

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
April 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Three Participation in Government students.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

March 23, 2015

4:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tentative Budget public hearing set for April 15, 2015 at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from the Carthage Little League requesting to use the athletic fields for practice. The Carthage Little League further requested the use of the Recreation Building for their annual Little Cesar Pizza drive of which the Clerk/Treasurer confirmed will take place toward the end of May.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to permit the Carthage Little League to use the athletic fields for practice and further use the Recreation Building for their annual Little Cesar Pizza drive toward the end of May providing they coordinate the date with the Clerk's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the request of JoAnn Ives to purchase a grave marker measuring 16" x 10" x 2" with a picture of the geese to be displayed at Long Falls Park in memory of the Carthage geese providing she coordinates the placement of the grave marker with President McIlroy. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Colangelo contacted President McIlroy and stated he wanted to raise geese and release them at Long Falls to replace the geese which were run over by a car. President McIlroy contacted Attorney Gebo who stated if the Village authorizes Mr. Colangelo to release geese; the Village will become liable for them. President McIlroy spoke with area business who are not in favor of replacing the geese. President McIlroy will contact Mr. Colangelo and advise him that the Board did not authorize him to release new geese at Long Falls Park.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore, based on the recommendation of the Water Superintendent, to give Ruth Christman a sewer credit for 744 West End Avenue in the amount of \$215.46 due to broken water pipes. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from NYSDOH regarding the Water Treatment Plant operational response and stated this correspondence should be directed to the Water Superintendent.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the February 17, 2015 meeting, the Board tabled the vote to override the property tax cap for fiscal year 2016 until the budget has been reviewed.

Update 3/2/15: President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue until the March 16, 2015 regular meeting.

Update 3/16/15: President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue until the April 6, 2015 regular meeting.

Update 4/6/15: President McIlroy stated he does not feel the Village will need to override the property tax cap for fiscal year 2016 but requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue until the April 20, 2015 regular meeting.

At the March 16, 2015 regular meeting, President McIlroy read the correspondence received from the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce requesting to place a wall mount mailbox outside their office door and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the April 6, 2015 meeting.

Update 04/06/15: President McIlroy spoke with the Chamber and they agreed to use the racks which are already on the wall in the hallway.

At the March 16, 2015 regular meeting, President McIlroy read the correspondence received from the NYS Public Service Commission regarding the 315 area code being exhausted by the first calendar quarter of 2017 and encouraged the Board to submit their comments by May 8, 2015 and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the April 6, 2015 regular meeting.

Update 04/06/15: President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer to review what the Board decided in the past regarding this issue and to hold this over until the April 20, 2015 regular meeting.

At the March 16, 2015 regular meeting, President McIlroy read the correspondence received from Laban Haverstock requesting reimbursement for his broken glasses due to his fall on the sidewalk at 217 North Washington Street. President McIlroy stated this claim was turned into our insurance company and we are awaiting their response therefore he requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the April 6, 2015 meeting.

Update 04/06/15: We are still waiting for a response from the insurance company therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the April 20, 2015 regular meeting.

At the March 16, 2015 regular meeting, President McIlroy appointed Trustee Latremore to the Jefferson County Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council (WJCTC) local stakeholders group and Trustee Latremore stated she is not available during the daytime.

Update 04/06/15: President McIlroy stated the meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2015 during the daytime and he will attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk/Treasurer explained the amendment to Section 9. of the NYS Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund to be effective January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2019 as follows:

When an employee who is absent because of non-occupational illness, injury or disease, or leave of absence, has notified the Employer of such absence, the Employer will make required contributions, to include Benefit Premiums and HRA Contributions, for a period of four weeks. It is understood the

Fund will make payments for Benefit Premiums and the Employer will make payments for HRA Contributions for weeks five through twenty-six.

The Clerk/Treasurer stated the Board can opt to cost share the employees bi-weekly contribution of \$70.00 for the payment of the HRA Contributions during weeks five through twenty-six. After considerable discussion, the Board requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue over until the April 20, 2015 regular meeting.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated the CEO contacted him and the cleanup for 230 North James Street due to the recent fire is set to begin April 13, 2015. There will be a WPCF special meeting to discuss the Water Street Pump Station project and budgets on April 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.; meeting with the NYS Comptroller's Office to discuss the recent audit of the WPCF on April 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.; a special meeting on April 15, 2015 for the public hearing on the tentative budget at 4:15 p.m.; and WPCF regular meeting on April 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. President McIlroy stated the new Jeter for the sewer system was received today.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore asked if there have been any issues with flooding within the Village. President McIlroy stated no because we have been fortunate the snow has been melting slowly and we haven't had an abundance of rain.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer