

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
April 19, 2010

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

Excused: Trustee Rebecca Vary

Also: Village Attorney Mark Gebo

Guests: Chelsea Craddock, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times reporter; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Jennie Busch, Emily Busch and Danielle Baker representing Girl Scout Troop 19; Village resident, Oliver Compo; and one Participation in Government Student.

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

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Village resident Oliver Compo explained to the Board that he felt it was unfair for the Village of Carthage to pay for the cleanup costs for a house on John Street. President McIlroy explained that the charge for clean up services would be placed on the property in the way of a special assessment tax and the Village would be reimbursed for the cleanup costs. President McIlroy further commented that the board had no other solutions to this problem.

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission discussed the Black River Watershed Management Plan and President McIlroy asked the clerk to put this on the next agenda. Then, Mrs. Amyot asked the Board to consider a small energy audit to be provided by New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the correspondence from the Carthage Free Library regarding their open house to be held on May 5th from 5pm to 7pm at the library and confirmed their request to be placed on the agenda for May 17th meeting.

Emily Busch and Danielle Baker, representative of Girl Scout Troop 19 approached the Board about having a community picnic of celebration for the 10 year anniversary of building Kids World Playground along with the request from Jennie Busch to have a maintenance inspection and safety audit done to evaluate the playground. President McIlroy then asked the clerk how much money was in the endowment fund set aside for the playground and the clerk responded around \$27,000.00 Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the maintenance inspection and safety audit service to be performed on Kids World Playground by Leathers Associates of Ithaca, NY.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to dedicate Wednesday April 28, 2010 as Appreciation Day for Joyce Miller for her dedication and service to the community and for being the recipient of the 2009 Carthage Citizen of the year award.

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Village Green, for their Sounds of Summer Concert Series for the dates of July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 3, 2010, and if needed authorize the use of the Farmers Market Pavilion, in case of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstance for these same dates. Further, the Village of Carthage will contribute \$300 towards this public event. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Annual Fireworks on July 10, 2010 at Turning Point Park. Further, the Village of Carthage will contribute \$300 towards this public event. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy informed the Board that he received a letter and photographs from Village property owner Brian Zehr explaining that an adjacent property owner has a deteriorating slanting wall that could damage his home. Mr. Zehr had not yet contacted the Village Code Enforcement Officer regarding his complaint and President McIlroy asked the clerk to contact the Code Enforcement Officer and have a report available for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The request for a three way stop sign at the intersection of Thorpe Street and West Street was discussed and tabled until the Board receives further information.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Linda Smith- Spencer to approve T.F. Wright & Son Granite Foundry to move the award/monument to its new location in Monument Park by the sidewalk for a fee not to exceed \$200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kathleen Latremore reported that Joanne Lazore has dismissed her request to use the Carthage ball field for the coach pitch program, due to the prior approval of the Carthage Little League and Mrs. Lazore did not want to interfere with anything that was already scheduled.

President McIlroy reported on the recommendations of Mr. Girard, of the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters Association suggestions on how homeowners can clearly display their 911 house numbers to facilitate emergency response. The first recommendation was not to allow labeling of houses with roman numerals. Second suggestion was to post the address with letters and numbers that are three to four inches high. Third, if possible reflective style lettering is better than non reflective basic style. President McIlroy then stated he would bring this information tomorrow to the RACOG meeting.

Village Attorney Mark Gebo reported to the board regarding Mr. Hollenbeck's request for a waiver to ride his all terrain vehicle on Alexandria Street. Mr. Gebo stated that it is the local law that states you must have a valid driver's license to operate an all terrain vehicle. Currently, Mr. Hollenbeck does not have a valid driver's license, and it would be unadvisable to change a local law for one individual. The Board jointly agreed that it would not be possible to grant Mr. Hollenbeck's request for a waiver to ride his all terrain vehicle within the Village.

Village Attorney Mark Gebo reported that a "Juice Bar" would not be permitted in the Village of Carthage due to special permit that would be needed and compliance with all the other Village Laws that are already in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve President McIlroy to sign the second budget modification from for the 2008 CDBG home preservation program.

Motion by Linda Smith-Spencer and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to Clough Harbor and Associates in the amount of \$6,131.00 for contract documents and bidding services on the Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island Park Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$530.75 for general administrative services on the 2008 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$1,264.66 for general administrative services on the 2009 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to Wilbur Thesier Professional Engineer for professional services in the amount of \$600.00 for the 2009 CDBG home preservation program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to authorize the clerk to transfer funds as needed to balance accounts within the budget of the Village. The list is on file in the official minute folder of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize President McIlroy to sign the grant application for a \$3,000.00 grant for Guyot's Island/Long Falls Park from the Black River Advisory Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to have the Department heads attend the second Monday of the month board meeting effective June 21, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A52, 53, 54, 54A & 55 \$40,290.98; Water Fund, #F 52, 53, 54 & 55 \$3,144.88; Sewer Fund, #G52, 53, 54 & 54A \$4,063.21; Joint Fund, #J21 & 55, \$8,782.80, and General Fund Abstracts, \$40,290.98; Water Fund Abstracts, \$3,144.88; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$4,063.21; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$56,281.87. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy announced that today was the mandatory pre-bid meeting for the Guyot's Island/Long Falls Park Project with nine contractors present to tour the island and perceptively bid the project. The opening of the sealed bids will be Wednesday April 28, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. at the municipal building. Then President McIlroy informed the board that tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. is the RACOG meeting and Wednesday April 21 at 4:30 will be the RACOG recreation committee meeting at the Town of Champion.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo stated he received correspondence from the Nash's Attorney and Attorney King would have an answer for him on the proposed sanitary and storm sewer agreements by the end of the month. Attorney Gebo was contacted by Donald Campany's Attorney regarding the annexation of his property on Norris Avenue and currently is clarifying the agreement.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to adopt Resolution # 5 of 2010, unanimously as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Carthage is in receipt of a request from the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage that the Village of Carthage annex to the Village of Carthage a certain parcel of land known as Town of Wilna tax map parcel number 86.07-1-24, and

WHEREAS, it appears that such land is currently uninhabited and is contiguous to the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Petitioners wish to insure a tax exemption for this property which is part of Petitioners Joint Water Supply System, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the annexation as requested by the Petitioners will be in the overall public interest for the following reasons:

- 1) There is a benefit to having this parcel in the Village to insure its tax exempt status;
- 2) The Village is benefited by this as Village of Carthage draws water from the Joint Village of Carthage/West Carthage Water System, a part of which is located on this parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Carthage does hereby approve the annexation to the Town of Wilna tax parcel number 86.07-1-24 as such annexation will be in the overall public interest.

The question of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and unanimously approved.

Then Attorney Gebo stated he needs an executive session to discuss a collective bargaining issue.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and a collective bargaining issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 9:51 p.m.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk