

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
October 17, 2011

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

Guests: Tiffany Watts, Johnson Newspapers and five 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 Trustee Vary and Seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and Seconded by Trustee Latremore to allow CHS Social Studies 12 Honors to use the Recreation Building during the Spook Trail event from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on October 21, 2011 and October 22, 2011 at the Carthage Park and waive the \$50.00 fee. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the invitation to the Annual Business Awards dinner sponsored by the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce and encouraged Trustees to attend. The dinner is Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the Carthage Elks Lodge #1762 commencing at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and Seconded by Trustee Vary 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 24, 2011 at the Carthage Elks Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and Seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve the VFW Auxiliary Post 7227 request to conduct Poppy Day Sales during Veterans Day weekend on November 11, 2011 and November 12, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy reiterated the correspondence previously received from Attorney Gebo listing items they should consider prior to taking action regarding dogs at the Farmer's Market. Deputy President Astafan suggested forming a committee to include representatives from the Town of Wilna, Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Carthage to discuss the issue of having dogs at the Farmer's Market. Attorney Gebo advised the Board they may wish to consider banning all animals to include other events and other Village properties. No action was taken therefore the board asked the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue over until the November 7, 2011 Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and Seconded by Trustee Vary to hold a public hearing on November 21, 2011 at 7:10 pm regarding a local law to amend Section A 150-32 (F) of the Village of Carthage Code regarding clothing allowances. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board requested the Clerk/Treasurer to send a thank you letter to Climax Paperboard, Inc. commending them for clearing the debris from the State Dam.

President McIlroy stated there will be a RACOG meeting October 18, 2011 and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold the JCIDA Railroad PILOT agreement over until the November 7, 2011 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and Seconded by Trustee Latremore to allow Village of Carthage Acting Justice Raymond Taylor to open a bank account at Community Bank, NA for the collection of fines and fees and authorize President McIlroy to sign on behalf of the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and Seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve the Treasurers Report as presented General Fund cash balance is \$1,281,235.58 with Reserves of \$149,729.58; Water Fund cash balance is \$119,365.42 with Reserves of \$46,737.71 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$14,251.46 with Reserves of \$30,419.45. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy President Astafan reviewed the monthly bills and commended Clerk/Treasurer regarding the new payment vouchers attached to the individual bills which make it easy to see which individual accounts expenses are allocated to.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and Seconded by Trustee Vary to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R #A 22, and 23 \$20,040.52; Water Fund, #F 22 and 23 \$4,385.44; Sewer Fund, #G 22 and 23 2,940.62; Joint Fund, #J 10, \$8,484.92 and General Fund Abstracts, \$106,561.82; Water Fund Abstracts, \$3,268.67; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$2,339.12; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$632.03. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated the 617 Budd Street property will be cleared beginning November 1, 2011 because the contractor wanted to wait until after Halloween. He also reviewed a Memo from the Clerk/Treasurer regarding two noncompetitive positions, Dog Control Officer and Forest Management Assistant, which have not been previously created by Jefferson County Department of Human Resources (JCHR). President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to work with the applicable Village employees and JCHR to rectify this issue. The DPW will create a curb on the corner of State Street and South Mechanic Street to place an ornamental light fixture and possibly a parking space in the future. There will be a RACOG meeting on October 18, 2011, a WPCF meeting on October 19, 2011, a Democratic fundraiser dinner on October 23, 2011, and the Business Awards Dinner sponsored by the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce on October 26, 2011.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo will continue his efforts with HSBC regarding the contract for the parking lot agreement. Attorney Gebo requested Executive Session to discuss two pending litigation issues.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

None.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Vary and Seconded by Trustee Latremore to enter Executive Session at 7:45 pm to discuss two pending litigation issues.

Regular session resumed at 8:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and Seconded by Trustee Vary to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer