

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Caroga Town Board work session held on Wednesday June 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Caroga Town hall 1840 State Highway 10 Caroga Lake NY.

Supervisor Robert Sullivan – Here
Deputy Supervisor Sturchio – Here
Council Member Glenn – Here
Council Member Morris – Here
Council Member Manning – Here

Supervisor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The roll was called and the salute to the flag was conducted. Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to waive the reading of the May minutes. Council Member Sturchio seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Others in attendance were: Lita Hillier – Budget Director/Secretary to the Supervisor, Steve Jennings – Golf Manager, Pro, & Greens Keeper, Highway Superintendent- Steve Putman, Deputy Town Clerk Judy Aldinger, Bld. Maintenance Don Travis, John Delesky – BTI Coordinator, Jennifer Blowers – Assessor Clerk, and David Egert – Weed Harvesting Coordinator were in attendance. There were 56 members of the public in attendance.

Dan Sullivan & Vince DeSantis were here from Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful (KMVB) to speak on land banks.

Mr. Sullivan has been working at the county level to have Fulton County be a part of an inter-governmental agreement to establish a land bank. They have applied with the Empire State Development Corp. for a 6 county regional land bank. They applied for \$150,000.00 of startup funds. Now they are meeting to spread the word to get support and make people informed and aware of the possibilities with this land bank. Reading materials were handed out to the board. Mr. Sullivan also notes he was not related to Supervisor Sullivan. He stated there is lots of money out there it is not taxpayer money – the money comes from the bank settlements from 2008 mortgage crisis. The attorneys general have mitigated funds and NYS has a pool of 12.7 million dollars. He hopes to get 1/4 - 1/5 of that funding.

Mr. DeSantis stated recently the cities of Gloversville & Johnstown has embraced the concept of a land bank. This is a tool to take control of properties that have gone into tax foreclosure or been abandoned. These funds are used to rehabilitate a parcel so they can go back on the tax roll. He noted in Fulton County there are only two entities that do foreclosures – the City of Johnstown and the County. They do not have to turn the properties over to the land bank it can be done on a case by case basis. He stated a regional land bank can re-grant money to a local land bank to move forward on a project. The town could develop an informal land bank and develop a board of directors and do something with foreclosed properties. He hopes the town will embrace the concept of a regional land bank.

Council Member Sturchio asked if money is used to repair a property and it is sold – does the money have to be repaid to the land bank? If the county owns it and turns the property over to the land bank then the land bank owns the property. When rehabbed then the money would go back to the regional land bank to be reused. The benefit to the municipality is the property is back on the tax

roll, and there is a responsible land owner. There is leverage with a bank owned property as they can turn it over to the land bank and get a tax deduction for the fair market value of the property. He stated banks are hesitant to take control of properties because then they are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep. Local land banks also can come in with funding to do demo to salvage the land and put it back on the tax roll. A model resolution of support was given to the board.

Public:

John Delesky announced an Open House on May 18th at the Fire House from 10 am – 1 pm. They will demo all the equipment. The 911 # sign project started a year ago and to date we are on our 500th sign. See the Town Clerk to order a sign.

Mike Vickerson walks the Nine Corner trail every morning. He picks up a grocery bag of garbage every day. He asked the board to contact an Encon Officer to check the area. He has counted 40 cars in the parking lot.

Council Member Manning contacted a ranger who stated they may put some additional garbage pails out. There is a concern about abusing that privilege. Mr. Vickerson suggested an adopt a trail program.

Council Member Manning knows of a local rock climbing club that goes up to Nine Corner quite a bit. During the summer they remove 20 -30 bags of garbage every year. There are signs that say carry in carry out.

Mr. Potocar stated there are signs posted at Sherman's that say no trespassing yet there were 75-150 people there on Memorial Day drinking beer and smoking weed. The sheriff's dept. spoke to some people. He wondered what the plans were to enforce those signs – did an ordinance need to be passed? He stated there is an accident waiting to happen. Supervisor Sullivan stated the town can request more patrols.

Kathy Light works for ADKTrailMap.com. They map trails for hiking, biking paddling, birding and more. This is an app now available. They also have one for snowmobiling <http://www.nysnowmobilewebmap.com>. Just search Adirondack Trails and it will pop up. Post cards were distributed. She offered this as a tool for the town to use.

Tony Toskas – stated a lot of people want a town beach but that means taxes would go up. He is on the board for the East Caroga Lake Environmental Assoc. the dues are \$70 for a year or there is a yearly pass to the NYS Campground for \$65. There is also a nice beach in Pine Lake. Both of those options are less expensive than the taxes to fund a town beach.

Council Member Morris asked about a barrier on the beach. Hwy. Superintendent Putman responded he was talking about the concrete wall. She noted the need to keep people off that beach. Mrs. Blowers wondered about calling the Forrest Ranger to patrol the area. They work until midnight on Friday and Saturday's.

Ann Nostrand suggested a part time summer policeman. Supervisor Sullivan noted it was not in the budget and he did not know about operating a police department. Council Member Manning suggested for the time being contact the police.

Shirley Holliday wondered about putting up concrete blocks along the wall. It was not known if the wall can support the weight of the blocks. Supervisor Sullivan stated the budget for the Sherman's property is \$7,500.00 for the year.

Department Reports:

Assessor's Report – Supervisor Sullivan read Mrs. Parkers report. The state is using the 2011 assessments to figure out our tentative equalization rate. The rate is 62.99%. She is in the process of checking these 150 comps and trying to prove them wrong. When she is done she feels the equalization rate should go up.

The state is working on the 2017 rolls. Mr. Lack from ORPS has been going to many homes and measuring, taking pictures and looking inside when invited. This information will determine our equalization rate for 2017.

There were 4 people that came before the Board of Assessment Review. All of the paperwork has been completed.

Mr. Sullivan also received this correspondence from the Assessor today. Mrs. Parker stated she would be retiring December 15, 2016. He noted the board has looked at applications and there haven't been any that have stood out.

BTI – Mr. Delesky noted a lot of streams have dried up. They are still hatching out. They will be out treating until July 31st.

Clerk/Collector– The clerk gave the monthly report to the board. I reported on the Town wide cleanup days. 61 tires were collected, and paid for. Mr. Putman was thanked for transporting the tires to the County Landfill at Mud Road. Twenty seven (27) free permits were issued with 17 being utilized over the two days. As tax Collector the books were presented to the board in April a resolution to accept the books as presented for audit was requested.

RESOLUTION #2016-078 to Accept the Tax Collectors Book as presented for audit was offered by Council Member Sturchio at the June 8, 2016 regular monthly town board meeting held at Caroga Town Hall and **WHEREAS**, The Tax Collector Linda M. Gilbert presented the tax collection books to the Town Board at the April 13, 2016 regular town board meeting which included the paid and unpaid reports, check book, correspondence, and balance sheet from the Fulton County Treasurer, and all other documents utilized in the process, and **WHEREAS**, the Town Board members had a chance to review said books, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the books as presented for audit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes; Sullivan, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

Another cleanup day was scheduled for August 19 & 20, 2016. Mr. Putman was in favor of doing the tires again at the August cleanup.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Mr. Duesler is in the process of closing out the open 2015 permits. Letters have been sent to approx. 100 property owners. He is getting a good response. Next he will close out the 2014 permits – then he will stay current from that point forward. The information is shared with the assessor. His monthly report From May 1 to May 31 shows 21 building permits and sanitation were issued. Mr. Duesler is looking for a way to communicate in

the town. An iPhone SE would cost \$16 plus \$38 for data and \$25 for a line. The cost would be \$71 for the month from AT&T.

RESOLUTION #2016-079 to purchase an IPHONE for the Code Officer was offered by Council Member Glenn at the June 8, 2016 regular monthly town board meeting held at Caroga Town Hall and **WHEREAS**, The Code Enforcement officer – John Duesler indicated the need to be able to communicate while on the job as code officer in the Town of Caroga, and **WHEREAS**, the board discussed the purchase of an IPHONE with AT&T service at a cost of \$71.00 per month, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Code Officer is hereby approved to acquire a phone for job related communications. The motion was seconded by Council Member Manning.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes; Sullivan, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

Blight – Council Member Glenn spoke to Mr. Duesler prior to the meeting and he stated he was extremely busy closing permits. He thought more toward the end of the year he would be more available to attend a blight meeting. Council Member Glenn would like to resurrect the monthly meetings when he is able to do it.

Supervisor Sullivan asked if the board wanted to look at endorsing the concept of the 6 County land bank. Council Member Glenn wanted to think about it as did Council Member Morris.

Dog Control – Mr. Dutcher called in a report to the clerk. He issued two tickets and responded to 11 calls in the past month.

Golf Course – Mr. Jennings reported the course to be in pretty good shape. Next week he will call the person with the drone to photograph 5 holes and post it on the website. He wondered if the golf course could be put on the ADK Trailmap.com. Ms. White noted it could. She noted any business could go to the site and add their business it is FREE. He will look into that.

On Friday morning Culligan will be up to check the water it is orange and the filter was changed 3 weeks ago.

There are lots of tournaments scheduled. This past weekend was the tournament for Garth Hillier with 100 golfers. Mr. Jennings was asked if he foresaw any problems with the location of the boat washing station. He stated it is a prime target on the first hole. He was afraid someone was going to get hit as 75% of the balls go in that area on the first hole. He would hate to see a net put up. The 10 trees won't be grown for several years. Supervisor Sullivan will look into a net.

Dave Briot of the Nick Stoner Trailer noted the trail system was changed to go across the parking lot where the boat launch is. He wanted people to realize this in the winter. Lots of people use the area for parking to access the trail. A suggestion was made to put reflectors on the building. The trail will be roped off. It will be a better and safer trail with the crossing at the top of the hill.

Highway – Mr. Putman reported his crew is repairing potholes and grading the dirt roads. The garbage truck had to be towed back into the shop yesterday. The Bleecker garbage was picked up with an open dump truck today.

He brought the board a bid for radios for the trucks. He has been working on this for 3 years. He noted that he earmarked money he recouped from the emergency fund for the radios. At the time

the estimates were around \$19,000 now they are about \$14,000.00. This would put a radio in every vehicle, a base at town hall, and our own FCC station. The code truck would also have a radio in it. Supervisor Sullivan stated the board would look at the information and move on it next month.

He has not come up with a trailer yet. He has been getting bids. He has contacted some local vendors but they are not working with him.

Mr. Putman is looking into replacing street signs. He has been thinking about this as the roads adjacent to the State Highway have signs put up by the state – like Alderwood Park and Morey Road. But some roads don't have them. From his call today the state may put up the missing signs along the state highways - the avenue signs and Fisher Road. This would save the town money.

Council Member Glenn asked about making the lake shore road one way. He still has not heard from the engineers in Utica yet or the Association of Towns. He is still working on this it is not a dead issue.

Council Member Sturchio commended his professional staff. Council Member Morris thanked Mr. Putman for taking care of the beaver dam situation behind Ray Allen's home. He did the work on his own time with his own equipment.

Supervisor Sullivan contacted DOT and has a name and number of someone to look at the foot traffic from the campsite to the store. The clerk asked if a crosswalk to the park would be included.

Mr. Sprung noted the beaver has not left town – the beaver is cutting saplings behind his garage. Mr. Putman stated sometimes it takes a few times of breaking up his hut before he moves on.

Lake Steward Program – Mr. Durkee noted the boat inspections were started at the West Lake site on Memorial Day weekend. Due to the weather there was not a huge turnout. They started using an iPad this year. Canada Lake Assoc. purchased one and the other is borrowed from Paul Smiths - it will be used at the boat wash station. The data will be included in the park wide reporting. The weekend inspections will continue this month and daily inspections will begin in July. Mr. Durkee thanked Mr. Putman and his crew for all their help. Training will be completed this week with the equipment. Mr. Fielding asked what the hours of operation were. Mr. Durkee is aiming for 10 hours a day (8 am– 6pm) 7 days a week for the boat washing station. Supervisor Sullivan is looking for a plumber to hook up the water from the well. Mr. Fielding stated he would talk to him later.

Town Hall Building – Mr. Travis stated “gonna do the bids for the clinic door replacement and ramp and deck. There was a problem with it this past week.” He spoke to Mr. Costello and Mr. Hayner about a quote but he has not heard back from them. Supervisor Sullivan stated the town could advertise in the paper. Supervisor Sullivan spoke to Mr. Costello about the custom bilko door at the south end of the building. The cost was \$900.00 and did not include installation. Mr. Travis will purchase rug shampooer for building from Walmart unless the town wanted a commercial model.

Weeds – Mr. Eger reported the boat has been launched. It is 80% complete. He showed everyone a picture of it. His bill was submitted for materials and labor. It totaled - \$7,621.20 materials \$1,416.20 and \$6,205.00 labor. Air and electrical lines still needed to be hooked up. He thanked

Mr. Putman for his help. "Everything is a go." He wants to start operations next week. He has one crew of two divers to work 32 hours per week.

RESOLUTION #2016-080 to pay for pontoons for week harvesting boat was offered by Council Member Glenn at the June 8, 2016 regular monthly town board meeting held at Caroga Town Hall and **WHEREAS**, it was determined that weed harvester was in need of a total overhaul by the weed harvesting coordinator, and **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Sullivan and Council Member Sturchio inspected the boat and found a need for new pontoons, and **WHEREAS**, Steve Putman had a pontoon boat for sale, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to pay Mr. Putman \$1,500.00 for the pontoons. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturchio.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes; Sullivan, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

The boat is level and can easily go under the bridge. It will be anchored at night where they had been working during the day, during the week. In case of inclement weather the harvester will go back to shore. This will save time that was wasted each morning and evening putting the unit into place. He stated it took two hours per day to do this. There will be an automatic anchor light on the unit. Council Member Sturchio suggested putting reflective material on the harvester.

RESOLUTION #2016-081 to pay the invoice submitted by Mr. Egert was offered by Supervisor Sullivan and Council Member Glenn at the June 8, 2016 regular monthly town board meeting held at Caroga Town Hall and **WHEREAS**, it was determined that weed harvester was in need of a total overhaul by the weed harvesting coordinator, and **WHEREAS**, Mr. David Egert of PO Box 113 Caroga Lake NY 12032 submitted an invoice for 73 hours of labor @ \$85.00 per hour and materials for \$1,416.20, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to pay Mr. Egert \$7,621.20 for the labor and materials to upgrade the weed harvester. The motion was seconded by Council Member Morris.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes; Sullivan, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

Mr. Egert noted it is not done yet and when finished should last another 10 – 15 years. Supervisor Sullivan stated there was \$5,000.00 in a reserve account and also through the grants applied for boat washing station will contribute toward the costs of the repairs.

Youth – Rachael Simonds- Director reported they are starting in less than a month. As of today there are 30 kids signed up. She has almost all the paperwork in but is waiting for certifications for herself and lifeguards then all the health department paperwork will be set. She is looking for someone to conduct swim tests. She noted every winter the net behind the park falls down. She has one of her friends with a bucket truck put it back up. She wondered what the status of the clean-up of the gym was and the status of summer school was. Supervisor Sullivan stated the gym will be cleaned up. The windows will be moved out to the shed – Mr. Putman was asked to help. Supervisor Sullivan noted the school wants to have 2 -1½ hour classes in the meeting room in the mornings. It would save transportation costs. There may be about 10 kids per class 4 days a week.

Sherman's Advisory Committee - Kent Kirch noted a press release was sent out three weeks ago. The website is up and working. He thanked Council Member Sturchio's son for his help. They have started the tours of the Sherman's Property with the commercial real estate companies namely Berkshire Hathaway, Caldwell Bunker, Sotheby's. They have done 2 so far with 5 more to go. As

a side note both people who came to see the property went to Sherman's as kids and know it well. The idea with the tours is to get proposals on how they would market the property. The question so far is there isn't a price established for the property and questions about inspections and the septic. "We have acknowledged that we are open to both a sale or a lease."

Mr. Kirch stated the next item was not a committee activity but Mr. Long is here tonight. They spend some time with George Abdella. The reason was they wanted to understand his perspectives on what he wanted to see done with that property since he donated it. They wanted him to know what the committee is doing and why it exists - its purpose. Mr. Abdella had heard that the committee was trying to acquire the property. That is not true. They talked for 2 ½ hrs.

Mr. Abdella did not want the town to sell it he much rather see a lease type arrangement. He likes the Caroga Music Festival concepts. There is no proposal from them yet. The next meeting if the committee is on June 9th at Town hall 7 pm. He still thinks there is some miss information out there as to what they are up to.

A resident asked if any of the realtors told him what the property was worth. They did not; the committee would have to pay for an appraisal estimated to be about \$1,500.00. It would take some effort it is a unique piece of property.

Supervisor Sullivan tried to contact someone about mowing the lawn – he got the voice mail. "One way or another it we'll get it done." The town received a bill for recent mowing.

Supervisor's Report

American Flags – Supervisor Sullivan has discussed this with Mr. Putman and noted there is no safe way of putting them up unless we have a bucket truck. If someone wants to volunteer with a truck that would be nice. The fire department trucks are not tall enough and can't get close to the poles. The board discussed getting an estimate from a contractor to hang the flags. It is very unsafe on a regular ladder – a former employee fell off the ladder while hanging the flags. Mr. Putman noted the flags twist around the poles and are not properly respected by having lights to display them. Council Member Manning suggested calling a tree person from Stratford. It was noted that Matt Hillock of London Bridge Rd. has a bucket truck. Council Member Morris noted the importance of this issue.

Lake Testing – Supervisor Sullivan put this on his calendar from last year. Mr. Long noted he has underwritten the testing on Canada Lake for the past 12 years. The tests are for PH, phosphorus, nitrates, and color transparency. It is through the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program in conjunction with Paul Smiths College. There are about 100 lakes doing this testing. He would like to see a baseline for East & West Caroga this would help assess threats to the lakes. He would help any lake assoc. who wants to take this on. Mr. Fielding noted they have an incubator to test for coliform.

The Caroga Planning Board has finished the new zoning plan. The board can expect to receive it from them within the next month. If we accept it then we go through the SECQR process, there is a public hearing and it goes to the APA. Then back to the Town Board for a vote. There is an input stage but he will have more information on that when the Board actually receives it. It was estimated to be about 4 months out.

Supervisor Sullivan wanted to touch on his thought process on the Waste Water Treatment Plan and how it came about. His initial conversation was with Brian Macintosh about down town it was said the area was bleak. In March he met with Ron Peters from the CRG Fulton County Center for Regional Growth. They discussed Sherman's and then a sewer system was brought up. The CRG writes grants for this type of project. Jim Mraz then contacted the Supervisor about what doing the first step – a preliminary study. The Comprehensive Plan is the first step you have to have to apply for any grant. He thought this was a different scope of information to pull in from the previous study. This one covered from County Highway 112 south to 1st Ave. He wrote to the Fulton County Environmental Economic Committee after the laundry matte shut down. He noted the current business and the ones that were no longer operating. It went through the committee for money to do a feasibility study. The Economic Committee has approved \$10,000.00 which would go to the next committee at the county level of the Capitol Project program. It would be a capitol project for 2017 – so there is no longer a need to work fast.

Supervisor Sullivan stated there is support at the county level and as a town we need to grasp whatever we can from the outside to help us. In the original proposal it would cost \$7,000.00 to look at Mead Creek, and it would be another \$7,000.00 to look at the parcel near the outlet. He hopes this would quell everyone's anxiety. Supervisor Sullivan thinks the technology has changed since the 2001 study. This is something to look at during budget time.

The 2001 project was divided into three main portions – The price tag was just so huge. It went down 3 to 1 in a vote. Council Member Manning stated whatever the board does has to have town support. This has to benefit the residents not just the businesses. Funding could be by the taxpayers in general or just by those in the district. Supervisor Sullivan did not know which way they would go with that.

A resident noted dumping sewage water into a creek no matter how clean it is - there is a stigma there. His thought is to look at it – even though there may be sticker shock, but we did the study for a small investment. Another resident noted the town could not afford \$500.00 a fence for the Sherman's property but you would spend money you don't have.

A resident of West Caroga preferred a study at the outlet of the lake rather than starting at Mead Creek. She has talked to a lot of people since the last meeting who do not like the idea of treated waste water going into the lake and through the channel into East Caroga. She would like it located past the lakes where people live.

Council Member Glenn asked if we could find the cost per foot to install a system.

Mr. Long stated the technology on the sewage treatment plants hasn't changed fundamentally. You can discharge perfectly clean drinkable water that would have too much nutrients for the lake. We do not have a baseline to know what the lakes could endure. He thought the only option would be the outlet or further downstream where you pick up sufficient flow. A well aerated stream over the course of 4 miles and an elevation drop of 400 feet can absorb a fair amount of nutrient.

Mr. Fielding noted the 2001 study DEC noted the outlet of East Caroga has 3 X's the flow of Mead Creek. This doesn't have to be studied again. It hasn't changed. That's just another reason to put it at the outlet. He put this information in a letter to the town board. He hopes they read it – he spent a lot of time on it. He wondered why we are not addressing the problems we have today along with

the down town area. Council Member Glenn asked those in attendance if they wanted to see the board move forward with some type of septic system. No measureable response was observed.

Council Member Manning gathered that very few people want this to be above the lakes. They prefer to see the study done for an area below the lakes if at all. Why put money into a project location that most likely the taxpayers would not support. Start with something that has the possibility of passing with the voters. Supervisor Sullivan suggested visiting some of these package plants. He did not want to set up a work session at this time.

The Fulton County Paint exchange takes place every Saturday morning from 7:30 – 11:30 during the summer June, July, & August at Mud Road. Residents may drop off or pickup latex paint.

The Battery Backup for phone system has been ordered from Canada Lake Computer.

Supervisor Sullivan received a check for the mortgage tax in the amount of \$13,425.88. It was sent to his home with his name on it. Mrs. Hillier has the check.

Supervisor Sullivan stated when a legal issue presents itself regarding the town Mang/NBT Insurance needs to be notified. They may represent the town as opposed to going to our own council.

Old Business:

Cell tower lease/easement – Supervisor Sullivan noted Unisom is no long in business. He talked to Landmark Dividend - they purchase the lease agreement. Everything appears to be in a lump sum. The terms of the agreement may change. The time frame may be less. Supervisor Sullivan thought this might be something to try with American Tower first. They were looking for a long term agreement to 20-30 years. Supervisor Sullivan asked the board if they would give him the option to make the deal with American Tower for the lump sum. Council Member Glenn asked if the other company would match or raise it. First there has to be an agreement in force. We take possession of \$230,000.00 then they purchase... "Yes" was the supervisors response. The two options were to take a lump sum of \$230,000.00 with an extremely long lease period. The other was to take \$272,000.00 over ten years. But that would make it difficult for the town to use instead of getting a lump sum- Supervisor Sullivan said. Once we get the lump sum we can make a resolution to say it has to be a unanimous decision by the board to spend the funds. Supervisor Sullivan and Council Member Sturchio want to use the money for infrastructure. Council Member Manning stated we are not there yet.

RESOLUTION #2016-082 to negotiate with American Tower was offered by Council Member Glenn at the June 8, 2016 regular monthly town board meeting held at Caroga Town Hall and **WHEREAS**, the board has been in communication with American Town regarding a buyout of the lease agreement, and **WHEREAS**, the town has consulted with the Town Attorney Sal Ferlazzo, and **WHEREAS**, the board again discussed their options this evening, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to allow Supervisor Sullivan to negotiate for a shorter term with American Tower with the understanding that the board will be consulted prior to the signing of any agreements. It was noted that the company had wanted the property in perpetuity. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturchio.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes; Sullivan, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

Supervisor Sullivan noted the board had wanted to continue the lease at the monthly rate but they did not want any part of that. It was a ten year buy out or a lump sum.

Council member Glenn has discussed this technology with recent graduates and thinks cell towers and the way we communicate now with our devices will be passé. Everything will be through the internet.

Any correspondence to Attorney Ferlazzo will be copied to the board members.

Supervisor Sullivan noted Board members should be using carogalakeny.com emails addresses. Additional filter has been put on.

Supervisor Sullivan noted the Landfill was tested on May 25th. It takes two weeks for the lab work to be completed. He will send the results to Dale Becker in Ray Brook. He will also see if the testing can be done on a yearly basis instead of quarterly.

It was noted that the electric service has to be removed from the ice cream stand prior to demolition. Contacting Matt Hillock was suggested. He recently went out on his own.

RESOLUTION #2016-083 to appoint an alternate member to the Planning Board was offered by Council Member Manning at the June 8, 2016 regular monthly town board meeting held at Caroga Town Hall and **WHEREAS**, James Long of 335 Kasson Drive has expressed an interested in serving as an Alternate to the Planning Board, and **WHEREAS**, the board confirmed that Mr. Long is interested in serving in that capacity, Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to appoint James Long as the alternate member of the Planning Board whose term shall run until December 31, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturchio.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes; Sullivan, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

New Business:

The Bridge group will resume on Thursday July 7th at town hall.

Council Member Morris wanted to clear up any confusion of when board members were available to attend meetings or address concerns. She has an advantage over the other board members. She does not have a fulltime job. The other board members may not be able to take time away from work to attend meetings or to answer calls during the day. If she can accommodate anyone she will and has. She noted at any single meeting she attends outside of this meeting – “Not anyone of us can make a decision. Not one of the four Council Members or the Supervisor has any more legal authority than the next. It has to be a majority decision vote.” She cannot act alone.

Supervisor Sullivan thanked Mr. Fielding for contacting him after the last meeting. The supervisor noted his work hours have recently changed dramatically. He will send his work schedule to Mrs. Hillier and the Town Clerk for the two weeks ahead.

Council Member Manning noted back in February the board resolved to reach out to DEC about possibly extending the season for the campsite until the Columbus Day weekend. He wrote to Assemblyman Butler and Senator Farley. The senator wrote back to say he was supportive of the idea. With the 51 sites closed right now it makes sense to offset the costs by extending the season longer. Senator Farley did write to the current commissioner of the DEC to express his support of this. Council Member Manning will keep the dialog open.

Supervisor Sullivan also thanked Mr. Putman and his department for his help on a couple of projects.

Correspondence: Anyone may request a copy of the correspondence.

Fulton Co. Dept. of Solid Waste Holiday July 4th Monday the transfer station is closed. Open 8am - 4pm Tuesday 7/5
letter dated 5/30 from concerned East Shore Rd. resident about an illegal business at 2114 St. Highway 10.

Resolutions:

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit and to accept the minutes of the May meeting & May 18th work session. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

At 8:51 pm Council Member Morris made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a pending legal matter. Supervisor Sullivan seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

At 9:07 pm Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to exit from the executive session. Council Member Morris seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion. There were no decisions or action taken as a result of the executive session.

At 9:08 PM Council Member Sturchio made a motion to adjourn. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert, RMC, CMC
Caroga Town Clerk