

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
November 15, 2010

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

Guest: Black River Valley ATV Club President, Donald Hamilton; Jefferson County Recreation Trail Coordinator, Patrick Crast; Village residents, Sean McHale, Danielle and Ken Huestis.

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 Rebecca Vary to approve the minutes of November 1, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk with the correction of Trustee Rebecca Vary and Kathleen Latremore attending the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Carthage High School 12 Honor Class thanking the Board for allowing use of the recreation building for their Annual Spook Trail event, and informing the board of the \$435.40 dollars raised and donated to the Wilna Champion Transportation Association.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to hold their Annual Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 in the Village Green Park at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of the 1985 Carthage Fire Department Softball Team to sing Christmas Carole's on Sunday December 19, 2010 starting at 5:30p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the request of the Carthage Central School New Vision Class 2011 that the recreation building rental fee be waived for their Walk/Run fundraiser to benefit the Carthage Area Hospital on Saturday June 11, 2011 from 8:30am to 2:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

TLC Real Estate Agency will be hosting an afterhour's business get together on Wednesday December 8 from 5p.m. to 7p.m.

Correspondence was received from the Teamsters Local 687 stating that the Department of Public Works Union Contract will expire on March 31, 2011 and are now willing to start negotiations for the next contract. President McIlroy instructed Attorney Gebo to contact the Teamster Local to set up meeting times to negotiate the next contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer and Village Attorney Mark Gebo updated the Board on the previous meeting with Don Hamilton, President of the Black River ATV club and Jefferson County Recreation Trail Coordinator, Patrick Crast. Village Attorney Mark Gebo questioned whether the current ATV law needs revising or if the problem is just with enforcement. It was decided that Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer should contact the residents of Alexandria Street, to

confirm that the ATV problem has been lessened due to installing posted signs on the former Brahman property and the increase of police patrols in that area. The ATV committee will meet again on December 20 at 6:00p.m.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to not allow a discount on the water bill of Danielle and Ken Huestis but will forgo the penalties on the water/sewer bill as long as the bill is paid in full within ten business days. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to honor Shawn McHale's request to change his property address, parcel # 86.51-1-2.215, to 14 Oxford Street from 711 South James Street, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary approve payment to DLO Contractors in the amount of \$9,378.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore approve payment to DLO Contractors in the amount of \$8,127.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer approve payment to Angus Construction in the amount of \$41,485.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer approve payment to DLO Contractors in the amount of \$8,655.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Clerk/Treasurers request that the Village Office close on Friday, November 26, 2010 for a long weekend following Thanksgiving Day. A personal day will be used for this day. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to receive medical coverage effective January 1, 2011 through the Village as long as he/she pays 100% of the cost and any additional fees associated with the medical plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R, #A29, & 30 \$17,700.84; Water Fund, #F29, & 30, \$2,534.08; Sewer Fund, #G29, & 30 \$3,786.07; Joint Fund, #J12A, & 12B, \$8,689.10, and General Fund Abstracts, \$176,130.11; Water Fund Abstracts, \$22,015.09; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$3,374.48; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$ 61,639.73. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

The proposed siren agreement between the Village of Carthage and the Carthage/Wilna Fire District was discussed and Mr. Gebo will email the clerk the revisions on Tuesday. Attorney Gebo reported that the Brahman property is close to being transferred and he has not heard anything from the Carthage Free Library on their request for the Village parking lot on Church

Street. Attorney Gebo stated that the special use permits and site plan review need to be referred to the Jefferson County Planning Board and that a public hearing would be necessary. Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to allow Attorney Gebo's office to submit the special use permits and site plan review to the Jefferson County Planning board for their review and the public hearing would be sometime in January. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that tomorrow will be the next RACOG meeting and Wednesday November 17 at 4:15 pm will be the WPCF meeting at the West Carthage Municipal Building.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Michael Astafan reported that he should have the signage information for the Thorpe Street intersection available at the next meeting.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to enter Executive Session at 7:47 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:00 P.M.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Linda Smith-Spencer to allow only DPW Superintendant, Danny Trembley and Village Clerk/Treasurer Sherry L. Sears to be members on the Village of Carthage Sam's Club Membership and to allow only Village purchases on that membership. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy informed the board of a complaint he received from a citizen, asking why American Flags were not displayed on Veterans Day. The reason for this is when Veteran's Day and the Holiday Parade are just days away from each other; it is not possible to have Flags on Veteran's Day and holiday decorations on the same poles for the Holiday parade. Replacing the American Flags with the Holiday decorations takes a few days dependent on weather and availability of labor hours that the DPW has available.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Kathleen Latremore to request the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce to change the Holiday Parade to the 3rd Saturday in November to allow for the American Flags to be displayed on Veterans Day and the Holiday Decorations to be displayed during the Holiday parade. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk