

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

November 10, 2020

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This regular monthly meeting was held face-to-face at Town Hall and lasted 103 minutes. Due to the pandemic, Councilmember Long exercised his right to participate by telephone.

Resolutions/Local Laws:

- 1. 2021 Revised Budget Hearing** — Supervisor Horton noted Budget Hearing errors. First, the Board reportedly voted to adopt a fund balance allocation change but did not vote separately to approve the Amended Final Budget. Second, he claimed a problem with the Town Clerk's \$3,000.00 raise. [The 2021 Budget held constant line "A1410.1 Town Clerk Personal Services" and added \$3,000.00 to line "A1410.12 Longevity".] The Board will hold a second Budget Hearing on November 18 at 7:00pm (5 to 0 vote).
- 2. Revised Hybrid Teleconference/Face-to-Face Meetings** — After the Board ended zoom access to their meetings, they received 42 letters from concerned residents. In response, they voted to resume zoom access to Town Board meetings (5 to 0 vote). Councilmember Sturgess suggested new rules prohibiting public speaking from zoom.
- 3. Personnel —**
 - a. Sole Assessor** — Accepted Vicki Hayner's resignation letter and approved advertising for candidates to serve as Sole Assessor (4 to 1 vote).
 - b. Back-Up Maintenance** — Approved hiring Robert Nellis to do back-up maintenance at Town Hall at the rate of \$13.00 per hour (5 to 0 vote).
 - c. Training** — Approved training for Doug Purcell and Linda Gilbert (5 to 0 votes)
- 4. Highway Department —**
 - a. Surplus Equipment** — Approved selling excess equipment including: four used loader tires, a new incompatible tire, a recycling container donated from Solid Waste Department, and an Army Surplus trailer less water tank (5 to 0 vote)
 - b. Payment Refund** — Authorized refunding \$300.00 to a resident after she paid \$505.00 to replace two culverts when only one could be installed in 2020 (5 to 0 vote)
- 5. Facility Repairs —**
 - a. Golf Club House** — Discussed options to replace fuel oil tank and/or the furnace
 - b. Town Hall** — Authorized Supervisor to repair basement ventilation fan, not to exceed \$2,000.00 (5 to 0 vote). Discussion also addressed future roof repair options.
- 6. LED Street Lighting Project** — Approved purchasing 165 street lights in Caroga from National Grid for \$29,787.72 to reduce long-term costs and energy use (5 to 0 vote).
- 7. Meeting Minutes** — Approved 9/25, 10/5, 10/14, 10/16, 10/21, 10/24, 10/31 (5 to 0 vote)
- 8. Bill Payment** — Approved payments as presented for audit (4 to 0 vote, 1 abstention)

Next Meeting:

Revised Budget Hearing

Wednesday November 18, 2020 7:00pm

Join Zoom.US or dial 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 897 3999 9445 Passcode: 313723

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