

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
May 5, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Tonino Alteri and Herb DeJousdor, Watertown Sunday Softball League.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested a moment of silence due to the passing of John Lawrence, Wastewater employee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the invitation received from the Carthage Free Library regarding their Annual Wine Tasting and Art Show on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m. at the Carthage Free Library on 412 Budd Street, Carthage.

President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to forward the request for CDBG grant loan forgiveness regarding Marjorie Rancier to the CDBG committee.

President McIlroy read the determination from the New York State Office of the State Comptroller's Office confirming the Village of Carthage was materially within the allowable tax levy limit for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2014.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Deputy President Astafan authorizing President McIlroy to sign the judgment complaint against Ricky Meyers for the cleanup of 511 Adelaide Street, Carthage, in the amount of \$56,991.70. Motion carried unanimously.

On March 17, 2014, President McIlroy read the letter received from the Watertown Sunday Softball League requesting use of the Carthage Park fields from May 20, 2014 – August 20, 2014. After considerable discussion, President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to send the Watertown Softball League a letter to set up a meeting to discuss the details of their request.

Update 04/07/14: President McIlroy and Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent met with Tonino Alteri, President of the Watertown Sunday Softball League. Mr. Alteri stated it is a large league with members who live in the Village of Carthage and they are interested in hosting games on Sundays at the Carthage Park from May 18, 2014 – August 20, 2014. The Watertown Sunday Softball league would provide a certificate of insurance and would assist with lining the fields. They requested use of the restrooms and it was noted that an additional port-a-john may need to be rented. Mr. Trembley stated DPW employees would prepare the fields on Friday but could not guarantee their condition on Sunday. Trustee Latremore stated they would need to review the Village Code regarding smoking and alcohol. Deputy President Astafan stated it would bring people into the Village who would frequent local

businesses. After considerable discussion, President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the April 21, 2014 regular meeting.

Update 04/21/14: President McIlroy recapped the meeting he had with Mr. Alteri, Mr. DeJousdor, and Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent regarding the condition of the Carthage Park fields. The DPW will grade and pump the fields on Fridays, but will not attend to them if there is inclement weather over the weekend. President McIlroy requested the Watertown Sunday Softball League line the fields and pick up the trash and further informed them that they would not have use of the recreation building but there would be a port-a-john available for their use. President McIlroy stated that historically, the Village has not charged for the use of their fields but suggested the League could donate to the Summer Youth Recreation program. President McIlroy asked Attorney Gebo to draw up a contract for the use of the fields by the Watertown Sunday Softball League on scheduled Sundays from May 18, 2014 – Labor Day and Attorney Gebo requested a certificate of insurance. Mr. Alteri will forward a copy of the schedule as soon as it is available and requested the flexibility to host a few tournaments. Chief Huber requested that the League adhere to the parking restrictions at the park and to use the parking lot and not the roadway.

Update 05/05/14: Mr. Alteri stated the WSSL would like to host the 2014 WSSL Kick-off Benefit with the proceeds to be split between the Family of Alex Soluri and the Village of Carthage Youth Program at the Carthage Park on Sunday, May 18, 2014 to commence at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Alteri also stated that they are finalizing the season schedule and will forward a copy to the board when it is completed. President McIlroy encouraged Mr. Alter and Mr. DeJousdor to observe the condition of the fields as we have had a lot of rain. Mr. DeJousdor requested permission to make the distance of the bases to comply with the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) and President McIlroy stated to notify the Village prior to making changes.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer authorizing President McIlroy to sign an agreement with the Watertown Sunday Softball League to make the Carthage Park fields available commencing on May 18, 2014 – September 1, 2014 on scheduled Sundays contingent upon receipt of certificate of liability insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alteri and Mr. DeJousdor left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

At the April 7, 2014 meeting the board made a motion to permit the Carthage YMCA to host their family fun run/walk to promote healthy kids and 4-H Camp Wabasso on Saturday, May 31, 2014 or the rain date on Sunday, June 1, 2014 to include the use of the Carthage Park and Village streets to proceed from Park Drive, State Street, Hospital Drive, West Street, South Washington Street, Cemetery Street, South James Street, North James Street, Fulton Street, and end on Park Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Update 04/21/14: The Carthage YMCA submitted a request to change the date of the family fun run/walk to Saturday, June 14, 2014 due to a scheduling conflict with another community event. Chief Huber reminded the board of the Flag Day Parade and the St. James Fair to be conducted on that day. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to contact the Carthage YMCA to set up an alternate date.

Update 05/05/14: Due to scheduling conflicts, the Carthage YMCA requested to change the date until the fall.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee to permit the Carthage YMCA to host their rescheduled family fun run/walk on Saturday, October 11, 2014 to include use of the restrooms and pavilion areas contingent on providing a certificate of liability insurance to the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the quarterly North Country Clerk's Association meeting in Camden, New York on May 8, 2014 to include reimbursement of mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary authorizing the Clerk's Office to be closed on Friday, May 23, 2014 as the Clerk/Treasurer will be at a meeting for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Board and the Deputy Clerk will use vacation time to account for the day. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Braman Property will be Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and at 5:00 p.m. will be a WPCF Workshop with GHD. On May 12, 2014 President McIlroy will meet with Attorney Gebo, Deputy President Astafan, and Scott Burto, Mayor of West Carthage.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore commended the DPW for the great job they are doing regarding the Spring cleanup.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to enter Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to resume Regular Session at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer