

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

December 9, 2020

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This monthly meeting at Town Hall and via zoom lasted 220 minutes, including 90 minutes in executive session to interview four candidates for the Town of Caroga Sole Assessor position.

Mr. Centi reported on the Golf Clubhouse Steering Committee. On 11/25/20 he emphasized the committee's focus on "building a building." On 12/09/20 he described an expanded scope with a "profit analysis" for new "Town-owned" golf carts (a service previously in the Golf Pro's contracts). He summarized 3 lease proposals: E-Z-Go (\$18,500), Club Car (\$18,000), & Yamaha (\$16,740). By NYS Law, public committees serve advisory roles only, and they must give advance meeting notice (currently with virtual access) and publish meeting minutes, which have yet to happen.

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. Golf Course —

- Supervisor Horton described an aim to accept the low bid for a **6-year annual lease of golf carts**. Councilmember Long voiced concerns about following the Town Procurement Policy, with the Board first needing to pass a resolution to solicit bids. The Board voted to solicit bids (5-0 vote).
- Approved 2021 **lease of the old fire house** for storing golf carts and other equipment (5-0 vote) The Supervisor reported that the \$2,200/month lease will be covered in the claim with NYMIR.
- Selected **Phinney Design to be the lead architect**, contingent on NYMIR approval (5-0 vote) The Supervisor provided a rationale for the selection. He noted a \$24,000 bid for the three initial phases for rebuilding the clubhouse including site visit, zoning analysis, and layout with materials.
- Added Denny Fincke as a member of the **Golf Clubhouse Steering Committee** (5-0 vote)
- Approved soliciting pricing / bids "for a **temporary club house** structure and for utility services including setting a utility pole, a temporary septic holding tank system and temporary water, electric, phone and internet service for a temporary golf course club house" (5-0 vote)

2. Financial Claims — Set the claim notification deadline as 12/31/20 (5-0 vote)

3. Highway Department — Renewed Town truck use permit at Mud Road Landfill (5-0 vote)

4. Liquor License — Waived 30-day waiting period for Royal Mountain Ski Area (5-0 vote)

5. New Phone System — Approved NEC phone purchase from Northeast IS for \$6,250 (3-2 vote)

6. Meeting Plans — Set dates and times for a Town Board end-of-year meeting on Wednesday 12/30/20 at 7:00pm and an organizational meeting on Wednesday 01/06/20 at 7:00pm (5-0 vote) "The meetings will be both virtual and in person, with no more than 10 persons attending in person. Temperatures of all in-person attendees will be taken before admittance. Face masks required. The in-person attendance may be subject to change based upon COVID circumstances."

7. Bills — Approved payments as presented for audit (4-0 with 1 abstention)

8. Sole Assessor — The Board reportedly did initial interviews with four candidates, and they plan to invite two back for second interviews, to be held in executive session on 12/16/20 at 10:00am.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Santa** will be at the Caroga Boat Wash Station (near Town Hall) Sunday 12/13/20 6:00 to 8:00pm.
- ❖ The target date for completing construction of the **NLH Micro-Clinic Building** is 01/15/2021.
- ❖ The **Wheelerville Bike Trail** project ended a highly productive season with 524 volunteer hours.
- ❖ The Town Clerk has the new **Street Light Map** (with additions and removals) for public inspection, and a public info session will be held at the year-end Town Board meeting on 12/30/20 at 7:00pm.

Next Meeting:

Special Board Meeting: Wednesday December 16, 2020 10:00am (Town Hall & zoom)

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