

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Regular monthly Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday June 10, 2015 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10. Supervisor Ottuso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the following persons in attendance indicated by roll call followed by the salute to the flag.

Supervisor Ralph Ottuso - Here
Council Member Robert Sullivan - Here
Council Member Greta Frasier – Here
Council Member Anthony Sturchio - Here
Council Member John Glenn - Here

There was no mention of the reading of the minutes of the May meeting.

Other town department representatives in attendance were Lita Hillier – Bookkeeper & Budget Director, Steve Jennings – Golf Pro, Manager, Greens keeper, Steve Putman – Highway Superintendent, Planning Board member Jim Selmsler, Shelia Yates – Code Enforcement Officer, BTI Director John Delesky, There were over 70 members of the public in attendance.

Public: Tony Toskas received a letter from the highway superintendent about a pipe inside the town culvert pipe. He stated that is not true. He stated his pipe is in a 4 ‘PVC pipe and not in the town culvert. He noted his pipe and septic system was approved by the town. He spoke to Mr. Wager (Deputy Highway Superintendent) when they were working on the road and asked him not to move the rocks he had placed in the ditch to protect his pipe. He stated the town broke his pipe several years ago. The pipe was down 18 inches prior to the digging of the ditch. Mr. Toskas did not think a 1-½ plastic pipe had much resistance. He stated there is not gray water in the ditch. He has an evaporative system. He did not believe any action was necessary. He thought he was being picked on because of complaints he and his wife had made.

Dave Briot spoke on behalf of the Nick Stoner Trailers – He asked if Morey Road had been surveyed yet. Supervisor Ottuso responded not to his knowledge yet. “I know Sal Ferlazzo was going to be working on this with us to get that...you know worked out so that we can get that taken care of.” He asked if someone had been contacted to do it. Supervisor Ottuso replied that he “has not contacted anyone to survey it yet no.” Mr. Briot noted it is June and things have to move along fast now. He did not think things were going to work out easy with Mr. Johnson. A resolution was made to do the survey last month. Council Member Sullivan asked if Sal Ferlazzo was working on this as well. The supervisor responded that “he is the one that is probably take care of this for us.” “Chris Foss is the one that takes care of most of our surveys and stuff like that.” Mr. Briot thought this needed to be acted on promptly. The clerk suggested sending a letter to the property owners on the road to let them know that a survey was going to be conducted.

Jim Selmsler – as a Planning Board member he noted that at the February 4th meeting they reviewed some recommended changes to the Comprehensive plan. There was a revision to the Comprehensive Plan presented to the Planning Board for their approval to better accommodate the accusation of the Sherman’s property by the Town of Caroga. The revision was requested by the Town Supervisor the board reviewed the suggested changes and all present approved making those changes to the Comprehensive Plan. He gave a copy to the board, of the letter he had. He tried to get the backup to it the information presented. The document was generated by Jim Mraz of the Fulton County Planning Department. On the backside it shows Mr. Mraz notes from a previous Planning Board meeting. “Some he suggests and others were from a discussion with the Planning Board.” Mr. Selmsler noted there should be some action on this as it may affect the grant process. Council Member Frasier stated in the Comprehensive Plan it talks about the area around Sherman’s being the town center. “Now that it actually belongs to the town the wording in that Comprehensive Plan should reflect that so when they go over that Comprehensive Plan for that grant application, it is already done in the Comprehensive Plan. It is going to reflect the transaction in the Comprehensive Plan.” Council Member Glenn remembered there was some discussion about this amendment some time ago in response to a request by Mr. Mraz seven months ago. Supervisor Ottuso asked the board to read this over and stated “We can move this for a resolution before meetings the end.”

Mary Lou Patterson noted that several months ago Supervisor Ottuso showed everyone the paperwork that had to be filled out in order to have our beach. She wondered where we stood on that. She also asked on how we stood for a project manager for Sherman’s so we can get it going. Supervisor Ottuso wrote down the questions and he will answer them when it comes to his portion of the meeting. Mrs. Patterson asked if the grant application was in the works. Supervisor Ottuso confirmed this.

Beth Morris noted this past weekend there were a lot of people on the beach. However the beach at Sherman’s is closed. We don’t have lifeguards, or trashcans, or know if the water is OK (sampled). She noted at any given day especially after school on the midway there are a bunch of kids, in where the bumper cars were, riding skateboards. “This is a huge liability.” She asked what is going to be done to protect the town if people step on glass on the beach, twist an ankle running, or swallow water and get sick. She suggested putting up signs that the beach is closed.

Bill Bishop stated there are boards with nails over by the bumper cars and pavilion. The kids are making ramps and jumps by tearing boards off the railing of the pavilion. He took down the ramps the day before the plant sale. He suggested putting chains up across the entrances to keep people out.

Jim Altizio asked Mr. Putman what is going on with S. Shore Road West Caroga. It has been a mess for a couple of years. It is all washboard.

Linda Pomroy asked what minutes she can look at to find out what the grant proposal is for, what the Board approved. Supervisor Ottuso responded in the minutes of the May 27th meeting. The clerk stated they are still in a draft form.

Joe Capperilla asked how long is it going to take to get Sherman's up and running so it can be rented out. Was there an estimated time, year? He may know people who want to do things there.

Lois Miller ECLPA President wanted to thank the Supervisor and board members for their continued support on the invasive weed prevention project.

Nanette Gallagher invited everyone at the meeting to a fundraiser on Saturday at Vrooman's from 3 – 10pm. It is for the cancer services program in Fulton, Montgomery, & Schenectady counties. It is for early screening, which can mean life or death. This is the 4th annual. Flyers were available to take home.

Barbara Lee – was asked to read a letter from Kyle Price the founder and artistic director of the Caroga Lake Music Festival. He wrote a project proposal regarding the use of Sherman's. His program would bring artists and scholars from all over the world. His project would revitalize Caroga. The concerts have already developed national recognition. Utilizing Sherman's would allow them to expand. Everyone was encouraged to go the Caroga Lake Music Festival website to see the full 9 page proposal.

Mike Gallagher thought in looking forward with Sherman's why not make it a skateboard facility for the kids. Go with it..... have the kids help build it.

Department Reports:

Assessor's Report – Supervisor Ottuso thanked the Board of Assessment Review. He stated he met with them before Grievance Day and that helped out a lot. He got a letter from the school to see what the tax rate would be. He read a report from Mrs. Parker who stated grievance day went well with about 40 people showing up. The supervisor thought there was more than that 50. She is making the address, and bank code changes on the roll. The deadline is June 21st. Mr. Parker is holding his own. He has been in the hospital for a month.

BTI – John Delesky reported they are still treating the streams. They have walked about 500 hours so far. He played in a golf tournament and no one swatted at a black fly, just deerfly. His permit is good until July 31st.

Clerk/Registrar –Mrs. Gilbert reported that a couple of the board members have reviewed the Tax Collection books. The May Monthly Report was passed for the board to review. There is now offsite back up of the Town Clerk and Tax Programs through Business Automation Services.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Shelia Yates reported between the last meeting and this meeting we made \$1,477.50. She has another 10 letters going out for the beautification process. She has a NYS Fire Marshall Inspector's Conference coming up the first week of September that she would like to attend. She asked the board to allow her to hire Marsha Johnson for around 12 hours a week until October 10th. She worked last year. She knows things about code, as well as having worked in a municipality before. Jennifer Blowers has other commitments so it is not working out with her.

RESOLUTION#2015-053 to hire Marsha Johnson to work in the Code Office was offered by Council Member Sullivan at the June 10, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board. **WHEREAS**, the Code Officer has indicated that she requires help in the office, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that Marsha Johnson is hereby hired for the position. Supervisor Ottuso seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio, Glenn

Supervisor Ottuso thought he has seen some places cleaning up a bit – the Red Store and Shutts were mentioned.

Dog Control – No report - after the meeting a written note indicated that Mr. Dutcher had 9 calls for the month. He responded to one dog bite and took one stray to the Humane Society.

Golf Course – Mr. Jennings reported that he asked Course Trends to call the town supervisor. They want to discuss a website advertising and T-time scheduling marketing concept. It was noted that we don't do Tee times. Mr. Jennings wanted to know about expanding a website but no cost was offered. It is a good company. Mr. Jennings may not have enough in his budget for this.

Supervisor Ottuso asked how the win a car Wednesday was going. No one has responded back to Mr. Jennings. They will be contacted again. It was noted that Steet Toyota donated a car for a recent tournament.

Mr. Jennings has some junior members and noted he will be putting together two lessons for the summer recreation program. He will open it up to other kids as well. Council Member Frasier noted not all kids go to summer recreation.

Mr. Jennings met with the credit card company. He took the test to become compliant. Our rates will now be lowered from 2.45% to 1.7%. They will lower a lot of fees. We were paying \$47.00 a month now it will be \$27.00. We were being charged a fee because he had not taken the survey. The test was to make sure security procedures were followed.

There is an issue with the building – the pipes are full of iron. The toilets are becoming black. Mr. Jennings asked about putting a filter on the well. A floss filter was discussed. The water was tested.

Mr. Jennings wants 22 of the light taken down at town hall for the golf course building.

Mr. Jennings had problems with some machinery; he thanked Mr. Putman and his guys for coming over to help him out. The course is in good shape. The sod he bought has been put town.

Highway – Mr. Putman wanted to address some of the comments. His letter to Mr. Toskas speaks for itself. “If he has changed the pipe since being spoken to – good for you.” He is more than glad. Mr. Putman noted that stones and wood put in the ditch clog up the drainage – that is why they had to dig it out the first time. He will discuss this further with him and another board member if need be.

South Shore Road of West Caroga is on his list. Mr. Putman will not make promises or set deadlines when he will be there, other than he will be there eventually. He knows it is getting

worse. It was noted that the requirements are being changed from 10 year to 5 year for reimbursement policy with the CHIPS money.

Mr. Putman received an estimate for the project at the upper Town barn to have the front fixed so that it matches Mr. Hayner quoted \$1,500.00 to start and \$1,500.00 to finish. This is still under the total amount being reimbursed by insurance. He would like the board to approve this expenditure.

RESOLUTION #2015-054 to hire Hayner Construction for additional repairs to the upper highway garage was offered by Council Member Sturchio at the June 10, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board. **WHEREAS**, ice and snow damaged the upper highway barn, and **WHEREAS**, the town insurance company was contacted and a claim submitted, Now Therefore be it **RESOLVED** that Ralph Hayner of Hayner Construction is hereby additionally hired to replace the metal on the front of the building and to cover over the doors and install new gaskets around the doors so the building colors match for a total cost of \$3,000.00 for the front the building. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio, Glenn

The Highway Superintendent is getting ready to work on the town parking lot. Tomorrow they will be putting the binder mix on it. Within a week the project should be all set.

They just put a new engine on the sweeper.

Since Mr. Briot mentioned Morey Road Mr. Putman will just say he hopes we are moving forward with that.

Electrical work at the Barn - Werner Electrical put up a few outside lights and two in his office. Nothing was done inside the barn where it is desperately needed. The upper barn is good. But the lower barn was not done. He would like to have that looked at. Council Member Sullivan noted the lights in the barn were deemed efficient. That is what they were looking at. Supervisor Ottuso put high output lights (T8's) in his warehouse and shop and it is very bright. Mr. Putman would like an electrician take a look at the situation. He would like the power feed evaluated to go from 2 phase to 3. The board approved having Fulton County Electric come up and look at the barn.

Garbage – the truck is still on its last leg. Mr. Putman would like a regulation to have all garbage put in clear bags and a sealed container up to 30 gallons with a lid. Garbage is put out the night before and on average 18- 20 per day the crows get into the bags. Unfortunately most of the people don't pick it up. Notification would have to go out to residents. Suggestions were a mailing, the town directory, a sticker, or a door hanging. This would help clean this town up. A date this would take effect would be established. Mr. McLain wanted the regulation to state the cans had to be picked up by the end of the evening. A resolution will be drawn up. Supervisor Ottuso asked the clerk to check with the county for stickers they may have already made up.

The new CAT Loader is down. Milton Cat came up and got it. They offered the town a \$5,000.00 deal plus a couple dollars per hour (310) on the machine to get into a new Loader. They don't have a clue as to why it failed. Mr. Putman was going to negotiate with the dealer. Council Member Glenn noted the machine is still under warranty. This deal was offered before it went down. Supervisor Ottuso thinks they should send us a Loader to use and negotiate the deal down.

The 2006 International is down at H L Gage getting more front end work done. Mr. Putman would like to see the old truck put out to bid. He has checked they were not worth much. Others selling for \$5,000.00 are road worthy. He suggested advertising them locally with a minimum bid of \$3,500.00 for each truck. If nothing happens then go with Auctions International.

RESOLUTION #2015-055 to put two trucks out for bid was offered by Council Member Sullivan at the June 10, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board. **WHEREAS**, Highway superintendent Steve Putman did update the board on the condition of two trucks in his fleet, and **WHEREAS**, the town desires to put out for bid a 1998 International Truck model 2554 118755 miles 2 wheel drive Engine DT466 GVWR 35,000 LBS Hydraulic plumbed for sander. Minimum bid \$3,500.00 and a 1995 International Plow truck model 4800. All Wheel drive GVWR 40,000 LBS 11' Viking wing 12' Viking head plow Highway 2020 5 yard cap. 807860 miles. Minimum Bid \$3,500.00. Now therefore be it **RESOLVED** that the two trucks be advertised in the Leader Herald newspaper first with bids being opened at the July 8, 2015 regular monthly town board meeting, that Council Member Sturchio seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio, Glenn

Lastly Mr. Putman gave the board numbers for a new plow/Sander (from FAB3) Truck. Council Member Sullivan made a motion to purchase the truck. The financing is 2 ¾ % for five years. The annual payment is \$34,000.00 per year. The town can do a payment on delivery or push the first payment off for an entire year. We like to pay it off so the truck is not a year older and nothing would be paid onto it. It was explained that two trucks are being gotten rid of and one is being purchased. One of the trucks had the box removed and a permanent sander put in. The truck we are looking to purchase can be used year round. It was noted it takes 6 months to get the truck once ordered. Mr. Putman changed the specifications to upgrade the truck from the last one. This has an 18000 lb. front end and a retardation system in it. In the past a double plow frame was ordered this provides a rotting point at all given times due to salt getting in between the frame. This is an extra heavy duty single frame. It is an International. It is on state contract. The total cost is \$179,636.00 the truck is \$167,450.00 and the sander is \$12,186.00. We are piggybacking off an Onondaga county contract.

RESOLUTION #2015-56 to purchase a 2015 International Plow with a Sander was offered by Council Member Sullivan at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board. **WHEREAS**, Highway superintendent Steve Putman has kept the town board informed of the condition of town equipment and has identified a need to replace two of the large plow trucks, and **WHEREAS**, Onondaga County has a vehicle they are purchasing and Mr. Putman has reviewed the specification and stated that this vehicle is suitable for the town of Caroga also, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to piggy back on the Onondaga Contract to purchase a 2016 International Truck with Dump Body 7400SFA

4 x 4 (SR525) for \$179,636.00 from H. L GAGE Sales Inc. 121 Washington Ave Ext. Albany NY 12206 and a Tarco Highlander Model HL-HY2-10 SS Sander from Fort Miller Fab3 Corp 678 Wilbur Ave. Greenwich, NY 12844. Council Member Sturchio seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio, Glenn

Mr. Putman suggested putting the money from the sale of the two trucks toward the new truck right off the bat.

Council Member Sullivan had a couple of questions for the highway superintendent. Does he know what roads will be paved yet this year? Mr. Putman stated the parking lot for the town, Fourth Avenue so the avenues are done and dirt will no longer go into the lake. He is capping School House Road per the requirements for the CHIPS money. He will be paving the entrance to West Lake to the split in the road. That road falls to pieces all year long. Then there will be one more. A resident asked about in front of Sherman's – that will be soup coated tomorrow.

Council Member Sullivan asked if Mr. Putman still access to a bucket truck. Mr. Groff recently asked to borrow our backhoe and we can borrow his bucket truck for a couple of days. It was stated that it was for the netting.

Town Hall Building - Mr. Travis reported that the clinic is getting air conditioning. Supervisor Ottuso noted that he contacted the County Planning Department because the old Tryon facility has the exact ceiling system. Mr. Mraz said the town can take as many tiles as we want. Mr. Travis priced them new at \$217.00 for a package of 10. Mr. Travis has painted some of the stained tiles. Others are broken. He will get a pickup truck full.

Historian – The Town Clerk showed the board a few of the pictures Mr. Nilsen has created in his Then and Now series to be displayed in the town hallway.

Weeds – Mr. DeWeese stated the program is on the fourth year of a five year contract with the APA. The harvesting program started June 1st and so far they have worked 7 days and have 120 baskets of weeds. It is really, really bad this year. It was explained that after the weeds are fed up through the suction the surface is skimmed with a net for any loose debris from the plants. This is done so they don't reseed themselves. They are doing high traffic area now. They will be on West Caroga on July 16th for the week. Last year they harvested 2003 baskets. He hopes to get the same this year. Council Member Glenn asked if there were any other alternatives. Mr. DeWeese stated that a liquid was used in Saratoga Lake last year in an area ½ mile by 3 miles. The weeds came right back in two years. Chemicals are not allowed in the Adirondack Park. The areas move from year to year and are mostly in a silted area. Eurasian Milfoil is in no more than 15 feet of water as light can't penetrate deeper. Mr. DeWeese stated we are keeping a head of it.

Lake Stewards – Lois Miller read a written report from Mr. Durkee:

- 1) Two paid lake stewards were selected and hired last month Sheila Danylak is new. She attended the Paul Smith's College training program. Also hired was Geoff Nehr who was one of the stewards last year.
 - 2) During the Memorial Day weekend the stewards inspected over 80 boats most belonging to lake residents putting their boats in for the summer. As of the past weekend 120 boats were inspected.
 - 3) As in past seasons the paid steward will work on the weekends through June. Then they will cover six days a week through Labor Day weekend.
- Volunteer stewards will start on the July 4th weekend. More volunteers are always welcome.

Lois asked if there was any information on the boat washing stations.

Supervisor Ottuso stated he is just waiting for it to come through and it probably won't be this summer but maybe in the fall. We have to do some prep work. The West Lake Boat Launch is planned to be expanded but the Supervisor cannot see how it can be done.

Youth – The Clerk read a report from Rachael Simonds. She stated that most things are in order for the summer recreation program. The biggest problem is the lack of an aquatic director. At this point there is no swimming for the kids except on field trips. If anyone knows of someone with the aquatic director qualifications please contact her. The program is set to begin on July 6th and run through August 14th Monday through Friday 9 – 2 pm. Supervisor Ottuso thought he may have received an email application from someone with life guarding. It was Annie Stock but she is not 21. Council Member Frasier will contact Sam Johnson to see if she is interested. She also asked Mr. Travis to move the lights out of the gym because if it rains the kids use the gym. The lights should be moved to the shed.

An AED device is co-owned with the Town and Royal Mountain Ski Patrol. It will be available for our use during summer recreation.

Blight – Ms. Yates noted we have to reschedule the next Blight meeting on the 18th. The next meeting was set for Thursday July 9th at 7 pm.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Ottuso answered the questions previously asked. Mr. Toskas comments have been addressed.

The supervisor will call and get the survey going on Morey Road.

Supervisor Ottuso asked if the board had time to review the documents submitted by Mr. Selmsler. Mr. Selmsler stated he did not have the exact working. He thought the town supervisor would have as it was attached to a letter from Mr. Mraz. Council Member Sullivan will not act on this without more information. Supervisor Ottuso stated "he would take a look at it and make a resolution on it at our July meeting." Council Member Frasier wondered if "Mr. Mraz could put in there for that grant application that this is going to be voted on at the July board meeting. So it does not hold up the grant application. Supervisor Ottuso stated it won't hold it up "we have all the information for the grant guys." Mr. Selmsler questioned if there had to be a public hearing and if it had to be filed with the Department of State.

The Town Beach Project question – part of that is actually being submitted in our grant application Supervisor Ottuso stated. It is part of the Parks and Recreation that the grant is for.

At The grant meeting on the 27th it was stated that the amount was going to be \$350,000.00, since then Mr. Syden from Labarge has called to say the amount available went up to \$500,000.00. "If we get that, it will be fabulous. – we can do a lot with that and not have to come up with any taxpayer's money."

As far as people on the beach – you are right we should probably get a sign saying Beach Closed use at your own risk. Supervisor Ottuso spoke to Dick Argotsinger that is what they do when they are not there. The days it is closed people can still use it. Mrs. Morris questioned having people come in off the street and help fix up the Sherman's property. Supervisor Ottuso noted as long as a volunteer list is created for the town then you are covered under the insurance. Council Member Sullivan did not want to see volunteers on ladders. This could be for clean up. Karl Ziemann talked to Barbara Brown at the correctional facility (comment about the escaped Dannemora inmates) and we could use them to paint if the town paid for the Deputy for the day to supervisor 6 – 10 non-violent inmates. The supervisor noted we need people to help clean up down there but a lot of it has to do with some money. "We are going to try to look at budgeting some money, but something came up and he thought it would be of interest." The board received paperwork from Unisom. Mrs. Hillier and Supervisor Ottuso spoke to the Comptroller on this. Unisom offered the town money for our cell tower. Option one which Supervisor Ottuso thought was the best option is a \$200,000.00 payment in exchange for a 50 year general easement on our cell tower. The thing we would give up is our current monthly rent of \$1235.00. "It goes from \$150, to \$175 to \$190 to \$200,000.00. With the two hundred thousand we could actually put \$100,000.00 toward our Sherman's project and take the other \$100,000.00 for a salt shed or highway equipment we need. If Verizon were to come on to our cell tower site we would still get 60% of revenue for a new carrier on that site. He estimated the income to be \$3000.00 a month. So we would probably get a little more than what we would be losing in monthly." He gave the copy from Andrea Armstrong to the board. The Supervisor stated right now cell towers are in use. In 20 years he thinks everything will be by satellite. He stated in some instances cell towers have already gone away. The current rent is just going into the general fund and not being utilized. "You can't do much with \$1200.00 a month but you can do a lot with a couple hundred thousand." Council Member Frasier asked about an extra 300 sq. feet needed. The Supervisor noted we have the property.

Council Member Glenn reads the options which state it was to be accepted by March 12, 2015. Option 2 would pay \$190,000.00 for a 40 year general easement if accepted by March 12, 2015. Option 3 would pay the town \$175,000.00 for a 30 year general easement if accepted by March 12, 2015. Option 4 pays \$150,000.00 in exchange for a 20 year general easement if accepted by March 12, 2015. Supervisor Ottuso said this was all put back on the table with a different date on it. Supervisor Ottuso will ask her to come back to the July meeting. It was asked by a member of the public why is so lucrative that they want our tower? Council Member Sullivan asked if anyone knows please let him know, he is curious. The board will do some research. Council Member Frasier stated "what it is, is what it is, this is a company that does this and obviously we all know there's got to be something there they are making money cause they are doing it. But you are looking at something that could be obsolete in 30 years and \$200,000.00 up front and a monthly income."

Supervisor Ottuso thought "this would be a way to set up an account for Sherman's get down there get it fixed up get it cleaned up and get it working a lot sooner than we expected."

The town attorney will look at the contract. Two council members asked for some references from towns that have done this. A list of 42 towns is available from Ms. Armstrong. He stated they are in the business to solicit other carriers. The representative will be asked to attend the July meeting.

A project manager revolves around money. Council Member Frasier would like to have an event coordinator to do PR and marketing. Supervisor Ottuso stated, "That group that she (Barbara Lee) is talking about this Kyle was talking about doing open concerts from July to August. There is a 9 page prospectus. They will do a music camp at the college this year from fifth grade up. All concerts are scheduled for this year.

Supervisor Ottuso is looking for a group of volunteers to help out at Sherman's. Council Member Sullivan suggested a work session for the board to see what needs to be done. The date of Monday June 29th at 4 pm was set for a work session to make a punch list priority of things that need to be done at Sherman's. The public and any volunteers were invited to attend. The infrastructure was on the top of Council Member Glenn's list. Council Member Sullivan asked if there was a contract with Mr. Abdella for the power in the blue building yet. Do we need an easement for it Council Member Glenn asked? Supervisor Ottuso will call Guy Parenti to see if he will meet the board there.

Supervisor Ottuso noted that there were three estimates on the repair on the end of the building. One was for \$13,880.00 another came in for \$17,000.00 and the other day Mc Clary Concrete gave an estimate for \$8,500.00 which is over \$5000.00 less. Council Member Frasier suggested contacting Mr. Costello to see if he redo his estimate and resubmit it within a week. Council Member Sullivan thought in the fairness of bidding – The supervisor noted it was not a bid. The town just got estimates. He was not in favor of rescinding the resolution made at last month's meeting. Supervisor Ottuso suggested contacting Danny Costello to see if there was any way he could do the job for less because we have had another estimate. Supervisor Ottuso likes to see our local contracts do our work.

Supervisor Ottuso thanked the Board of Assessment Review for their work.

It was announced that the Red Store is opening up an ice cream stand – that is nice to see.

Businesses are cleaning up the outdoorsman painted the outside of the building. Mr. Shutts is painting and cleaning up the front of his building. It's working – people are starting to get it. We don't know what is going on at the Coffee Shop which recently closed down.

Old Business:

Council Member Sullivan noted at the end of the meeting with Laberge Group the board talked about having a committee work with them. It could be a board member as well as a member of the public and a Planning Board member. Mr. Syden is supposed to get back in touch with Supervisor Ottuso this coming week. "He is going to be coming up with his planner to give us the scope of the plan for the – that, probably once I get that plan we can bring it to anybody that wants to be on it to help give their two cents." It won't really be a committee just people that are

kind ofto look at it. Council Member Sullivan stated more like a public comment forum. "Once he gets his plan together then I can read it to you and see what people think of it and go from there." Supervisor Ottuso stated.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he received the consolidate fund printout. He noticed there is a line item A1620.43 for Sherman's which is not in our budget. Have we been paying money out of this fund? He did not believe the budget had been amended to have that line item. Supervisor Ottuso stated that is for the electric. The supervisor will ask Mrs. Hillier about it. Council Member Sullivan thought some money should be transferred into it. He figures we've paid \$1,043.96 out to date of that \$665.15 was to the Mang Agency which he figures is additional insurance. Supervisor Ottuso stated it was for the year on the buildings.

New Business:

The clerk received an application for fireworks from Majestic for a display on July 3rd at Pine Lake. The supervisor signed the application. Mrs. Miller noted that Canada Lake is also using Majestic this year for a display. Their paperwork will be submitted soon. The Supervisor will sign the application once the clerk receives it.

Sparkling Devices Local Law per Fulton County passed. Supervisor Ottuso explained that now that the penal law section 405 (b) allows sparkling devices to be excluded from the dangerous fireworks definition. So sparklers on a wooden stick can now be sold. He stated it is more for non for profit to make money. It can only be done from June 1st through July 5th and December 26 through January 2 of each calendar year. Supervisor Ottuso explained that this went through the county. Sparkling devices with metal are not allowed. This was brought up at the NYSAC meeting. He stated that was made so not for profits can sell them as fundraisers. Grooms Store will be selling sparkling devices.

The Fulton County Hiking Map is out of print at the Fulton County Chamber. Council Member Sullivan thought he might have a case of them at Royal Mt. The clerk noted this is our tourism draw. The county does not plan to reprint them until next year.

Mrs. Schwed has asked to use the meeting room for Bridge on Thursdays beginning July 7th. They meet at 1 pm.

Trish Isabella asked about use of Sherman's as a rain site for her events. Supervisor Ottuso replied that is up in the air. The gym is fine to use. He also got a call from a group who wanted to hold their 50th class reunion in 2017. He will keep them posted. We don't know when it will be ready to be rented out. Supervisor Ottuso stated that was the reason for the meeting on Monday the 29th to see where we are at. "We are still going to have our events down there."

Frontier Communications gave a quote to reduce our monthly charges if we go with a bundle. It would provide another email server. Council Member Sullivan explained that if we bundle our services with them to include broadband that would allow people coming into the building to have internet. We would still have Time Warner because we all have established email addresses. We could save \$186.90 per month. They supply the router and the deal includes off site back up for data. That is something we are looking for. This would be a hotspot for Wi-Fi.

Canada Lake Café has it but the Coffee shop recently closed and they provided access. We could look into it for when Sherman's is going. It was noted that the cable company will put hotspots in areas at no charge. It encourages business for the companies.

A resident asked what is going on with the payphones in town. The clerk stated that the Town Hall payphone does work.

The Caroga Museum has requested a donation of 6 six Caroga books for resale.

RESOLUTION#2015-057 to donate 6 Caroga Books to the Caroga Museum was offered by Council Member Sullivan at the June 10, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board. **WHEREAS**, Shirley Holiday – President of the Caroga Museum submitted a written request on June 2, 2015 asking the town to consider donating six (6) Caroga An Adirondack Town Recalls its Past books by Barbara McMartin so they can sell them at the museum. Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to donate six books to the Nonprofit Caroga Museum. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio, Glenn

RESOLUTION #2015-058 to Bundle Phone and Internet Services with Frontier Communications was offered by Council Member Sullivan at the June 10, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board. **WHEREAS**, the town clerk was reporting trouble on the line to the phone company and **WHEREAS**, Andrea Rentschler a representative of Frontier Communication reviewed the towns bill and suggested that a savings to the town could be obtained if it bundled services including internet, Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby contract with Frontier for phone and internet service to be used as a hot spot with data storage included by bundling services which will save on our monthly bill. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio, Glenn

Correspondence:

- 1) Supervisor Ottuso noted we discussed Landmark Dividend Lump Sum Lease Buyout for Cellular landlords.
- 2) Save the Date July 27th Seminar for Local Officials by NYS Comptroller from 8 am – 4 pm. Council Member Sullivan has the information on this. He is going to attend this training session. He passed the information out to the Board.
- 3) Fulton County Solid Waste Latex Paint Exchange started in June on Saturdays. The Household Hazardous Waste will be on 8/8/15. Those dropping off items to Mud Road must register. The Caroga Transfer Station will be closed Fri July 3 & Sat Jul 4. Curbside recycling Fri 7/3 is cancelled. It will not be rescheduled for another day.
- 4) The town received a certified letter notifying the town of dangerous trees on Sgt. Witzke Dr. across the street from Mr. Knapp. He states they are in the town's right-of-way.
- 5) Barbara Lee read the letter from Kyle Price. He will put the information on Facebook so everyone can read the proposal for the Music Camp.

Supervisor Ottuso wanted to inform the board that the Brennan Humane Society did not pass their inspection. He called the state when he received the letter. She said to call the shelter and he did. They said they are getting everything up to code. We support them – we give them money (contract with them)

Mr. DeWeese spoke to Kyle Price today and noted there will be four concerts at the chapel this year. They are on August 1st, 6, 7, and 14th. It is classical string music.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2015-059 to Accept the Tax Collectors Books was offered by Council Member Sullivan at the June 10, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board. **WHEREAS**, Linda M. Gilbert Town Clerk/Tax Collector presented the Tax Collection books to the Town Board at the May 13, 2015 regular town board meeting which included the paid and unpaid reports, check book, correspondence, and balance sheet from the Fulton County Treasurer, and all other documents utilized in the process, and **WHEREAS**, several members of the board had an opportunity to review said books, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the books as presented for audit. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio, Glenn

Council Member Sullivan made the motion to pay the bills as presented for audit, and to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

At 8:54 pm Council Member Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert RMC, CMC
Caroga Town Clerk

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