

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the CarthageMunicipalBuilding
January 5, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Ernie Prievo, Water Superintendent; Jim Zehr, John Farney, and Pat Lane, Long Pond Snow Club; and Reginald Huber, Village Police Chief at 7:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Trustee Latremore requested a moment of silence due to the passing of former Governor Mario Cuomo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Zehr distributed copies of maps of the Village water shed property in Belfort and expressed Long Pond Snow Club would like to create a snowmobile trail along the power line which runs through the property. Long Pond Snow Club would like to have trails to decrease the amount of snowmobile traffic on the roadways. Mr. Zehr stated that people currently snowmobile on the Village watershed property and if the Village approves the creation of the trail by Long Pond Snow Club, the Village will be covered under the NYS Snowmobile Association for liability insurance and issued a certificate of insurance for approximately \$2,000,000. After considerable discussion President McIlroy stated he would have Mr. Prievo present the Long Pond Snow Clubs request at the next Joint Utility meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the letter received from Northern Employee Assistance Services notifying the Board of their name change to Pivot.

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from NYS Homes and Community Renewal congratulating the Village on the CDBG grant award in the amount of \$900,000 for the WPCF.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the December 1, 2014 meeting President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer if she received a response from the NYSDOT regarding posting rough railroad crossing signs on South James Street of which she answered no. President McIlroy requested she send a second letter to NYSDOT requesting a response and further to send a letter to the Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad.

Update 12/15/14: President McIlroy stated NYSDOT sent the request to the Department of Traffic & Safety for their review and are awaiting their response.

Update 1/5/15: President McIlroy read the response received from Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad informing the Village that it is the responsibility of the NYSDOT to erect signage regarding rough railroad crossings and they are aware of the condition of the railroad crossing and will continue to provide remedial maintenance until such time as it can be replaced. President McIlroy also read the response received from NYSDOT stating they are still awaiting the response of the Department of Traffic & Safety.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve CDBG 2012 Draw #22 payable to Hrabchack & Gebo, PC \$60.00; Ricky Hartle and Painting Etc Inc \$8,430.00; George Ablan and W.S Weaver Construction \$8,879.43; and Ruth Sly & John Scoville SJS Builders \$8,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve CDBG Program Income Draw #1 payable to Constance Peck and John Scoville SJS Builders \$800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve CDBG 2013 Draw #1 payable to R-Factor Spray Foam Insulation \$1,000.00; Lead Safe, LLC \$1,700.00; Josephine Avallone & Painting Etc Inc \$7,470.00; and Avalon Associates, Inc. \$18,148.57. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan authorizing Resolution 1 of 2015 as follows:

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AVALON ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR APPLICATION PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, The Village of Carthage has completed the CDBG Administrative Services procurement process for the 2013-2015 application period; and

WHEREAS, such process included legal notice in the Carthage Tribune on 12-17-12 inviting prospective consultants to submit proposals to the Village regarding these administrative services; and

WHEREAS, the Village received one response from Avalon Associates Inc.; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed this proposal and has recommended selection of Avalon Associates, Inc to provide these services.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION 1. Avalon Associates, Inc. is hereby selected to prepare an application for federal grant funding and provide administrative services required to complete all activities under the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

SECTION 2. That the Village of Carthage President, or in his absence, the Deputy-President is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver, any and all contracts, certifications, administrative documents, and agreements necessary to effectuate this action.

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

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore authorizing President McIlroy to sign applications for State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grants to repair Guyots Island due to flooding in the Spring of 2014 and replace the entrances to the Municipal Building with handicap accessible doors. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the training certificates received for Samuel Capone and Shane Smith for attending the Interview and Interrogation Training sponsored by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and commended their efforts.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated he has been approached by several recipients of CDBG housing grants thanking the Village for the upgrades to their homes. President McIlroy stated the WPCF committee met for the first time regarding the funding and upgrades to the WPCF and he thought the meeting went well. President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer if a bill had been sent to Gary Trombley for the demolition and cleanup of his property on 230 North Mechanic Street and she replied no. President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send Mr. Trombley an invoice and if payment is not received within thirty days to contact Attorney Gebo. President McIlroy stated the first meeting for DPW Teamsters negotiations will be January 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore stated the street light on North Washington Street still does not work properly and Chief Huber stated he would notify National Grid again.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to enter Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular Water Department employee; the employment history of a particular police officer and invite Chief Huber to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Huber was excused at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to resume Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore, based on the recommendation of Chief Huber and agreement of Officer Higman to deduct thirty-six hours of compensatory time from Officer Higman, in lieu of a three day suspension due to a recent accident with the police vehicle which caused \$800.00 in damages as he was traveling at a speed not reasonable for road conditions and this is his third accident. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to adjourn at 8:16p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer