

# ***Caroga News Flash***

## ***Town Board Meeting Highlights***

### **March 13, 2024 Monthly Meeting**

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 75 minutes at Town Hall and via zoom.

Technical problems continued with zoom. The 21 zoom participants heard the meeting and others' comments, but the audio from zoom to Town Hall was silent. So, the Board missed public comments about the short-term rental law, the golf clubhouse recovery, and capital plans.

Supervisor Palcovic reported on a recent meeting with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Grants Representative Michelle Higgins, who "admonished" officials for failing to do basic planning, budgeting, and hiring necessary to fund essential public projects with grants.

- He said the DEC funded Caroga's boat wash / lake stewards grant written by Marcus Harazin. However, DEC did not fund the grant for ProcellaCOR use beyond the pilot.
- He discussed a \$10,000 grant writer, but he does not have budgeted money to fund it.
- He also generally supported a diagnostic repair system for the Highway Department costing \$8,000 to \$10,035, but the 2024 budget has no line item to fund such a system.
- Caroga is eligible for grant funds from the NYS Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs), but a 2024 proposed road report has yet to be submitted.
- The Board approved support for Scott Horton's economic development grant proposal for his Shutts Garage property. They gave no details about matching funds from the Town.

#### **Resolutions:**

**1. Short-term Residential Rental Local Law 2024-01** — The Board held a public hearing and adopted the revised proposed law with a 5-0 vote. Supervisor Palcovic said, "We thank the public for input, and we look forward to helping the environment that we live in and enjoy in the Town of Caroga." The adopted law will take effect when it is received by New York State. After it takes effect, the law requires short-term rental property owners to apply for a permit at the Caroga Town Hall Code Enforcement Office within 30 days.

[https://TownOfCaroga.com/notes/2024\\_short\\_term\\_residential\\_rental\\_law\\_revised.pdf](https://TownOfCaroga.com/notes/2024_short_term_residential_rental_law_revised.pdf)

- 2. Golf Course** — Set 2024 rates with 5-0 vote. No numbers were stated at the meeting. All rate details were in writing only to the Town Board and not available to the public on 3/13.
- 3. Scott Horton's Economic Development Grant** — Voted 5-0 to give public support from the Town of Caroga for a grant in aid of economic development of Mr. Horton's private property.
- 4. Other Business** — (5-0 votes)
- Affirmed exploring a drug testing policy for all town employees who operate town equipment or vehicles (instead of limiting the drug testing policy only to the Highway Department)
  - Approved deserializing and disposing of obsolete computers and printers stored in the gym
  - Authorized expenses for Town Clerk Gilbert's NYSTCA Conference in April 2024
  - Accepted the Town Clerk's 2023 books as presented for audit
  - Approved 02/14/2024 meeting minutes and approved bills as presented for audit

#### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

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