

# ***Caroga News Flash***

## ***Town Board Meeting Highlights***

**April 1, 2022**

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This special meeting started at 10:00am and lasted 70 minutes at Town Hall with no zoom.

The meeting focused mainly on the proposed Municipal Center project and grant writing.

- Supervisor Horton reported on two federal grant funding opportunities.
- The Board discussed the Town property off Route 10. The Clerk noted that the property was donated to the Town for recreational use, and some access rights were sold for the cell tower. The Supervisor claimed that the project to move the Salt Shed there must be done this year, so that the Golf Course can use the current building for a Maintenance Shed. He described needs for a site plan with an official survey and engineering review. He estimated the cost of a salt shed to be about \$40,000.00. He estimated a new Highway Barn might cost \$800,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. He needs to get the document showing the New York State alienation of the property for the cell tower and highway buildings. The proposal for a new Salt Shed and Highway Barn also has to go to the Planning Board and the Adirondack Park Agency.
- He described a feasibility study and called upon Environmental Design Partners (EDP). They looked at the Route 10 site for the Municipal Center and the cell tower site for a Salt Shed. They are considering the space requirements, electromagnetic radiation, cell tower distance, septic location, electrical entrance, engineering design, and wetland issues.
- He also noted thoughts about trying to find capital to offset the new building proposal and is considering selling two Town properties: a wood/sand lot on Fisher Road and a 135x130' lot on East Shore Road. He spoke with a realtor and the town attorney. Public Hearings are required. Discussion showed no consensus and the topic was tabled.
- The Supervisor expects Phinney Group to present plans and drawings for the proposed Golf Clubhouse / Town Hall Municipal Center at the next monthly meeting on April 13, 2022.

### **Resolutions / Local Laws:**

#### **1. Grants —**

- Authorized Supervisor Horton to apply for a federal grant from Congressional Community Project Funding for \$2.2 million (4-0 vote). The award requires no matching funds and no payback. The grant is for 2023 with award notices expected at the end of 2022.
- Authorized Supervisor Horton to apply for a grant from Northern Borders Regional Commission for \$350,000.00 (4-0). This grant may require matching funds.
- Authorized a contract to hire Grant Writer Nicholas Zabawsky from Orion Management Company of Amsterdam, New York with a fee is \$100.00 per hour and projected a capped cost of \$4,500.00 (4-0 vote).
- Given that the 2022 Budget allocated \$0 for grant writing, the Board authorized a Budget transfer of \$9,500.00 from Contingent A1990.4 to Grant Writing A1010.41 (4-0 vote).

#### **2. Bookkeeper —** Authorized \$200.00 finance training for Bookkeeper Joanne Young (4-0 vote)

### **Next Public Meeting:**

Up to 12 members of the public may attend at Town Hall with reservations. Others may attend via zoom.

### **Town Board Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022 6:00pm**

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

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