

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
August 15, 2011

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

Guests: Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Amanda Gustke, CAH Community Partners Coordinator; and Reena Singh, Johnson Newspapers.

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 Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot from the Tug Hill Commission explained the Governor created a process to bring representatives from state-wide economic development agencies to discuss their plans for the future. The Governor formed ten regional economic development councils (REDC) whose task is to develop a five-year strategic plan for their respective regions which are due to be completed by November 14, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing to expand check signing ability to the Deputy President of the Village and the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer when the Village President or Village Clerk/Treasurer is not available was called to order at 7:12 P.M. President McIlroy explained proposed check signing procedure in greater detail. No one wished to address the Board on this law and the hearing was closed at 7:14 P.M.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to adopt Local Law #5 of 2011, to amend Section A150-16 with respect to signing of checks to include Deputy President and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer in the absence of President and Clerk Treasurer respectively. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda Gustke, Community Partners Coordinator from Carthage Area Hospital (CAH) asked for the board's support for an event titled "Think Pink" for the month of October. The event is funded by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation to support breast cancer awareness. CAH will provide participating businesses with a "Think Pink Kit" which would include breast cancer educational brochures, promotional items, and pink decorations to display throughout the month of October. Ms. Gustke stated that exact details of the events taking place will be forthcoming. Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize the Village President, at his discretion, to approve events to support "Think Pink" for the month of October as more details become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Steiner, Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 39 submitted a request to use the Carthage Parks and Recreation building to hold various scouting events and meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings, 5:00pm to 8:00 pm, from September 8, 2011 through May 24, 2012. Ms. Steiner also requested the use of the building on Saturday, March 24, 2012 for their annual Pinewood Derby. Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to allow Cub Scout Pack 39 to use the building September 8 through September 30 and March 24, 2012 and further requested the Clerk/Treasurer to research past practice for their additional consideration at their next

scheduled meeting prior to approving the use of the building on Monday and Thursday evenings from October 1, 2011 through May 24, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Sigrid DeRosia submitted a second request for signage to be erected on Budd Street ordering traffic to slow down to make it safer for children who play in the street. The Trustees feared that the signs may actually encourage children to play in the street. The majority of the Trustees are satisfied with how they addressed her first request therefore, no board action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy provided an update to the board regarding the Street Lighting Project. He stated that the ornamental light poles will need to be maintained by the Village and will save approximately \$2,160 annually on the electric bill. President McIlroy stated the Village is currently over lighted and stressed that the Village will appear darker because the poles are shorter but the lighting will be appropriate according to National Grid. Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to allow the CIDC to purchase new ornamental street lights to be erected in late October. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no new developments; therefore the board asked the Clerk/Treasurer to hold over the JCIDA Railroad PILOT agreement, until the September 6th board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize payment for Painting Etc. for \$24,800 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 CDBG Home Preservation Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize payment to Avalon Associates for \$6,568.51 for general administrative services on the 2009 CDBG Home Preservation Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve agreement of services between the Carthage Free Library and the Village of Carthage for library services. President McIlroy is hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to adopt Resolution number seven in reference to the Guidelines and Procedures for Avalon Associates to administer the local housing rehabilitation program using funding from the HOME Consortium program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to Avalon Associates, Inc. for \$1,800. for rehabilitation services which qualify for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Redfield Contracting/Waite Enterprises for \$5,100 for rehabilitation services which qualify for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve budget modification number three for 2009 CDBG Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary for AFLAC to set up an IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plan to allow Village employees the benefit of pre-tax contributions for applicable payroll deductions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary for the Clerk/Treasurer to attend Fall NYCOM training in Saratoga, New York from September 19, 2011 through September 22, 2011 and be reimbursed for all travel and training expenses incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of updated list from Civil Services for candidates for Police Officer held for executive session due to personnel issue.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the Treasurers Report as presented General fund is \$1,460,222.03 with Reserves of \$140,902.56. Water Fund cash balance is \$186,917.53 with Reserves of \$46,724.21 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$89,641.88 with Reserves of \$30,410.67. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve a budget transfer from Account A.1990.0400 to A.9050.0820 for \$800.00 due to New York State Interest Assessment Surcharge for Unemployment Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R #A 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, \$45,822.36; Water Fund, #F 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 \$7,887.15; Sewer Fund, #G 8, 9, 11, and 12 \$4,314.76; Joint Fund, #J 5, 6, 10, \$17,028.14 and General Fund Abstracts, \$145,031.77; Water Fund Abstracts, \$42,398.73; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$59,212.63; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$120,116.08. Motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo will continue his efforts with HSBC regarding the contract for the parking lot agreement. Attorney Gebo reviewed correspondence received regarding class action law suit with Morgan Stanley but did not think it applied to the Village. Attorney Gebo is in the process of completing the procedures in order for the Village to borrow the funds for the DPW equipment. Attorney Gebo requested Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with DPW/Teamsters. Attorney Gebo will be unable to attend the September 19 meeting. He offered to come to the September 6th meeting and President McIlroy stated he did not feel it was necessary, but to leave the date available.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated there is a WPCF meeting on Wednesday, August 17th at 4:15pm at the Carthage Municipal Building. President McIlroy explained the DPW and Water Superintendents typically received the same clothing and boot allowance as the unionized, DPW employees. President McIlroy requested Attorney Gebo to research Village Code book regarding this issue and to forward the requested information to the Clerk/Treasurer. President McIlroy requested Executive Session to discuss two personnel issues.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Kathleen Latremore expressed her concern about the buildup of debris at the State Dam which is located by Guyot's Island. President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to forward the agreement between the State of New York and Climax Manufacturing to Attorney Gebo for his interpretation regarding the maintenance of the State Dam. Kathleen Latremore also expressed her concern regarding the Village bank accounts with HSBC. Attorney Gebo stated he anticipates a national bank will purchase the HSBC Carthage branch and if they do not, the Village has Community Bank, NA as an option for their bank accounts. Finally, Kathleen Latremore previously requested the Clerk's office to research the Agricultural Law regarding

dogs at the Farmer's Market. The majority of the board did not feel this was a priority for the Clerk to research.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter Executive Session at 8:15p.m. to discuss collective bargaining with the DPW/Teamsters and two personnel issues.

Regular session resumed at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer