

TOWN OF CARROLLTON

MONTHLY MEETING

August 18, 2015

6:00PM

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

640 MAIN STREET

LIMESTONE, NY 14753

Present: Supervisor James Stoddard, Councilman Ralph Bottone, Councilman Florence Fuller, Councilman James Rounsville, Town Clerk Julie Carlson. **Not Present:** Councilman Brian Jacoby.

Supervisor Stoddard called the Meeting to order following with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00PM.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to pay bills presented. All voting yes, Motion carried.

2015 Bills presented

- General \$ 17,685.40 v#206-228
- Highway \$ 81,180.86 v#73-85
- Sewer 1 \$ 106.84 v#10
- Sewer 2 \$ 4,530.78 v#79-93
- Water \$ 1,436.12 v#66-76
- Total \$104,940.00**

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to approve June 16th, 2015 Minutes as written. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Checks Received:

- \$ 357.96 Town Clerk's Acct-July Sales
- 17,819.00 Justice-Joseph Crowley-Fines Collected for July
- 8,669.00 Justice Michael Soper-Fines Collected for July
- 100.00 Matt Zurat-Rm 203 Rent-August
- 157.00 William Songer-Bill's Barber Shop Rm 100 Rent-August
- 550.00 Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby -Gym Rent-August
- 165.00 Karen Fox-Foxy's Pet Shop- (641) Garage Rent-August
- 1,800.00 John Smith "Parts R Us" -Rent-August
- 129.00 M. McCaffrey-Rent Rm 205 -August & Mailbox Rental
- 2,614.28 Tax Collector Account-interest and penalties on 2015 tax season
- 208.85 Fire Commissioners-June Fuel Usage
- 69,587.27 Catt. County 2nd Qtr. Sales Tax & acct 1054 w/s payment-foreclosure
- .50 postage-T. Wedge
- 2.50 (2) fax-C. Peters
- 257.32 Metalico, Inc-sheet iron from Town clean up day-05/19/2015

Total \$103,190.36

Monthly Reports: The Town Clerk, Water/Sewer/Rental Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Building Permits, Dog Control, Town Justices, Youth Rec and Town Supervisor Reports were distributed and reviewed.

Correspondence:

- Austin Security as requested proposed \$1,838.25 for installation & materials of 2 additional cameras to the outside of the Municipal Complex.

Motion made by Councilman Fuller, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to have Austin Security install 2 additional cameras to the outside of the Municipal Complex. All voting yes, Motion carried.

- NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Division of Animal Industry-Municipal Shelter Inspection Report. Joyful Rescues was inspected on 07/24/2015, the shelter was satisfactory but commented inspector found the area where the municipal dogs are confined to, also contained within a fenced area where dogs from the rescue are allowed to roam. Stated that the door of the shelter is always open during the summer months, allowing the rescue dogs to wander at will in and out of the building containing the municipal dogs.

The Board discussed this and said they have all been over there at different times and it is a beautiful facility and have not seen any instances of any problems of how they have it set up.

- A Town Resident sent a letter concerning the parking on the sidewalk on Paton Drive, he has talked to the resident living there and she told him to get off her property. The Sherriff Dept. did speak to the resident and the vehicles were moved that day, however the next day they were right back on the sidewalk. The 2 vehicles are unregistered. The resident is asking the Town that if it is a local law to please address this. If it isn't a local law then look into making it one. The sidewalks are made for people to walk on not park on.

The Board said they would address this with Lance Jobe, CEO and have him send a letter if possible under code and property maintenance under safety issues and unregistered vehicles.

New Business:

- Water Grant Application:

Motion made by Councilman Ralph Bottone, 2nd by Councilman James Rounsville pass the Resolution to apply for funding to assist in the financing of its Limestone Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement project. Title of Resolution: **Resolution With Reference to the Proposed Town of Carrollton, Cattaraugus County, NY NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant Application.**

Voting AYE: Councilman Florence Fuller, Councilman James Rounsville, Councilman Ralph Bottone, and Supervisor James Stoddard. Voting NAY: None. Not Present: Councilman Brian Jacoby. Complete Resolution Attached.

- Parts 'R Us-Rose submitted a bill from the owner for repairs he made to his rental. He is asking to be reimbursed for parts and labor for repair. Ricky had talked to the owner about it and he had said he could get the parts and it would only take a few minutes to repair. Ricky would have fixed it but the owner had made it seem like it wasn't a big deal, but the owner submitted a bill for 2 ½ hrs. of labor. Councilman Bottone said Ricky said he never said go ahead and fix it. The Board questioned why we would have the tenant fix it and pay him when we already have somebody who works for us to fix it. Supervisor Stoddard said he would talk to each first before a decision is made to pay for labor. The repairs can't be deducted from the rent, the rent has to be paid and then if decided we pay them it is a bill vouchered payable to them.
- Supervisor Stoddard stated that he would like to look into a revision of Security/cleaning duties. There are some jobs around the building that could be put on his list of duties to do. Things have changed around the building since he was originally hired for that position. The Board agreed to have Supervisor Stoddard speak to Security/cleaning on this issue.

Old Business:

Cemetery:

- Supervisor Stoddard checked into prices others are charging for lots. The average is \$750 to \$850 for just for the lot. We only charge \$400. Councilman Bottone agreed to \$850. He then stated Supervisor Stoddard should get in touch with who runs the Limestone Catholic Cemetery and see what the prices are there. Legislator Rep Carl Edwards suggested he speak with Paula Stockman, she is very knowledgeable on this. Supervisor Stoddard said we should at least set up the lot cost. Supervisor Stoddard said he will make a few more phone calls for setting an opening and closing of the grave. This is another fee which pays for the digging of the grave and covering. The Board discussed this at great length and decided that the lot price should be adjusted.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Fuller to set the lot prices at the Limestone Cemetery to \$850.00 per lot effective 8/18/2015. All voting yes, Motion carried.

- Councilman Bottone asked everybody to review the report of expenses and rental income of the Complex compiled by Rose Fowler. This report showed figures for 2013 and 2014, including cleaning and security wages, supplies, maintenance services, utilities supplied. It was noted that 2013 included the cost of the parking lot which isn't an everyday occurrence. Supervisor Stoddard questioned Councilman Bottone as to his thoughts. Councilman Bottone said he is concerned that this complex is costing us too much money. He feels it is time to take a look at the reality of this. He doesn't know how much we want to do or what we want to do. It was mentioned at the last meeting to hold on to the old municipal building. He doesn't mind taking the blame here, but he doesn't want somebody to come to us in 2 years and say what a big mistake it was to take this on. We are \$175,000 in the red. We bought it to make money, not to lose money. Supervisor Stoddard said anywhere you go you are going to have to spend money, he's not saying no to checking into it. Councilman Bottone said he wants it noted that he is all for making a study of it. If the Board decides to do it, then they do, if they don't, they don't. He said he thinks the study should be 5 or 6 people from the community to look at the figures. If you put the figures in front of them he doesn't think they will say we should continue on with what we are doing. Supervisor Stoddard questioned how much the taxes have gone up since we took on this building. Councilman Bottone said there is a 2% cap, you can't raise them. Stoddard said we are still maintaining this under the cap. Bottone asked if he thought it was worth looking into. Stoddard said yes I do, Councilman Rounsville added in he thinks it is worth looking into, he has no idea what it cost us to be in the old municipal building. He questioned the water bill we pay for this building. Bottone said the gym floor and the heating system is going to need attention soon. Councilman Fuller stated a study will take months, it isn't going to be done overnight. Councilman Bottone suggested selling kitchen items in cafeteria and the miscellaneous contents. But he also thought about if we sell the building they may want the contents in it. It was discussed about how nice the court is and would feel bad about that if we left it. Bottone said he just wants it on record he is very concerned. It was suggested to check into a realtor to help get the rentals filled. Information for a realtor was given to Supervisor Stoddard who said he will make a phone call and see what he can offer.

Supervisor Stoddard asked the Board would want to get together to start this study. Councilman Bottone said the figures are pretty much right in front of us. He said he hates to bring it up, but it isn't just to protect us, it is to protect the community. Supervisor Stoddard stated that if it does come down to selling the building he would hope there will be some way to continue the Soccer program for the community. They then discussed the roof of the old municipal building or what to do with that building.

Open Forum:

Councilman Rounsville informed the Board the LVFD does not want the fire siren on top of the old municipal building, they want the flag pole.

The old Casey Issue was discussed, the Town Attorney advised the Board as to what the owner could do with the Asbestos if he has an Asbestos Survey. Supervisor Stoddard said he would talk to Lance Jobe, CEO on the next step to take.

Town Attorney Eric Firkel updated the Board on the Local laws that are filed at the State and the County level covering the water districts. This information was gathered and supplied to the State Comptroller's office to complete the application to get the loan for the wastewater project to take place in 2016.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to go into Executive Session @7:45PM for Personnel Issues requesting the Town Attorney, Eric Firkel to stay. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Fuller to come out of Executive Session @ 7:55PM.

Motion made by Councilman Fuller, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. All voting yes, Motion carried.

The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting is Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 @6PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Carlson –Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED
TOWN OF CARROLLTON, CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NY
NYS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Carrollton has determined that it is in the Town's best interest to apply for funding to assist in the financing of its Limestone Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement project: and

WHEREAS, affordability for the Town's residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project: and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Carrollton authorizes Municipal Solutions to prepare applications for funding through the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act - NYS Water Grants.
2. The Town Board authorizes Supervisor James Stoddard to execute the application for NYS Water Grant Assistance
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: August 18th, 2015

Introduced by: Councilman Ralph Bottone _____

Seconded by: Councilman James Rounsville _____

Voting Aye: Councilman Florence Fuller, Councilman Ralph Bottone,
Councilman James Rounsville, Supervisor James Stoddard

Voting Nay: NONE _____

Not Present: Councilman Brian Jacoby

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution authorizing the execution of an application by Supervisor James Stoddard for NYS Water Grant assistance, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Carrollton held on August __, 2015; and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Book of Minutes of the Town Board in my office.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand at this

18th day of August, 2015.

Julie M. Carlson
(signature)

Town Clerk

