mr. Manning stated the town would be looking at up to \$10,000.00 alone in registration fees.

Supervisor Palcovic noted at the county tourism meeting the Wheelerville Trails are discussed at every meeting as positive tourism. The county is pushing tourism. No decision would be made on this until winter but the talk of it will bring a bump of people here to check out the trails a few months before and then after too from the exposure. Mr. Manning stated we don't have a problem with ridership now.

BTI – Mr. Kunath reported that the applicators are still out in the field. They are still finding larva. It has been a crazy wet year, but he thinks it is under control now. He has not had any reports of major black flies. He spoke with the Town of Stratford BTI Director Mike Sokira. He wants to hold a class this winter. Mr. Kunath would conduct the class with him and look to hire another applicator. The one applicator dropped out so he wants to fill that spot.

Sole Assessor – No Report from the Assessor.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – The Tax Collector's books are here for audit. The clerk notified the board that next month during the week of the board meeting she will be out of the office. There is a family wedding that week. Everything will be ready for the meeting and the clerk will attend the meeting. She asked that agenda items and reports be submitted early, by July 1st.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – a written report was submitted by Mr. Fancher. Supervisor Palcovic stated he has been very busy. He received his score back from civil service. The Town has to update his status from probationary to permanent employee. The supervisor stated the county recognizes him as being a civil service employee.

The report states that 28 permits were issued in the last month. Their value is over one million dollars. Fees collected were \$5225.00. Thirty-five inspections were done on open permits. There is significant housing upgrading and construction going on throughout the town.

As far as cleaning up the town. Four appearance tickets were issued. Eight letters for remedy of violation notices went out. A car that has been there since 2011 has been removed. Supervisor Palcovic stated to the public that we are working on blight. Some cases are still in front of the judge. Someone did not show up to court and a warrant was issued.

Short Term Rental (STR) inspections are going well. Several have called stating they are no longer going to rent anymore; another is putting the property up for sale. Supervisor Palcovic noted we are waiting for the governor to sign into law the state's STR regulations. Both legislators have signed off on the law.

Dog Control – Supervisor Palcovic had a report from Mr. Dutcher. The DCO has dealt with one dog bite in the last 30 days. Because we use the Brennan Humane Society the Town received a copy of their annual inspection report. Ag. & Markets gave a satisfactory rating for the shelter inspection on 5/29/24. Supervisor Palcovic stated there has been a dog running around for well over a week. Today he was spotted on Fisher Road by a Council Member. The DCO has a live trap as does the Sheriff's Department. We don't know if the dog is lost or has been dumped. We are making an effort to capture it. It is a big dog and well fed. We are trying to control this poor dog. Many hours are being spent to save the dog.

Golf Course – Mr. Stedman gave an update on the irrigation system and sod work. He noted that he has budgeted about \$5,000.00 for sod to do #10 & # 4 tee boxes. There was a mishap at the pump house. The bladder tank blew a hole in the bottom while they were charging it. It holds air for the system. Luckily no one was near it. A new tank is \$3,800.00 to \$4,000.00. A part was ordered in hopes of repairing it. Mr. Stedman called the pump company, they said we can run it but not for the entire summer like this.

The money to sod #4 was used for the pump. #4 has been seeded. It won't be sodded. The cost was going to be about \$5,00.00 for 6000 sq ft of sod. "It used to be like \$0.30 a square foot now it is like \$3.00 a sq ft." Hole #10 is fully done sodded – a new tee box. Mr. Stedman plans to open it the end of next week. The following week it will be aerified, top dressed and more seed put down on it.

One major repair to the irrigation system has been dug up and fixed. A few of the sprinkler heads have been replaced. He will be spraying next week as the hot weather and high humidity is a breeding ground for turf disease.

Mr. Stedman reported on the influx of league play. The Monday/Wednesday morning leagues had about 31 guys this morning. The men's Vrooman's League on Tuesday afternoon has 115 players. There were 87 players yesterday. The Vrooman's Ladies league has about 40, with about 30 something out there now. There are eight couples in the couple's league on Monday afternoon.

Fulton County Soils and Water were contacted about some drainage projects on the back, holes #10 & #15. They will come up and give the town a hand with this project. They have equipment, we will buy the pipe and stone. This is a late October/November project.

The highway department will lend their chipper to the golf course for another project. Mr. Stedman stated he is "running out of dump room to dump stuff." This will be done also in November as he continues to push back the edges.

Mr. Stedman has been collecting bottles and cans. He will give them to the summer recreation program as requested by the director Colleen Graves. He has about six or seven 55-gallon bags of cans and bottles off the golf course.

Supervisor Palcovic stated before the chipper is used by the golf course staff, he wants to make sure they are trained by some qualified highway department workers. It is a high-risk piece of equipment.

Highway – Mr. Voght submitted a written report. Supervisor Palcovic read that he is requesting to bid on a Cat Loader that has been declared excess from the County of Fulton. He is also requesting the purchase of a new pickup truck from Van Bortel. He is requesting to sell the 2019 F350 for a minimum bid of \$25,000.00. The report stated blacktopping begins June 20th. People should expect delays on the roads.

Under routine updates Mr. Voght stated he was milling some of the dirt roads. Supervisor Palcovic stated the paving to be done on Everson Rd., North Shore Road, North Branch Road, Garlock Road, Kirchens Grove, and Vrooman Road will have to be approved by the Town Board this evening to go forward.

Lakes Management Program – Supervisor Palcovic stated he knows there is a lot of data, there is a lot going on – we don't need to get into all the details with the permits. We are in the go forward mode.

Mr. Hogan gave a quick update so people understand. When a permit is submitted to Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) which we did months ago that is to justify the need – to get rid of milfoil. Five to ten days before the doing the application you are also required to submit two other forms. One is a pesticide discharge management plan, and also submit a permit to actually put the ProcellaCOR in the lake. One form did not upload so without the form, application of ProcellaCOR was delayed. There was quite a paper trail on this.

Supervisor Palcovic complimented Mr. Hogan on his due diligence on this.

Mr. Hogan noted when we applied for Procella COR, we did a lot of work, studies, surveys, and educational reading was done to make sure what we were doing was appropriate. The most common concern he was presented with was “you cannot DUMP chemicals in our lakes.” He was not pleased with the article in the newspaper using the word dump. We are not haphazardly throwing chemicals into this water. We are not. This will be looked at as a multi-year process along with other options.

Mr. Hogan mentioned the Minnesota labeling of ProcellaCOR as a forever chemical. They are the only state in the country that believes that. DEC, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) don't believe it.

The divers will start working with the harvester next week.

John Olm submitted a report to the board earlier today for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program. He presented a summary of the data that from the Adirondack Water Shed Institute. The staff at the various sites were responsible for collecting this data May 24 – June 10th.

Town Boat Wash Station -32 water craft were inspected 24 of which were also decontaminated. No aquatic invasive species were identified. Most were coming out of storage. Stewards provided advice to 55 visitors on best practices to follow to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

NYSDEC East Caroga Lake Campground Launch a total of 81 water craft were inspected. Eurasian Milfoil was found and removed from a boat. Stewards provided advice to 113 visitors on best practices to follow to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

West Lake Fishing Access Site Launch a total of 326 water craft were inspected. No aquatic invasive species were detected, however non-invasive vegetation was removed from three watercrafts. Stewards provided advice to 558 visitors on best practices to follow to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Mr. Olm noted that Mr. Harazin sent an email to the board on an overview of the town's aquatic invasive species prevention program.

Supervisor Palcovic noted how the town is working through professionals and volunteer support to protect our waterways. We are making an effort to minimize.

Mr. Harazin was on zoom and reported there were some equipment issues with the startup of the Adirondack Watershed Institute reporting program. He will get information out to the lake associations and to those doing short term rentals to let the renters know that boats have to be cleaned, drained, and dry.

After the lakes meeting in May Mr. Harazin did some research on local ordinances used to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic species. He provided one from the Town of Schroon from 2012. He is looking to have a Caroga Ordinance so there are some teeth in the enforcement for the enforcement officers, or DEC officers.

Mr. Harazin also noted in looking to qualify for grants one thing he looked up is water quality, and the ways to protect water quality. He stated that salt infiltration has occurred in our lakes with the highest being in East Caroga and the second in West Caroga. He is looking for ways to address that. He knows the town has taken efforts to reduce the use of salt. There are new techniques out there. He will meet with the Highway Superintendent from Hamilton County who was on a task force to learn from him. Funding is available from the state for salt reduction. One example is a shed to cover the sand salt mixture, and live edge plows. Maybe we can apply for funding.

Council Member Glenn noted that the annual meeting was held on May 15th. They talked about protection of the lakes and the environment. One thing they discussed was a local ordinance. He knows it will be difficult to do, but thinks the board should look at it. The board just received this information today. Supervisor Palcovic stated a work session should be held on this.

Town Hall Building – Council Member Cooper reported that the maintenance person cleaned up and treated the front door to the building. It looks 100 better than it has for a long time. He was informed this afternoon that there may be a problem with the sump pump in the basement. It will be investigated.

Supervisor Palcovic reported the gym cleanup continues. There is a latex paint disposal at Vrooman's on Saturday morning. Some of what is in the gym will go there. The Supervisor stated whenever a need is identified Mr. Baker does a good job for us. Supervisor Palcovic brought ½ of his truck bed full of electronics to the transfer station. It has been declared excess and unusable. There are still some old PC's to get rid of. A load of metal scrap is gone. The plan was for the highway department to load it up and take it for scrap but it would not have been cost effective due to man power and labor. The Supervisor put it out there for the public to come and get it and it immediately disappeared. This saved the town time and materials to take it away.

Caroga Tourism Committee – Council Member DeLuca reported that the committee is diligently working on the website. They have had some bumps. She hopes to have something up in the next couple of weeks. They are working on a Labor Day and Halloween celebration.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Palcovic previously touched on the notification from Civil Service that Mr. Fancher's status change. Documentation will need to be provided.

The Supervisor reported on a meeting he had with CT Male on the legacy spill near the current highway barn. He wants to find out if any contamination may exist. He wants to do an environmental assessment of the area.

Several months ago, the town posted on the website that they were seeking a grant writer. He met with a new part time resident Jennifer Montalbano. She gave him her resume and has a very good track record in the grant writing arena. He will meet with her again. There is money in the budget for grant writing and he hopes to obtain more funds for the town for a new highway garage and for a couple of other misc. things that may pop up. Grants are usually time stamped. We have people here who have written grants they are a lot of work.

*****Public Comments and Questions***

Paul Kidder – asked what the status was on the golf course club house building. Council Member Sturgess responded that we are at the point right now where we are talking a modular type structure – modular type dimensions for the club house for the top. He stated it would be simple- toning it down. He stated there would be a basement underneath to potentially support a future Town hall if need be. It was confirmed it would be Adirondack style. Supervisor Palcovic and Council Member Cooper met with the architect yesterday. They have come up with a conceptual design. They walked the area of where the old club house was. We are in the go forward mode. A drawing will be available soon to present to the public. Engineering still has to be done. Breaking ground in the spring would be more likely. The Supervisor knows this has dragged on. We have the insurance money and the architect knows what our financial limitations are.

Jim Miller - of Irving Pond Road showed the board prior to the meeting of a tree arching over Irving Pond Road. The board understood this needed to be addressed.

Allen Fiedler on zoom asked how the grant writer might pair with.... It seems the cart is before the horse. The horse would be bringing particular activity, community leadership buy in and participation. Then grant writing would be a sub set or sub activity of those three precursors.

Supervisor Palcovic replied as far as having a conceptual plan before applying for a grant... is that what you are...

Mr. Fiedler stated he thought we “needed a community of individuals that have a vested interest in umm... what it is going to take to implement umm... to spend the money from this grant.”

Council Member Sturgess thought the general concept is to take the current plans we have now that we are working on and see if the grant writer can write for such and such a project. We are not talking about applying for a bunch of grants and if you get the money then deciding where it is going to go. It doesn't work that way.

Supervisor Palcovic stated we have the conceptual plan for a new highway garage which is going to cost far more than was projected. He would look for support to build a new garage. Weekly grants pop up. If we can find an infrastructure grant, they are out there from the state and Federal Government. If we have a professional that can put the right words on the right lines of the document our odds are better. Mr. Fiedler thanked the supervisor for the clarification.

Jed Potocar voiced his support for the board looking at the ordinance for the mandatory inspection/boat washing. The state has something in place but it is self-report. Something with teeth or with a fine might do it. He thought maybe a sticker system or punch card.

Supervisor Palcovic voiced his concern over the actual enforcement. Would citations be issued by a certified peace officer. Local law enforcement is thin. ENCON is out there equally as thin. How do we get them in front of the judge? Mr. Potocar stated at the May 15 meeting they talked about everyone contacting their legislators. He wanted random checks by the Encon officer. He stated we have a ranger who will follow you ½ mile in the woods to check for a fishing license. He thought they could stop a car or two and ask if they have a stamp for the boat.

Mr. Potocar noted that West Caroga Lake is doing a lot of water testing. They were a part of the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program – (ALAP), and Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) this year they are doing some bacteriological testing. Fourteen samples have been taken out of West Caroga Lake. They are looking at fecal matter and E-coli. They found an agency that will give the actual number count. The state has certain thresholds for swimming if it is a public beach.

Supervisor Palcovic stated this is another step toward an environmentally conscious town.

Mr. Olm wanted to say the lake stewards, and DECON stewards were recently provided with certification cards to issue. These cards are issued following a satisfactory inspection which may require decontamination of the water craft. If someone does not go to the boat wash station but has a card from another location, depending on the issuance date, and if the time period is satisfactory they can launch. Cards are supposed to be surrendered upon launch. If a boat is washed at our station, then launched up at West Lake fishing access launch. The card is shown to the lake steward and an inspection is not necessary. This is a new process. This is a step in the

right direction. If an inspection is done and considered unsatisfactory the boat owner is asked to go to the boat wash station. Lake Stewards are not peace officers. They do not have the authority to deny someone to launch their boat. They can take a license plate number down and contact DEC.

James Brady stated he has “worked for the highway department for almost 3 years. It has been the most bizarre three years of his entire life. We have an elected official that we have been battling and battling since I’ve been there. Since other people have been there. We have gone union to protect ourselves from the bullying, from the chaos.” Mr. Brady listed the names of Tim Cheney, Jason Busch, Jimmy Hext, Ronny, Henry Snell, Matt Clark, and Mike Voght Sr. “Very top-notch fellows, very experienced. Everyone one of these people have left due to our highway superintendent.” Mr. Brady stated he has a list of a lot of incidents that need to be investigated by the town and the town’s people. Mr. Brady stated he’s “had enough.” The town should have had enough. “We are being robed blind; we are being mistreated. It has become an emotional and mental battle. I am here to say that he is incompetent mentally to handle the job. He has run off too many good people.” Mr. Brady stated he is bargaining with the union now to deal with him. But it is not dealing with the union anymore. it’s who put him in there. We did. The board did, our people did. “Our people deserve to know the truth. He has stolen. These are not accusations. There is truth.” He stated he has it right here (indicating some papers). He believes that the town, and the town board, and the towns people need to start investigating this.” Mr. Brady offered to help in any which way he can. “Inappropriate sexual innuendos at public meetings. Inappropriate sexual texting to young girls at our local store.”

Supervisor Palcovic asked Jim to “tone it down a little bit please.” The Supervisor suggested discussing this in an executive session. Mr. Brady wanted to do that but he wanted the town people to know.

Council Member DeLuca asked Mr. Brady to send that information to the town board. This would be the first step in dealing with the complaint. Supervisor Palcovic stated this can’t be dealt with in public. The Supervisor stated they would talk to Mr. Brady in an executive session.

At 7:28 pm the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Old Business:

Appoint Committee to update Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member DeLuca noted the first thing to be done is to made a resolution to rescind RESOLUTION #2024-046 a resolution to appoint a special board of five individuals to review, amend and update the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Caroga.

RESOLUTION #2024-069 to amend RESOLUTION #2024-046 a resolution to appoint a special board of five individuals to review, amend and update the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Caroga was offered by Council Member DeLuca at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 12, 2024.

WHEREAS, at the April 10, 2024 meeting RESOLUTION #2024-046 was adopted, and

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board desires to change the number of Comprehensive Plan Committee members from five to seven, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to amend RESOLUTION #2024-046 making the committee to review the Comprehensive Plan from a five-member board to a seven-member board.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Discussion: Council Member Sturgess asked what was the reasoning for going from 5 to 7 members. Supervisor Palcovic stated it was because we have seven public members who would like to step up and be part of that team. Council Member DeLuca stated that one of the recommendations in the development of the Comprehensive Plan is diversity. The group is very diverse. Everyone brings something different. Council Member DeLuca stated the guidelines for the Comprehensive Plan she thought would be very well addressed by this group of people. She wanted enough people to get the input we need to develop a good Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Cooper asked if seven was the right number or should there be more. Council Member DeLuca thought seven was the right number as far as she was concerned. This board will work with the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals. The Supervisor thought this was a good number for span of control. Council Member Glenn asked if the head of the Planning & Zoning Boards vet these people? Council Member DeLuca stated these people came to the board. They expressed an interest. It is recommended that members of the Planning & Zoning Boards be on the committee. Supervisor Palcovic stated the group also interfaces with the county. This is about the future. Council Member Sturgess thought the board would interview candidates in an executive session to figure out what they have to offer, rather than a one-page resume. Council Member DeLuca thought that would be micro managing. This group is supposed to be an independent group. The group brings back the plan, for the future of Caroga, to the board. This also goes to the county planning department. Council Member DeLuca noted the Town of Johnstown put out a Facebook post that said what do you want to see in your town in the next 20-25 years. That was one method they used. Each person is known to the board. Council Member DeLuca showed the board a guidelines document on putting together a Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Sturgess noted the board would review what the committee puts together. Council Member Cooper asked if there was a quarterly review of the committee by the town board for a status update. Does the board give them an end date to have a completed product? Supervisor Palcovic stated some criteria could be established. Council Member DeLuca thought 6 months. Supervisor Palcovic and Council Member Cooper thought one year. Council Member Cooper asked if the board gives them criteria or do we just let them go? Council Member DeLuca explained there is criteria. The existing plan is a base model. It was noted by Council Member Cooper that to get a grant they like you to have to an updated Comprehensive Plan. Council Member DeLuca stated there isn't a time for how long this should take. The clerk noted that at a training she attended on Comprehensive Plans it was said it is good to have a town board member on the committee. The clerk asked what would happen if the committee goes in one direction when the board was going in the other direction. Two board members thought it would influence the committee. Council Member DeLuca stated it is a combination. The clerk stated it is a meeting of the minds. Council Member Cooper stated ultimately it is the Town's Comprehensive Plan that needs approval at the end of the day by the board. And the County the Supervisor stated. Council Member Cooper stated he wanted checks

to see if it is going in the right direction. Council Member Sturgess mentioned having quarterly reviews. Supervisor Palcovic stated if there isn't a board member on the committee then there could be a liaison to the committee. The Supervisor noted the need to have an organizational meeting with achievable objectives. Council Member Sturgess noted there would be public meetings.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

RESOLUTION #2024-070 to appoint the members of the committee to develop the new updated Comprehensive Plan was offered by Council Member DeLuca at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 12, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board desires to appoint a group of individuals to update the Town of Caroga Comprehensive Plan, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed to serve on the committee to update the Comprehensive Plan: Chris Foss, Jeremy Manning, Rachael Simonds, Dave Cummings, Doug Purcell, Anita Long, and James Hale, and be it further **RESOLVED**, Council Member Barbara DeLuca volunteered to be the committee liaison.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

Council Member DeLuca stated she will schedule a meeting with the Town board and the committee members.

New Business:

- 1) Town Wide Garage Sale is Saturday July 27 Call the Town Clerk's office to be put on the map
- 2) June 19th is a Federal Holiday.
- 3) The Bridge Club has asked to use the meeting room on Thursdays in June & July.
- 4) Comprehensive Municipal Sewer System - Council Member Glenn

Council Member Glenn stated he has been working behind the scenes now for 10 years on Comprehensive Municipal water system. He has been working with the Environmental Design Partnership, Travis Mitchell. A preliminary plan has been developed. It is 20 pages long. There is now money available for municipal sewer systems and waste water. Anthony Fancher went to a symposium and brought back names of a couple grant writers to assist us. If we desire to go down that road. He thought we should really, really, should start looking at this.

Council Member DeLuca asked if there was a time line to submit for these grants. Council Member DeLuca also asked if there was a time to complete the project. Council Member Glenn did not know. It was noted that you have to get your name on the list. Then you will slowly move up the list as you qualify. Council Member DeLuca asked about the cost of the grant writer. Council Member Glenn thought money was taken out of wherever we might get a grant. Supervisor Palcovic thought we should make contact and bring them in to chat during a work

session. Council Member Cooper stated the county told us to look at this with the Short-Term Rentals. Council Member Glenn stated he spoke with Scott Henze the head of the County Planning Board. Mr. Henze will come to the July town board meeting.

The board was not prepared to act on a request to introduce Proposed Local Law #2 – 2024 a law establishing a Vessel Regulation Zone in the Canada Lakes.

Correspondence:

- 1) Notice from Fulton County that the Transfer Station Hours not effected by the July 4th holiday.

- 2) In 2025 the Kane Mt. Fire Tower will be 100 years old! We plan to give the tower a fun filled birthday party! We hope you can join us for the initial planning meeting. Laurie Rankin, Director NYS Chapter Forest Fire Lookout Association www.nysffla.org 845-926-2182 Initial Planning Meeting for the Kane Mountain Fire Tower Centennial Celebration Saturday, June 15th from 10:00am to 12noon Town of Caroga Town Hall 1840 NY – 10 Caroga Lake.

- 3) Two more letters of interest to serve on Comprehensive Plan Review Jim Hale and Chris Foss

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2024-071 to make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balanced budget offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 12, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer Joanne Young has identified a need to make a transfer in the Town of Caroga 2024 budget to maintain a balanced budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made necessary to maintain a balanced budget

FROM: A1990.4 Contingency	\$ 1,000.00
TO: A1355.11 Assessment Review Board PS	\$ 1,000.00

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

RESOLUTION #2024-072 to accept the high bidder on Auctions International for the Highway Truck was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 12, 2024.

WHEREAS, a few months ago the town put a town truck up for bid on Auctions International, and

WHEREAS, a bid was received, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the bid for the truck

Seconded by Council Member Cooper

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

The clerk sent out to the board members in their packets the contract that needed to be updated for the sale of hunting and fishing licenses with the Department of Environmental Conservation. They are changing to a new system the existing printers will go away. We will use our own printer and paper. This contract will amend the contract already in place.

RESOLUTION # 2024-073 to approve and accept the amendments to the DECALS Licensing Issuing Agent Agreement was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 12, 2024.

WHEREAS, the clerk notified the board of the upcoming changes to the Department of Environmental Conservation License Sales for hunting and fishing licenses, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve the clerk signing the amended contract with New York State License Sales.

Seconded by Council Member DeLuca

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

RESOLUTION #2024-074 to go to contract with C T Male on the legacy spill area evaluation not to exceed \$3,000.00 was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 12, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Supervisor distributed a contract with CT Male on work to be done to evaluate the legacy spill area, and

WHEREAS, the contract does have an hourly rate but there is a not to exceed number of \$3,000.00 to give the board an evaluation to the best of their ability with the information available on potential issues with the legacy spill area that occurred 20 + years ago outside the highway garage, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Palcovic stated this is for evaluation not remediation, and will provide the town with positive advice on how to deal with this, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to go to contract with C T Male on the legacy spill area evaluation not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Seconded by Council Member DeLuca

Discussion: Council Member Cooper stated the reason we are doing this is clear to come up with the placement of the new club house. Council Member DeLuca stated so all we are going to do is look at this, we are not going to dig holes. Council Member Cooper stated it would be noninvasive. Supervisor Palcovic stated they may uncover one of the old sample wells. He has located one. Council Member Sturgess asked if they were going to just look at the paperwork we had from 2004? The Supervisor stated they would do an on-site review. Supervisor Palcovic stated CT Male would give the board a report on possible limitations if we need to disturb soil for the future projects. It was stated that the spill was very costly to the town. The closure process was acceptable from New York State Environmental Conservation. It was recommended to have a contingency plan. CT Male will help with that process. The Supervisor explained that there was an underground highway gasoline tank at the time, there was a catastrophic leak which migrated under the highway over to the 18th hole on the golf course and the adjoining residence. The town ended up buying the house and tearing it down so no one could ever live there because of the substance called MTBE an additive in gasoline. The tank was removed and limited remediation was done the state said we were good. Funding will come out of the engineering line item.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

Supervisor Palcovic made a motion to waive the reading of the previous May 8th minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn. The clerk interjected there is one correction. When the highway superintendent totaled all of the money in his CHIPS, Winter Relief, POP, and Roll over monies he added incorrectly. The correct total is \$ 241,788.82. Supervisor Palcovic made the motion with the revision noted. Council Member Cooper seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion, Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper.

Council Member DeLuca made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit. Council Member Sturgess seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion, Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper.

At 7:52 pm Council Member Sturgess made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cooper seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion, Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper.

Submitted by Caroga Town Clerk

Linda Gilbert, RMC, CMC

General #180 to #224 \$15,331.42

Highway # 78 to 95 \$33,937.45

Prepaid # 131 to 163 \$28,986.49

General Park # 31 to 50 \$16,651.66