

Agenda of the May 14, 2025 Regular Caroga Town Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

Call Meeting to order: Roll Call: Pledge of Allegiance:

READ or waive the reading of the minutes.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Manning

BTI - Kunath

Sole Assessor – Loucks

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – report submitted, Tax Books presented for Audit
NYS Sheriff's Assoc Blue Dot Program alerts officers that driver is on the autism spectrum

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Fancher,

Dog Control – Dutcher

Golf Course – Stedman /Councilmember Sturgess –

Highway – Roy Stock

Lakes Management Program – Councilmember Glenn/Harazin/Olm/Hogan
1) Problem with key to boat wash station 2) quotes on purchase of a motor

Town Hall Building – Councilmember Cooper

Caroga Tourism Committee – Councilmember DeLuca –

Supervisor's Report:

Preliminary Plans for Golf Club House building
CT Male Engineering Contract – not to exceed price _____
Land Swap Filed (highway dept)
State Land Parcel available to the town

****Public Comments and Questions**

Old Business:

284 Agreement for the expenditure of Highway Funds

New Business:

Fulton County Highway Department Mowing Contract

Introduction of proposed Local Law #1 of 2025 "Abolishing the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways and creating the Appointive Office of Town Superintendent of Highways."

Correspondence:

1) Jeremy Manning received 23 letters of support for the bike trail to be submitted with the Grant. Letters were from Senator Charles Schumer, Nick Stoner Trailers, Forever Wild Foundation, Pete & Loren Lozier, and Doug & Nancy Purcell to name a few.

2) Write up of Bike Trail in the 2025 Initiatives Guide to Fulton County publication

3) Support of bike trails & expansion -Kate Yvars

4) Brian Franz -comment on covenant/deed

5) Memorial Day Holiday Transfer Station Closed Monday 5/26 open Tuesday 5/27 8 – 4

6) Allen Farber questions/comments on a centennial for the Golf Course

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 2025-000 to enter into contract with the Fulton County Highway Department for the 2025 Mowing Contract mileage is 7.28payment will be \$3,094.00

RESOLUTION #2025 - to hold public hearings on proposed Local Law #1 & #2 of 2025

RESOLUTION to acknowledge the following income and use that to offset the overage of the agreed upon amount for the Lakes Management mailings:

Revenue: A2705 Gifts/Donations \$ 90.00

Fund: A1670.40 Central Printing/Mailing \$90.00

Approve the minutes of the April 9th & April 16th Town Board meetings

Approve the Bills as presented for audit

Proposed LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025

[ABOLISHING THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS AND CREATING THE APPOINTIVE OFFICE OF TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS]

Section 1 – Title

This Local Law shall be known and cited as Town of Caroga “Local Law No. ___ of 2025, Abolishing the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways and Creating the Appointive Office of Town Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Caroga.”

Section 2 – Legislative Intent and Purpose

By adoption of this Local Law, it is the intent and purpose of the Town Board of the Town of Caroga to abolish the elective office of Town Superintendent of Highways and to create the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways. Subject to the results of a mandatory referendum, it is the Town Board’s intent to abolish the elective office of Town Superintendent effective as of December 31, 2025, and to create the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways effective as of January 1, 2026.

Section 3 – Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), which grants to local governments the authority to enact local laws pertaining to, among other things, the mode of selection, qualifications, and term of office of local officers. By this Local Law, it is the Town Board’s express intention to supersede any provision(s) of the Town Law of the State of New York to the contrary, including but not limited to Town Law § 20, Town Law § 23, Town Law § 24, and Public Officers Law § 3 as they relate to the mode of selection, qualifications, and term of the office of Town Superintendent of Highways.

Section 4 – Abolition of the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways

The Town of Caroga hereby abolishes the elective office of Town Superintendent of Highways, effective as of December 31, 2025.

Section 5 – Creation of the Appointive Office of Town Superintendent of Highways

The Town of Caroga hereby creates the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways, effective as of January 1, 2026.

Section 6 – Term of Office of Appointed Town Superintendent of Highways

The term of office of the appointed Town Superintendent of Highways shall be two (2) years.

Section 7 – Residency Requirement for Appointed Town Superintendent of Highways

The person appointed to and holding the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways need not be an elector or resident of the Town of Caroga, but must reside in Fulton County or an adjoining county within the State of New York

Section 8 – Savings Clause

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section, or part directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 9 – Mandatory Referendum

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 23, this local law is subject to a mandatory referendum.

Section 10 – Effective Date

This Local Law shall not be effective until it is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York and after approval of a majority of electors voting thereon in accordance with the requirements of Municipal Home Rule Law § 23.

Proposed LOCAL LAW # 2 of 2025
POOPER SCOOPER LAW
TOWN OF CAROGA

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be entitled: "Pooper Scooper Law of the Town of Caroga."

Section 2. Authority

This law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Section 3. Removal of feces required.

Any person owning or in charge of any dog which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or upon any private property, without the permission of the owner of said property, shall immediately remove all feces deposited by any such dog, in a sanitary manner.

Section 4. Disposal

The feces removed from the aforementioned designated areas shall be disposed of by the person owning or in charge of any such dog in a sealed, nonabsorbent, leak proof container. In no event shall any feces be deposited in sewers or drains, whether storm or sanitary.

Section 5. Presumption of ownership

In case a dog is unattended, information secured by an enforcement officer from a license or tag secured to said dog shall present a rebuttable presumption that the owner identified by such license or tag is the owner or person in charge of said dog.

Section 6. Enforcement

The Dog Control Officer of the Town of Caroga is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce this article. In addition thereto, the Town Board shall have the power to designate such other persons as is deemed necessary to enforce this article.

Section 7. Penalties for offenses

Any person violating this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$25 for each offense.

Section 8. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State as provided in §27 of the New York Municipal Home Rule.