

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
October 18, 2010

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

Guest: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; Joe Orton, representative from NYSORVA; Patrick Crast, representative from JCSWCD; Donald Hamilton, Member of the; Village residents, Emily Blaschke, Carthage Republican Tribune & Watertown Daily Times Reporter, Chelsea Craddock; and eighteen 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 Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission asked the board and Attorney Gebo to review the packets they received on standardizing each of the four zoning laws in the RACOG communities. This issue will be carried over till the November 15, 2010 board meeting, when Attorney Gebo will be present.

Village resident, Emily Blaschke stated there is less ATV traffic going by her home due to the no trespassing signs that were placed on the former Brahman property and she thanked the board for installing the signs.

Donald Hamilton president of the Black River Valley ATV Club explained that his ATV club does not want to see the roads closed in the Village due to a few "bad apples". The Black River Valley ATV Club has over 200 responsible members, and currently donates to over twelve charitable organizations. After some board discussion Trustee Astafan commended the ATV club for its support and stated he personally is not in favor of closing Village roads to responsible ATV riders. It was decided that Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer will meet with Mr. Hamilton and Village Attorney Mark Gebo on November 15 at 6 p.m. to discuss this matter further.

Joe Orton, member of NYSORVA, (New York State off Highway Recreation Vehicle Association) is asking if there is anything there group can do to help the Village with this problem. NYSORVA would provide and install signs that state ATV riding is prohibited.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the Carthage Lions Club and Carthage Elks Lodge request for a \$100.00 contribution toward the Second Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast Celebration that will take place on Thursday November 25, 2010 at the Carthage Elks Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy instructed the clerk to place the appointment request from the Carthage Industrial Development Group on the next agenda when a full board would be present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village Attorney Mark Gebo stated that the current ATV policy in the Village should be thoroughly reviewed. The Board should meet with the different ATV groups over this winter and then have a revised ATV law for next spring.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to have the Clerk/Treasurer send a letter to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency requesting that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions give their consent prior to the JCIDA approving any PILOT for Sale Leaseback Transactions on Sales Tax Abatement and Mortgage Tax Abatement. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request from Code Enforcement Officer Rick Soluri, to have health insurance coverage starting January 1, 2011 will be carried over till the next board meeting on November 15 when the Village Attorney is present. Mr. Soluri will pay 100% of the health insurance cost, but the Clerk/Treasurer will need to call Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Teamsters to review some additional information.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to changed the addresses of the following tax parcels 86.33-2-67.3 from not addressed to 323-325 South Washington Street, tax parcel 86.33-2-67.1 from not addressed to 327 South Washington St, tax parcel 86.42-1-1.1 from 351 to 329 South Washington St., tax parcel 86.42-1-1.2 from 351 to 331 South Washington St, and tax parcel 86.42-1-5.2 from 339 to 337 South Washington Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer approve payment to Painting Etc. Inc. in the amount of \$9,550.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R General Fund, #A21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 \$41,373.18; Water Fund, #F21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 \$7,949.55; Sewer Fund, #G21, 22, 24 & 25 \$6,269.29; Joint Fund, #J9, 10 & 23, \$18,113.75 and General Fund Abstracts, \$63,762.31; Water Fund Abstracts, \$3,634.78; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$2,681.86; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$ 33,950.41. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY=S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that Wednesday October 20 at 4:15 pm will be the WPCF meeting at West Carthage and Monday October 25 at 4:00 pm will be the next EDCC meeting. Northern Federal Credit Union will be having its grand opening on Monday October 25 at 4:00 pm and the dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony for Long Fall Park/Guyot's Island will be Friday October 22 at 10am. President McIlroy then asked Attorney Gebo about issues that were on previous agenda.

Mr. Gebo stated he has not received any correspondence or phone calls from the Carthage Free Library regarding their request for the Village parking lot that adjoins the Library property, or the proposed annexation of Alexandria Street property from Lonn Covey or the proposed sanitary agreement from the Nash's. President McIlroy then informed the Board that himself, the clerk/treasurer, Edie from the Chamber of Commerce and Paul Smith, Superintendent for Town of Wilna met last week and reviewed the Farmers Market agreement.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

President McIlroy asked Mr. Gebo, what the status is on the Brahman property. Attorney Gebo stated that he is waiting to hear from Attorney Farley who represents the CIDC. President McIlroy per the board direction asked Mr. Gebo to write up a siren contract with the Carthage/Town of Wilna Fire District that states it is the responsibility of the Fire Dept to maintain and keep liability coverage on the fire siren that is located on top of the municipal building.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer reported that Water Superintendent Ernie Prievo will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M. to train the various Fire Departments on proper Village hydrant hose hookup and disconnect at the West Carthage Fire Hall.

President McIlroy commended the Water Dept and DPW employees for the quickness and professionalism in fixing the water leak on West End Avenue last Thursday evening.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Republican Tribune & Watertown Daily Times Reporter, Chelsea Craddock asked if the new address for Regency Park have taken effect yet. President McIlroy responded that yes the addresses are in effect and all the relevant parties have been notified. The clerk/treasurer handed Ms. Craddock a detailed listing of the new addresses and the names of the property owners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to enter Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:26 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:27 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk