

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

July 18, 2022

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This special meeting at Town Hall started at 10:00 AM and lasted 65 minutes. Council Member Glenn participated in the final vote after he entered the meeting during discussion at 10:30 AM.

The meeting included no discussion of the Golf Clubhouse, Capital Projects, or voter referendum.

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. Youth Program —

- Reinstated Head Counselor for Youth Program at 2022 rate of \$15.20 per hour (4-0 vote)
- Appointed Shelly Vosburg to position of Head Counselor (4-0 vote)

2. Town Hall — Authorized \$9,575.00 purchase from Mohawk Heating for IBC boiler to replace failed boiler that heats the Town Hall meeting room and court room (4-0 vote)

3. Highway Department — Authorized FEMA-sponsored 50x8x3' aluminum culvert pipe replacement by Fulton County Soil and Water assisted by Caroga Highway crew on Kasson Drive to reduce risks of further flooding at total cost of \$93,840.00 with Federal and State Funding of \$79,764.50 received and Town cost of \$14,075.50 "In Kind" contribution (4-0 vote)

4. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) — Accepted the resignation of Frank Malagisi (4-0 vote) Discussion noted his responsibilities working with Congressman Smullen and emphasized Mr. Malagisi's long and honorable service to the Town, Region, and State.

5. Caroga Tourism and Fireworks Celebration at Sherman's Park —

- Most of the meeting was spent questioning volunteer work by CTC. CTC Liaison Council Member Barb Deluca and CTC Secretary Ralph Palcovic provided detailed rationale, as requested by the Supervisor, for the End-of-Summer Celebration with fireworks in Town Center on Saturday night of Labor Day Weekend. They expressed the Town's excitement about maintaining momentum from the successful 2021 event that attracted a large crowd of local citizens and welcome visitors. In keeping with the Town Comprehensive Plan, the event supports the CTC mission "to promote the Town of Caroga as a year-round destination by sponsoring and promoting programs and events that will benefit the community economically, environmentally, and socially."
- Supervisor Horton questioned the event and repeatedly said that he was "uncomfortable", and he insisted that coordination with Caroga Arts at Sherman's Park is "coincidental, not coordinated."
- The Board rejected Supervisor's proposal to cut fireworks from \$5,000.00 to \$3,000.00 (0-5 vote)
- Approved \$5,000.00 fireworks by Majestic on September 3, 2022 at Sherman's Park (5-0 vote)

Events and Announcements:

- ❖ July 30, 2022 Caroga Townwide Yard Sale and Car Show at Sherman's Park
- ❖ August 13, 2022 Caroga Fire Company Kayak Poker Run at Canada Lake
- ❖ August 20-21, 2022 CTC Wheelerville Bike Festival
- ❖ September 3, 2022 CTC End-of-Summer Celebration in Caroga Town Center with Fireworks

Next Public Meetings:

Special Board Meeting: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:00 AM at Town Hall

Monthly Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:00 PM at Town Hall

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