

**Agenda of the July 9 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.

\*Presentation by Justin of the Snowmobile Racing Assoc.

**Department Reports:**

*Wheelerville Bike Trail* – Manning

*BTI* - Kunath

*Sole Assessor* – Loucks

*Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO* – report submitted

*Code Enforcement & Sanitation* – Fancher,

*Dog Control* – Dutcher

*Golf Course* – Stedman /Councilmember Sturgess –

*Highway* – Roy Stock

*Lakes Management Program* – Councilmember Glenn/Harazin/Olm/Hogan

*Town Hall Building* – Councilmember Cooper

*Caroga Tourism Committee* – Councilmember DeLuca –

**Supervisor's Report:**

Wording to be approved for Nov. Ballot “ Shall the elected position of Town of Caroga Superintendent of Highways be changed to an appointed position, to be appointed by the Town Board at the conclusion of the present Highway Superintendent's current elected term and thereafter?”

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

**Old Business:**

Fire District

**New Business:**

Just an FYI a Bridge group will again play on Thursdays in meeting room

Mrs. Ackernecht of tourism committee noted need for insurance on bus for Kane Mt. event

**Correspondence:**

Notice of land use agreement on file with Nick Stoner Trailers in effect until no longer approved

Letter from Denny Fincke re: the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary date of golf course

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Proclamation for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kane Mountain Fire Tower

**RESOLUTION** to make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balanced budget:

To A8090.13 Invasive species divers \$ 6,000.00

From A8090.14 Invasive Species Director \$ 6,000.00

**Resolution Recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Construction of the Kane Mountain Forest Fire Lookout Tower and the Staff and Volunteers Who Worked There**

**WHEREAS**, The Kane Mountain Tower, a 60' Aermotor LS 40 steel tower, was erected in District 10 by New York State in 1925 and began operations in 1926 to help protect the southern Adirondack region against fires. The Conservation Commission declared this was needed because of: "the accessibility of the forests in the vicinity of this station, and the large number of lakes and ponds, there is probably no area of equal size in the Adirondacks that is more used by the public for camping, hunting, and fishing. The existing observation stations were too far away to cover this area, and therefore, the Kane Mountain station was established." ; and

**WHEREAS** dedicated observers and rangers staffed the Tower during its operation from 1926-1988 identifying fires and educating thousands of visitors each year; and

**WHEREAS** the Kane Tower was officially decommissioned in 1989 and saved from demolition by area volunteers with a rallying cry of "Don't Raise Kane- Save the Fire Tower"; and

**WHEREAS**, the iconic Kane Tower has continued to serve as a major attraction for thousands of young and old visitors to the area each year; and

**WHEREAS** the Tower and Trails were adopted by the Canada Lakes Conservation Association in 1993 in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC); and

**WHEREAS** the 2022 New York State Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association began a volunteer steward program with DEC and Canada Lakes Conservation Association to help educate visitors and promote Leave No Trace Principles; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001 the tower was added to the National Register of Historical Places; and

**WHEREAS** the entire community recognizes the importance of the Kane Mountain Tower.  
NOW THEREFORE be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Caroga in partnership with the Caroga Museum, the DEC, the New York Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association, the Fulton County Visitors Bureau, and the Canada Lakes Conservation Association hereby proclaim August 14-17 as the official Kane Mountain Centennial Celebration in honor of the Kane Mountain Tower and the dedicated observers and rangers and stewards who have worked at the Tower.

This resolution has received the unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of the Town of Caroga, as signed below and such a resolution is hereby approved BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Dated: July 9, 2025

Approve the minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Town Board meetings

Approve the Bills as presented for audit