

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
November 1, 2010

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

Guest: Village residents, Sean McHale, Danielle Huestis; and three Participation in Government Students.

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 Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of October 18, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Village resident Danielle Huestis requested that the Village Board discount her water bill for a water leak that occurred during the last billing cycle. Water Superintendent, Ernie Prievo sent a report to the board confirming the water leak. The report stated Mr. Prievo sent a letter to the home owner on September 19 noting that a leak was detected. Then on October 1<sup>st</sup> he spoke with the tenants (Mr. and Mrs. Huestis) and informed them that the notice was sent to the property owner. Mr. Prievo read the water meter on October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>. The meter showed no leak occurring on either day. President McIlroy directed the clerk to contact Mr. Prievo with a few questions then report the answer back to the board after Mr. Prievo's return from vacation, so a final decision can be made.

Village resident Sean McHale thanked the Board for allowing the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor students use of the recreation building and park trails for their annual Halloween Event. The 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students raised over \$400.00 for the WCTA shuttle bus. Then Mr. McHale stated that he does not agree with his new address for his Regency Park residence. Mr. McHale's former address was 14 Regency Park, per the requests from emergency medical responders, the Village Board agreed to change the address's of all the Regency Park residents. It was decided to change Mr. McHale's residence to 711 South James Street and Mr. McHale stated he wants his new address to be 14 Oxford Street. Mr. McHale feels that 14 Oxford Street would be a more appropriate address for him because his property is on the corner of Oxford Street and South James Street. The Clerk informed the board that all properties that were labeled as Regency Park per the tax maps of Jefferson County were changed to South James Street. The board discussed Mr. McHale's request and asked the Clerk to send them the entire list of agency's who have to be notified if Mr. McHale's request was granted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from the Business Development Corporation for a Greater Massena asking for a monetary contribution to increase awareness of the Interstate 98 project and a request for contributions to construct the Interstate. Interstate 98, if built would not allow driver's access to the scenic highways of the Adirondacks or the Carthage area, therefore the contribution request was denied.

A letter was submitted to the Board from Dr. Gerald Crawford regarding his property on 950 West Street. Dr. Crawford is concerned about water drainage and trees that overhang on his property. President McIlroy reported that DPW Superintendent Danny Trembley was contacted earlier in the day and the drainage problem would be thoroughly reviewed. In addition Davis Tree Service would be contacted about removing or trimming the trees that are hanging over the residence.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to reappoint G. Wayne McIlroy to a three year term expiring December 31, 2013, on the Carthage Industrial Development Corporation board. Motion carried unanimously

Trustee Linda Spencer-Smith reported that she attended one of the Black River Valley ATV clubs meetings as suggested by the Board and she will meet again with the ATV club before the next Village Board meeting to discuss ATV use in the Village in greater detail.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore approve payment to Redfield Contracting in the amount of \$23,625.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,443.41 for general administrative services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$7,200 for program delivery services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize Justice Lucille Shettleton to submit a grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program. President G. Wayne McIlroy is hereby authorized to sign the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to accept the unpaid Village of Carthage tax list as presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$56,125.31 and approve the list being sent to the County of Jefferson for collection. Motion carried unanimously.

The proposed siren agreement between the Village of Carthage and the Carthage/Wilna Fire District was discussed with a few revisions being forwarded to the Village Attorney Mark Gebo.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Rebecca Vary to authorize the clerk transfer funds for unforeseen Village Green maintenance expenses. 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 payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R General Fund, #A26, 27, & 28 \$23,677.96; Water Fund, #F26, 27,& 28 \$74,686.73; Sewer Fund, #G26, & 27 \$3,835.37; Joint Fund, #J11, 11A, 11B, & 28, \$10,213.98. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY=S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that Thursday November 4 at 4:15 pm will be the special meeting for the WPCF. Community Development Coordinator John McHugh and Phillip Smith of Avalon Associates will be in Albany tomorrow meeting with representatives of the Community Development Block Grant program to review why the Twin Villages were not given a 2010 grant as requested.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

#### MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:46 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:55 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk