

Special meeting of the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facility Management Board
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
January 7, 2016

Attendance:

Carthage Members – Chairman Michael F. Astafan; President G. Wayne McIlroy; and Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer. Trustee Kathleen Latremore was excused

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

Others Attending – Bart Crary, DANC Chief Plant Operator; Charles Prior, GHD Engineer; Bruce Ferguson, Town of Champion Supervisor; Kris Dimmick, BC&A Engineer; Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers; and Debi Pierce, West Carthage Clerk/Treasurer.

Call to Order:

Chairman Astafan called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

New Business:

Chairman Astafan explained the Town of Champion, as part of their sewer district project, is upgrading their sewer line from a ten inch pipe to a twelve inch pipe leading to the sewer treatment plant. While digging near the fence line of the plant, BC&A smelled petroleum, called NYSDEC, and contacted Chairman Astafan. Chairman Astafan explained he called for the meeting today to determine who owns the property and to strategize how to address the contamination issue which he recalls from 1993. Chairman Astafan asked the Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Crary to research records for information from the early nineties relating to the area and both were unsuccessful. Mr. Crary contacted NYSDEC to obtain records and was informed he needed to submit a FOIL request of which is in process. Mayor Burto stated according to Jefferson County tax records, the land is owned by both the Village of West Carthage and the Village of Carthage. Mr. Ferguson stated depending on the extent of the cleanup; they may be able to include the cleanup in their project. Mr. Dimmick stated the Town of Champion can complete their project with the exception of the twelve inch pipe which can be completed at a later date. Mr. Prior stated they will not be working near the effected site during the WPCF capital project. After considerable discussion, Chairman Astafan suggested to wait until the information is received from NYSDEC regarding the contaminated area and copy the WPCF Board and further send a letter to NYSDEC informing them that the WPCF Board is researching their options and costs.

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer authorizing Chairman Astafan to send a letter to NYSDEC asking clarification on what has changed at the contamination site and what their expectations are of the WPCF Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dimmick stated the Town of Champion is two weeks from completion of their sewer district project and plan to close the project in June 2016 with the exception of changing the piping to the Treatment Plant. Mr. Dimmick feels the pipe can be replaced in the fall of 2016.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
WPCF Clerk