

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees 1  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
April 18, 2011

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

Guests: Richard Simmons and Bernie Boulio, Carthage American Legion; Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; and one Participation in Government Student.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00P.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 April 4, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Public Hearing on the 2012 Village Budget as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the American Legion Post 789, request to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Cruise In" at Turning Point Park, contingent on the Legion providing a certificate of liability insurance listing the Village as additionally insured, and approval from the adjoining property owners at Turning Point Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to recognize the Augustinian Academy's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and proudly proclaim this institution for its service and dedication to education for the residents of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to deny the request of Bonnie Haskins to receive a discount on her brother, Dennis Monahan's water/sewer bill. Motion carried unanimously with Trustee Kathleen Latremore abstaining.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing for the establishment of a crosswalk on West Street for access to the steps of the Rectory of the St. James Church was called to order at 7:12 P.M. President McIlroy explained proposed crosswalk 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 Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to adopt Local Law #3 of 2011, which would establishment a crosswalk on West Street for access to the steps of the St. James Rectory. Motion carried unanimously.

Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing to expand the residency requirement for Village Clerk and Deputy Clerk to any resident in the County of Jefferson and the County of

Lewis was called to order at 7:15 P.M. President McIlroy explained the need for this proposed change in residency requirements. No one wished to address the Board on this law and the hearing was closed at 7:16 P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to adopt Local Law #4 of 2011, which expands the residency requirement for Village Clerk and Deputy Clerk to any resident in the County of Jefferson and the County of Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the American Legion Auxiliary Post 789, request to conduct Poppy Day sales during the month of May and Veterans Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to authorize a \$300 contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series, a benefit to Village residents, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce request to use Turning Point Park on July 9, 2011 for the Annual Fireworks Celebration and to set up at 4:00P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to dedicate Wednesday April 27, 2011 as Appreciation Day for Mary Beth Renaud for her dedication and service to the community and for being the recipient of the 2011 Carthage Citizen of the year award. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Patrolmen of the Village of Carthage Police Department, R. Huber sent the board documentation regarding a citizen complaint of the property located at 707 Alexandria Street. This property is in violation of Section 105-9 of the Village Code and the owners live in California, therefore making it impossible for the Police Departments to issue an appearance ticket to the Village Court. Village Attorney Mark Gebo will look into this matter further.

Documentation was received from the Village of Carthage Code Enforcement Officer Rick Soluri regarding a citizen complaint of the property located at 746 Fulton Street where a violation notice was issued. President McIlroy asked the clerk to put this on the next agenda.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to increase the Town of Wilna water rate to \$4.90 per billing unit starting with the July 1, 2011 billing. Motion carried with President McIlroy opposing.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve President McIlroy to sign budget modification number two for the 2009 CDBG home preservation program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to Painting Etc. Inc. in the amount of \$5,850 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and noted that the cash balance of the General fund is \$548,820.86 with Reserves of \$140,792.03. Water Fund cash balance is \$58,360.93 with Reserves of \$26,699.82 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$70804.41 with Reserves of \$20,392.95. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to adopt the Village Budgets, as presented, with an increase of .25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, no increase in water rates but the sewer rate will increase from 90% to 95% of water consumption, and the \$5.00 administrative fee collected on water and sewer accounts will be allocated to the Sewer fund, for the fiscal year, June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R #A56, 56A, 57 & 57A \$21645.91; Water Fund, #F 56, 56A & 57 \$3,610.09; Sewer Fund, #G56, 56A & 57 \$3,559.84; Joint Fund, #J23, \$89,315.57 General Fund Abstracts, \$114,778.43; Water Fund Abstracts, \$9,159.69; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$2,963.57; and Joint Fund Abstracts, \$968.97. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the resolution, on file, for the issuance of serial bonds not exceeding \$227,000.00 for a) Purchase of a 2012 International 7500 truck with Viking plow equipment \$160,000, b) Purchase of a 2012 Ford F-250 pickup truck with plow package \$29,000 and c) Purchase of a 2012 Ford F-450 pickup truck with plow package \$38,000. Said resolution being subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Local Finance Law. Roll call vote: President McIlroy – Aye; Trustee Astafan – Aye; Trustee Smith-Spencer – Aye; Trustee Latremore – Aye. Motion carried 4- 0.

Attorney Gebo stated he would need an executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated that Wednesday April 27, 2011 at 4:15 will be the next Joint Water/Waste Water meeting at the West Carthage municipal building.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

#### MEDIA QUESTIONS:

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to enter Executive Session at 7:42 P.M. for a personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:30 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:31 P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears** Village Clerk/Treasurer