

## **Town Board Minutes – April 8, 2025**

Supervisor Gayle Ashbery called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Carlton at 7:05 p.m.

*Present were: Councilman Charles Ricci, Councilman Brian McCue, Councilman John Olles, and Supervisor Gayle Ashberry. Also in attendance was Doug Heath, attorney for the Town of Carlton. Highway Superintendent Kurt VanWycke and Councilman Woolston were absent.*

Following roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes from March 11, 2025 were approved by Councilman Ricci, and seconded by Councilman Olles.

To accommodate Public Hearings, motion to close the general meeting was made by Councilman McCue and seconded by Councilman Olles at 7:08 p.m.

Public Hearings as follows:

Law 1 – Opened by Councilman Olles, seconded by Councilman McCue at 7:09 p.m.

Negative declaration of SEQRA Form #1 for Moratorium on Wind Energy Deriving Towers, adoption of approved by Councilman Olles and seconded by Councilman McCue.

Re: Moratorium on Wind Energy Deriving Towers, adoption of Resolution for Local Law #1 approved by Councilman Olles, seconded by Councilman McCue. Closed hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Law 2 – Opened by Councilman Olles, seconded by Councilman McCue at 7:10 p.m.

Negative declaration of SEQRA Form #2 for Imposing a Temporary Town-Wide Moratorium on the Installation of Freestanding or Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems approved by Councilman Ricci; seconded by Councilman McCue.

Re: Imposing a Temporary Town-Wide Moratorium on the Installation of Freestanding or Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems. Adoption of Resolution of Local Law #2 approved by Councilman Ricci; seconded by Councilman Olles. Closed hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Law 3 - Opened by Councilman Ricci and seconded by Councilman McCue at 7:17 p.m.

Negative declaration of SEQRA Form #3 for Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, and/or Approval of All Building Permits, Area or Use Variances, Special Use Permits, and /or Site Plan Approvals for Large Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Carlton was approved by Councilman Ricci, seconded by Councilman McCue.

Re: Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, and/or Approval of All Building Permits, Area or Use Variances, Special Use Permits, and /or Site Plan Approvals for Large Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Carlton. Adoption of Resolution of Local Law #3 approved by Councilman Olles; seconded by Councilman Ricci; Hearing closed by same at 7:20 p.m.

Resumption of regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.; approved by Councilman Ricci, seconded by Councilman McCue.

Supervisor Report submitted by Gayle Ashbery; total receipts for March were \$119,664.93. Expenditures through March on average should equal 25% of annual budget; General Fund 20.13%; Highway Fund 25.89%; Water District 32.89%. Report approved by Councilman McCue, and seconded by Councilman Ricci.

Fire Chief Report – Seth Dumrese was excused from reporting due to being deployed to an active fire at the time of the meeting.

Town Clerk Report – Presented by Debbie Yockel, Total revenues of \$1606.00, of which \$44.34 was paid out and total local shares remitted is \$1561.66. Approved by Councilman McCue; seconded by Councilman Ricci.

Code/Zoning report, amount collected was as follows: Code \$1400.00. Approved by Councilman Ricci and seconded by Councilman McCue.

Town Justice report submitted by Judge Hurley, collected \$910.00. A motion by Councilman Olles was made to approve, seconded by Councilman Ricci.

Highway Superintendent report – Kurt VanWycke was excused from reporting due to being deployed to an active fire at the time of the meeting.

Legislator John Fitzak reported that Summer Youth applications are being accepted. DSS report on homelessness revealed 59 homeless persons in county, 42 out of county. Orleans County is still in a state of emergency for homeless population. Re: Park acquisition, we are still exploring getting money for pipe. Also looking to dredge the Point this year; working on finances.

A motion was made by Councilman Olles to approve the March vouchers to be paid in the total amount of \$174,063.53; seconded by Councilman Ricci.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. was made by Councilman McCue, seconded by Councilman Ricci and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Yockel, Town Clerk