

Special meeting of the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facility Management Board
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
October 30, 2014

Attendance:

Carthage Members – Chairman Michael F. Astafan; President Wayne McIlroy and Trustees Linda Smith-Spencer and Kathleen Latremore.

West Carthage Members – Mayor Scott Burto. Trustees Scott Sullivan and Rob Peluso were excused.

Others Attending – Bart Crary, DANC Chief Plant Operator; Carrie Tuttle, DANC Director of Engineering; Charles Prior, GHD Engineer; and Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

Call to Order:

Chairman Astafan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Water Street Pump Station:

Mr. Crary explained the Water Street lift station has been problematic over the years due to the age of the pumps which were installed in 1972. Pump number two failed at the beginning of September and was sent for repairs of which the vendor has been unable to find replacement parts. Pump number one began to fail on October 20, 2014 and contingency plans were begun to keep the lift station running. On October 23, 2014 the pump gallery was found half full of sewage due to the failing pump and Mr. Crary contacted Chairman Astafan and NYSDEC to notify them of the emergency issue and Chairman Astafan granted permission to take the necessary steps to keep the lift station pumping. Mr. Crary explained he then contacted Pump Service and Supply to rent a submersible pump for \$1,200.00 per month; Hyde Stone Mechanicals to configure the pump; and Gleasons Septic Service to pump the sewage from the well. Mr. Crary expressed this is only a temporary fix and there is no backup pump if the rental pump should fail. Ms. Tuttle explained the Water Street pump station is in the preliminary engineering report to be replaced during the capital project for the WPCF. Mr. Prior presented an estimate to the Board for the replacement of the Water Street pump station, not including soft costs, in the amount of \$240,000.00. Mr. Prior stated if the Water Street pump station was replaced, NYSEFC would deem the costs eligible when the capital project takes place. Chairman Astafan asked if price quotes were obtained to replace the pumps and Mr. Crary stated they are approximately \$10,000.00 per pump which does not include installation. Ms. Tuttle expressed that when the capital project takes place, the pumps would not be used as they plan to bring the pump station above ground and discouraged the Board from spending money unnecessarily. Chairman Astafan expressed his concerns about keeping the pump station running while the lift station was reconstructed. Ms. Tuttle stated they could rent or borrow another pump to act as a backup during the construction period. Mayor Burto stated the Board could do a short-term temporary fix and replace the pumps or a long-term solution and replace the entire lift station which would be reimbursable by NYSEFC. Chairman Astafan stated Attorney Gebo will need to be contacted to prepare Bond resolutions for financing for a capital project and asked Mr. Prior to produce an estimate of all the costs to construct a new lift station. President McIlroy asked Mayor Burto if West Carthage plans to proceed with the capital project and Mayor Burto stated they will have to somewhat. President McIlroy asked Ms. Tuttle if the treatment plant could be scaled back and made smaller to save money. Ms. Tuttle stated the pre-treatment permits utilize the current capacity of the plant. President McIlroy asked Ms. Tuttle if it was possible for us to connect to the Great Bend sewer system and Ms. Tuttle stated no and the costs would far exceed the capital project at the treatment plant. President McIlroy asked Ms. Tuttle if Carthage Specialty Paperboard build their own wastewater treatment plant if we could decrease our capacity and she stated no only in less aeration and sludge. Mayor Burto asked Mr. Prior if a USDA application has been prepared as their rates are better than the 4% financing rate currently offered by NYSEFC. Mr. Prior stated a USDA application has not been prepared and he would still like to work toward obtaining hardship funding from NYSEFC. Chairman Astafan outlined the following steps to take place for the next regular meeting scheduled for November 18, 2014:

- 1) Have Mr. Prior obtain price information to replace the Water Street lift station.

- 2) Have Mr. Prior prepare the pre-application for USDA.
- 3) Have Ms. Tuttle contact Attorney Gebo and notify him of the current situation and request his presents at the next meeting.

The Clerk expressed the current IMA's have yet to be updated to proceed with the bond resolutions and Mayor Burto stated we can use the existing IMA's.

Discuss GHD response to NYSEFC:

Mr. Prior shared his proposed written response to NYSEFC regarding obtaining more points to make the capital project eligible for hardship funding. Mayor Burto thought GHD was going to coordinate a conference call with NYSEFC to discuss the additional point because of the SCADA equipment installation for Carthage Specialty Paperboard. Mr. Prior stated they would like to submit the proposed draft report in writing and follow up with a conference call to discuss. Mr. Prior will forward the response to NYSEFC and schedule the conference call.

Any Other Business Which May Come Before the Board:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
WPCF Clerk