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THE VILLAGE OF CARTHAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
April 4, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Samuel Capone, Village Police Officer and 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 Smith-Spencer to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ms. Amyot stated NYS Tug Hill Commission is sponsoring a comprehensive planning land use workshop on April 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Jefferson Community College and Ms. Amyot will forward the information to the Clerk/Treasurer to distribute to the Board. Ms. Amyot expressed a shared planning board meeting between the Town of Wilna, and the Villages of Deferiet and Carthage will take place at the Town of Wilna offices on April 7, at 10:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency stating the results from the samples they collected on May 19, 2015 for Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule were less than the minimum reporting levels.

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.

Update 03/21/16: President McIlroy stated the Town and Villages intend to meet in April.

Update 04/04/16: The meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Wilna offices.

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.

Update 03/21/16: Attorney Gebo requested an Executive Session to discuss this matter.

Update 04/04/16: The Clerk/Treasurer stated Ms. Ablan has yet to respond. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this over until the April 18, 2016 when Attorney Gebo is present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to publish a notice in the Carthage Republican Tribune reminding residents the DPW will pick up grass, leaves and brush during the Spring and Summer months. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to authorize payment for unused sick time for DPW employees per the terms of their union contract for Vincent LeMieux \$135.00 and Brian Johnson \$120.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated there will be a meeting at the Carthage Municipal Building to discuss the Summer Concert Series on April 5, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.; a meeting to discuss the Town of Wilna taking over the Village Planning Board on April 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.; Village Police contract negotiations on April 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. and Carthage Area Chamber Business After Hours will be hosted by Community Bank on April 13, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President McIlroy called the public hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. to discuss the tentative budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017. President McIlroy expressed the Village tax rate remained the same for the third consecutive year at \$7.44 per thousand dollars of assessed property value. The tax levy is projected at \$1,161,890.00 which exceeds the NYS Real Property Tax Cap of 0.12 %. President McIlroy stated the tentative budget includes an increase in the water rate of \$0.20 bringing the water rate from \$4.66 to \$4.86 and further stated the sewer rate will not increase. No Village residents were present to speak in regard to the tentative budget. Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to close the hearing at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to accept the tentative budget as presented and further adopt it as the final budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017 in the amount of \$4,264,103.00. Motion carried with unanimously.

The Board commended the Clerk/Treasurer for putting the budget together and making it easy for them to review and understand.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Deputy President Astafan requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a DPW and a Water Department employee. Trustee Latremore commended Mr. Ball for doing a great job getting the garbage cleaned up throughout the Village.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to enter Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a DPW and a Water Department employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to resume Regular Session at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer