

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees 1
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 6, 2011

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

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; and Kristy O'Shaughnessy.

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

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission stated the Black River Watershed Conference is Wednesday, June 8 at the Croghan Fire Hall from 10 am to 2pm at a cost of \$10.00 per person and they will be reviewing the Black River Watershed Plan. The Twin Village Pool will be open June 27 to August 15. Hours will be Monday through Friday 12:00pm to 8:00pm with an hour dinner break from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. The weekend pool hours will be announced at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DPW Superintendent, Daniel Trembley submitted documentation regarding a sewer call they received from the Carthage Mennonite Church due to several inches of water in their basement. It took the DPW crew 2½ days plus equipment and materials to repair the damage which was caused by Walter Gurdak who was hired to repair a damaged water line at 225 Spring Street. Mr. Trembley explained that the damage to the sewer line could have been avoided if Mr. Gurdak had called the "Dig Safely New York" line prior to repairing the water line. Mr. Trembley itemized the cost of the repair to the sewer line at the Carthage Mennonite Church. Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to follow Mr. Trembley's recommendation and send an itemized bill in the amount of \$2,312.82 to Mr. Gurdak for the cost of the sewer repair. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW Superintendent, Daniel Trembley submitted documentation regarding selling the scrap metal pile which has accumulated for the past several years. Mr. Trembley is recommending selling the scrap to dealers through a sealed bid process to be advertised in the Carthage Tribune and the Watertown Daily Times. He enclosed the specifications for bid submissions to be opened on July 18. Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to follow Mr. Trembley's recommendation and advertise for sealed bids for the scrap metal pile. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to allow Pastor Robert Sly to hold their 11th annual All Day Gospel Concert on August 6 from 10:00am to 9:00pm at the Gazebo at Turning Point Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Sigrid DeRosia submitted a request for signage to be placed on North School Street for cars to slow down due to children playing. President McIlroy asked the clerk to hold this over till the next board meeting when attorney is present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept Acting Justice Richard Buckingham Resignation with regrets effective May 10, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize Superintendent Daniel Trembley to sell 1988 International Dump truck with Viking plow and wing; 1992 Chevy one ton with 8' Western Plow; 1997 Ford F-250 with 8 ft Meyer Plow; 1997 Cub Cadet riding lawn mower; 2004 Highlander Sander; and 1999 and 2000 Karavan trailers, via an Agreement with Roy Tietsworth, Inc. at the annual Jefferson County Municipal Auction to be held at the Watertown Fair Grounds on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the recommendation of Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent to hire the following for summer help: Vincent Renzi, Jon Storms, Joel House and Joshua Amann effective Monday, June 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hire Joanne Lazore as Recreation Assistant for the Summer Recreation Program at an hourly rate of \$10.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the recommendation of Joanne Lazore, Recreation Assistant to hire summer help as presented; not to exceed 1600 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of unused sick leave as follows: Reeve Rockhill, \$200.00; Reginald Huber \$159.38; Ernest Priervo \$225.00; Vincent Lemieux \$210.00; Daniel Trembley \$180.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve one meeting a month for the months of July and August with the meetings commencing July 18 and August 15. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the Agreement for services between the Wilna-Champion Transportation Association, Inc. and the Village of Carthage for the new term of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 with a payment of \$5,000.00 President McIlroy is hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously with Kathleen Latremore abstaining.

Treasurers Report was not available.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls as follows: and bills as follows: General Fund P/R #A 63, 64, 64A, 1, 2, 2b, & 2c \$39,800.63; Water Fund, #F 63, 64, 1, 2, & 2b \$4,727.34; Sewer Fund, #G 63, 64, & 2 \$43,955.73; Joint Fund, #J26, 26A, 27 and 65, \$20,415.34. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reported that there was an incident at the court room where a prisoner fell and it was recorded on the security cameras. Statements from Judge Shettleton and Bailiff Lundy were reviewed. Then President McIlroy outlined a letter from Senator Patricia Richie soliciting

ideas on mandate relief and requested the boards input. President McIlroy thanked the board for their feedback and requested the clerk to respond to Senator Richie's request stating a mandated 2% cap on property taxes will be detrimental to the Village and would dictate layoffs due to increased salary and fringe costs. DPW is doing a great job fixing the damage on Guyot's Island which was caused by flooding and should be reopened tomorrow. President McIlroy requested the clerk to contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding the removal of signage after Village Wide Rummage Sales. After President McIlroy discussion with Todd Froysell of National Grid. Mr. Froysell stated the next time he was in the area; National Grid would study the layout of the proposed new street lights and talk to State street residents on this proposal. There will be a Flag Day parade on June 14 at 6:30 P.M. and President McIlroy encouraged everyone to attend.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Avalon Associates, Inc. for services rendered on two units for a total cost of \$3,600 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 8:18 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

Regular session resumed at 8:50 P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the following wages: Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent \$48,910.99; Ernest Prievo, Water Superintendent \$48,876.18; Lucille Shettleton, Village Justice \$7,422.49; Lori Borland, Court Clerk \$4,349.48; Reeve Rockhill Village Police Chief \$65,586.00; Sherry Sears, Village Clerk/Treasurer \$37,874.13; Wendy Oliver, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer \$12.70; and Cindy Gebo, Clerk \$9.47. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:55 P.M

Sherry L. Sears Village Clerk/Treasurer