

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees 1  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
January 17, 2011

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

Guests: Chelsea Craddock, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times reporter; Village Attorney, Mark Gebo; Police Chief, Reeve Rockhill; DPW Superintendent, Danny Trembley and Water Superintendent, Ernie Prievo.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. with a moment of silence for the tragic shooting in Tucson, Arizona that severely injured Congressman Gabrielle Gifford, injuring fourteen people and killing six people including a nine year old girl Christina Greene, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2011 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A certificate of appreciation was received from the Carthage Elks Lodge and Carthage Lions Club for the Village's contribution toward the Community Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner that was held on Thursday, November 25, 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to set a public hearing on Tuesday February 22, 2011 at 7:10 to amend Chapter 150 of the Village Code, which would designate two board members whose responsibility is to provide more thorough checks and balance system on reviewing the vouchers and abstracts. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize Resolution 1-2011 authorizing a joint application with the Village of West Carthage for the 2011 North Country Home Consortium Grant Program, with the CIDC agreeing to pay for all administrative costs and this same resolution will authorize President McIlroy to sign the Cooperation Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to authorize President McIlroy to appoint a Village Board member as the Village's Fair Housing Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy appointed Deputy Mayor Michael Astafan to be the Village's Fair Housing Officer with this appointment expiring December 31, 2011 and from this point forward the President will appoint a Village Board Member each year at the organizational meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing for the proposed changes to the Village of Carthage, Zoning Law Text Amendment was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

President McIlroy explained the changes to the Zoning Law Text Amendments and opened the hearing to the public for comment. No one wished to address the Board on this law and the hearing was closed at 7:15P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Rebecca Vary to adopt Local Law #1 of 2011, changing the Text of various Zoning Laws in the Village of Carthage with President McIlroy authorized to sign the SEQR, stating that this action will not have a significant environmental impact. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Michael Astafan to hire Joshua J. Rogers as a part time police officer, with the Village of Carthage at an hourly rate of \$18.00 an hour, as recommended by the Police Chief, Reeve Rockhill and this would also include 160 hours of field training. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore 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 Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the Clerk/Treasurer Sherry L. Sears and the Deputy Clerk Wendy Oliver to attend the 2011 Local Government Conference Training, provided by the Tug Hill Commission at Jefferson Community College on March 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers report was presented with no current questions, but the Board retains the right to ask the Clerk/ Treasurer any question on these reports at a later date.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls and abstracts as follows: General Fund P/R #A40, & 41 \$18,206.21; Water Fund, #F 40, & 41 \$3,427.29; Sewer Fund, #G40, & 41 \$4,509.57; and Joint Fund, #J16 & 17 \$19,760.39, and General Fund Abstracts, \$100,493.79; Water Fund Abstracts, \$15,831.61; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$11,488.26; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$63,729.15. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:**

Village Attorney Mark Gebo reported that the Village of Carthage is required to have a Health Officer and this Health Officer is paid by both the Village of Carthage and Village of West Carthage jointly by way of the Consolidated Health District. President McIlroy asked Attorney Gebo if the County could provide this service of a Health Officer to the Villages and Attorney Gebo responded he would review this further and get answers for the board by the next meeting. Then, Attorney Gebo said he briefly reviewed the proposed changes to the Farmers Market Contract and the Chamber of Commerce lease space agreement and would have comments prepared on these contracts next week. Then, Attorney Gebo stated he would need an executive session to discuss the details of the contract negotiations with the Department of Public Works.

**PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:**

President McIlroy informed the board that the next Waste Water Pollution Control Facility meeting and Joint Water Filtration meeting will be January 19, 2011 at 4:15 P.M. at the West Carthage Municipal Building.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Trustee Michael Astafan reported that the DPW negotiations were in the beginning stages and the next contract negotiation meeting will be Thursday January 27, 2011 at 10am. The EPA issue is moving forward and the die test should show the liquids going to the oil/water separator. Then in regards to the approved signs that will be placed on Thorpe Street, Trustee Astafan stated that Danny would converse with Jefferson County on manufacturing the signs. Trustee Kathleen Latremore stated she would need an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

Chelsea Craddock, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times reporter asked President McIlroy to explain more about the need for the Fair Housing Officer. President McIlroy explained that due to changes in the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant program the Village Board must now specifically state a Board Member instead of the previous way of the Village Board as a whole being the Fair Housing Officers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. for a personnel matters and contract negotiations.

Regular session resumed at 9:43 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion carried to adjourn at 9:44 P.M.

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