

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

July 14, 2021

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This monthly Town Board meeting started at 7:00pm and lasted 133 minutes at Town Hall and via zoom.

- ❖ At 6:00pm, the Golf Club House Committee met publicly. They reported on the combined Golf Club House and Town Hall building proposal and site. Barriers exist with site options on the west side of Route 10, near the current Town Hall. **They recommended a building site east of the road, just south of the Highway Garage, near the old Club House with views of the golf course's 18th and 1st holes.**
- ❖ Assemblyman Robert Smullen updated the Board about the current State Budget. He noted state grant funds available to towns, especially for infrastructure projects (CHIPS, paving, bridges, winter recovery, clean water, broadband service) as well as the federal American Rescue Funds program (\$119,001.00 grant submitted). He advised, "**This is the year to put forward local project proposals.**"
- ❖ The Supervisor's Confidential Secretary, Tor Shekerjian, reported on LED Street Light Conversion. After the Town purchases from National Grid 165 street lights, for LED conversion or decommission, costs are expected to drop from \$38,464.00 to \$11,189.00, resulting in a 71% savings of \$27,275.00. **The plan will reduce both energy costs and light pollution.** A second presentation is being prepared.
- ❖ Ralph Palcovic—a former Town Board member, fire safety professional, and lifelong local resident—reported on public safety concerns and lack of public oversight of short-term rental properties. Such properties have rapidly expanded recently (e.g., 23 AirBNBs, 21 VRBOs in 2021). He also cited increasing fire department calls, parking hazards, raw sewage violations, and garbage violations. **He called on the Town Board for an ordinance to protect local businesses and resident community.**

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. **Dual-Purpose Golf Club House and Town Hall Municipal Building Proposal** — The Board voted to authorize the Supervisor to direct Phinney Design Group to complete a design plan for the combined Golf Club House and Town Hall on the site with views of the 18th and 1st holes. (5-0 vote)
2. **Golf Course** — Approved Pump Irrigation Technologies motor controller for \$4,790.00 (5-0 vote)
3. **Town Purchasing Policy** — Approved the Supervisor to end department's bank debit card use and to apply for a single credit card for the Supervisor (5-0 vote). Plans for department cards were tabled.
4. **Supervisor Education** — Approved Supervisor to attend AOT's governmental account course October 5 to 7 with online cost of \$85.00 from account A1220.4 (5-0 vote)
5. **Town Hall** — Approved hiring Mike Voght, Sr. for part-time maintenance at \$15.00 per hour (5-0 vote)
6. **Pine Lake Park** — Approved a letter from the Board to the New York State Liquor Authority in support of a seasonal liquor license for Pine Lake Park, owned by Bill and Chardel Houck (5-0 vote)
7. **Miscellaneous Business** — Accepted the Tax Collector's 2021 Books (5-0 vote); Accepted the meeting minutes for 6/9/21 and 6/28/21 (4-1 vote); Voted to pay bills as presented for audit (5-0 vote)

Announcements:

- ❖ Fulton Road and Alderwood Park Road have a 5-ton weigh limit for 2 weeks, due to fresh paving.
- ❖ The Caroga Transfer Station is for personal household waste. Businesses must contract elsewhere.

Next Public Meeting:

Up to 12 people may attend Board meetings at Town Hall. Others may attend via zoom.

Town Board Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:00pm

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