Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

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This 2025 Budget Hearing began at 6:30 PM and lasted 20 minutes with the Town Officials plus two residents at Town Hall and three families joining via zoom.

The Town Board presented and discussed the 2025 Town of Caroga Budget and heard comments.

Resolutions:

1. 2025 Budget —

- The Board made one change to the Preliminary Budget. They increased *Environmental Control: Invasive Species Director* (A8090.14, p.10) to \$16,000.00 to keep the full funding for that line consistent with prior years, and they increased Appropriated Fund Balance accordingly.
- The final 2025 Tax Rate remained consistent with the Preliminary Budget.

Tax Rate (Per Thousand)	2024	2025	1-Year Increase
General Townwide	\$1.25	\$1.53	22.4%
Highway Townwide	\$5.19	\$5.42	4.4%
Fire Contract	\$0.95	\$0.98	3.1%
Fire Truck Purchase	\$0.52	(\$0.00)	(-100%)
Total	\$7.91	\$7.93	0.2%

• Final 2025 Schedule of Elected Officials' Salaries:

Supervisor	\$ 18,000.00	
Town Board Members	\$ 3,600.00 (each)	
Justice	\$ 22,000.00	
Town Clerk	\$ 49,440.00	
Highway Superintendent	\$ 51,500.00	

• The Board voted 5-0 to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget (see https://townofcaroga.com/finances/2025_budget.pdf).

2. Light Towers —

 They discussed the high rental costs of the light tower units required for safety and operations at the Town Salt Shed, and they voted 5-0 to approve Supervisor Palcovic's purchase of 2 used light tower units up to \$7,500.00 total, as available.

<u>Upcoming Meetings and Events:</u> <u>https://TownOfCaroga.com/calendar</u>

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