

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Caroga Town Board regular monthly meeting held Wednesday March 9, 2022 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 6:00 pm with the following persons in attendance by roll call. The flag salute opened the meeting followed by the roll being called.

Supervisor Scott Horton - Here
Council Member John Glenn – Here
Council Member Barbara DeLuca - Here
Council Member Richard Sturgess – Here
Council Member Donald Travis – Here

Supervisor Horton called for a moment of silence for all of the people who are suffering so horribly in the Ukraine.

Tor Shekerjian Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor facilitated the Zoom portion of the meeting. BTI Director John Delesky, Code Officer Anthony Fancher, BAR Member John Livingston, Planning Board Member Matthew Cooper, and Walter Hogan Weed Harvesting Coordinator, were in attendance. There were two other people in attendance at town hall. There were eighteen people online using Zoom.

Council Member Glenn made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Council Member Sturgess seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion. Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

Supervisor Horton saw on social media that there was a challenge or question about the publication of an agenda for this meeting. The Supervisor wants openness in government. Supervisor Horton quoted a publication from Governor Hochal, which says in part that “the open meetings law requires that notice of the time and place of all meetings of a public body be given prior to every meeting. A notice need not include an agenda nor does it have to be published as a legal notice.” Tor Shekerjian, Confidential Secretary, to the Supervisor provided this information.

Public Comment:

John Delesky gave a public service announcement stating that Fulton County Public Health gives booster shots, or first and second doses, of any of the three vaccines for COVID 19 one Thursday a month from 2 – 5 pm at the Lexington Center. The public must register on the county website. The vaccination is free and proof of prior vaccination should be brought with you.

Two Saturdays ago the Fire Department distributed COVID 19 test kits. Only 8 – 10 people stopped by. The public may stop by on any Monday evening at the fire house for a test kit. The town clerk noted there are a few test kits at town hall also.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Jeremy Manning thanked Larry Voght and the highway guys for all of their work this winter keeping the parking lot open at the bike trail. He thanked Brett Fielding, Michael Cole and Marleen Feldman from Northville for grooming the trails after storms making them open for fat biking and snowshoeing.

Mr. Manning stated he did write a grant through the Adirondack community recreational in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for bridge material this year. He hopes to hear something next month. The trails are closed until spring.

Mr. Manning will be making a presentation on the Wheelerville Bike Trail Project to the County Economic Development Committee on April 29th.

Supervisor Horton noted the grant is sometimes a 50/50 match contribution. The town has already spent money so it will not cost the town any additional funds.

The clerk asked for a copy of the grant submitted for the town's records.

Mr. Manning noted that he was interviewed by Adirondack Life Magazine. The article on the Wheelerville Bike Trail will be in the May/June issue.

BTI – John Delesky ordered a 264-gallon tote of BTI. Four other towns joined in the purchase. The tote was delivered last Monday to the town highway barn. Mr. Voght and his crew offloaded it. It weighed over a ton. The tote was put in the golf course maintenance garage. Mr. Delesky thank the Highway Department for their help.

The price per gallon in the tote is \$42.00, if the other size becomes available again they will cost \$45.60 per gallon. The town will save about \$250.00 per year. The town purchased enough for two years.

Last Sunday there was a BTI meeting with the four applicators, five including himself. Mr. Delesky explained the tote situation, they reviewed DEC rules about BTI application, recordkeeping, and safety while you work in the woods. After the meeting the crew off loaded 52 ½ gallons into last year's empty containers. Stratford ordered 50 gallons in total this year. They picked up 25 gallons. Mr. Delesky asked the clerk to bill the Town of Stratford. The applicators have been out and found larva present in the streams. They have to be careful of the ice shelf going to the shore on some of the streams. They are open in the middle. They will be out where it is safe to treat.

Sole Assessor – Supervisor Horton read from the report submitted by Leigh Anne Loucks. She is looking to replace the digital camera. She is doing property inventory. She wanted to share the cost of the camera with the code department. Mr. Fancher stated he does all of his work on his cell phone. He did not think sharing a camera would benefit his department.

The assessed value of the town has dropped from 58% to 52%. Supervisor Horton stated that the town will be sharing a little bit larger portion of the county sales tax because Gloversville's equalization rate dropped from 100%. The Assessor is completing property record cards and inputting

into the RPS System. She continues to complete outstanding permits of 2019, 2020, and 2021 so inventories will be updated through those three years. She will then be reviewing through the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Supervisor Horton stated she is doing a fine job updating the records but eventually the town will have to do a re-val.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – Linda Gilbert submitted a written report. The monthly report was submitted to the Supervisor. The clerk noted this year’s annual Town Clerks conference will be in Albany. The clerk submitted vouchers for the conference.

Tax Collection: to date \$2,649,377.06 has been collected leaving \$494,783.99 uncollected. Penalties paid to the Supervisor were in the amount of \$1,546.62.

RESOLUTION #2022-042 to approve the Town clerk attending the New York State Town Clerks Annual Conference was offered by Council Member Glenn at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk asked the town board for approval to attend the New York State Town Clerks Annual Conference April 25 – 27, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the town clerk may attend the conference in Albany NY.

Seconded by Council Member DeLuca

Discussion: Council Member Sturgess asked if the amount was up to \$800.00. The clerk explained that the vouchers were put on the abstract for registration and a two night package. She stated mileage was not included in the voucher.

All board members were in favor of the motion; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Mr. Fancher reported that three permits were issued in the month of February. The valuation was \$31,000.00 on them. The amount collected was \$200.00. He has been working with the Assessor to review open permits. Supervisor Horton noted the Assessor is looking for more information from his office.

Council Member Glenn asked about implementing the permit fee increase. The Board approved a change in the fee schedule at the February meeting for codes. An effective date was not set. The Code Officer is requesting the board to approve the date of April 1st 2022 for the beginning of the new approved fee schedule.

Mr. Fancher stated the April 1st date would coincide with dump stickers renewals.

RESOLUTION #2022-043 to implement the new fee schedule for Code Permits on April 1, 2022 was offered by Council Member Glenn at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement Officer, Anthony Fancher presented information to the board about increasing the fees for building and sanitation permits in the Town of Caroga at a previous meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes and did vote to approve the changes to the fee schedule, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that revised fee schedule will be implemented on April 1, 2022.

Seconded by Council Member Travis

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

Council Member Barbara Deluca - Aye

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Nay

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Dog Control – no report from Mr. Dutcher. The clerk stated there were several licenses that were not renewed from last year. No tickets have been issued for the past two years. Supervisor Horton stated he would give him a call. The Clerk stated this is New York State law.

Golf Course – Mr. Stedman responded to the question Council Member Sturgess had on the invoices. The invoices were for cups, flags, and flag sticks. Council Member Sturgess wondered if this was going to be a yearly expense. Mr. Stedman responded that it is a yearly expense – the flag sticks fade and the flags are put on the ground and should be kept up as well. The cup ferrule gets worn out with the flag sticks being put in and taken out they become tilted. Mr. Stedman stated he put money in the budget for this. Mr. Stedman also noted he budgeted three times the amount for stone for the cart paths this year from last year. Supervisor Horton stated he did not want it to be a PGA Course but want it to be family friendly and playable course. These little things will make it look like a real course that people want to come back to. Mr. Stedman did not want to kill the wallet. Mr. Stedman stated he knows this is an Adirondack course that has native features. He does plan to make improvements yearly. Mr. Stedman stated he continues to work on equipment and has begun work again to cut back the native areas. He is taking out the trees that are dead on the property or decaying. Mr. Gilmour is willing to help remove trees.

Council Member Glenn asked if an article publicizing the fees was done as talked about last month. This was a question for Mr. Groom but he is away for a couple of days. Supervisor Horton noted there is some co-op advertising the town can do with the Chamber of Commerce. Hole sponsorship is another means of advertisement, this is also done during a tournament.

Highway – No report from Mr. Voght today as he had a jury [selection] commitment today. Supervisor Horton noted the increase in fuel prices and the town highway department is not exempt from that. We use a lot of diesel fuel, heating kerosene, and oil. The Supervisor stated that to date \$11,000.00 has been spent on heating the highway building. He will have a discussion with Mr. Voght on this. It is important to be cognizant of the increase and the highway department should start now to do whatever they can do to not go over budget. The Supervisor suggested things like shutting down vehicles and not letting them idle, and not taking unnecessary trips. This is the highway Superintendent's responsibility but it is the Town Board's responsibility to fund the department. The Supervisor asked the board if they were in agreement with this concern on the fuel costs this year and

in agreement for him to discuss it with the Highway Superintendent. Council Member Sturgess also expressed his concern.

Lakes Management Program – Council Member Glenn stated there was some exiting news. He asked John Olm for a report but he had not prepared one for this meeting. Council Member Glenn read the headline from the Department of Environmental Conservation, DEC “Announces release of draft amendment to campground and day use areas unit management plan to help combat Aquatic Invasive Species.” The information will be placed on the town website. Council Member Glenn gave a synopsis that DEC and the campsites may have their own decontamination sites. There was a concern about competitive salaries for lake stewards being offered elsewhere.

Council Member Glenn stated all of the divers are coming back. They do need a tender. Mr. Hogan reported on the research he has completed since last month. He contacted DEC regarding our permit to harvest. He is looking for the back data for the past two years. We don’t need a permit as we are not using herbicides. APA does not allow herbicides. He has collected a lot of educational material to read. Mr. Hogan spoke to the diver who has been with the program for the past five years. Last year he was the lead diver. Most of the divers are school teachers and have the summer off. That is why they are able to do this work for the town. There are two shifts of divers 9 -1 and 1-5. A diver can only dive for 45 minutes and then has to come up. That is why there are eight divers. Mr. Hogan stated there may be a new position created as a lead diver. Mr. Hogan noted there was a problem with the compressor. The divers don’t use bottled air. The compressor pumps air down to the divers. Mr. Hogan may need to update the software or the transducer that identifies milfoil. Mr. Hogan stopped up to see the work being done on the harvester. Mr. Dutcher has some ideas to make the machine better and easier to use.

The decking on the harvester will be upgraded. Mr. Hogan spoke to the intern doing a report on East Caroga. He will provide the town with his report.

Supervisor Horton wanted the public to know about the fragments of milfoil during the harvesting process. In order for them to regenerate the milfoil has to be about three inches long. The pieces that escape the basket are very much smaller than that.

The board received pictures of the repair work being done on the harvester. The lead diver will be put in contact with Mr. Dutcher. Council Member Glenn noted the need to purchase gloves and boots for the divers. Supervisor Horton stated the management of the program will be different this year because of time constraints on Mr. Hogan’s part. The Supervisor mentioned a lead foreman making a difference. The day to day management would be the lead diver’s (foreman) responsibility. The director would do the budget control.

Council Member DeLuca asked why compressed air is used and not tanks, and how deep were the divers going. Mr. Hogan said there were areas of over 40 – 60 feet. A corrections was made to about 25 feet. Supervisor Horton stated it depended on the clarity of the water for the milfoil to grow. Mr. Livingston is a diver and stated the compressed air almost eliminates decompression.

Mr. Hogan discussed putting some type of light on the corners of the harvester for safety. Mr. Shekerjian noted in the past flyers were distributed to educate boaters about the divers in our waters.

Marcus Harazin confirmed that the state is probably gearing up because the new Invasive Species Law was signed. The campsite plans have to be amended. This could affect the East Caroga Lake

Campsite where inspections are done in conjunction with the Aquatic Water Shed Institute. There is another inspection site on West Lake. Mr. Harazin will follow up on this so duplication doesn't happen. Mr. Harazin wondered about the accessibility for boats getting into and out of the campsite. It was noted that stewards from last year were contacted by Mr. Olm to see if there was an interest to work this year. Mr. Harazin noted several people participated in the training put on by the Adirondack Park Invasive Plan Program last month. The information will be very helpful in the plans for the upcoming season. The institute is hoping to do some work in the area of education of boaters and young people. He noted that last season Linda Gilbert suggested doing an educational program with the youth program and/or the Wheelerville School students. Mr. Harazin noted the need to expand public awareness. He suggested getting the new signs out early this year.

Mr. Harazin noted he hasn't seen the grant applications come out from the state for the next round of funding. They usually come out in January or February.

John Olm was also concerned that DEC has not announced anything about their grant program. He has reached out to stewards and it appears that all will be back except one part time worker. Council Member Glenn thanked everyone involved for their outstanding job last year and for what is being done so far for this year.

Town Hall Building – Council Member Travis reported that he and the Code Officer conducted inspections on all of the emergency lights. The maintenance person made the necessary repairs.

Council Member Travis checked the heaters in the former clinic, they are 7000 BTU's. The heaters cost \$489 each plus the cost to hook them up and the compressor on the outside of the building. Supervisor Horton noted for the past eight weeks the town has not had heat in the meeting room or judge's chamber. Portable electric heaters and a gas (propane) heater were used to heat the rooms. The gas heater cannot be used when the room is occupied because of the fumes. The Supervisor had a headache today. They are looking at the lowest cost way to get heat in the two rooms. They looked at piggybacking onto one of the two boilers still working. Parts were ordered but they were the wrong ones. Additional parts also had to be ordered. Everyday Council Member Travis works on this. The Supervisor stated frankly he did not want to spend the money.

PLRT Commission – Council Member DeLuca is the Liaison to this commission. She held a meeting in February. "It was excellent." There was a lot of energy and great ideas and the commission came up with a few things they wanted to do. One suggestion was to change the name to the Caroga Tourism Commission and the purpose of the group was defined by resolution. A mission statement was created, "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 safely." The group reviewed the procurement policy so they can stay within the guideline of the town. A discussion was held on communication in between meetings. Council Member DeLuca will gather information on this before the next meeting. The commission is currently working to develop guidelines and objectives.

Supervisor Horton thanked Council Member DeLuca for taking this project on. It is an extremely important program for the town. It started two years ago, and needed to be revised a bit for clarity and purpose. Council Member DeLuca noted everyone in the group pretty much had the same idea.

Council Member DeLuca noted Rachael Simonds resigned. She was personally thanked by Council Member DeLuca for being the secretary. Amanda French was chosen to be Chairperson. Ralph Palcovic was chosen to be the Secretary. Council Member DeLuca wanted to put something on the Caroga Tourism Commission Facebook page to promote the golf course. Council Member Sturgess noted that the golf course has a budget line item for advertising. He did not want the commission to use up their funds on the golf course. A key to the building will be given to Council Member DeLuca.

Club House /Town Hall Project – See Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Horton noted that Tor Shekerjian and his wife Debbie Correll assisted in this power point presentation on the Club House/Town Hall Project. The eight minute video was shown and is available on the town website Caroga.town. Council Member Glenn thought the presentation was excellent and that it is an excellent idea. He stated a comprehensive view is necessary going forward. He thought it was a good idea to combine services and capital projects. There will be a work session in the future for the public.

Old Business:

Franchise agreement with Spectrum Northeast LLC expired in 2020

New Business:

There will be a Fireworks display on March 12th at Royal Mountain as well as the cardboard derby.

RESOLUTION #2022-044 to Approve an application for the March 12, 2022 Fireworks at Royal Mountain was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the town received an email from Jeff Ward of Santore’s World Famous Fireworks LLC for a fireworks display at Royal Mountain Ski Area located at 3072 State Highway 10 Johnstown NY 12095 located in the Town of Caroga, and

WHEREAS, all of the paperwork has been submitted by Santore’s World Famous Fireworks LLC of 846 Stillwater Bridge Road Schaghticoke NY 12154 which includes the permit application, the site map, the certificate of liability insurance, and the credentials of the operator, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town board does hereby move to approve the fireworks application on March 12th at dusk or on the rain date of March 19th at Royal Mountain Ski Area by Santore’s World Famous Fireworks LLC.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

All Board members were in favor of the motion: Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

The clerk noted the Caroga Fire Chief has been notified.

Correspondence:

Fulton County Res. #81 adopting the Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Letter from Caroga Historical Museum

RESOLUTIONS:

Supervisor Horton discussed and read the resolution regarding Centralized Arraignments. He noted currently if the local judge for the township or village needing an arraignment cannot be reached, law enforcement has to call around to find an available justice to stand in for them. Meanwhile law enforcement has to wait for a justice to be located.

RESOLUTION #2022-045 regarding Centralized Arraignments was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, Fulton County is submitting a plan for counsel at initial appearance coverage for arraignments in local courts; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides for a central arraignment part conducted twice a day at the Fulton County jail rather than at the town location of the arrest; and

WHEREAS, this plan requires the cooperation of the various local town justices: and

WHEREAS, this program will promote efficiencies among the town justices as well as county operations providing for mutual cooperation of the County's municipalities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Caroga hereby indicates its support for the County's plan for counsel at initial appearance coverage for arraignments in local courts.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Discussion: Supervisor Horton noted the Town of Caroga does not have any issues with our justice showing up when needed. A phone call is made and our justice responds. The Supervisor had several discussions with other town supervisors and there are several justices in Fulton County that are always readily available. This is what they ran for and is part of their job. There are some justices that are not as available. The solution being proposed is in the jail area in the Sheriff's Office would have a bench, the necessary computer hookups and if there is an arraignment a justice would be on call. He noted there is no requirement in the law, but they would do this on a rotational basis. Ten could say no, and then three justices would have to show up. They would not be compensated. Justice Subik stated he would support the town's decision either way. He will do his job. Supervisor Horton stated he did not think it was fair to our justice. He understands the Sheriff's Department not wanting to transport individuals. He did not think the plan was well thought out enough yet. There is no extra compensation for the justices. The Supervisor believed that the justices a distance away from the Sheriff's Department are always going to say no, and the ones closer will do it.

Council Member Sturgess asked if the resolution was asking for the board's support on this. "Yes," was the response. He questioned why the town would plan a new town hall court area then.

Council Member DeLuca asked if this would be secondary or primary. Will any of the arraignments come to our local court or will they go down to the centralized arraignment? It has not been decided was the response. The Supervisor noted this was for arraignments only. A person cannot be held for more than 12 hours or they are set free.

Council Members Sturgess and DeLuca wanted to table this. Supervisor Horton replied this could be tabled or voted down. Tabling this won't help make a decision. Supervisor Horton stated the board should make a stand on what they feel best serves the citizens.

Council Member Glenn thought the justices would have to use Zoom so they didn't have to be there. Council Member Glenn stated this is for the convenience of the arresting officer. The Supervisor stated it is. They don't want to wait three hours for a justice to do an arraignment. That is time they are not out patrolling doing their work. The Supervisor understood this. He noted this was not the way the court system was originally set up. He speculated that this is a move to try to get rid of local courts. There is a reason this is in the constitution. The Supervisor did not think the program has been well thought out.

Council Member Sturgess asked if our justice goes down, does the town have to pay for mileage? This has not been addressed. Supervisor Horton noted they are on call for a week. Several board members commented that our town justice does an outstanding job. It was noted that several town justices are difficult to get in contact with. The only people who can make them do their job is the public.

Supervisor Horton wanted to vote on this and send the resolution to the county. Council Member Glenn stated this concept has been discussed for the past 30 years. Council Members Glenn, and DeLuca wanted more information from our town justice. Supervisor Horton had a lengthy conversation with him and would not speak for him. Supervisor Horton explained that "each board member has the right to vote yea, nay, or abstain. An abstention vote means that you don't believe that you have enough information to vote on the measure." The county is looking to see if there is support from the townships. The Supervisor knows that one township has voted it down.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Council Member John Glenn – Abstain
Council Member Barbara DeLuca – No
Council Member Richard Sturgess - Abstain
Council Member Donald Travis - Abstain
Supervisor Scott Horton – No

RESOLUTION #2022-046 to fund \$5,000 to the Caroga Museum as budgeted was offered by Council Member Glenn at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board budgeted \$5,000 to be donated to the Caroga Museum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to donate \$5,000 to the Caroga Museum.

Seconded by Council Member DeLuca

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

RESOLUTION #2022-047 to fund \$5,000 to the Caroga Fish and Game Club as budgeted was offered by Council Member Travis at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board budgeted \$5,000 to be donated to the Caroga Fish and Game Club, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to donate \$5,000 to the Caroga Fish and Game Club.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

The clerk noted that Fulton County Soil and Water has fish to purchase for stocking. The information was given to Council Member Travis. Supervisor Horton stated the Mr. Centi discovered this. He was working with DEC to make sure the right type of fish are put in the lakes.

RESOLUTION #2022-048 to fund \$1,500 for fish stocking of East and West Caroga Lakes to the Fish and Game Club was offered by Council Member Travis at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board budgeted \$1,500 to be donated to the Caroga Fish and Game Club for fish stocking, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to donate \$1,500 to the Caroga Fish and Game Club for fish stocking of East and West Caroga Lakes. .

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

Supervisor Horton explained that the town has a professional services agreement with the Phinney Group to design the club house and town hall project. \$350,000.00 was put into the budget for design services. He talked with the Phinney Group and they don't think they will spend that kind of money. The project is going a bit more slowly. There are rising costs that the Supervisor is still negotiating with the insurance company. He wants to continue to work on the proposed settlement agreement which is around three million. The Supervisor talked to a general contractor and the Phinney Group along with Council Member Sturgess. They discussed the insurance company's offer in regard to unit costing relevant in today's dollars/economy. The quantities seemed accurate but the calculations based on square footage equaled out to less than \$300.00 a square foot. The Phinney Group stated their projects are coming in at sometimes well over \$300.00 a square foot closer to \$400.00 a square foot. Supervisor Horton stated we get paid for the building we had not the one we are going to build. Supervisor Horton stated you are supposed to settle an insurance claim within two years. He noted that the town has received one million dollars for the depreciated value of the building if we don't build it that is all we get. If we do build the town will get three million.

RESOLUTION #2022-049 to approve an amendment to the professional services agreement with the Phinney Design Group was offered by Council Member Glenn at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board put \$350,000.00 in the budget for design services, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Horton discussed with the Phinney Group that they would **perform design services for the year 2022**“Not to Exceed” \$175,000 , and

WHEREAS, the Phinney Group will do all of the design work and the documents will show all the features of the proposed building including site plan work, when completed the next phase is construction documents that go out to bid, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, to approve an amendment to the professional services agreement with the Phinney Design Group for an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Barbara DeLuca - Yes

Council Member Richard Sturgess - Yes

Council Member Donald Travis - Yes

Supervisor Scott Horton - Aye

Council Member John Glenn - Yes

RESOLUTION #2022-050 to spend \$380.00 extra for special paint on the Weed Harvester Barge was offered by Council Member Glenn at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, a suggestion was made, while repairs were being done, on the weed harvester at Canada Lake Marine to make the barge safer for those working on the harvester, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to spend \$380.00 extra for special paint on the Weed Harvester Barge.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

Council Member Glenn reminded the board that boots and gloves were also needed.

RESOLUTION #2022-051 to change the name of the PLRT to the “Caroga Tourism Commission” to better reflect the mission of the commission was offered by Council Member DeLuca at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Parks, Lakes, Recreation, and Tourism Commission (PLRT) recently met with Council Member DeLuca as their liaison, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the name of the PLRT shall now be changed to the “Caroga Tourism Commission” to better reflect the mission of the commission.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

RESOLUTION#2022-052 to accept the resignation of Rachael Simonds from PLRT was offered by Council Member DeLuca at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Parks, Lakes, Recreation, and Tourism Commission (PLRT) recently met with Council Member DeLuca as their liaison, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the resignation of Rachael Simonds from PLRT.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

RESOLUTION #2022-053 to appoint Amanda French as Chairman of the Caroga Tourism Commission was offered by Council Member DeLuca at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Parks, Lakes, Recreation, and Tourism Commission (PLRT) recently met with Council Member DeLuca as their liaison, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to appoint Amanda French as chairman of the Caroga Tourism Commission.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

RESOLUTION #2022-054 to appoint Ralph Palcovic Secretary to the Caroga Tourism Commission was offered by Council Member DeLuca at the at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Parks, Lakes, Recreation, and Tourism Commission (PLRT) recently met with Council Member DeLuca as their liaison, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to appoint Ralph Palcovic Secretary of the Caroga Tourism Commission.

Seconded by Council Member Glenn

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Travis

At 7:48 PM Council Member DeLuca made a motion to go into executive session to discuss highway personnel issues and employee benefits. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn. All board members were in favor of the motion; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

At 8:27 pm Supervisor Horton made a motion to exit from the executive session. Council Member Travis seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion, Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis. There were no decisions as a result of the executive session. Supervisor Horton stated they would “either address it at the next town board meeting or at a special session. We had no consensus on any of the issues that we talked about as far as the highway department goes.”

Council Member Glenn made a motion to pay bills as presented for audit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturgess. All board members were in favor of the motion; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

Council Member Sturgess made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 9th meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn. All board members were in favor of the motion; Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

At 8:37 pm Council Member Sturgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Travis. All board members were in favor of the motion, Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

Submitted by the Town Clerk

Linda M. Gilbert, RMC, CMC

Highway #'s 23 -44 \$37,461.61
Prepaid #'s 64 – 94 \$29,829.51

General #'s 50 – 84 \$32,434.21
General Park #'s 5 – 7 \$2,572.48