

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of a Caroga Town Board work session held Wednesday May 13, 2015, at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 7:00 pm with the following persons in attendance by Roll Call:

Supervisor Ralph Ottuso - Here  
Council Member Robert Sullivan - Here  
Council Member Greta Frasier – Here  
Council Member Anthony Sturchio - Here  
Council Member John Glenn - Absent

Other town department representatives in attendance were Steve Putman, Highway Superintendent; Shirley Holliday – Planning Board Member, and Donald Travis – Building maintenance. There were three people in attendance.

Supervisor Ottuso stated the purpose of the meeting was to open a bid. The town Clerk received one bid to repair the highway pole barn. Hayner Construction submitted a bid on 5/6/15 at 10:35 am. To furnish all materials and labor to completion of removal of existing damaged metal roofing on structure, replace 2 x 4's where needed and repair broken 6 x 6. The bid stated \$3,240.00 at start, \$3,240.00 at completion, equaling \$6480.00. Mr. Putman noted this would be replacing pretty much the metal on two sides. He discussed replacing the front facing the golf course as that is dilapidated. Then it won't be multi- color the building would match. The total allowed by the insurance is around \$11,000.00. The bid stated that the work would be completed in 30 days once awarded. We already received a check from the insurance company.

**RESOLUTION 2015-049 to award bid to Hayner Construction** was made by Supervisor Ottuso at the May 13, 2015 work session held at Caroga Town Hall, **WHEREAS**, the Town pole barn was damaged over the winter by falling snow and ice from the roof, and **WHEREAS**, Mang Insurance was contacted and an adjuster did view and evaluate the damage, and **WHEREAS**, a notice was placed in the Leader Herald advertising for bids to repair the damage with one bid being received, Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the town does hereby accept the Bid from Hayner Construction to repair the building for \$3,240.00 at start, and \$3,240.00 at completion, equaling \$6480.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frasier.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio

A price will be obtained for the front of the building from Mr. Hayner.

Steve Putman gave the board evaluation sheets on the 1998 dump truck and sander and 1995 is a plow truck. Mr. Putman showed the board a part that came off the 1998 dump truck. The bracket for the helper spring is on top of the axel. It hit Mrs. Hillier's vehicle. The bolts rusted off due to metal fatigue.

He discussed what is wrong with the vehicles and noted that he can't get parts for them. He showed parts from the 1995 plow truck rear end there is dirt and metal shavings in it. The brake cam is totally shot.

Mr. Putman wants to get two dump trucks that are all wheel drive. They can get sanders for them and then put a plow systems on one later. He thinks the cost will be less. Mr. Putman will get the value of the 2006 truck. The board asked him to get prices by the meeting on the 27th. Supervisor Ottuso will check with the Budget Director for funds. There was a little damage to Mrs. Hillier's car - the clips underneath were reconnected. He asked her to have the car checked out.

Mr. Putman noted each vehicle will have an evaluation sheet which the board can review.

Mr. Putman noted that Mr. King from Mang reviewed the inventory of the highway garage for insurance purposes.

Estimates to repair the south end of the building have been very high. Several people were called. They don't submit a written estimate. More contractors will be contacted.

Gene Centi wants a job as maintenance person at Sherman's. A resume will be submitted.

Karen Kirch will charge the town \$350 a year to be Webmaster. She will get emails set up and she wants to do interactive newsletter next year. It may cost more next year and she will keep track of her time.

**RESOLUTION #2015-050 to hire a Webmaster** was made by Supervisor Ottuso at the May 13, 2015 work session held at Caroga Town Hall. **WHEREAS**, a resident Karen Kirch indicated that she was interested in being the webmaster for the town and did submit via email a cost of \$350.00 for the first year to get emails set up and to maintain the website with more upgrades next year, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to hire Karen Kirch of Hilly Road to be the webmaster. Council Member Sturchio seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Ottuso, Sullivan, Frasier, Sturchio

Supervisor Ottuso thought there was money in the Chamber account for this.

The board received a copy of a memo the Highway Superintendent sent out to a resident about a problem on S. Shore Rd. East Caroga there was a sewage pipe going through our drainage pipe. The person threw stuff in the ditch to cover the pipe so the highway department would not see it. It has to be remedied. The culvert was reported to have raw sewage in it. A copy of the memo went to the Code Officer and Mr. Dutcher- Health Officer. DEC may have to get involved. Council Member Sullivan has a property right next to this situation.

The clerk noted there is a Blight meeting tomorrow. Mr. Putman was at the last meeting. He did some research on curbside cleanup and what has gone on in the past. Twice the free pick up

days have been a disaster. People take advantage – which means you are enabling them. A scheduled 2-day curbside clean up ended up taking a week and a half. When dumpsters were placed at the highway barn for people to dump from 6 – 4pm debris was being dumped during the evening and not sorted. He is still willing to help but against going out and picking it up. He believes stricter enforcement would work. If the property was not picked up after a warning by the Code Officer then a \$250 fine should be imposed. If it isn't cleaned up another fine should be given.

Council Member Sullivan asked if someone was retiring from his department. Mr. Putman stated two employees can retire.

Council Member Frasier said it was brought to her attention that the Code Enforcer should wear uniform shirts, which she would be required to wear. It is in her budget – there is no reason she can't order shirts Supervisor Ottuso stated. Council Member Sturchio asked if she will be working Saturdays. Supervisor Ottuso thought that was the plan maybe every other.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:27 pm by Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Frasier, all board members present were in favor of the motion - carried.

Resident Randy Randall, Jr. discussed with the board a complaint he had regarding Steve Putman with the road condition and garbage pickup. His messages were not returned. He asked to have millings put down on the road in front of his house. They graded Muzzy Road to the bridge and stopped in front of his house. Rocks were left in the road. He showed the board pictures. Ever since Mr. Randall filed complaint there has been trouble, which has escalated.

The meeting ended at 7:38 pm.

The discussion continued with Supervisor Ottuso in his office with Mr. Putman, Mr. Randall and Council Member Sturchio.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert – RMC, CMC  
Caroga Town Clerk