

1 Organizational meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
December 20, 2010

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

Guests: Village Attorney Mark Gebo

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

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Mrs. Chevier, Teacher at the West Carthage Elementary School to sing Christmas Carols on Friday December 17, 2010 starting at 6:30 p.m., with approval through an email pole from the board members, Mrs. Chevier was given verbal approval on December 16, 2010 due to the email pole. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer and Village Attorney Mark Gebo reported that it appears after interviewing the residents in the most affected areas that the reckless ATV use has greatly declined, with the increase law enforcement presence, and posting no trespassing signs on the old Braman property. Therefore the ATV Committee recommendation is not to change anything at this time or rewrite the current ATV laws in the Village of Carthage.

Trustee Michael Astafan reported that he would have a picture at the next board meeting of the sign he would like installed at the Thorpe Street intersection.

The Clerk/Treasure reported to the board that she has not received the update quote on the computer package from Advance Business Systems and expects to have the revised quote for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize President McIlroy to sign the hold harmless agreement with the Carthage Free Library which holds the Village exempt from any liability in installing the temporary sign or any actions related to the sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize President McIlroy to sign the fire siren agreement with the Carthage/Wilna Fire District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hold a public hearing on January 17, 2011 at 7:10 to consider the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Law relating to Planning Board procedures and criteria for Site Plan and Special Use Permit review. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary as follows:

RESOLVED, that the President of the Village of Carthage is authorized to execute a contract with Avalon Associates, Inc. Community Development Consultants, for preparation of an application for federal grant funding and administrative services required completing all activities under the 2011 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Compensation for those services will be made in the form of specified lump sum fees and hourly billing rates plus expenses where applicable and noted that the CIDC has agreed to pay these fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment to DLO Contracting in the amount of \$14,044.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 CDBG home preservation program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Williamson Services Inc. in the amount of \$349.88 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 CDBG home preservation program. Motion carried unanimously.

Village Attorney Mark Gebo was instructed by the Board to draft up a policy that would amend Chapter A-150-8 which is the Village policy on financial reports provided by the Clerk/Treasurer. The Village Board of Trustees will designate two board members whose responsibility is to provide more thorough checks and balance system on reviewing the vouchers and abstracts.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A35, 36, & 37 \$29,305.49; Water Fund, #F 35, 36, & 37 \$5,102.54; Sewer Fund, #G35, 36, & 37 \$6,963.69; and Joint Fund, #J15 \$9,118.37, and General Fund Abstracts, \$118,313.08; Water Fund Abstracts, \$152,353.32; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$19,410.65; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$131,983.76. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Village Attorney Mark Gebo reported that Town of Wilna Supervisor Paul Smith received the proposed changes to the Farmers Market Agreement last week and hoped to have Paul's comments by the January 17, 2011 board meeting. Mr. Gebo informed the board that the Clerk/Treasurer received correspondence from Environmental Facilities Corporation regarding a refund on 1998A Bond where if approved the Village would receive a small savings in interest expense paid out to the finance company.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the documents received from Environmental Facilities Corporation which will decrease the amount of interest expensed paid on the Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gebo stated that the negotiations between the Village and the Teamster/Department of Public Works will begin after the New Year and the correspondence received from the Environmental Protection Agency was discussed.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the policy of recognizing five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty years of service worked for the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that there are no scheduled meetings until after the first Village Board meeting On January 3, 2011. President McIlroy thanked the Village employees for

their hard work and dedication to the Village of Carthage. Then President McIlroy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Michael Astafan wished everyone a peaceful and joyous Holiday Season. Trustee Rebecca Vary reported about the problem in the Municipal Building upper parking lot. It appears that some people attending Augustine Academy functions are parking in restricted areas. The Clerk/Treasurer was instructed to write a letter to the Augustine Academy to remind those attending functions of the school to not park in the restricted parking areas and if this persists tickets will be issued. Trustee Kathleen Latremore publicly acknowledges a thank you to all the Village of Carthage employees for all their dedication to our community. This same sentiment was unanimously agreed on by all the Trustees along with wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, prosperous New Year.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears Village Clerk/Treasurer

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR