

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday April 13, 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 followed.

Supervisor Scott Horton - Here
Council Member John Glenn – Here
Council Member Barbara Deluca – Arrived at 6:06 pm
Council Member Richard Sturgess – Here
Council Member Donald Travis – Here

Tor Shekerjian Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor facilitated the Zoom portion of the meeting. BTI Director John Delesky, Planning Board Member Lynne Delesky, Golf Course Staff Jerry Groom III and Steve Stedman were in attendance. There were three other people in attendance at town hall. Edwin Anker IV of the Phinney Design Group will make a presentation this evening. There were 25 people online using zoom.

Supervisor Horton gave a brief update on the municipal center. The Supervisor and Council Member Sturgess met with the Phinney Design Group a couple of weeks ago and they also met with the insurance company about the club house fire. The Town is applying for two federal grants. One grant for 2.2 million dollars was submitted on Monday, and there is another grant that the town is in the process of submitting at the end of this week for \$350,000.00. Tor Shekerjian and the Supervisor have attended on line seminars with the subject matter of applying for state grants. The funding for this ambitious project is important to the taxpayers.

The Supervisor was excited to have Edwin Anker of the Phinney Design Group here this evening to discuss the design work they have done for this project. The public can ask questions after the presentation. Mr. Anker will not be addressing the financial side of this project.

Mr. Anker stated he has been working with the golf committee and the town board on putting together a plan that will hopefully replace this building and also the building that was destroyed by the fire. They examined various sites to see which made the most sense to build the town hall and to rebuild the golf building. Parking requirements were a factor in evaluating the sites.

Mr. Anker noted when they were first contacted by the town he was asked to evaluate the current town hall building on what would be required to keep this building going long term. Unfortunately the costs were pretty significant. It is an aging building with more space than the town needs.

A slide presentation was given lasting about seventeen minutes. The slides shown were:

- 1) The current site of town hall and the location of the proposed golf building

- 2) An overhead view of the proposed site plan layout of the building along with the parking.
- 3) The town hall building interior layout
- 4) The golf shop building interior layout
- 5) Multiple views of the exterior of the proposed structure

There were 11 slides in all.

Mr. Anker noted safety was a factor in the site plan for the golfers and golf carts along route 10. The plan is still being developed and may change. He noted the two functions of the buildings have to be accommodated. There are a lot of shared use spaces. Mr. Anker's stated it is a conservative, efficient floor plan. Members of the Phinney Group met with the town hall staff to make sure their needs were accommodated. Mr. Anker walked those in attendance through the floor plans. The lower level is the town hall and it is 2/3 built into the hill. The upper story is the golf shop. The upper area contained space for golf simulators, a concession stand with space to accommodate catering functions and a small service bar. The area can accommodate 100 – 125 people. Upper and lower patio/porch areas were included in the design. Some of the green areas indicated were just a place holder for parking. The exterior was shown with stone and wood and part of the design included a retaining wall.

Supervisor Horton thanked Mr. Anker for the design presentation to the public. The Supervisor stated he reduced the size of the town hall yet kept it functional. Supervisor Horton noted it was important to incorporate the meeting space with the club house. The Supervisor noted they were very concerned with the cost of the project. Though not large the Supervisor wanted to set up a space that would bring in revenue. A meeting area to have birthday and anniversary parties is important for family summer gatherings. Supervisor Horton explained that he went to see Charlie and Becky at the 19th Hole and stated they were very excited about seeing the area cleaned up. They could do catering there along with other restaurants in town. This would be a community center.

Supervisor Horton talked about the golf simulators that cost about \$45,000.00 each. A golf course in the Albany area purchased two and they paid for themselves in the first season. They last for 10 – 12 years. That is extra revenue for the taxpayers. Supervisor Horton stated when you look at the financials he is working on you will see how revenues will offset a lot of the costs for this capital program. He is very cognizant of what this is going to cost the taxpayers. The Supervisor noted the Phinney Design Group has done work on numerous golf courses. The Supervisor noted the meeting space will be utilized by numerous groups in town.

Council Member Glenn thanked Mr. Anker. He thought the design was beautiful. He felt there were two major issues one is to replace the clubhouse and number two is the long term problem with this building. This gives us an opportunity to combine two capital projects into one. That is a win, win. Mr. Anker noted multiple functional buildings is much more cost effective to do so. Combined usage is beneficial to the town. Mr. Anker stated it would be cost prohibitive to have to build two buildings.

The clerk asked about the heat zones in the building and the occupancy of the library space. The building will be energy efficient with multiple zones. The library space is 359 sq. ft. and can accommodate 20 - 22 people. The goal is to keep the spaces as flexible as possible.

Council Member DeLuca asked what the total square footage of the building. Mr. Anker responded it is calculated two different ways it is condition (heated & cooled) is 12, 850 and un-condition space is 2900 square feet.

Tor Shekerjian reminded the online attendees how to raise their hand to be recognized to speak.

Lynne Delesky asked if the orientation of the building was going to be where the old structure was. The map was shown again and Mr. Anker indicated where the structure would be and also indicated how it would be oriented to Irving Pond Road, Route 10 and Irving Pond stream. She asked about the type of siding. Mr. Anker replied cement board product, and noted lifetime products and treatments are usually used in the designs.

Steve Egan of Canada Lake was curious about the logic of the town as in regards to competing with the space across the street namely Charlie and Becky. He wondered if the town would save money by not competing with them. They have worked hard the last three or four years making their business what it is today. Supervisor Horton stated he thought he alluded to this earlier. "This is not going to be a space that will compete with anybody in town. It's going to be a space that other restaurateurs can use to enhance their business." The Supervisor met with Charlie and Becky last week and they are very excited about this. Supervisor Horton brought up parking with them and noted the ugly highway barn would be removed. They are putting lots of money into their building and this will enhance their business. "They see it that way."

Council Member Sturgess noted he had an organization contact him about doing a BBQ for a golf tournament. He stated that normally this organization goes to the 19th Hole for the tournament. This year the 19th Hole has a wedding on that day. If we have the event space now Charlie and Becky can do a wedding and also a party across the street.

Michael Hoffman asked if the building was going to be totally electric or had the town considered solar panels. Mr. Anker stated they would investigate using sustainable energy whether it be solar panels, solar tubes or wind. The project has to be cost effective but it has not been designed yet but it will be looked into. It was noted that one group wanted to put the dam back to generate power.

Karen Morlock asked what will this do to our taxes. Supervisor Horton explained that it is not the cost of the project it is the cost to the taxpayer that is most important. The town has tried to look at many different avenues. He hopes by next week he will more information. He noted the grants the town is applying for totaling 2.55 million. The Supervisor stated there is a reimbursement from the insurance company if we rebuild in the amount of 2.7 million, and the town is looking for other sources of grants out there. He stated the town has a sizeable fund balance. Supervisor Horton stated this new facility is going to bring in a lot more revenue from what we currently get from the golf course. "Right now the golf course is just about sustaining itself." He is figuring a net of anywhere between \$50,000 or up to \$75,000.00. In addition of what it would cost to run the golf course and put money aside for future needs of the golf course. Supervisor Horton stated we is looking for different revenue sources. "The old town hall site here space could be leased out." He thought when everything is together and you take a look at the money we are going to save for electricity/energy conservation, long term maintenance, and

additional revenue to the town to reduce taxes and the money from the insurance proceeds, there may be an impact but not one that the taxpayers are going to revolt against. But when they see what this project will do for this beautiful town we have to have faith in ourselves. "We owe this to the future generations." The Supervisor noted the impact the Dollar General and the new Firehouse have made on the town.

Karen Morlock stated that the Supervisor got way off the subject of how this is going to impact the taxes. She just wants a short and sweet answer. She asked about the Supervisor's comment about leasing out the town hall and did that mean we were keeping the building. Supervisor Horton stated he has been approached by two individuals who are interested in leasing the vacant property for an inn on this property. It is a beautiful piece of land and he thought the town could find someone that would want to do something with it. The Supervisor noted the improvement made to the clinic by Nathan Littauer Hospital. He stated he is looking out for the tax payers' dollar.

Council member Glenn asked the Supervisor to go over the best and worst case scenario for the project. Supervisor Horton stated he has done some projections but did not want to get ahead of himself. In ten years or so this would probably save the taxpayers a ton of money. The Supervisor stated he would have much more accurate numbers and projections and we will know a little bit better where we are. This is not something that will cost people thousands of dollars. He hoped that answered the question. He did not want to pick a number out of the air.

The Supervisor thanked everyone including Mr. Anker. This part of the meeting was closed.

Council Member Glenn noted that people who live on Irving Pond road were here tonight. He asked if they had any concerns or suggestions. Supervisor Horton noted the road will be improved for egress onto route 10. The road will be the road, there won't be parking on it anymore.

Denny Fincke thought that most of his concerns had been answered. The main concern has been over years that the road has become a parking lot for the golf course. With this new plan he would just like assurance that Irving Pond Road will no longer be a parking lot for the golf course. That is the design the board is looking at. The Supervisor Horton stated there would be more presentations. There is more design work to be done.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Jeremy Manning reported that the Bike Trail has been closed and people have respected that so it can dry out. When there is some dry weather they will be there getting things cleared out. He is planning a festival for the first or second weekend of August. He is trying to co-ordinate with some vendors from around the country on that. He is working with Anne Bowles of the Chamber to work with the county tourism schedule. He will be presenting to the County Economic Development Committee in two weeks. He will have a volunteer day in the next few weeks or early May when the weather is good. He is also working with Anne Bowles to have some maps printed. They will be distributed within Fulton County and also in the surrounding areas - Albany, Syracuse and in bike shops throughout the region.

BTI – John Delesky reported that they have checked the streams in early March but it wasn't till the second week that they could look for larva and get some BTI in the streams. Since that time they have covered almost all of the 150 streams in the town they do here. All of the 5 applicators are seeing the normal amount of larva. They don't expect any big blossom of Black Flies. The other four towns have been billed. Next year's BTI is still in the tote. There is no problem keeping the tote, there is no rent on it.

Sole Assessor – Leigh Anne Loucks submitted a written report. Supervisor Horton stated that the 2022 Tax roll for the town is on schedule to be filed with the Town Clerk by April 30th, if printing goes as planned at the County. She is finishing the inputting of the inventory of the property record cards currently completed. The Assessor will provide totals from 2021 and 2022 at the May 2022 meeting for the board to see the difference in valuation of the Town. The Supervisor stated it was nice to see the assessor doing her job. In the last year and a half we have been able to properly assess the town so everyone pays their fair share.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – The clerk submitted a report. The monthly report to the Supervisor was provided to the board members. The Clerk noted that the town was served by Time Warner Cable to get their franchise assessment reduced. They probably did that state wide. The Assessor was notified as well as the town attorney. The Tax Collectors books are available for audit. Tomorrow the tax records will be reviewed by the County Treasurer.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Supervisor Horton stated the code officer would like to amend Fee Schedule to change wording. "There is a two-year limit on renewing permits." To read "There is a one-year limit on renewing permits." He thought that was to clarify that you have a year to date on a permit to get the work done, then there is a renewal for one year you can get at no charge. They also want to set the fee for Certificate of Compliance at \$100.00. That would take a resolution. The Supervisor stated "we did not have that paperwork ready for us 24 hours ahead so we cannot address that at this time."

The clerk questioned that statement. The Supervisor stated he sent the clerk over what the attorney said today. The clerk questioned today? Supervisor Horton stated he sent an email. The Supervisor stated he was not in a hurry to do this.

Dog Control – Howard Dutcher the clerk stated Mr. Dutcher was in the office recently and she gave him three years of delinquent renewals. He is starting to reach out to people and will issue tickets he said.

Golf Course – Council Member Sturgess reported that last week he met with Mr. Stedman and Mr. Groom in the temporary pro shop. Mr. Groom is doing some advertising in a couple different spots. Steve has some ideas and he knows what he has to do to get the course open. They are currently working to put in a drainage ditch in hole #1 to get it dry. Mr. Stedman reported he ordered stone today. He explained that the pipe has been in there for about 33 years. It probably hasn't had much maintenance to it. Usually irrigation pressure is used to clean out the pipe. He found that over the years the left side of the rough has become a wooded area. He stated that roots and silt start to get into the pipe. He found that the stone used to back fill the pipe is really small pea gravel and sand. That may have been the specifications back then. He is going to use 2 and 3 inch stone. He will rent an excavator, and order pipe and elbows.

Mr. Voght the Highway Superintendent talked to the state about digging about 50 feet of the roadside to help move water. Right now the pipe is 3000 feet long. The pipe runs from the ditch all the way down to the bridge on #7. As you crest the hill on hole #1 the pipe is 6 ½ to 7 feet down. The water is not flowing on at least 1500 feet of the pipe. Mr. Stedman has taken pictures over the past year of the standing water.

Council Member Sturgess asked about opening the back nine while working on the front of the course. Mr. Steadman was hoping to finish the project by Wednesday. Mr. Steadman thought somewhere around Thursday or Friday for walker. The cart paths are still super soft. Mr. Steadman noted the greens came out 100% better than last year. There is very, very little if any snow mold. Some of the collars may be a little brown but he didn't want to spend a lot of extra money on all the chemicals he was buying. The course has been cleaned. He needs to blow off some fairways and a few Tee boxes. Mr. Groom has been helping.

Mr. Groom reported the opening day as next Thursday or Friday. Next Tuesday all of the carts will have maintenance done on them. As for marketing, he put an ad in the Time Union Golf Guide as well as a shop local flyer it went out to 180,000 homes in the capitol region. He has already had a couple of people call about the \$25 coupon which is good for 18 holes of golf and a cart. He has talked to Mr. Steadman about creating an Instagram for the golf course. It is a good way to do free advertising. Council Member Sturgess asked Mr. Groom to make sure the town board has the password and whatever sign-in that is needed. There was a problem with the previous golf Facebook page. That is all figured out now. Mr. Groom received an email from the North East PGA. He will start his classes in the next few weeks. It will take four years. Mr. Groom asked about the computer for the POS system. Supervisor Horton stated it was approved on Monday at the county meeting. Council Member Sturgess asked if Pepsi showed up last week. He did but did not have the part. It will be a couple of weeks.

Council Member Sturgess asked what the status was on the membership. Were we up or down from last year? Mr. Groom reported he did five memberships. He reported we were at 23 members.

Highway – Larry Voght sent in a report. Supervisor Horton noted we had about four inches of rain last week which created a lot of washouts and some of the roads had to be closed. He is getting the trucks ready for summer work. The highway crew did their MSHA (Mine, Safety and Health Administration) training.

Lakes Management Program – Council Member Glenn reported that they are close to getting started. He will be meeting with the divers and Mr. Hogan and John Olm Saturday morning at 9 am. This will be their introduction to Mr. Hogan. They will discuss when tentatively they will start the weed harvesting program. Council Member Glenn also wants to set up a meeting with Mr. Olm, Mr. Hogan and Mr. Harazin to co-ordinate the program sometime before Memorial weekend. A letter was written by Marcus to Josh Houghton ESP2 at the Bureau of Recreation NYS DEC. Council Member Glenn thanked him for the well-crafted letter. It will be placed on the website.

Council Member Glenn read from a written report submitted by Jim Hogan dated April 13th.

Mr. Hogan has obtained the harvest totals for 2019 and 2020. He is in the process of obtaining the 2021 data. He noted the divers will meet on April 16th. They will go over to Mr. Centi's home to pick up the diving items stored there. Mr. Hogan is waiting to access the harvester to connect the power supply and check the software on the Lowrance Sonar Unit and become familiar with the unit. The deck has been completed on the harvester to include some modification to the layout of equipment, ladder connection upgraded. Safety warning lights were added and railing were reinforced. A great job was done by Howard Dutcher and the Canada Lake Marine. The use of the air compressor for air to the divers rather than tanks is to reduce cost and more mobility when diving tanks are heavy and require buoyancy belts. Filling of the tanks is expensive and time consuming as well as the maintenance of the regulator and mask. Mr. Hogan participated in a zoom discussion on a pilot program to use ProcellaCOR a herbicide on milfoil. It is being used in a pilot program on two areas of the lake on Lake George. The EPA has approved its use in all states except Alaska which does not have milfoil. The APA has approved its use in Minerva Lake. It is very expensive. They stated one gallon is \$400.00. To do 3 acres it would cost about \$8,000.00. He will keep the board updated on its use to see if it may be beneficial in a few key spots such as in and around where the E. Caroga channel opens into the lake.

Council Member Travis asked Council Member Glenn to get the key to the white pickup truck from Mrs. Centi. They used it for the weed program. It was noted that the hoses were found in the dump trailer.

Council Member Sturgess asked that an inventory on the equipment for the harvesting program. Council Member Glenn was asked to talk to Mr. Hogan about this. Serial numbers should be included. The information is needed in case of a catastrophic event.

Town Hall Building – Council Member Travis talked to Dave Richards at the school and they will strip and wax the floor in the meeting room. He noted the heat is still not working in the two rooms. He wondered if the town should process the bill from Appolo. Supervisor Horton would like some more detail on it. Council Member Sturgess wondered why they didn't tell us it could not be fixed. They charged the town for trying to put in the wrong part – they ordered it.

Supervisor Horton stated that he got bad news today. He has to make sure it is true but, "It looks like we may not be able to have the Summer Recreation Program because of the asbestos in the building now." The Supervisor stated he just found out today. He got a phone call that "the Department of Health won't let children in this building." Council Member Travis stated it's been like this for years and they've finally stepped up to it. Council Member Sturgess stated we have to check out some other avenues. Supervisor Horton again stated, "We can't have it here." Council Member Sturgess replied, correct. But that doesn't mean we can't have the program. Council Member Travis suggested having it at the school again.

CTC- Caroga Tourism Commission (former PLRT) – Council Member Deluca stated at the last meeting of the Caroga Tourism Commission was very busy. They had a lot of great discussion. They are working on a calendar to consolidate all of events so people can find things to do in Caroga Lake in one spot. That will be ready after the next meeting. The commission is planning a father & son fishing tournament on Father's Day. They are working on a Labor Day

celebration. They have been collaborating with the CAC, the rodeo and motocross. Another successful event held last year was the Trunk or Treat that will be the weekend of October 29th. The Car Show is coming back on July 30th. That is the Garage Sale weekend. There will be the Fish and Game Club Chicken BBQ that weekend and also a concert at Sherman's.

Council Member Sturgess stated in the past the commission has worked with Anne Bowles on a Welcome to Caroga booklet. Council Member DeLuca was not aware of it. He will give her a copy of last year's book. His wife worked on that project. This will be discussed with Amanda the Chairperson for the CTC. The next meeting is the 27th of April. The CTC meets the last Wednesday of the month. Fireworks are being looked at for Labor Day weekend. There are fireworks all around the lake on the 4th. Pine Lake typically has fireworks on the fourth as does Peck Lake.

Lastly there is another person who would like to join the commission, his name is Robert Baker from Canada Lake. He is very excited to join. He has a lot of experience and has done some work in Old Forge with tourism there. He brought some great information and resources to the meeting. That would give them seven members.

Council Member Travis heard that the ladies enjoyed the car show last year because there was the garage sales going on and they also enjoyed being on the beach on the Sherman's property. There were over 200 cars in the show.

At 7:30 pm Supervisor Horton began his report. He represented Fulton County at the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District (MVEDD) meeting "Keeping the Mohawk Valley Beautiful" kickoff. Lynne and John Delesky were recognized for their efforts in organizing the Spring Highway Clean Up program. The Town will now receive free garbage bags and work gloves for the volunteers. We will also register with the MVEDD program to demonstrate the area support. All public and private highway groups are encouraged to register on the MVEDD site. This helps in obtaining federal grant funds. Lynn's picture was on the front page of the Leader Herald. Mrs. Delesky announced the Spring Highway Cleanup program will take place on Saturday May 7th at 8:00 am at Town hall.

The Supervisor noted the Annual Report for the Town was completed and filed. He encouraged people to sign up for Town Topics, our Town News Letter at confidentiaalsecretary@caroga.town

Tomorrow Supervisor Horton and his Confidential Secretary, Tor Shekerjian will meet with National Grid to purchase the current 165 street lights. Before we start doing anything with those the power bill will be basically in half. Currently the town pays about \$39,000.00. Some of the 165 lights will be converted over to LED's. The Supervisor has a plan and would like to eliminate a lot of them but he wants to see what the public says about that. "We are lighting a lot of state highways." Intersections he understands. The lights will be the same color and properly sized for the area they are covering. We can get rid of a lot of light pollution.

Just a note that DEC will be stocking 1200 6 -8" rainbow trout on East Caroga

Supervisor Horton stated the Fulton County Planning Department has a vacancy for anyone that is interested. They would like to have a volunteer from Caroga. Supervisor Horton mentioned Mike Voght, Council Member Glenn mentioned Lynne Delesky.

Old Business:

The franchise agreement with Spectrum Northeast LLC expired in 2020

New Business:

The town received an email notice from NEC Software the company we purchased the phone system from of “Assurance Expiration and Renewal Agreement.” There was no amount due listed in the email. Council Member Sturgess suggested renewing it for the same amount that was paid last year. The clerk asked if Council Member Travis had looked into this as he selected this phone system. He did not know what was going on. Council Member Glenn suggested tabling the matter. Supervisor Horton stated the agreement expires on 4/26/22. The Supervisor read “failure to renew before the date outlined above may result in loss of coverage for the platforms and or applications outlined above.” The Supervisor suggested a cap of \$1,000.00. Council Member Sturgess noted we don’t know the amount from last year. This was part of the package deal. The Supervisor speculated that this for the main frame and to move to messages around.

Resolution #2022-062 to authorize Supervisor Horton to renew the agreement with NEC Software was offered by Council Member Sturgess at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on April 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the clerk received an email from NEC Software Services, the company the town purchased the phone system from indicating the agreement needed to be renewed, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby move to authorize Supervisor Horton to renew the contract not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the renewal of the NEC Software Assurance Agreement.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion

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

Correspondence:

Supervisor Horton read a thank you note from the Caroga Museum. They had a need to put a new roof on. The town did not fund the entire roof but did give them extra money this year and the town got a very nice note from them.

Supervisor Horton wanted to mention one thing about the grant funding the town is going after. Every grant you apply for is looking for community support. The Supervisor stated there was an outpouring of support for this 2.2 million dollar grant the town applied for. He stated the museum, CAC, and local business from one end of the town to the other. Council Member Travis stated there were 15 companies. Mr. Groom talked to the NE PGA and they sent a letter of support. This is about recreation and bringing people to town. The Chamber of Commerce

also supported this.

Supervisor Horton stated the clerk has the correspondence below on file.

Email from G Rohrs III re: moving the highway building

Email from Karen Morlock re: Golf Course Building/Town hall project

Email from Mr. Mueller expressing concerns of the expense to rebuild

Email from Mr. Cummings re: historical documents requested

Fulton County Workers Compensation Plan 1st Quarter Assessment

Fulton County Resolution authorizing a 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application

Supervisor Horton noted the Summer Transfer Station Hours began April 1st. They are open Mon. & Fri. 8 - 4 Wed. 4 - 8 pm Sat. 8 – noon.

The Supervisor noted March is National Tick Awareness Month.

Council Member DeLuca noted that by some error she found some emails from these people in her personal email junk. She reminded everyone that the official emails for the town Council Members are the caroga.town address.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2022-063 to approve the selling of the old highway sweeper was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on April 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent Larry Voght has informed the board that he desires to sell the old highway tow behind sweeper with a motor on it, and

WHEREAS, he has stated he no longer has a use for it since we purchased another sweeper for the front end loader, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to put the sweeper up for sale on Auctions International.

Council Member Travis seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Horton stated that he received notice from the insurance company that the \$2200.00 a month they are paying for our storage building for the golf equipment expires on November 1, 2022. He made a resolution for the solicitation of bids for a 30' x 40' salt storage shed. The Supervisor stated he did the engineering on it to make sure it was the proper size. There would be concrete blocks and a metal frame with a fabric cover on it to keep the salt dry. He has talked to some people about the alternative use of salt. Oppenheim put one up 12 years ago and they have not had to replace the fabric yet. The cost was about \$40,000.00 - \$45,000.00. Supervisor Horton stated there is \$46,452.73 in the budget on the capitol reserve line item. Supervisor Horton stated "You are not approving the purchase of this but I need approval," He noted to the public that the reserve funds have to be used for the purpose in which they were dedicated.

Mike Voght (a former Caroga highway worker/ and current DOT employee) asked the size of the proposed salt storage shed. Supervisor Horton replied 30 foot wide, 40 foot long. He figured the working area of only 20 feet. Mr. Voght asked what the height was. Supervisor Horton stated 16' or 18'. Mr. Voght stated that would be close for the dump trailers. Council Member Sturgess stated that could be changed with another layer of jersey barriers. The frame is 16 feet and then 4 feet of jersey barriers. The truck can dump and then the material can be pushed in. Mr. Voght stated the shed won't be big enough to store everything in it for the whole season. Supervisor Horton did not want it to be. Supervisor Horton figured it would hold (350 tons) a two week supply. Mr. Voght stated you can go through that in one storm. The Highway Superintendent Larry Voght stated he uses about 60 tons in a storm. Mike Voght wished the Highway Superintendent was here to ask questions to. Council Member Sturgess noted each month the board is approving payment for salt deliveries. He questioned if the size of the proposed structure was big enough. The clerk asked if the sand would be stored inside too and then mixed with the salt and put in the truck. Council Member Sturgess stated the sand pile is 25 feet high behind the building now. Supervisor Horton stated the town is looking to buy sand and salt mixed at 18%. The cost is almost identical Supervisor Horton stated if we had to buy the salt and the sand and then you would have to spend the labor to mix it. One of the deliveries the sand was dirty (dirt like) but the next load was OK. When the sand is uncovered you get chunks. We are not going to mix it ourselves anymore. Mike Voght stated the town has a screen plant and it would not cost the town anything with the sand on our own property. Why are you buying sand when we have it? The Supervisor did not want to get into this. Supervisor Horton stated that the highway superintendent has said that his source of sand from the town property is exhausted and he does not have any more. That is why he is buying sand and salt. Mike Voght asked if anyone checked to see if it was exhausted. The Supervisor did not know where to look.

Council Member Sturgess stated he understood where Mike is coming from. He suggested passing the resolution for a size bigger than 30' x 40'. He wanted to go up to 2400 sq. ft. and do more research in the next week or two. Supervisor Horton did not think we needed something bigger. He said it is being figured at 50% capacity. Supervisor Horton felt confident in his engineering skills. He figured this out and 66 tons is a normal salt incident in town, unless he learns something different than that from the highway superintendent. A larger building would cost more. Supervisor Horton asked if the board wanted to go out to bid on two different sizes. Council Member Sturgess wanted a bigger size. He has a pavilion that is 30' x 40'. Council Member Sturgess respectfully questioned the accuracy of the numbers from the highway Superintendent on the amount of material used during a storm. There is not time to hold this back. Council Member DeLuca suggested having the Highway Superintendent here to discuss this. So he can help us make a better decision. A discussion on the size of the proposed structure continued. Mike Voght received a call from Henry (Beaver) Snell a former Caroga Highway Superintendent and a 30 year Caroga Highway employee (retired) He was asked how many (Supervisor Horton stated this is highly unusual) tons of salt and sand does the town use in a storm. On an average storm Mr. Snell stated the town used 100 ton of sand and salt. Council Member Sturgess stated so the building is short. Supervisor Horton corrected him by saying the proposed shed can hold 300 ton. Council Member Sturgess asked to modify this resolution to do a 30' x 40' and a 30' x 60' building. Mr. Delesky stated you are only getting a quote you are not buying it.

RESOLUTION # 2022-064 to Approve the solicitation of bids for a 30' x 40' salt storage shed and a 30' x 80' salt shed was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on April 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the insurance company has set a deadline of November 1st 2022 for the payment to the town for the rental of a storage building for the golf course equipment, and

WHEREAS, the basic design would be concrete block/ walls and a metal frame with a cover, snow therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve the solicitation of bids for a 30' x 40' salt storage shed and a 30' x 80' salt storage shed.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion; the resolution was approved by a vote of 4 Ayes Horton, Glenn, Sturgess, and Travis, one Nay - DeLuca

RESOLUTION #2022-065 to Approve the donation of 4 rounds of golf with two carts to the Nick Stoner Trailers for their fundraising efforts during their annual golf outing was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on April 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the town received a letter from the Nick Stoner Trailers requesting a gift certificate for greens fees and two carts for a foursome for their Annual Golf Tournament raffle on September 10, 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve the donation of 4 rounds of golf with two carts to the Nick Stoner Trailers for their fundraising efforts during their annual golf outing.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

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

RESOLUTION #2022-066 to Approve the donation of 4 rounds of golf with two carts to the Caroga Arts Collective for their fundraising efforts during their annual golf outing was offered by Supervisor Horton at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on April 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the town received a letter from the Caroga Arts Collective requesting a gift certificate for greens fees and carts for a foursome for their Annual Gala and Silent Auction on Friday July 22, 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve the donation of 4 rounds of golf with two carts to the Caroga Arts Collective for their fundraising efforts during their Annual Gala and Silent Auction.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

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

Supervisor Horton stated the board members should have an invoice for extra work that was done on the weed harvester. The amount is \$1264.81. The divers have had some incidents of people coming too close to the divers despite the flag. One of the divers was hit by a kayaker. A strobe lite kit was added to the harvester, as well as a bad battery switch and ignition key had to be replaced, electrical battery box and the major part of the bill was a special sealer and a non-skid paint for the deck. Council Member Sturgess stated the money from the reserve fund should be used for this. Supervisor Horton stated it was not.

RESOLUTION #2022-067 to pay for additional work done on the weed harvesting boat for \$1,264.81 was offered by Council Member Sturgess at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on April 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the town received an invoice from Canada Lake Marina for additional work done, on the weed harvester, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve payment for additional work done on the weed harvesting boat by Canada Lake Computer in the amount of \$1,264.81.

Seconded by Council Member DeLuca

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

Council Members Glenn and DeLuca stated they did an outstanding job. Supervisor Horton stated this was an operational expense so it came out of the CE account. The Supervisor recommends using the contractual expense fund instead of the reserve if the compressor goes. That is what the money was set aside for. Council Member Sturgess thought the upgrades would come out of the reserves as talked about last fall. The weed harvester reserve has \$15,942.00 on the line item. Council Member Sturgess stated we have a big project coming up in a year. He stated you cannot pull money out of reserve to use it on the building project.

At 8:05 pm Supervisor Horton made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion, Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

At 8:46 pm Council Member Travis made a motion to exit from the executive session. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion, Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

Supervisor Horton stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session. “The discussion on the lease was premature the Town Board thought so we are not going down that road, and we are all in favor of that.”

Supervisor Horton asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented. Council Member Glenn made a motion to pay the 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.

Supervisor Horton asked for a motion accept the minutes of the March 9th, March 18th, and April 1st meetings. The clerk made one notation about the April 1st meeting. The Supervisor stated the revenues received for the cell tower was \$50,000.00. After the meeting the minutes were reviewed and the actual amount received was \$230,000.00. The April 1st minutes shall be amended. All board members were in favor of the motion, Horton, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis.

Supervisor Horton had one piece of new business. The bed of the code truck is pretty badly rusted. The Supervisor got three estimates for replacing it. One estimate was \$8,900.00, another was over \$11,000.00 and instead of a regular bed a flatbed could be put on for \$4,500.00. He was not inclined to spend any money on the truck. The truck is a 350 diesel. The Supervisor thought we should limp by and get something that is a lot less costly to operate. The truck was inspected today. He did not expect the cost to replace the bed to be that high. The Supervisor stated the vehicle could be traded in on a small truck.

At 8:54 pm Council Member Glenn made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturgess. 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 45 – 57 \$22,318.21

General #'s 85 – 111 \$14,380.68

Prepaid #'s 95 – 127 \$50,782.08

General Park #'s 8 - 19 \$58,942.88