

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees 1
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
March 7, 2011

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

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Jennifer Dindl-Neff, Representative from Senator Patty Ritchie's office 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 Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission reminded the Board of the Local Government Conference training on March 31, 2011 at Jefferson Community College. Mrs. Amyot stated she is currently working on documentation and follow up research on the Guyot's Island project reimbursement request.

Jennifer Dindl-Neff stated that she was here to give the Village Board contact information for Senator Patty Ritchie and then handed out the contact information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was received from the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce thanking the Village of Carthage for its contribution toward the 13th annual Winterfest celebration.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Sister Annunciata Collins, Principal of the Carthage Augustine Academy to create a crosswalk from the West Street Road parking lot to the already established steps in front of the St. James Rectory. Motion carried unanimously. President McIlroy directed the clerk to contact the Village Attorney Mark Gebo on this matter to draw up the legal documents on this proposed law and then set the date for the public hearing at the next board meeting when Attorney Gebo is present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deputy President Michael Astafan stated that he viewed the "unstable garage" on West End Avenue as requested by the Board, and he feels that this is not a major issue for the Village. Then, at the next meeting Trustee Astafan will bring in the pictures he took of the structure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve a language change in the Village of Carthage, Village of West Carthage Inter Municipal Agreement, which changes the wording of the agreement from "the President as Chairman" to "the President or his designee as Chairman". Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented and noted that the cash balance of the General fund is \$551,517.51 with Reserves of \$140,747.29. Water Fund cash balance is \$23,198.71 with Reserves of \$26,691.34 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$38,208.11 with Reserves of \$20,386.47. At this time, no questions were asked about the submitted reports.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A48, 49, 50, & 50A \$27,640.31; Water Fund, #F 48, 49,

& 50 \$3,851.59; Sewer Fund, #G48, & 50 \$3,456.94; Joint Fund, #J20 & 49 \$9,756.16 Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated that the next Waste Water Pollution Control Facility meeting and Joint Water Filtration meeting will be Wednesday March 16, 2011 at 4:15 P.M. at the West Carthage Municipal Building. President McIlroy thanked the Carthage American Legion for their generosity of purchasing two flag poles, one for Monument Park and the other for Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island with the DPW installing the poles.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Kathleen Latremore stated she would like to see something done at Monument Park to honor the memory of Timothy Wright and his accomplishments at the Park. Mrs. Latremore further stated there is money left in a fund set aside for Monument Park. President McIlroy directed the clerk to review the agreement between the fundraising committee for Monument Park and the Village of Carthage, because he feels this money was set aside for maintenance and upkeep of the park only. Then Trustee Latremore stated the next RACOG Recreation Committee meeting will be Tuesday April 19 at the Town of Wilna offices at 6:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. for contract negotiations and a personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:24 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears Village Clerk/Treasurer