

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 7, 2010

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

Guests: Tug Hill Commission, Kathy Amyot; Village residents Helen Delong, Debra Delong, Thomas Runkles, and Rodney Guyette.

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 May 17, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Village resident Rodney Guyette reported to the Board that his neighbor has an excessive rubbish pile in his back yard and is not mowing his entire back yard that adjoins his property. Mr. Guyette is requesting the Village Board review the current grass mowing policy. President McIlroy asked the clerk to contact the Village Attorney Mark Gebo regarding this request and asked Mr. Guyette to be present at the next Village Board meeting of June 21, when Attorney Gebo would be present.

Village resident Helen Delong and Debra Delong spoke to the board about excessive water on their property on South James Street. After some discussion President McIlroy and Deputy President Michael Astafan agreed to meet with the Delong's on June 11, along with DPW Superintendant Danny Trembley, to assess the situation and propose a corrective plan of action. It is noted that Mrs. Helen Delong submitted a hand written letter to the board.

Village resident Thomas Runkles approached the board with a request of extending the drainage pipe and filling in a ditch on his South James Street property. Mr. Runkles gave permission for President McIlroy and any Village employee to walk on his property to determine what would need to be done.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Rebecca Vary to authorize to adopt Resolution #7 authorizing President McIlroy to sign the Memorandum of Understanding supporting the Black River Watershed program in connection with Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission stated that the Tom Stewart was selected as the RACOG representative to represent Town of Wilna, Town of Champion, Village of West Carthage and Village of Carthage for the Black River Water Shed program. Mrs. Amyot also informed the board that at the last RACOG Recreation Committee meeting it was approved to open up the Twin Village Swimming pool for seven weeks this summer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Village Board received correspondence from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Jefferson County Fire and Emergency Management office requesting that the houses located at Regency Park need to be readdressed. The Sherriff's office dispatched a deputy to Regency Park and was unable to locate the residence. President McIlroy and the Village Board discussed this matter in detail and then requested the Clerk refer this matter to the Village Attorney Mark Gebo and carry this over to the next agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve a new sign on Thorpe Street that would indicate the Thorpe Street/West Street Road intersection ahead. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hire Kyle Gaebel as a summer employee at an hourly rate of \$7.50 an hour starting June 14, 2010, as recommended by Water Superintendent Ernie Prievo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Dan Trembley to hire Adam Bracey and Conor Cleary starting on June 1, 2010, Vincent Renzi on June 16, 2010 for summer help at a rate of \$7.50 an hour and to approve Joanne Lazore as the Parks and Recreation Assistant Director at a rate of \$10.30 an hour for 10 weeks, starting late June. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of unused sick leave as follows: Reeve Rockhill, Ernie Prievo, and Dan Trembley \$225.00 each. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve one meeting a month for the months of July and August- July 19th and August 16th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to DLO Contracting in the amount of \$3,824.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2008 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer Michael Astafan to approve payment to DLO Contracting in the amount of \$14,917.00 for rehabilitation services that qualified for the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Lead Safe LLC for lead paint assessment services for the 2009 Community Block Development Grant in the amount of \$800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on 911 addresses being displayed on all Village buildings will be tabled until the next board meeting when Village Attorney Mark Gebo will be in attendance.

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the Agreement for services between the Wilna-Champion Transportation Association, Inc. and the Village of Carthage for the new term of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. President McIlroy is hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A63, 64, 1, 2, 2b, & 2c \$43,426.64; Water Fund, #F63, 64, 1, 2, 2b,& 2c \$4,322.34; Sewer Fund, #G63, 64,& 2 \$3,928.06; Joint Fund, #J25, & 1 \$17,546.19. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that he has a meeting with Town of Wilna Supervisor, Paul Smith tomorrow at 2:00 to discuss Water District #1 water meter adjustment. Then on Wednesday June 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. will be the Shared Police Study public meeting at the Village of West Carthage Firehall.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer explained that she visited the Reservoir and Filtration plant with Water Superintendant, Ernie Prievo and that Ernie was a "wealth of information".

Trustee Kathleen Latremore wanted to recognize the Joint Carthage/West Carthage Water Department for their knowledge, work ethics, and accomplishments in the water system that earned them the award of Water System of the Year from NYSRWA.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to enter Executive Session at 8:40P.M. for discussion on contract negotiations.

Regular session resumed at 8:57P.M.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the Contract between the Village of Carthage and the Village Police Department as proposed and upon final approval and signing by Teamsters Local 687 Business Agent, Union Steward, President McIlroy and Village Attorney Mark Gebo on the wording of same. Roll call vote: President McIlroy – Aye; Deputy President Astafan – Aye; Trustee Vary – Nay; Trustee Latremore – Aye; Trustee Smith-Spencer - Aye; Motion carried 4-1.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:59P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk