

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
October 3, 2011

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

Guests: Ernest Prievo, Water Superintendent and nine Participation in Government Students.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting as presented by the Special Project Consultant. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to allow CHS Social Studies 12 Honors to host the Spook Trail from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on October 21, 2011 and October 22, 2011 at the Carthage Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to renew the agreement between the Village of Carthage and Economic Development Corporation of Carthage (EDCC) for an additional five years. In doing so the Board would like to caution the EDCC Board to remain true to the Village Board adopted guidelines and to minimize variances to those guidelines to the greatest extent practicable. Motion carried unanimously.

Ernest Prievo, Water Superintendent submitted a letter of explanation along with a spreadsheet regarding revenue not collected for three Sewer² accounts which include The Country Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre \$53,259.29; Carthage Area Hospital \$7,154.82 and Town of Wilna Housing Authority High Rise \$745.00. The error occurred when the meters were changed at the above facilities and the information was entered into the billing computer at the Village Clerk's office. Mr. Prievo requested to discuss the issue in Executive Session due to possible litigation.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to allow the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the Annual Holiday Parade on November 12, 2011 at 11:00 am to include closing State Street to North James Street and North James Street to the Carthage Elks Club. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy read the letter from the Village Attorney, Mark Gebo, to Climax Paperboard, Inc. reminding them of the agreement they have with New York State regarding the use of the State Dam citing their ability to maintain the Dam and also their responsibility for damages caused by failure to maintain the Dam. Attorney Gebo also notified Climax that the Village will hold them liable in the event of damage to any Village owned property as a result of the debris being allowed to accumulate on the State Dam. The board asked the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue over until the October 17, 2011 board meeting when the Village Attorney is present.

There were no new developments regarding the JCIDA Railroad PILOT agreement; therefore the board asked the Clerk/Treasurer to hold it over the until the October 17, 2011 board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the Parking Ban in the All Night Parking Ban in the Village effective November 1, 2011 – April 1, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the October 6, 2011 Clerks Association Meeting and be reimbursed for all training expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Treasurers Report as presented General fund cash balance is \$1,283,899.87 with Reserves of \$149,729.58; Water Fund cash balance is \$121,570.11 with Reserves of \$46,737.71 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$15,805.95 with Reserves of \$30,419.45. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R #A 20, and 21 \$17,383.79; Water Fund, #F 20 and 21 \$2,568.84; Sewer Fund, #G 20 1,422.85; Joint Fund, #J 9 and 21, \$8,874.62 and General Fund Abstracts, \$7,561.06; Water Fund Abstracts, \$71.87; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$0; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$0. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated the 617 Budd Street property should be cleared soon. President McIlroy reminded the Trustees of the dinner at The Calvary Assembly of God church on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the deadline to RSVP is October 14, 2011. President McIlroy signed a Summons and Complaint with regard to Village of Carthage v. Russell/Gurdak for damages to the Carthage Mennonite Church sewer line caused when Walter Gurdak performed work at Gentry Russell's property. President McIlroy stated there is a Consolidated Funding Application Workshop at the Dulles State Office Building on Wednesday, October, 5, 2011 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Kathleen Latremore stated her concerns regarding the Buckley Building dumpster overflowing. President McIlroy expressed when called; maintenance takes care of the dumpster in a timely manner. President McIlroy recently requested the Clerk/Treasurer to send a letter to Mr. Treanor, the property owner, informing him of this issue.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:52 pm to discuss potential litigation and a particular personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

The Board requested the Clerk/Treasurer to send letters to Carthage Area Hospital, The Country Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre, and Town of Wilna Housing Authority advising them that we inadvertently did not include Sewer2 charges on their quarterly bills. The Boards' intent

is not to seek restitution for years past; only to correct this issue effective for the current billing period.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer