

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
October 4, 2010

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

Guest: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Reeve Rockhill, Carthage Chief of Police; Reginald Huber, Senior Patrolmen; Samuel Capone, Patrolmen; John Pais, Executive Director of Town of Wilna Housing Authority; Member of the Black River Valley ATV Club; Bob Fetterely, Missing Link Snowmobile Club; Village residents, Adam Fuller, Andrew Susice, Dorothy Susice, Kathy Cook, Sayre Stevens, Robert Blaschke, Emily Blaschke, and eleven Participation in Government Student.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Carthage Chief of Police, Reeve Rockhill presented Police Officer Reginald Huber with the award from NYS Governor Patterson for Exceptional Valor for rescuing citizens of Carthage at a fire that occurred at Brady Acres housing complex in April of 2008.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of September 20, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk, with the correction of Trustee Michael Astafan making the motion for approving the bills and payroll not trustee Kathleen Latremore. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the minutes of September 28, 2010 special meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

President McIlroy asked the people in attendance if anyone was here to speak to the Village Board. Bob Blaschke raised his hand and stated he was here to speak to the Village Board about ATV use on Boyd Road and Adelaide Street. President McIlroy asked Mr. Blaschke to please allow Adam Fuller to speak first regarding the ATV issue, due to this already being on the agenda under correspondence. Then anyone who wanted to speak about the ATV issue please refrain till after Mr. Fuller speaks.

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission stated that the Shared Police Service Study was finalized and the public could download a copy of this report from the Village website. Then Mrs. Amyot stated that at the September 16<sup>th</sup> RACOG meeting the committee reviewed zoning amendments, suggested adoption procedure for phase II of the Zoning Amendments and discussed the overall zoning process.

On behalf of the Town of Wilna Board of Directors, and himself, John Pais, Executive Director of Town of Wilna Housing Authority commended Officer Huber on his exceptional valor and said he could not thank Officer Huber enough for his selfless act at Brady Acres.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

President McIlroy read the letter that Adam Fuller wrote to the board which stated his concerns with the safety of all terrain vehicles on Village Streets and the safety of Village residents and motorists.

Mr. Fuller explained that he has viewed past incidents where ATV's passed motor vehicles on "outer" West Street and stated this a regular occurrence on that Street. Adam further stated that he is not "anti- recreation" or "anti- all terrain vehicles" and that he insures all terrain vehicles at his insurance agency.

Alexandria Street resident Kathy Cook displayed pictures that she took of ATV's that continuously drive reckless on her street, sidewalk and the rail road tracks near her home. Mrs. Cook further stated this reckless ATV driving is daily and once at three in the morning she woke up to multiple ATV's revving up their engines and shining their headlights into her windows. Mrs. Cook stated she wants something done about this problem.

Another Alexandria Street resident Andrew and Dorothy Susice spoke to the board regarding the same problem they are having with ATV's driving reckless on their street. Mr. Susice stated that the Village Board needs to hire more patrolmen to patrol the area and catch the ATV riders who are breaking the law.

Robert and Emily Blaschke also stated the problem with the ATV on Alexandria Street and Mr. Blaschke asked the Village Board to install a fence on the "old Brahman" property to stop the access of four wheelers riding in that area. Mr. Blaschke explained that the reckless ATV riders have a trail in back of his home and outrageously speed by his house, at any time of the day or night, then onto the "old Brahman" property, then onto the railroad tracks, that allow them access to Boyd Street. Mr. Blaschke stated he is very frustrated with this ongoing problem and something needs to be done.

President McIlroy explained that the Police Department needs help from the residents who are being affected by the ATV's to sign statements against the offenders so they can be prosecuted. President McIlroy thanked the Alexandria Street residents for their comments and stated we need more comments from other residents on this issue. Mr. McIlroy stated the Village Board and himself want this problem fixed but are unsure on how to fix this without this affecting the responsible ATV riders in the Village. The Village Board does not want to ban ATV riding in the Village due to a few people who are not law abiding. President McIlroy then asked the clerk to put this on the next agenda and review this information with the Village Attorney Mark Gebo.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Carthage Chamber of Commerce request to hold the Annual Holiday Parade on November 13, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the Boy Scouts of America, Pack 39 Cubmaster Katie Steiner's request to use the recreation building on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5pm to 8pm starting September 27, 2010 through May 26, 2011 and Saturday March 26, 2011 with the recreation building rental fee being waived, also with the stipulation that if another paying resident of the Village wants the recreation building for this same time this motion and agreement would be re-evaluated. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Resolution #10 that approves and endorses the application of the Missing Link Snowmobile Club for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for the project know as Tucker Sno-Cat Groomer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Emma Neibacher of the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Class to hold a Spook Trail at the Carthage Park on Friday October 29, 2010 from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. provided there is proper adult supervision and to waive the curfew at the park for those attending the Spook Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was received from Brian Draper, Head Fire Driver for the Carthage/Wilna Fire District stating that Wells Communication has been called to fix the siren timer and in the

future the Fire District would handle any repairs or problems with the timer located in the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

Water Superintendent Ernie Prieto submitted correspondence to the board stating that Mrs. Josephine Avallone at 558 Adelaide Street wanted an adjustment to her water bill. After reviewing her usage history Mr. Prieto determined that the current usage for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billing period is actually lower usage than her average usage for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billing cycle for the last five years, and therefore an adjustment should not be made.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore, based on Water Superintendent, Ernie Prieto recommendation that no adjustment be allowed on Mrs. Avallone's water bill. Motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,808.66 for general administrative services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy and Guidelines will be tabled until the next board meeting when Village Attorney Mark Gebo is present and this also would allow the Village Board to review this matter further.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> Parking Ban and authorize the clerk to have this notice to residents published in the Carthage Republican Tribune. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R General Fund, #A21, 22, & 23 \$23,773.43; Water Fund, #F21, 22, & 23 \$4,047.88; Sewer Fund, #G21, & 22 \$2,843.64; Joint Fund, #J9 & J23, \$9,560.15. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY=S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that tomorrow at 4p.m. will be a CDBG meeting.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Kathleen Latremore requested an executive session.

#### MEDIA QUESTIONS:

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to enter Executive Session at 8:02 P.M. due to potential litigation on Village property.

Regular session resumed at 8:17 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:18 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk