State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Caroga Town Board regular monthly meeting held on October 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Town hall with the following board members in attendance by roll call. The salute to the flag followed.

Supervisor John Glenn – Here
Council Member Richard Sturgess - Here
Council Member Matthew Cooper – Here
Council Member Greta Frasier – Here
Council Member Kimberly Walker – Dailey – Here (known as Council Member Walker)

CM before a name indicates "Council Member."

Also in attendance were Jeremy Manning – Wheelerville Bike Trail Manager, Steve Stedman - Greens Keeper, Mike Kunath BTI – Coordinator, Roy Stock – Highway Superintendent, Mike Voght – highway employee, Comprehensive Planning Committee Member/Secretary Anita Long, Lynne Delesky – Planning Board Member, John Byrnes– Zoning Board of Appeals Members, and three members of the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company. There were also 2 members of the public present.

CM Sturgess made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings. Supervisor Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker, Frasier.

Department Reports:

Wheelerville Bike Trail – Mr. Manning reported the trails are open week to week right now. They are still leaf blowing but will stop in the next week or two to allow leaves to cover the trails for the wintertime. This helps keep the erosion down. They are working on the connector trail. On Friday they completed the section from the snowmobile bridge back around to the cell tower area up to private land. Now they are working back to the third hole under the supervision of Steve Stedman. That should take a couple of weeks. So far they have used 50% of their budget. They will have to rent one more machine next week to move some dirt. Mr. Stedman was thanked for his work with the crew.

Mr. Manning noted he will be presenting at the Fulton County Board of Supervisor's meeting in a couple of weeks to try to recoup the $10,000.00 that was promised to the town two years ago through the RTP Grant Funding. The funds were guaranteed through last year but due to the delay of the project he hopes he can still lock that funding in for this season. The project does have some big implications for the county for tourism.

BTI – Mr. Kunath reported they had their fall meeting last month. He collected all of the paperwork which he is reviewing now. This is reported annually to the Department of

Environmental Conservation. He does need to take a recertification course, which he may do online. The recertification is good for three years; the cost is $200.00. Mr. Kunath is interested in learning more about terrestrial invasive species and having his workers identify and map them. He was sorry to have missed the meeting last week. He noted depending on where the plants are located there are different permits. Roadside has one license, the second is ornamental, and then there is third permit if found in wetlands. Mapping it out first is the key. The applicators would need three different permits. Mr. Kunath noted the study books are $150.00 which can be shared. The exam is $100.00 and recertification in three (3) years is $150.00. Those classes are online or we may be able to teach our own class he will look into that.

Sole Assessor – Leigh Anne Loucks submitted a written report. Supervisor Glenn reads: I have been made aware that there are three letters of interest for the position. While the Town Board is not required to take my input on the appointment, I would hope that the following will be considered when determining who would be in the best interest of the town. One candidate has taken legal action against the town on more than one occasion in the last five years. One candidate has willfully and purposefully broken the law with regard to the hearings. CM Sturgess stated that is her opinion.
Key points: FOIL request received by Town Clerk requesting all information for past three years of BAR hearings. The County notified today that it was a statewide request to all municipalities. I have forwarded the form the County recommends using to ensure that property owners' personal information is not used for solicitation or fundraising purpose. Other counties are recommending that only the final determination spreadsheet be released, as there is no personal information on that all information on that form is on the tax roll.
Routine updates: Sales are being entered. Retrieving documents from the county Real Property building biweekly. Getting the file prepared for the January 2027 tax bills, updating mailing addresses and owners. Senior exemption renewals will be going out within the next week. The goal is to have them back prior to severe weather, so the residents will not have to be travelling in it. Answering calls and sending paperwork for exemptions for new homeowners in town.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO – The clerk gave the board a written report. The monthly clerk report was also submitted in the packet. A sheet was given to each board member and the highway superintendent listing the mandatory training that is required: Workplace Violence Prevention, Right-to-Know (Chemical Safety) Bloodborne pathogens, and Sexual Harassment/Discrimination. These need to be done by all departments – fulltime, part time and seasonal employees.

Reminders: Department heads should contact the printing department at the County for print jobs. Recently color copies were made at a cost of $0.25 per page the county charges $0.15.

Responses to Freedom of Information Requests need to be sent back to the Town Clerk and not to the person making the request directly this way this way I will know that it has been fulfilled. Continue to work on records management.

As for the FOIL the Assessor mentioned. I have been in contact with the County Real Property Director and the person making the request will be required to sign the waiver that the information

will not be used for solicitation purposes. If we only have to give out the spreadsheet that is what we will do too.

Dog Control – Mr. Dutcher submitted the following report to the clerk. He had 14 calls for the month. He responded to two dog bites; one ticket was written. He also received a satisfactory inspection report from NYS AG. & Markets.

Code Enforcement & Sanitation – Mr. Fancher submitted a written report. ***Key Points:*** 23 permits were issued generating $3,475.00 in fees and a valuation of $1,115,471.00. 18 inspections were conducted. ***Routine Updates:*** working on being able to record field inspections on a tablet and then print them out to go in permanent SBL file.

Golf Course – Mr. Stedman reported that greens aerification was done last week. They were also twice verticut, seeded, top dressed, fertilized and a granular fungicide was put down. They have been aerifying with a spike roller and top-dressed collars and approaches. They will use up the remaining sand on some smaller fairways. The liquid snow mold application will go out on the greens, collars, approaches and tees. There will be a second application sometime in November. In between another granular application of the fungicide will be put on the greens. He will be draining the irrigation system around Halloween. He uses the compressor from Fulton County Soils and Water.
They are working on cutting some debris down around the tee boxes. They are working on holes #17 and hopes to get to #12 and #14 before the snow.
The clubhouse hours are now 8 am – 5 pm. There is no official closing date at this time but estimated sometime between November 8 – 15th.

Council Member Sturgess added in a quick conversation with Mr. Stedman before the meeting he noted the lease is up with the initial 30 golf carts the town leased. There is about a 30ish % increase on a new lease for the coming year. He has to look at numbers and confirm everything. CM Sturgess was not sure what direction we may or may not want to go for the next batch of carts. Looking at the potential of buying them was mentioned. This would provide equity or leasing carts again and making sure every 5 years the course has new carts.

Council Member Sturges noted year to date 9/30/26 the course had an income of $385,885.00 the anticipated revenue in the budget was $353,000.00. We are shy of $33,000.00 over what was predicted. He reminded the public that 6 years ago the golf course revenue was $140,000.00

Highway – Mr. Stock stated they have been cutting brush, filling potholes, getting the trucks ready for winter, cleaning the town barn inside and out, and putting stuff away for winter.

Nelson Tree service contacted him today. They will be cutting from Meco to Arietta. They asked if they could park their trucks on town property. Mr. Stock said they could.

Mr. Stock gave the board a quote for the bridge decking. He sent out requests for quotes three times and this is the only company that replied. He would like to get this approved. The quote was from LCI Bridges Laminated Concepts Industries LLC 921 Pleasant Valley Ave #505 Mount Laurel NJ 08054 in the amount of $38,207.00.

RESOLUTION #2026-098 to give the Highway Superintendent authority to purchase decking in the amount of $38,207.00 was offered by Council Member Sturgess at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 14, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has been working diligently to put together a plan to fix the Cape Horn Bridge, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stock did contact three vendors to obtain quotes for decking for the bridge those being: LCI Bridges Laminated Concepts Industries LLC 921 Pleasant Valley Ave #505 Mount Laurel NJ 08054, R. Hayes of Enwood out of Raleigh NC and Unalam out of Unadilla NY, the last two both never replied, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to give the Highway Superintendent authority to purchase decking in the amount of $38,207.00 from LCI Bridges Laminated Concepts Industries LLC 921 Pleasant Valley Ave #505 Mount Laurel NJ 08054 the only company that submitted a quote.

Seconded by Council Member Cooper

Discussion: Supervisor Glenn asked if there was money in the budget. Two council members replied yes. It was noted this did not need to go back to the engineer.

Adopted by a vote of five (5) Ayes: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker- Dailey, Frasier

Mr. Stock stated we have quotes for the steel beams but is waiting because he has to send it to the engineer. One quote was sent but it was missing stuff.

Mr. Stock gave the board information on the purchase of a truck. He is looking to purchase the same truck they purchased last year.

Kenworth Truck Cab and Chasi	Last Truck Cost $183,830.00	New Truck $192,438.00	Difference in price $8,608.00
Henderson Body	Last Truck $142,261.00	New Truck $155,603.56	Difference in price $13,342.56
Total package	Last Truck $326,091.00	New Truck $348,041.56	Difference in price $21,950.56

Delivery would be in June or July of 2027. It was noted that Henderson just opened a new plant in Ohio for the bodies. That is what holds everyone up. If we wanted to order a Viking truck they are two years out. Payments wouldn't start until 2028. There would be a downpayment. We don't have the money for the downpayment until the budget is passed. CM Cooper stated we need to take delivery in 2028. They put the documents together because the lead time has been a year and a half. CM Sturgess noted this throws off the schedule of every two years. This would be two trucks in one year. The highway superintendent thought we could lock it in at this price. This will be discussed with the budget director.

Lakes Management Program – Supervisor Glenn noted there was a well-attended meeting on October 6th. Scott Henze was here and gave a great presentation about funding available from the state to replace old dilapidated septic systems. The list was short, but Mr. Henze will ask the state to see if maybe the list of lakes can be expanded that can be involved and maybe for more money. They reviewed the ASLAP and CSLAP studies. They also talked about the invasive and terrestrial invasive species. They talked a little bit about Eurasian Milfoil which is under excellent control at this point. Supervisor Glenn noted we have been able to decrease the funding for next year. Money will still be put aside each year for the piggy bank. Mr. Sullivan stated it would be between $80,000.00 - $90,000.00 to repeat the application of ProcellaCOR. The supervisor hopes to put aside $20,000.00 each year so we will have the money in our budget to cover it.
The spring meeting will be on May 18, 2027, at 5:30 pm at town hall.

Town Hall Building – Council Member Walker- Dailey noted the need to put out bids for closing in the door behind the bookshelves in the entryway. Making it a wall. Also, the door in the kitchen needs to be replaced. It is an exterior door. It was decided to get quotes. Mr. Hayner was recognized as a person to get a quote from. Mr. Hayner noted the town should write down what they want. A lot of people will buy the cheapest door they can and a person like him buys the most expensive because it is the best for that application and you can't compare apples to apples. Mr. Hayner noted the front door is not a winterized door and shouldn't have been put in, in the first place. When it is 30 below there is frost on the inside of the door, that is the difference. Mrs. Busch was just discussing the doors at town hall with two of the council members.
Supervisor Glenn noted there was a question with the janitor's hours and asked CM Walker to take a look at that.
Mr. Stock wanted to put a box at town hall for packages to be dropped off in. He has one built already. It has a lock and he will get keys to everyone who wants a key to it. None of the UPS packages are getting delivered because no one is here until 4 pm about the time they deliver. CM Sturgess noted it should be checked daily.
The Town Clerk turned over phone folder to CM Walker. The town keeps getting notice about the change to fiber. The clerk indicated her and IT person McIntosh's recommendation.
CM Frasier noted the need to move the phone and internet system out of the code office and into a central location. It was noted that with whatever changes it needs to be tested so the golf course can still run its POS system.

Caroga Tourism Committee – Council Member Frasier noted the committee is looking to getting together on October 20th at 6:30 pm. She did not have the key to the building. The clerk will forward the lock box # to her. CM Frasier had a member of the community reach out to her about organizing a 5K run sometime in the spring. The highway superintendent is willing to work with them on this project. It will also include some kind of children's event. The date may be June 5, 2027. It would be a townwide event. CM Cooper noted there used to be a run here and wondered if anyone who was previously involved could be contacted. The organizer is looking to do this as a fund raiser – he mentioned the lakes management program. CM Frasier asked if the lakes management program could receive donations from an event? Mr. Manning noted they can as long as the town is not sponsoring the event. If the town businesses promote it then that is not the town's money.

Supervisor's Report:

At the county level Supervisor Glenn noted he is on the finance committee. He has another meeting tomorrow at 10 am. The county has already busted the tax cap. At the first meeting the budget had an increase of 27%. It has been knocked down to 10 – 12 %. The biggest chunk of their budget is the Department of Social Services.

The supervisor noted he has been working with Mr. Stock and CM Cooper on financing for the new plow truck. They are working with several banks to get the best rate they can.

The CD at Community Bank is $1,141,387.32 and will mature on October 19. It will be renewed for seven (7) months at 3.4%.

Health Insurance: currently the town has CDPHP. The supervisor stated they are leaving New York State at the end of 2027. The rate is going up 16.1% if we stay with them. The bookkeeper and supervisor have been working with NBT Bank Health Insurance division – Bob Carey who recommended the town look at Excel. We have and we signed a contract with them. The policy will also have a dental policy where the town pays 50% of the dental bills.

CM Sturgess received confirmation from Supervisor Glenn that the Community Bank CD was the golf course reserve CD. It was.

CM Frasier asked when did the board have to decide on the health insurance? Supervisor Glenn stated he already signed the contract on it. It is very similar to CDPHP, it mimics it. The policy will start January of 2027. The Clerk noted that with CDPHP their year starts December 1st. Supervisor Glenn will talk to the agent to see if he can move it up. CM Frasier thought CDPHP was bought out by someone. *CM Sturgess stated the whole board should have voted on the insurance.* The supervisor stated they reviewed 4 or 5 insurance companies. This was the best deal of all of them. CM Sturgess thought the whole board had to make those decisions. It was asked how the opt out works, the supervisor was not sure. CM Cooper noted last year there was a question on this with the union. It was one time and done. Mr. Carey will be asked to come and talk to the board.

****Public Comments and Questions**

Ralph Hayner noted back mid-summer the board said that the bike trail would never touch the golf course. He wanted to know what happened there and why is it on the golf course, and who gave permission to put it on the golf course? Shouldn't that be public? One person cannot make that decision. It is now out on #3, if you let a kid ride on that and it becomes muddy they will come more onto the course and the next person will follow.

CM Sturgess replied that one thing we have to remember is the golf course land was donated under recreation. Part of the bike trail is recreation. The decision was made a week or two ago at a meeting with a four to one vote. It was made under the stipulation that this 100/150-yard section where it is going onto the golf course is under the supervision of Mr. Stedman. It is a small portion, and after walking it CM Sturgess did not think it was going to impact the play of golf on hole #3 because of where it was located. The rest of the trail is in the woods. If there are any issues Steve Stedman can close that trail down immediately. If there is a tournament it can be closed down. It

is at the will of the Superintendent of the golf course. He has plans to put screening up in that section. 80% of the board thought it was time to give it a chance and see what happens. The board balanced a lot of options – recreation and commerce. This trail will get people downtown to support local businesses. It was noted they support local businesses now. The trails draw thousands of people to Caroga.

Mr. Hayner reiterated that he heard the trail would never touch the golf course. He asked why the board didn't come to the golfers before a vote was taken to tell them what was going on. Mr. Hayner wondered about his liability if he hit a person (and they die) on a bike with a golf ball. CM Sturgess stated he was not liable unless they can prove that you did it out of ill intent. There will be a sign that the golfer has the right of way. It will take a biker seconds to drive that 150 yards. Mr. Hayner wanted someone to come to the golfers. CM Sturgess noted there are meetings.

Supervisor Glenn noted this is a temporary issue. The town is waiting for the UMP from DEC to allow us to move the trail back onto state land.

Mr. Hayner also complained that nothing has been done for years since the clubhouse burnt down. He thought the two Amish buildings should have been put where the clubhouse was.
CM Sturgess asked how have those buildings effected the golf course. Hole #1 was shortened.

Mr. Manning interjected and noted he runs the trail program. He stated he has zero intentions of expanding that trail anymore on that course. Because of where the state boundary is there really is at this point in time no other way to get downtown. He has applied to DEC to allow the town to move the trail back into state lands. Mr. Manning explained that the trail had to be built now because of funding. If we don't use them or otherwise they will go away. The funding was to build a trail to get to the downtown.

Mr. Hayner understands what they are trying to do. "I'm all for it." He again reiterated that someone should have talked to the golfers. CM Walker suggested having a sign posted explaining what is going on.

Mr. Manning noted last year he had a meeting about this issue and five bikers showed up, no golfers. He has made the effort. He has talked about it at meetings for three years. The course is too important to this town; he didn't want to mess the course up. Mr. Hayner noted again that someone should have talked to the golfers like on Tuesday night when there are 90 golfers there. Mr. Hayner stated maybe people would understand it a little better. He did not think signage would help. He suggested going to Vrooman's and talking to the golfers. CM Sturgess stated if people want the facts on why things are happening they have to come to a meeting or call a board member.

CM Frasier noted that circumstances change. There was funding and the money had to be used, or the town was going to lose it. CM Sturgess noted that was the solution to make the temporary trail. Mr. Manning offered to set up a meeting with Mr. Hayner as he left the meeting.

Mr. McIntosh offered a letter to the board, but it was noted they had already received it. The fire company noticed in the preliminary budget the numbers didn't match what they asked for. They are concerned there is not money in the budget to make their contract. This would put them for the

past two years with a $50,000.00 difference. The company needs to make sure they have good equipment to provide protection for the town. They would like to see the number increase in the budget per the contract. Supervisor Glenn stated they can take a look at that at the budget meeting. He explained the town was trying to get the budget under the 2% cap. Former Supervisor Sullivan noted the town's costs have gone up more than 2%. So why… CM Sturgess noted the taxpayers are stressed enough right now. He thought there were options at the budget meeting for this. After the two-hour meeting they called it until the next meeting. We are within pennies of not hitting it. CM Sturgess stated if they can slash something it would show a lot. Supervisor Glenn noted the lakes management budget was reduced by $40,000.00.

Mr. McIntosh stated they were where they needed to be. He stated it will go up the following year. Even with a fire district it is going to go up. Mr. McIntosh noted the expense of the fire truck. If you wait and don't save the money now for every hundred thousand dollars you borrow you spend another $21,000.00 in interest. CM Walker's question on the fire district is this. The board is sitting here working not to bust the tax cap, are the fire district commissioners going to work just as hard? That is up to them. CM Sturgess hoped they do. Again Mr. McIntosh noted the cost of the trucks and the need to save or borrow for them. He has always saved for them. Over the next eight years they will need about million dollars for fire equipment rolling stock. They have to put $100,000.00 a year away to get there. CM Walker suggested getting a grant. It is not easy to get a grant for a truck. Because they are financially sound it is not easy to get money for a truck. It was noted they can get funding for gear. They have a grant writer and just received notice that they were awarded funds to finish the pole barn. To put doors, sides and windows on and put electricity in it. Mr. Delesky noted they were awarded $200,000.00 for firefighter's turnout gear. CM Frasier noted the board ended the last budget meeting focusing on their budget. The board plans to address this on Monday. Mr. McIntosh was glad to hear this. One thing he didn't want to see happen is the fire district come in place and then all of the sudden there is a big jump in the rate, and it is blamed on the fire district. CM Frasier noted the board had that discussion. CM Sturgess noted that is where we were at. Trying to figure it out. If they get what they requested Mr. McIntosh doesn't see that happening. He didn't think the fire district was going to have to raise the rate. CM Cooper stated the flip side is that the potential is that they do. The argument goes both ways. Mr. McIntosh noted they go to the schooling, and they should know all they have to provide, and what is required. CM Sturgess noted they are trying to replace their entire fleet in 8 years. Mr. McIntosh noted it is one truck and one small truck. CM Frasier noted we are facing the same thing with the highway department.

Mr. McIntosh noted their budget with the town went up 5% for five years while they were saving for the new building. Then it would drop back to 2%. The 5% increase was in place until 2017, then it was at 2% for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and prices were skyrocketing.

Supervisor Glenn noted in our highway department we are way, way behind replacing trucks. Former Supervisor Sullivan noted they have been behind for 10 years. He stated that 15 years ago someone was just slapping an inspection sticker on them. Both the fire company and the town highway department are in similar fights. This will be picked up again on Monday.

Ms. Long noted in a previous budget meeting she had mentioned making changes to the engineering line. The board noted they have options that will be discussed on Monday.

Supervisor Glenn asked if the fire company had a contingency fund. Not really was the reply. CM Sturgess noted their contingency is they have one year of operating expenses. That is something common in business and something to be proud of.

Supervisor Glenn noted the board has talked for several months about rezoning some SBL's down where we are proposing to put the town barn. He wanted to move forward with this and made the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #2026-099 to adopt and approve the rezoning of SBL #'s 68.14-6-68, 68.14-1-26, 68.-1-27, 68.-1-27. /9999 already approved by Fulton County Planning Board, APA, Caroga Planning Board was offered by Supervisor Glenn at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 14, 2026.

WHEREAS, the town board has discussed the rezoning of these particular parcels at several meetings, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board hereby moves to adopt and approve the rezoning of SBL #'s 68.14-6-68, 68.14-1-26, 68.-1-27, 68.-1-27. /9999 already approved by Fulton County Planning Board, APA, Caroga Planning Board.

Seconded by Council Member Cooper

Discussion: CM Sturgess asked if the survey had been done on land that has been annexed down there? The supervisor replied it is about to be done. He noted he went with a different surveying company. CM Sturgess's understanding on this is the reason we are rezoning that area to be hamlet is to make it, so it is suitable for the highway garage. The supervisor replied correct. What CM Sturgess didn't understand was why the supervisor wanted the whole property rezoned. CM Sturgess stated the parcel that was annexed is the only property that can have the highway garage onto it. The rest of the property was donated and or purchased to be used for recreation. Supervisor Glenn stated that it was his understanding the parcel has all of those SBL#'s.
Mr. Manning stated there is no SBL # for the portion that was carved out. Two of the parcels are parkland. The alienation was done in 2006 for an eight-and-a-half-acre parcel for the cell tower. That is the only parcel currently you can anything on to do with the town. The supervisor stated that 68.-1-27. /9999 is the cell tower. Mr. Manning did think the town had to rezone the other parcels. The supervisor asked did it matters if we have the other parcels rezoned and don't use them? Mr. Manning said yes, it is confusing. You can't use it for what the hamlet designation actually says. You can only use it for parkland. The Supervisor asked then why did the County and the Town Planning Boards say it was OK to go ahead with it as well as the APA. Mr. Manning noted the state paid 66% of the price for the parcels in 1961 to be used for recreation. If what the town wants to do cannot be fit on the 8 ½ acres then you will have to go get alienation for another portion.

Mr. Stock thought the bike trail should be surveyed. He thought the project should stop until there is a survey. CM Sturgess said they can be told to move off of that part. Mr. Manning stated it is

easy to move dirt if we have to. Mr. Stock stated it has been 2 ½ months trying to get a surveyor up there. CM Sturgess stated that he did not feel comfortable voting on this until Supervisor Glenn interrupted and asked for any further discussion?

Adopted by a vote of Four (4) Ayes – Glenn, Cooper, Walker-Dailey, Frasier One no vote was recorded – Sturgess.

Old Business:

Board of Assessment Review member – letters of interest submitted by Tina Evans, David Falvo
Health Insurance – the supervisor noted we talked about that.
Follow up on two additional streetlights CM Cooper noted a resolution was approved to add two of the lantern style lights on the downtown/town center because they didn't carry to Vrooman's. they stopped at the post office. There are regular streetlights in front of the Laker and Mike's Store not the decorative ones. It has been two years. The supervisor replied it will be looked at.

New Business:

This was discussed: Letter and Contract for Fire/and or Emergency Protection from the CLVFC.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from Lamica Family for use of parent's homestead for a picnic.
Email written to Mark Luciano of Brookfield Renewable for donation to Fish Stocking and response back. Supervisor Glenn noted they generously donated $2,000.00 last year. He hoped that they would have an interest in helping the town stock the lakes.
Letter of interest to serve as alternate member of the ZBA from Dave Falvo

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2026-100 to make the following transfers as necessary to maintain a balanced budget was offered by Supervisor Glenn at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 14, 2026.

WHEREAS, the bookkeeper Joanne Young has indicated the need to make the following transfers to maintain a balanced budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Caroga Town Board moves to make the following transfers.

To: A3310.40 Traffic Control	$ 200.00	
From: A1990.4 Contingency		$ 200.00
To: A1620.4 Building C/E	$ 7,500.00	
From: A1990.4 Contingency		$ 7,500.00
To: A7180.42 Golf Course Merch	$ 2,000.00	
From A7180.4 Golf Course C/E		$2,000.00
To: DA5120.4 Bridges	$19,000.00	

From: DA5110.4 General Repairs C/E $19,000.00

Seconded by Council Member Cooper

Adopted by a vote of five (5) Ayes: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker- Dailey, Frasier

RESOLUTION #2026-101 a resolution to provide and pay for a defense by private counsel was offered by Council Member Sturgess at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on October 14, 2026.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law No. 4 of 1984, the Town Board previously adopted Section 18 of the Public Officers Law and conferred the benefit thereof upon all Town officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, a town employee has submitted a written request pursuant to Public Officers Law § 18 that the Town provide him with a defense in connection with a pending Department of State administrative hearing (Case No. 7946) ("the Proceeding"); and

WHEREAS, a town employee has requested representation by private counsel of his/her choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town Board, having determined that all conditions of Public Officers Law § 18 have been met, hereby approves the request that the Town provide and pay for a defense by private counsel in the Proceeding; and it is further

Discussion by Supervisor Glenn who removed a paragraph as it was "describing a monetary set" as it did not change the character.

RESOLVED, that the Town shall pay reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation expenses incurred for the approved representation from time to time during the pendency of the Proceeding, pursuant to Public Officers Law § 18(3)(b). Counsel shall submit itemized invoices sufficient to permit review of the reasonableness and relationship of the charges to the approved defense, while protecting privileged information. Payment shall be subject to approval by the Town Board and audit and payment in the same manner as other public charges, pursuant to Public Officers Law § 18(9). Disputes concerning the reasonableness of fees or the amount of litigation expenses shall be addressed as provided in Public Officers Law § 18(3)(c).

Seconded by Supervisor Glenn

Adopted by a vote of four (4) Ayes Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker-Dailey and one recusal by Frasier

Council Member Sturgess made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 9, 15, 25, and 30 October 5 Town Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cooper. All board members were in favor of the motion: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker-Dailey, Frasier.

Supervisor Glenn made a motion to approve the bills as presented for audit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sturgess. All board members were in favor of the motion: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker-Dailey, Frasier.

At 8:05 pm Supervisor Glenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walker-Dailey. All board members were in favor of the motion: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Walker-Dailey, Frasier.

Submitted by

Linda Gilbert, RMC, CMC
Caroga Town Clerk

General invoice #'s 303 to 335 $25,635.79

General Park invoice #'s 97 to 113 $13,171.53

Highway invoice #'s 174 to 192 $53,811.97

Prepaid invoice #'s 244 to 280 $82,295.29