

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees 1
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
May 16, 2011

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

Guests: Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; and Kristy O'Shaughnessy.

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

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Dionne Rumble Post #1762, Memorial Day Chairman, Paul H. Clarke's request to hold the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday May 30, 2011 at 10:00A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request of the Carthage Elks Lodge #1762, Exalted Ruler, Kathleen Smith's request to hold the annual Flag Day Parade on Tuesday June 14, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Documentation was received from Acting Justice Richard Buckingham and President McIlroy asked the clerk to hold this over till the next board meeting when more information would be available.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve Margret Woods, bookkeeper for the St. James Church, request to have banners put up on the grassy area by the bridge and by the Ball Diamond entrance to advertise their annual fair in June. Motion carried unanimously.

Documentation was received from Ellen Melby, village resident concerning drainage issues on her property on South Washington Street. Village Attorney Mark Gebo explained that the property on South Washington Street is concerned private property and therefore the Village cannot help with the drainage issue.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve Sister Annunciata, principal at the Augustine Academy, to waive the rental fee for the Recreation Building on June 14 and June 15. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy informed the Board that the Carthage Farmers Market will re-open on Friday May 27, 2011 from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and end on October 28, 2011. The community wide garage sales will be on Saturday June 4, 2011 with the Chamber of Commerce renting space at the Farmers Market Pavilion.

OLD BUSINESS:

The request for a monetary contribution from Mercy Flight Central was denied.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve Resolution #5 of 2011 approving the hiring of Kristy O'Shaughnessy as Clerk effective May 23, 2011 at an annualized salary of \$46,000.00 with the understanding that she will be responsible for 100% medical or major/medical insurance premiums and she does not receive a monetary payment for not enrolling the medical plan. Effective July 16, 2011 she will assume responsibility as Village Clerk/Treasurer. Roll call vote: President McIlroy – Aye; Trustee Astafan – Aye; Trustee Vary – Aye; Trustee Smith-Spencer – Aye; Trustee Latremore – Aye. Motion carried 5- 0.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve GYMO to dye test the floor drains to verify their connection in to the oil/water separator at the DPW facility with the cost of testing not exceed \$1,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment of nine days of vacation/personnel time, which has been earned, to the Village Clerk/Treasurer Sherry L. Sears that she was unable to use by May 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Painting Etc Inc. in the amount of \$7,640.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Redfield Contracting in the amount of \$13,200.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to DLO Contracting in the amount of \$8,838.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to DLO Contracting in the amount of \$13,967.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to allow Village Attorney Mark Gebo to proceed with a proposed agreement with HSBC Bank that would allow public parking in their parking lot in return for the Village removing snow in their parking lot.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to authorize the clerk to transfer funds as needed to balance accounts within the budget of the Village. The list is on file in the official minute folder of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and noted that the cash balance of the General fund is \$696,421.43 with Reserves of \$140,792.03. Water Fund cash balance is \$113,799.34 with Reserves of \$26,699.82 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$32,448.95 with Reserves of \$20,392.95. Motion carried unanimously with Michael Astafan abstaining.

Deputy President Michael Astafan stated he reviewed the monthly bills, seen no problems with them, and made the motion to pay all bills as presented.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R #A 61, 62, & 63 \$29,534.58; Water Fund, #F 61, 62, & 63 \$4,904.90; Sewer Fund, #G 61, 62, & 63 \$4,221.22; Joint Fund, #J25, \$8,951.72 General Fund Abstracts, \$48,751.44; Water Fund Abstracts, \$7,421.47; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$7,994.82; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$84,752.93. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to allow the Clerk/Treasurer to pay any end of the year bill and any necessary budget transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Village Attorney Mark Gebo stated he would need an executive session to discuss contract negotiations with the DPW/Teamsters.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve President McIlroy to sign the Leachate Agreement and Operator of Record Services Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reported that he is still working on the new streetlights for the downtown area. Then President McIlroy requested that Attorney Gebo find out if the Johnson property on West End Avenue is in the foreclosure process yet because he is still receiving complaints from Mr. Johnson's neighbor. A previously scheduled RACOG meeting for Tuesday May 17 is cancelled. Wednesday May 18 at 4:15p.m. will be the Water Pollution Control Facility meeting at the West Carthage Municipal Building and May 19 at 6:00 p.m. will be the RACOG Recreation meeting at the Town of Wilna Meeting Hall.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to enter Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. for discussion on contract negotiations.

Regular session resumed at 8:42 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:43 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears Village Clerk/Treasurer