

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
July 19, 2010

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

Excused: Deputy President, Michael Astafan

Guest: Village resident Thomas Runkles, Business Owner, Julie Lawton; Tug Hill Commission, Kathy Amyot; Village Attorney, Mark Gebo; Village of Copenhagen Mayor, Kenneth Clarke, Matt Cooper of Bernier and Carr Associates; Chelsea Craddock, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times Reporter; and thirty eight Participation in Government Students.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. with a moment of silence for past Village Mayor Jack Hall that recently passed away, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of June 21, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of July 2, 2010 special meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission informed the board that Charles Zettek would summarize the Shared Service Police Study at the next Village Board meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Village Board reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding, which if signed the Village of Carthage and the Village of Copenhagen would share services. Matt Cooper of Bernier and Carr Associates and Village of Copenhagen Mayor Kenneth Clarke explained how they met with Carthage Water Superintendant Ernie Prievo who explained the Carthage water meter reading process. The Village of Copenhagen will shortly proceed with their water improvement system project which includes replacing all the current water meters and would like to replace all the water meters with the same system the Village of Carthage currently uses. Village Attorney Mark Gebo pointed out some details in the Memorandum of Understanding that need to be changed and will meet with Village of Copenhagen Attorney Joseph Russell to discuss and revise the proposed agreement.

The Village Board denied Julie Fuller owner of Fuller and Sons Office Supplies Inc., request to lower her water and sewer bill. Ms. Fuller's bill was higher than average due to a toilet "running" on the second floor. President McIlroy explained that if the Board adjusted her water bill it would be an unfair burden to all the other water users.

In Water Superintendant, Ernie Prievo's report he informed the board that the owner of 623 Alexandria Street had a continuous water leak and was notified of this problem back in May. The board denied the request to lower the water and sewer bill, due to prior notification of the water leak.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the request of Scott Mathys, of Lewis County Opportunities to waive the rental fee on the Recreational building for their agency picnic on August 27, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept with regret the resignation of Police Officer Shawn Ryan, who accepted a full time position with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to allow Police Officer Shawn Ryan to remain at the Village of Carthage as a part time officer, with his last day as a full time officer as August 1, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy informed the Board that he spoke with Joseph Plummer, 911 Director for Jefferson County and Mr. Plummer will attend the August 16, 2010 board meeting, to discuss the 911 address issue at Regency Park.

Mrs. Delong in an earlier phone conversation informed the Village Clerk that she does not agree to the estimate and work that would need to be done to eliminate the standing water at her residence on South James Street. Village Attorney Mark Gebo was directed to write Mrs. Delong a letter and ask for a formal response by August 1, 2010.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Village Board reviewed the report sent by Water Superintendent Ernie Prievo that detailed the water leak at 215 South Mechanic Street, and multiple leaks at West End Avenue.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve Reeve Rockhill Chief of Police, request to hire Robert Barlow and Brandon Chirico as part-time police officers for the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve Reeve Rockhill Chief of Police, request to replace one of the aging shotguns with an updated rifle, and the other rifle being budgeted and purchased in the next fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the one year service contract with the Carthage Free Library in the amount of \$5,000 as budgeted. Motion carried unanimously.

The National Grid settlement on the gross receipt utility tax was discussed and tabled till the next board meeting on August 16, 2010.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,672.91 for general 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 payment to Lead Safe LLC. in the amount of \$800.00 for lead paint assessment on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment number one to Fiacco & Riley for \$36,642.63 for improvements to Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island per the recommendation of the architect Clough Harbor Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize the clerk to transfer funds as needed to balance accounts within the 2010 budget of the Village of Carthage. The list is on file in the official minute folder of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R General Fund, #A5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 \$51,432.18; Water Fund, #F A5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 \$10,725.21; Sewer Fund, #G 5, 7, 8, & 9 \$6,257.66; Joint Fund, #J 3, 4, & 6,\$16,615.58 and General Fund Abstracts, \$51,432.18; Water Fund Abstracts, \$10,725.21; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$6,257.66; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$88,431.92. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT MCILROY=S UPDATE:**

President McIlroy reported that he will meet with Mike Lundy next week on the Guyot's Island project. Then, he informed the board that the next Waste Water Pollution Control Facility meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:15 at the West Carthage Municipal Building. President McIlroy apologized to the Board for giving his prior approval on placement of a banner by the Gazebo at Turning Point Park advertising the Benson/Kehoe benefit at the Elks Club.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to allow the Elks Club to hang a banner advertising the Benson/Kehoe benefit on July 24, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

**ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:**

Attorney Gebo reported that Jefferson County real property tax attorney apologized to him for the delay in timing for the Village/CIDC in receiving the Brahman's property. After much Board discussion it was decided to not change the current grass mowing law. Village Attorney Gebo then reported that he has not received any correspondence regarding the Library expansion, or the annexation process with Lonn Covey, but did receive documentation regarding the Nash Property stating that the agreements are being reviewed. It was suggested that the Village President G. Wayne McIlroy, Village Clerk/Treasurer Sherry L. Sears, Town of Wilna Supervisor Paul Smith and Edie Roggie from the Chamber of Commerce, meet to discuss the current contract agreement regarding the Farmers Market.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. for discussion on a collective bargaining issue.

Regular session resumed at 8:12 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:12 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk