

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
March 18, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Reginald Huber, Police Chief; Richard Simmons, American Legion Commander; Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commissions; and twelve Participation in Government Students.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

March 13, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

March 18, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Simmons stated the American Legion would like to move the flag pole at Monument Park from the back of the Monument to the front with the assistance of the DPW and offered to pay for a new pole. President McIlroy stated the board is in favor of the request and asked Mr. Simmons to contact him to set up a meeting with Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent.

Mr. Simmons further asked the board if they would consider repairing a portion of the parking area at Turning Point Park. President McIlroy asked Deputy President Astafan to have Mr. Trembley look into it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the request of Mr. Simmons to hold their annual "Cruise-in" Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show on Wednesday evenings from May 22, 2013 through August 28, 2013 (weather permitting) to raise funds for the American Legion Scholarship Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the request of Wade Oakes to use the Gazebo at Turning Point Park on July 20, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a wedding ceremony providing alcohol will not be consumed. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

On January 7, 2012, President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to add the Water Superintendent Report regarding Village forest property.

Update 01/22/13: President McIlroy requested that the Trustees review the material and decide if they are interested in leasing the property.

Update 02/19/13: After considerable discussion regarding the potential liability to the Village of Carthage regarding leasing the Village forest property;

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to have Mr. Prievo proceed with his research of the pros and cons to leasing the Village forest property. Motion carried unanimously.

Update 03/04/13: No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the March 18, 2013 regular meeting.

Update 03/18/13: Deputy President Astafan showed the board members the maps of the Village forest property and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to email the directions provided by Mr. Prievo to all of the board members. No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the April 1, 2013 regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President McIlroy stated the Village received \$4,000 from the Pratt Northam Foundation for the Summer Recreation Program.

President McIlroy stated the Village Court received a \$937 Justice Court Assistance Program grant for courtroom enhancements.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary permitting Chief Huber to attend a Pursuit Policy Workshop on April 29, 2013 in St. Lawrence County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore authorizing Chief Huber to purchase a 2013 Ford Police Utility vehicle utilizing Police Car reserves in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The CEO Report was reviewed and there were no questions.

The Police Report stated the new police car was involved in a car verses deer accident and the estimated damage to include new vehicle striping on both sides of the car for a total of \$1,060.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to transfer funds from contingency to repair the police car in the amount not to exceed \$1,060. Motion carried unanimously.

The Village Justice Reports were reviewed and there were no questions.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and there were no questions. The General Fund cash balance is \$1,236,500.84 with Reserves of \$164,055.50; Water Fund cash balance is \$146,260.52 with Reserves of \$172,405.62 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$109,050.88 with Reserves of \$74,566.55 the Joint Fund cash balance is \$221,111.30 with Reserves of \$380,933.08.

Deputy President Astafan and Trustee Smith-Spencer reviewed the monthly bills prior to the regular meeting.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 03/07/13 and 03/14/13 \$28,773.84; Water Fund P/R 03/07/13 and 03/14/13 \$4,464.09; Sewer Fund P/R 03/07/13 and 03/14/13 \$4,042.27; Joint Fund P/R 03/07/13 \$10,081.68. General Fund Abstracts \$18,408.58; Water

Fund Abstracts \$0; Sewer Fund Abstracts \$0; and Joint Fund Abstracts \$0. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy asked Attorney Gebo if the EDCC was dissolved and Attorney Gebo stated that he instructed the Clerk/Treasurer to transfer the EDCC administrative fund back to the Village. President McIlroy stated there will be a RACOG meeting on March 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building; a Joint Utility meeting on March 20, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building; a CDBG meeting on March 21, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building and a CIDC meeting on March 27, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo requested Executive Session to discuss two collective bargaining issues.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Deputy President Astafan reported as a District 6 Legislator that he was informed that funds for the Wilna/Champion Shuttle Bus were in jeopardy due to possibly losing insurance coverage. Deputy President Astafan worked with the Town of Champion to rectify the issue.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Ms. Avallone asked Deputy President Astafan where the Wilna/Champion Shuttle Bus was to be insured. Deputy President Astafan responded the Town of Champion was in the process of constructing an inner municipal agreement to provide insurance coverage for the Wilna/Champion Shuttle Bus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss two collective bargaining agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to resume Regular Session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to permit the Clerk/Treasurer to close the EDCC administrative account at Carthage Federal Savings and Loan and transfer the funds to the Village loan account at First Niagara Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer