

# ***Caroga News Flash***

## ***Town Board Meeting Highlights***

**November 4, 2021**

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This special meeting started at 6:00pm and lasted 128 minutes at Town Hall and via Zoom.

Following Public Hearing, the Board adopted the 2022 Final Budget. In addition, Supervisor Horton reported on the past year of recovery work after the 11/15/2020 Golf Club House Fire.

- He emphasized, "If we fail to plan, we plan to fail." He called to revise the long-term course architecture plan by Stephen Kaye related to improving course irrigation and drainage work.
- He noted NYMIR insurance coverage has a 2-year settlement and \$4,000,000.00 claim limit.
  - As of November 2021, NYMIR has paid the Town of Caroga just over \$1,423,000.00.
  - He called on the Board to approve final insurance settlements for lost golf equipment.
  - Phinney Design and NYMIR agents are negotiating replacement costs for the building.
- Phinney Design has developed plans for a +\$9,000,000.00 project to rebuild a combined south-entrance Golf Club House and north-entrance Town Hall next to the Highway Garage.
  - The 17,000 square-foot combined building design will save more than \$2,000,000.00.
  - He introduced plans to begin financial planning with Fiscal Advisors for bond funding.
  - He began talking about a special election early in 2022 to get approval for the project.
  - He plans to have a public presentation about the building project by the end of 2021.

### **Resolutions / Local Laws:**

#### **1. Public Hearing on 2022 Budget —** The Board made the following Budget Amendments:

Building Maintenance Personal Services	A1620.1	\$ 16,500.00 (\$1,500.00 increase)
Programs for the Aging	A6772.4	\$ 3,500.00 (\$1,000.00 increase)
Museum Contractual Expenses	A7450.4	\$ 5,000.00 (\$2,000.00 increase)
Fish and Game Club	A8720.41	\$ 5,000.00 (\$5,000.00 new line)
Highway, Roads, Repairs Personal	DA5110.1	\$172,000.00 (\$7,000.00 increase)
Highway, Snow Removal, Personal	DA5142.1	\$172,000.00 (\$7,000.00 increase)

Transfers from General and Highway Fund Balance Accounts were used for these changes.

Local Property Taxes will change minimally (Rate of \$7.03 per \$1,000.00 assessed value).

The Board adopted the Amended Preliminary Budget as the 2022 Final Budget (5-0 vote).

#### **2. Golf Course —**

- Accepted NYMIR settlement of \$130,000.00 paid + \$107,930.93 pending for equipment (5-0 vote) plus \$34,747.50 for grinder lost in the 2020 Golf Club House fire (5-0 vote).
- Approved \$3,000.00 from ARPA funds to Stephen Kaye, Golf Course Architect, to revise Plan D with ponds, course restructuring, cost estimate, and priority schedule (5-0 vote)
- Approved \$14,500.00 contract with Fiscal Advisors and Marketing, Inc. to do work related to bond funding for the Club House and Town Hall building project (5-0 vote)

#### **3. Planning Board —** Approved Fred Franko's 11/13/2021 Planning Board training (5-0 vote)

### **Next Public Meeting:**

Up to 12 members of the public may attend at Town Hall with reservations (tel. 518-835-4211 Ext.101).

Others may attend via zoom. Join zoom.us or dial 929-205-6099 ID: 687 640 4445 Passcode: 427903

**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:00pm**

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