

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

November 13, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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This meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 70 minutes with 14 at Town Hall and 15 via zoom. Supervisor Palcovic reported on comprehensive planning, zoning revision, & wastewater issues.

- The Comprehensive Plan Committee has begun meeting the 4th Thursday of each month. Initial work is focusing on the Town Demographic Profile and a Community Input Survey.
- The Board aims to revise the *Zoning Ordinance & Map* before *Comprehensive Plan* revisions.
- The Supervisor discussed the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) *Water Infrastructure Funding Community Assistance Program and Septic Replacement Fund*. See <https://townofcaroga.com/notes/efc-program-guide-10252024-interactive.pdf>:

"EFC's mission is to assist communities throughout NYS to undertake critical water quality infrastructure projects by providing access to low-cost capital, grants and expert technical assistance. A primary goal is to ensure that these projects remain affordable while safeguarding essential water resources, ... aiding compliance with Federal and State requirements, and promoting green infrastructure practices."

- Fulton County is not listed as a beneficiary of the EFC's "Septic Replacement Fund", and a Caroga wastewater engineered-design project is not listed on EFC's "Intended Use Plan", so the Supervisor initiated work with Fulton County Planning Director Scott Henze and New York State Assemblyman Robert Smullen to advocate for and advance Caroga's interests.

Resolutions:

1. Highway Superintendent — (5-0 vote)

- Highway Superintendent Larry Voght submitted notice of retirement dated 9/16/2024.
- The Board approved soliciting and advertising applications for Highway Superintendent.
- The Board-appointed Superintendent will serve from January 1 to December 31, 2025.
- Voters will elect a Highway Superintendent at the fall 2025 biennial town election.

2. NYS Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program — (5-0 vote)

- The Board approved continuing participation, "signaling commitment to keeping America beautiful by adopting stretches of highway and pledging to keep them litter free."

3. Comprehensive Plan Committee — (5-0 vote)

- Webmaster Gilbert posted an official Comprehensive Plan web link on Caroga.Town.
- The Board approved a \$468.00 annual subscription to Survey Monkey to develop and manage public input surveys for revising the Comprehensive Plan, with the primary administrator to be Rachel Simmonds, Vice Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

4. Budget Transfers — (5-0 vote)

From: A1990.4 Contingency	\$ 7,0000.00	To: A7145.4 Recreation Trail C/E	\$ 7,000.00
From: A7180.42 Golf Course Merch	\$ 1,500.00	To: A7180.11 Clubhouse Manager	\$ 1,500.00
From: A7180.42 Golf Course Merch	\$ 500.00	To: A9050.8 GC Unemployment	\$ 500.00
From: A7180.42 Golf Course Merch	\$ 500.00	To: A7180.21 Golf Carts	\$ 500.00
From: DA5110.1+DA5142.1	\$ 30,000.00	To: DA5130.4 Machinery C/E	\$ 30,000.00

5. Other Business —

- Paul Kidder petitioned to oppose "construction of biking and hiking trails" near the NSGC.
- The Board approved safety notice for no trucks on East Caroga Shore Road. (3-2 vote)
- Approved 9/18, 10/7, and 10/9 minutes and approved bills as presented for audit (5-0 votes)

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