

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 15, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commissions; Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers (7:07 p.m.) and Stephanie Skinner (7:45 p.m.).

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 Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ms. Amyot stated the Twin Village Pool opens July 1, 2015 and a committee is currently working on policies for the pool to be discussed on June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Amyot stated there will be a Storm Water meeting on June 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village of Black River Municipal Building and the Storm Water meetings will continue on a monthly basis thereafter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the request of Pastor Robert Sly to use the Farmer's Market Pavilion on August 1, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and waive the daily rental fee but require the fee for use of the restrooms and the deposit which will be returned if the Market is found in acceptable condition after the event and further inform Mr. Sly the Board's approval is contingent upon no other scheduling conflicts with the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Deputy President Astafan, based on the recommendation of the Water Superintendent, Ernie Prieto, to deny the request of Garrett and Elizabeth O'Keefe for a sewer credit for 460 South Clinton Street. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the appreciation letter from Josephine L. Avallone for the improvements to her home with CDBG funding.

The RACOG ZBA minutes from the June 4, 2015 meeting were included in the Board packet for their information.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the June 1, 2015 meeting, Patricia Bush submitted correspondence 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. 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.

Update 06/15/15: Attorney Gebo stated noise is difficult to regulate and currently there is nothing in the Village Code Book or Criminal Law to address this type of noise. Deputy President suggested drafting a local law focusing on when you can't run a generator in the Village, i.e. National Grid shut power off for non-payment or personal choice, instead of when it is permissible. Attorney Gebo stated the use of generators and measuring noise are two separate issues.

Robert Ball, CEO approached President McIlroy regarding people living in campers within the Village. Attorney Gebo stated the Village Code Book does not address this issue. Attorney Gebo suggested creating a local law to address this to include a permit system.

After considerable discussion, President McIlroy requested Attorney Gebo submit drafts of local laws to address the use of generators and campers within the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to appoint Sara Bullock to the CDBG Committee as a voting member to replace John McHugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to appoint Sara Bullock to the Jefferson County Stormwater Collation to replace John McHugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Gebo stated if Jefferson County allows the use of sparklers and small fireworks during the fourth of July then the Village does not have a choice to opt out and he is not aware of Jefferson County passing a local law to allow fireworks within the County. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to notify the Police Chief that the Village will not allow fireworks unless Jefferson County allows them.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the yearend budget transfers as follows:

A.402	Registrar of	379.	
A.501	Street Admin	99.9	
A.698	Contractual	31.3	
A.698	Economic	923.	
A.714	Bldg Maint	378.	
A.731	Youth Program	60.0	
A.817	Safety	223.	
A.199	Contingencies		20
G.81	Sewer Admin	484.	
G.19	Contingencies		48

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to accept the monthly departmental reports from Code Enforcement, Community Development, Court, Police Department, Water Department and Treasurer as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The DPW Department report was not submitted and President McIlroy stated the report has not been submitted in over a year. Deputy President Astafan stated he will follow up with the DPW Superintendent.

Deputy President Astafan and Trustee Smith-Spencer reviewed the monthly bills and bank statements including reconciliations prior to the meeting and Deputy President Astafan stated he had a few

questions which were answered prior to the meeting. The documents were also available at the meeting.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 05/28/15, 06/01/15 and 06/11/15 \$70,080.01; Special Grant Fund P/R 05/28/15 and 06/11/15 \$198.73; Water Fund P/R 05/28/15 and 06/11/15 \$12,508.26; Sewer Fund 05/28/15 and 06/11/15 \$7,430.08; Joint Fund P/R 05/28/15 and 06/11/15 \$21,241.26. General Fund Abstracts \$90,000.03; Special Grant Fund Abstracts \$0; Water Fund Abstracts \$40,610.14; Sewer Fund Abstracts \$112,138.00; Joint Fund Abstracts \$119,534.85; Joint Fund Capital Abstracts \$49,276.18. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated there will be a Joint Water/Sewer meeting on June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building; John McHugh's Retirement dinner June 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Carthage Elks Lodge; RACOG Twin Village Swimming Pool meeting June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Carthage Municipal Building; Carthage Area Hospital Garden Party June 19, 2015 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; CIDC meeting June 28, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.; Joint Water/Sewer meeting July 15, 2015 not sure of time; and next regular Board meeting July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. President McIlroy requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo stated he received an easement request earlier today to review from National Grid in regard to the Braman Block property. He suggested the power pole placement may interfere with snow removal and President McIlroy stated he will check with the DPW Superintendent. President McIlroy stated he will also inquire as to why Time Warner Cable does not appear to be included with the easement.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer, contingent upon checking the pole placement with the DPW and Time Warner Cable placement, to authorize President McIlroy to sign the easement with National Grid for the Braman Block property. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Deputy President Astafan stated he checked the condition of the Gazebo and it is in need of repairs such as roofing, primer, and paint. Deputy President Astafan stated he does not feel that it is unsafe for use but will need attention within the next year or so. Deputy President Astafan will have the Community Development Director obtain quotes from contractors to repair the Gazebo.

Trustee Vary has not had a chance to speak with the CEO regarding the former carwash on South Mechanic Street as he has been on vacation, but will follow up with him later this week.

Trustee Latremore requested a no smoking sign be placed at the Carthage Park out of reach so people will quick taking it down. President McIlroy will follow up with the DPW Superintendent about obtaining a more secure sign.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Ms. Avallone asked when the plaque of the geese will be placed and requested to be informed as she would like to be there. President McIlroy stated he will call her when prior to placing it at Long Falls Park. Ms. Avallone requested clarification on items discussed throughout the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve Ms. Skinner's request to use Turning Point Park for her wedding ceremony on June 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular employee and include Attorney Gebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to resume Regular Session at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer