

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
November 7, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Mikhala Martens and Kayla Burns, 12 Honors Students.

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 Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ms. Martens and Ms. Burns presented a check to the Board in the amount of \$1,047.00 to be used for the Carthage Recreation Program. The funds are the proceeds from the Spook Trail Event they hosted at the Carthage Park in October 2016. The Board commended the students for their efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the correspondence from Fairview Cemetery Association requesting a water credit due to a leak. After considerable discussion, President McIlroy stated water credits are not granted to anyone else therefore he requested the Clerk/Treasurer to send them a letter denying their request.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to permit the VFW and the American Legion to hold a wreath laying ceremony at Monument Park on December 17, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. to coincide with the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the Carthage Lions Club and Carthage Elks Lodge request for a \$100.00 contribution toward the Eight Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast Celebration that will take place on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at the Carthage Elks Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the appreciation letter received from the Carthage Free Library for the Village's contribution which provides library services to Village residents.

President McIlroy read the correspondence from Carthage Specialty Paperboard regarding their Notice of Intent, Pre-application Document, and request to use the traditional licensing process for FERC Project No. 10887 and stated the letter is for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the July 18, 2016 meeting, Attorney Gebo stated the 120 day notice period for Springbrook to cancel the contract has expired. Attorney Gebo further stated the only correspondence received from Springbrook was a bill for accounting software they never delivered. Attorney Gebo stated he will proceed with collections from Springbrook.

Update 08/15/16: Attorney Gebo is proceeding with collections.

Update 09/19/16: Attorney Gebo stated that he participated in a conference call with Springbrook representatives and the Clerk/Treasurer on September 9, 2016 and is hopeful that we will have a resolution in the near future.

Update 10/03/16: President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the October 17, 2016 regular meeting when Attorney Gebo is present.

Update 10/17/16: Attorney Gebo stated he thinks Springbrook is waiting for confirmation from their legal department and he will follow up with them.

Update 11/7/16: The Clerk/Treasurer stated she received a phone call from Springbrook who stated the Village should receive a refund check within the next few weeks.

At the July 18, 2016 meeting, President McIlroy read the correspondence received regarding a dangerous tree at 602 Alexandria Street and stated he would follow up with the CEO.

Update 08/15/16: Attorney Gebo stated a violation notice has been sent to the property owner and no response has been received therefore Deputy President Astafan requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the September 19, 2016 meeting.

Update 09/19/16: The CEO submitted correspondence stating the property owner is looking into removing the tree and he should have an update at the October 3, 2016 meeting.

Update 10/03/16: President McIlroy stated the CEO informed him that National Grid and Eager Beaver plan to remove the tree on Friday.

Update 10/17/16: President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer if she spoke with the CEO. The Clerk/Treasurer stated she spoke with the CEO and a portion of the tree has been removed by National Grid and the CEO left a message for the property owner requesting the status of the remaining portion of the tree.

Update 11/07/16: President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until Attorney Gebo is present at the November 21, 2016 meeting.

At the October 17, 2016 meeting, President McIlroy stated he noticed in Chief Huber's report that Officer Higman is leaving the police department and his last day of employment would be October 27, 2016.

Update 11/07/16: President McIlroy stated Officer Higman has changed his mind and intends to remain a fulltime police officer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to return unpaid taxes to Jefferson County in the base amount of \$139,964.04; penalties of \$11,197.13; for a total of \$151,161.17. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy stated he spoke with the CEO regarding the highlighted changes he would like the Village to make in regard to the Village Code, Chapter 59. Campers, Travel Trailer, Motor Homes, and Recreational Vehicles. President McIlroy requested the Trustees to look it over and further requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the November 21, 2016 meeting.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to permit the Clerk/Treasurer to close the Clerk's Office on Friday, November 25, 2016 and the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk will use their benefit time to account for the day. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated November 8, 2016 is Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote; November 11, 2016 is Veterans Day and encouraged everyone to honor veterans; November 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. is the Annual Holiday Parade; November 15, 2016 is the next RACOG meeting at 7:00 p.m.

at the Carthage Municipal Building; and a Joint Utility Board meeting on November 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the West Carthage Municipal Building.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore suggested the Village look into the land for sale which is adjacent to the DPW. President McIlroy stated he will look into it.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer