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CARTHAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
April 16, 2012

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Guests:** Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

**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 April 2, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Carthage Coordinated Development Group, LLC was in the process of having their attorney, Timothy Farley, develop the paperwork necessary for the Village to acquire the Village Green to include the maintenance of the property. Attorney Gebo received the paperwork from Mr. Farley to complete the transfer of property but needs to review the easements for the water and sewer lines. Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary authorizing President McIlroy to sign the necessary papers to acquire the Village Green after Attorney Gebo completes his review. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Gebo revised the dog law regarding the distance of the dogs near Village owned playground equipment in a fenced area from 25 ft. to 5 ft. which was proposed during the Public Hearing on March 19, 2012. Due to the tie vote; a decision was not made regarding the dog law therefore was up to the board to decide if they wish to pursue the law as revised by Attorney Gebo. After considerable discussion, motion by President McIlroy and seconded by Trustee Latremore to impose a Local Law to amend Chapter 69 of the Village of Carthage Code by imposing restrictions on dogs at public events. Motion carried with Deputy President Astafan and Trustee Vary opposed.

President McIlroy read the letter from NYS Homes & Community Renewal which states we provided ample information to address the finding, concerns and recommendations identified during the monitoring visit conducted on November 2, 2011 regarding the NYS CDBG Project #185HR55-08.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Proof of notice having been furnished regarding the public hearing to discuss the tentative budget for fiscal year 2013 was called to order at 7:25 p.m. No Village residents were present to speak in regards to the tentative budget. President McIlroy stated the Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) System for the Police Department was not included in the tentative budget in the amount of \$3,818.00 and

recommended to add it to the final budget. Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to accept the budget as presented with the inclusion of the CAD System. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy requested a Special Meeting on April 30, 2012 at 4:15 p.m. to approve the final budget for the period June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to adopt Resolution #3 of 2012 to adopt the Guidelines and Procedures for Administration of the Local Housing Rehabilitation Program using NYS CDBG Funding. Motion carried unanimously.

The CEO Report was reviewed and President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer who the citation was for. He requested the CEO to include the name of the company on the letter in the future.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and there were no questions. The General Fund cash balance is \$847,670.18 with Reserves of \$170,917.14; Water Fund cash balance is \$126,860.01 with Reserves of \$109,498.71 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$54,541.15 with Reserves of \$52,459.74 the Joint Fund cash balance is \$117,777.18 with Reserves of \$397,954.61.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith Spencer to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 04/05/12 and 04/12/12 \$21,347.34; Water Fund, P/R P/R 04/05/12 and 04/12/12 \$3,576.04; Sewer Fund, P/R 04/05/12 and 04/12/12 \$4,141.60; Joint Fund P/R 04/04/12 \$9,078.45 and General Fund Abstracts, \$21,347.34; Water Fund Abstracts, \$0; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$0; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$0. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:**

President McIlroy stated on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 there will be a WPCF Meeting at 4:15 p.m. at the West Carthage Municipal Building. President McIlroy anticipates there will be an EDCC Special Meeting in the near future. President McIlroy summarized the proposed Memorandum of Agreement from Chief Rockhill in regards to a retirement incentive. Attorney Gebo stated he needed to make minor changes to dates within the agreement of which will be forwarded to Chief Rockhill's attorney for his review.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer authorizing President McIlroy to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Chief Reevie Rockhill in regards to a lump sum retirement incentive in the amount of \$15,000.00 and to pay him for his unused vacation leave and further to provide sick leave credits in the amount of \$3.125 for each hour which exceeds 480 hours according to the Police Officers Union Contract providing he retires effective August 3, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:**

Items were covered throughout the meeting.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

None.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

Ms. Avallone requested an explanation regarding the CAD System for the Police Department. The Clerk/Treasurer provided a copy of the budget summary provided by Chief Rockhill. Ms. Avallone requested clarification regarding the code violation due to the dimensions of the sign proposed by 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara Bank who will take over HSBC next month.

**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 one particular person and a potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy  
Village Clerk/Treasurer