

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

December 28, 2023 End-Of-Year Meeting

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This 2023 end-of-year meeting began at 10:00 AM and lasted 18 minutes with Supervisor Horton and Council Members Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, and Travis. Ten citizens attended at Town Hall.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to conduct final town business of 2023. Supervisor Horton also presented a proclamation in honor of Don Travis who conscientiously and dependably served as a Town Council Member and Town Hall custodian, declaring that, "The Caroga Town Board, and Town Clerk, and all who have worked with and for Mr. Travis thank him for his 31 years of service to the Town of Caroga."

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. **2024 Organizational Meeting** — The Town Board set the 2024 organizational meeting for Thursday, January 4, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM at Town Hall (5-0 vote)

2. **Highway Department** —

- Approved \$2,179.43 (in addition to \$12,000.00 approved on December 13) to repair the Freightliner plow truck that is currently back in service (5-0 vote)
- Noted that on 12/26/2023 Supervisor Horton signed paperwork for the town to be reimbursed by FEMA for the culvert installation on Kasson Drive

3. **2023 Budget Transfers** — (5-0 vote)

To: A8160.1 Garbage	\$ 200.00	From: A8160.4 Garbage C/E	\$ 200.00
To: DA5142.4 Snow Removal C/E	\$ 2,500.00	From: DA5142.1 Snow Removal P/S	\$ 2,500.00
To: DA9089.8 Uniforms	\$ 750.00	From: DA51110.1 General Repairs P/S	\$ 750.00
To: DA9050.8 Unemployment	\$10,000.00	From: DA5110.1 General Repairs P/S	\$10,000.00

An Administrative Law Judge declared a former highway employee is eligible for unemployment after being discharged from his position.

4. **Upstate Cellular Coverage** —

see <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/news-articles/Upstate-Cellular-Coverage-Task-Force-Report.pdf>
and <https://apa.ny.gov/assets/Towers/ParkPolicyTowersAndTallStructures.pdf>

Tabled a resolution proposed to upstate municipalities by Empire State Development (ESD) that "the Town of Caroga hereby supports the proposed designation by ESD of a point person to coordinate the state's efforts to enhance cellular coverage...and...hereby joins...in urging the APA and the Governor to review the 2002 APA Tower's policy's 'substantial invisibility' standard..."

In a 3-2 vote, Council Members Sturgess, Glenn, and Travis voted to table the proposed resolution while Supervisor Horton and Council Member DeLuca voted against tabling it.

Mr. Sturgess argued, "On a personal note, for three years I've been interested in putting a cell tower on my own personal property, so I don't want to vote on anything that has to do with that."

5. **Other Business** —

- Approved the Town of Caroga's letter of support for the application by Stump City Brewing for additional temporary one-day permits (1/13/24, 1/20/24, 1/27/24, 2/3/24, 2/10/24, 2/17/24, 2/24/24, 3/2/24, 3/9/24, 3/16/24, 3/23/24) for on-premise use at the Pine Lake now owned by Dan MacIvor, Kim MacIvor, and Jeff Philbrick stating, "The activities of Pine Lake Lodge are supported by the Town and are in compliance with our Comprehensive Plan and zoned for such purposes." (5-0 vote)
- Paid bills as presented for audit (5-0 vote)

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