

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday September 8, 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

Council Member Long was facilitating the Zoom portion of the meeting. There were seven persons in attendance at town hall. There were twenty-four people online using Zoom. Supervisor Horton noted the meeting was being recorded and it would be turned over to the town clerk. Council Member Long stated it was not his account and he was not recording it. The meeting was being recorded by Alan Farber since Mr. Shekerjian was not available to run the meeting. The recording will be turned over to the Town clerk. Supervisor Horton opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Council Member Long made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Travis. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Public Comment: Mary Lou Patterson read highlights from a letter prepared by Marion Snell on behalf of the Nick Stoner Seniors regarding restoring funding for the seniors' bus trips. In the past they had a budget of \$3,500.00. Last year it was cut to \$1,000.00. The letter states that other important programs have been cut too. The appeal was for funding for the seniors, children and town museum. The club supports the community through donations and projects. The letter was signed by 22 members of the Nick Stoner Seniors. Copies were given to the town board members and the clerk.

Supervisor Horton clarified and noted that Council Member Sturgess wanted it known that the youth program was fully funded this year. The ladies left the meeting.

Dave Falvo of Green Lake has been in correspondence with the board the last couple of months with some issues and concerns with the code department. He did not hear back from the board so he wanted to come and address the board. His concerns were just really to make sure that the codes were followed equally. He is open to discussion or dialog with the board members now or in the future. Supervisor Horton replied that he would talk to codes.

Paul Pavlus representing the Beer, Buck and Beagle Club noted he came to a meeting last October. At that meeting the concern was to make sure the Beer, Buck, & Beagle Club would have forever right of way to cross property to their members exclusively. The town attorney was supposed to review the documents (deed) as far as the right of way was concerned. The club asked for something in writing confirming access across the shared right-of-way. The attorney was supposed to draw up something within a week or two but the club never received anything.

Another issue that Mr. Pavlus and John Allen discussed with the Town Supervisor and Jeremy Manning yesterday was some talk they heard that the town was going to try to take the right of way by means of eminent domain for the purpose of the bike trail. The towns' response at the meeting yesterday was that was never said. Mr. Pavlus wanted to make sure that was clear, and they would still like something in writing in a reasonable amount of time. They have no issue with the bike trails. But he noted that part of the bike trail encroached upon the right-of-way to the camp. The club just wants something in writing recognizing their right-of-way.

Council member Sturgess noted the right to go back to the hunting camp is already in the deed. Mr. Pavlus has asked Council member Sturgess and the Supervisor several times for something in writing. Council Member Sturgess was confused as to what they were looking for. Mr. Pavlus responded they want the town to acknowledge the right-of-way. Mr. Pavlus has already provided documents to the town,

Supervisor Horton noted after the meeting yesterday he did reach out to the town Attorney but had not heard back from him.

Council Member Sturgess thought the attorney said there is nothing that anybody can do about the right of way. They have the right-of-way. The town can't take it away. "The deed is more powerful than any attorney out there." Supervisor Horton thought it would be an opinion.

Council Member Glenn recalled the meeting and that Attorney Ferlazzo would get back to the town with the legalese. He was sorry the attorney did not get back to us, and wanted to get this wrapped up. Supervisor Horton noted Attorney Ferlazzo has turned the town over to an associate Chris Langlois, and then in November there was the fire. This matter was accidentally put on the back burner. The Supervisor stated he would have something for the next meeting.

The clerk asked for clarification on what the Beer, Buck, & Beagle club are asking for. Council Member Sturgess stated they are looking for an acknowledgement that the Beer, Buck, & Beagle club has easement through the town's property to access their camp. Supervisor Horton stated it is not an easement it is an unrestricted right-of-way. It was stated it should be attached to the deed.

Jeremy Manning stated the right-of-way would also appear on the town's deed.

Members of the public begin discussing the right-of-way and are gavelled down.

At 7:17 the public comment section of the meeting was closed.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Jeremy Manning was going to do a much more involved presentation to show the board where we have been, where they are now, and where we will go in the future. Since we did not have the technology, he will do it next month. There have been two months of horrific rain. The guys were supposed to be out of here a few weeks ago, not the plan is by the end of next week. There are four trails completed of five in this build. There is a new trail from the parking lot to the top of the mountain. He is seeing a lot of interest in the trails. People are traveling from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Ohio. The word is spreading.

Mr. Manning thanked Tim McLaughlin from Bleecker who built the sign, he also supplied materials for it. He is working on the kiosk too. Steve Smith was also thanked for his donation of 12 Adirondack chairs. Six are at the summit now. The other six will be placed about half way up.

Sole Assessor – No report. Supervisor Horton stated she has been working on property inventories.

BTI – closed for the season.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – The clerk submitted written reports to the board. The clerk would like to attend a regional meeting of the NYS Town Clerks Association in Albany on September 20th the subject being discussed is retirement reporting. The clerk stated her retirement reporting paperwork is still not complete. Information will be brought back to the board at the next meeting.

The Mahjong group has asked to use the meeting room again on Thursdays.

At the last meeting there was a discussion on board members recusing or abstaining from a vote. Definitions of both words, as they pertain to a vote, were given to the board members.

RESOLUTION#2021-096 approval for the Town Clerk to attend NYSTCA regional meeting was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2021.

WHEREAS, the New York State Town Clerks Association will hold a regional meeting on September 20, 2021, in Albany NY, and

WHEREAS, the town clerk desires to attend the educational session on retirement reporting, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board approves the Town Clerk attending the meeting.

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

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Supervisor Horton noted they have been busy. In a report submitted it stated for the month of August \$177,530.00 in valuation and collected \$1,800.00 in fees. Twenty-eight building permits were issued in August.

Dog Control – Dutcher- no report. The Town Clerk gave the board members a report showing 15 dog renewals were delinquent from 2020.

Golf Course – Steve Stedman and Jerry Groom could not attend this evening. In an email Mr. Stedman stated they continued to work painting various wooden structures, doing tree clearing on # 4 Tee, In the coming months the course will be prepared for end of year league and outing events as well as Aerification of Tee's, fairways, and greens.

Mr. Groom sent a note about the club championship is this Sunday and for those interested to stop in or call to sign up if they were interested in joining. The Nick Stoner Trailers will hold their annual golf tournament at the Nick on Saturday. Extra golf carts were delivered today. We may still be short 10 carts... it is the year we are in. The course is doing well. Budget wise they are on target for everything except merchandise sales.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Voght submitted a report to the board.

Council Member Long stated Marcus Harazin wanted to speak on the lakes. Then he lost his WI-FI connection. While waiting for a connection Council Member Glenn read from a written report submitted by John Olm.

Lakes Management Program – Council Member Glenn noted Mr. Centi was not able to join the meeting tonight. They are winding down on the invasive species stuff and the weed harvester within the next week to ten days.

Council Member Glenn read from a report submitted via email from John Olm. A summary of watercraft inspections results complied to date were submitted. He has been working with the Invasive Species Committee from Canada Lake to increase public awareness of the boat wash station. Additional road side signage has been ordered for route 10. The boat wash schedule has been extended until October 11th and operations will continue daily from 8 am – 6 pm.

West Lake Fishing Access YTD total 2072 inspected & advice given to 3,444 boaters to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

Boat Wash Station YTD total 180 inspected 59 were decontaminated No aquatic invasive species were found & advice was given to 280 boaters to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

NYS DEC East Caroga YTD total 507 inspected & advice was given to 821 boaters to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

A spread sheet was compiled by Sue O'Rielly of Paul Smith's College on the waterbodies the boats were from in the last two weeks. Council Member Glenn attended a meeting with Brian Green of the lakes invasive species and they toured West Lake access, East Caroga Lake access and the boat wash station. He provided an excellent lecture at 11:30 which was very informative. He thinks we are doing a good job. Supervisor Horton attended the meeting as well.

Town Hall Building – Council Member Travis contacted Apollo today about the service agreement. They only listed two commercial boilers. With the agreement we get priority service and also a deduction in parts. The cost is \$549.00 for the year. Supervisor Horton stated this includes the preventative maintenance on all three boilers. The Supervisor noted this was approved last year.

RESOLUTION #2021-097 to accept the service agreement with Apollo Heating in Schenectady was offered by Council Member Travis at the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2021.

WHEREAS, the town received a service agreement with Apollo Heating of Schenectady NY, and

WHEREAS, Council Member Travis reviewed and updated the contract, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the service agreement from Apollo Heating from Schenectady NY in the amount of \$549.00 for the year, and be it amended and further **RESOLVED**, that the board hereby authorizes payment of this bill this evening.

Seconded by Council Member Long

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member James Long – Aye

Council Member Donald Travis - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Marcus Harazin was asked to elaborate on Brian Green’s trip here to Caroga. Mr. Harazin noted that the Canada Lake Conservation Assoc. to come to Caroga. There were 20 people at the meeting. There was good representation from the surrounding lakes including Peck, Pleasant, East and West Caroga, Canada. A lot of very valuable information was given on how they are addressing invasives. There was good dialog back and forth on what was going to happen with the new state law. Mr. Harazin noted an information rack was also ordered. He stated there is a need for enforcement on the other end. He stated their presence sends a message for boaters to use the boat wash. He noted boats have come from 90 different water bodies, and most of those lakes have invasives species. It is important that we continue to be vigilant.

Supervisor Horton added that Mr. Green’s opinion on the efforts conducted in Caroga Lake was extremely favorable. He was impressed with the efforts being done. It was stated at the meeting that in the future wash stations would be located at every gateway area to the Adirondacks. Mr. Harazin was thanked by multiple board members.

The clerk asked what *are* the new regulations coming out. Mr. Harazin responded that was the million dollar question they had for Mr. Green. They did not know yet what DEC is putting forth. We will have to wait and see with the new Governor was the response. The local representatives may have to be contacted. A law was passed but it had to be renewed each year. This year it lapse. Now it was made permanent. “Now they’ve got to kind of come up with regulations.” Stronger language was put in by DEC can do to enforce the requirement that no boats have invasive species on it. The details will be express in the regulations. Mr. Harazin will be interested to see when they come out in draft format.

Historian – No report

PLRT Commission – No report due to technical difficulties

Sewer Study – Council Member Glenn noted at the last meeting the committee discussed the cost of the project is enormous. We are going to have to find other sources of funding. Council Member Sturgess asked if was a long, long, time away. Council Member Glenn responded “it’s longer now.” Supervisor Horton suggested doing a presentation in a few months after budget season, to show what has been done and the value we have gotten out of it. The report has a lot of information. It identified the demand in certain areas. The high-risk areas were identified too. Supervisor Horton stated we can look at some alternatives. Council Member Glenn noted public awareness is key. A lot of work has been done. We are in a holding pattern simply because of construction costs. The Assemblyman did say to go after funding.

Club House / Town Hall Project – Council Member Sturgess reported we are waiting from the Architect to give a ball park price of the building to present it to the public. The design is moving forward to have the town hall building on the bottom floor and the Pro shop on the top floor. It is time to crunch the numbers and see if the public wants to go for it or not. Council Member Sturgess noted the amount of money that was going to have to be put in the existing town hall in the next six years...we would be foolish to not go for this. But we do have to see the numbers.

Supervisor Horton had a conversation late today with the architect. He is hoping to have the budgetary numbers, because a detailed design has not been completed, to the board with a proposal to build a club house and then a budget number to add a town hall. Supervisor Horton may want to enlist the help of a public relations person later on so it is clear to the public. He had a preliminary meeting with an individual. It was very important to the supervisor that the public was fully aware of all of the costs and the benefits and that the project is clearly stated. The Supervisor did not want to lose the public’s confidence as they have spent a lot of time on this.

Council Member Long asked if there would be two numbers – “one for a straight club house and one for a club house with town hall.” He noted the need to know the cost of remediation of asbestos here, and tear down here. Council Member Long stated the architect included using the highway garage area for parking. The voters have to know about these things as well.

Supervisor Horton stated there wasn’t any asbestos in the town barn. The only remediation is in this building. We are not holding anything back from the public. The Supervisor recently identified the need to have a storage building for the golf equipment. We have another building to build and a claim with the insurance company for a second building. It is a process.

Council Member Long stated the highway barn would also have to be rebuilt if that area was being used for parking. The architect stated there was not enough parking to meet code. Supervisor Horton stated it did not have to be done right of way. Council Member Long stated the architect said he didn’t think that there would be enough room even after tearing down the barn. Council Member Sturgess did not agree with what Council Member Long was saying. Council Member Sturgess stated the architect stated there is definitely enough room if the town hall building is torn down. The architect is figuring the number of parking spots with the town barn staying there. Perhaps a variance will be needed for the parking situation.

Supervisor Horton noted the survey of the area has not been completed. Without that information you can't put a pencil to paper. Supervisor Horton stated there was a fixed number of spaces before the fire and we will have that amount plus a certain amount extra...we will go from there. There is overflow parking available but it is not convenient. Council Member Sturgess stated meetings are at night at town hall and the golf course is closed. Town hall is closed on the weekend when there are tournaments. Council Member Long stated you have to meet code. First the Supervisor stated we have to know what we have and then know what the code requires and then if a variance is needed go to the ZBA. This was not a deal breaker in Council Member Sturgess's eyes.

Supervisor Horton noted the architect was given an award in Saratoga. Two things were worked on. Using a structural slab and not take the risk of blasting for a full foundation building. The second aspect of the building is to use the Judge's room as a shared space for the town meeting room. This is a multi-hundred-thousand-dollar savings. This will still meet the unified court requirements. The Supervisor can't wait to show the design to the public. He thanked all of the people in town hall for their participation and providing information to the architect.

Council Member Glenn asked if there was a similar problem with parking with the NLH clinic, or the bike trail parking with so many people coming. There is no structure with the bike trail.

Council Member Sturgess stated we will get over the hurdles like we have addressed the other hurdles since the fire. Council member Long asked why it isn't up here. The Supervisor stated it's because they could not figure a way to number the course or change the course and the cost was outrageous. The Supervisor had some preliminary numbers for the storage building (pole barn) for the golf course – for 3300 sq. ft. the cost was \$240,000.00. There would be minimal heat in most of the building and part would be heated and air-conditioned work space. The cost did not include sight conditions. We would be asking the insurance company to reimburse the town. The insurance company has agreed, Supervisor Horton stated, that we lost two buildings not one. At one time putting carts in the basement was looked at. The site down there does not work for that.

Council Member Sturgess noted the original charge of the steering committee was to get the golf course open and back on its feet. The group discussed disbanding. After careful thought it was decided to keep the committee together for right now. There won't be any more meetings until this project is further along. It does not warrant having a monthly meeting right now. Information is coming in in bits and pieces. Council Member Glenn commended the committee. Supervisor Horton thought the first goal was done admirably. The golf course is open and making money.

Supervisor's Report: Scott Horton noted:

There will be Cyber Awareness Training on September 28 9:30 to 10:30 am Town hall. This will be presented by NYMIR our insurance carrier. The town is ahead of the curve on this. We bought new computers, have offsite data storage, and 24-hour monitoring. Three months later there was an article in the Assoc. of Towns magazine on this same topic. We bought what we needed before the shortages and the price would have been higher. This is the last part of our obligation for the insurance company.

The Supervisor has a copy of the preliminary Insurance Proposal 9/1/2021 to 9/01/2022. The cost is about \$46,000.00. Last year the cost was \$42,800.00. Supervisor Horton stated some line items went up others went down. He stated the fire had no impact on the cost of insurance this year. State regulations on liability however did. Supervisor Horton didn't think it was necessary to have a presentation by the insurance company. The Supervisor spent two hours with Mr. Stedman doing an inventory. He even counted the number of cans of wd40. The Supervisor did as the clerk suggested at the last meeting and compared the schedule of the list of equipment and found there is still equipment listed in the policy that was destroyed in the fire, and there is equipment that we do have that is not listed on the policy. It was only four or five items. We will have a very accurate policy. The clerk asked for a copy of the golf course inventory. Electronic filing was suggested in the future, and storing documents in the cloud.

Supervisor Horton reminded that budget submittals are due in by 9/20/2021.

The Supervisor has been asked about the need and cost for a sprinkler system for the proposed Town Hall /Golf Club House. Supervisor Horton stated the architect thinks they can design a building that does not require a sprinkler system. Special fireproofing would be necessary.

Old Business: The Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable and the Records room – bookkeeping area records need to be sorted and purged were on the agenda but not discussed.

Supervisor Horton stated the Highway Inventory is next step in the process. The Supervisor stated Larry Voght was working on this now. A copy is needed at town hall.

New Business:

Supervisor Horton scheduled a Budget Workshop Wednesday, September 29, at 6:00 pm. In person only. Council Member Long questioned why in person only when there were 24 members of the public at the meeting this evening. He thought the board really should continue zoom. The supervisor did not mind virtual. He noted the minutes are virtually verbatim and anyone can have a copy of them. There will be no public participation. Council Member Long stated, this is part of having good government, accountable and as accessible as possible. Council Member Glenn asked if the board members were going to be here in person physically. The board decided to keep using zoom.

Council Member Long stated with executive order 202.10 cancelling 202.1 and 202.15 there is no way public officers can participate remotely until there is public notice of their intent to do so and do so from a public location.

The town received a letter of support to rebuild the Irving Pond Dam. That would be a huge project. The town already has a huge project going on. He was interested in going down the road but did not know if this was the right time or not. The Supervisor suggested an exploratory committee or work to see if it is feasible. Jeremy Manning provided the supervisor with some information/research he did that was encouraging showing that the town has the right to put a dam up there. That is a huge hurdle. Mr. Manning also stated that DEC was the lead on a project like this. He also noted that Army Corp of Engineers, and APA get involved. The Supervisor stated that there could be some preliminary exploration on the feasibility at no cost to the town. He would like to see the purpose and the benefits listed. One would be flood control to

Green, Canada, and West Lakes. Another reason was to have a low head hydroelectric plant hooked up to the dam. This goes along with New York State's desire to go renewable energy. This might be a way to even pay for the dam or a large part of it.

Connecting both sides of Irving Pond creek in conjunction with the bike trail would bring back a beautiful area in town. The area is surrounded by state land, and the town owns land around there, and there is one private owner on the S. shore side of it. Another benefit would be to have a secure water supply for irrigation for the golf course and it could have a hydrant to fill up our fire trucks. The biggest drawback is cost. The Supervisor wanted to know if the board is interested in taking the first couple of steps, he thinks he can put together some people to report back to the board of the feasibility maybe as soon as next month or in two months.

Mr. Manning began looking at this in conjunction with the bike trail. He stated the cost for the steel bridge with a span of over 100 ft. to go over the water was \$250,000.00. At that point it became evident to him that there might be other interests like the golf course, a sewer district, and flood remediation. He talked to Dept. of Environmental Conservation and they assured Mr. Manning that the town is the lead agency and that the town retains the flood rights to Irving Pond. The first step is to schedule a pre application meeting with the Park Agency. He spoke to Brian Ford on this. This is all new we have to figure out each step. Mr. Manning has a friend who knows about this and has reached out to him. The first thing to do is gather information, so when a committee is formed the right people are on it. Mr. Manning asked to attend a pre-application meeting with the APA to discuss the steps.

Council Member Sturgess was in favor of moving forward with it to know the pros and cons of this. He was interested in having a water source for the golf course. In the future an automated system might be able to be utilized. Supervisor Horton noted the need for water in August most years, this one excluded. The golf course is a million-dollar asset. The Supervisor was interested in the hydro possibilities. Council Member Travis was in favor of hydro power to reduce the cost of power and the other applications being talked about.

Council Member Sturgess asked how this helps the bike path. Mr. Manning is looking at different designs for the trail system just a walking bridge going across. The 100 ft. span is the best place to cross to link to other trails being planned. Once he found out the cost for a bridge, he began to think of other benefits that could come from a dam. He is looking at the area as a big recreation site. Initially it was just a way to get from one side to the other. The Supervisor did not see this as the primary focus of the dam. Mr. Manning is willing to do the background research. He would bring the information back to the board. Supervisor Horton wanted to have another board member with him. Council Member Long volunteered, Mr. Manning replied "anyone but James," Council Member Sturgess stated he would "travel down the road with him." The Supervisor didn't think a resolution was necessary. Council Member Long gave his version of why the dam was breached which was due to liability. The clerk gave her version of the events that lead to the demise of the dam.

Council Member Long reported on the Kane Mountain parking situation. Under the current shaker mountain wild forest unit management plan DEC is able to build some parking spaces. They have identified the trees to be cut. They will begin building the parking spaces. So, this is going ahead. There was no time frame. Supervisor Horton asked to be updated on this.

Supervisor Horton asked if anyone wanted the correspondence sent to them.

Correspondence: Thank you card from the Summer Recreation kids

Transfer Station Winter hours begin Oct. 1st. Open Monday & Saturday 8 – noon Wednesday Noon - 4

Dave Raiello has been appointed New Transfer Station Attendant as of 9/7/21

FC Board of Elections Revised Pay Schedule for Election Inspectors Res. # 247

Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company want to discuss a new 5-year contract

Anonymous Blight Report about junk on Scott Road and Fisher Road

Letter of Support from the CLCA to rebuild the Irving Pond Dam

Supervisor Horton stated the most important correspondence was from the Fire Department. We are in the fourth of a five-year contract and they want to reopen the contract to negotiations. They have a need for a new fire truck, and can't make the purchase without an increase in the contract we have. This has been sent over to council. The Supervisor was not sure if they could unilaterally cancel the contract. We all support the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company and what they have done for us. The clerk questioned the terms of the contract. Supervisor Horton then corrected his previous statement that we are in year three of a five-year contract.

RESOLUTIONS:

At the last meeting there was a discussion on Public Officers law 100. Instead of comparing opinions the Supervisor wanted to present to the board that a continuation of a meeting needs to be legally posted and that a continuation of a meeting just has to be stated at the meeting in which it was originally started. The Supervisor is proposing that the town board pass a resolution of what their interpretation is. His interpretation is on the side of caution. This resolution defines the interpretation of public Officer's Law 100 that "A continuation of a legally posted meeting that requires public notification will require a reposting of such notification if the continuation of the meeting is held on a different calendar day, or location, than that which was originally posted." This would apply to the town board, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION #2021-098 to uphold open meetings Law Public Officers Law 100 was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2021.

WHEREAS; a discussion was held at the last meeting of the Caroga Town Board on Public Officers Law 100, and

WHEREAS; Supervisor Horton wishes to clarify the Town of Caroga's interpretation of the Public Officers Law 100 stating that "A continuation of a legally posted meeting that requires public notification will require a reposting of such notification if the continuation of the meeting is held on a different calendar day, or location, than that which was originally posted." Now therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the Caroga Town Board hereby determines that A continuation of a legally posted meeting that requires public notification will require a reposting of such notification if the continuation of the meeting is held on a different calendar day, or location, than that which was originally posted

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Discussion: Council Member Long didn't know that the board needed to amend a New York State Law.

Supervisor Horton stated it is not an amendment. He is just trying to clear up a gray area.

Council Member Long stated the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairs have researched this and are quite clear on this.

The Supervisor stated the Town Clerk did research on this and came up with something different. Council Member Long's response was she is not running those boards.

Council Member Long noted we pay Girvin and Ferlazzo for counsel, and rather than pass a resolution he suggested getting council. The Supervisor was happy to do that, but wants this resolved. Council Member Glenn wanted to pass the resolution and then if the Attorney gave an opinion that was different the resolution could be changed. Supervisor Horton wanted to consult with the attorney first.

The matter was tabled.

Supervisor Horton stated that the Highway Superintendent needs to purchase a new snow plow for his 2016 Chevy 3500 Highway Department truck. It is a V plow. These small trucks plow the small roads in town where a big truck can't go, and there are a lot of them. The plow he has is not repairable. There are deadlines on this. Council Member Long stated it is not just plowing small roads. The small trucks clean up after the big trucks come through. Supervisor Horton questioned why a plow after five years of use is not good anymore. He stated it was being beat up.

RESOLUTION: 2021-099 To approve the purchase of a snow plow for the Chevy 3500 truck in the Highway Department was offered by Council Member Long at the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent Larry Voght has indicated a need for a new V-plow for the 2016 Chevy 3500 Highway Truck, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor presented three quotes to the board during the making of the resolution which were all so close, that he thought it would be incumbent upon the Highway Superintendent, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve the purchase of a snow plow for the Chevy 3500 truck in the Highway Department, as selected by the Highway Superintendent, for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 and abiding by the town's purchasing policy finding the best value at the lowest price.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member James Long - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Aye

Council Member Donald Travis - Aye

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Supervisor Horton noted the urgency to this due to supply. The plow needs to be ordered within a week and a half.

RESOLUTION 2021-100 To make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balance budget was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2021.

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| To: DA 5110.4 General Repairs C/E | \$20,000.00 | |
| From: DA 5130.2 Equipment | | \$20,000.00 |
| Increase expenditure DA 5112.2 | \$123,000.00 | |
| Increase revenue (Chips) DA 3501 | | \$138,400.00 |

Seconded by Council Member Long

Supervisor Horton asked for discussion. Hearing none the vote was called.

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

Supervisor Horton stated the last resolution, except for accepting the minutes, was to dispose of four pieces of golf course equipment that was severely damaged beyond reasonable repair. Supervisor Horton was not sure the town even owned these anymore because the insurance company paid the town for them. The four pieces are down at Grassland and have been there since January. Council Member Long stated if the insurance company reimburse the town, they own it. We can't make a resolution to dispose of property we don't own. Supervisor Horton stated he called the insurance company and asked them if they wanted the property, they said no. It could be interpreted as no you can have it; we don't want it. Council Member Sturgess asked if Grassland wanted the equipment for parts. Council Member Travis replied it is not worth anything, they don't want it, it's junk. Supervisor Horton noted they were not charging us for the extensive detailed repair analysis they did.

RESOLUTION # 2021-101 to dispose of four pieces of golf equipment severely damaged in the fire at the golf course was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course was leveled to the ground in a devastating fire on November 15, 2020, and

WHEREAS, four pieces of equipment were damaged beyond repair in the fire, those being:

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| 1997 Toro Greens Mower | Insured value \$13,993 |
| 2003 Toro greens master riding mower | Insured value \$11,990 |
| 2004 Toro 2100 Utility Vehicle | Insured value \$ 7,324 |
| 2014 Toro Greens Master Mower | Insured value \$33,000 |

WHEREAS, Grassland Equipment Latham NY did a detailed repair analysis on the four pieces of equipment and found them to be beyond reasonable repair, and

WHEREAS, the insurance company was contacted about the four pieces of equipment and did not want them, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the town of Caroga shall dispose of the four afore mentioned pieces of equipment.

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

Council Member Long made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 11th meeting, Council Member Sturgess seconded the motion.

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 – abstained as he didn’t see them - he was on vacation.

Council Member Long made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit, Council Member Sturgess seconded the motion.

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 gave one more thank you to Alan Farber for helping facilitate the meeting using zoom. Council Member Long also thanked him. Supervisor Horton asked him to give the recording over to the town clerk as soon as possible.

At 8:48 pm Council Member Long made motion to adjourn. Council Member Travis seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Submitted by the Town Clerk

Linda M. Gilbert, RMC, CMC