Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

April 9, 2025

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This monthly meeting at Town Hall began at 6:30 PM and lasted 102 minutes. Present were Supervisor Ralph Palcovic, Council Members Jack Glenn, Matt Cooper, and Rick Sturgess, Clerk Linda Gilbert, Highway Superintendent Roy Stock, Golf Superintendent Steve Steadman, Wheelerville Trails Manager Jeremy Manning, Black Fly Control Director Mike Kunath, Weed Harvester Coordinator W. Jim Hogan, and six others. Council Member Barb DeLuca was absent.

Supervisor Palcovic introduced **New York State's Pro-Housing Communities Program** and Resolution Pledge (see page 2). Certification is required to apply for key grant funding programs (e.g., Downtown Revitalization Initiative, NY Forward Program, Regional Council Capital Fund, Market NY Program, NY Main Street Program). The pledge is an aspirational vision, including reviewing initiatives with comprehensive planning and local zoning for multi-resident housing.

Resolutions:

1. **Town Vehicle Use by Code Enforcement Officer** — (4-0 vote)
   - The Board authorized Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Fancher to keep the Town's vehicle at his home on evenings and weekends (with fuel and milage logged at Town Barn)

2. **Golf Course Gifts** — (4-0 vote)
   - Waived Matt Hillock's $675 golf membership fee plus $325 sign/card advertisement fee

3. **Planning for Housing Development** — (4-0 vote)
   - Executed the State's "Pro-Housing Community Resolution" (see https://hcr.ny.gov/phc)

4. **Budget Adjustments** — (4-0 vote)
   - From: A8090.41 WEED C/E $1,000.00   To: A9950.91 Harvester Reserve $1,000.00
   - Revenue: DA2650 Sale of Scrap $774.75. To: DA5130.4 Machinery C/E $774.75

5. **General Business** — (4-0 votes)
   - Authorized appropriate signers on NBT Accounts for Town Clerk (Gilbert, Aldinger), Code Office (Fancher), Town Justice (Subik), and 11 other accounts (Palcovic, Sturgess)
   - Approved Book-keeper attending Town Finance & Personnel School (April 22-24, 2025)
   - Approved 3/12/2025 meeting minutes and bills as presented for audit

Announcements:

✶ **5/13/2025 5:30 PM:** Lakes Management Meeting with Cyanobacteria Review at Town Hall

✶ **5/17/2025 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM:** Tops Off Jeeps Poker Run starting from Lakeview Store

✶ **5/18/2025 2:00 PM:** Dam It! Beavers! at Glove Theatre (https://www.theglovetheatre.com)

✶ **Memorial Day Weekend:** Caroga Tourism's Town of Caroga Parade

✶ **Starting 5/24/2025:** Caroga Arts 2025 Events at Sherman's (https://carogaarts.org/events)

✶ **7/31/2025 7:00 PM:** *100 Years on Top: The Kane Mountain Fire Tower* Museum Reception

✶ **8/14 to 8/17/2025:** Fire Tower Centennial (https://www.carogamuseum.org/?page_id=4849)

✶ **8/23 to 8/24/2025:** 4th Annual Mountain Bike Fest (https://wheelervilletrails.com)

Upcoming Meetings and Events: **https://TownOfCaroga.com/calendar**

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On 4/9/2025, Supervisor Palcovic led the process of beginning to certify Caroga for the NYS Pro-Housing Communities Program. The Board passed the Pro-Housing Community Resolution:

Any city, town, or village government in New York State can take part in addressing the housing crisis by adopting the Pro-Housing Communities pledge. The resolution must be adopted as written below by the highest body of elected officials (e.g., town board). The final resolution document must include a signature from the municipal clerk verifying the authenticity of the resolution and indicating the date of passage. Local governments should then designate a primary contact person to complete the online registration form and upload the resolution as part of their submission to the Pro-Housing Communities program by following the steps at https://hcr.ny.gov/phc .

RESOLUTION #2025-042:
Town of Caroga Supervisor Ralph Palcovic moved and Council Member Matt Cooper seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroga believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being, and

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities, and

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits, and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Caroga, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:
1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing,
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing,
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions,
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses,
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, & supportive housing.