

# ***Caroga News Flash***

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

**August 5, 2022**

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This special meeting at Town Hall started at 10:00 AM and lasted 78 minutes. The meeting was held during regular work hours, and Council Member DeLuca was unable to attend.

The meeting included no discussion of the Golf Clubhouse. **The Supervisor announced plans for August 10 to ask the Board to authorize \$1,500,000.00 30-year bond financing of his Phase 1 building projects for a Salt Shed, Golf Storage-Maintenance Building, and Highway Garage.** The Supervisor has not yet given public notice of the bond resolution with the text of the resolution.

**The Board will NOT hold a referendum November 8, 2022 to approve borrowing \$1.5 million.**

Council Member Sturgess emphasized that for the past year and a half the Board has said to the public, "You'll have input." In response, Supervisor Horton said that the public had input with his presentations at Town meetings and three lake association meetings. He refused voluntarily to hold a public vote, but he noted that the current borrowing plan is subject to permissive referendum.

What is permissive referendum? **If voters protest and petition the Board** (within 30 days and with at least 30 voters' signatures—the number equal to at least 5% of the 584 total Caroga votes cast for governor in the last general election), **then the Board must hold a special Town election** to approve or disapprove borrowing \$1.5 million (See NYS Town Law, Chapter 62, Article 7, § 90).

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

#### **1. Phase 1 Building Projects —**

- Approved hiring Barclay Damon as "Bond Council" [sic "Bond Counsel"] with minimum fee noted to be \$2250.00 (4-0 vote)
- Approved sale through Auctions International of a 4x8 utility trailer, the Hamm highway hot asphalt roller, and miscellaneous tires and wheels (4-0 vote)

**2. Cyber Security —** Approved \$17,021.00 proposed contract with Brian McIntosh of Canada Lake Computers to conduct Cyber Security training, perform off-site testing of stored electronic files, and to continue to provide security monitoring for the Town's PCs (4-0 vote)

**3. Wheelerville Trails —** Authorized the Supervisor to provide a letter of support to the NYS DOT for the Wheelerville Bike Trail Festival on August 20 and 21, 2022 (4-0 vote)

**4. Municipal Golf Course —** Accepted, with regret, the letter of resignation of Jerry Groom III as golf course manager effective August 15, 2022 (4-0 vote)

### **Events and Announcements:**

- ❖ August 13, 2022 Kayak Poker Run at Canada Lake
- ❖ August 20-21, 2022 Wheelerville Bike Festival
- ❖ September 3, 2022 End-of-Summer Celebration with Music and Fireworks

### **Next Public Meeting:**

#### **Monthly Board Meeting**

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