

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Caroga Town Board Regular monthly meeting held Wednesday March 8, 2017 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 7:00 pm with the following persons in attendance by roll call:

Supervisor Beth Y. Morris- Here  
Council Member John Glenn – Here  
Council Member Anthony Sturchio - Here  
Council Member Jeremy Manning – Here

Others in attendance Steve Jennings – Golf Pro, Manager, Greenkeeper, Steve Putman – Highway Superintendent, Chuck Wager – Deputy Hwy Superintendent, Judy Aldinger – Deputy Town Clerk, Don Travis – Building Maintenance, Doug Purcell – Acting Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, James Selmser – Planning Chairman, John Delesky – BTI Coordinator, Jennifer Blowers – Code & Assessor Clerk. There were 33 members of the public in attendance.

Supervisor Morris opened the meeting with the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was held for Sandra Pavlus former Deputy Town Clerk, Code Clerk, and Election Inspector. She was also a member of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Board's thoughts and prayers are with the family. Supervisor Morris introduced Heather Graves – Miss Fulton County a former resident of Caroga Lake. She discussed her platform - the four point's project - wearing the crown. Each point represents something different. Scholarship, Style, Service, Success. She will promote education, and giving back to community. She will go to Staten Island in May to compete for the title of Miss New York. She has worked hard for the past 6 years to earn this title. A proclamation was given to her as follows:

**RESOLUTION # 2017-025 – A Proclamation to Heather Graves**

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly Town Board meeting on March 8, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Caroga Town Board to recognize outstanding achievements of individuals in the Town of Caroga, and

**WHEREAS**, Heather Graves a former resident of the Town of Caroga won the Miss Fulton County Scholarship Pageant on January 14, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, this win entitles Heather Graves to represent Fulton Count at the upcoming Miss New York State Pageant on Staten Island, and

**WHEREAS**, this accomplishment can be attributed to the determination, hard work, competitive spirit and talent of Heather Graves and her parents, Colleen Ricciardi and Christopher Graves and grandfather, Joseph Ricciardi, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby honor Heather Graves and wish her the very best in her reigning year as Miss Fulton County and in her future competition at the Miss New York State Pageant.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017

**Offered by** Supervisor Morris

**Seconded by** Council Member Glenn  
Council Member Sturchio  
Council Member Manning

Miss Outstanding Teen Alexis Houser was also in attendance.

Colleen Ricciardi noted that during the interview process Heather was asked many questions about Fulton County. She always shared how beautiful Caroga Lake is and how proud she is to live and represent us.

**Public:** John Livingston asked what the board's position was on doing a reassessment. It was done two years ago. He noted the cost was going to be about \$50,000.00 on top of her salary. He thought it would be a duplication. Things have not changed in two years. What has changed is the Code Office has been giving her permits now. He stated there are inequities in every town – always will be. The assessment review board is to resolve these inequities. He stated her job description states the assessor should evaluate and reevaluate town properties.

Mr. Putman – again noted the need for a generator for the Town Hall Building. On overnight camping on private property he thought only being able to come up three times a year was ridiculous. As far as he is concerned he wants people here.

Public speaking was closed at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Ron Peters spoke on behalf of the Sherman's Advisory Committee. Mr. Kirsch could not be at the meeting this evening. He noted in January the proposals were asked to be revised and were again reviewed on February 28<sup>th</sup>. They had significant positive changes to them. The committee agreed that they would again be asked to update one last time. They hope to hear back by March 31 from them and then hopefully they will be presented at the next town board meeting. From that point on it will be the Town Boards choice to have a public meeting. Then the committee would review the comments by the public and then make a recommendation to the Town Board. Proposals would be handed into the board by the April 12 board meeting. Council Member Glenn asked if the committee would anticipate any further work on this after the April meeting. Mr. Peters did not think so at this point. Supervisor Morris thought it was time the town board took the lead on this. Mr. Peters agreed it was the game plan they hope to meet.

**Assessor's Report:** Vicki Hayner submitted a written report. During the month of January and February there were 34 sales of which 18 were valid sales and 16 were invalid. 21 were residential properties 13 were vacant land. They have been placed on the V4 file so the county can transmit them to the state.

Yearly exemptions renewals have been completed. Most were renewed. Building permits from 2014 to present have been received and entered on to the file.

She awaits the board's decision regarding the level of assessment and the need for a new revaluation project. She is in the office Tuesdays between 8 am and 2 pm.

**BTI** – Mr. Delesky reported that they have been out checking the streams. Larva is in all the streams. There are two newly licensed techs this year.

**Clerk**, Linda Gilbert gave the board her monthly report for February. She has had three council members in to review the 2016 books. A report was given to the Fulton County Board of Elections commissioner even though the information is available from two other sources.

The Clerk has two upcoming conferences the IIMC Regional Conference and the NYSTCA Conference in April. She noted there are 14 unlicensed dogs from 2016. The list has been given to the DCO. Tickets need to be written! She noted the new law on the books addressing owners who don't renew their dog's licenses. Supervisor Morris will call Mr. Dutcher.

**Code** – Jennifer Blowers – Clerk handed out a proposal for the engineering at Sherman's to the board members only. She noted there was a power outage the day of the last meeting and so the board did not get the January Code report. Mr. Dutcher is working on six unsafe structures in the town. Four of the property owners have contacted him and are working on the problem. If there is a mailing the Code Office would like to put two pages of information in it. They have been working on Blight. She stated there is nothing in the office right now telling the code officer what to do on blight except the law the town adopted. She thought it would be easier if all three letters were prepared at once to go out. First is the warning, then another visit, this goes through the complaint module. Council Member Glenn suggested going through the whole thing at a Blight committee meeting from A – Z. She is not available April 8 – 20th. The board asked for the information to be ready for the next work session, for the board and the public. Copies of actual papers served by the code office will be altered to conceal the identity to show the board the process.

A work session was set for Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Mrs. Blowers stated when she thinks of Blight she thinks of sanitation. She did not think the Town Hall sanitation was working properly. The toilets don't flush right and the sinks don't drain. She suggested flushing out the lines. Mr. Travis has not noticed any problems but will look into it.

Supervisor Morris will work up an agenda for the work session.

**Dogs Control:** Council Member Morris will ask Mr. Dutcher to attend the next board meeting.

**Golf Course:** Mr. Jennings asked the board to approve a donation of a round of golf for four to the Eccentric's Club Fund Raiser. He would supply two carts. He would like to place an ad in The Schenectady Gazette which comes out during the masters and then is on their webpage for

the season. The cost is \$599.00. He is collecting money for the Tee signs which could offset the cost. They will print 5000 copies to distribute.

He noted there are a lot of limbs down. He will borrow the Highway Dept. Chipper. He is still looking to grade the slope on #7. He also would like to resurface the 4<sup>th</sup> green – the one in front – and connect it to the back green to make it a better hole. . He would strip it and build it up. The sod would be reused on the Tee boxes. He wants to put in bent grass sod for the new green. He did not have a price on the sod yet.

Mr. Jennings has been down to the school for the last two weeks giving lessons to the kids. It is well received. The Leader Herald is coming to do a report on this program. He would like to extend the program outdoors when the weather is better.

Mr. Cromer asked Council Member Glenn if the town was interested in his fly over and narration of the Nick Stoner Golf Course. Council Member Glenn will find out the cost. The length of the ad is too long. Just a 30 second ad for YouTube would be better. It was suggested to find someone who does ad work.

The Sheriff canceled the exercise on the Nick Stoner Golf Course due to lack of snow.

**Highway:** – Mr. Putman stated his resources are getting hit hard this year. Yesterday they sanded & salted 80% of the roads three times.

While fixing culvert pipes and fixing ditches the highway department, in the past couple of years, [he noted the tremendous turnover of code officers] they have found drastic areas that smell like Poo. This has been brought to the Code Officer's attention but not much was done about it if anything. The bottom line is they have hit a couple of spots this year. Mr. Duesler did test the spots and he is waiting for the results. The key thing is that this cannot get into the lakes. In one area they were working when the toilet was flushed -the smell was tremendous. This is not good. He noted the nitrates feed the Milfoil. Instead of spending crazy money on the weed barge maybe the town should go after these sewer systems that are dumping into the lakes. He stated in the past few years he has turned 10 – 15. He can show the board the problems anytime. This is wrong and it needs to be addressed. He thinks the weeds are cleaning up some of the poo. He remembers the problems in the 60's and doesn't want to go back to that. He noted a problem on Morey Road where it goes into the stream which goes into the lake. Nothing was done on this. Mr. Putman again noted the high turnover in the Code Office.

Council Member Glen commended him for reporting this and encouraged him to continue to report this to the Code Officer. At the last meeting Council Member Glenn discussed Senator Tedesco's platform during his campaign of cleaning up the infrastructure. He met with him recently and the Senator has a proposal of the development, operation, and maintenance of waste water collection and treatment for a portion of the Town of Caroga. This has nothing to do with the town center – however the system “can be expanded and in 15 – 25 years we could have a comprehensive sewer system for the entire town.” Council Member Glenn would like to add this to the agenda of the work session. Council Member Glenn would like to invite Jim Mraz, and Senator Tedesco.

Council Member Manning asked what the Code Officer response should be on these problems. Mr. Putman thought when these problems were found that the property owner should be made to put in a holding tank. Mr. Duesler will be consulted on this matter.

Mr. Putman noted the need to move forward on a Salt Shed. He wanted to have a public meeting on this. The two sites suggested were at that tower or behind the town barn if there was room. Recently he checked with the town of Johnstown on the size of their shed it is 140 x 85. He has their bid sheets. He guarantees this will have less impact on the area than the salt the state puts on the roads. He discussed having poured walls and a floor for the best containment. The cost would be about \$72,000.00 plus a little more for the concrete work. Council Member Manning will be looking for grant money for the project in July. Most are 25% matching grants. Mr. Putman will take pictures of a couple of the salt/sand storage units. Council Member Sturchio has pictures of the one in Meco. The Town of Johnstown may help with putting down asphalt. Council Member Manning asked for documentation that discusses the need to have a storage building. Mr. Putman noted the walls on the metal building have been blown out twice since the sand and salt were put in there. He would like to see the new structure closer to the town barn – it would save time and money. He did not know if we have the space.

Mr. Selmser noted in 2008-2009 DEC and the APA were asking for corrective action/changes made to the salt sand pile. Lawyers came down and made recommendations to the town. As the former Supervisor he thought there was a paper trail. At the time some action was taken on their recommendations. Mr. Putman stated he is talking about when the pile was located on State Highway 29A. It was near a feeder stream. The town had to move it.

The clerk stated she brought back information from a regional meeting for low interest loans/grant funding from the USDA for salt/sand storage. She also asked Mr. Putman if the surplus structure was still available. He was not sure.

**Lake Steward:** No report

**Town Hall:** - Mr. Travis asked to have Bill Baxter help him strip, seal, wax, and buff the meeting room floor. The floors will take 6 – 8 hours. They will use the machine from the school. Supervisor Morris suggested waiting till May when the snow, and mud season is over. Mr. Baxter also works on the golf course and now is the time he can do other work. The supervisor will ask the bookkeeper what his rate of pay is for this job. He also wanted to make Mr. Baxter his deputy to work when he was unavailable.

Mr. Travis suggested getting the south end of the building secured. It needs cement work and a Bilko door. Mr. Putman stated the door has to be custom made, it is not a standard size. It was suggested to get quotes for this work and the work to rebuild the ramp on the front of the clinic. Supervisor Morris will check to see if new sealed bids have to be obtained or just quotes. She will have this information by the next work session.

Mr. Travis noted the north side of the building behind the Assessors desk there is a crack running down the wall. Water has gotten in and then froze and made the crack bigger. He also noted there is a crack in the block in the supervisor's office where exhaust comes in from the boilers.

Mr. Putman noted the roof has to be fixed that is where the water is coming down the block. It was suggested to get a quote from Scott Horton of Correll Roofing.

Supervisor Morris noted the router problem in the building. Council Member Manning stated it was an electrical problem shorting the power source out. Matt Hillock was called and he will follow up on the problem.

Mr. Travis noted the GFI problem in the basement with the sump pumps. Two of the three pumps will work. The one pump is still not working. A plumber will need to be called to replace it. It was estimated to cost about \$150 - \$160. Mr. Putman noted the cellar gets flooded. He wondered why a daylight drain couldn't be put in around the building to the #10 ditch. Mr. Selmser thought something was done a few years ago. Mr. Putman noted it was not correctly done. Council Member Manning will check into it.

**Weeds:** No Report

**Youth** –Rachael Simonds -Director will have a meeting at the school @ 9 am on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Sturchio will attend the meeting as the Supervisor has another meeting.

**Supervisor 's Report:** Supervisor Morris asked for permission to attend the Local Government Day Conference in Lake placid on April 5 & 6, 2017.

**RESOLUTION #2017-026 to allow Supervisor Morris to attend training** was offered by Council Member Glenn at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Morris asked the board for permission to attend the Local Government Day training in Lake Placid on April 5 & 6 2017, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board authorized the Supervisor to attend the conference.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturchio.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

Supervisor Morris noted the Town Clerk received 7 applications for the open board seat. She felt this was a priority. She noted several board members will be out of town this month so the next opportunity to discuss this will be the work session on March 29<sup>th</sup>. She thought there would have to be another meeting before the April board meeting. Supervisor Morris and Council Member Manning have discussed the application process. Council Member Manning thought this could be done in an open meeting. Attorney Ferlazzo stated it is done in an executive session. Council Member Manning will share an email from Assoc. of Towns on this topic.

There are questions on the revaluation. Supervisor Morris tabled this discussion as money was not budgeted for this year to do this. She understands the public's concern. "50,000.00 is a lot of money." She noted the apparent discrepancy in the roll. She wondered if this can be done over a three year period. She noted there is a definite problem. The assessor would do this work on Fridays and Saturdays. She would pay a data collector and a computer person to set up

formulas. She has worked with these people before. We are at 63% equalization rate. If people are paying too much they should go to the grievance board.

Linda Fake – thought the tax rate was going to drop significantly after the revaluation was done a few years ago.

Supervisor Morris announced that a representative from the State Comptroller's Office will be in the building next week to meet with her and her bookkeeper. She wants to put a lot of things to rest. She noted the recent news articles and wanted to assure everyone that there are no financial discrepancies in our town. She wants our books up to date. She takes this seriously. On her watch it will be done and it will be done right. She asked for no interruptions on Thursday.

**Old Business:** Mountain Bike Trail – Council Member Manning noted after the last meeting he decided not to move forward with Steven Ovitt's proposal. He thought it would be best to not work on construction at this time but to develop a very good plan that he can use to go to other bike organizations, the insurance companies to show them what we want to do. Mr. Ovitt will redraft a proposal for the 2016 Adirondack Smart Growth Implementation Grant which is due at the end of the month. He can do an onsite assessment, a written plan, an outline, a map and come to a meeting to outline the risk analysis for that property and adjacent properties. To submit to this grant a resolution is needed for the town to take the lead. No town money would be needed. There is no commitment to the project. His goal is to get something into the Smart Growth Grant we can use down the road. He spoke to Mr. Walrath who stated it is better to approve the plan as it can always be rescinded. He needs to have two resolutions tonight. Supervisor Morris wanted to know if we do these steps will there be an opportunity to bring bike clubs in to possibility carry the liability factor. Council Member Manning stated the plan is everything. Mike Smrtic can discuss some of the legal issues involved.

Council Member Sturchio wanted to know if the resolution could be contingent on getting the grant. Council Member Manning stated the resolution could then just be rescinded. The town is not putting any money toward the bike path. The town has three years to utilize the grant money. Supervisor Morris stated we have to move forward if we want good things to happen but we have to make sure the town doesn't carry the liability. Since this is not costing us a dollar this is a good thing to do.

**RESOLUTION #2017-027 to approve the proposal submitted by Steven Ovitt** was offered by Council Member Manning at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Council Member Manning has discussed with the board a plan to have biking trails in the Town of Caroga for several months, and **WHEREAS**, Council Member Manning has conducted countless hours of research and reached out to various persons also interested in creating bike paths in Caroga, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroga hereby approves the proposal submitted by Steven Ovitt of Wilderness Property Management Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$6000.00 for an onsite assessment, written plan, outline, map, risk assessment and meeting with the town board, for the creation of the Wheellerville Trails recreational trail system in the Town of Caroga, and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby instructed to execute the Recreational Assessment Proposal.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturchio.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

**RESOLUTION #2017-028 to submit an application under the 2016 Adirondack Smart Growth Implementations Grant** was offered by Council Member Manning at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Council Member Manning has discussed with the board a plan to have biking trails in the Town of Caroga for several months, and **WHEREAS**, the trails would be conducive to use for bikes, cross country skiing, hiking, and snow mobile trails, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroga, after due consideration, has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the submittal of an application under the 2016 Adirondack Smart Growth Implementation Grant for the creation of a conceptual design and trial design standards for a recreational trail system on town-owned lands located between State Highway 10/29A and Irving Pond, and be it further **RESOLVED**, that this project shall be titled “Wheelerville Trails” and the Town of Caroga will serve as the lead applicant.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturchio.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

Jennifer Blowers has works at the NYS Campground in Caroga Lake since 1990. She is most asked these two questions – is there a hiking trail my 6 year old can go on, and where is the nearest bike path. When she heard about this she cried for two days. It is the best thing she has heard in 27 years.

Supervisor Morris noted the Snowmobile Club is looking for letters of support. They are applying for a grant for trail maintenance. They need to be in by the end of March. Council Member Manning will draft one on behalf of the board for all to sign. There is a sheet with bullet points in the clerk’s office. It was emailed to each board member.

The Local Law concerning section 487 of NYS Real Property Tax Law is tabled until there is more information from the Town Attorney.

***Correspondence:*** Anyone wishing to view or obtain a copy may contact the Town Clerk.

- 1) Information on GPI Engineering- grant writing, and engineering & Planning Services submitted by James Selmser.

Council Member Sturchio asked the public to identify street lights that were off at night, on during the day or cycling on and off by giving the pole # and location to the Town Clerk.

**RESOLUTION #2017-029 to accept the Town Clerk’s books as presented for audit for the year 2016** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Linda M. Gilbert Town Clerk presented her books for audit at the January 11, 2017 regular monthly meeting, and **WHEREAS**, members of the council did review the books, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**,

that the Caroga Town Board does hereby accept the records, including monthly report to various state agencies, and the disbursement of funds to the Town supervisor, Department of Health, Ag. & Markets, and Dept. of Environmental Conservation via the Town Clerk Checking account.

Council Member Sturchio seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

**RESOLUTION #2017-030 to authorize the Town Clerk to attend an IIMC Regional Conference** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Linda M. Gilbert is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and **WHEREAS**, the region one meeting will be held on Long Island March 14, 15, & 16, 2017 at Danford's Hotel and Conference Center, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board hereby authorized the clerk to attend with expenses for registration, lodging, & mileage to come from the line item A1410.4.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

**RESOLUTION #2017-031 to authorize the Town Clerk to attend the New York State Town Clerks Annual Conference** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Linda M. Gilbert is the President of the New York State Town Clerks Association, and **WHEREAS**, the annual meeting will be held in Rochester on April 23 – 26, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Rochester Convention Center, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board hereby authorized the clerk to attend with expenses for registration, meals, & mileage to come from the line item A1410.4.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

**RESOLUTION #2017-032 to Accept the Town Justice books as presented for audit for the year 2016** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Judge Subik submitted his books for audit at the February 8, 2017 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board, and **WHEREAS**, the board members did review and sign off on the Town Justices books, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the Town Justice Books as presented for audit for the year 2016.

Council Member Sturchio seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

**RESOLUTION #2017-033 to Appoint an Alternate Member to the Planning Board** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, a letter of interest was submitted by Tor Shekerjian of 306 S. Shore Road East Caroga Lake to James Selmser Chairman of the Planning Board on February 20, 2017, and **WHEREAS**, there are two open alternate seats open on the Planning Board, and **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Morris read the definition of alternate member as follows: means an individual appointed by the Town Board when a regular member is unable to participate on an application or matter before the respective board as provided herein. The chairperson of the Planning Board may designate an alternate substitute for a member when such member is unable to participate on an application or matter before the board, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to appoint Tor Shekerjian to serve as the alternate member to the Planning Board until December 31, 2017.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

Council Member Sturchio will look into the cost of a generator for the town hall building.

**RESOLUTION #2017-034 authorizing funds to be spent to advertise the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, Steve Jennings - Golf Professional, Manager and Greens Keeper of the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course discussed with the board his desire to place an ad in The Schenectady Gazette which comes out during the Masters Tournament and then is also on their webpage for the season, and **WHEREAS**, the print ad would be distributed in 5000 copies, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to approve an expenditure of \$599.00 for the advertising in the Schenectady Gazette newspaper which will also be viewable online.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

**RESOLUTION#2017-035 to donate greens fees to the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, the town was approached by the President of the Eccentrics Club in Gloversville NY who asked for a donation of green fees for four people for an upcoming fund raising event, and **WHEREAS**, the Club has held an annual tournament at the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course for many years, and **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jennings would donated 2 golf carts making a package for the successful bidder, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to donated greens fees for four people at the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course to the Eccentrics Club 109 North Main Street Gloversville NY.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

Council Member Glenn noted he is the medical director of the ambulance services in Fulton County and Hamilton County. Joe Sweet is the General Operating Manager of the Fulton County Ambulance Service. Council Member Glenn has asked him about housing an ambulance here in the summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day. This would cover the western part of the County. He will contact Chief Deluca about housing the vehicle.

The retirement resolution was put on hold until the matter is discussed with the State Comptroller's Office.

At 8:35 pm Supervisor Morris made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; and for an issue regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. Council Member Sturchio seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

At 9:20 pm Supervisor Morris made a motion to exit the executive session. Council Member Manning seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

The Tax Collector Linda Gilbert reported to date paid taxes total \$2,430,332.82. The remaining unpaid taxes total \$650,639.24. Fifteen days prior to the expiration of the warrant second notices will be sent out.

**RESOLUTION #2017-036 setting the work day for the youth Program** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, the board entered into an executive session earlier this evening, and **WHEREAS**, as a result of discussions in the executive session the board decided to set the work day for the Youth Program, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board did set the work day for the Caroga Youth Program at 6 hours.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Discussion: The director asked if there had to be a break when you do the 6 hours. Supervisor Morris stated there should be a ½ hour break. Ms. Simonds noted this was hard to do with the ratio to child requirements. She usually has the staff work from 8:45 to 2:15 which is 5 ½ hours and then there wasn't a need to have a lunch break.

The resolution was amended

**RESOLUTION #2017-036 setting the work day for the youth Program** was offered by Supervisor Morris at regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7 pm at town hall. **WHEREAS**, the board entered into an executive session earlier this evening, and **WHEREAS**, as a result of discussions in the executive session the board decided to set the work day for the Youth Program, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board did set the work day for the Caroga Youth Program at 5 1/2 hours.

Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Morris, Glenn, Sturchio, Manning

It was noted that this would not affect the Summer School teachers.

Supervisor Morris made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit and to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Council Member Manning asked to hold a work session in April with the Caroga Lake Musical Festival's Board. They need to discuss the use of the Sherman's Property. They need to be brought up to speed on the structural evaluation of the property. The board has not spoken to them since the resolution was passed in November giving an OK to use the property. Supervisor Morris noted the board has to discuss payment too. Council Member Glenn noted inspections of the property need to be conducted before anyone can use the property. As of this moment Council Member Glenn didn't think we could do anything on the property. Council Member Manning thought it would be appropriate to open a dialog with them. Another meeting will be set up after the March 29<sup>th</sup> work session.

The board discussed setting up interviews for the open board seat. The goal is to appoint a board member to fill the vacancy at the April 12<sup>th</sup>, Town Board meeting.

At 9:31 pm Supervisor Morris made a motion Council Member Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert, RMC, CMC  
Caroga Town Clerk

General:      Highway:      General Park:      Prepaid: