

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees 1  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
January 22, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Others:** Norman Barkley, Jr.; Robert Demers, Sr.; and Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

**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 Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 regular meeting with the following correction under Correspondence; "President McIlroy stated a Rural Area Revitalization Program Grant in the amount of \$200,000 was awarded to the CIDC"; remove the statement "who plans to transfer the funds to the Village of Carthage". Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Mr. Demers.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to allow the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Carthage Park and Recreation Building, and waive the rental fee, to host the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest on Saturday, February 9, 2013 and to set up on Friday, February 8, 2012 contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to allow the Carthage Youth Sports Association to use the Carthage Recreation Building to for a meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and waive the rental fee, but the organization will be responsible to pay the \$50.00 deposit which will be returned contingent upon the cleanliness of the building. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meadowbrook**

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary to reduce the Sewer portion of the Water/Sewer bill for 309 South Washington Street based upon the recommendation of Ernie Prievo, Water Superintendent, due a defective outside water faucet in the amount of \$240.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to adopt Resolution 3 of 2013 as follows:

**SUPPORT FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES**

**WHEREAS**, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

**WHEREAS**, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A. 824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures; and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees support the passage of said Bills.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Carthage hereby supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represents constituents in the Village of Carthage support the passage of said Bills.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary authorizing President McIlroy to sign the 2012 Community Services Block Project #185HR72-12 grant agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore to consider a Local Law to override the Property Tax Cap for fiscal year 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to adopt Resolution 2 of 2013 as follows:

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT, ISSUING SEQR DETERMINATION, AND COMMITMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS REGARDING CARTHAGE WASTEWATER ENGINEERING STUDY PROJECT PLANNING GRANT THROUGH THE NEW YORK CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) (PLANNING GRANT #19410)**

**WHEREAS**, State Planning Grant #19410 in the amount of \$30,000 has been awarded to the Village of Carthage through the CWSRF to complete the Village of Carthage Wastewater Engineering Study for the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Carthage is the recipient of the grant funding and will act as the lead agent; and

**WHEREAS**, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law, and

**WHEREAS**, such grant requires a minimum local match of 20% of the total engineering planning grant project costs, and

**WHEREAS**, the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facilities Management Board has authorized and appropriated a minimum of 20% local match of up to \$6,000 for the Village of Carthage Wastewater Engineering Study based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$36,000 and has also authorized the Chairman of the Board to increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Board.

**BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Village of Carthage Village Board hereby determines that the proposed Village of Carthage Wastewater Engineering Study is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) subparagraphs (18) which constitutes that engineering studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action are Type II actions and are therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.
2. That the Village of Carthage Village Board hereby authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match of up to \$6,000 to complete the Carthage Wastewater Engineering Study Project based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$36,000.
3. That the Village President may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Village of Carthage Board.
4. That the President, or in his absence, Deputy President, is hereby authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all documents, contract, funding disbursements, agreements and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Village of Carthage's obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to authorize President McIlroy to sign the Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement with NYSDOT for the 2013-2014 season in the amount of \$54,675.39 which is the same funding level as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to authorize a budget adjustment (see attached) to incorporate the administration of the former EDCC loan fund in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to appoint the Clerk/Treasurer to administer the former EDCC loan fund in the annual amount of \$2,400.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve budget transfers (see attached). Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and there were no questions. The General Fund cash balance is \$1,437,490.12 with Reserves of \$171,202.99; Water Fund cash balance is \$151,300.91 with Reserves of \$109,673.30 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$51,820.62 with Reserves of \$52,551.89 the Joint Fund cash balance is \$158,695.14 with Reserves of \$387,635.75.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 12/20/12, 12/27/12, 01/02/13, and 01/03/13 \$35,788.91; Water Fund P/R 12/20/12, 12/27/12, and 01/03/13 \$4,924.27; Sewer Fund P/R 12/20/12, 12/27/12, 01/02/13, and 01/03/13 \$6,301.79; Joint Fund P/R 12/26/12 and 01/02/13 \$8,326.25. General Fund Abstracts \$47,771.91; Water Fund Abstracts \$133,163.81; Sewer Fund Abstracts \$7,746.04; and Joint Fund Abstracts \$40,642.20. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:**

President McIlroy stated there will be a Joint Water and Sewer meeting at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. The consensus of the board was to have Attorney Gebo handle the Police Union Contract negotiations due to the contract expiring May 31, 2013. President McIlroy asked the Clerk/Treasurer to include the Water Superintendents report regarding the property in Belfort for the next meeting.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Trustee Latremore asked if the Village insurance policies had been settled and the Clerk/Treasurer assured her that they had.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy  
Village Clerk/Treasurer