

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

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This 2024 annual organizational meeting was held at Town Hall from 6:00 to 6:40 PM. Current officials included Supervisor Ralph Palcovic; Council Members Barb DeLuca, Matt Cooper, Rick Sturgess, and Jack Glenn; Highway Superintendent Larry Voght; and Clerk Linda Gilbert. Thirteen citizens attended.

Supervisor Palcovic noted to the public, "The community is stepping up. All of the community boards that we have to help conduct business in the Town of Caroga received a lot of different candidates for a lot of different positions. That is a very positive move on behalf of the public. In reflection, many years ago, it would have been hard to get somebody for the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. We have a lot of citizens stepping up to participate in the Town activities, which is a great positive move."

"Also, we are going to get **zoom** meetings back on board as soon as we can to continue that program. It seemed to be very successful for the public. The other note is that...we'll start the meetings at 6:30 PM."

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. Elected Officials — (5-0 vote)

- Supervisor: Ralph Palcovic
- Highway Superintendent: Larry Voght
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/Records Management Officer: Linda Gilbert
- Town Justice: James Subik
- Council Members: John Glenn, Barbara DeLuca, Richard Sturgess, Matthew Cooper

2. Organizational Business — (5-0 vote)

- Financial Institutions: NBT Bank, Key Bank, Community Bank
- Regular Board meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.
- Supervisor is authorized to invest money, pay fixed bills, pay officials' monthly salaries.
- 2024 Gas Mileage will be \$0.67/mile, and detailed logs shall be submitted monthly.
- Highway Superintendent is authorized to spend within budget up to \$2,000 without prior approval, \$2,001-5,000 with Supervisor approval, and over \$5,000 with Board approval.
- The official newspaper is *The Leader Herald*.
- If an official will be out of town more than 48 hours, the Clerk shall be notified on calendar.
- Holidays will be: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, General Election Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

3. Appointed Positions — (5-0 vote)

- Sanitation Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer: Anthony Fancher
- Registrar of Vital Statistics: Linda Gilbert
- Dog Control: Howard Dutcher
- Health Officer: Howard Dutcher
- Youth Director: Colleen Ricciardi
- Historian: open
- Building Maintenance Staff: open with new hire expected
- BTI Coordinator: Michael Kunath
- Weed Harvesting Coordinator: Walter Hogan
- Boat Wash and Stewards Coordinator: John Olm
- Recreational Trail Manager: Jeremy Manning

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- Sole Assessor: Leigh Anne Loucks
- Golf Course Manager: Steven Stedman
- Golf Clubhouse Manager: Dave Cummings
- Planning Board Chairman: Al Kozakiewicz
- Member of the Planning Board: open
- Alternate Members to the Planning Board: Anita Long and George Hamilton
- Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman: Anthony Russitano
- Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals: open
- Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals: open
- Member of the Board of Assessment Review: Chris Zimick
- ZBA/Planning/BAR Clerk: open with new hire expected
- Deputy Town Supervisor: Barbara DeLuca
- Interim Deputy Highway Superintendent: James Brady
- Deputy Town Clerk: Judith Aldinger
- Bookkeeper/Budget Officer: Joanne Young
- Court Clerk: Thelma Subik
- Clerk to the Highway Superintendent: Scott Horton
- Webmaster: Linda Gilbert

4. Town Board Liaison Assignments —

Golf Course: Rick Sturgess; **Highway, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds:** Matt Cooper;
Environmental: Jack Glenn; **Caroga Tourism:** Barb DeLuca; **Code Office:** Ralph Palcovic

5. Annual Salaries — (5-0 vote)

Town Clerk \$48,000; Registrar \$860; Bookkeeper \$27,870; Budget Director \$3,195; BTI Director \$16,970; Highway Superintendent \$60,000; Golf Superintendent \$68,960; Code Enforcement Officer \$57,680; Supervisor \$18,000; Council Members \$3,600; Justice \$22,000; Court Clerk \$9,000; Dog Warden \$5,869; Highway Clerk \$2,412; Recreational Trail Manager \$16,000; Youth Director \$6,051; Youth Lead Teacher \$2,163; WEED Director \$16,000; Boat Wash Coordinator \$2,300; Webmaster \$700; Historian \$800; Deputy Highway Superintendent \$2,318

6. Hourly Rates — (5-0 vote)

Deputy Clerk \$16.90; Sole Assessor \$28.40; Building Maintenance \$16.00; Confidential Secretary \$19.57; Code Secretary \$15.00; Highway MEO (by contract); Highway Mechanic (by contract); Zoning/Planning Clerk to-be-announced; BTI Tech I \$15.00; BTI Tech II \$15.50; Golf Course Laborer I \$15.90; Golf Course Laborer II \$16.40; Pro Shop Manager \$19.00; Pro Shop Assistant Manager \$18.00; Pro Shop Hourly \$15.00; First-Year Diver \$23.50; Senior Diver \$25.30; Lead Diver \$26.10; Shift Diver \$25.80; First-Year Tender \$15.00; Senior Tender \$15.40; Boat Wash Stewards \$15.00; Summer Youth Recreational \$15.00; Summer Youth Bus Driver (set by school); Summer Youth Lifeguard \$15.50

8. Other Appointments — (5-0 votes)

- Town Attorney: Christopher Langlois, Esq. Girvin and Ferlazzo, P.C.
- Planning Board Reappointment ending 12/31/2030: Roderick Gilmour
- Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointment ending 12/31/2028: John Byrnes
- Board of Assessment Review ending 9/30/2028: Chris Zimick

9. 2023 Budget Transfer — (5-0 vote)

From: A1010.41 Grants C/E \$1,900.00 To: A1220.4 Supervisor C/E \$1,900.00

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