

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

August 14, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 95 minutes, with 20 minutes in executive session. The audience at Town Hall had 18 people, joined by 9 additional families via zoom.

Supervisor Ralph Palcovic gave updates about municipal building and road repair projects.

- Regarding the Board's 4/24/2024 modular Golf Clubhouse plus Town Hall concept, "Our previous architectural firm [Phinney Design] decided they are not interested in going forward with any proposal, so we have engaged other engineering firms. I've got some good feelings with two other Board teammates here. We've walked and talked. We've discussed options. We're trying to keep our heads above water and get a Clubhouse going."
- "We've also got to do some Town Hall roof repairs... If anybody is aware of a contractor, ... call me. This is not a reconstruction project. This is a repair of the existing Town Hall roof. It is an emergency roof repair."
- The Board cut back on road repairs, with no plans for Old State Road, North Shore Road, or North Branch Road. South Shore East Caroga Road was noted as being an issue for emergency vehicles with patch-tamp work requested. Officials thanked Bruce Clark, PE for his volunteer efforts to review local road conditions.

Walter "Jim" Hogan shared news about the Lakes Management ProcellaCOR treatment project.

- Lake Manager Glenn Sullivan inspected West Caroga Lake and found no invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil after ProcellaCOR treatment. Conditions in East Caroga Lake are relatively improved and "exceeded expectations."
- As required by Caroga's APA permit, Adirondack Research Director Ezra Schwartzberg, PhD is conducting a post-treatment scientific survey and analysis with a final written report expected in the fall of 2024.
- Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program Coordinator Brian Greene has overseen water sampling, including a new DNA test for invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil. A green weed in the lakes is most likely noninvasive algae.
- Officials, employees, volunteers, and consultants appeared to be in unanimous agreement about the value of maintaining lakes management funding, with efforts to include all developed lakes within the Town of Caroga.

Resolutions:

1. Funding for Unspecified Pending Litigation — (5-0 vote)

Following executive session, the Board approved funding for unspecified pending litigation.

2. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Survey Contract — (5-0 vote)

Approved signing the \$8,600.00 contract with Adirondack Research for required AIS survey

3. Capehorn Road Bridge Repair Contract — (5-0 vote)

Authorized the \$55,000.00 construction by R&B, LLC for required emergency bridge repairs

4. Snow Removal and Ice Control Contract to Caroga Highway Department — (5-0 vote)

Approved the \$28,215.00 contract from Fulton County Highway Department for 2024-2025

5. Moving the 62,000-Pound Boulder that Fell from the Cliff into Kasson Drive — (4-1 vote)

Authorized seeking property owner insurance reimbursement for \$4,000.00 crane expense

6. Golf Course Light Repairs — (5-0 vote)

Authorized \$350.00 payment with special voucher to North Country Electrical for light repairs

7. Budget Transfers — (5-0 vote)

From: A8090.13 WEED divers	\$25,000.00	To: A8090.41 WEED C/E	\$25,000.00
From A1620.42 Golf Clubhouse C/E	\$ 290.00	To: A6410.41 Golf Advertising	\$ 290.00
From: A9060.81 GC Health Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	To: A9050.81 GC Unemployment	\$ 5,000.00
From: DA5130.20 Machinery EQ	\$52,000.00	To: DA5110.4 Gen Repairs C/E	\$52,000.00

8. Other Business — (5-0 votes)

- Accepted the 2024 Tax Collector's Books as presented for audit
- Approved 7/10/2024 meeting minutes and approved bills as presented for audit

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