

# ***Caroga News Flash***

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

**February 12, 2025**

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted one hour, with 10 minutes spent in executive session. In addition to the Town Board and Clerk, 12 people attended in-person at Town Hall.

The Board ended remote access via zoom. Supervisor Ralph Palcovic acknowledged requests to continue and impacts to regular users. He said that remote access began during the pandemic and continued for five years as a convenience, not a requirement. Initially, the entire audience was on zoom, and now the numbers are lower. In addition, Council Member Sturgess claimed,

*"It is extremely expensive to keep it going, not only paying a person to do it, but also the fees to zoom."* They invited interested residents to read their meeting minutes posted on the Town website.

Supervisor Palcovic reported on the Golf Clubhouse project.

*"We have a draft design of the Golf Course Clubhouse, which will eventually include on the ground floor a municipal building in the future. Our objective is to get the Clubhouse built or started, and we will try to get the final design before summer gets here. Tomorrow [2/9/25] myself, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Stedman will be meeting with C.T. Male to finalize the conceptual drawings. The engineering print is what it may look like inside the building. We do not have any fancy pictures yet. We do not have anything to put on the wall. The process is moving forward. There's an objective. That's to get a building up. We are working toward that. We aim for a cost-effective, usable, user-friendly, aesthetically-pleasing, and functional space for the Town of Caroga."*

### **Resolutions:**

#### **1. Code Enforcement —**

- The Board voted 5-0 to hire a special officer, given Anthony Fancher's conflict of interest.  
*"WHEREAS, it would be a conflict of interest for the Caroga Code Officer to oversee the Royal View Pub, Pavilion and Campground project, and WHEREAS, the Town Board has reached out to **City of Johnstown [and Town of Northampton] Code Officer Dylan Moore** and desires to hire them to oversee all aspects of the project at 2533 State Highway 10 from today forward until the Certificate of Occupancy is issued, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to hire Dylan Moore at a rate of \$30.00 per hour plus mileage (70¢ per mile) and whom shall act unilaterally, honestly, ethically and without collusion in his role as special Code Officer for said project."*
- On 1/22/2025, the Planning Board approved the Site Plan for the Royal View Campground.

#### **2. Planning Board —**

- The Town Board announced open seats and approved advertising for resident volunteers.
- One is a voting member (until 12/31/2026), and the other is an alternate (until 12/31/2025).
- On 1/8/2025, George Hamilton resigned. The Board did not reappoint Anita Long to continue.
- Beginning 11/7/2024, Long was a voting member for the Royal View Campground Site Plan Review (see *Local Law 2005-01*; [https://townofcaroga.com/laws/law\\_2005\\_1.pdf](https://townofcaroga.com/laws/law_2005_1.pdf)). After she did a 12/30/2024 site visit within the scope of duty and with 9 NYCRR Part 572.9 regulatory consent, Anthony Fancher and Greta Frasier pressed charges for her arrest and prosecution.
- The Board denied defense (see *Public Officers Law § 18, Town Law § 65, & Local Law 1985-04*).
- The Board did not acknowledge Long's letter of interest nor other residents' letters of support.

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### **3. Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course — (5-0 votes)**

- Set 2025 rates and 2.87% credit card fee (see <https://townofcaroga.com/golf/> )
- Approved purchase of Toro Mower/Blower and Top Dresser for \$68,801.47 from Reserves

### **4. Lakes Management —**

- see <https://townofcaroga.com/notes/2024-aquatic-invasive-species-report.pdf>

### **5. Town Hall —**

- Approved hiring Mike P. Voght for part-time maintenance at Town Hall (5-0 vote)

### **6. Highway Department — (5-0 votes)**

- Approved repair of truck #17 at the price of \$3,941.61 for parts with in-house labor
- Approved purchase of new bulk storage tanks from RH Crown for \$5,100.00
- Approved \$2,500.00 highway employee payment in-lieu of health insurance, upon proof of other health insurance and upon union approval as a non-precedent-setting action
- Based on advice of counsel, approved settlement payment to former employee Jason Bush

### **7. Other Business — (5-0 votes)**

- Approved 2025 contract with St. Mary's Employee Assistance Program for \$408.00
- Accepted the books of Town Justice Subik as presented for audit
- Approved minutes of the 01/08/2025 meeting and approved bills presented for audit

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2025 Caroga Winter Carnival.
- ❖ Thank you to Town Historian Richard Nilsen for efforts to help bring people to the Town.
- ❖ Please use caution on Morey Road, given high traffic by plows, vehicles, and snowmobiles.
- ❖ 2025 Wheelerville Trails Bike Festival is scheduled for the weekend of 8/23/25 and 8/24/25.
- ❖ 2025 Elections: Primary 6/24/25; General 11/04/25; Special 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional: April or May

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

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