

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room
September 4, 2007 – 7P.M.

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

Guests: Lani Yearicks, Agnes King, Habitat for Humanity representative, Brian Drappo; Kathy Amyot, Jeremiah Papineau, CRT; and Robert Brauchle, WDT.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.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 20, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Lani Yearicks informed members that she raised \$708 on her last 5K run but is still about \$1,600 short of her goal. She would like to hold another run – 10 K on October 13, 2007 at 10:00AM.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request of Lani Yearicks to hold a 10K run on October 13, 2007 at 10:00AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Agnes King, residing at 301 Church Street addressed the Board on a local law they passed last month on the parking on Church Street. Mrs. King was unable to attend that meeting and is requesting that the Board change the law to allow her two (2) parking spaces in front of her home on Church Street. She has a petition of 16 names of Church Street residents recommending that the parking in front of Mrs. King's house remain as parking allowed. President McIlroy explained that the Board had followed the request of Church Street residents when the law was passed, that request to be no parking on the West Side of the street. A new law and public hearing would be needed to make this change and it will take until October 15th to do that if the Board decides in favor of the change. Mrs. King was concerned over what to do in the meantime and asked if she would be ticketed if she parked in front of her home. President McIlroy said with the current law in place she could be ticketed and suggested that she park on Brown Street in the meantime.

Brian Drappo, Thousand Island Area Habitat for Humanity attended the meeting to request that the Village waive the water and sewer hook up fees for the new house that they are building. There is also an issue with rock on the site and the DPW Superintendent told the group that they could dump the fill at the Athletic Field site if it was approved by the Board.

Trustee Astafan said he didn't see a problem with the Village waiving these fees since the Habitat group saved the Village from possible demolition cost by purchasing and tearing down the two unsafe building that were on the site. And now, a new home, fully taxable will be built on that site. Trustee Astafan can support and defend the waiver of fees. Members concurred.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the request of Thousand Island Area Habitat for Humanity for a waiver of water and sewer hook-up fees for their property on North Washington Street in the Village of Carthage. Further, the Board is in agreement with fill from the Habitat site being dumped at the fill site at the Athletic Field with the permission of the Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Amyot reminded members of a RACOG planning committee meeting and the 6:30p.m. September 11, 2007 RACOG recreation committee meeting at the Town of Wilna. Kathy also informed members that there has been an announcement made regarding a shared services grant in the amount of \$13,700,000.00. Two municipalities must apply and can receive up to \$100,000 for each community. President McIlroy will meet with Kathy to review the grant.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize the Clerk to advertise for an additional three public hearings on Local Laws for September 17, 2007. The laws are on extended parking for recreational vehicles, non-motorized campers, trailers and storage containers on Village streets; fees for snow removal services; and clarification of the restrictions regarding residential units in a building which may also have commercial areas. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the License Agreement between the Village of Carthage and Brian and Karen Brennan as it relates to their garage being partially on the Village Monument property. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of Payrolls #A15,16 & 17, \$32,429.50; #F15, 16,& 17, \$4,637.39; #G15 & 16, \$1,407.64 and #J7, \$9,249.72. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy presented members with upcoming meeting dates and asked Trustee Frezza if he had heard anything new on the billboards for the ball field at the park? Attorney Gebo asked about it at the last meeting. Trustee Frezza said he emailed the Pee Wee league president today and hasn't heard anything back from him.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Astafan reported to members that electrician John Spicer has completed the installation of a control switch and generator hook up for the Municipal Building; a job well done. We are now ready if and when we need to use a generator to power the Municipal Building. A test run might be a good idea.

Trustee Vary asked Kathy Amyot to report on the visit of Matt from the Hartgen Associates regarding the archeological study needed at Guyotts Island. Kathy said the meeting went well; there is lots of vegetation on the island presently. Matt is looking for Sanborn maps and pictures of the site where the mills were. She will be checking with Laura Prievo, the Village historian.

Trustee Frezza commented on the great job done this summer by the Recreation Director, Scott Benson and his helpers; much time and work was put into the fields, maintenance and drainage. The Recreation program was also a huge success and a report is forthcoming. A representative of the Tug Hill Commission has walked the trails at the park and used a GPS system. Markers and trail head signs are being made and we are awaiting final maps from the GPS. Signs and markers were paid for by the Steps for a Healthy New York grant.

Trustee Latremore stated that the DPW has had a busy summer; the summer help have all gone back to college; blacktopping is done; new sidewalks are done and they are now looking at the fall jobs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter Executive Session at 7:33P.M. for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter that if discussed openly could jeopardize the outcome. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 7:55P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 7:55P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk