

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
August 16, 2010

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

Excused: Deputy President, Michael Astafan

Guest: Tug Hill Commission, Kathy Amyot; Village Attorney, Mark Gebo; Village of Carthage Chief of Police, Reeve Rockhill; Chief of the Carthage/Wilna Fire District, Norman Barkley; Head Fire Driver of the Carthage/Wilna Fire District, Brian Draper, Jefferson County Director of Fire and Emergency Management, Joseph Plummer and Chelsea Craddock, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times Reporter.

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

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the minutes of July 19, 2010 joint meeting with the Town of Wilna as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission explained that on August 24th at 7:30 will be a steering committee meeting with Charlie Zettek to review the information on the Shared Police Services Study, and after that meeting Charlie Zettek will present the information to both Carthage and West Carthage Village boards.

Jefferson County Director of Fire and Emergency Management, Joseph Plummer explained to the board his department and the Jefferson County Sherriff's Department request to re address the houses at Regency Park. Mr. Plummer stated that the confusion in the addressing of Regency Park leads to wasted emergency response time and on three occasions where a Regency Park resident could not be located by policeman.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to have the clerk draft a letter to the residents of Regency Park stating why this change has to be done and to have the clerk meet with Mr. Plummer to assign new addresses for the nine residences at Regency Park that would be affected by this decision. Motion carried unanimously.

Head Fire Driver of the Carthage/Wilna Fire District, Brian Draper stated to the Board that when a fire call is relayed from 911, the two closest adjoining streets are mentioned to the emergency responder to help with locating the emergency. Mr. Draper said he noticed that two streets are sometime mentioned that do not currently exist. The two streets mentioned in a 911 call are "Buck Lane" and "Alley". President McIlroy confirmed that these two streets do not exist in the Village and asked Village Attorney Mark Gebo what would need to be done, to eliminate these two streets from the tax map. Mr. Gebo instructed the clerk to review this issue with the DPW Superintendant to make sure these roads are not being maintained by the Village and then the Board would have to pass a resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve Jennie Busch's request to hold a block party on Elm Street, Saturday August 28, 2010 from 2pm until midnight and allow the DPW to set up barricades to close off the street. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy informed the Board of the "\$25 on the 25th Campaign" that the Chamber of Commerce is helping to promote. This state wide campaign encourages consumers to spend \$25 on the 25th of September at a local business.

Correspondence was received from village resident Sharon Connolly stating that the sidewalk in front of her North Washington Street home needs to be replaced. The Board thoroughly discussed her situation and President McIlroy had previously spoken with DPW Superintendant, Danny Trembley regarding this request. It was noted that the sidewalk budget for this fiscal year is completely expensed and this request would be submitted to the DPW Superintendant for consideration in the next fiscal year, but sidewalks replacement would and is based on the greatest amount of potential hazard to a pedestrian.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the Carthage Chamber of Commerce request to hold a 5/10K Run/Walk on Saturday September 18th, 2010 beginning at 8:00am, with the specific location of the event to be announced at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Village of Copenhagen subject to Village Attorney, Mark Gebo and Water Superintendant, Ernie Priervo final review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Due to Mrs. DeLong refusing to allow the Village to fix the water issue on her property a motion was made to fix a water drainage problem at a different location in the Village.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve Francis Runkles previous request to have drainage pipes installed on his South James Street property, but with the cost of the project not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Village Attorney Mark Gebo stated that in his opinion the Village Board should wait until NYCOM reviews the new settlement agreement from National Grid before making a decision. President McIlroy and the Board agreed with Mr. Gebo opinion and will table this discussion until NYCOM reviews the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment to Hraback, Gebo & Langone in the amount of \$90.00 for professional services that qualified for the 2008 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Lead Safe LLC. in the amount of \$1,575.00 for lead paint assessment on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment to Angus Construction in the amount of \$20,145.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Avalon Associates Lead Safe LLC. in the amount of \$1,575.00 for lead paint assessment on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Hartgen Archeological Associates in the amount of \$1,000.00 for archeological sub-consulting on the Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment number two to Fiacco & Riley for \$40,186.36 for improvements to Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island per the recommendation of the architect Clough Harbor Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize the clerk and deputy clerk to attend the Local Government Conference Training in Potsdam NY, on October 12, 2010. 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, #A10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 \$56,783.47; Water Fund, #F10, 11, 12, 13, 13A, & 14 \$10,725.21; Sewer Fund, #G 10, 11, 13, & 14 \$6,805.85; Joint Fund, #J 4A, 5, 6 & 12, \$17,205.16 and General Fund Abstracts, \$115,701.59; Water Fund Abstracts, \$52,876.19; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$55,542.62; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$67,398.85. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY=S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that the next Waste Water Pollution Control Facility meeting will be August 18th at 4:15 at the Carthage Municipal Building and the Shared Police Service Study meeting will be Tuesday August 24 at 7:30 at the West Carthage Municipal Building.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Kathleen Latremore stated that she would be out of the area from August 18 till September 1, 2010 and gave the clerk her cell phone number in case she needs to be contacted.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo reported that he has not received any correspondence regarding the Brahman or Nash property. The current Farmers Market contract was discussed and suggestions were given to Attorney Gebo on changes that need to be made per the previous meeting between President McIlroy, Town of Wilna Supervisor, Paul Smith; Carthage Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Edie Roggie; and Village Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Sears.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. for discussion on a collective bargaining issue.

Regular session resumed at 8:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk