

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

May 12, 2021

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This monthly meeting lasted 155 minutes at Town Hall and via zoom. To maintain pandemic safety precautions, in-person attendance was limited to 12 people with confirmed advance reservations. The public audience included 4 people at Town Hall and 23 families connected via zoom.

Supervisor Horton briefly reported on municipal buildings.

- The Board is currently “looking at all options” for Town Hall, Highway Barn, and Golf Clubhouse.
- The Town Hall’s failing boiler system is “limping along.” Replacement estimates are \$11,000.00 for 1 boiler, \$18,000.00 for 2 boilers, and \$40,000.00-\$55,000.00 for roof-top-unit HVAC system.
- Phinney Design Group reviewed CT Male’s 2010 Town Hall reports and completed reinspection. Trusses are not worse, except salt damage at the entrance needs more analysis. Asbestos was noted around the boiler, in gym floor tiles, and in ceiling mastic. Mold was found. Main bathrooms are not handicapped accessible. Any renovation requires entire building to meet safety codes.
- Considering the “path forward”, he said that a new multi-purpose municipal complex “could save \$1.3 million in building costs plus maintenance and energy savings.” He added, “I think we will see an opportunity presented to the Town in a year or so, but we still have to know the numbers.”
- At the 4/28/21 public meeting of the Golf Clubhouse Steering Committee, the Supervisor summarized the 4/27/21 on-site visit with architects. He noted multiple barriers with rebuilding at the prior Golf Clubhouse site, including: costs, parking, roads, and septic. He described “multiple synergies” at the Town Hall site, stating “That’s site #1 now. If not there, I don’t know where . . . This site looks most promising, but we need more data.” Updates are expected June 9, 2021.

On June 9, info is also expected about the PLRT local law, public hearing, and voter referendum.

Resolutions / Local Laws:

1. **Property Assessment Grievance Day** — The Board voted to accept grievance complaint forms electronically, in addition to by mail or in person (5-0 vote). For details, see TownOfCaroga.com/bar.
2. **Golf Course** —
 - Changed clubhouse manager’s compensation from \$18.00/hour to \$720.00/week salary (5-0 vote)
 - Established petty cash fund of \$400.00 for making change at the Golf Clubhouse (5-0 vote).
3. **Highway Department** — Approved \$3,094.00 mowing contract for local county highways (5-0 vote)
4. **Lakes Management** — Approved John Olm, Lake Steward Supervisor, to hire Henry Younglove, Lorrie Mott, Kaylee Stead, and 1 other person at \$12.50/hour up to \$14,500.00 budgeted (5-0 vote)
5. **Ethics Code** — Approved Councilmember Glenn to speak with Town Attorney, Association of Towns, and Fulton County about exploring a local Ethics Board and reviewing existing 1970/2011 ethics code (4-1 vote). Discussion noted value of more objective reviews at the County—rather than Town—level.
6. **Welcome to Caroga Booklet** — Approved spending \$750.00 from account A6410.43 (5-0 vote)
7. **Nick Stoner Trailers** — Approved releasing \$2,500.00 from A9010.80, as budgeted (5-0 vote)
8. **Bills** — Approved bills as presented for audit (4-0 vote, 1 abstention)

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Announcements:

- ❖ **Grievance Day** is Tuesday, June 2, 2021 4:00 - 8:00pm at Town Hall or via GoToMeeting.
- ❖ **Caroga Transfer Station** will be closed 5/31/21 for Memorial Day and open 6/1/21 8:00am-4:00pm.
- ❖ **Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course** is now open for the 2021 season. Come out and play golf!
- ❖ **Wheelerville Bike Trails** are now open to the public. Phase 1 trail construction will continue in 2021.
- ❖ **Morey Road Town Deed** is final. Recreational access is secure. Thank you, former Councilmember Jeremy Manning for initially leading this project and the former / current Boards for completing it!
- ❖ **4/17/21 Caroga Roadside Cleanup** helped to keep Caroga beautiful. Thank you, volunteers!
- ❖ **Monument Flowers** honor our soldiers at the golf course. Many thanks, Millie Bush and PLRT!

Next Public Meetings:

For pandemic safety precautions, in-person attendance at Town of Caroga meetings is currently limited to 12 members of the public with socially-distanced seating. To enter Town Hall for the next public meeting, you must get a **confirmed advance reservation** from Clerk Linda Gilbert. Others may attend via zoom.

Golf Clubhouse Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 6:00pm

Join zoom.us or dial 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 687 640 4445 Passcode: 427903

Monthly Town Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:00pm

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