

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

February 9, 2022

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This monthly meeting started at 6:00pm and lasted two hours at Town Hall and via zoom. Supervisor Horton acknowledged the late Gene Centi and gave him a moment of silence. The Supervisor reported on the **Golf Clubhouse Project** (see highlights on page 2).

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. **Morey Road Snowmobile Trail** — The Board held discussion in executive session and then reported that Mr. Johnson was witnessed plowing and damaging the public snowmobile trail. They approved a request to the Town Attorney to send a letter to Mr. Johnson. (5-0 vote)
2. **Lakes** — Appointed Walter Hogan as Weed Director with \$16,000.00 yearly salary (5-0 vote)
3. **Highway Department** — Approved \$240.00 additional installation cost for sander (5-0 vote)
4. **PLRT** — Approved appointing Jeremy Manning (term ending 12/31/26) and Jerry Groom III (term ending 12/31/27) to replace Jen Sturgess and Barb Deluca (5-0 vote)
5. **Zoning Board of Appeals** — Appointed Laura Nealon as ZBA secretary/clerk and made this a paid position (5-0 vote). The Supervisor recommended that Tony Russitano join the ZBA as a new member and also as chair, pending discussion with existing ZBA members.
6. **Street Lighting Project** — Approved Letter of Credit to NiMo with NBT Bank for \$75,300.00 at 3% interest, in order to reserve funds until project is approved and completed (5-0 vote)
7. **Code Enforcement** — Approved new fees for Code Enforcement, see page 2 (4-1 vote)
8. **Dues** — Approved \$249.00 dues to Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (5-0 vote) and \$376.00 dues to Fulton County Chamber of Commerce (5-0 vote)
9. **Donation** — Approved 2 rounds of golf plus cart to the Eccentric Club fundraiser (5-0 votes)
10. **Other Business** —
 - Approved 2021 record books from Town Justice and Town Clerk (5-0 votes)
 - Paid bills as presented for audit and accepted 1/12/22 meeting minutes (5-0 votes)

Announcements:

- ❖ PLRT seeks additional members. Next meeting is 2/23/22 7:00pm. Contact Barb Deluca.
- ❖ 2022 Golf memberships are available for purchase. Contact Jerry Groom at Town Hall.
- ❖ To get the *Town Topics* letter, email Tor Shekerjian (confidentiaalsecretary@caroga.town).
- ❖ Thanks to the Highway Superintendent and crew for plowing parking for Wheelerville Trails.
- ❖ Thanks to John Delesky for negotiating special shared BTI purchase to reduce black flies.

Next Public Meeting:

Up to 12 members of the public may attend at Town Hall with reservations. Others may attend via zoom.

Town Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 6:00pm

Join zoom.us or dial 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 687 640 4445 Passcode: 427903

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Highlights of Supervisor Horton's February Report on the Golf Clubhouse Project

- NYMIR offered an estimated reimbursement of \$500,000.00 (for the Golf Clubhouse) plus \$144,000.00 (for the storage building), if the Town rebuilds according to the insurance policy. The Supervisor questioned their \$285 per-square-foot estimate, given that Phinney Design gave a \$325 to \$400 per-square-foot estimate, and he continues to negotiate the settlement.
- He is working on spreadsheets with funding details, bond estimates, and tax implications.
- Discussions have also expanded to the nearby Highway Garage and salt storage planning.
- He emphasized, "I want to get the facts out there, and I do not want to confuse the public. . . I do not see this project being completed within a year. I think it needs to be done in phases. . . The Town has had a facilities problem for many years. For example, we got a quote to fix the Town Hall heating system, and that was \$85,000.00 alone. It's money down a rat hole. Pouring more money into the current Town Hall—given asbestos issues and so on—is a waste of taxpayer money. We're looking to save money, invest wisely, and create pride. . . Now we're working on a step-by-step proposal to present to the public. This project is big. It's complicated. We need to do everything to protect the tax-payer, but also not to waste money. This is a one-shot deal. I want to make it the best we can for the taxpayer. We're not going to have another chance to rebuild the Clubhouse and Town Hall. We only build it once."

Building Permit and Code Enforcement Fees

In 2021, the Town of Caroga paid \$95,000.00 to run the Code Office and collected \$27,400.00 revenue.

Basic Permits 1: Project Costing ≤ \$500.00, Replacement Siding, Window / Door Replacement, Docks

Basic Permits 2 (previously \$50.00): Chimney, Demolition, Fence, Holding Tank, Sanitation Plan, Roof, Shed, Retaining Wall, Solar System Installation

	<u>Prior Fee</u>	<u>New Fee</u>
Basic Permit Fees (1) Below \$500	-	\$ 75.00
Basic Permit Fees (2)	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Planning/ZBA Application	\$100.00	\$250.00
Accessory Structure ≥101 square feet	\$100.00	\$150.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$100.00	\$300.00
Commercial Building		
Up to 1500 square feet	-	\$250.00
Over 1500 square feet	-	\$500.00
New Foundation	\$100.00	\$250.00
Slabs and Decks	\$100.00	\$100.00
Manufactured Homes	\$150.00	\$250.00
New Home, Garage, Guest Cottage, Modular		
First 1500 square feet	\$250.00	\$300.00
Each additional 1000 square feet	\$175.00	\$200.00
Total Renovations		
Up to 500 square feet	\$100.00	\$200.00
+500 to 1500 square feet	\$175.00	\$250.00
Over 1500 square feet	\$250.00	\$300.00
Occupied RV/Camping Permit (28 day/year max)	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.00
Municipal Searches	-	\$ 75.00

Please note that Permits help to ensure that projects are done properly and safely. Annual permits may be renewed once for the same cost, if done before the expiration date. Uncorrected violations may be punishable with fines up to \$1,000.00 (see *Town of Caroga Zoning Ordinance* and *Sanitary Code*).

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