

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
September 20, 2010

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

Excused: Kathleen Latremore

Guest: Chelsea Craddock, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times reporter; Village of Carthage Water Superintendent, Ernie Prievo; Eugene Langone substituting for the Village Attorney Mark Gebo, and fourteen 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 Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of September 6, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the letter from Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, which stated they provided 2,213 lunches and 2,314 snacks for children who attended the seven week summer recreation program in the Village of Carthage.

Correspondence was received from Kenneth Stilwell, Executive Administrator for New York State Teamster Council Health and Hospital Fund detailing the audit conducted by its auditor for the period of January 2004 to December 2009, which stated no audit liability is due to the NYS Teamsters Teamster Council Health and Hospital Fund.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request of Megan Bowen, Representative of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy of the Carthage Central High School, to waive the rental fee for use of the Recreational Building on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the Carthage Chamber of Commerce request to use the Farmers Market Pavilion, for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series for the dates of July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3, and 10, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Resolution #9 authorizing the discontinuance of Buck Lane and Alley as streets in the Village of Carthage as requested by the Head Fire Driver of the Carthage/Wilna Fire District, Brian Draper. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the settlement with National Grid where the Village will not receive gross receipts tax due from National Grid for the period of December 2008 to December 2009, in the amount of \$11,600.00 but in lieu of this National Grid will drop its claim of overpayment to the Village of Carthage for gross receipts utility tax of \$23,539.69 and in the future National Grid will collect, then distribute the gross receipts utility tax to the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize President McIlroy to

enter into any agreement to transfer the Brahman property to the CIDC or any other designated entity as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Village of Carthage Police Chief, Reeve Rockhill sent correspondence to the board regarding the stored police uniforms that have traces of mold on them. Chief Rockhill correspondence explained that the mold was due to a ventilation problem and the uniforms were stored in a back room of the Municipal building basement. Chief Rockhill, received estimates from three dry cleaners and the professional cleaners stated that dry cleaning would safely remove any mold. After the uniforms are dry cleaned, the uniforms will be stored in the code enforcement office.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to select Pine Cleaners as the vendor to dry clean the police officers uniforms at an estimated cost of \$305.00. Motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Lead Safe LLC in the amount of \$800.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment to Painting Etc. Inc. in the amount of \$13,950.00 for rehabilitation services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously, but Trustee Astafan noted he is approving this under protest due to some housing rehabilitation contractors not starting the CDBG house improvement jobs in a timely manner.

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment number three to Fiacco & Riley Construction in the amount of \$65,593.70 for improvements to Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island per the recommendation of the architect Clough Harbor Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan Seconded by Rebecca Vary to set the October 31, 2010 Halloween Trick or Treat hours in the Village of Carthage from 6PM to 8PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R General Fund, #A19, 20, & 21 \$26,241.92; Water Fund, #F19, 20, & 21 \$5,873.63; Sewer Fund, #G 19, 20, & 21 \$4,324.98; Joint Fund, #J 8, & 9, \$17,931.37; and General Fund Abstracts, \$36,286.07; Water Fund Abstracts, \$9,410.76; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$2,638.73; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$ 94,643.07. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ATTORNEY GEBO/LANGONE UPDATE:

Village Attorney Mark Gebo was unable to attend the board meeting. Mr. Gebo had his law partner Eugene Langone substitute for him in his absence. Mr. Langone discussed the revised Farmers Market Contract, but nothing will be decided until Town of Wilna Supervisor, Paul Smith, Village of Carthage President, G. Wayne McIlroy, Executive Director of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, Edie Roggie and the Village Clerk/Treasurer meet in early October.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY=S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that Tuesday will be the next RACOG meeting and asked Deputy President Astafan if he had a chance to order the new sign for Thorpe Street. Trustee Astafan explained that he has not found the correct sign yet but will continue speaking with the Department of Transportation on this matter.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to enter Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. for basis of a financial condition of particular individual, or corporation and discussion on a personnel issue.

Regular session resumed at 8:18 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:19 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk