

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
May 19, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Members: President G. Wayne McIlroy; and Trustees Kathleen Latremore, Linda Smith-Spencer, and Rebecca Vary. Deputy President Astafan was excused.

Others: Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; Reginald Huber, Village Police Chief; Jacob Ambrose, Jefferson County Soil and Water; Philip Street and Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Tammy and Darryl Patterson; Jonathan Hirschey; Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ms. Patterson lives at 310 West Street which is across from the Carthage Augustinian Academy and requested signage on the South side of the street be changed from no parking to no parking, no stopping, and no standing as she is concerned about the safety of children dropped off for school and crossing the road. After considerable discussion Attorney Gebo will review the Village of Carthage Code Book and send a revision to the board for their consideration.

Ms. Amyot stated there will be a RAGOG meeting at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Amyot stated there will be a Super Cog meeting at the Ridgeview in Lowville on May 29, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Ms. Amyot expressed there is a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) available from NYSERDA for heating and air conditioning upgrades which requires a 25% match. President McIlroy stated John McHugh, Community Development Director, is looking into the program on our behalf.

President McIlroy asked Mr. Hirschey if he had any comments for the board and he distributed his business card and encouraged the board to contact him if they had any concerns.

PRESENTATION REGARDING MS4 DESIGNATION:

Mr. Ambrose presented a Power Point presentation outlining the timeline for the Village to comply with the MS4 designation and stated that Jefferson County Soil and Water will be assisting the Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition of which the Village is a member.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to formally authorize President McIlroy to sign the agreement with RSI Roofing in the amount of \$5,675.00 to perform emergency repairs to the Municipal Building roof which was previously approved via email poll. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the request received from Judge Shettleton to use excess funds to purchase pictures for the courtroom in the amount of \$1,113.75. The Clerk/Treasurer contacted the Town of Wilna who approved sharing the cost of the pictures up to \$600.00. President McIlroy expressed his concerns regarding the pictures being used as a potential weapon in the courtroom. There was a motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer to authorize Judge Shettleton to purchase the pictures and no second to the motion. Trustee Latremore requested more information before she made her decision. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the June 2, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to advertise for Fuel Bids to include regular unleaded gasoline and ultra low sulfur diesel to be received at the Clerk's Office on Monday, June 16, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to make necessary year-end budget transfers for account balancing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to adopt Resolution 3 of 2014 as follows:

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s) WITHIN JEFFERSON COUNTY URBANIZED AREA

WHEREAS, the Village of Carthage has been notified that it is located within and urbanized area in Jefferson County according to the 2010 Census and is therefore subject to the purview of the Clean Water Act (Section 402); and

WHEREAS, there are nine municipalities within the Jefferson County urbanized area that operate small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems ("MS4s") including the Towns of LeRay, Rutland, and Watertown; the Villages of Black River, Brownville, Carthage, West Carthage, and Dexter, and the City of Watertown; and

WHEREAS, MS4's are subject to the Clean Water Act's stormwater permitting requirements in accordance with (40 C.F.R. Sections 122.32(a)(1)) and New York State regulations require owners and operators of small MS4s in New York State to obtain permit coverage under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from MS4s (GP-0-10-002) to meet this requirement; and

WHEREAS, New York State regulations require owners and operators of small MS4s to develop and implement a stormwater management program (SWMP) to minimize the discharge of pollutants through and from their MS4 into waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation encourages owners and operators of small MS4s to collaborate when implementing their Stormwater Management Programs; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities that own or operate MS4s in the Jefferson County recognize that there are opportunities to save time, money, and energy by working collaboratively and have met on a monthly basis beginning in September of 2013 to collaborate on a shared Stormwater Management Program to meet the Federal Clean Water Act stormwater permitting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the MS4 municipalities have set forth a draft Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) creating the Jefferson County Storm Water Coalition to work collaboratively on complying with these stormwater regulations and such agreement has been provided for consideration to the Village of Carthage Village Board.

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Village of Carthage Village Board hereby determines that it is in the Villages best interest to enter into an IMA with some or all of the above named municipalities for the purpose of

forming a Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition (Coalition) which will work together to comply with the requirements of State and Federal Stormwater regulations.

2. That the President, or in his absence, Deputy President, is hereby authorized to execute such IMA and as modified prior to its final version, and any and all documents, contract, funding disbursements, agreements and instruments necessary to bring about the formation and operation of the Coalition subject to the review of the agreement, and any modification, by the Village of Carthage Attorney.

3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to accept the monthly departmental reports from the CEO, Community Development, Court, Police, and Treasurer as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The DPW and Water departmental reports were not submitted. Trustee Smith-Spencer stated she spoke with the Water Superintendent who stated he has been very busy and will submit a report next month.

Deputy President Astafan and Trustee Smith-Spencer reviewed the monthly bills prior to the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 04/24/14, 05/01/14, 05/08/14, and 05/15/14 \$59,316.27; Water Fund P/R 05/01/14 and 05/15/14 \$5,937.11; Sewer Fund P/R 05/01/14 and 05/15/14 \$7,800.77; Joint Fund P/R 05/01/14 and 05/15/14 \$18,225.89. General Fund Abstracts \$84,253.06; Water Fund Abstracts \$7,103.38; Sewer Fund Abstracts \$6,268.73; and Joint Fund Abstracts \$94,152.50. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy distributed a quote received for Guyott's Island provided by Mr. Grant Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$34,944.00 to fix the damage on the Island due to the recent flooding and to prevent further damage in the event of future flooding. President McIlroy explained he is working with Mr. McHugh to find ways to decrease the price as the DPW may be able to complete some of the repairs. Attorney Gebo reminded the board that this type of work would subject to competitive bidding. President McIlroy stated the Watertown Sunday Softball League tournament game at the Carthage Park on Sunday was a great success; they played under the lights; did a great job cleaning the Park; and presented him with a check for the Summer Recreation Program for \$400.00. President McIlroy asked Attorney Gebo if he has any report regarding 511 Adelaide Street and Attorney Gebo stated he just filed the paperwork for the judgment and has yet to receive any response. President McIlroy stated on May 29, 2014, there will be an Open House from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. to mark the retirement of Don Monaghan, Village of West Carthage DPW Superintendent at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building and encouraged board members to attend.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to declare Thursday, May 29, 2014 as Don Monaghan Day in recognition of the invaluable services provided to our community over the past fifty-three years. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Ball, CEO condemned the property on 524 Boyd Street due to its poor condition. Mr. Ball has been in contact with the property owner who intends to demolish the building with a tentative start date of June 2, 2014. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the June 2, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer, based on the recommendation of Joanne Lazore, Recreation Assistant to hire the following college students as Recreation Assistants to

work part-time at the Carthage Recreation Program as of June 4, 2014 Ruby Robinson; Katelyn Sadler; Thomas Lazore; Kylee O'Shaughnessy; Sarah Hastings; Amy Hagenston; Mary Runge; Paul Bracy; Brooke Peebles; and Laura DePerrior. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo stated the majority of his items were discussed throughout the meeting and requested an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining issues.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore reminded the board of the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014 and encouraged them to remember all of the veterans.

Chief Huber requested an Executive Session to discuss to the potential employment of a part-time police officer. Chief Huber stated the Police Department is in the process of removing over forty junk cars throughout the Village and they will begin heavily enforcing the one hour parking limit on State Street.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Ms. Avallone requested clarification of items discussed throughout the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to enter Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the potential employment of a part-time police officer and collective bargaining issues and requested the attendance of Attorney Gebo and Chief Huber. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Huber was excused at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to resume Regular Session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to permit President McIlroy to sign a settlement agreement regarding Gregory Pinkham, WPCF Operator Trainee improper practice charge with the Local 687 Teamsters Union pending the approval of the WPCF Management Board. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer