

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
June 1, 2015

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Others:** Patricia Bush.

**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 18, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from Ms. Bush in regard to a her neighbor constantly disturbing the peace. The neighbor has been running a generator to power a heater, refrigerator and freezer as National Grid has disconnected their power. Ms. Bush expressed she has called the police and has been told there is no laws prohibiting her neighbor from running a generator for household necessities. Chief Huber submitted correspondence stating he understands the noise is disturbing but after researching the issue; he has no recourse to ask the neighbor to stop running the generator and advised Ms. Bush to contact the Village Board. Deputy President Astafan suggested adding a local law to the Village Code Book to address the issue. President McIlroy stated noise is a difficult thing to enforce as it is measured in decibels. After considerable discussion, President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer to contact Attorney Gebo and ask that he research other jurisdictions for examples of local laws to address the issue to be discussed at the June 15, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to permit the Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity to conduct their kick-off parade for the building of Braman's Block on Saturday, June 13, 2015 to commence in West Carthage at 10:00 a.m. and proceed through Carthage to North James Street and conclude at the Elks Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the letter from the Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity inviting the Board to partake in the parade on June 13, 2015.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore permitting the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce to post their event banner near the gazebo on Water Street one week prior to the Fireworks Festival on July 13, 2015 and to utilize the electricity during the festival. President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer to advise the Chamber that the construction of the Water Street Pump Station may be in progress at that time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to permit the Carthage YMCA to block off the small parking area behind their building for Child Watch Kids to play during the Summer months.

The Board cited liability issues and suggested the kids could utilize the parks throughout the Village. The motion was not carried with all opposed.

President McIlroy read the correspondence from the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding the water samples collected under the third cycle of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation. Ernie Prieto, Water Superintendent confirmed the results were within the reporting levels.

President McIlroy stated the RACOG minutes from the May 19, 2015 meeting are included in the Board packet for their information.

President McIlroy stated Carthage Area Hospital will be hosting a Garden Party on June 19, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for their fiftieth anniversary.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve CDBG 2013 Draw #5 payable to Danyelle Mono and Painting Etc, Inc. \$18,405.00; Lead Safe, LLC \$850.00; and Avalon Associates, Inc. \$1,567.82. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore authorizing a letter of support for the Town of Wilna Housing Authority to participate in the Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Program to enhance their current video security system and overhead door replacement at Brady Acres. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan, based on the recommendation of Joanne Lazore, to hire Summer employees for the Carthage Recreation Program as follows: Kylee O'Shaughnessy; Katelyn Sadler; Mary Runge; Amy Hagenston; Rebecca Lazore; Veronica Bankard; Andrew Siepka; Paige Labouf; Joshua Jackson; and Felicity Runge at a rate of \$8.75 per hour not to exceed 2,000 total hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to declare the following DPW equipment surplus as recommended by Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent: 1983 stone cement mixer; 1989 FMC jet sprayer (sewer rig); John Deere lawn mower 2000 JD 425; Mauldin 1000/walk behind roller; MTD/white snow blower -walk behind; seven hofco week trimmers; five push lawn mowers (2 Yard Machines and 3 White mowers) and further to send the equipment to the Jefferson County auction on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Watertown Fairgrounds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve payment of sick time according to the Personnel Policy or NYS Teamsters Police bargaining agreement as follows: Ernie Prieto, fifteen days, \$225.00; Daniel Trembley, nine days \$135.00; Wendy Oliver, fifteen days \$225.00; Reginald Huber, fifteen days, \$225.00; and Samuel Capone, thirty-nine hours \$121.88. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to permit the Clerk's Office to partake in Summer Hours by closing the office at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays and allow the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk to alternate taking Fridays off and decrease their lunch time from one hour to ½ hour during the months of July, August, and September 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:**

President McIlroy stated there will be a RAGOG meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building to discuss the Twin Village Swimming Pool rules.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to appoint Edgar Countryman as DPW Superintendent, due to the retirement of Daniel Trembley, on August 1, 2015 at an annual salary of \$60,000.00 plus benefits and further to permit Mr. Countryman to keep his longevity benefits to include vacation time and longevity payments for cumulative years of service. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Vary stated Robert Ball, CEO will be out of town from June 3, 2015 - June 12, 2015 but will have his cell phone if an emergency arises.

Deputy President Astafan asked Trustee Vary to check with Mr. Ball regarding the former carwash on South Mechanic Street being sold and used for a landscaping business to see if it is zoned properly for the current use as he has been approached by different residents.

Trustee Vary stated she will be submitting her letter of resignation from the Village Board at the next meeting as she has purchased a new home and will be moving out of the Village limits. President McIlroy stated Trustee Vary has been a good Board member and will be missed. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to contact Jefferson County Board of Elections regarding the Trustee vacancy to see if an election will need to take place in the Fall.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy  
Village Clerk/Treasurer