

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
May 2, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Reginald Huber, Village Police Chief and Melissa Martin.

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 Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ms. Martin requested the use of Turning Point Park on May 28, 2016 for a wedding ceremony.

President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer if there were any other events taking place on that date and she responded no.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve the request of Ms. Martin and her future husband Kevin Wood, to hold their wedding ceremony at Turning Point Park on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the correspondence received from NYS Department of Public Service regarding the consideration of a Clean Energy Standard program to be discussed on specific dates throughout the state.

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.

Update 04/18/16: President McIlroy stated he met with representatives at the Town of Wilna and they reviewed the draft agreement provided by Attorney Gebo. The group forwarded their comments back to Attorney Gebo who will make the changes. Attorney Gebo stated the Village zoning law will need to be amended. President McIlroy will meet with the Town of Wilna to review the agreement with the changes made by Attorney Gebo. The Board set a public hearing on May 16, 2016 at 6:10 p.m. to discuss changes to the zoning law to allow for a joint planning board with the Town of Wilna and further abolish the current Village Planning Board.

Update 05/02/16: President McIlroy stated a public hearing is scheduled for the May 16, 2016 meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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.

Update 04/18/16: Attorney Gebo stated he has yet to receive a response from Ms. Ablan. Attorney Gebo stated the board has two choices; to accept the \$100.00 monthly payments, which does not cover interest on the loan or return the checks received and sue for the monthly payments. President McIlroy requested Attorney Gebo to return the checks and pursue court proceedings.

Update 05/02/16: President McIlroy stated the Board will continue with legal proceeding and will discuss the progress at the next meeting when Attorney Gebo is present.

NEW BUSINESS:

President McIlroy requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a former police officer.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to permit the Clerk's and Community Development offices to close on Friday, May 27, 2016 and for employees to use Personal and/or Vacation time to account for the day. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy requested the Board to review the proposed updates provided by the Clerk/Treasurer to Village Policies Personnel Section A150-26 - A150-48.4 and be prepared to discuss at the May 16, 2016 meeting. President McIlroy stated he requested the Clerk/Treasurer to provide paper copies of the proposed policy changes to the Board members.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated there will be the annual Citizen of the Year dinner at the Carthage Elks Lodge on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 commencing at 5:00 p.m. to honor this year's recipient Amy McEathron.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to declare May 10, 2016 as "Amy McEathron Day" in recognition of her dedication to our community throughout 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer if a response has been received from Springbrook software and she responded no. President McIlroy stated this will be the last meeting for Trustee Latremore as an elected official and thanked her for her service. President McIlroy stated there will be a special

CIDC meeting on May 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.; Police contract mediation on May 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.; and the Citizen of the Year dinner May 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore commended Mr. Ball, CEO for his efforts citing residents to clean up their residences.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to permit the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the quarterly Clerk/Treasurer meeting in Watertown on May 12, 2016 to include reimbursement for mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to enter Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a former police officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to resume Regular Session at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to hire Brennan Ordway as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$18.00 per hour to be increased to a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective June 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer