

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the year ending meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Friday December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 4:00 pm with the following persons in attendance by roll call. The flag salute followed.

Supervisor Ralph J. Palcovic - Here  
Council Member John Glenn – Here  
Council Member Barbara DeLuca – Here  
Council Member Richard Sturgess – Here  
Council Member Matthew Cooper – Here

Department representatives in attendance were: Roy Stock – Deputy Highway Superintendent, former Town Highway Superintendent Steve Putman, former highway employee Mike Voght, and Planning Board Member Alternate & Comprehensive Plan Member - Anita Long.

Supervisor Palcovic stated the purpose of the meeting was to close out year ending accounts and pay bills and to settle/approve and sign two open contracts. There will also be a resolution to do transfers for a balanced budget. Then the board will pay the bills and accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

**New Business:**

Supervisor Palcovic offered a resolution to contract with the Fulton County Landfill/ Department of Solid Waste renewal application.

**RESOLUTION #2024-116 to contract with the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste for the year 2025** was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the year end meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board desires to contract with the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste for landfill and or Recycling Facilities in 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the town agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Fulton from any liability arising from the disposal of inappropriate waste delivered by our vehicles, and to have the town invoiced, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Palcovic to sign said contract on file in the town clerk's office.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Hearing no discussion the resolution was:

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

Supervisor Palcovic let the board know that the schedule of tipping fees was available for review.

The next order of business was to amend the agreement with CT Male. The current contract was for their environmental assessment work. The town has since run into another issue with the bulk storage fuel tanks. CT Male discovered that the permit has been expired for two years. There was a notice of violation issued by the state over a year ago. The original contract with CT Male was for \$3,000.00 with a change order of \$1,200.00 and now this net change order for \$3,000.00. Supervisor Palcovic stated the new contract price is up to \$7,200.00.

**RESOLUTION #2024-117 to update the contract with CT Male** was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the year-end meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caroga is under contract with CT Male Associates 50 Century Hill Drive Latham NY 12110 for project # 24.4555 with the agreement dated May 12, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, CT Male has discovered a notice of violation with the permit for the petroleum bulk storage tanks at the Caroga Highway Garage located at 1801 State Highway 10, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town board does hereby approve the technical services change order #2 in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Seconded by Council Members DeLuca and Cooper (simultaneously)

**Discussion:** Council Member Sturgess asked about the total additional cost, from the violation, with CT Male. Supervisor Palcovic replied \$4,200.00. Council Member Cooper stated the fines for the violations far exceed that. Council Member Sturgess stated.... And we can't go after anybody for not doing their job. The Supervisor did not know. Our main focus is to go forward with corrective actions. As the citation from the state reads the fines could go up to \$36,000.00 per day. The Supervisor does not anticipate a fine of that magnitude but noted we are still vulnerable to a fine. It was noted that CT Male has been in contact with the state inspector.

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

**RESOLUTION #2024-118 to make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balanced budget** was offered by Supervisor Palcovic at the year-end meeting of the Caroga Town Board held Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Director, Joanne Young, has indicated that the following transfers are necessary to maintain a balanced budget for the year 2024, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to make the following transfers:

From: A1990.4 Contingency	\$ 5,500.00
To: A1620.4 Building C/E	\$5,500.00
From: A1990.4 Contingency	\$ 75.00
To: A1110.4 Justice C/E	\$ 75.00
From: DA5142.1 Snow Removal P/S	\$ 5,300.00
To: DA9060.8 Health Ins	\$ 5,300.00

Seconded by Council Member DeLuca

**Discussion:** Council Member Sturgess asked about the bill just added for the Town Justice and asked was it included in this transfer. Supervisor Palcovic could not tell him that. A change could not be made without the budget officer being here. The clerk noted the bill for was 2025 manuals so this bill could wait to be paid.

Adopted by a vote of five Ayes; Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper

Supervisor Palcovic made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit. Council Member Cooper seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper.

Supervisor Palcovic made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 11th meeting. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** The clerk noted under the supervisor's report Supervisor Palcovic was talking about the equalization rate and stated the towns rate was 15.48%, that is actually the counties percentage of change. The clerk stated the town's equalization rate is actually 40.90. Supervisor Palcovic realizes he misspoke. The clerk asked to make that correction.

Supervisor Palcovic noted in looking at the rates we are not alone. The Supervisor pointed out that the Town of Bleecker is at the top all by themselves with 99.21%. We are at a midpoint, there are some less than ours.

All board members were in favor of the motion with the revision noted by the clerk: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper.

Council Member DeLuca made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Anita Long asked when the organizational meeting was going to be held. Supervisor Palcovic stated the organizational meeting would be the second Wednesday of the month along with the regular monthly meeting. The board discussed the time. The time was set at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Putman raised his hand. Supervisor Palcovic stated there was no public comment this evening. Mr. Putman wanted to discuss situations for more lawsuits coming the towns way. Not at this time was the supervisor's response. The Supervisor noted that should be done in an executive session but that an executive session was not being held at the year-end meeting.

Mr. Putman continued stating there is a tank down there that requires a SPDES (State Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit. He shut it down temporary. There is oil, and antifreeze spills. It goes into a tank that goes into a leach field next to Irving Pond Creek. Mr. Putman had Clean Harbor clean it up and it was under control. When it is open it has to be monitored and logged. Supervisor Palcovic stated it has been pumped out twice. Mr. Putman noted when it is open all this stuff goes in next to Irving Pond. Supervisor Palcovic stated he will have CT Male investigate this. It won't be ignored. Mr. Putman stated we don't need anymore fines. Mr. Putman had more to say...but... Lastly, he stated that no one commented on the paperwork he submitted.

At 4:13 Supervisor Palcovic seconded the motion to adjourn. All board members were in favor of the motion: Palcovic, Glenn, DeLuca, Sturgess, Cooper.

Submitted by Caroga Town Clerk

Linda Gilbert, RMC, CMC

General #'s 431 – 448 \$5,945.55

Highway #'s 212 – 226 \$18,486.26

Prepaid #'s 331 – 340 \$19,221.05

General Park no bills