

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
September 19, 2011

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

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission and nine Participation in Government Students.

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

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kathy Amyot from the Tug Hill Commission discussed the new guidelines that New York State will be using when selecting whom to give grant money to. Ms. Amyot explained that as of now, (which could be changed later) if a "wish list" of projects is not submitted they will not be available for grant submittal for the next five years. The grant selection process will be looking at job creation and job retention, but at this point these the qualifications are still a work in progress. Ms. Amyot also stated the Tug Hill Commissioners will meet Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the Town of Champion office at 4:00 P.M. and there will not be a RACOG meeting this month. The Board asked Ms. Amyot to submit the timeline of projects that were noted in the Destination Blueway: Waterfront Plan for the Village of Carthage. President McIlroy stated that by submitting this timeline it does not lock the Village into these projects.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The board denied the request of Jennifer Zajac to use the Recreation Building to host Zumba Fitness Classes free of charge because she does not represent a nonprofit organization; Michael Astafan abstained.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request of the Carthage Central School Student Government to hold a Homecoming Parade on October 3, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. beginning on North Jefferson Street and commencing at the Carthage Elks Club. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read the letter from Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, which stated they provided 2,629 lunches and 2,566 snacks for children who attended the eight week summer recreation program in the Village of Carthage. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to write a letter thanking CAPC for their contribution to the summer recreation program.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the request of Amber Hunt, 2011 CROP Walk Co-Coordinator, to support the annual Carthage Area CROP Walk/Run on Sunday October 2, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. which will convene at the Church of Nazarene on State Street. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President McIlroy stated the discussion on dogs attending the Farmers Market will be held over until the October 17, 2011 board meeting when the Village Attorney is present.

The proposed local law regarding DPW and Water Superintendant clothing and work shoe allowance will be held over until the October 17, 2011 board meeting when the Village Attorney is present.

President McIlroy read the memo from the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Kristy O'Shaughnessy, summarizing the conversation with Fred Goutremout, Technical Manager at Climax Paperboard, Inc. regarding the debris on the State Dam. Mr. Goutremout implied that this was not a priority and was unable to give a specific timeframe of cleanup. The board requested that this matter be referred to the Village Attorney.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to accept National Grid's Small Business Energy Savings Plan, which changes lighting fixtures, and other items to save energy at the Recreation Building, Department of Public Works Building and the Municipal Building. The cost of the project will be split between National Grid \$12,825.27 and the Village \$13,003.68 for a total project cost of \$25,828.95. The Village's share will be paid over a twenty-four month period. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan Seconded by Rebecca Vary to set the October 31, 2011 Halloween Trick or Treat hours in the Village of Carthage from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the Treasurers Report as presented General fund is \$1,289,628.85 with Reserves of \$140,902.56. Water Fund cash balance is \$122,901.77 with Reserves of \$46,724.21 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$16,113.96 with Reserves of \$30,410.67. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R #A 17, 18, and 19 \$30,314.26; Water Fund, #F 17, 18, and 19 \$6,461.93; Sewer Fund, #G 17, 18, and 19 \$4,145.93; Joint Fund, #J 8 & 9, \$17,183.97 and General Fund Abstracts, \$48,123.96; Water Fund Abstracts, \$23,169.01; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$2,455.20; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$65,295.39. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:**

President McIlroy stated the next EDCC meeting will be Tuesday, September 20 at 4:00 P.M. President McIlroy provided an update regarding 617 Budd Street property. He stated GYMO could not perform the asbestos test because of the hazardous burnt condition of the building therefore; a variance was granted by New York State. The property owner received payment from the insurance company and sent bids to contractors to haul away the debris.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Trustee Michael Astafan updated the board on the EPA Drain testing at the DPW barn. The inspection went well and the EPA is very pleased with the drain system and the file is now closed.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss a particular personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to pay Officer Samuel Capone from December 7, 2008 to September 17, 2011 for a miscalculation in his hourly wage, in the amount of \$5,408.73 which will be paid on September 29, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry L. Sears  
Special Project Consultant