

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 2, 2008

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

Excused: Trustee Bernard Frezza.

Guests: Resident Deborah Delong; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill; Debi Atkins, Shuttle bus Chairperson; and 11 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 Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

South James Street resident, Deborah Delong attended the meeting to address the ditch behind her house and the schedule of when it would be cleaned. Recently it has been done once a year but in past years it was done twice a year. She has heard that the cleaning will stop at her house. In addition her neighbor is digging up the ditch with a four wheeler and causing water problems. He has cleared trees from the ditch area and wants to have a pond to attract wild life. She is wondering if he can do that and is considering calling D.E.C. President McIlroy said he will need to check on the cleaning of the ditches and when it will happen, adding that as he remembers, the Superintendent stated previously that in the 30 years he has worked he the crew has never gone further than the two houses beyond Farr Street. Ms. Delong added that the ditches continue behind the houses all the way to the new Firehall site. President McIlroy said there is such a thing as a natural ditch and that might be what those are. Ms. Delong said she is going to contact D.E.C. about the pond her neighbor wants to add to his property and if need be she'll block both ends of the ditch behind her house.

Brandon Olley, a members of the 12 Honors class advised the Board that his group has made the posters for the Long Falls Park kiosk and would now like to build one at the downtown park "former fire site". John McHugh has picked a site for the kiosk and recommended aluminum due to possible vandalism. The one Brandon is looking at will fit into the design of the park and the clock. Brandon doesn't believe that his group will be able to complete this project by graduation; the aluminum signs and the pricing he has received appear to be very high. He has been looking at alternative places to purchase them. Trustee Astafan provided a couple of alternative places to contact regarding this. President McIlroy commended the group for the work they have done – the kiosk adds to the look of the site. Brandon said he is making posters for the kiosk now and will put the design on a CD so that it is ready for printing. Brandon also said he would be able to help some before going to college this fall.

Debi Atkins, Chairpersons for the Shuttle Bus attended the meeting to inform the Board that the new bus should be delivered by the end of August. Debi added

that with the new gas prices the cost to run the shuttle bus has doubled, from \$200 to \$400, a week. They have also seen a rise in the riders; persons who do not have the funds to donate. The VFW, American Legion and Long Falls Tenant Association has donated funds to the Bus. Due to the added costs, Debi has talked with Chief Reeve Rockhill and he is agreeable to the Shuttle Bus group using his "cell" to arrest persons who will in turn call people to get their release from jail. The group has approximately 10 individuals participating and each will be required to post at least \$50 before their release. President McIlroy, concerned over the possibility of the Police having an arrest to make, asked if the holding cell will actually be used and Debi said no and that if a problem should arise like that they will move to another site, possibly the Board room if possible. Debi added that the group is still looking for volunteers to be arrested.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Shuttle Bus fund raising activities at the Police department with the understanding that the Police Chief is in agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy reminded Debi that there may be construction going on in the former Firehall in August and therefore the shuttle bus will no longer be able to use the site to house the new bus. Debi said she has been looking at other possible sites and said everyone has appreciated the Board allowing them the use.

Kathy Amyot informed members that representatives from Natural Bridge attended the RACOG meeting asking to be a part of the Villages summer program. The representatives are exploring options with their residents and will hold a meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 to discuss this option. On June 10th there will be a meeting in West Carthage to gather ideas from both Villages residents regarding the Waterfront Development grant program. There is a joint agency meeting on June 23rd, 2pm and June 24th, 10am at Great Bend. Also the Guyots Island project is moving along.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding the Water District #1 Agreement, President McIlroy said he has talked with Town Supervisor Paul Smith and the amended Contract needs to be sent to him. Dates need to be established for meeting.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve and authorize the Village President and Clerk/Treasurer to sign the 2008 Tax Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve one meeting a month for the months of July and August – July 21st and August 18th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of unused sick leave as follows: Reeve Rockhill, \$343.75; and \$225.00 each to Vincent LeMieux, Ernie Prievo, and Dan Trembley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Dan Trembley to hire Ashley Frezza and Rebecca Clary for summer help at a rate of \$7.50 an hour beginning June 2, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A64 & 65 \$21,094.97; Water Fund, #F64 & 65 \$3,006.05; Sewer Fund, #G64 & 65 \$2,479.93; and Joint Fund, #J25, \$8,858.31. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reported that the permit for demolition of the barn on the Crawford property was issued today and estimated to be down within 10 days. The DPW negotiations are ongoing while there is a tentative agreement with the Water Pollution Control Facilities employees. Upcoming meeting at June 5th, the Planning Board and June 13th the downtown park dedication.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore said she needs an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:37P.M. for a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:00P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk