

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
March 3, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Members: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Deputy President Astafan and Trustees Kathleen Latremore and Rebecca Vary. Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer was excused.

Others: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commissions; and four Participation in Government Students.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 special meeting joint with the Village of West Carthage as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the request of the American Legion Auxiliary Bassett Baxter Unit 789 to conduct their annual Poppy Drive on May 1st and 2nd, 2014, and distribute poppies at various businesses within the Village limits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to permit the Carthage Elks Lodge to conduct a Flag Day parade on Saturday, June 14, 2014 to commence in West Carthage at 11:00 a.m. and proceed through Carthage to North James Street and conclude at the Elks Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the request from Carthage Area Hospital to waive the late fees due to nonpayment of their water bill. President McIlroy stated that the Village does not waive late fees for residents and Deputy President Astafan stated we should treat everyone equally. Trustee Latremore expressed that we should make an exception due to their fiscal crisis and if the hospital closes, it will be a greater burden on Village residents.

Motion by Trustee Latremore to work with Carthage Area Hospital on a payment plan to pay the late fees. There was no second to the motion therefore it was not carried.

Motion with regrets by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by President McIlroy to not honor the request of Carthage Area Hospital to waive the late fees due to nonpayment of the water bills totaling \$1,622.25 and request that they remit a check for the late fees. Motion carried with Trustee Latremore not in favor and Trustee Vary abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the 02/18/14 regular meeting, President McIlroy commented on the extensive water shut off list as of February 4, 2014. The Clerk/Treasurer explained that several payments had been received and an updated list will be distributed to the Board at the March 3, 2014 meeting.

Update 03/03/14: President McIlroy commented that there was still an extensive water shut off list as of 02/28/14. Deputy President Astafan requested the Clerk/Treasurer to email the disconnect list on the shut off date of 03/05/14.

NEW BUSINESS:

President McIlroy read the letter from the NYS Comptrollers Office which based on the 2013 Annual Update Document, indicates the Village is currently classified a No Designation with a fiscal stress score of 1.7%. President McIlroy stated the low score was a credit to everyone.

President McIlroy read the letter from the Pratt Northam Foundation Board of Directors who funded our Recreation Grant request in the amount of \$5,000 which is an increase of \$1,000 from last year. The Clerk/Treasurer expressed that the Village will not receive State Aid for the Recreation Program this year.

President McIlroy read the award letter from NYS Unified Court System notifying the Village Court of their grant award in the amount of \$488.00 to be used to restore pictures for the Court Room. Trustee Latremore congratulated Justice Shettleton for her grant seeking efforts.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan authorizing President McIlroy to sign the five year contract with Westelcom to provide fiber optic telephone and internet services for the Village at a monthly cost of \$406.77 which is a sixty percent decrease over the current telephone and internet costs. Motion carried unanimously. Deputy President Astafan commended the efforts of the Clerk/Treasurer to seek lower cost options for the Village.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore authorizing budget transfers and adjustments as follows:

Budget Transfers 03/03/2014

	BUILDING		
A.1620.0442	MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	
A.1620.0421	BUILDING INS.		1,000.00
	ADJUST BUILDING MAINT. TO ACTUAL		
	SNOW REMOVAL		
	JOB RELATED		
A.5142.0472	REIM.	139.99	
	STREET CLEANING		
	JOB RELATED		
A.8170.0473	REIM.		139.99
	ADJUST DPW JOB REIMBURSEMENTS TO ACTUAL		
A.7110.0491	MONUMENT PARK	100.00	
	VILLAGE GREEN		
A.7110.0495	PARK	1,000.00	
A.1990.0400	CONTINGENCIES		1,100.00
	ADJUST PARKS EXPENSES TO ACTUAL		
A.7310.0100	YOUTH PROGRAM	140.00	

A.7140.0435	PERSONAL SERVICES ATHLETIC SPECIAL ITEMS TO DEPT.		140.00
ADJUST YOUTH PERSONAL SERVICES TO ACTUAL			
A.8170.0461	STREET CLEANING VEHICLE EQUIPMENT FUEL	2,484.79	
A.8170.0460	STREET CLEANING VEHICLE MAINT/REPAIR ADJUST STREET CLEANING TO ACTUAL		2,484.79
A.9730.0700	DEBT INTEREST, BAN	1,262.95	
A.1990.0400	CONTINGENCIES ADJUST INTEREST EXPENSE TO ACTUAL		1,262.95
G.8150.0400	JOINT SEWER PROJECT FUND	807.45	
G.1990.0400	CONTINGENCIES JOINT SEWER AMOUNT ADJUSTED AFTER BUDGET APPROVED		807.45

**Budget
Amendment**

A.3650.0400	DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS	57,000.00	
A.0000.5031	INTERFUND TRANSFERS		57,000.00
TO ACCOUNT FOR 511 ADELAIDE STREET DEMOLITION AND TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VILLAGE LOAN FUND			

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated there will be a meeting with representatives and their attorneys from the Town of Champion, Village of West Carthage, Deputy President Astafan, and himself on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Inter-municipal Agreements for the Joint Sewer System at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building. President McIlroy stated there will be a WPCF budget review meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to forward the email received regarding the DEC Notice of Intent from Bernier and Carr to John McHugh, Village Planner. President McIlroy stated there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on March 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Champion offices to discuss the former Braman Property.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Vary stated there are street lights out on State Street. President McIlroy stated that we are waiting for National Grid to correct the problem.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer