

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 2, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Matt Gump; Darlene Jensen and Bryan and Monica Z., New Covenant Fellowship Church.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order with a gavel given to him by Agnes King at 7:00 p.m. and requested a moment of silence for the NYS Trooper killed in the Town of Chenango, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President McIlroy read the prayer written by Vinnie King which accompanied the gavel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ms. Jensen stated New Covenant Fellowship Church is interested in assisting with the Summer Recreation Program to include serving lunches, cleanup after lunch, and whatever else would be needed during the lunch period. The board was grateful for the request and granted permission.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to permit New Covenant Fellowship Church to conduct three movie nights on Fridays in June, July, and August at the Carthage Park to include use of the Recreation Building and waive the fee but require a \$50.00 deposit providing they coordinate with the Clerk's Office regarding availability of the building and further waive the normal curfew of 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Gump submitted a written request to the board requesting use of the Carthage Park and Recreation Building on August 30, 2014 as they would like to host a "Christmas in August" toy donation event for local angel tree organizations. Mr. Gump is organizing a motorcycle ride to begin at the West Carthage Fire Hall and end at the Carthage Park with car/bike show; live bands; craft and food vendors; and possibly a beer garden. After considerable discussion, President McIlroy requested to hold the issue over until the June 16, 2014 regular meeting and further requested the Clerk/Treasurer to forward the request to Attorney Gebo for his legal opinion.

Ms. Amyot stated she met with John McHugh, Community Development Director, regarding the Existing Facilities Program Financial Incentives Program Opportunity Notice and discussed potential funding to upgrade the heating system in the Municipal Building which would be a 50/50 reimbursement. Ms. Amyot expressed the Black River Watershed Conference will be June 4, 2014 at the Tug Hill Winery.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to permit Pastor Robert Sly to use the Gazebo at Turning Point Park on August 2, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for their annual All Day Gospel Concert. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to permit the West Carthage Fire Department to place a judging stand on State Street across the street from the Chatterbox restaurant for the use of parade officials on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to permit the West Carthage Fire Department to utilize State Street from Washington Street to Clinton Street to line up the larger hauler units partaking in the parade on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to permit the Carthage Little League to use the Carthage Recreation Building to distribute pizzas on Friday, June 6, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and waive the rental fee but require a \$50.00 deposit. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the May 19, 2014 meeting, a concerned citizen who lives at 310 West Street, across from the Carthage Augustinian Academy, 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.

Update 6/2/14: Attorney Gebo sent a draft of a local law to the board for their consideration. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer send the information provided by Chief Huber regarding the School Zone and to hold this issue over until the June 16, 2014 regular meeting when Attorney Gebo will be present.

At the May 19, 2014 meeting, Judge Shettleton submitted a request 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.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to permit Judge Shettleton to obtain pictures for the courtroom for a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 and to bill the Town of Wilna for fifty percent of the cost. Motion carried with Trustee Vary abstaining. Trustee Latremore suggested the use of Plexiglas for the pictures.

At the May 19, 2014 meeting, 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.

Update 6/2/14: President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to remove this item from the agenda for now.

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.

Update 6/2/14: Mr. Ball reported to the Board that Op-Tech plans to remove the building on June 9, 2014.

Mr. Ball reported that he issued a notice to CSX Transportation regarding the garbage on their property of which they have not responded. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer hold this issue over until the June 16, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Ball reported that he condemned 208 North Mechanic Street on Tuesday, May 26, 2014 as it is unsafe.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary to adopt Resolution 4 of 2014 as follows:

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO AUTHORIZING A CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION (CFA) TO COMPLETE PROPOSED WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS INVOLVING THE JOINT WASTE WATER SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGES OF CARTHAGE AND WEST CARTHAGE, NY

WHEREAS, The Village of Carthage proposes to undertake Waste Water System improvements located in the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage including but not limited to replacement of equipment and architectural, structural, heating and ventilating and plumbing upgrades at the Water Pollution Control Facility and Collection System Improvements, and

WHEREAS, an Engineering Report has been completed with regard to the project that has estimated the cost of these proposed improvements to be \$8.8 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Carthage is proposing to submit a CFA requesting funds necessary to minimize the impact of this project on existing manufacturers in the community as well as the residents of the twin villages, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Carthage Village Board is the Administrative Agent for the Joint Waste Water System and has approval authority over the proposed project., and

WHEREAS, The Joint Waste Water Board approved the submittal of a CFA to obtain funding at its May 21st, 2014 Board meeting

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Village of Carthage Village Board hereby authorizes submittal of a Consolidated Funding Application to complete waste water system improvements including but not limited to replacement of equipment and architectural, structural, heating and ventilating and plumbing upgrades at the Water Pollution Control Facility and Collection System Improvements.
2. That the President, or in his absence, Deputy President, is hereby authorized to make such application, and to execute any and all documents, contract, funding disbursements, agreements and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Village of Carthage's obligations on behalf of the Joint Water Pollution Control Facility and Collection System.
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore the foregoing resolution was duly adopted unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to formally approve DPW Summer employees previously approved via email poll as follows: Andrew Bracy, Brandon Bush, and Grant Spence to begin employment on June 2, 2014 and Derrick Lamanteer on June 16, 2014 for \$8.00 per hour for 40 hours per week. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan authorizing President McIlroy to sign contracts with Springbrook Software to upgrade the accounting system in the Clerk's Office in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated the Watertown Sunday Softball League hasn't played at the Carthage Park since their kickoff tournament game and the former president of league, Tonino Alteri has resigned and he further stated he has not heard from the new president of the organization. President McIlroy stated there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the CFA for the WPCF improvements at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer requesting the Clerk/Treasurer to send a letter to Carthage Specialty Paperboard regarding the debris which has build up at the dam and request they remove it. Motion carried unanimously.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer