

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the regular monthly Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday May 14th 2025 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 6:30 pm with the following persons in attendance by roll call.

Supervisor Ralph J. Palcovic – Here
Councilmember John Glenn – Here
Councilmember Barbara DeLuca – Absent
Councilmember Richard Sturgess – Here
Councilmember Matthew Cooper – Here

Department representatives in attendance were: Steve Stedman – Golf Course Greenskeeper. Jeremy Manning – Wheelerville Bike Trail Manager, Michael Voght Jr.– Deputy Highway Superintendent, John Livingston Board of Assessment Review, Anita Long - Comprehensive Plan Committee, Michael Voght Sr. – Building Maintenance, Dale Nethaway BTI Technician, and ten members of the public.

Supervisor Palcovic called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Councilmember Sturgess made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Glenn. All Board members were in favor of the motion. Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Mr. Manning reported that he spent the last month working exclusively on the Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant. It was submitted on May 2nd in the amount of \$24,000.00 over the next three years. It will be for expansion and maintenance. He expects to hear back some time this summer. Mr. Manning thanked several people for submitting letters of support that were submitted with the grant.

The trails are still closed. The trails are hemorrhaging water right now. They are working off of last year's Smart Growth Grant on the two most popular downhill trails.

The Wheelerville Trails are now part the bike Borderlands initiative of New Hampshire. We will be aligned with eighteen trail systems throughout New York (2), Vermont, Maine, NH, and Quebec. They work to advocate for our trail system and regional development in small bordering towns. They will do a lot of marketing of the trails.

Another cool thing is CRG & DEC did write up on our trails. Mr. Mannings son was featured in the picture in one article.

BTI - Mr. Kunath reported to the clerk that they were out on the second round of applying. They are hitting the all the hot spots/ all the spots. Mr. Nethaway, applicator, reported the water is very high.

Sole Assessor – Leigh Anne Loucks submitted a written report stating the 2025 tax roll was filed with the town clerk on May first. It is available for public review during office hours as well as

days she is attendance with the roll. Grievance Day is June 4 from 4 - 8 pm. The Board of Assessment Review normally holds an organizational session prior to but the assessor has not heard of when that meeting will be.

Routinely – parcel inventories are being updated, updating Short Term Rental, and going to the County to retrieve sales and information biweekly. She works closely with Codes on non-compliance issues, and is there to answer questions from the Supervisor. Today she helped locate the owner of a junk vehicle.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/registrar/RMO – Linda Gilbert submitted a monthly report to the town supervisor; the Tax Books are again presented for audit. The clerk listed the sessions she attended at the annual New York State Town Clerks Association conference last month. Good contacts were made. The clerk noted the new regulation whereby towns with a population over 5000 must use a .gov website. Even though we are under that population the clerk thought this was a good idea.

At a recent meeting with the Fulton County Sheriff the clerk received information on the blue dot program. This program alerts officers that a driver is on the autism spectrum. The clerk has information in the office for anyone in need.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Mr. Fancher submitted a written report. Ten permits were issued for the month, collecting \$2,275.00 in fees with a valuation of \$484,780.00. Twenty-two inspections were done and two short term rental inspections were completed. Expired permit letters continue to go out. Property maintenance violation to go out. Responses are coming in on violation letters and progress in remedying the violations is coming along. Supervisor Palcovic stated he is out there every day.

Dog Control – [report amended by clerk] The Dog Control Officer received five calls for the month.

Golf Course – Mr. Stedman reported the golf course opened on April 21st. All last year's merchandise has been discounted to make room for new apparel. New styles and colors were chosen with the same logo. The club house is fully staffed. There is an opening for the club house manager. One employee has expressed an interest and will be interviewed next week by Mr. Stedman and Councilmember Sturgess.

The Vrooman's Memorial Day tournament is Monday the 26th, the course will be closed from 7 am till 2 pm and then it will reopen to the public.

Seeding has been done with germination on about a half-acre on holes #5 & 6. Before the rain everything was fertilized and granular fungicide was also applied. In June they will fertilize the roughs. It is a slow release which will last until mid-August. Benches and ball washers are on every other hole. He will begin a small clearing project behind hole # 4 green. Lots of balls get lost there so he will clean up that area.

Mr. Stedman stated it is the 100th birthday of Nick Stoner this year 1925 – 2025. He met with Mr. Farber and Mr. Rohrs. They are looking for old memorabilia, and photos. This will be in conjunction with the events taking place for 100th anniversary of the fire tower. One suggestion was to have a special score/birthday card created. They found one from 1940 to use as a photo. A brief history will be given of the course. Having a special golf rate was brought up by Mr. Stedman. It was noted that greens fees began in 1928, so they were free. A resolution

will be put together for next month for a one-day event on Thursday August 14th. Having it a Cy Durey Day for his donation of the land for the golf course was talked about. A special page with more information will be on the Caroga Museum website and developed over time. Mr. Farber wanted something formal from the board to move forward with Fulton County tourism promotion of this event.

RESOLUTION #2025- 052 to support a Cy Durey Day in the Town of Caroga in conjunction with the golf course anniversary and Kane Mountain Celebration was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on May 14, 2025.

WHEREAS, plans are being made for the 100th Anniversary of the Nick Stoner Golf Course, and the Kane Mountain Fire Tower, and

WHEREAS, the Caroga Town Board desires to promote these events through the Fulton County Tourism Department, and

WHEREAS, the board sets a day of free greens fees for Cy Durey Day on August 14, 2025 now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to support a Cy Durey Day in the Town of Caroga in conjunction with the golf course anniversary and Kane Mountain Celebration on August 14, 2025.

Unanimously Seconded by the Town Board.

Adopted by a vote of four Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper

Lakes Management Program – Councilmember Glenn read from the report submitted by Walter (Jim) Hogan

- 1) still working with the DEC for final completion of paperwork for the ProcellaCOR Grant reimbursement. It has taken longer than expected.
- 2) Setting up dates to begin work on launching the harvester. Plan is to begin right after Memorial Day and diving the first week of June depending on water temperature and fair weather. There will be 4 divers this year – one shift. The use of a tender has not yet been determined
- 3) Aquatic invasive species monitoring – there continues to be updates on advances in Live Sonar technologies making the decision difficult. One more review to be done to decide who to go with. The cost is to be in the \$4 - 5,000 range.
- 4) Quotes have been received for the replacement motor on the lake management boat. We have a third quote from Reets. The supervisor did not have the quote for the meeting.

Councilmember Glenn stated he didn't know about the problem with the key to the boat wash station. The clerk noted someone came down from Paul Smith's to drop off items for the program but the key the town had did not work. Supervisor Palcovic also noted the fire extinguisher inspection could not be completed as there was no access to the shed.

Jed Potocar noted the Lakes Management Committee meeting was moved from yesterday to next Tuesday the 20th at 5:30 pm. There will be a speaker via Zoom to talk about the Cyanobacteria DNA in both lakes. The lakes committee did a mailing trying to recruit people to get more involved in lake conservation activities by joining their local associations.

Supervisor Palcovic noted there is conversation with the marina on the channel to do registry and boat inspections. The process is yet to be finalized. Marcus Harazin spoke to Supervisor Palcovic on this.

Highway – Roy Stock first thanked Matt (councilmember) Cooper for helping him. They purchased a tool box this week for the garage. They have all brand-new tools. They are working on pot holes, digging ditches and working in front of Canada Lake Store as they had issues. They are working on broken equipment. At the next board meeting he will talk about ordering a box.

The board received an updated 284 forms. Mr. Stock stated the budget has not been passed yet so he did not know what the final number is for CHIPS. He is basing the cost off last year's numbers – no less. He is thinking of black toping the following roads: Old State, Lake Ave, Balsam Ave, Forrest and Lakeview. It has been 23 years since the roads in the grove were paved.

Town Hall Building – Councilmember Cooper – no report. Mr. Voght reported carpets were cleaned along with routine work. Supervisor Palcovic noted the roof repair guy has to come back and fix one thing. He will also give a proposal to do some of the spots not done last year. The clerk thanked the supervisor for fixing the blown breaker that supports her office outlets.

The service entrance for internet/cable is bent over. The base where it's affixed to the building is in distress. The clerk noted the town owns the pole it is our problem. It has been leaning since it was put up. Someone with a bucket truck will be called to look at the problem.

Caroga Tourism Committee – Councilmember DeLuca – no report.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Palcovic noted preliminary plans for Golf Club House building and where it may sit on the lot were received. We are working with CT Male on this. Their contract for this phase of the project has run its course. We will be renewing the contract but the supervisor did not have it in hand yet. Councilmember Sturgess asked if next we would be going out to bid? Supervisor Palcovic agreed a bid construction print. The town has not heard back from Darren Romyne.

The lot line change for the area near the current highway barn and golf course club house - land swap was filed. This was started under former Supervisor Horton.

We were looking at the possibility of a state land parcel becoming available for taxes but that is not resolved 100% yet.

Last week Supervisor Palcovic was honored to be invited to a high-level Adirondack Park Local Government meeting. He sat with 20 other supervisors and mayors from throughout the Adirondacks. He had a couple minutes to address the dignitaries there about how things were going in your town. They shared some of the same issues. He sat next to the acting NYS DEC Commissioner, Amanda Lefton, Walter Mosley was across the table – he is the NYS Secretary of State. Maureen Coleman is the CEO of NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. She was there as was Barbara Rice the Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Agency.

Supervisor Palcovic spoke to the success of ProcellaCOR, which was backed and supported by science and financed by the state. He thanked the state officials. The supervisor also spoke on the bike trail system which the state has given a large amount of funding to build and maintain. Most in the room knew about the trail system.

The Supervisor commented and noted the amount of work that goes into writing, and reports that go along with grants and thanked Mr. Manning. It would be a perfect world if in each town you could afford to have a 40 hr. per week grant writer and administrator. The supervisor noted he made a good contact with the Region 5 Department of Environmental Conservation Management team. It was a valuable day. Caroga Lake is on the map.

****Public Comments and Questions**

Jed Potocar – has been thinking of what’s going on at the federal government level recently. It will probably pass congress that there will be some income tax cuts. To balance the budget there will be deep cuts to a lot of programs. A lot will come out of Medicaid. Medicaid is important to Fulton County, 37% of the citizens in the county are on Medicaid - 1 out of every 3, and 1 out of every 5 in Caroga Lake is on Medicaid. New York is one of two states that share the cost of Medicaid with the counties. Mr. Potocar has a feeling that the state is going to have their hand out to the county and it is going to affect our property taxes. He thought this was the time to think about using our position of leadership because of the bike trails, CAC, golf course, fire department and the lakes to be the hub of western Fulton County. Stratford, Bleeker, Oppenheim, Ephratah are hurting. We could use this opportunity to maybe talk about consolidating the towns and having a larger town in western Fulton County with Caroga at the center. We need to look at the long-term liability of Caroga and the prosperity of Caroga and how we can help our neighbors and share services. One highway department, one school system, one computer system. These ideas have been floated around before in bits and pieces. Mr. Potocar really thought Caroga was in a position to take a leadership role in doing something like this. He thinks the state will be leaning on us to raise taxes and everything will be more expensive. Maybe now is the chance to start some consolidation in a positive way. Increasing the tax base. Having more land to do trails if we have the whole western part half of the county.

Supervisor Palcovic noted there is grant funding for consolidation of government services. His point was well taken. The Supervisor noted the cost of social programs is scary. He sits on the county committee and knows the mandates. Years ago, they wanted to consolidate county assessing and municipal courts. In the cities consolidation of police and fire were talked about 20 years ago. No one wants to give up their job, but there is a way around it. You don’t save money right away. People age out and die out....

Paul Kidder is glad to hear there are primary plans for the club house building. It's only been six years. What happened to the shovel in the ground this spring? Supervisor Palcovic noted there are finite details. There was contaminated ground that could not be dug up. Its location had to be verified. CT Male has been working for us. We don't have a projected date right now but the supervisor would like to say by the fall.

Mr. Kidder asked where we stand with the bike trail going through the golf course? Supervisor Palcovic replied that is still up in the air. "We have not finalized any trails through the golf course." The supervisor stated we are trying to harmonize the whole plan. Status Quo.

The Supervisor offered to show the preliminary plans for the building and the site location to Mr. Kidder after the meeting. He just received them today.

At 7:15 the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Olm arrived at the meeting at 7 pm. He noted the boat wash inspection station will open May 23rd. They are fully staffed at this point in time between stewards and Decon stewards hired by the Town of Caroga and also from the Adirondack Water Shed Institute. The hours of operation will be 7:30 am to 6 pm daily. At West Lake fishing access and at the State camp ground those hours are 7:30 to 4 pm. There are also volunteer stewards that will compliment coverage at the West Lake fishing access by the launch. Mr. Olm received a call from Marcus Harazin about the launch owned by Mr. Ziemann but he has not returned the call yet. Supervisor Palcovic also spoke to Mr. Harazin about this at length. There is an email that was sent to Councilmember Glenn and to Mr. Olm in regards to the details on this. Nothing is finalized. It is a great concept if it works out with approval of the grant. There may be more information on this at the May 20th meeting.

At 7:15 Supervisor Palcovic made a motion to go into an executive session on a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cooper. All board members were in favor of the motion: Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper.

At 7:20 pm Councilmember Cooper made a motion to exit from the executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sturgess. All board members were in favor of the motion: Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper.

Old Business:

Supervisor Palcovic noted there is an opening for a Board Clerk to the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals. There is also an opening for a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Palcovic also noted in regards to Councilmember Glenn's proposed resolution last month "we tabled it." The supervisor wanted to close that as no longer tabled, we will let it retire. Councilmember Glenn stated he was talking to someone who might be able to help us out to put that whole thing together. He will bring it back another day.

New Business:

Fulton County Highway Department Mowing Contract

RESOLUTION 2025-053 to contract with the Fulton County Highway Department for the mowing of county rights-of-way on County Roads in the Town of Caroga was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on May 14, 2025.

WHEREAS, the town received the annual contract to mow County Roads 111, 112, 137S and 137 once before June 30th and once before September 30th, and

WHEREAS, the board discussed with the Highway Superintendent Roy Stock the cost to mow these roads, and

WHEREAS, the total mileage is 7.28 miles at a cost per mile of \$425.00 with a payment of \$3,094.00, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town shall contract with Fulton County per the contract on file in the clerk office.

Seconded by Councilmember Glenn

Discussion: Councilmember Cooper asked if that was the same amount as last year. The Clerk replied it was. Councilmember Cooper asked if it ever went up. The Clerk replied, no. Supervisor Palcovic noted that was also brought up at the board of supervisor's meeting. Councilmember Sturgess asked what if we tell them no. The clerk noted other towns have decided not to do the mowing. Supervisor Palcovic noted in Mayfield it costs them more to do the snow and ice contract because they use 100% salt. Next year at contract time the town should ask for an increase. Highway Superintendent Stock noted it takes about eight hours to do the mowing. A total of sixteen hours for one person for the year. Mr. Stock noted to the board that he calculated out the labor and material for his department to do the snow and ice contract. Councilmember Sturgess asked if that included workers compensation or overtime? Mr. Stock noted the county uses straight salt we use a mix. When he did the calculation, it was under the \$5,500.00 for the snow and ice contract. Mr. Stock stated we are not losing money on the mowing contract.

Adopted by a vote of four Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper

Councilmember Sturgess noted last year the town needed to purchase a mower to do the work.

Supervisor Palcovic introduced proposed Local Law #1 of 2025 - Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Caroga a law "Abolishing the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways and creating the Appointive Office of Town Superintendent of Highways."

Section 1 – Title

This Local Law shall be known and cited as Town of Caroga “Local Law No. 1 of 2025, Abolishing the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways and Creating the Appointive Office of Town Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Caroga.”

Section 2 – Legislative Intent and Purpose

By adoption of this Local Law, it is the intent and purpose of the Town Board of the Town of Caroga to abolish the elective office of Town Superintendent of Highways and to create the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways. Subject to the results of a mandatory referendum, it is the Town Board’s intent to abolish the elective office of Town Superintendent effective as of December 31, 2027, and to create the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways effective as of January 1, 2028.

Section 3 – Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), which grants to local governments the authority to enact local laws pertaining to, among other things, the mode of selection, qualifications, and term of office of local officers. By this Local Law, it is the Town Board’s express intention to supersede any provision(s) of the Town Law of the State of New York to the contrary, including but not limited to Town Law § 20, Town Law § 23, Town Law § 24, and Public Officers Law § 3 as they relate to the mode of selection, qualifications, and term of the office of Town Superintendent of Highways.

Section 4 – Abolition of the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways

The Town of Caroga hereby abolishes the elective office of Town Superintendent of Highways, effective as of December 31, 2027.

Section 5 – Creation of the Appointive Office of Town Superintendent of Highways

The Town of Caroga hereby creates the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways, effective as of January 1, 2028.

Section 6 – Term of Office of Appointed Town Superintendent of Highways

The term of office of the appointed Town Superintendent of Highways shall be two (2) years.

Section 7 – Residency Requirement for Appointed Town Superintendent of Highways

The person appointed to and holding the appointive office of Town Superintendent of Highways need not be an elector or resident of the Town of Caroga, but must reside in Fulton County or an adjoining county within the State of New York

Section 8 – Savings Clause

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section, or part directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 9 – Mandatory Referendum

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 23, this local law is subject to a mandatory referendum.

Section 10 – Effective Date

This Local Law shall not be effective until it is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York and after approval of a majority of electors voting thereon in accordance with the requirements of Municipal Home Rule Law § 23.

Supervisor Palcovic noted this would take place after the next election cycle. The draft Local Law #1 was available to the public this evening.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 0054 to hold public a hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2025 was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on May 14, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor introduced proposed Local Law # 1 of 2025 a law “Abolishing the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways and creating the Appointive Office of Town Superintendent of Highways” and

WHEREAS, the public hearing will be held at the next regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board on June 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm until 7:15 pm, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1.

Seconded by Councilmember Cooper

Adopted by a vote of four Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper

Discussion: Councilmember Sturgess thought something was being skipped. The clerk offered that this proposed local law was subject to a mandatory referendum. Councilmember Sturgess stated, this will give the public an option to continue doing it how we are doing it or change it to appointed. Supervisor Palcovic stated should there be a valid enough reason we will rescind this draft local law. Or if the referendum fails.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Caroga Supervisor Palcovic introduced **Proposed LOCAL LAW # 2 of 2025 entitled “Pooper Scooper Law of the Town of Caroga”**

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be entitled: “Pooper Scooper Law of the Town of Caroga.”

Section 2. Authority

This law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Section 3. Removal of feces required.

Any person owning or in charge of any dog which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, play area, park or any place

where people congregate or walk or upon any private property, without the permission of the owner of said property, shall immediately remove all feces deposited by any such dog, in a sanitary manner.

Section 4. Disposal

The feces removed from the aforementioned designated areas shall be disposed of by the person owning or in charge of any such dog in a sealed, nonabsorbent, leak proof container. In no event shall any feces be deposited in sewers or drains, whether storm or sanitary.

Section 5. Presumption of ownership

In case a dog is unattended, information secured by an enforcement officer from a license or tag secured to said dog shall present a rebuttable presumption that the owner identified by such license or tag is the owner or person in charge of said dog.

Section 6. Enforcement

The Dog Control Officer of the Town of Caroga is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce this article. In addition, thereto, the Town Board shall have the power to designate such other persons as is deemed necessary to enforce this article.

Section 7. Penalties for offenses

Any person violating this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$25 for each offense.

Section 8. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State as provided in §27 of the New York Municipal Home Rule.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 055 to hold public hearings on proposed Local Law #2 of 2025 was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on May 14, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor introduced proposed Local Law # 2 of 2025 entitled **“Pooper Scooper Law of the Town of Caroga”**, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing will be held at the next regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board on June 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm until 7:15 pm, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2.

Seconded by Councilmember Glenn

Discussion: Councilmember Sturgess noted he has been on the board for almost six years and there has only been one complaint thirty days ago give or take and now there is a law to stop it. He and Councilmember Cooper thought there was already a state law for this. Councilmember

Sturgess wondered how this would be enforced. Supervisor Palcovic noted the dog control officer (DCO) would enforce this animal control law. We are required by New York State to have a DCO. This gives us something to keep the neighborhood clean. The other part of this the supervisor noted, should a fine occur with a local law the town gets 100% of the money back into the town. If enforcement is for a New York State law the state gets their cut. Council - member Sturgess did not agree with this. He didn't think it was a major issue in town. Councilmember Sturgess would love to hear from the public on this.

Adopted by a vote of four Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2025-056 to acknowledge the following income and use that to offset the overage of the agreed upon amount for the Lakes Management mailings: was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on May 14, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper has indicated the need to make the following transfer in order to maintain a balanced budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made:

Revenue: A2705 Gifts/Donations \$ 90.00

Fund: A1670.40 Central Printing/Mailing \$90.00

Seconded by Councilmember Sturgess

Discussion: Councilmember Cooper stated so it cost more than we... proposed. Councilmember Glenn stated the postage was \$690.00. Supervisor Palcovic stated the lakes management reimburse the town the excess amount we did not approve. Mr. Potocar thanked those who did the mailing.

Adopted by a vote of four Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper

Councilmember Sturgess made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9th & April 16th Town Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cooper. All board members were in favor of the motion: Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper.

Supervisor Palcovic made a motion to approve the bills as presented for audit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cooper. All board members were in favor of the motion: Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper.

Minutes taken by Supervisor Palcovic in the Executive Session, Caroga Town Board Meeting 5/14/2025. Called for By Supervisor Palcovic for personnel matter: Attendance by Board Members Glenn, Cooper, and Sturgess

Supervisor Palcovic presented background information on Zoning Board of Appeals Member Jennifer Blowers. It was noted by Zoning Board Chairman Russitano that Jennifer had failed to attend meetings regarding Zoning Board Hearings post notifications of said meetings. Additionally, Supervisor Palcovic had sent several Emails, phone call voice mails and a written letter requesting her NYS required Training certification to sit on said board. No communication has been received to date from Mrs. Blowers. In light of her failure to respond or attend to meetings she is considered unqualified to sit on said board and she be discharged from same. A motion to remove Jennifer Blowers from the Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Councilman Sturgess and second by Councilman Cooper with a unanimous vote to discharge her. A motion to close executive session was made by Supervisor Palcovic and seconded by Councilman Sturgess was voted on unanimously at 7:19 pm.

Supervisor Ralph Palcovic

At 7:44 pm Councilmember Sturgess made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion: Palcovic, Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper.

Submitted by the Caroga Town Clerk

Linda Gilbert, RMC, CMC

General #'s 159 – 201 \$19,347.71

Highway #'s 57 -77 \$32,697.81

Prepaid #'s 111 – 143 \$30,375.42

General Park #'s15 – 28 \$8,640.42