

**The Town of Carroll  
Town Board  
Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
6:30 PM  
Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:**

Supervisor Smith calls meeting to order.  
Supervisor Smith leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Statements, Presentations, Questions:**

Tracy Magnuson- Asked if “No Parking” can be painted on both sides of Water St.  
J. Mitchener- ran out of good weather but will be able to paint it next year.  
B. Nelson- This area is enforced by our police department  
K. Dahlgren- will have a highway committee meet and address this issue before taking further action (being a state road, we can’t paint on a state road)

Bob Sandberg- town park- 10/1/19- garbage cans are still out, picnic table are historically picked up.

**3. Town Issues:**

**4. Old Business:**

Harold Bennett- more water issue in Historical Society- would like to have metal siding. Historical society will pay ½ cost of the project from the \$1,400.00 rent payments. The water is causing damage and forcing closure of Historical Society. Attachment 4.1  
J. Mitchener- could be done when weather clears up.  
Building Committee will meet to discuss

**5. New Business**

- Paul Webb- explains Court hearing with Sealand. He explains the Town of Carroll won on all causes of action with the exception of the ethical violation due to Michelle Lingenfelter vote on the law- see attachments. Attachment 5.11

-Final impact statement- The DEC has accepted the environmental impact statement.

**6. Action Items**

*6.1 Highway Contract- Motion was made by Tom Fenton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Ekstrom to accept the 2020-2022 Contract, carried. Attachment 6.1*

## 6.2 Meeting Minutes

Authorization to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on October 13, 2019 and bid opening from 11/12/2019 at 10:00 am.

Motion Todd Ekstrom 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Fenton

## 6.3 Payment of Bills

Authorization for the payment of the monthly bills:

Motion Ken Dahlgren 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Fenton

## 6.4 Adjustment of Water Bills

Adjustment of Water Bills:

If there is a past due amount the past due and current bill must be paid in full in 30 days of adjustment, or the back charges that have been reduced will be added back to the bill

## 6.5 Personnel

**Motion was made by Ken Dahlgren and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Fenton for the following:**

Appointments:

Kevin Okerlund- Appointment effective 9/1/2019 for a six year appointment

## 6.6 Contracts/Agreements

*Attachment 6.6*

*A motion was made by Patty Ekstrom and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Fenton to all the Historical Society to apply for a grant to build a new wall.*

## 6.7 Budget Transfers

*Attachment 6.7*

*A motion was made by Tom Fenton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Ekstrom to accept the budget transfers, carried.*

## Public Hearing: 6:45 pm

*A motion was made by Todd Ekstrom and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Ekstrom to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing, carried.*

- Legal notice was published in the Post Journal
- Supervisor Laura Smith proposes to lower incoming clerks pay due to past practice. L. Smith has spoken to both attorneys, Paul Webb and Dana Lundberg about this situation. The Law states you cannot increase a wage but you can lower it.
- L. Smith proposes a decrease from the proposed 2020 budgeted amount of 37,500 to \$30,000.
- P. Ekstrom disagrees and proposes \$34,500.
- K. Dahlgren- agrees it is past practice
- L. Smith agrees with \$32,000
- Sue Sehl asks for clarification on the proposal. She agrees the new clerk should be paid \$32,000. She also questions why we need two justice and asks if one position can be eliminated?
- L. Smith explains a position can only be eliminated when a term is due to expire.
- Sue Sehl asked when last justice retired

- C. Gibson- 10/2018
  - Sue Sehl- asks for clarification on the inter-fund transfer from the general to the Highway department.
  - L. Smith- the highway dept. does work for the Town Park and the pay for these service come out of the general fund.
  - L.Smith reads front page of budgeted information attachment 6.7
- A motion was made by Ken Dahlgren and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Fenton to close the Public Hearing and open regular meeting, carried.***

L. Smith- Proposes \$33,000 for Clerk Salary, Patty Ekstrom say \$34,000  
Tom Fenton agrees with \$33,000, Ken Dahlgren and Todd Ekstrom all agree with \$33,000.

***A motion was made by Tom Fenton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Ekstrom to adopt the 2020 budget with a change to the clerk's pay of \$33,000, No- opposed, carried.***

***6.7 A motion was made by Tom Fenton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Dahlgren to accept bid from PH Wachs in the amount of \$66,735.80 for a turner valve maintains trailer and accessories.***

## **7. Informational/Reports**

Monthly Supervisor Financial Report: Attachment 7.1

Monthly Town Clerk Report: Attachment 7.2

Police Chief (Bill Nelson)- Attachment 7.3  
Car larceny in town- urges community to lock car doors, Identity theft pamphlets available

Highway Superintendent (Jim Mitchener)-  
Past one month- preparing for snow removal season, urges community to drive with caution, and avoid parking on shoulders.

Water Supervisor (Dan Sisson)- Water line project is done, water samples passed. Would like permission to accept bid for PH Wachs in the amount of \$66,735.80 for a turner valve maintains trailer and accessories. Attachment 7.4

Animal Control (Nick Cusimano)- Attachment 7.5  
Two calls, 27 miles traveled. Having issues with people from PA bringing dogs to NY and dumping them. Nick plans to follow the guidance of Matt Abbey DCO from Kiantone which is NYS says if you pick up a dog it is your responsibility. So Nick will make it the responsibility of whoever picks the dog up.

Code Enforcement Officer (Al Gustafson)-see report Attachment 7.6

Assessor's Office (Laurie Sorg)-see report Attachment 7.7

County Legislator (John Davis)-

Early voting 2019-2020 was granted to cover the cost this year only- this grant will be gone and extra cost will be unfunded in the future at a cost of approximately \$85,000. Chaut. Co adopted their 2020 budget and the tax rate is as follows:

2006- 9.49 per thousand

2019- 8.38 per thousand

2020- 8.46 per thousand

**Council**

Ken Dahlgren- None

Patty Ekstrom- None

Todd Ekstrom- None

Tom Fenton- None

**Supervisor**

Laura Smith- None

**8. Public Questions**

Polly Hanson- states the DEC has determined that Sealand has meet criteria to get permits.

Information will be public for 10 days. After the 10 days the DEC could grant permits.

Army core of Engineer is protecting us now.

**9. Adjournment:**

*Motion to close was made by Tom Fenton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Ekstrom at 7:42 PM*

***As of December 31st, 2019, this email will no longer be in use. After this date please call (716) 569-5365 ext. 1 to speak to the new clerk to get all updated information.***

***Thank you for your time and business, I have appreciated working with everyone.***