

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
March 7, 2016

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Others:** Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commissions.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 16, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Ms. Amyot stated the next MS4 meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village of Black River Municipal Building and the group will be preparing the report to go to NYSDEC. Ms. Amyot expressed Attorney Gebo has been working on an IMA between the Town of Wilna and the Villages of Carthage and Deferiet. Ms. Amyot stated emails will be forthcoming regarding how the new planning board will be formed. President McIlroy expressed he prefers to have a meeting to discuss the details with all of the involved parties. Ms. Amyot stated she will send out an email to coordinate a meeting. Ms. Amyot distributed a flyer regarding the Sixth Annual Black River Watershed Conference on June 8, 2016 at Maggie's on the River in Watertown.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the request of the West Carthage Fire Department to host the 120th Northern New York Volunteer Fireman's Parade on June 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to begin on North James Street and proceed onto State Street to West Carthage; and further permit them to set up a judging stand 25 feet long by 8 feet wide on State Street across from the Chatterbox restaurant of which the Village will assist with reserving this area providing they remove the judging stand immediately following the parade. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the request of Rev. David Allision, Carthage Church of the Nazarene, to use the area around Turning Point Park for an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March, 27, 2016 commencing at 6:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the request of Pastor Robert Sly to use the Gazebo at Turning Point Park, to include use of the electricity, for their afternoon concert on August 6, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from Pratt Northam Foundation informing the Village that they funded their Summer Recreation Program in the amount of \$7,000.00 and the Summer Concert Series in the amount of \$1,000.00.

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from the New York State Office of the State Comptroller stating the Village of Carthage scored 11.3% fiscal stress and 9.2% environmental stress which is no designation.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer authorizing CDBG 2013 owner contribution payment #1 in the amount of \$27,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

At the December 7, 2015 meeting, President McIlroy stated he spoke with the Town of Wilna Supervisor regarding the Village Planning Board and asked if the Town would be interested in taking it over. President McIlroy explained to Mr. Smith that the Village Planning Board rarely meets and is not qualified as the majority of them do not attend required training. Mr. Smith stated he will discuss the issue with the Town Board and Town Planning Board.

Update 12/21/15: President McIlroy stated the Village of Deferiet is also interested in the Town taking over their planning board. Attorney Gebo expressed the Town contacted Tug Hill Commissions for their assistance with the potential transition. President McIlroy stated he has a call into the Village planning board chairperson to get his input. Deputy President Astafan feels a Village resident should be on the Town planning board if they were to take it over.

Update 01/04/16: Attorney Gebo stated Tug Hill Commissions is working with the Town of Wilna on the transition.

Update 01/19/16: Ms. Amyot stated the Tug Hill Commissions is still working on the transition with the Town.

Update 02/01/16: President McIlroy stated there is nothing new to report.

Update 02/16/16: Attorney Gebo stated Tug Hill Commissions verified the current terms of the Town of Wilna Planning Board members. He further stated Tug Hill Commissions is working on a model to propose to both the Village and the Town of Wilna.

Update 03/07/16: Ms. Amyot will coordinate a meeting with the Town and Villages.

At the February 1, 2016 meeting, the Board requested to send the information to Attorney Gebo and ask that he address with Linda Lyndaker, the adjoining property owner of reservoir property the encroachment on the reservoir property during logging operations on her property.

Update 02/16/16: Attorney Gebo stated he mailed a letter to Ms. Lyndaker last week and has not received a response yet.

Update 03/07/16: Ms. Lyndaker's son contacted Attorney Gebo and expressed they want to make things right with the Village. They agreed to wait until Spring to assess the extent of the damage to the Village watershed. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to remove this from the agenda.

The Board reviewed the water shut off list. President McIlroy stated if the amounts are not paid by March 7, 2016, their water will be shut off.

At the February 16, 2016 meeting, the Board authorized Attorney Gebo to send a letter to Ablans Business Center regarding their Village Loan Fund loan.

Update 03/07/16: The Board has not received a response from Ablans Business Center therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the March 21, 2016 meeting.

At the February 16, 2016 meeting, there was a public hearing to discuss overriding the property tax cap for the upcoming fiscal year. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the budget has been reviewed.

Update 03/07/16: The budget has not been reviewed yet therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the March 21, 2016 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore authorizing Timothy Steiner and Tyler Pominville to attend the New York Rural Water Conference in Lake Placid from May 16, 2016 - May 19, 2016 at cost not to exceed \$1,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy set budget workshop meetings for March 10, 2016 and March 15, 2016 to commence at 4:15 p.m.

**PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:**

President McIlroy stated there is a police contract negotiations meeting March 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building and encouraged Trustees to attend. President McIlroy stated there will be a water/sewer board meeting March 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Trustee Latremore stated she is still concerned about the garbage throughout the Village. President McIlroy encouraged her to continue to report it.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to enter Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to resume Regular Session at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy  
Village Clerk/Treasurer