Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

February 20, 2021

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This special meeting about golf course staffing lasted 20 minutes at Town Hall and via zoom.

Resolutions / Local Laws:

Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course Staffing —

- The Board voted 5-0 to create the <u>Golf Course Superintendent</u> position with an annual salary of $65,000.00 with vacation, holiday, health insurance and retirement benefits under civil service, and the Board appointed <u>Steven M. Stedman</u> to the position starting March 8.

- The Board voted 5-0 to create the <u>Golf Clubhouse Manager</u> position at a pay rate of $18.00 per hour with vacation and holiday benefits, health insurance benefits, and civil service retirement benefits, and appointed <u>Jerry Groom III</u> to the position starting February 21.

During discussion, Councilmember Long expressed support for golf employees, but he questioned Town governance procedures. He moved to amend the resolution, but his motion failed with no second. He suggested deleting the inherently flawed claims that "the Caroga Golf Course Steering Committee (the 'Committee') has been tasked by the Town Board to undertake a thorough review of the Course and its needs" and that it publicly conducted a "thorough and comprehensive search." He noted: (1) New York Town Law gives fiscal and management responsibilities to the Town Board with committees serving advisory roles only and (2) the Board established the Golf Clubhouse Steering Committee after the fire with a narrow scope focused specifically on advising the Board about rebuilding the Clubhouse.

Supervisor Horton replied by emphasizing, "The citizens should know that we're in almost a FEMA-like process. I wish we could have slowed down. But we've been working so hard . . . Eventually, the voters will decide if we've done the right or wrong thing."

Next Meetings:

Golf Clubhouse Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2021 6:00pm

Join zoom.us or dial 929-205-6099   Meeting ID: 868 8292 5675   Passcode: 610398

Monthly Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:00pm

Join zoom.us or dial 929-205-6099   Meeting ID: 687 640 4445   Passcode: 427903