

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

September 14, 2022

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This monthly Board meeting at Town Hall and via ZOOM started at 6:00 PM and lasted 155 minutes. The meeting included 23 minutes in executive session with the Town Attorney for a Highway matter. At least 17 people were present at Town Hall, and 32 households were connected via ZOOM.

Public comments and 16 letters focused on Mr. Fancher's failure to enforce the zoning ordinance / codes.

The meeting featured municipal building projects and debt financing authorizations.

The Agenda noted an August 22 letter about the Northern Borders Grant, but it was not discussed. The Board passed three resolutions — subject to referendum on petition — authorizing financing:

- \$1,000,000.00 for a new Town Highway Barn (at 1913 Route 10),
- \$450,000.00 for a renovated Golf Storage and Maintenance Building (at 1801 Route 10),
- \$107,000.00 for a previously budgeted Salt Storage Building (at 1913 Route 10).

No mention was made of public notices, building details, period of probable usefulness, or timelines. Failure to satisfy legal requirements may invalidate resolutions and require amended resolutions. General Municipal Law gives building project rules (www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/GMU/99-G), and Local Finance Law specifies additional necessary procedures. For example, Town bond financing resolutions are subject to permissive referendum as detailed in Town Law § 91 (www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/TWN/91). This means that a bond resolution "shall not take effect until 30 days after its adoption; nor until approval by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such town...if within 30 days after its adoption there be filed with the town clerk a petition signed...by electors of the town." The Supervisor claimed no public vote is needed here.

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. \$1.557 Million Borrowing Proposal for Phase 1 Municipal Building Projects —

- The Board voted to approve SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) assessment claiming no environmental impacts of (A) 4,800-square-foot metal frame Highway Barn, (B) 1,200 square-foot steel/fabric Salt Shed, or (C) 3,366 square-foot Golf Maintenance Building (5-0 vote). Supervisor Horton claimed that changes in land use are all insignificant for these projects.
- "To authorize the construction of a building to be used as a **Town Barn**, Authorizing the issuance of serial bonds of the Town of Caroga Fulton County New York in an aggregated principal amount not to exceed **\$1,000,000.00 pursuant to the local finance law** to finance said purpose and delegating the power to issued bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to the Town Supervisor" (4-1 vote)
- "To authorize the relocation and reconstruction of a **Golf Course Storage and Maintenance Facility Building** Authorizing the issuance of serial bonds of the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, New York in an aggregated principal amount not to exceed **\$450,000.00 pursuant to the local finance law** to finance said purpose and delegating the power to issued bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to the Town Supervisor" (4-1 vote)
- "To bond for the construction of a **Salt/Sand Storage Building**, Authorizing the issuance of Serial bonds in the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, New York in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$107,000.00 pursuant to the local finance law** to finance said purpose and delegating the power to issue bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to the Town Supervisor" (4-1 vote)

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- Amended the fee contract with Phinney Design Group for additional work (5-0 vote)
- Authorized Supervisor to do contractual form and solicit bids for Salt Shed foundation (5-0 vote)
- 2. Insurance Policy** — Approved new NYMIR policy with significant rate increase (5-0 vote)
- 3. Highway Department** — Approved retirement reporting for Highway Superintendent Voght for 1/2020 to 12/31/2023 (5-0 vote)
- 4. Golf Course** —
 - Approved golf for 4 with 2 carts donation to Nick Stoner Vrooman's Ladies League (5-0 vote)
 - Approved \$25.00 vouchers to citizens who loan personal golf carts for tournaments (5-0 vote)
- 5. Zoning Board of Appeals** — Appointed Patricia Cooper to the ZBA (5-0 vote)
- 6. 2022 Budget Changes** — Approved transfers to maintain a balanced budget (5-0 votes)
 - To: A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment \$35.00 From: A1410.4 Town Clerk C/E \$35.00
 - To: A7180.42 GC Merchandise \$1,500.00 From: A7180.13 Club House P/S \$1,500.00
 - To: A1910.40 Unallocated Insurance C/E \$5,000.00 From: A1420.4 Attorney C/E \$5,000.00
 - To: DA5110.4 General Repairs C/E \$10,000.00 From: DA5130.2 Equipment \$10,000.00
 - To: DA5142.4 Snow Removal C/E \$10,000.00 From: DA5130.2 Equipment \$10,000.00
 - To: DA5110.4 General Repairs \$34,900.00 From: DA4960 Federal/State Aid \$34,900.00
- 7. Other Business** —
 - Set a budget work session for October 5 at 6:00 PM (5-0 vote)
 - Set Trick or Treat in Town of Caroga for October 31 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (5-0 vote)
 - Approved Mr. Fancher's zoning and planning training for \$40.00 plus travel (5-0 vote)
 - Acknowledged notification of application for State Liquor License to SLATE-A Rustic Tavern LLC 2040 State Highway 10 (formerly Vrooman's) and neither approved nor denied constructing a deck/patio given needs to follow procedures with the Code Office / Planning Board (5-0 vote)
 - Paid bills as presented for audit (5-0 vote) and accepted 8/10/22 and 8/19/22 minutes (5-0 vote)

Announcements:

- ❖ Caroga Trick or Treat will be Monday, October 31 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Next Board Meetings:

Budget Work Session: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:00 PM at Town Hall

Monthly Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 6:00 PM at Town Hall