

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
February 1, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to accept the resignation of Russell N. Moseley, with regrets, from the Village police department as a part-time officer effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to accept the resignation of Kathleen Latremore, with regrets, from the Village Board as a Trustee effective May 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the December 21, 2015 meeting, the Board agreed to permit Chief Huber to work additional ten hour shifts at a rate of \$341.40 per shift, only if the shifts are first offered to full time police officers first. Motion carried unanimously.

Update 01/04/16: Attorney Gebo expressed he received an email from the NYS Teamsters stating they now oppose Chief Huber conducting bargaining unit work. Attorney Gebo stated he will set up a meeting with the NYS Teamsters representative to discuss the issue.

Update 01/19/16: President McIlroy stated Attorney Gebo is drafting an agreement for the NYS Teamsters consideration.

Update 02/01/16: President McIlroy stated the NYS Teamsters has yet to sign the agreement. President McIlroy further stated he will be meeting with them on February 10, 2016 for police department negotiations and will address it with them at that time.

At the December 7, 2015 meeting, President McIlroy stated he spoke with the Town of Wilna Supervisor regarding the Village Planning Board and asked if the Town would be interested in taking it over. President McIlroy explained to Mr. Smith that the Village Planning Board rarely meets and is not qualified as the majority of them do not attend required training. Mr. Smith stated he will discuss the issue with the Town Board and Town Planning Board.

Update 12/21/15: President McIlroy stated the Village of Deferiet is also interested in the Town taking over their planning board. Attorney Gebo expressed the Town contacted Tug Hill Commissions for their assistance with the potential transition. President McIlroy stated he has a call into the Village

planning board chairperson to get his input. Deputy President Astafan feels a Village resident should be on the Town planning board if they were to take it over.

Update 01/04/16: Attorney Gebo stated Tug Hill Commissions is working with the Town of Wilna on the transition.

Update 01/19/16: Ms. Amyot stated the Tug Hill Commissions is still working on the transition with the Town.

Update 02/01/16: President McIlroy stated there is nothing new to report.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer authorizing GHD to submit the Village of Carthage revised budget for the WPCF Capital project to NYSEFC in the amount of \$1,875,000.00 which represents thirty percent of the project costs to be financed and corresponds with the bonding resolution dated December 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to authorizing President McIlroy to sign the Shared Services Agreement between NYSDOT and the Village of Carthage to share services, exchange or lend materials or equipment which shall promote and assist the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highways and provide a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties' resources for one year effective February 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to set a public hearing to discuss overriding the property tax cap for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017 immediately following the first public hearing on February 16, 2016 at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the memo submitted from Ernie Prieto, Water Superintendent, regarding the reservoir property. Mr. Prieto stated he went to repaint and post some of the boundary lines on the Lower Springs parcel and discovered the boundary line that bordered the property of Linda Lyndaker had been encroached onto the Village property during logging operations on the Lyndaker property. Mr. Prieto consulted Erik Hirschey of North Country Forestry Services, LLC to review the area and render his opinion. Mr. Hirschey reported that he feels trees were cut on the Village property and the border.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary to send the information to Attorney Gebo and ask that he address it with Linda Lyndaker, the adjoining property owner of reservoir property. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan authorizing President McIlroy, Sarah Bullock, Edgar Countryman, and Kristy O'Shaughnessy to attend the NYS Tug Hill Commission 27th Annual Local Government conference on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at a cost of \$50.00 each and further to include mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated the next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 due to the Presidents Day holiday. Trustee Latremore stated she is not able to attend due to a scheduled vacation.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

None.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to enter Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. to discuss a collective bargaining agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to resume Regular Session at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer