

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
November 5, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Reginald Huber, Police Chief; Robert Ball, CEO; and six Participation in Government students.

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 Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Christina Crawford submitted a letter requesting an exemption for her Therapy Dog so she can bring the dog to public events and cited Section E in the Village Local Law #3 which prohibits dogs from public events. Ms Crawford is seeking something in writing provided by the Village which specifically exempts her dog from the law. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue until the November 19, 2012 regular meeting and forward the request to Attorney Gebo and Chief Huber for their review and recommendation.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve the Carthage Lions Club and Carthage Elks Lodge request for a \$100.00 contribution toward the Third Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast Celebration that will take place on Thursday, November 22, 2012 at the Carthage Elks Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the letter received from Amanda Gustke, Community Partners Coordinator at Carthage Area Hospital which thanked the Village for allowing the Think Pink Committee to host the Think Pink 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk and Health Fair and for use of the Recreation Building.

President McIlroy read the letter received from the Department of Health which states our water system was selected for the Screen Survey for List 2 contaminants under the UCMR3.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to support the initiative of a bipartisan group of local elected officials across New York State to add our name to the letter to Governor Cuomo to continue the de facto moratorium on hydraulic fracturing and to postpone permitting of drilling until a health impact assessment; a revised socioeconomic study; and a cumulative impact study have been completed. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the September 17, 2012 meeting, President McIlroy read the letter received from Raymond and Mary Connolly requesting the flood map be revised as their property on 323 South Clinton Street is considered to be in a flood zone. No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this matter until the October 1, 2012 regular meeting.

10-01-12 Hold until October 15, 2012.

10-15-12 Hold until November 5, 2012

Update 11-05-12: The Community Development Director researched the flood map for the Village and provided an extensive report which included the history of the National Flood Insurance program. Based on evidence collected since the map was created in 1991, it appears that the current map may be conservative and if pursued, the area would most probably be increased. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to forward the report to the CEO and keep it in a safe place for future use.

At the September 4, 2012 meeting, President McIlroy stated he is working with Water Superintendent Ernie Prievo on possibly obtaining a GIS/GPS system for the Village water and sewer lines.

10-01-12 Hold until October 15, 2012.

Update 10-15-12: Mr. Prievo explained we will not be able to obtain group pricing for the equipment as two other program participants backed out. Mr. Prievo met with DANC regarding writing a grant to obtain funding to map our water and sewer systems. Mr. Prievo will participate in a meeting on Friday, October 19, 2012 with DANC and the Tug Hill Commissions to discuss this option further.

Update 11-05-12: Mr. Prievo was notified that we will be able to obtain the group pricing as other participants have obtained funding for the equipment and forwarded the quote to the board for their consideration.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to purchase the 6050.600.000 SurvPC Super "G" L1/L2 Supervisor + GPS Tablet Package in the amount of \$10,995.00 and transfer funds from Water Contingency to Water Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent provided a summary of the work which was completed at 204/206 North Washington Street which included pictures of the property. The information and cleanup cost was forwarded to Attorney Gebo to relay to Mr. Penwarden.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to give President McIlroy the authority to follow up with All Pest if Mr. Penwarden is unable to while he is here. Motion carried unanimously.

10-1-12: President McIlroy explained he received an email from JCIDA in regards to the expired Mohawk Adirondack and Northern Rail (MANR) PILOT Agreement. Towns and Villages are not in favor of renewing the agreement because MANR owes municipalities due to not paying the PILOT. President McIlroy stated the DPW fixed the railroad crossing on Spring Street because MANR did not have the funds to do so therefore it cost Village tax payers approximately \$7,000.00 and more crossings need to be fixed. Attorney Gebo stated the Town is unable to place the railroad back on the tax roll unless JCIDA releases the property as they are a tax exempt organization.

Update 11-05-12: Attorney Gebo sent a letter to JCIDA stating the Village was not interested in renewing a PILOT with MANR due to their lack of payment in the past. JCIDA responded and stated they are in the process of deeding the rail property back to MANR and further stated they do not feel this process is in the best interest of the community.

10-15-12: The board declared the 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee police vehicle surplus equipment and decided to offer the Jeep for sale on a sealed bid to commence on October 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. through November 5, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. and for the Clerk/Treasurer, in conjunction with Chief Huber, to prepare the necessary documents for the bidding process and further for the proceeds to be placed in the Police Car Reserve, net of repairs necessary to prepare the vehicle to sell.

Update 11-05-12: Chief Huber; the Economic Development Director and the Clerk/Treasurer opened the sealed bids at 3:30 p.m. and eight bids were received.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to accept the high bid of M&R Motors in the amount of \$5,750.00 per the terms of the bid instructions and the minutes of the bid opening. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to adopt Resolution # 11 of 2012 acknowledging the Village of Carthage enlisting Poulsen & Podvin, CPA P.C. to examine Village Justice Court records for the 2011-2012 period, as required by the State of New York Unified Court System.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan authorizing President McIlroy to sign the agreement for the snowmobile club to utilize a strip of land owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, d/b/a National Grid which runs through the Village of Carthage and by signing the agreement; the Village does not object to the club utilizing the land. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to authorize the Clerk to return unpaid Village taxes to Jefferson County in the base amount of \$31,306.77 and penalty \$2,817.62 for a total \$34,124.39. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to close the Clerk's office on November 23, 2012 and for employees to use their personnel time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to enter into a contract for services with the Carthage Food Pantry in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and there were no questions. The General Fund cash balance is \$1,622,855.21 with Reserves of \$171,189.27; Water Fund cash balance is \$325,054.38 with Reserves of \$109,661.87 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$130,629.86 with Reserves of \$52,547.32 the Joint Fund cash balance is \$101,199.83 with Reserves of \$387,600.71.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 10/18/12, 10/25/12, and 11/01/12 \$39,892.71; Water Fund, 10/18/12, 10/25/12, and 11/01/12 \$6,418.07; Sewer Fund, P/R 10/18/12, 10/25/12, and 11/01/12 \$5,217.72; Joint Fund P/R 10/17/12, 10/31/12 and 11/01/12 \$17,698.83. General Fund Abstracts, \$51,171.50; Water Fund Abstracts, \$0; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$0; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$58,508.91. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

Mr. Ball distributed a cumulative current complaints detailed report and the board stated they would like to see the report included in future CEO reports.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore stated the Social Studies 12 Honors Club raised \$685.15 during their Spook Trail Event and donated the funds to the Carthage Summer Recreation Program.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person and the employment history of a particular corporation and invite Chief Huber to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Huber was excused at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to resume regular session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer