

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
September 8, 2009

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

Guests: CRT and WDT Reporter, Kara Clark; Tug Hill Commission, Kathy Amyot; Water Superintendent Ernest Prievo, DPW Superintendent Danny Trembley, DPW employee Barry Lavine, DPW employee Vincent Lemieux, residents Donald Campany, Lonn Covey, Robert Sly, Stephanie Sly, Glenda Watson and one Participation in Government Student.

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 Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy presented certificates from New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials for recognition of distinguished public service and to acknowledge their dedication and commitment to their communities. Village Department of Public Works employee; Barry W. Lavine received a certificate for twenty five years of service, and DPW Superintendant Daniel F. Trembley received a certificate for thirty years of service, DPW employee, Vincent D. Lemieux, was also presented a certificate from NYCOM for his thirty years of service. Vincent D. Lemieux was presented a plaque from the Village of Carthage for his 30 years of dedicated service to the Village. Daniel Trembley and Linda Weir were already presented with thirty year plaques from the Village of Carthage at a previous board meeting. Retired Village Clerk/Treasure Linda M. Weir was unable to attend due to family business but will be sent her certificate for thirty years of distinguished service to the community.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Village resident and Pastor Robert Sly approached the Board with a petition signed by over forty people supporting the idea to have Canal Street be a one way street and lowering the speed limit to fifteen miles per hour on that street. Mr. Sly is very concerned with the potential hazard of someone getting run over that lives at Long Fall Apartments or anyone that crosses in that area, that will be going to Grinders, Rite-Aid or Jreck Subs. President McIlroy accepted the petition and will have the Village Police Chief make his recommendation on this situation. Then President McIlroy asked the Clerk to send a letter to the business owners of Grinders, Rite-Aid, and Jreck Subs to have their opinion on this proposed change to Canal Street.

Kathy Amyot of Tug Hill Commission informed the board that the Joint Infrastructure Management System deadline to be involved in the program is September 23, 2009. This management system would inventory municipal resources. President McIlroy asked Mrs. Amyot what the estimated cost would be for this program, she replied \$3,700.00 and then President McIlroy asked the Clerk to include this in the budget discussion for next year.

Village resident Lonn Covey had some additional questions for the Village Board regarding his Alexandria Street property to be annexed out of the Village. Mr. Covey asked President McIlroy if he would need a lawyer to draw up the annexation papers and what additional steps need to be done. President McIlroy explained that he would have the Clerk relay his questions to the

Village Attorney Mark Gebo and that Attorney Gebo would be present at the next Board Meeting on September 21, 2009.

Village resident and property owner on Alexandria Street, Glenda Watson explained that she was in full support of her property being annexed out of the Village and asked if the annexation was approved would she receive a refund on Village property taxes she has already paid. President McIlroy answered that she would receive a pro-rated refund if the annexation was approved.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve Joanne Lazore's request, to use the recreation building for flag football and cheerleading practice provided there would be no conflict in the scheduling of the recreation building. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve Pastor Robert Sly's request to use Turning Point Park on September 12, 19 and 26, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. for a one hour concert. Motion carried unanimously.

The request of the Business Development Corporation of Massena for a resolution that would support the construction of Interstate 98 was tabled until more information is received and collected.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy asked the clerk if more information was received on, Envision RX Options Incorporated, the prescription coverage company that RACOG and NYCOM provided information to municipalities on, the clerk has not yet received the requested information from similar prescription companies.

It was decided by the Board to table the discussion on Nationwide Payment Solutions MuniPAY until next fiscal year when more information is available on municipalities who currently use the payment processing company.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Donald Campany landowner of property on Norris Avenue has requested water and sewer hookup on three parcels of land he owns on Norris Avenue. President McIlroy explained to the board that Mr. Campany's situation is unique, in that the first parcel is completely in the Village limits, the second parcel is half in the Village and half in the Town of Wilna, and the third parcel is completely in the Town of Wilna. President McIlroy commented that this situation would need to be discussed with the Village Attorney Mark Gebo, the Town of Wilna Board and the Joint Waste Water Treatment Board.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize President McIlroy to sign the Joint Contract between the Village of West Carthage and the Village of Carthage with New York State for the 2009 Small Cities CDBG program. The Village was awarded a \$400,000 grant for housing rehabilitation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Avalon Associates LLC in the amount of \$1,600.83 for general administrative services performed from June 28, 2009 to August 1, 2009 that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block 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 inspections that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Redfield Contracting in the amount of \$17,100.00 for house repairs that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Angus Construction Co. in the amount of \$11,120.00 for house repairs that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Painting Etc. in the amount of \$8,905.00 for house repairs that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Hrabchak, Gebo & Langone, PC in the amount of \$30.00 for professional services that qualified for the 2008 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to P & M Construction in the amount of \$7979.00 for house repairs that qualified for the 2008 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment of payrolls and abstracts as follows: General Fund P/R #A15, 16, 17, 18, & 18A \$43,722.14; Water Fund, #F15, 16, 17, & 18 \$4,608.88; Sewer Fund, #G15,16, & 18 \$2,257.22; and Joint Fund, #J6, 6A& 7 \$18,589.07; General Fund Abstracts, \$39,300.08; Water Fund Abstracts, \$1,937.93; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$1,364.59; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$82,226.17. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy gladly informed members of the board and the media that the Village of Carthage has received over 1.4 million in grant money this year. The breakdown would be a \$400,000.00 grant between the Village of West Carthage and the Village of Carthage for the 2009 Small Cities Community Block Development Grant program, \$424,000.00 for the Main Street Grant and \$579,136.00 for the Restore NY Grant. President McIlroy informed members that the Twin Villages Community Picnic will be Sunday September 13, 2009 from noon to 5pm at Getman Memorial Park in West Carthage. RACOG will be having a meeting on Tuesday September 15 starting at 7pm and Utility Board will meet Wednesday September 16, 2009 at the West Carthage Municipal Building at 4:15 PM. The next Village Board meeting would be Monday September 21, 2009. President McIlroy explained that the Wilna/Carthage Democrat Caucus will meet on Thursday September 17, 2009 at 7:00pm at the American Legion to nominate candidates for the following offices: Village Trustee, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, two Town Councilman positions and the Town Highway Superintendent position.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

#### MEDIA QUESTIONS:

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 8:02 P.M. for a personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:35P.M.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to have the Village Clerk/Treasurer purchase a new computer for the Clerk's office and then give that computer to the Village Code Enforcement Office. The Code Enforcement Officer Rick Soluri would then have access to the internet and have the capability to receive email from Village residents. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:37P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears**, Village Clerk