

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a regular monthly Caroga Town Board Wednesday held on September 16, 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

Other town department representatives in attendance were Lita Hillier – Bookkeeper & Budget Director, and Steve Putman – Highway Superintendent, Donald Travis – buildings, David Jung – Town Attorney, Shelia Yates – Code Officer, Mike Durkee – Lake Steward Program, There were approx. 100 members of the public in attendance.

At 7:12 pm Supervisor Ottuso opened the meeting in the gym and announced that we would hold future meetings here due to the number of persons in attendance.

Public: Dawn Cornwall noted that in August 2013 she discussed with the board the need to have something done on East Shore Road with the speed limit. She noted nothing has happened since then. She has spoken to the Highway Superintendent Mr. Putman. Supervisor Ottuso stated they would come back to the public's questions.

Tony Toskas has been working with John Delesky on the 911 #'s Project. He asked that anyone who saw their house number on the posts leaning against the wall to pick it up after the meeting. He will collect the money owed and also take orders.

Hank McGrath of 3086 State Highway 29A stated that he worked hard into last year on ethics charges. He has contacted the inspector general and the NYS Attorney General – Public Integrity Bureau and they are investigating. He asked the board to pursue ethics charges against Councilman Anthony Sturchio. He stated that he signed a waiver with the town in full faith that it would be pursued. He stated it was for two people to go to ethics charges “on attacks against an employee.” He wants it pursued.

Joe Capparella S. Shore Road East Caroga Lake wanted to direct something to the jobs – not the people on this board. Let's get transparent – the supervisor (the job not the person) gets paid \$10,529.00 along with the county job it's another \$13,000.00 insurance is another \$4,000.00 per year. There is a buyout for insurance if you don't want it of \$2,500.00 – they pay you. If you put in 8 hours a month 96 hours a year that comes out to \$271.00 an hour for that job. Councilman – there are no hours required – no set hours. They are paid \$3,043.00 and if you don't take insurance they give you \$2,500.00. If you work 4 hours a month that's \$115.00 per hour. The workers in this town get paid under \$15.00 per hour. The sanitation and road department ... there are inequities. He cannot say the money is well spent.

He is tired of hearing about Sherman's. He would like to see co-ops be formed for food, fuel, and the necessities. He would like homesteading. He stated there are divisions all over the place – there are the locals, seasonal, east and west lake people. We could be doing things to benefit everyone. There may be kids who need some assistance. He stated nothing has been done for 8 months with Sherman's. "We've been trying to get back to where we shouldn't be." Mr. Capparella stated that Supervisor Ottuso has a lot of good qualities which he was born with because he doesn't listen to anybody. He was impressed with his story on meet the candidate's night yet he heard someone say a derogatory comment about Mr. Ottuso. The public has lost trust in him. (Smattering of applause)

Dorothy Nanek 193 N. Shore Road West Caroga asked about tax assessments and calculations going forward. She has the formula that the Assessor Dorothy Parker used – she understands it. It was used to set a standard perhaps. But she wondered what formulas' will be used next year when they do grievances. The current formula does not allow for "relative market value comparisons."

Tony Toskas responded to Mr. Capparella. He worked for United Airlines for many years. In the late 80's they came up with a fee schedule. The old timers got the A scale and the new guys the B scale. The difference was obvious. "If you pay feces – you get feces." He stated that the people at the table do a lot more than the public sees. If you have suggestions bring it to the board and they will bring it to the people. Maybe it can be put into effect. There are a number of things that can be done at this building. "We have to look ahead not look behind." We pay our town official but not for the grief they put up with. (A smattering of applause broke out)

Assessor's Report -No Report - Mrs. Parker has been sick and was in the hospital.

BTI – No report

Town Clerk – The town clerk submitted the monthly report for August.

Code Office and Sanitation – Shelia Yates stated that she is behind. She has been away for training and certifications. She noted she is also sick. It will be easier now that things are slowing down to catch up. She would like to set up a blight meeting and will put it on the town website. The Supervisor asked her to tell everyone about her week. She attended the Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector's Conference and received her certification. She met people from the Dept. of State who told her she was charismatic. They said if she wrote up a couple services he will consider her as an instructor for the building and codes division of the Dept. of State. She also met the President of NYSBOC New York State Building Official's Conference. They asked her to join them at the International Building Conference in California in two weeks to be their assistant. She is too busy to do that but it was nice to be asked. She stated she will be attending two weeks of training each September. "I am trying harder to get more certifications, more training so I can apply it to this town." (The public applauded)

A member of the public noted they can't hear what is going on in the meeting.

Dog Control – No Report

The Town clerk asked the Town Supervisor to sign a document from NBT Bank for the new 911# Project account.

Golf Course - No Report

Highway - Mr. Putman stated he was still replacing a lot of road pipes that cross the road. He has two trucks running asphalt - helping out Northville since they let us use the bucket truck.

The Garbage truck is in bad shape. They are using a gallon of oil and antifreeze a day. It is severely rotted. It is one thing after another. The time is coming when it will be unsafe then they will be picking with a dump truck. The board has been talking about a five year plan but everything is so old he doesn't think he can put together a viable plan. The new loader would be marked to be replaced in five years but there is equipment that is 30 years old. Everything has to be caught up first.

He asked the board if they were going to put sealed garbage cans into effect. This is the answer to garbage being strewn around by crows.

He asked the board to decide on accepting the bid for the truck that was on Auctions international. The final bid was \$3,900.00. The minimum bid was \$2,500.00. The clerk noted that the item was viewed 1545 times on the site with 79 bids. There were several bidders early on and then it came down to a bidding war.

RESOLUTION #2015-084 to accept bid for the 1999 International 2554 Dump truck was offered by Supervisor Ottuso at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 16, 2015 at the municipal building, **WHEREAS**, The highway Superintendent Steve Putman notified the board that two town vehicles were to be put up for bid, and **WHEREAS**, the town advertised in the Leader Herald and did not receive any bids, and **WHEREAS**, the town was approached by an individual to purchase one of the trucks which the town accepted, and **WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent contacted Auctions International to put the second truck out to bid with a \$2,500.00 minimum and, **WHEREAS**, the bid ended on Tuesday September 8, 2015. Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town board does hereby move to accept the bid of \$3,900.00 for the truck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frasier.

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

Mr. Putman knows the town is looking for a place to store the weed harvester. He has brochures on storage units. He suggested buying something like that to store the equipment. He noted you have to be careful of snow load on some types of units. Council Member Frasier suggested putting the boats under the pavilion.

Steward Program – Mike Durkee stated it has been a very busy year. As of Labor Day weekend they inspected 1100 boats. The average for the last three years was about 650. With more boats comes more risk. The lake inspectors completed their surveys. So far they have found no evidence of invasive species growing in our waters. “So we are clean for another year.” This is the type of program we need to do over and over. The season was extended by a couple of weekends this year. He noted the boat launch continues to be used occasionally during the fall and before they start in the spring. The risk of getting invasive is always there. He is talking with Paul Smiths to get one of their stewards to supplement what we do already.

Town Hall – Don Travis, the Brick wall is pretty much all done. They are waiting for the bilco door for the basement. He will be moving more shelves in once the area is painted. He has not started the heat yet.

Supervisor Ottuso noted he got a price from Suburban for the price of propane this year. They can lock us in at \$1.32 a gallon. Last year it was \$1.75. That would be another savings to the town. We have 2 – 2000 gallon tanks we are at 50% capacity so he had them topped off at \$0.84. Not we are paying around \$0.99. Do we want to roll the dice with the price or lock in? That is something the board will have to think about. Sometimes Supervisor Ottuso thinks it is safer to lock it in.

Mr. Travis asked about sealing the parking lot. The town didn't receive any bids so Mrs. Hillier stated she knows someone is interested in doing the job. They were supposed to come up to put a bid in when we were doing the bidding process but they never did. The Town clerk has a list of companies compiled from newspaper ads. Supervisor Ottuso suggested calling them to get estimates.

Weeds – Mr. DeWeese submitted his final report after 15 years of being the director. He thanked the board for all their support. He is turning everything over to Dave Egert. He took over as of September 1st. The boats are over in the field next to town hall. Mr. Egert stated that he will look forward to speaking to the board during the upcoming budget meetings. He will do whatever the board wants as far as preparing it for the winter. From a cursory inspection he finds the main thing to be fixed on the harvester is the frame. It is severely rusted right now and he cannot tell the extent of it. It could last 10 years or 10 months. He wants to do some safety modifications to make the craft more effective and safe.

Youth – Rachael Simonds submitted a year-end report which states the program was a success despite a few obstacles before the program started. The lack of a qualified Aquatics Director and swim testing were the problems. She stated there were two options – continuing at the town park or move the program back to the state campsite. In her opinion the town park is a safer environment. If they stay at the park she recommends adding a swing set and sand box. She thanked the school staff, town board, Shelia Yates and Linda Gilbert for all of their help making the program successful. The stats show a total of 87 kids signed up, 21 never showed up. Her average per day was 33 with the highest day was 46. When out on a field trip the ratio must be 8 to 1 staff. Here on site there can be 12 to 1. Next year she may have to establish a cutoff date two weeks prior to the program beginning to make sure she has enough staff. At the campsite the kids are scatter and it's not easy to keep track of them. In her opinion continuing to hold the program at the town park is in the best interest of the children and of the town.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Ottuso has the Fulton County Highway Department Snow removal and ice control contract. It is for \$5,000.00 per mile and we cover 5.15 miles for the county. The payment from the County is \$25,750.00. There is no increase in the contract but most supervisors think it is a good program. It was noted that the rack cost of Diesel has gone down a lot. The county is paying \$1.87.

RESOLUTION #2015-085 to contract with Fulton County for Snow Removal and Ice Control Contract was offered by Supervisor Ottuso at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 16, 2015. **WHEREAS**, the Town Supervisor notified the board that he received the annual contract with the county for the removal of Snow and the control of ice on 5.15 roads within the Town of Caroga, and **WHEREAS**, the board and the Highway Superintendent desire to again enter into contract with the county. Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the contract at a price of

\$5,000.00 per mile for the 5.15 miles of roads in the Town of Caroga that the town shall take care of during the winter of 2015- 2016. Council Member Sturchio Seconded the motion.

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

Cyber Coverage – an email was sent to the clerk from Robert Blaisedell of Wright Risk Management. It was forwarded to Supervisor Ottuso noting that the town has completed a Cyber Coverage Application. Part of the process requires a meeting with a town to review a few short items. Supervisor Ottuso explained that this is an insurance policy if anyone hacks our computers and gets personal information. He believes it cost \$200.00 per year for that policy.

Questions from the public: East Shore Road, the Supervisor Ottuso noted we have talked about lowering the speed limit. He also noted that in Northville near Sport Island Pub speed bumps were temporarily put in by the highway superintendent. It slowed the traffic down to a crawl. This may be something to look at in the future. The supervisor recommended talking to the Highway superintendent about this. Mrs. Cornwall noted that she has spoken to him. He hung up on her after stating that he would do so. Stop signs were also recommended. The traffic on the road is terrible. She stated that it is the town that has several options not DOT. She noted it has been two years that they have been asking the town to do something to slow the traffic on the road. She stated the Sheriff's Department doesn't come up to patrol the road. She contends the highway superintendent has the authority to make changes to the road. Council Member Glenn agreed with her about cross walks, stop signs, etc. It was noted that only one person was not in favor of one way traffic on the road because they could only exit from their driveway and go one direction. She was agreeable to any solution. With speed bumps Supervisor Ottuso stated the town is not responsible for any liability per Mr. Groff in Northville. It was noted that the highway superintendent is an elected official and the board has no control over what he can do with the roads. She stated that since he is not responding she has to go to someone else like an assemblyman. She wondered if a safety committee could be formed to override him. She stated she will change her voter registration.

Mr. Putman stated that he did have a discussion with her and he was trying to explain things to her when she began calling him a liar and screamed at him. He could not get a word in. The Highway Superintendent noted that he attended training as did Council Member Sullivan and the state said not to put speed bumps on the roads. He noted that the town did apply to lower the speed limit back in 2013 we have not heard back from the state. Supervisor Ottuso asked that the Highway Superintendent contact Mr. Groff from Northville. Mr. Putman noted the one way concept was his idea. He is all about safety.

Mr. Capparella was thanked for his comments by Supervisor Ottuso. He has great ideas. Mr. Capparella wants the community to come together. The supervisor noted the council people put in more than 4 hours per month. As far as the Wheelerville School at one time the Bleecker kids came to our school. Now they go to Gloversville. We are looking bringing the Bleecker kids back.

Regarding the Assessing questions, Supervisor Ottuso will give them to her. She can call Mrs. Nanek. She surmised that there has not been a lot of planning for next year's formula. She noted it was not for the tax rate but that she should take into consideration the condition of the house not just the square footage. Mr. Champito note she should take into consideration if it is seasonal or year – round. He stated this time around we are all assessed just on sq. footage. It didn't matter the number of bathrooms or if you had water or if the house was new or falling off the foundation. The

assessments were based on sq. footage flat out. Going forward the town has to stay current. If improvements are done how will a house be assessed? Number of garages or finished basements did not count either this year. He stated.

Supervisor Ottuso stated that he attended two SCAR hearings this year for Mrs. Parker.

Supervisor Ottuso noted that the comments from Mr. McGrath would have to be addressed in executive session.

On September 12, Sydney Greenwood went on an Honor Flight. He is one of our honored Vets here in Caroga. A round of applause was given to him. There will be an award for Mr. Greenwood at the next county board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. McGrath submitted 4th Amendment Rights information. Supervisor Ottuso stated that this is something he will bring to the county. Mr. McGrath stated that he wants to protect the town in case the NSA teams up with AT& T and Verizon and they absorb the information every time someone makes a phone call or goes on the internet. He noted other states are passing it. The USA Freedom Act has already passed the house. This is about protection for the town. He stated that the tracking being done has not caught a single terrorist to date. He is trying to get the 4th amendment protection act passed so we can sue if certain things happen to us.

Council Member Sturchio asked the board about turning on the street light for Mr. Ciko. He has followed up on this with National Grid. A 70 watt bulb can be put in with a shade and it will cost \$107.67 per year for that light. It is important to get this done. The light was taken down and it is extremely dark now. They now have shades that can direct the light. It was also noted that the person who was being bothered by the light no longer lives at that residence.

RESOLUTION 2015-086 to turn on a streetlight on Pine Lake Road was offered by Council Member Glenn at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 16, 2015. **WHEREAS**, at a previous meeting Mr. John Ciko discussed with the board a problem with a street light on Pine Lake Road, and **WHEREAS**, Council Member Sturchio has reviewed the situation and contacted National Grid to find out the cost to reinstall a light in the vicinity of 195 Pine Lake Road. Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to have National Grid reinstall a 70 Watt light near the home of John Ciko of Pine lake road with the cost to be an additional \$107.67 per year to the towns bill. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion.

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

Website – a google link for the minutes has been created for the webpage. One of the months is missing but will be added so all are available on the town website. The Town website is carogalakeny.com

Kyle Price Artistic Director of the Caroga Lake Music Festival addressed the board. He handed out a 15 page document with bullet points. He noted they just finished their fourth season. It was a great success with about 30 musicians participating from all over the world – Korea, Japan, England and Canada. He did an exercise with those at the meeting. It showed that non musicians who don't think they have pitch, and can't associate with music - can. This was done by him jumping on the

floor – not playing any noted and the public knew what to do. They followed him with their voices higher and lower. This is called a collective conscience. Education is an important part of what they do. He has his BM from Cleveland Institute of Music and is a Collins Fellow at the University of Wisconsin Madison M.M. Program. His co-director Keir GoGwilt has a BA from Harvard University and is a Graduate Fellow, UCSD, MA Ph.D. programs. The musicians who perform make a connection to Caroga. They give back by buying at local stores, performing and teaching. They are making an impact and contributing to the community and giving back. They are invested in the community. They have been in the national spotlight through press releases locally and in his hometown in Ohio. A video went viral on YouTube from their barge concert.

To recap since the July 22 meeting Mr. Price has made a formal proposal for the Sherman's Center for Collaborative Arts and Education. At the August 12 meeting the town formulated a resolution to consider, donating, leasing, or selling Sherman's to the Caroga Lake Music Festival as a viable option. As a result, the group would consult legal advisors about the donate/lease/sell options and discuss the pros and cons with the town. The next goal is to find a mutual path. He wants people to again have the experience of going to Sherman's. He is looking to update the Sherman's (Caroga) experience for the current day. They have completed the documents for Caroga Arts Collective to be a 501c-3 non-for-profit charitable group. This is an umbrella for the Caroga Lake Music Festival and Sherman's center as well as other projects approved by the board. They have begun naming a board of directors – Bruce Veghte, Patricia Lowry, Marc Gross and Steve Smith. They will also be forming an advisory board and committees. The CAC anticipate a year round presence and residence. They are doing creative placemaking; an innovative approach to economic development. For the short term it will have seasonal use but still year round presence and care. Long term they will have a year round use, presence and care. The impact of reinventing the Sherman's Experience will bring community growth - international exposure – creates attraction – attraction fuels businesses. Attraction leads to more residents and tourists of all ages. More residents and tourists = more local business and more tax revenue. Potentially property values will also rise.

How do we know what to do? Donate/Lease/Sell? Similar to a landlord and a tenant it comes down to liability and structural upkeep. Mr. Price now has to consult with his board to see what is best. The growth and success of the town is intricate with their mission and growth of their organization. He will work with the town to present detailed transparent and accurate information to the town's people. Next he realizes that he has to wait for an APA decision. His team will research and develop plans regarding the property and the project. He will collaborate with the town and town officials to research, present, and then propose.

Questions from the public: Mr. Price was asked if he went through the place with a structural engineer. He is aware of how much money has to be put into it.

Where will you get the money? – Backing will come from a plan from his board and advisory team who have had experience doing this before. There are creative placemaking projects called art space and arts place which is for arts visions who want to use this facility.

Mr. Capparella thought if the town leased it to the group over 5 years and if we see things done then we can turn it over to you. Mr. Capparella thought the town had already spent a lot of money on Sherman's. Supervisor Ottuso stated "\$3,500.00 - \$1,700 for a survey and we've had lawn mowing done for \$45.00 every two weeks."

Mr. Price noted it is not just him; he has a whole team behind us that he will consult with. They will present accurate and thorough information.

Mr. Capparella stated that if the town is going to hand over a 3.5 million dollar property there have to be safeguards and stipulations in place.

It was noted that Mr. Price met for 3 ½ hours with Wally Hart from Lexington. He wants CMC to work with the Paul Nigra Center. They would like to work together to use the Sherman's space as a performance venue. Mr. Price is making ties with FMCC, 1 Church St., and in Cobleskill.

Bob Ohlidal noted that Mr. McLain also spoke to Mr. Hart. They state it would create a competitive atmosphere that would be not beneficial to either party. Mr. Price did not understand as his meeting yielded a cooperative atmosphere. It was suggested to have Mr. Hart come to talk to the board. Mrs. Debra Price has several emails from Mr. Hart stating it is a win/win. Supervisor Ottuso suggested posting the emails on the town website for people to read. Mr. Price will get permission first.

Mr. Bishop stated you have to show you have the money to do this first. Mr. Price noted there are certain steps he has to take to make that happen.

Linda Fake commented the Kyle is simply bringing forth an idea for this space. To prematurely reject things before we even know if the town owns the property... Kyle is not going to invest his time or that of the board until he knows there is a possibility to lease the space at all. She noted that the type of people who are going to come to an event like this and support groups like this are the types of people who are going to heavily contribute to this town. People who have been part of the festival are talking about buying property here. They're not going to sit on a public beach eating potato chips. They are going to spend time here and become invested in the community. She is very interested to see how this develops and if this is a possibility. (Applause breaks out)

Bob Ohlidal thinks the problem with the people in town was when Mrs. Suffern said customarily the price of the purchase would be one dollar. People in town think the property is worth a lot more than a dollar. Council Member Sullivan noted this is all speculation. Mr. Ohlidal asked the board if they were going to be reasonable or were they going to insult us? Supervisor Ottuso noted Mr. Price is offering an option. The board will look at it. We are not rushing into this.

Rex Ruby- So many people think it is chamber music – a cello, a violin for three hours, you come and have tea and crumpets and go home. That is not what he is talking about. He has seen this in Cape Cod, Vermont, & Massachusetts and these places grow. This is a hot ticket. "Go for it." (Applause)

Tony Toskas – has a comment that has been made many times, "We are putting the cart way before the horse." Everybody here seems to know what is going to happen. But we don't even know if we own the "GD" property. If we wait a little while we will actually find out what we are talking about. (Applause) "We will find out if these folks have put together a group that can through donations subscriptions or whatever else finance the project." Mr. Price will have a group look at the property, decide what has to be done and what can or can't be done then it will become part of a proposal. Until we have a proposal in hand we have no idea what we are talking about. "Until the APA rules on the subdivision we don't even know if we won the property."

Lastly Mr. Toskas plugged the 911# Project.

Final comments from Mr. Price; there is no rush. He has a lot of things they need to do as well. He stated that the Caroga Lake Music Festival is going to exist weather they have Sherman's or not. The CLMF already exists. They will get all their ducks in a row so that when the town knows more about the situation they will be ready to go forward with the town on a decision whatever that might be. He noted the public could look up creative placemaking on line. It is a way for innovative, economic development in towns. Many others are doing it. (Applause)

New Business: Cell phone for the code officer. Council Member Sullivan didn't think she had made a decision as to what direction she wants to go in. With the Tracphone she has great reception. Supervisor Ottuso had no problem as long as there is money in her budget.

Correspondence:

- 1: Landmark Dividend – sent their monthly notice about buying our lease if we meet certain criteria.
- 2: Kathleen Ellerby sent a proposal for Sherman's. Her vision is a skating rink, and other functions at Sherman's. She wants to lease out the ice-cream stand and open the beach and run the carousel, and have bouncy houses. Access should be made for boaters. There is so much potential.
- 3: Option Proposal – Sherman's Property August 13, 2015 from Hank McGrath – He believes it should be put up for public auction.
- 4: Workers Compensation Insurance notice to pay in January was from the County.
- 5: Fulton County Solid Waste asked if the town anticipated any changes in fees for 2016.
- 6: Citizen's Options Proposal for Sherman's Property #2 We the People – That the people should organize for the purpose of garnering valuable ideas for a long-term use of the Sherman's gift from the general public of Caroga rather than from a select group and promoted by particular candidates as a political maneuver. It was noted that they have not received any coverage through the media even though the correspondence has been submitted to the clerk. The clerk stated that she does not anything to do with that.
- 7: Public Opposition to CL Music Festival duplicating services available in Fulton County – submitted by Bob Ohlidal. They are not opposed to the festival leasing part of the main building but they should not be competitive with local resources including the Paul Nigra Center.

(The clerk stated that copies of the correspondence is available)

8: The winter schedule at the Transfer Station begins October 1st, Monday 8 – Noon,
Wed. noon – 4, & Saturday 8 – noon.

9: Roger Brown wanted the board to be aware of the increase in purple Loosestrife – the plant that grows along the road side in ditches and takes over cattail and marshy areas.

10: Board of Elections sent a notice of proposed chargebacks for 2016 - \$4,124.25

11: American Tower – Submitted a proposal for a lump sum buy out for \$230,000.00. The email notes that Unison has no rights to install or allow modification to any equipment on American Tower owned, Operated and/or managed tower. Supervisor Ottuso stated, "I spoke with a couple of board members before the meeting about this and I did not know if..." He would like to have both people (Unisom & American Tower) come to the next meeting. One says they can do it and another says they can't. He would like to have them both in the same room. He will let the clerk know for the agenda next month.

12: Henry Snell re: Insurance

13: Programing Notice from Time Warner Cable showing a list of program changes to take place October 5th, 2015.

Council Member Sullivan wanted the board to consider during budget time - the Sherman's Property if we ever do get... if it goes through the APA; his thought was to have a committee established. It would include possibly Wally Hart, Mark Kilmer – President of the Fulton Montgomery County Chamber, Lisa McCoy – Marketing Director of Mountain Valley Hospice, and Kent Kirsch who did a great job on the last committee along with Tony Russitano who is a former board member and who has served on the St. Mary's hospital board. He stated an ideal committee is 5 – 7 people. He wants the board to think about it.

Council Member Frasier wanted people to be aware of the fact that there is a 16 year old girl on Shawn Drive who was put on the Heart Transplant list. Allyssa Brower graduated from Wheelerville and they are having a benefit for her and her family on October 24 at the Johnstown Moose. The school is putting together baskets and the school is selling hearts for her and her family. She asked for donations and support from the community.

Mr. Bishop asked if there was going to be a town wide cleanup. Not this year Supervisor Ottuso responded.

Council Member Sturchio asked about curbside pickup one day a week beginning in the fall. Highway Superintendent Putman noted it begins the first week in October.

Supervisor Ottuso called an executive session at 8:32 pm for a personnel and legal matter. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

At 9:21 pm Council Member Sullivan made a motion to exit from the executive session. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Ottuso announced there were a couple of bills they needed to pay. One was for Mr. Abdella for the reimbursement of the taxes.

RESOLUTION#2015-087 to reimburse Mr. Abdella for the taxes was made by Supervisor Ottuso at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 16, 2015. **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Ottuso noted the town needed to pay Mr. Abdella for the reimbursement of taxes, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to pay the bill. Council Member Frasier seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTION#2015-088 to reimburse Fulton County for taxes was made by Supervisor Ottuso at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 16, 2015. **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Ottuso noted the town needed to pay the county for the reimbursement of taxes in the amount of \$1,348.23, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to pay the bill. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Sullivan made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit and accept the minutes as presented. Supervisor Ottuso seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Council Member Frasier asked “do we need to talk about the ethics board thing?”

Supervisor Ottuso stated “we made a decision to submit information for Tony Sturchio to the ethics to get thing cleared up... to the ethics board.” The clerk clarified that information would be sent to the County.

Mrs. Hillier reenters the meeting and the board discusses where funds will be drawn from to cover the last two resolutions.

RESOLUTION #2015-089 to Transfer Funds was offered by Council Member Frasier at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 16, 2015. WHEREAS, Supervisor Ottuso noted the town needed to pay two bills from the Judgements and Claims line item, and **WHEREAS**, the Budget Director-Lita Hillier stated there was not enough in the line item to cover the expenditure, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to transfer \$2,500.00 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1930.4 Judgements and Claims. Supervisor Ottuso seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed a future budget meeting. Mrs. Hillier Budget Director noted it has to be prepared and in the boards hands by October 1st. “That means if you are not going to have a budget workshop session then Ralph and I have to put something together before October 1st.” She said they could put something together tentatively... which is a supervisor’s tentative budget. “We can put something together and then hand it out and they you can have a workshop.” Supervisor Ottuso agreed to do that. Various vacation schedules were discussed. Mrs. Hillier *strongly* encouraged if anyone had something they wanted to see in the budget that they contact her. Council Member Frasier wanted flags/welcome banners on the poles from the celebrations line item.

A discussion ensued to set a budget meeting. The budget meeting was scheduled for October 7th at 7 pm. The next town Board meeting is October 14th.

At 9:30 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