

1 Organizational meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
January 3, 2011

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

Guests: Tug Hill Commission, Kathy Amyot; Village residents, Chuck Roberts, Mark Roberts Jr., Julie Roberts, DPW employees Mark Roberts Sr., Edgar Countryman and DPW Superintendant Danny Trembley.

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

Deputy President, Michael Astafan presented Mark Roberts Sr. and Edgar Countryman with certificates of recognition for 20 years of service to the Village of Carthage. The entire Village Board thanked both employees for their hard work and accomplishments in the Department of Public Works. DPW Superintendant Danny Trembley stated that Mark and Ed are “two good workers”.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission stated that the Village Board should soon receive their brochures for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Local Government Conference, which will take place on March 31, 2011 at Jefferson Community College.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Anna Runge Carthage Right to Life, for a Walk for Life, Sunday January 16, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Michael Astafan to approve installation of two new fluorescent signs for Thorpe Street. The first sign being a stopped school bus with arrows in both directions and the second sign indicating that the road is slippery. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Kathleen Latremore to approve the quote from Advance Business Systems in the amount of \$1,299.17 for a computer system, to be located in the President’s office that would allow the Village Board to review abstracts, bank reconciliation data or any other financial information in the clerk’s office. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion on the KVS System for payroll and utility billing the Board decided to hold this request from the Clerk/Treasurer until March or April.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The proposed changes to amend Chapter A-150-8, financial reports, will be held over till the next meeting when Village Attorney Mark Gebo will present.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to DLO Contracting in the amount of \$787.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to DLO Contracting in the amount of \$12,882.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,781.96 for administrative services that qualified for the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve change order number one that decreases the total contract price by \$200.00, due to installation of trees that were shorter in height than specified in the architectural plans for the Guyot's Island/Long Falls Park Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve final payment to Fiacco & Riley for \$52,229.44 for improvements to Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island per the recommendation of the architect Clough Harbor Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers report was presented with Trustee Kathleen Latremore asking the Clerk/Treasurer if she wanted to point out anything specific to the board about the financial documents that were presented. The Clerk/Treasurer responded that there was nothing specific at this time.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A37, 38, & 39 \$25,425.83; Water Fund, #F37, 38, & 39 \$3,777.07; Sewer Fund, #G37, & 38 \$4,579.77; and Joint Fund, #J15, & 19, \$9,518.37. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reminded the Board that the public hearing on the proposed zoning changes will be Monday January 17, 2011 at 7:10 P.M. and no meeting is scheduled for the Planning Board on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Then on Monday January 10, 2011 will be the next EDCC meeting at 4:00P.M.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Michael Astafan reported that the DPW/Teamsters contract negotiations will be Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10A.M. with Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer, Village Attorney Mark Gebo, Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Sears, and himself attending. Then Trustee Kathleen Latremore proposed to the other Board members about setting up a fund, at \$30 a Trustee for the cost of flowers or a dish garden to be sent to a Village employee or an agreed upon person who had an immediate death in the family. The Board agreed with Trustee Latremore and asked the Clerk to have this topic on the next agenda.

#### MEDIA QUESTIONS:

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to enter Executive Session at 7:46 P.M. for discussion on contract negotiations.

Regular session resumed at 8:16 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears** Village Clerk/Treasurer