

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
February 17, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Ernie Prievo, Water Superintendent; Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers; and Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commissions.

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 Betty Jean Revette, former Village Trustee, 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 February 2, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from National Grid with contact information for their representatives in the event of a major gas emergency and asked the Clerk/Treasurer to forward the information to the department heads.

President McIlroy read the request received from Carthage Bears Pop Warner requesting financial assistance due to the cost of reconditioning their football helmets and asked the Clerk/Treasurer to include the request during the budget process.

President McIlroy read the Support Fort Drum flyer and encouraged Trustees to attend the Rally and Listening Session at JCC on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

President McIlroy read the thank you letter from 4Paws for Parker for the Village's support of events which assisted in raising funds to purchase a service dog for Parker Setliff.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the February 2, 2015 meeting, the Board authorized the Long Pond Snow Club to create a snowmobile trail through the watershed property providing they coordinate with Ernie Prievo, Water Superintendent; provide a certificate of liability insurance from the NYS Snowmobile Association; post signage stating snowmobiles need to stay on trail watershed property; and further sign an agreement with the Village of Carthage if advised by Village Attorney.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to authorize President McIlroy to sign the agreement with the Long Pond Snow Club to create and maintain a snowmobile trail along the power line on the Village watershed property in Croghan. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to authorize President McIlroy to sign the Shared Highway Services Agreement for the period January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Water Shut Off Register as of February 3, 2015.

Mr. Prievo explained the memo he submitted to the Board regarding the water main break on outer Alexandria Street in the Town of Wilna. Mr. Prievo stated according to the agreement the Village has with the Town of Wilna, it is the Village's responsibility to repair the waterline and bill the Town of Wilna for the expenses incurred in the amount of \$2,149.32. Mr. Prievo also stated a gate on private property was damaged by Tracey Equipment when the track hoe was delivered. President McIlroy asked Mr. Prievo to notify Tracey Equipment of the damage.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

President McIlroy opened the Public Hearing to discuss housing and community development needs in the Village and to consider an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through the NYS Office of Community Renewal. No one wished to comment therefore there was a motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to close the hearing at 7:11 p.m. Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to adopt Resolution 7 of 2015 as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE VILLAGE OF WEST
CARTHAGE AND THE TOWNS OF WILNA AND CHAMPION
FOR 2014 FUNDING UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is available through the NYS Office of Community Renewal to support local community development activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the village of Carthage is administering a local housing rehabilitation program with CDBG funding that has been received in the past; and

WHEREAS, the village of Carthage intends to apply for additional CDBG funding to continue those activities in the villages of Carthage and West Carthage and the towns of Wilna and Champion; and
WHEREAS, this proposal has been considered at a public hearing that was conducted by the Village Board of Trustees on February 17, 2015; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village President is authorized to sign a Cooperation Agreement with the village of West Carthage and the towns of Wilna and Champion and submit a joint application for Community Development Block Grant funding for consideration in the 2014 competition through the NYS Office of Community Renewal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 applications, certifications, administrative documents, and agreements necessary to effectuate this program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted unanimously.

President McIlroy opened the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a local law to override the property tax cap for fiscal year 2016. No one wished to comment therefore motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to close the hearing at 7:12 p.m. Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to table the vote to override the property tax cap for fiscal year 2016 until the budget has been reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to authorize the following budget transfers for account balancing:

A.1110.0410 Village Justice Telephone

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A.1110.0442	Village Justice Building Maintenance	3,600.00	
A.1325.0420	Treasurer Internet	225.00	
A.1325.0430	Treasurer Office Supplies		225.00
A.3120.0410	Police Telephone	450.00	
A.3120.0421	Police Insurance		450.00
A.5010.0410	Street Admin Telephone	300.00	
A.5010.0441	Street Utilities		300.00
A.9040.0800	Workers Compensation	1,873.00	
A.1990.0400	Contingencies		5,923.00
A.9710.0700	Debt Interest Bonds	8,831.25	
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F.8340.0432	Contracts/Maint Agreements	8,200.00	
F.9040.0800	Workers Compensation	1,500.00	
F.1990.0400	Contingencies		9,700.00
G.9040.0800	Workers Compensation	1,400.00	
G.1990.0400	Contingencies		1,400.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to accept the monthly departmental reports from Community Development, Court, Police Department, Water Department and Treasurer as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The DPW report was not submitted.

President McIlroy stated the police report commended Officer Capone for going above and beyond his duty during the recent fire at 330 North James Street.

Deputy President Astafan and Trustee Smith-Spencer reviewed the monthly bills and bank statements including reconciliations prior to the meeting. The documents were also available at the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Smith Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 01/22/15, 01/29/15, 02/05/15, and 02/12/15 \$63,886.58; Special Grant Fund P/R 01/22/15 and 02/05/15 \$198.74; Water Fund P/R 01/22/15, 01/29/15, 02/05/15, and 02/12/15 \$16,054.19; Sewer Fund P/R 01/22/15, 01/29/15, 02/05/15, and 02/12/15 \$10,813.96; Joint Fund P/R 01/22/15 and 02/05/15 \$11,569.16. General Fund Abstracts \$209,691.15; Special Grant Fund Abstracts \$0; Water Fund Abstracts \$42,993.18; Sewer Fund Abstracts \$97,779.52; and Joint Fund Abstracts \$68,712.23. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated there is a Joint Utility meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Carthage; a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. sponsored by Carthage Area Hospital; and a CIDC meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

Ms. Amyot reminded the Trustees to register for the 26th Annual Government Conference at JCC. Ms. Amyot stated a new Joint ZBA IMA will be forthcoming as the Village of West Carthage has requested to join.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Deputy President Astafan requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a Water Department employee and a DPW employee and requested Mr. Prievo to attend. Trustee Latremore commended Officer Capone for his efforts and further commended the Water and DPW Departments

due to the water issues and excessive snowfall. President McIlroy also commended the DPW and Water Departments due to frozen water lines and snow, snow, snow he further stated they are doing a great job.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo requested an Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement with the DPW Teamsters Union.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Ms. Avallone requested clarification for items discussed throughout the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to enter Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular Water Department employee; the employment history of a particular DPW employee; and a collective bargaining agreement with the DPW Teamsters Union and to include Mr. Prieto and Attorney Gebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prieto was excused at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to resume Regular Session at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to continue the temporary employment of Tyler Pominville as a DPW Laborer at the current rate of pay until May 31, 2015 due to the excessive snowfall and water main breaks and freeze ups. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer