

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday June 9, 2021 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 7:00 pm with the following persons in attendance by roll call. The flag salute followed.

Supervisor Scott Horton - Here
Council Member John Glenn – Here
Council Member James Long - Here
Council Member Richard Sturgess - Here
Council Member Donald Travis - Here

Supervisor Horton, Council Members Glenn, Sturgess, and Travis were in the meeting room Council Member Long accessed the meeting remotely. Tor Shekerjian – Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor facilitated the Zoom meeting. There were eight persons in attendance at town hall and there were 28 people on line using Zoom. Supervisor Horton opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Mr. Shekerjian gave the rules and various ways to be recognized to speak using zoom.

Supervisor Horton asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was made by Council Member Glenn and seconded by Council Member Travis. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Public Comment: Kenneth Jackson of Pine Lake Resort Village wanted to know if there was a way there could be cell service in Pine Lake. It is a convenience and safety issue. Supervisor Horton and Council Members Glenn and Sturgess and Tor Shekerjian discussed options.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Mr. Manning reported two people are up there working solo for a few weeks. They are finishing up a trail started last year. Then he will start working on some new trails. A grand opening event is being planned for the 21st of August. This is being coordinated with local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, Bike Works from Johnstown, CAC. Mr. Manning reported seeing an increase in usage. The Wheelerville trail is on Trailforks, and social media.

Sole Assessor – Leigh Anne Loucks provided a written report. Supervisor Horton noted an uneventful Grievance Day was held. The Sole Assessor is working closely with the code office. Supervisor Horton stated going from a salary to hourly has worked out very well for the town.

BTI – Lynne Delesky reported for John Delesky. The technicians are still out treating the streams. They will be out until July 31st treating. More material may be needed.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – Linda Gilbert submitted a written report. It was noted that board members need to review the tax collection books for 2021. The Clerks retirement reporting situation still needs to be resolved – it has been over a year. Departments were reminded to contact the clerk to have information placed on the website. The Clerk's office is not getting

minutes or decision notices from the Planning and Zoning clerk anymore. Copies of notices posted on the town bulletin board should also be given to the clerk and should have the date, time and name of person posting the notice.

Supervisor Horton noted some of these items have been going on for too long. He suggested getting together on Friday at 10 am.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Anthony Fancher submitted a written report. There were 26 permits issued for the month. The issue at 127 Forrest Ave. has been resolved. The report noted that properties are still selling very quickly. Supervisor Horton gave a report on the mortgage tax. The Town Budgeted \$20,000.00 for the year. The town has received over \$22,000.00 in revenue this year and it is paid semi-annually. There is one more payment to go, and we are already exceeding the budgeted revenue by over \$2,000.00 .

Dog Control – Dutcher did not submit a report. The clerk noted there are still over 10 delinquent licenses from last year. A reminder will be placed in the newspaper and on the webpage. The clerk discussed various ways of doing an enumeration.

Golf Course – Stedman / Groom /Centi /Councilman Sturgess: Mr. Stedman stated the staffing issue has been resolved. They will hire a person June 22nd. They have two full time employees, and two part time employees. They will continue to work on cart paths. The irrigation system is working. He will apply more chemicals. They will be going after weeds this month. The greens are coming back with the application of fertilizer and fungicide. The equipment damaged from the fire won't be here until September now – due to COVID. Mr. Stedman plans to do some maintenance on the aerator and top-dressing machines.

Jerry Groom reported play is up. Junior memberships are up. He will have an online challenge; the league and Tournament schedules are up on the website. Merchandise has been selling well. He will be looking into getting visors as a new product line. Mr. Centi noted a handicap index program is new this year. He has had 10 people sign up on USGA site.

Mr. Centi gave a report on merchandise & food sales and the number of cart rentals, membership and greens fees. Memberships were at 225 which included all types of memberships, both greens and golf a cart memberships. Mr. Groom estimated between 125 - 130-membership this year..

Mr. Centi noted if you are planning to have a tournament or outing and needed more than 30 carts to let them know as soon as possible so extra carts can be ordered.

Mr. Groom noted there will be a change in play on Saturday June 12 due to a wedding. Play will be redirected to the back 9. This should only be for 45 minutes to an hour.

Highway – Mr. Voght submitted a written report. Supervisor Horton reported the highway department is working on Fulton Road. They are putting down millings similar to what was put down on S. Shore Rd West Caroga. They rented a wheeled loader. Supervisor Horton noted, though not on the Highway Superintendent's report, that CHIPS money has been restored at 100%. Supervisor Horton stated Alderwood Park Road is being worked on now doing ditching and drainage. Other planned work will be on Cape Horn Road it will be paved in the next few weeks and the upper portion of Newkirk Road will be reconditioned.

Council Member Glenn noted the bridge on 10A is being worked on and Cape Horn Road is taking some of the traffic. The detour is on 29 through Rockwood. He also noted road work on 29A will begin on June 21st. The public should anticipate some delays.

Lakes Management Program – Glenn / Harazin / Olm/ Centi: Mr. Centi reported they have been prepping the boats for the harvesting program. He expects to be in the water by Friday. There is some milfoil out there. Council Member Glenn asked if the mapping process has begun yet. Mr. Centi stated he started it yesterday.

There were no reports from Mr. Olm regarding the power washer, contaminations or inspections. Supervisor Horton noted the station is open. Mr. Voght helped repair the power washer.

Mr. Centi noted he had already contracted with SUNNY Oneonta to do lake studies on East and West Caroga. They have been working on this since last spring and will continue through to January. It is a very in-depth study of the health of the lakes. He noted that the Federation of Lakes – Nancy Muller, was offering a study. Council Member Sturgess asked about the suits the divers were using, if the divers can get in the lake sooner, he asked would that save on payroll. Mr. Centi replied getting in the water sooner will not help since the plants are shorter which makes them are harder to remove from the bottom. The divers prefer to get in the water when the plants are more mature.

Town Hall Building – Travis: Council Member Travis reported that the stripping of the parking lot will be done in house tomorrow. He suggested putting a split rail fence in front of the septic area so plows won't go into the area. Supervisor Horton informed the board that the secondary custodian is no longer available to work at town hall. The clerk knew of someone who was interested in the job.

Historian – Nilsen: Mr. Nilsen reported he has been busy working at the West Canada Lake boat launch working with Paul Smith's College and the Adirondack Water Shed Institute. On Sunday he did sixty surveys. Supervisor Horton noted the numerous articles submitted by Mr. Nilsen to the paper about the town. Council Member Travis noted the great coverage he did for the parade.

PLRT Commission – Centi: Mr. Centi reported there will be a fishing contest on June 20th on East and West Caroga and he is waiting for confirmation for Canada Lake and Green Lake. A weigh station was needed on those lakes.

The Summer Youth program is in full swing. They are waiting for the water test to come back. Applications for the program are available at town hall, on line, and at the school. The first session begins July 6 – 23. The second session is July 26 – Aug. 13. The program will be held at the town hall building and grounds. The most significant change is that Wheelerville students will be given priority for openings in the program. Then the program will be opened to anyone else in town.

Mr. Centi reported that he has received an OK from George Abdella and Rick Ruby to hold fireworks behind the post office this year and to utilize the Sherman's property for parking and spectators. The clerk asked for the date of the fireworks. Mr. Centi stated an event would probably be planned for the Saturday of Labor Day weekend in coordination with the Caroga Arts Collective.

PLRT Committee member Barb Deluca gave a recap on the parade. She noted the teamwork of the PLRT made the event come together. Despite the rain the event went on as scheduled. Fire Chief Howard Dutcher was invaluable in traffic control and logistics. A review will be done by the committee of what was done well and what can be done better next year.

Sewer Study – Glenn: Council Member Glenn reported that he spoke with the Department of Environmental Conservation prior to this meeting and they have reviewed the informal application for a limited sewer system in Caroga Lake. They “don’t find any issues, outstanding issues what so ever.” The sewer committee will reconvene and move forward. They would like to send out a questionnaire to the area that has been targeted. (East Caroga Lake and part of West Caroga Lake) Council Member Glenn also plans to set up a town hall meeting in the near future for a presentation on the project. Supervisor Horton stated that Mr. Shekerjian has found some resources for this project.

Supervisor’s Report:

Generally speaking, Supervisor Horton reported that the finances are in good shape. The sales tax revenue is up, and as stated earlier the mortgage tax revenue is up. He noted the town is benefiting from the resurgence of interest in rural communities. Along with that comes issues of congestions and failed septic systems. This upswing is good to see.

Supervisor Horton received a late report from Jennifer in the code office. She stated the permit numbers are up again.

Supervisor Horton reflected back to when the Wheelerville Union Free School District wanted a new building and sold this building to the town for a dollar. The building does not owe us anything. He has reviewed the CT Male 2008 and 2010 studies on this building. There were some deficiencies which were overstated and others are ringing true even today. The engineer/ architect from the Phinney Group working on the golf course building also looked the studies (gratis) and he looked at the trusses both underneath the building and for the roof. The good news is the building has not deteriorated too much other than the roof since that time. The bad news is it isn’t getting any better. The Supervisor noted the heating system is failing. He got an estimate to condition the four rooms at the north end of the building – all in, including electrical work the cost is \$55,000.00. The Supervisor noted there is no insulation in the walls. He got an estimate of \$30 - \$45 a sq. ft. to insulate these walls. The roof has only had patch work. There is a concern by the Phinney group with the roof. The oldest section has a gypsum deck and it is saturated with water. There has been a history of mold he noted. There is asbestos in the building. He estimated a cost of \$300,000 to replace the roof. To replace the windows the cost is about \$45 a sq. ft. All in all, if you add up these things that are going to have to be done – plus we are not Americans with Disabilities Act compliant with bathrooms. There are rotted floor joists under the entrance of the building being held up with 4 x 4’s and posts. The Supervisor stated it is probably not the best investment to keep putting money in a 70-year-old building. He has experience in this and doesn’t want to spend money on more studies. The Phinney group did point out that the snow load regulations have changed from when the building was built and the ceiling joists would have to be modified to handle the snow load. The costs go on and on and that is just what has been identified. The electrical system has not been looked at. The friable asbestos on the old pipes heating the building, and the boilers are a mess. Supervisor Horton stated we probably have about 1.1 to 1.2 million dollars to renovate this building. By code “once you do one thing then you have to do it all.” Supervisor Horton stated we did not have that kind of money in the bank to spend on the building.

He believed the building is twice the size of what the town needs. He thought the clerk's office should be larger. The Supervisor noted 20+ years ago he was the chairman of a new town hall project in Niskayuna.

In the Supervisor's talks with the engineer for the golf course building the concept of constructing a dual-purpose Golf Club House and Town Hall Building came about. They discussed this concept in terms of savings. The Phinney Engineer stated combining the two building and sharing parking, heating systems, bathrooms, meeting/public space would be over a million dollars. The Supervisor didn't think there was historical aspect to the town hall.

Council Member Sturgess wanted the supervisor to talk about the energy savings the town could realize.

Supervisor Horton noted he spent a good part of his vacation doing a spread sheet, plugging in numbers for inflation factors with the tax base increasing. He stated the town spends \$18, - \$20,000 per year in energy for this building. He thought it would be cut at least by 75%. There is a natural savings of putting two structures together. Supervisor Horton stated that he figured a tax impact of around \$30-\$40 per average household. Supervisor Horton thought the prudent thing to do ("and we only have one shot at it") would be to have the architect add a Town Hall design in with the Club House design – then come up with a conceptual design. The insurance company is on board with this 100%. They would rather charge the town the same amount of money to ensure a new building that has a lower risk than to charge the town the same amount of money on a building that has a lot of risk. The insurance company is not happy about some of the environmental concerns in this building.

The Supervisor would like to go to the architect and ask him how the contract we have with him would change cost wise, and then go to the insurance company and talk about allocating the two parts of the project, and come up with a plan. From there a preliminary estimate could be obtained. The Supervisor noted there is a healthy fund balance. The Supervisor stated the biggest risk is this building and the second is heavy equipment but if it insurable any damage would be covered. The Supervisor noted the risk of having the Department of Health coming in and throwing us out of the building.

Council Member Sturgess thought there would be a savings with the architect with the septic system here. Supervisor Horton stated the driving forces for combining the two is one parking lot, the exterior of the building one building to maintain instead of two. Shared services for maintenance on both buildings instead of two. Foundation costs are less. Council Member Sturgess was in favor of looking at the options. Council Member Travis thought there would be a savings of ½ million dollars. Supervisor Horton stated the architect thought double that.

Council Member Sturgess noted this would have to be approved by the voters. Supervisor Horton stated yes if there was a bond out there it would have to be approved. Supervisor Horton asked the board for approval to go to the architect to get a revised estimate on what it would cost for them to design a whole building. The cost difference information would come back to the board. The insurance policy for the club house loss reimburses the town for soft costs like the engineering, and site work.

Supervisor Horton noted he was able to convince the insurance company to pay for the golf course architect so the \$4,000.00 will be reimbursed to the town. The bill was \$7,200.00, which was discounted to \$4,000 by Stephen Kay Design.

Council Member Glenn wondered if this would fit into the golf course design as discussed during the Steering Committee meeting earlier. Council Member Glenn also asked if the Architect and the insurance people were all on board. Supervisor Horton replied, "Yes." Supervisor Horton received an email yesterday from our consultant who indicated the town would be foolish if we did not look into combining the structures.

RESOLUTION #2021-060 to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate with Phinney Design on an alternative plan that would include the town hall and report back to the board the costs of that plan was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Horton discussed with the town board the concept of constructing a dual-purpose Golf Club House and Town Hall Building, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate with Phinney Design on an alternative plan that would include the town hall and report back to the board the costs of that plan.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Discussion: Council Member Glenn reiterated that the two biggest insurance risks are the building and the other heavy machinery. In working with Mr. Voght, Council Member Glenn thought we had a handle on our finances as far as the turnover of the equipment. He thought that will become a fixed cost and less of a burden. Supervisor Horton thought the board provided structurally for the highway department to not have unexpected expenses they could not cover.

Mr. Fink noted the map of Plan D is predicated on a combined club house/town hall somewhere along this road.

Mrs. Holliday stated the whole gym area could be eliminated right? The Supervisor agreed. The top layer of tile in the gym is not friable the bottom layer is, underneath the carpet is.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

A tentative date of June 28th at 10 am was discussed for a special meeting. A joint meeting with the steering committee was suggested by Council Member Sturgess. The Supervisor did a sketch of a new building.

Old Business:

The board approved refunding part of Ms. McCormick's money for culvert pipe project last year. The highway department could not install the entire length of the pipe because of some elevation changes in the drainage ditch. The town never did refund her the money until recently.

New Business:

Amend Resolution #2021-051 to include the wording "with a buy out after ten years of \$1.00."

RESOLUTION #2021-061 to Amend Resolution #2021-051 to include the wording "with a buy out after ten years of \$1.00" was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Horton asked the clerk to add the words "with a buy out after ten years of \$1.00" to resolution #2021-051 after proof reading the minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting, and

WHEREAS, the clerk noted the correct way to include the wording was to make an amendment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution #2021-051 is hereby amended to include the wording "with a buy out after ten years of \$1.00."

Seconded by Council member Sturgess

Discussion: Council Member Glenn asked for a reminder of what this resolution was about. Supervisor Horton replied the purchase of the Gradall. The clerk asked for clarification as to where the words were to be inserted. Council Member Long confirmed they be added into the title and to the resolved sections.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Resolution 2021-051 to enter into a 10 - year lease agreement through Municipal Leasing Consultants to pay for the excavator: DA 5130.2 Amount \$18,139.57 annually for 10 years with a buy out after ten years of \$1.00 was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday April 14, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has identified a need to purchase a new Excavator, and

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board has approved the purchase of a new Wacker Neuson EW100 wheeled excavator, and

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board has authorized the trade in of the Gradall to ADMAR Constriction & Equipment for \$20,000.00, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to enter into a ten (10) year lease agreement through Municipal Leasing Consultants with a phone number of 802.372.8435 and a fax of 802.372.4775 to pay for the excavator with the funds coming from DA5130.2 in the amount of \$18,139.57 annually for ten years, and be it further **RESOLVED** that the town agrees to pay a \$450.00 documentation fee which is included, and be it further

RESOLVED, with a buy out after ten years of \$1.00.

Seconded by Council Member Long

Mr. Shekerjian was thanked for working on the financing. Mr. Centi indicated he wanted to speak however it was on another subject matter and he was asked to wait.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Scott Horton – Aye

Council Member John Glenn – Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess – Yes

Council Member Donald Travis – Yes

Supervisor Horton noted the Correspondence is as listed.

4/30 Bankruptcy Notice re: Frontier Communications

5/5 Request for firework display permit on July 3, Canada Lake Protection Association

5/12 Notice of revised Major Project for expansion of mining for Carver Sand & Gravel

5/17 Fulton County Personal Services Contract between the Town and the Planning Department

5/18 Caroga Arts Collective requesting gift certificate for greens fees and cart for 2

5/18 Requests for gift certificate for greens fees and cart for 2 from Nick Stoner Trailers

5/21 Request for firework display Permit on July 3, at Pine Lake Park

6/2 Caroga Transfer Station Closed Monday July 5th

6/5 Sharon Bressette asks board to approve Mahjongg group to use town hall Thursdays 1 – 4

6/7 Bonnie Baswell requests another waiver for Lakeside Motel to continue non-conforming use

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2021-062 to approve the repair to the highway department pickup truck used by the Highway Superintendent not to exceed \$4,000.00 was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, there was an electrical fire in the Highway Superintendent's truck and the whole wiring harness was involved, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to repair to the highway department pickup truck used by the Highway Superintendent for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Seconded by Council Member Long

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes
Council Member Donald Travis - Yes
Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye
Council Member John Glenn - Yes

RESOLUTION #2021-063 to provide two 18-hole greens fees with carts to the Nick Stoner Trailers for their outing was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, the town regularly does donate greens fees to various organizations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to provide two 18-hole greens fees with carts to the Nick Stoner Trailers for their outing.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:
Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes
Council Member Donald Travis - Yes
Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye
Council Member John Glenn - Yes
Council Member James Long - Aye

RESOLUTION #2021-064 to provide two 18-hole greens fees with carts to the Caroga Arts Collective was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, the town regularly does donate greens fees to various organizations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to provide two 18-hole greens fees with carts to the Caroga Arts Collective

Seconded by Council Member Long

Discussion: Council Member Sturgess wanted to have the date of when these events are in the resolution. Supervisor Horton stated these are gift certificates for their fund raising.

Amended by Supervisor Horton as follows: now therefore be it **RESOLVED** that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to give a gift certificate for two 18-hole greens fees with carts to the Caroga Arts Collective.

Seconded by Council Member Long

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:
Council Member Donald Travis - Yes
Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye
Council Member John Glenn - Yes
Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

RESOLUTION #2021-065 to provide two 18-hole greens fees with carts to the Caroga Museum was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, the town regularly does donate greens fees to various organizations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to provide 2 carts and four greens fees gift certificate for the Caroga Museums Craft fair for the museum.

Seconded by Council Member Long

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Aye

RESOLUTION #2021-066 to submit a letter of support for the Nick Stoner Trailers grant application to secure funds for a trail grooming machine was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, a letter of support, from the Caroga Town Board, was requested by the Nick Stoner Trailers for a grant application they are submitting, and

WHEREAS, the club is applying to secure funds for a trail grooming machine, and

WHEREAS, the grant pays 80%, and the Nick Stoner Trailers pays 20%, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board shall submit a letter of support for the Nick Stoner Trailers grant application to secure funds for a trail grooming machine.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Discussion: Supervisor Horton noted there was no cost to the town with this. His opinion is when you say Caroga Lake you think snowmobiling. It has been a driving force in this community in the winter time. He wants to support them in every way we can.

Council Member Sturgess has heard from the public that this machine is too big.

Craig Ivancic President of the Nick Stoner Trailers stated in 2017 they bought their first track groomer with a similar grant. The machine is about 7' 4" wide. This time they are going for a different type of machine. It is built by Tucker with a narrower kit option bringing the width down to a 7" width. The reason they are going with this machine is because the buy in America requirements have changed. The machine they got last time is no longer eligible. This is the smallest machine they make for trail grooming and the only one that would meet the buy in America requirements if they get to that point. It is a little long and higher but the same footprint as far as width.

Supervisor Horton asked how long does a piece of equipment like this last. Mr. Ivancic responded they are diesels, easily 15 – 20 years. With Tucker you have the option of sending it back to the manufacturer to have it refurbished. This could give them another 15 – 20 years.

Council Member Long stated he spoke to Jonathan DeSantis- DEC Northville about the 100 model and said he did think the machine could be legally operated on the trails in and around Caroga. The trails are not class 2. Council Member Long asked Mr. Ivancic if had spoken to Mr. DeSantis and was this a different model? Mr. Ivancic had spoken with Mr. DeSantis and he would only be concerned with state land. The grant being written is only for private land use. There is a draft Unit Management Plan (UMP) that is pending approval and it would classify certain trails within the trail system as class 2. If approved they would be able to use it on certain portions of state land as well.

Mr. Ivancic stated the request for the letter of support was for use on town or private lands. Council Member Long replied understood, as long as the resolution states the letter of support is for use on private lands.

Supervisor Horton will draft a letter and get a copy out to the board members.

Council Member Glenn stated in the event that this opens up to be state land that this grant will be funded. He did not want an exclusion if it is not.

Mr. Ivancic stated the grant application project only specifies use on private lands. The writer of the application can state from DEC that if there is a pending UMP that may allow it to be used on portions of state land as well. Supervisor Horton stated if that happened then it would be legal to do it. Mr. Ivancic noted the club has a volunteer stewardship agreement with the state. He would be notified if there were any changes, up until that point it doesn't get used on that land.

Jeremy Manning spoke to Craig a few weeks ago about qualifications for a grant. There are three types of uses: motorized use, non- motorized and a mixed-use trail grant. He noted those three grants are not competitive. Municipalities can receive two different grants for two different uses. Mr. Manning is looking for grants for the bike trails for next year. He stated because of the buy in America program there is a lot less interest because of the limited availability of equipment that can be purchased.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Supervisor Horton explained that golfer Charles Michaels purchased his membership for \$450.00 but due to health issues he cannot play golf. He has requested a refund of \$400.00. He played one round.

RESOLUTION # 2021-067 to refund the annual golf membership fee for Charles Michaels in the amount of \$400,00 due to health issues was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, Charles Michaels did purchase his annual membership at the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course, and

WHEREAS, due to health issues, Mr. Michaels cannot play golf for the rest of the season, now therefor be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to refund the annual golf membership fee for Charles Michaels in the amount of \$400,00 due to health issues.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Discussion: Supervisor Horton has Mr. Michael's bag tag which will be destroyed.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Fulton County Planning Department wants to know if the town is planning to use their services in 2022. This is for budgeting purposes. This is not an agreement; it is a tentative approval.

RESOLUTION #2021-068 is a tentative approval that the Town of Caroga intends to renew its Planning Services Agreement with Fulton County Planning in the amount of \$1,500 for the year 2022 was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on June 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroga received a letter from the Fulton County Planning Department dated May 17, 2021 asking the town to advise on whether the town intends to enter into an agreement for services in 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby give tentative approval that the Town of Caroga intends to renew its Planning Services Agreement with Fulton County Planning in the amount of \$1,500 for the year 2022.

Seconded by Council Member Long

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

RESOLUTION # 2021-069 to approve fireworks displays by Majestic Fireworks on July 3 for Canada Lake Conservation Association was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Wednesday June 9, 2021 at 7 pm at Town Hall.

WHEREAS, the board received an application/permit for fireworks displays in the town on July 3rd, 2021 for Canada Lake Protective Association, and

WHEREAS, the certificate of liability insurance was received by the town with the producer being Britton Gallagher One Cleveland Center Floor 30 1375 East 9th Street Cleveland OH 44114 now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the request from Majestic Fireworks, Inc. 29 College St. Clinton NY 13323 (315) 853-2237 for firework display application/permit for the fireworks display as amended - to correct the name of the sponsoring organization.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Seconded by Council Member Long

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess – Yes

Supervisor Horton reads through the correspondence.

RESOLUTION # 2021-070 to approve fireworks displays by Majestic Fireworks at Pine Lake Park was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Wednesday June 9th, 2021 at 7 pm at Town Hall.

WHEREAS, the board received an application for fireworks displays in the town on July 3rd, 2021 at Pine Lake Park, and

WHEREAS, the certificate of liability insurance was received by the town with the producer being Britton Gallagher One Cleveland Center Floor 30 1375 East 9th Street Cleveland OH 44114 now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the request from Majestic Fireworks, Inc. 29 College St. Clinton NY 13323 (315) 853-2237 for firework display application/permit for the fireworks display at Pine Lake Park.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess – Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Under correspondence: Use of the building was requested by Sharon Bressette for a Mah Jongg group to play on Thursdays from 1 – 4 pm. Supervisor Horton stated this was informational and no

resolution was needed. The clerk wanted to make sure there wasn't a conflict with the youth program who are also using town hall.

Supervisor Horton stated that Bonnie Baswell who represents the ownership group of the Lake Side Motel on Canada Lake is requesting another waiver for the motel to continue a non-conforming use.

RESOLUTION #2021-071 to issue a waiver to Lakeside Motel for a period of one year was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Wednesday June 9th, 2021 at 7 pm at Town Hall.

WHEREAS, the board received a notice from Bonnie Baswell asking for the continuance of a waiver for a non-conforming use the Lakeside Motel on Kasson Drive Caroga Lake NY, and

WHEREAS, the waiver would be from September 30th, 2021 to September 30th, 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a waiver is hereby given to the Lakeside Motel to continue a non-conforming use until September 30th, 2022.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess who asked "what did that mean."

Discussion: Supervisor Horton noted the previous owner/operator of the motel was 99 years old when she passed away a few years ago. He stated it was a thriving business at one time and it was operated continuously. Now her four children are the owners of the property and they want to do something but they don't know what they want to do with the property. One option is the continuation of the use of the motel in a non-conforming zoning area to continue to rent rooms. They are asking for a continuation for one more year. Last year the board granted it because of COVID and they could not do anything. Supervisor Horton stated this could not go on every year – it was not good policy.

Council Member Glenn asked what the condition of the building was. A new cottage was built, two were torn down, there is one more 20' x 20' falling down shack, then there is the main building. Rooms were rented out while their mother was alive. The building has been maintained.

Supervisor Horton noted the owners have to decide what the use will be, do they want to sell it or renovate it. He stated the owners may want to subdivide the property so each member has.... This property goes all the way up to route 10.

Council Member Glenn wanted to put a time limit on this of one year.

Discussion continued on the extension with Council Member Long stating that this board could not bind the actions of a future board. Council Member Long stated the board could say it is their intention not to renew it. Supervisor Horton disagreed. This board can make it binding and yes, a future town board could change course.

The RESOLUTION #2021-071 was amended as follows: to issue a waiver to Lakeside Motel for a period of one year was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Wednesday June 9th, 2021 at 7 pm at Town Hall.

WHEREAS, the board received a notice from Bonnie Baswell asking for the continuance of a waiver for a non-conforming use the Lakeside Motel on Kasson Drive Caroga Lake NY, and

WHEREAS, the waiver would be from September 30th, 2021 to September 30th, 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a waiver is hereby given to the Lakeside Motel to continue a non-conforming use until September 30th, 2022 without extension.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess – Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

The clerk asked if the town was going to have Juneteenth as a holiday.

Council Member Long asked to have the minutes part into two motions.

Council Member Long made a motion to accept the May 12 minutes as they were marked final. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturgess.

Supervisor Horton made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14th town board meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member James Long – Nay he had not received minutes marked final

Council Member Richard Sturgess – Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Supervisor Horton made a motion to accept the May 12 minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Long.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member James Long – Aye - nice to have minutes marked final

Council Member Richard Sturgess – Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn – Yes

Council Member Glenn made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Travis.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Richard Sturgess – Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn – Yes

Council Member James Long – Abstain

Supervisor Horton stated next month he would like to meet – not have a hybrid meeting. He asked the board's thoughts. He thought the 70% threshold would be hit fairly soon. The Supervisor would like to have the board members here. The board would only interact with the persons in attendance, or cut out virtual could be cut out....

Council Member Long stated executive order 202.110 was just issued and that bring us into July 5. There is no question in his mind that we will reach 70% but he did not know when. He did not know if the governor would still continue to extend the executive orders 202.1 and 202.15 even after having reached that 70% point. There is a difference between individual freedoms to assemble vs government having responsibility. He was certain that departmental reports like Jeremy's is easier to do on a virtual basis. He thought this was premature.

Council Member Sturgess wanted to make a motion to table this discussion.

Council Member Glenn stated that tomorrow morning the state legislature will be voting to rescind Governor Cuomo's executive orders. They feel the pandemic is over we are in recovery at this point. There is no need for these executive orders.

Council Member Sturgess stated this can be discussed at the June 28th meeting, whenever we have a special meeting. The matter was tabled.

At 8:58 pm Council Member Glenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Long seconded the motion.

The clerk brought up recognizing Juneteenth again. The Supervisor stated it only effects two departments. Supervisor Horton stated this should be set at the beginning of the year.

All board members were in favor of the motion to adjourn.

Submitted by Town Clerk Linda Gilbert, RMC, CMC

General #'s 179 – 205 \$12,245.47

Prepaid #'s 119 -143 \$24,990.34

General Park #'s 50 -71 \$29,138.13

Highway #'s 52- 62 \$18,032.33