

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
January 15, 2007

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees Rebecca Vary, Kathleen Latremore and Bernard Frezza.
And Attorney Mark Gebo.

Absent: Trustee Michael Astafan

Guests: Lucille Shettleton, Village Justice; John McHugh, Economic Development Coordinator, Steve Gamble, Missing Link Snowmobile Club; Jeremiah Papineau, CRT; Robert Brauchle, WDT; and 7 members of the Participation in Government Class.

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

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

John McHugh discussed with members proposed Resolution #1 of 2007, regarding establishing lead agency and type of action for New York State SEQRA review of the Buckley Building Restoration Project at 301-305 State Street, Carthage. The resolution acknowledges that the project is an unlisted action and that the Board intends to conduct a coordinated review of this unlisted action for which the Board intends to be lead agency.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Resolution #1 of 2007 unanimously as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Carthage has been awarded a \$1,000,000 Restore NY grant to assist in the restoration of the Buckley Building at 301-305 State Street, Carthage, NY; and

WHEREAS, this action requires a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and is considered unlisted in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 617.4 (9) because this action is designed for the preservation of the building; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board intends to conduct a coordinated review of this unlisted action for which the Board intends to be lead agency.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That this board hereby determines this action to be unlisted in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 617.4 (9) because this action is designed for the preservation of the Buckley Building.

SECTION 2. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to notify all other involved agencies of the Board's intent to conduct a coordinated review, and to be Lead Agency for this review.

SECTION 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. McHugh also discussed with members reapply for a Small Cities grant for home renovations for residents who qualify. John suggested that the Board prepare an RFP and advertise for a consultant to assist with the application.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to adopt Resolution #2 of 2007 unanimously as follows:

WHEREAS, The Village of Carthage is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds through the Governor's Office for Small Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Carthage is considering applying for federal funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village is considering hiring a consultant to assist in the preparation of Small Cities CDBG applications in the next three competitive rounds of funding (2007, 2008, 2009) and to organize and administer the program following grant award; and

WHEREAS, New York State requires that a request for proposals process be completed before a consultant can be selected to prepare a Small Cities Application and administer the grant once awarded.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of the Village's request for proposals from qualified Community Development Consultants who can assist the Village with activities required to secure funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program in the 2007, 2008, 2009 funding rounds, and organize and administer the local program if funded.

SECTION 2. That all proposals must be received at the Village Clerks Office by 4:00 PM on February 16, 2007.

SECTION 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Steve Gamble, Missing Link Snowmobile Club, attended the meeting to discuss with members a new trail system for Snowmobilers within the Village of Carthage. The trail would begin in the former railroad bed owned by the Village behind the former Ames store site, then continue along the railroad tracks to Riverside Drive where it would run parallel to the fencing behind the Farmers Market pavilion, along Riverside Drive until it reaches the bridge that connects Carthage and West Carthage. This trail could actually be used year around. President McIlroy asked if it's the Clubs intention to go through the Farmers Market to which Mr. Gamble responded yes, along the fence line. It was noted that the Village of Carthage is currently on the Club's insurance. Trustee Frezza asked about protection of the lawn area at Long Falls Park. Mr. Gamble responded that in the Spring you usually can't tell where the Snowmobiles have been. When asked by Trustee Latremore Mr. Gamble responded that without the approval from the Railroad the trail won't exist.

Village Justice Lucille Shettleton attended the meeting to discuss with members the Courts concerns over the plan being discussed in the newspapers regarding District Courts. Justice Shettleton, among other Justices in our area, is in favor of keeping our local Courts and believes we need to move on this before it becomes a hardship on the people. Discussion followed on possible grants available and the need for security items. Justice Shettleton informed the Board that four local justices will be meeting with representative to discuss what we may be able to get in the form of grants to assist with our local courts. President McIlroy thanked Justice Shettleton for coming to the meeting and asked her to keep the Board informed of any new information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to deny the request of Edward Lyndaker to tap some maple trees on the Carthage Reservoir property as per the recommendation of Forester Erik Hirschey and Water Superintendent Ernie Priervo due to their concerns over the tent caterpillar outbreak. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce to use the recreation building at Carthage Recreation Park for their 9th Annual Winterfest Celebration on February 10, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve a \$250 contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for their 9th Annual Winterfest program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Anna Runge, Chairman, Carthage Right to Life, to hold their 24th Annual Walk for Life on Sunday, January 21, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the 2007-2008 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement which includes a Lump Sum increase to our contract from \$37,174.93 to \$39,092.67. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the National Grid recommendation of two (2) 150 watt high pressure sodium street lights on Hospital Drive to accommodate the re-configuration of the road. The lights will be installed at each end of the new roadway. The cost annually for the two lights will be \$513.86. Motion carried 4 – 1 with President McIlroy abstaining due to his employment with National Grid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion followed on the proposal submitted by Superintendent Trembley for signage on Hospital Drive. Members were agreeable to the S curve signs but as recommended by Trustee Latremore, the recommended speed for the curve will be 15 instead of 20 mph.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Dan Trembley to install two diamond shaped signs, one at each end of the S curve on Hospital Drive, to inform drivers that the curve is approaching. Further, two yellow, 15 mph speed signs will be added to the same poles as a recommended speed for the curve. The Village DPW will order and install the signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment of Payrolls #A43, 44& 45, \$29,812.37; #F43, 44 & 45, \$3,119.47; #G43 & 44, \$2,120.28; #J17, \$6728.92; and Abstracts #A8, \$86,207.65; #F8, \$12,336.72; #G8, \$3,654.41; and #J8, \$72,882.91. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo informed members that he has three items to update members on in Executive Session; 2 claims and a collective bargaining update. The Board was also advised that there is nothing that prohibits the Board from putting in a crosswalk on Canal Street but advised that the Railroad must be informed of our intentions. Attorney Gebo will require measurements for the crosswalk from the State Street corner and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Police Chief to request that he provide this measurement.

Trustee Frezza said he would like to see a sidewalk installed for the High Rise residents from the current sidewalk to the street; the site is now a grassy area. President McIlroy said he would look into a sidewalk being added this spring.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to hold a public hearing on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7:15 P.M. for the purpose of adopting a local law to install a crosswalk on Canal Street that crosses from the High Rise to the Eckerd's building. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated that he still hasn't heard anything from the Library on the parking lot offer. There is a RACOG meeting the 16th; Utility Board meeting on the 17th at West Carthage and Planning Board meeting 2/1/07.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore informed members that Code Enforcement Officer Rick Soluri has met with Juliette Astafan and she believes the problem is being resolved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter into Executive Session at 7:40P.M. for the purpose of discussing 2 claim matters and 1 collective bargaining matter as requested by Attorney Gebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:20P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:20P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk