

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
June 1, 2009

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees, Michael Astafan, Rebecca Vary, Kathleen Latremore and Bernard Frezza.

Guests: CRT and WDT Reporter, Kara Clark; Tug Hill Commission, Kathy Amyot; and 9 Participation in Government Students.

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

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk with the following two corrections: With regards to the Carthage Little League, the following is to be added: "President McIlroy and the Village Board agreed to meet with any representative of the Carthage Little League to discuss the Carthage ball field being used again by the Little League teams." With regards to Resolution #12, add the following: "This resolution is for the Carthage Medical Office Complex Phase II." Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot of Tug Hill Commission explained that the results of the Community Survey of Tug Hill residents and property owners would be presented at its open house at the Champion Town Hall on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. Open house starting at 6:30-7:00 pm and the presentation and work sessions would be from 7:00-9:00pm. The next RACOG Recreation Committee meeting will be June 11, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the West Carthage Municipal Building.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request of the St. James Church to put up banners in the grassy area by the bridge and another in the grassy area by the Carthage Recreation entrance, to advertise the upcoming annual fair on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

The request of 507 West Street resident, Thelma Burns, to have a crosswalk installed at the intersection of West Street and South Mechanic Street was denied due to a crosswalk not being feasible and overall hazards on that section of the street.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Bernard Frezza, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve Joanne Lazore to hire four part time summer help personnel to work at the Parks and Recreation Department starting at a rate of \$7.50 an hour for a combined 30 weeks worked for all four part time summer help workers, starting when Mrs. Lazore schedules it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve Police Chief Reeve Rockhill's request to place unclaimed bicycles from 2007 and 2008 in the upcoming county auction on June 20, 2009 at the Watertown Fairgrounds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Dan Trembley to hire David Streeter on June 8, 2009, Hannah O'Brian on June 2, 2009, and Jacob Frezza on June 16, 2009 for summer help at a rate of \$7.50 an hour and to approve Joanne Lazore as the Parks and Recreation Assistant Director at a rate of \$10.30 an hour for 10 weeks, starting late June. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve one meeting a month for the months of July and August- July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve and authorize the Village President and Clerk/Treasurer to sign the 2009 Tax Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the Clerk to attend a workshop on Records Management in Rome, New York on June 17, 2009 from 9am to 1pm.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment to Lead Safe LLC in the amount of \$800.00 for lead paint house inspections that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment to Angus Construction in the amount of \$3,567.50 for house repairs that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to hold a public hearing on a proposed increase in parking fines and late fees, June 15, 2009, following the two previously scheduled public hearings on snow removal and grass mowing fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #63, 64 & 64A \$23,442.38; Water Fund, #F63, 64 \$3,037.52; and Sewer Fund, #G63 & 64 \$2,462.31. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy announced that the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Joint Court complex between the Village of Carthage and the Town of Wilna would be Tuesday June 2, 2009 at 11am. On June 11, 2009 at 7am would be the Planning Board's public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. President McIlroy after discussion with the Board of Trustees decided that the Probation Officers would meet in the old court room not in the new court complex due to potential privacy of information issues. It was discussed whether a citizen who rents the Recreation Building should be allowed to use the gas stove. The gas stove would require a Village employee to light the stove, and after the renter is finished with the stove, the Village employee would have to return to the Recreation Building and properly shut off the gas. Due to these potential extra charges the Trustee's are undecided on allowing renters of the Recreation Building to use the stove. It was decided that Trustee Michael Astafan would meet with DPW Superintendant Danny Trembley to discuss this matter further and this would be place on June 15<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Bernard Frezza informed the Board that due to his present job not being secure, he has accepted another job in the Catskill Mountain area and has placed his house up for sale. He

explained that he would continue to be a Trustee until his house was sold and he was no longer a resident of the Village. President McIlroy then asked Trustee Rebecca Vary if she would be the liaison for the Joint Water and Sewer Board, she accepted. This change would allow Trustee Bernard Frezza to step down from the Joint Water and Sewer Board, but he would keep his other liaison positions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter Executive Session at 7:43P.M. for a litigation matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 7:59P.M.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize the President to sign and deliver list of preferences for an Arbitrator in a grievance matter with the Department of Public Works employee. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:00P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk**