

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Caroga Town Board regular monthly meeting held on July 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Town hall with the following board members in attendance by roll call. The salute to the flag followed.

Supervisor John Glenn - Here
Council Member Richard Sturgess - Here
Council Member Matthew Cooper - Here
Council Member Kimberly Walker – Dailey – Here (known as Council Member Walker)
Council Member Greta Frasier – Here

Also in attendance were Brian McIntosh and Robert Sullivan from the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company, Jeremy Manning – Wheelerville Bike Trail Manager, BTI Director -Mike Kunath, Steve Stedman - Greens Keeper, Roy Stock – Highway Superintendent, Marcus Harazin and John Olm Lakes Management, Comprehensive Planning Committee Members Dave Cummings and Anita Long – Secretary, Luke Horst Weed harvesting coordinator, John Byrnes– Zoning Board of Appeals member, Christian Manns- Planning Board member and 8 members of the public.

Supervisor Glenn asked for a motion to read or waive the minutes of the June meeting. Council Member Sturgess made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cooper. All board members were in favor of the motion. Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Dailey, Frasier.

Mr. McIntosh talked about financing for the Caroga Lake Fire Company fire district. He put together some numbers. “These are mostly left over from last year. I didn’t redo them.” He reviewed the first page showing the equalized rates for what the town/Caroga Fire Company gets as opposed to everybody else in the county. The chart showed Caroga at 0.33 per thousand. The second page shows the budget. Last year the fire company asked for \$335,000.00. the town ended up paying them \$297,138.00. Mr. McIntosh stated that they were shorted about \$38,000.00 from what they had budgeted as needed. The fund balance of \$58,922 was used, which was the money the company paid back to the town. The rate he stated was \$1.02. The fact was that the taxpayer paid \$137,000.00. he is looking to bring the number back to what was asked for last year which would bring the rate up to \$1.53. Last year after the meeting with the town the fire company received their grant for \$144,000.00. They are still working on getting the money.

Council Member Cooper noted last year there wasn’t a vote to go to a fire district, so the town set the amount to round out the one-year contract. It was less than asked for, Mr. McIntosh noted. Council Member Sturgess noted that now that fund balance is gone and can’t be used this year. “We have to find that much more money.”

Mr. McIntosh noted that the last page is just kind of the budget components to figure out where we will be over the next few years. They have to put money aside to by equipment and fire trucks. “This is the same sheet you had last year. The numbers really don’t change.”

Council Member Sturgess asked about a fire district and if they collect on 100% of the assessment or what the town is assessing at. Mr. McIntosh replied the current equalization rate. Mr. McIntosh stated the only difference with a fire district is where the money is collected. They would be independent of the town board. With a district a secretary and treasurer have to be hired, and the board members have to attend schooling which the district pays for. The secretary and treasurer can volunteer so they aren’t paid. Council Member Sturgess noted a difference in the turnout in voting and thought people didn’t fully understand. It is not publicized like a town budget. The district does all of the legal postings.

Council Member Cooper stated there is not a vote for it. There is a public hearing then the board of directors make the decision. If it busts the 2% cap, then there is a referendum.

Council Member Frasier asked about the turnout gear jumps from \$6,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mr. McIntosh stated they got 24 new sets. They have more than 24 members, but they had already purchased some. They are going to try to have the money in place to replace gear when it comes time. That is why the line was increased. One set of gear is \$6,000. Buildings went up from \$2,000 to \$8,000. Mr. McIntosh explained it is costing them more to maintain the building – heat, electricity and problems with the generator. They were also considering contracting out the lawn mowing but trying not to do that. If the money is not used at the end of the year, it could go over into the truck fund. The only place the money can be spent is for services.

Council Member Walker asked if the town audited them. Mr. McIntosh noted they have a CPA.

Mr. Sullivan noted they have to file reports with the state.

It was noted the town’s people vote for the people on the board after the first year. The first year the town board appoints the members. This would be done in December.

Right now, the company is an independent corporation. There are some limitations, but when it is a fire district then the state comptroller has the ability to look at their books at any time. Right now, they can’t. Right now, Mr. McIntosh is the one to say “no” on spending he thinks it should be a board.

Mr. McIntosh stated the district would up the taxes by about \$15,000.00. Council Member Sturgess stated over all of the taxpayers – in Bleeker too. Mr. McIntosh stated they would not be part of the district initially. The fire company will still have a contract with them, and they will be paying a portion of the overall budget. Bleeker’s portion is not figured into the district right now. Piseo would be the same. They initially wanted to do all three but ran into all kinds of issues.

Council Member Frasier asked if it ever became beneficial to the district could they incorporate an ambulance service. Mr. McIntosh replied that they can. The fire company can too.

Council Member Cooper suggested setting up a work session to discuss and go through the information being discussed now. Council Member Sturgess requested that this matter be tabled.

It was noted that the timing is paperwork should be between July 1 and 25. The commissioners have to be appointed and put in place to get the budget in place. The town board solely makes the decision on having a company change to a district. But it was noted that the taxpayers can say they want a fire district too. It has to be by 50% of the voters. It is difficult to do.

Council Member Cooper felt we are bearing down on the same thing as last year. The town has 18 days. Two board members felt like they hadn't heard anything about this in 6 months. Mr. McIntosh stated he sent an email out two months ago to have a meeting and didn't get a response. Now they have to start pushing. Mr. Sullivan stated if the board decides to move forward with a district, then there has to be public notice. Once a decision is made then the fire company will contact their lawyer. It was noted that the town board will be starting to work on their budget soon.

If the town goes under contract for another year the rate would go from \$1.02 to \$1.53. Several board members wanted the public's input on this.

The Supervisor set a work session for Wednesday July 15th at 5 pm.

At 7:02 pm Supervisor Glenn opened the public hearing on the zoning change for certain areas from conservation to hamlet. The town received one correspondence on this. An email dated July 4, 2026, was received from Doreen and Mark Ford opposing the proposed location of the highway department and the rezoning. Currently the truck noise is already annoying with what they have been doing which has not been approved for the current zoning. They hope the board will reconsider and find something that will not affect residential areas. The Fords note that have not received a letter informing them of the zoning change. They again stated they are against this change.

Jeremy Manning supported moving the highway garage. It is an important thing to do. The highway garage is a disaster and needs to be rebuilt. He was, however, not in support of changing the zoning of parcel 68.-1-27 and 68.-1-26. Those parcels were purchased in 1962 along with another parcel that the bike trail is currently on. Those parcels have a park land designation – They are not Adirondack Park lands. He looked into this in 2016 when he was first on the board. Those parcels can only be used for public recreation/open space. The original parcel for the new barn was alienated in 2006. He did not see the need to change the zoning on the rest of it if the new barn fits on that parcel. Mr. Manning stated you can't really use those parcels in any way that hamlet would be allowed to use. Mr. Manning suggested rezoning just the parcel the board wants to put the garage on.

Mr. Sullivan noted that he believed the alienation process had to go through the legislature.

Supervisor Glenn noted the talk for a new highway barn began in 1960.

Mr. Manning thought if the town went beyond the 8 acres alienated, any additional area would have to be alienated.

Council Member Sturgess reviewed the map to see if the 8 acres were identified on the map from the assessor. The whole parcel was not going to be rezoned. Even still Mr. Manning noted that the front portion of parcels 26 & 27 are all still park land. This was something future town boards or the planning boards could use the land for other than for conservation.

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) sent an email to the town. They are still reviewing the change. This cannot be voted on tonight. Council Member Cooper stated they are prepared to process our request should we adopt it but that didn't mean they would approve it. The town has to hear back from the APA. Supervisor Glenn noted the County still has to meet for the 239m review too. The clerk noted that the Planning Board approved the recommended changes at their March meeting.

Council Member Sturgess asked the supervisor what was the reason to change all of the land vs just the area of the highway barn. Supervisor Glenn stated that we don't need to go back there. Council Member Sturgess asked why all the other parcels were listed. The supervisor thought they had to do with the clubhouse. Council Member Sturgess stated he didn't think they had anything to do with the clubhouse.

Anita Long added one clarification. At a meeting the APA staff talked about how they define a hamlet. The hamlet is defined by regional boundaries like streams and highways and so they will not go more than ¼ mile from the highway. If the town wants to go all the way back it would be a hard no from the APA. Beyond the ¼ mile is resource management. The APA restricts ¼ mile at the highway. She agreed 100% with Mr. Manning. There is also State Attorney General's office restrictions as parkland. Going beyond the alienated will create confusion for residents and planning boards. She wanted the area to be better defined.

Council Member Sturgess thought there was a little more work to do on this. Council Member Cooper stated the highway garage fits but was concerned about the wetlands.

The public hearing was closed at 7:15 pm.

Mr. McIntosh noted there was an incident with a phishing email this month. It was a scam. The way to stop it from happening is with better training. A handout was given to the board. Page one was the services the town has right now. For another \$5.50 per PC per month the town would have enhanced managed services the cost would be \$41.75 per PC per month. That allows him to start a training program. Everyone's email will receive a 3-minute training video with 6 questions a couple times a month. This goes toward cyber insurance. Mr. McIntosh noted this service includes SOC (Security Operations Center) 24/7 monitoring. The systems are monitored now but no one is watching the monitoring. If a computer is compromised, it will be isolated from the rest of the system. INKY provides email protection using AI and is included. it blocks impersonations and ransomware and reduces 60 – 70% of those type of email getting through. Mr. McIntosh thought it was a good idea to up our protection. Page 3 listed other services. Mr. McIntosh noted right now we have backup services nobody is checking them. Currently the town pays for services on seven (7) computers. He can do monthly, semi-annually, or annual reviews. But it should be checked. Our data goes to a managed device and then up to a cloud every night. The town pays \$28.00 a year for cloud storage. It doesn't have

to be Mr. McIntosh checking it. He can teach someone else to do it. His services have been awesome.

RESOLUTION #2026-069 to switch services with Canada Lake Computer from Basic to Enhanced was offered by Council Member Sturgess at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on July 8, 2026.

WHEREAS, there was a phishing incident with one of the town employee's emails, and

WHEREAS, Canada Lake Computers 2137 State Highway 10 PO Box 450 Caroga Lake NY our services provider was contacted, and

WHEREAS, Mr. McIntosh presented information to the board on ways to better protect the town computers and data, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to switch services with Canada Lake Computer from Basic to Enhanced at an additional cost of \$5.50 per computer for a total of \$41.75 per PC per month.

Seconded by Supervisor Glenn

Adopted by a vote of five (5) Ayes: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker, Frasier

Council Member Sturgess noted the need for a new computer for the Bookkeeper. The existing computer needs to be upgraded to be able to run a new software package. The cost of the upgrade is not worth it. Mr. McIntosh suggested purchasing a new computer. The same monitor can be used but a new box is needed. The cost is \$1,149.00. One more verbal quote was needed per the procurement policy.

Prior to the meeting the clerk asked Mr. McIntosh about the problem with the phone. Mr. McIntosh told the board that Derrick Pombrio PMC is his go-to for any of his customers who need something with phones. "He does a great job with it. He is competent, he can make it work for you." Whatever he recommends is what Mr. McIntosh would recommend. The clerk talked to him earlier today. It will cost a couple hundred dollars for him to come up and run tests on our band width to make sure what he is recommending will work in Caroga. Now we are looking into changing to (VoIP) Voice over internet protocol technology. Supervisor Glenn asked if Derrick should do a consult. The first thing the town needs to have done is a snapshot test. It will run from 1 – 5 days to check the usage on the lines.

Council Member Sturgess asked where the mini splits were. Red Dragon was supposed to be installing them.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Mr. Manning reported that today he received final approval from the round 8 Smart Growth Grant. It is for \$25,000.00 to be used for the adaptive trails. He was not sure if the money would be used this year or next he is working on the connector trail project. We have three years to use it.

He is hoping to begin work on the connector trail the week of August 17th. That project will take 8 to 10 weeks. That will put us into October. It will run along the golf course and into downtown.

Mr. Manning is working on the DOT permits for parking for the bike festival and getting the vendors lined up for that. The adjacent parking area will be closed, and he is doing some work on that.

Supervisor Glenn noted the recent vandalism on the golf course with a motorized bike. He asked Mr. Manning if he had experienced anything like that on the trails. Mr. Manning stated we haven't. People talk about going up with dirt bikes, but he has never noticed anything.

BTI – Mr. Kunath reported they have about three weeks left in the program. They are just trying to kill anything left out there now. There was one call to town hall about an applicator being in the vicinity of Shutts Road. The triangle was displayed and the town has permission to treat the area.

Sole Assessor – Leigh Anne Loucks submitted a written report. Copies of a proposed law for 100% veterans' exemptions would need to be reviewed and a local law done and voted prior to taxable status date 2027 3/1/27. There have been some updates, and it is not a mandatory exemption, but would have to be opted into by the town and other taxing authorities. This should be decided and done by 11/1/26 if the town board sees fit. This exemption, if opted in, will shift the tax burden to others in the Town.

The assessor has completed mandatory ethics continuing education class and contacted the town attorney via email (cc'd town supervisor) in regard to the RP483 exemption filed by Northern Pine Cove. There are some questions with regard to the qualifications of the structure as well as two conflicting Certificates of Completion that were submitted for the building. The assessor noted the phone system is still an issue. She is unable to check voicemails regularly. Her office is hot with no air movement as there are no windows.

Sales are being entered – the assessor goes to Real Property every two weeks for documents and to verify any questions. She continues to answer calls/emails from residents.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – routine work being done, transfer stickers being sold. The town wide garage sale is on July 25th. If you want your sale on the map, contact the office by July 22. The clerk gave a list to the Supervisor of receipts needed from April, May & June for checks turned over to him.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Mr. Fancher submitted a written report read by Supervisor Glenn - 44 permits issued \$7,250 in fees and valuation of \$853,200.00. 55 inspections have been done. 2 food truck inspections have been done. Routine: with increased permits as well as new operation permit inspections things have been very busy.

Dog Control – Dutcher - No Report

Golf Course – Mr. Stedman reported they needle tined the greens part of the aeration process. They are going to try doing that once a month. The roughs were being allowed to grow up but they cut them down this week and will skip next week. The irrigation is only on the greens and

tees and some fairways. They will be running the irrigation during this drought. There was an e-bike that came off the road and ripped up two greens. It took two guys two days to patch that up. They hexed out grass from the putting green and put it back together like a puzzle. The police were called and a report taken.

There are four outings coming up and there will be six in August.

Three carts are down right now with mechanical issues. Next week the company they are leased from will try to come up and take a look at them.

Supervisor Glenn talked to a golfer who has been an avid golfer for 100 years, he said this course is in the best shape he's ever seen it in in his entire life.

Council Member Sturgess reported the revenue on the golf course year to date is \$259,000.00. We are \$90,000.00 short of making our budgeted amount. Year over year higher than last year.

Mr. Steadman was thanked for doing such a great job.

Highway – Roy Stock reported he is waiting for one more paving quote. He has two so far. They have been ditching in North Bush. They are prepping to do the work on Morey Road on the 20th. They are doing maintenance on the trucks. The garbage truck was down. There is an opening for a part-time Garbage worker. The pay rate is \$21.32 per hour, and they work Monday and Tuesday from 6 am till finished. He outlined the duties and noted the applicant has to be able to lift 50 lbs. Call his cell phone with questions.

Mr. Stock proposed a crosswalk on East Shore Road. He talked to the highway association today. They sent him some guidelines. The town attorney is checking to see if we need a local law. It was noted we currently don't have a law on the books about changes to the road. The board has not had time to read over the information provided by Mr. Stock.

Council Member Sturgess had questions on the Morey Road project. Mr. Stock stated he gave the residents a one-month notice. They went door to door with notices. It is posted on the website. The plan is to tear off the part by the creek first. They measured 24 feet. A fire truck will be placed on the other side of the road so if there is a fire they can get to them. Soil and Waters will be helping. There are a couple of trees that need to be taken down. Mr. Stock explained they are extending the culvert to get the snowmobile trail off the road. He met with Mike Fehey -President of the snowmobile club and the landowner. There are two big pines to be removed and the cost is \$3,500.00.

Council Member Walker liked the new speed warning signs. Council Member Sturgess has had a number of compliments on them. The signs are posted at the north end of town as you approach the golf course, one by Newkirk Road by the school and the other on 29A before the store. Council Member Frasier asked if anyone has seen the white Subaru that goes flying through town at 5:30 am. Someone has a partial plate number. Under Sherrif Izzo was in attendance this evening and will be given the information.

Lakes Management Program –Marcus Harazin reported additional water testing will be done this year. Multiple sites will be tested in August as well. It is great to have the lake associations

working together on this. There was an article in the ADK Explorer magazine on West Caroga Lake about the three-year Survey of Climate Change and Adirondack Lake Ecosystems SCALE. Mr. Harazin reported on the recent funding for the DEC Grant will kick in and run through 2029. He received the contract.

Mr. Harazin is looking into communication systems for West Lake boat launch. There is no power or cell service up there. A satellite phone is being looked at as a rental. The grant can be used for it. Canada Lake conservation Association offered to put in the 25% local match.

Mr. Harazin handed out flyers on the upcoming speaker on a terrestrial invasive species presentation coming up on Thursday at Sherman's.

John Olm - aquatic invasive species prevention program. Families have returned to camps. Boat traffic has increased on our lakes. His program focuses on launches in town and the boat wash station. Inspections are being done at the launches. As of May 22, through June 28 a total of 65 watercraft were inspected, 48 of which were decontaminated. Zebra mussels were found and removed from one boat reported previously in Delta Lake Oneida County. NYSDEC East Caroga Campsite launch had a total of 121 watercraft inspected. No aquatic invasive species were detected. However, non-invasive vegetation was removed from several watercraft. West Lake fishing access launch saw a total of 596 watercraft inspected with no aquatic invasive species detected, non-invasive vegetation was removed from several watercraft. At the Caroga Marina a total of 34 watercraft were inspected with no aquatic invasive species detected. Mr. Olm talked about the trailer mounted hot water pressure washer. When the unit goes down there is no spare. In the past they have relied upon the town highway department. They have similar units they can utilize. Now the town unit is down so with the grant funding they are assisting with the repairs being made to the pressure washer. The unit is at the vender now.

Mr. Olm noted the small red signs as you approach the boat wash station and on West Lake Road. Lori Mott was thanked for ordering them from a local sign shop.

Council Member Sturgess stated the invasive team frequently comes to the town to say the machine is down. He asked if funds from the weed harvester reserve (\$60,000) could be used for another machine to use as a backup. The cost was about \$15,000.00. Mr. Harazin noted they are good for about 10 years.

Luke Horst is the replacement for Mr. Hogan. Supervisor Glenn noted a matter with him walking across someone's property was resolved. Mr. Horst stated most of his work is by boat. He reported that not a single plant of Eurasian milfoil has been found on East Caroga Lake this year. The outlet and a couple of coves were checked by land which is easier and more effective. They found an infestation in one cove. He reiterated that he had a great conversation with the landowner and all is resolved. West Caroga Lake is minimal a couple of plants here and there are single stem. It means the root system is not strong.

Glenn Sullivan, who applied the ProcettaCOR will be coming the last week of July to do an assessment. Last year he couldn't find any milfoil.

As for the reserve on the harvester – right now it is in great shape. They are not using it as a harvester. The vacuums are not even hooked up this year. Everything they are doing is handpicked. The decking is in perfect shape. Everything is working perfectly fine. From what he is hearing, if there is a problem in the future, he thinks it will be treated with ProcellaCOR. We are never going to need the dive program as we have used it from the 1970's to 2024.

Council Member Sturgess stated it was a Joanne (bookkeeper) question for the reserve. Council Member Sturgess has not liked the name of the account from his start on the board. It should be for the whole department. Supervisor Glenn heard from Mr. Hogan that the diesel engine to replace the diesel engine on the harvester would cost \$50,000.00. Some other type of engine may be put on costing less.

Mr. Horst doesn't see the program running 10 hours a day like it used to be.

Council Member Frasier asked about the last time results from the successful use of ProcellaCOR were put on the website. It was suggested that after Mr. Sullivan does his survey to post the results on the website for the taxpayers to see how successful this program has been. Mr. Horst suggested having Mr. Sullivan come to a meeting also.

Town Hall Building – Council Member Walker- Dailey reported that Red Dragon will be here between July 15 – 17. Council Member Dailey noted she doesn't even have a key to the building. The previously "hired" janitor Devon moved out of town. There is a letter of intent from Jenna Weideman to do the maintenance and cleaning.

RESOLUTION #2026-070 to hire Jenna Wiedemann as the custodian was offered by Council Member Walker - Dailey at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on July 8, 2026.

WHEREAS, custodian Mike Voght stated he didn't want to clean the building anymore, and

WHEREAS, two people were interviewed for the position next, Devon and Roger Gannon, and

WHEREAS, Devon started working as the custodian for the town and then moved out of town, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Jenna Wiedemann is hereby hired to be the cleaning/building maintenance person for the town.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a vote of five (5) Ayes: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker, Frasier

Tourism Committee – Council Member Frasier reported it was a pretty busy weekend in town. She met with Scott Henze and Carla on the winter carnival plans. She has also been contacted by the car, motorcycle and snowmobile racers to bring those activities back to West Caroga Lake. She hopes they select different weekends.

Supervisor's Report:

Bookkeeper/Budget Officer needs new computer and another quote is needed.

Supervisor Glenn stated he meet with Council Member Sturgess, Anita Long, and Jim Thatcher a grant writer from CT Male. They discussed a lot of different areas of where monies might be available grants, bonding etc. The number Council Member Sturgess stated was right around \$1.3 million is what he is going for. It has to be done in stages. That is how we have to write the grants for the project. Start with the upstairs for the pro shop. Council Member Sturgess noted to Mr. Manning that Mr. Thatcher would be contacting him soon. Anita Long noted that the first phase is eligible for state funding. The consolidated funding application is due July 31st for the Empire State Grant as well as for the New York Parks Grant. She noted the signed contract was needed. Supervisor Glenn read that the lump sum of \$1,500.00 after completion of the funding needs assessment and a separate lump sum of \$5,500.00 after submission of an appropriate grant application for a town – sponsored project upon the Town Supervisor's authorization. Mr. Thatcher was waiting for the contract to be signed to give the supervisor information on a resolution that needs to be passed to submit. The contract will be faxed out tonight. Supervisor Glenn has also tried to reach out to a bond attorney Connie Cahill in Albany. He will make a call to the town attorney whom she used to work for and also try to call her again tomorrow.

Supervisor Glenn noted the need to put together the proposition for the ballot in November.

Anita Long noted the second and third phases for the highway garage and Town hall are also eligible for grants and loans with the USDA. She encouraged the board to work with Jim Thatcher before doing the bonding. Ms. Long was concerned about the increase in the tax rate. She appreciated the board's support for doing the referendum and reminded the board that the proposition needs to be submitted to the Board of Elections by August 3.

****Public Comments and Questions**

Mr. Izzo expressed his support for the board passing the exemption for 100% exemption for Veterans with disabilities. He noted it was a new tax law and stated that town board and a school district may adopt a Local Law by resolution to have the primary residence of any seriously disabled veterans 100% exempt. He was reading from a copy of the law. He noted it was for permanently and totally disabled as a result of their military service. Mr. Izzo noted when you drive into Fulton County the sign at the county line says we are a purple heart county. "We support our disabled vets." He noted that not all injuries that guys receive on the battlefield are physical. The spirit of this is to take care of veterans. He hopes the board, when they vote on this, will take what he said into consideration.

Council Member Sturgess thought the assessor said this law needed more work but that she could put together a proposed local law.

Kegan Bushey noted the board just got the email today about getting a permit for a closure of East Shore to Bath Ave. for the Caroga Arts Collective. He stated the reason behind that is they've had certain events - he referred to a Prom and students were leaving heading to their cars, limos and cars were zooming on by and couldn't see the kids. There are some events coming up in August that are focused on children and also the car show and they want to try to protect their patrons. Mr. Bushey stated they talked to Mr. Stock about some Department of

transportation (information) their C of O found. From what they understood the town would just have to come up with a fee.

Council Member Sturgess noted at the last meeting the board talked about the burden of the cost to have a union highway employee come to shut down the road. The cost was estimated to be \$10,000.00 for the season.

Mrs. Manning noted that an organization can come to the town requesting a special event permit and a waiver for them (CAC) to be able to close the road with direction and open it and not have to pay the town. Several board members had not read this information as they just got it.

It was noted that there is nothing on the town's books about having a special permit. Supervisor Glenn spoke to the town attorney, and the town doesn't have a Local Law for that. Council Member Sturgess stated the season is over for where we are at.

Mrs. Manning stated this is something they have been working on for years. Working to bring the town information. Council Member Sturgess stated "You want the road closed. We don't want the road closed." Mr. Bushy wanted to know what they could do, how do they make it happen, what steps could they take.

Council Member Frasier asked at the prom weren't all the kids dismissed at the same time? Some left early and drove their own cars. Council Member Frasier thought they all came on buses.

Council Member Sturgess noted two months ago the board was given a sheet with dates of their events and when they wanted the road closed. Why wasn't the date for the prom on there. If it was important to you guys.... why did you just bring this up.

Mr. Jeremy Manning (her son) made a comment asking the board to stop stone walling them. With all due respect, Council Member Sturgess wondered why the road was not asked to be closed for the prom. Mrs. Manning just wanted to find another way. She mentioned it could be a parade or block party that someone wanted the road closed. How do people apply? She noted she keeps coming back to the board and pushing and pushing.

Supervisor Glenn noted since the CAC talked about this two months ago the town has been working on this. The highway Superintendent has contacted the Association of Towns, Montgomery County, and the State about the crosswalk. It was noted that a local law would have to be drafted by the attorney and there would have to be a public hearing.

Mr. Manning asked what could be done in the meantime. Council Member Walker suggested using cones and flares. They do put cones out. Council Member Frasier thought with a law it has to be for other businesses in town too. What are we going to do for them? You have to make it fair for all. Mr. Bushey asked what was the law. This is the only business on a town road with the exception of the garage on Beech Ridge. Mr. Bushey noted this could be a problem with kids leaving early. He brought this up to Roy because they didn't know how to do it. He wants to do it correctly. How can they do it quickly. How can they do it safely.

Supervisor Glenn stated we are going to submit this to our attorney and get information from other departments on how they handle it. Do a local law have a public hearing have a vote. It won't happen tomorrow. Council Member Sturgess said to Jeremy's point is there a solution in the interim. "We have to ask the attorney." Mr. Manning stated the board didn't want to be viewed by the public as helping any organization out. Two board members became upset and stated No that's not it, don't put words in our mouth."

Council Member Sturgess stated that the road has been open for 100 years with weekend that handled 50,000 people and there hasn't been an issue. There is no record of an accident. No record of anyone getting killed or hurt. It is the history of it. Mr. Manning stated why not err on the side of caution, why not? What is it hurting to close the road for two hours.

Council Member Walker noted the issue with employees setting up the signs. Council Member Sturgess noted that was the issue now there is a new option. Mrs. Manning read there was a waiver that can be applied for and be trained for on how to close the road. They would have to get insurance and get a permit and if it is OK with the lawyer then they are willing to do that.

The council members needed to read the latest paperwork. They shouldn't be talking about it if you haven't read it. Council Member Walker suggested doing some sort of compensation for an employee. It was asked if the police could be paid to come up. No was the response they tried the fire department. Mr. Izzo – Fulton County Under Sheriff stated they didn't have the manpower.

Mr. Bushey noted this was sent to the town to see if it was doable. But it depends on what the town wants to do.

The supervisor will contact the town attorney tomorrow.

At the rodeo it is on a state road – people park on it even though there is parking out back. You can't stop people from parking on the state highway. Unless the state declares no parking.

New Business:

NY Planning Federation held a webinar on recent changes to Freshwater Wetland Regs.

The adopted SEQR Amendments took effect on 6/12/26

Correspondence:

Notice of Entry of Stipulation of Settlement and Judicial Order 6/18/26 Northern Pine Cove.

The clerk stated this was being taken care of by the County Treasurer.

Response from APA – they are working on reviewing/approving the amendment

Fulton County Planning – sent over maps on the zoning change. They will meet on 7/21 for 239m review.

Supervisor Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9 and June 10th Town Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frasier. All board members were in favor of the motion. Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker, Frasier.

The clerk asked Council Member Cooper about making a correction to the minutes from two months ago when he stated water samples needed to be taken monthly in the building. The clerk double checked with the health department and forwarded the e-mail to Council Member Cooper that stated testing of the building had to be done quarterly. During recreation testing is done during July and August also.

Supervisor Glenn made a motion to approve the bills as presented for audit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturgess. All board members were in favor of the motion. Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker, Frasier.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2026-071 to make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balanced budget was offered by Supervisor Glenn at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on July 8, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper Joanne Young has identified the need to transfer funds in order to maintain a balanced budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made:

To: A3310.40 Traffic Control	\$500.00	
From: A8160.4 Garbage C/E		\$500.00
To: A8090.4 Boat Wash C/E	\$1,500.00	
From: A8090.1 Boat Wash P/E		\$ 1,500.00

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Discussion: Council Member Sturgess made a correction. The supervisor stated that the \$500.00 was going TO: A8160.4 but the Council Member noted it was coming From: A8160.4.

Adopted by a vote of five (5) Ayes: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker, Frasier

At 8:37 pm Supervisor Glenn announced that the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Town Clerk

Linda Gilbert, RMC, CMC