

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday October 12, 2022 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 6:00 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 Barbara Deluca – Here
Council Member Richard Sturgess – Here
Council Member Donald Travis – Here

Tor Shekerjian Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor facilitated the Zoom portion of the meeting. Department Heads: Anthony Fancher – Code Officer, Jeremy Manning Bike Trail, Walter Jim Hogan Weed Harvesting were in attendance. There were eight people in attendance at town hall and sixteen people online using Zoom.

A moment of silence was conducted for former Town Supervisor Stephen Barker who recently passed away. Supervisor Horton noted the Fulton County Board of Supervisors honored his service and conducted a moment of silence on Tuesday at their meeting.

Council Member Glenn made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Council Member Sturgess seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Jeremy Manning plans to keep the trails open as long as possible. If it gets too wet, he will close the trails down. He will give a year-end report in November with a video presentation. Going forward right now he is working to keep the leaves off the trails. He attended the first Mountain Bike Trails meeting in North Creek. Every trail system in the Adirondacks was represented. It was a great way to network and talk about how they can promote each other regionally. The Board was sent, via email, the results of the Wheelerville Trails Survey that was recently conducted. Its program created graphics showing the responses to the 22 questions and comments were included at the end of the document.

Supervisor Horton stated he spent a lot of time reviewing the survey. He stated there were 201 responses, Mr. Manning stated now there are 214 responses. Supervisor Horton stated it was remarkable, he liked the graphs and there was overwhelming support from the riders who thought the trails were great. They listed the trail conditions as excellent. Next month Jeremy will do a presentation to the Fulton County Economic Development Committee. There is a lot of interest in the bike trail. Supervisor Horton noted recently the county took over tourism in house for lots of reason. Destination Fulton County is a program from a few years ago and this dovetails in. The town took a risk and this has been a very positive project. There are a significant number of riders come from over an hour away. That means it is a regional attraction. This brings economic development into the county.

BTI – Nothing to report

Sole Assessor – No report

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – the monthly report was submitted to the board.

The clerk read the following statement: “I want to express how deeply disappointed I was to be served 3 petitions on behalf of 60 people forcing a public referendum.

What this indicates to me is better communication is needed.

Does anyone realize the amount of extra work, time, effort, and money that a petition of this nature brings to me, the town attorney and to other town officials?

Again, I am so VERY disappointed that people did not speak up, that you did not stand up at a meeting and let your elected officials know you had a concern about how your tax dollars were being spent.”

Council Member Travis seconded her statement.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – The monthly report shows 22 various permits were issued last month with a valuation of \$255,000.00 and which generated \$2,750.00 in permit fees. Anthony Fancher reported that he is working on the issues brought forth at last month’s meeting. They are slowly being resolved. A second dumpster was brought to the Outlet Road site. He has contacted the owner to have someone to clean up the Stoner Lake property.

Council Member DeLuca asked what was being done to address the insects on Outlet Rd. Mr. Fancher stated the property was bombed for a second time last week. Council Member DeLuca asked if that was sufficient for the level of infestation. Mr. Fancher did not know. She asked was a professional exterminator considered by the owner. The bugs are still there. He has not been on the property. It was noted the neighbors are being affected. The Health Officer was going to contact the board about having the town hire an exterminator. Council Member DeLuca stated that Local Law #2 of 2009 addresses this issue, and noted the town had to do this with another property several years ago.

Dog Control – Dutcher - no report. The clerk has been having difficulty with renewal of dog licenses. Some people are not receiving them in the mail and other dog owners are needing more time to get a rabies vaccine for their dog. The Clerk would like to amend Local Law #1 of 2016 a law to regulate dogs in the Town of Caroga Section 8 Terms of License and Renewals. Council Member Travis introduced Proposed Local Law #1 of 2022.

RESOLUTION #2022-146 a resolution to hold a public hearing on Proposed Local Law #1 of 2022 a Local Law to amend Local Law 31 of 2016 a law to regulate dogs in the Town of Caroga Section 8 Terms of License and Renewals was offered by Council Member Travis at a regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 12, 2022, and

WHEREAS, each municipality must adopt its own Local Law to regulate dogs, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hold a public hearing at the next regular Town Board meeting on November 9, 2022 at 6:05 pm now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to amend Local Law #1-2016 as follows:

Section 8: Term of License and Renewals (second paragraph to read)

Any dog license renewal that is delinquent on the 31st day of the month following the expiration date will be assessed a late fee of \$10.00. If the dog license remains delinquent after the 32nd day following the license expiration an appearance ticket will be issued.

Section 17: Effective Date

This local law shall be effective upon its adoption and upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

Golf Course – Councilman Sturgess reads from a written report submitted by Mr. Stedman. All 19 greens have been aerified and seeded. Tees 1 – 10 are aerified and seeded. Tees 11 – 18 will continue in the following days. He is cleaning up the pine needles on the course. His fall schedule is to continue fall cleaning up on the course, finish aerifying Tees 11 -18, spike aerify the fairways and collars and blow out the irrigation system and clear the men's tee #4. He will prep for spring seeding as weather permits. He will do drainage work if weather permits.

Council Member Glenn asked if it was a successful season. Supervisor Horton stated it was. They are looking forward to changes next year.

Supervisor Horton stated he received a correspondence from a long-time golfer. The letter is under correspondence. He was concerned about aerifying and the condition of the course with moss on the back nine. The Supervisor responded to him saying the treatment discolors the green so Mr. Stedman wanted to wait until the end of the year. The Supervisor stated the treatment had been done. He was then satisfied.

Supervisor Horton noted in 2020 the revenues on the course were \$140,000.00. This year he stated we will be close to \$290,000.00. People are encouraged with the changes.

Highway – there was no formal report. Tor Shekerjian put a picture of the Kasson Drive culvert pipe project on the screen for all to see. This was put in due to years of flooding in that area. The town applied to FEMA for \$95,000.00. The town received \$69,000.00. The rest will be paid for with in kind services, or dollars from the town. In talking to the Highway Superintendent, and Soil & Water it was agreed it would be an in-house project with help from the county. The work was done in about five days. The pieces of the culvert had to be

assembled. The culvert has a direct shot into the lake. The culvert cost was \$36,000.00, it is about 14 ½ feet wide and 52 feet long with bulkheads on either end and is 7 feet high. The paving still needs to be done. Supervisor Horton estimates the town saved about \$20,000.00 doing the work themselves with some help.

At the next meeting Supervisor will have a picture of the foundation of the salt shed. In 2008 DEC told the town it had to replace the salt shed. The Supervisor went around and looked at other salt sheds in the area. The project was estimated to be \$107,000.00. Originally the cost was going to be about \$155,000.00. Supervisor Horton noted last month the board voted to bond the project so as not to overtax the taxpayers. He was not sure if the people understood. He noted the town did get a petition. Supervisor Horton noted long term assets should be paid for over time. If you paid for the project upfront then the tax payer today is paying for a benefit for a tax payer in the future. The project was scaled down to fit the needs of this town. The structure is 30' x 40' with concrete blocks and steel rims and follows the Office of General Services specifications. The Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent discussed doing the project in house with our own equipment. We have the expertise to do it so we did it. Supervisor Horton is proud of the work the highway department did. It was estimated that the town saved \$50,000.00. The Supervisor noted a resolution was needed for iron work. He stated we went out for bid (he got three quotes) \$18,000.00, \$15,000.00, and \$12,000.00. Supervisor Horton asked for the support of the public. He noted on all of the capital programs in town he has been the project manager. The town has not had to spend \$75.00 per hour for a project manager. The taxpayers should be proud of an administration that's willing to roll up its sleeves and do things at less cost using its own expertise. He gave kudos to the highway department. The project is anticipated to be finished the second week in December, as long as we can get the metal.

Council Member Sturgess reiterated that this can has been kicked down the road for 14 years. Some of the public say it doesn't look like anything is getting done. This was the time that something got done. The town had to move forward. Supervisor Horton asked if the public wanted to continue to go down the road and do nothing and get a fine. Council Member Sturgess stated the public was not concerned about the cost of the culvert project. "It is cheaper today than it is tomorrow." Supervisor Horton stated if the taxpayers vote it down then we have to pay for it all upfront. The Supervisor stated it seems like the hard work being done to save the taxpayers money gets lost.

Completing a project like changing out the street lights involves time. There are weekly reports. It has been going on for 2 ½ years. There are maps up in the hallway. Lighting was examined on the secondary roads. Why did one neighbor have a light and another did not. The town cannot afford a light every 500 feet. For safety reasons lights were put at the end of dead-end roads. That is where a plow truck has to turn around. If neighborhoods want more lights a lighting district can be created. Last year the town budgeted \$38,000.00 for street lighting. This year the town budgeted \$10,000.00. Council Member Sturgess noted no one came to the board to discuss the project until it was started. There were four lights in conflict three were granted to have the light remain in place and on as a safety reason and the board agreed.

The clerk wanted the public to know the light across the street from her house is not on the National Grid inventory. She did not know who was paying for it but it is still on. Supervisor

Horton, Council Members Glenn and Sturgess all stated they do not have lights in front of their homes. There is a light across the street from Council Member Travis's home because there is an access to the golf course at that location. The golf course staff work early in the morning and into the evening so the light is there for safety. Supervisor Horton noted that lights were placed in the Wheelerville area. The decision on where to keep lights was logic based. No one received preferential treatment.

Lakes Management Program – Council Member Glenn noted there was a great meeting held a few weeks ago with a couple of the lake associations Brian Drain and Marcus Harazin, John Olm, Walter Hogan and himself. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to prevent boats from being launched without being washed. One way was to limit access to boat launch sites. They discussed creating a town ordinance requiring boats to be inspected by stewards. Enforcement through ENCON and the Fulton County sheriff's Department was discussed. They discussed the salt in the waters, the DASH (harvesting) program, and the use of a herbicide in the lakes. Council Member Glenn asked for year-end reports which he hopes to get next month. It was noted that Mr. Stedman could, in the future, take the training on herbicides to add to his pesticide license. Their next Lakes Management meeting is May 8th 2023. Anyone interested in keeping the lakes clean was invited to attend. Signage was also discussed for the entrance to town reminding people to keep the lakes clean. Mr. Hogan noted at the September meeting it was noted that the use of a herbicide still has to get approval by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Council Member DeLuca asked how many lakes use a herbicide. Mr. Hogan stated there are 34 lakes in New York, 100 lakes in the northeast and he noted there have been no negative reports. The effectiveness came after using it for three years. There was no return of the invasive. Mr. Hogan would like to have these findings documented.

Supervisor Horton thanked all working on this. He stated how wonderful it is that people are working together on preventing invasive species from taking over the lakes in the Adirondacks. He noted the lakes are the number one asset for Caroga. We have seven beautiful lakes. Canada Lake is one of the lakes without invasives. The Supervisor noted the need to protect the lakes. These programs were originally started with private donations and with funding from the state. The state has decided to take all of the money away from us and it is now on the town. The programs are important and he did not want to take them away.

Town Hall Building – Council Member Travis stated the leaky roof over by the Bookkeepers desk will be worked on tomorrow.

CTC (former PLRT) – Council Member Deluca stated there are big plans for Halloween. The school held the first Trunk or Treat 5 – 6 years ago. Last year it was held across the street and it was very crowded. There was a safety concern with people crossing the state highway so this year the event will be held at Sherman's from noon to 3 pm. It will be bigger and better. A lot of people have expressed an interest in participating. There will be a parade at 2 pm for the kids with prizes. The local businesses are also participating.

Angela Germany is working on the Trunk or Treat event and will be joining the commission.

There will be a tree lighting and the Tourism Commission is looking into putting together events for a first night or first day celebration. They are looking to expand on the polar plunge event.

The commission has been in touch with a snowmobile group to do races on the lake. The CTC has been in touch with Jake at Royal Mountain about hosting some events as well as our local snowmobile club. Supervisor Horton thanked Council Member DeLuca for pulling these events together. It is a success story. The merry-go-round will be open during Trunk or Treat until 4 pm. Supervisor Horton hopes these events will encourage families to Caroga.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 147 to appoint Angela Germany to the Caroga Tourism

Commission was offered by Council Member DeLuca at a regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, Angela Germany of 257 Co. Hwy 111 Caroga Lake NY has expressed an interest in serving on the Caroga Tourism Commission, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Angela Germany is hereby appointed to serve on the Caroga Tourism Commission until December 31, 2023.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Discussion: Council Member Sturgess questioned why the address of the person being appointed was being listed in the resolution. The clerk stated it proves residency.

All Board Members were in favor of the resolution: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

Club House /Town Hall Project – Supervisor Horton stated as noted last month this project is on hold. There is misinformation that the project would cost 9 million dollars. He stated the cost was around 7.5 million dollars which is still too much for this town even though we have 3 million dollars in insurance proceeds to put towards it. Some value engineering is needed. People have questioned the size; Supervisor Horton did not know how it could have been made any smaller. Rooms have been combined to be multi-use – the judge and the meeting space. Every office space has been reduced except for the clerk’s office. Necessary security features were added to the clerk’s office. It was undersized. The golf superintendent and highway department offices have been removed from the plan. He noted CT Male did a design several years ago and it was similar in size if not larger. Supervisor Horton clarified for Council Member Glenn that the entire project – a new highway garage, salt storage building, golf course maintenance building and club house/town hall building was estimated to cost 9 million total. These were preliminary numbers and not based on a full set of drawings. The detail work is not there. The project has to pay prevailing wage rates. That raises the cost. There is stone work that could be eliminated and different HVHC systems could be used. Ones that would cost more to operate but less costly to put in. All of these things need to be taken into consideration. We promised the voters it would be a referendum. Supervisor Horton stated he would not go back on that. Council Member Glenn questioned the total amount and asked if that included the insurance money. Supervisor Horton stated the total cost to the taxpayer would be 6 million which is still too much in his opinion. He noted this estimate include a 25% contingency fund. He noted there are other costs for the required parking areas and the septic has to be enhanced. He would like to see an environmentally friendly pavement system that would absorb runoff.

We have to bring in power, water, and the size of the building requires a sprinkler system. He noted he did not have the time to work on five capital projects. Some more engineering may be done. The supervisor noted the increase in interest rates, and the supply issues. It is just not the right time to do a project like this. When it is we will be ready to go.

Council Member Sturgess noted twelve years ago the cost to build a new town hall was 1.5 million. Today it is about 3.5 million to build a new town hall. Building a Town Hall/ Club house was looked at as a way to save money. In essence over those years the cost has doubled to do a project that the town board thought was necessary 12 years ago. Supervisor Horton stated the architect stated for every month of delay 5% should be added to the cost to build.

Council Member DeLuca noted when the fire house project began in 2006 the cost was a million dollars. (She laughed)

Supervisor Horton stated that last week some specifications were changed on the salt shed. A concrete floor was \$10,000.00, an asphalt floor \$8,000.00. He is trying to watch the taxpayers' dollars.

Supervisor's Report:

Last week the town received a donation from Chris Centi, the widow of Gene Centi, of a very nice bench in his memory. We will put it together and find a proper location either in a park or on the golf course for the bench. He was a driving force – he did a lot for this community and the weed program. He worked alongside the board, and made things happen. Council Member Sturgess stated how much he missed him. The town is happy to receive the bench.

Supervisor was going to talk about the petitions but thought everyone knew where he was coming from on that. He stated we have a 70-year-old Quonsets Hut that we cannot repair the trucks in and it looks horrible. Plows have to be stored outside, and it makes sense to put a salt shed next to a highway garage.

(On the agenda but not discussed) - Discussion with board on Authorizing Attorney to move forward with request for the return of wax mechanicals of Caroga Book

Public Comments and Questions Beth Morris of S. Shore Road East Caroga knows each board member and stated their hard work has not gone unnoticed. Even though she does not agree with them she would still like to be friends. She stated with the tax increase last year and the pandemic it has cost us all so much. As a former Town Supervisor people still contact her about the things going on in town. She stated people are very concerned about this. She did not disagree with the board's ideas. She thought there was a problem with the timing. People are hurting right now. Heating, food and gas prices have gone up due to the current administration in Washington. Mrs. Morris stated you have to do what is right for the future but also have to live in the moment. Permissive referendums are put in place when people are not happy with a decision a board makes. This is a way that people feel their voices can be heard, where at the ballot box. It is not personal. She stated the public does not see the hours the board puts in to make decisions unless they have sat in the seat. Permissive referendums are not put in place to cause anger or to make more work. People want their voices to be heard because they feel they haven't been. Mrs. Morris stated the board was voted in to make decisions based on what the

town's people want. She asked the board to listen to the taxpayers, who are sometime intimidated so that way with a permissive referendum people can go to the ballot box and make their decision. She thanked the board for their hard work. She urged the board to listen to what the taxpayers are saying to them.

Supervisor Horton noted the tax increase was not last year it was the year before. Last year the tax rate went down \$0.60 per thousand.

Anita Long is a 20-year year-round resident of Kasson Drive. She stated she witnessed the 62 signatures on the petition for the referendum. She stated people are grateful for the hard work that has been done. There is a lot of diversity of opinions. The people that signed that (petition) are former town supervisors, former acting supervisors, former deputy supervisors, former town board members, and former volunteers. They signed the petition as concerned citizens. They came together around a consensus about the legal right of the voters to have a vote. It was clear to her that people want to have a vote. She thanked Supervisor Horton for stating publicly that he supported a referendum, and Council Member Sturgess who also stated publicly the value of people's vote. She hopes the board would receive this in the spirit in which it is intended. This gives the public the right to exercise their vote. Mrs. Long noted there was diversity in people's perspective on the buildings. An important thing to underscore is the transparency around these projects. The Supervisor stated publicly in August that he acknowledged feedback from many people about the need for transparency. She encouraged the board to translate that into making public a specific budget for the capital project. People want to see a budget. People also want to see the signed engineered drawings to know that this is following the law and the code. She stated people want to see waste water management to insure there are no salt contamination issues at the new site. She thanked the board for all of their work and stated there is more work to be done.

On another point Mrs. Long saw on the agenda was an issue about Town of Caroga book. She wanted to thank the two gentleman who spent nearly a year to put the book online for anyone to access at any time. She asked that the board recognize and be grateful for that incredible volunteer effort to make the history book public for the people.

Supervisor Horton stated he doesn't usually go back and forth during the public portion of the meeting but a couple of very important points were brought up. Supervisor Horton stated for a capitol project a preliminary budget is created. Usually, it is based on a square footage basis then when the monies are approved then you spend money for engineered drawings and specifications. We can't provide the product people want to see until we have the money to do it. He thought that was part of the issue. He also understood the transparency comments and stated the board would work much harder to have better communication with the public.

There were no comments from those participating via ZOOM. At 7:20 pm the public portion of the meeting was closed. Three people leave the meeting.

Old Business: was not discussed

9/7 NYS DOT Safety Study results

Auctions International results

Franchise agreement with Spectrum Northeast LLC expired in 2020

New Business: see resolutions.

Application for a new liquor license to SLATE – A Rustic Tavern LLC 2410 State Highway 10

Correspondence: was not discussed.

9/7 NYS DOT Safety Study results

9/13 invitation to bid to operate Battle Island State Park Golf Course

9/15 3rd Quarter Workers Compensation

9/22 Thank you from Nick Stoner Trailers for donation to golf Tournament

10/3 Thank you from Saratoga Ancient Order of Hibernians for raffle item Golf & Carts

10/5 Transfer Station Winter Hours Mon. & Sat 8 am – Noon Wed 12 – 4 Open 11/26

10/12 Letter from David Bartholomew re: golf course

RESOLUTIONS:

Supervisor Horton introduced the first resolution to approve a liquor license for 2410 State Highway 10 the former Outlet Restaurant. Prior to the meeting Council Member Sturgess noticed the address was incorrect Council Member Glenn asked if the board should rescind the previous license issued in the same business name when they were going to purchase the other restaurant. The previous resolution did not need to be rescinded.

RESOLUTION #2022-148 to approve a Liquor license for A Rustic Tavern LLC 2401 State Highway 10 was offered by Supervisor Horton at a regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, the clerk received notice on October 8, 2022 from Slate – A Rustic Tavern LLC for a Bar/Tavern with live music – Bands on occasion on a patio or deck with the owner being Hope LaFreniere of 497 N. Shore Rd Peck Lake Gloversville NY 12078, and

WHEREAS, the board reviewed the application, without comment except for correcting the physical location of the restaurant to 2401 State Highway 10, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve a Liquor license for Slate -A Rustic Tavern LLC 2401 State Highway 10 located in the Town of Caroga.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Discussion: Council Member Glenn asked if they are truly the owner of the property. It was thought that the closing would take place in a couple of weeks.

All Board Members were in favor of the resolution: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

RESOLUTION #2022-149 to authorize Patricia Cooper ZBA Member to attend training at Hudson Valley Community College was offered by Supervisor Horton at a regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, Patricia Cooper is the newest member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, both Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board members are required to take four hours of training per year, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to authorize Patricia Cooper ZBA member to attend training at Hudson Valley Community College on October 28, 2022 at a cost of \$50.00.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

All Board Members were in favor of the resolution: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

RESOLUTION #2022-150 to make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balanced budget was offered by Supervisor Horton at a regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper, Joanne Young has drawn up a list of accounts in the 2022 budget that are overdrawn, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balanced budget:

To: A8091.41 WEED C/E	\$ 1,000.00	
From: A8090.2 WEED Equipment		\$ 1,000.00
To: A7145.4 Rec Trail C/E	\$ 500.00	
From: A7145.1 Rec Trail P/S		\$ 500.00
To: A3620.4 Codes C/E	\$ 250.00	
From: A4010.4 Board of Health C/E		\$ 250.00
To: A5132.40 Garage C/E	\$ 4,000.00	
From: A1990.4 Contingency		\$ 4,000.00
To: DA5130.4 Machinery C/E	\$ 5,000.00	
From: DA5110.1 General Repairs P/S		\$ 5,000.00

The following budget adjustments are to maintain a balanced budget: the expenditure is for the Kasson Drive Culvert project.

DA5110.4 General Repairs C/E	\$ 44,864.50	
With Revenue received from:		
DA4960. Emergency Disaster Aid		\$44,864.50

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

All Board Members were in favor of the resolution: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

Supervisor Horton noted he asked CT Male to put in an application to the Dept. of Environmental Conservation to change the timeframe for monitoring the landfill site on Lane Road so that it could be extended to once every three years. Previously the town had to sample four times a year. Then the monitoring was reduced to once a year. It was noted that the monitoring has shown no significant changes. Supervisor Horton stated the document is confusing showing a price of \$38,000.00. CT Male show a running account of how much they have billed the town over the years. Today the Supervisor is asking to authorize payment of \$6,331.00 for the annual monitoring.

RESOLUTION #2022-151 to approve a change order for technical services for landfill sampling with CT Male was offered by Supervisor Horton at a regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, the town received a change order from CT Male regarding the landfill closure monitoring, and

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board discussed the bill and reason for the change order, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to authorize the Supervisor to sign the change order for technical services for the landfill sampling with CT Male.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Discussion: Council Member Sturgess wanted to know why the board was approving a bill for less money. The clerk noted since it is a change order the board should authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract.

All Board Members were in favor of the resolution: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

Council Member Sturgess made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit along with two other bills: Brown Coach \$995.00 from A6772.4 Programs for the Aging, and Lakeview Store for lunch for the workers on the Kasson Drive project. \$257.11 from DA5110.4 General Repairs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn. All Board members were in favor of the motion: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis.

Supervisor Horton made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14th 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn. All Board members were in favor of the motion: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis.

At 7:34 pm Council Member Glenn made a motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member DeLuca. All board members were in favor of the motion: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis.

A five-minute recess was taken before the board went into a budget work session.

At 7:46 pm the board reopened the work session on the 2023 Budget. To expedite the process Supervisor Horton asked the board members to state which areas of the tentative budget they wanted to review. The Budget Officer Joanne Young explained the front page and how the board could accomplish lowering the general tax rate. She stated the board needed to trim \$66,093.00 to stay under the tax cap. The board discussed and decided to make the following changes to the Tentative Budget.

Note: all salaries received a 3% increase over 2022. The goal of the board was to stay within the tax cap limit set by the state.

Title	Account #	Tentative budget	Preliminary Budget*
Legislative (Town Board)	A1010.1	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,400.00
Justice PS	A1110.1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,320.00
Justice Clerk	A1110.11	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,150.00
Supervisor PS	A1220.1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,450.00
G C Printing & Mailing	A1670.41	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Code Enforcement PS	A3620.1	\$103,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Highway Superintendent	A5010.1	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 51,500.00
GC Club Manager	A7180.11	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
Equipment	A7180.2	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Museum	A7450.4	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Boat Wash PS	A8090.1	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Stewards PS	A8090.11	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Garbage Removal P S	A8160.1	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 50,400.00
Landfill Testing C E	A8160.41	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 6,580.00
Nick Stoner Trailers	A8989.41	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
GC Rentals Carts	A2025.1	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Trail Grant	A3789	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
General Repairs PS	DA5110.1	\$185,000.00	\$172,000.00
Machinery CE	DA5130.4	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Transfer to Equip Reserve	DA9901.9	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Real Property Taxes	DA1001	\$ 82,2349.00	0
PS = Personal Services	CE = Contractual Expense		

As a result of these changes the summary of the 2023 Budget reads as follows:

Summary of 2023 Budget Tax Rate Schedule Town of Caroga

FUND	Approp. Adopted 2023	Less Estimated Revenues	Less Fund Balance & Appropriated Reserves	Amount to be raised by tax	Taxable Assessed Value
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General Townwide	\$1,781,800.00	\$1,263,519.00	\$340,476.00	\$177,805.00	\$158,754,644.00
Highway		\$			
Townwide	\$1,171,100.00	235,100.00	\$112,064.00	\$823,936.00	\$158,754,644.00
Fire Contract	\$148,040.00	\$0.00	\$1,399.00	\$146,641.00	\$161,144,337.00
TOTALS	\$3,100,940.00	\$1,498,619.00	\$453,939.00	\$1,148,382.00	

2022	2023
Tax Rate	Tax Rate
per	per
Thousand	Thousand

\$1.04	\$1.10
\$5.08	\$5.19
\$0.91	\$0.91
\$7.03	\$7.20

Resolution #2022-152 to make the changes as discussed to the 2023 Tentative Budget and declare it the 2023 Preliminary Budget was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly Caroga Town Board meeting held on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting this evening, and

WHEREAS, following the regular meeting a budget work session was opened, and

WHEREAS, changes to the 2023 Tentative Budget were discussed and decided upon, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move the 2023 Tentative Budget to the 2023 Preliminary Budget.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Aye

Council Member Barbara Deluca - Yes

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis – Yes

RESOLUTION #2022-153 to set a public hearing on the 2023 Preliminary Budget was offered by Supervisor Horton at the budget work held after the regular monthly meeting on October 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting this evening, and

WHEREAS, following the regular meeting a budget work session was opened and the board reviewed, discussed, and made changes to the budget and did move the budget from its tentative to Preliminary, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to hold a public hearing on the 2023 Preliminary Budget at its regular monthly meeting on November 9th, 2022 at 7 pm at town hall.

Seconded by Council Member DeLuca

All Board Members were in favor of the resolution: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

At 9:39 pm Council Member Travis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturgess. All Board Members were in favor of the motion: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

Submitted by the Town Clerk

Linda M. Gilbert, RMC, CMC

Vouchers:

General #'s 343 to 353 \$25,557.22

Highway #'s 107 to 127 \$41,110.06

Prepaid #'s 268 to 300 \$55,179.09

General Park #'s 90-98 \$4,648.15