

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
May 21, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

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

Guests: Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers; Kathy Amyot, NYS Tug Hill Commission.

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 May 7, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proof of notice having been furnished regarding the public hearing to consider an application for 2012 CDBG funding through NYS Office of Community Renewal. This project will be expanded to include the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage and also the Towns of Champion and Wilna for housing rehabilitation was called to order at 7:12 p.m. President McIlroy explained that the Town of Wilna Supervisor, Paul Smith expressed an interest in the housing rehabilitation program for the Town of Wilna. No one wished to address the Board and on a motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary the hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to authorize Resolution #4 of 2012 for a Joint Application with the Village of West Carthage and the Towns of Wilna and Champion for 2012 Funding under the New York State Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ms. Amyot stated she will continue to follow up with NYS Parks and Recreation regarding the closeout funds for the Long Falls Park project. Ms. Amyot reported that we should receive over 90% of the money before the end of the May, 2012 and the remaining balance after an audit of the project is completed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Joanne Lazore submitted a letter regarding an open house on June 20, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Carthage Park to permit children to sign up for the Recreation Program. Ms. Lazore anticipates the start date for the program will be Monday, June 25, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. – 3:30pm.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to permit the Recreation Program for the week of July 4th to be open Monday and Tuesday only and to allow Ms. Lazore to purchase poles for the volleyball net. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to waive the fee for the use of the Recreation Building by the Carthage Little League to distribute pizzas for their annual fundraiser on May 16, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion commenced regarding the Warranty Deed for the Village Green received by the Carthage Development Group. Attorney Gebo advised the board if they accept the deed the way it was written; the Village Green could only be utilized as a Park and would prohibit future boards from changing its purpose.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President to resume talks with the Carthage Coordinated Development Group, LLC regarding the clause that the Village Green could only be utilized as a park. Motion carried with President McIlroy and Trustee Smith opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to pay end of year bills and transfer funds for account balancing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve Home Consortium Draw #5; Victor LeRoux and Angus Construction in the amount of \$5,190.00 and Hrabchak, Gebo & Langone, PC for \$60.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve Home Consortium Draw #6; Kenneth Jenkins III and Painting Etc. for \$4,050.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve 2011 CDBG Draw #1 for Lead Safe in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore authorizing President McIlroy to sign a contract addendum for the agreement dated December 1, 2011 with Avalon Associates, Inc. for Housing Programs due to recommendations received during State monitoring. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer authorizing Ernie Prievo, Water Superintendent to attend the Second Annual Black River Watershed Conference on June 6, 2012 at the Carthage Elks Lodge in the amount of \$15.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve Miller's Turf to treat the Village Green in the amount of \$345.60 for three fertilizer treatments. Motion carried unanimously.

The CEO Report was reviewed and the board was very pleased with the detailed format. Trustee Latremore pointed out minor changes and President McIlroy asked Trustee Smith-Spencer to address them with CEO Robert Ball.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and there were no questions. The General Fund cash balance is \$901,949.75 with Reserves of \$170,917.14; Water Fund cash balance is \$206,835.11 with Reserves of \$109,498.71 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$131,453.60 with Reserves of \$52,459.74 the Joint Fund cash balance is \$7,237.11 with Reserves of \$398,007.07.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 05/10/12 and 05/17/12 \$20,959.50; Water Fund, P/R 05/10/12 and 05/17/12 \$3,709.82; Sewer Fund 05/10/12 and 05/17/12 \$4,314.69; Joint Fund P/R 05/16/12 \$8,100.65 and General Fund Abstracts \$20,959.50; Water Fund Abstracts, \$35.97; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$0; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$56,266.92. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

The American Legion is looking into getting new flag poles for the Monument Park and Guyot's Island. President McIlroy asked Attorney Gebo to look into who owns the property at 860 West End Ave because he received a complaint from Paul Storms regarding the deteriorating building and long grass.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo reported he is still working on the parking lot and snow removal lease with First Niagara Bank and requested the name of the Branch Manager from the Clerk/Treasurer. Attorney Gebo also talked about the railroad PILOT and scheduled a meeting with Donald Alexander at JCIDA.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Deputy President Astafan has been in contact with the County Attorney to find out if it is a conflict of interest for current County Dog Control Officers to work for the Village as Dog Control Officers and is waiting to hear back from the County Attorney.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to enter Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith Spencer to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Oliver
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer