

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room
January 19, 2009 – 7P.M.

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustee Kathleen Latremore, Bernard Frezza and Rebecca Vary. Absent Trustee Michael Astafan.

Guests: Kara Clark Carthage Republican Tribune, Kelly Warth Watertown Daily Times, Linda Weir, 2 Participation in Government Students, Residents Gerald and Paulette Bray, and Charles Ficklin.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, with a minute of silence in honor of our new 44th President Barack Obama.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Gerald and Pauline Bray Tenants of 265 State Street expressed parking concerns and the Village Law requiring tenants to move their vehicle every 24 hours during the winter season. They also stated that there are not enough handicap parking spaces in the Municipal parking lot or on State Street. Charles Ficklin a State Street Apartment resident received a ticket for not moving his vehicle within a twenty four hour period and explained that he felt this was very unfair. President McIlroy explained that the Village agreement with Heritage Apartments state that vehicles must be moved every 24 hours during the winter season. President McIlroy and Trustee Bernard Frezza will discuss with the DPW Superintendent Dan Trembley, concerns on the parking lot.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Laurie Veihl, to use Turing Point Park on Sunday May 24th for a wedding ceremony. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village Attorney Mark Gebo explained that the Association of Towns is in agreement with waiting on the payment request to National Grid until NYCOM has completed their investigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fire Site Parking Lot Amendment was discussed and tabled to the next board meeting. Attorney Gebo, President McIlroy, and EDCC John McHugh will discuss this matter further.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize Avalon Associates to file an application for the 2009 CDBG grant, which will include the Village of West Carthage. The CIDC has agreed to pay the cost of Avalon Associates preparing the application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to hold two public hearings one on February 16, 2009 and a second on March 16, 2009, for public input on the 2009 Joint CDBG Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the payment of Payrolls, General Fund A39,40,41 \$29,371.58; Water Fund F39,40,41 \$9,055.56; Sewer Fund G40,41 \$3000.99; and Joint Fund J16,17 \$18,631.43 and Expenditures, General Fund, \$89,679.34, Water Fund \$39,209.78, Sewer Fund \$2501.98, Joint Fund \$92,498.99. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo said that the Town of Wilna has approved the Joint Court agreement between the Village and Town and Supervisor Paul Smith has signed it. Attorney Gebo also explained that the Town of Wilna is still waiting on the Villages comments on the Joint Water Contract.

Attorney Gebo, responding to a letter from Police Chief Reeve Rockhill, stated that there is a methodology for Covey's garage to go through in order to have vehicles they have towed at the request of the Police, auctioned and sold, and that they should contact their attorney on the exact procedure. Attorney Gebo will talk with the police about this. Attorney Gebo also requested and Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter with members.

PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy stated that Ernie Prievo did a great job on the 2008 Annual Report of the Water Department. President McIlroy asked Attorney Gebo to research the notification process of how many times the Village has to notify a landowner of unsholved sidewalks. Upcoming meeting dates are the Joint Utility Board Meeting on January 21, 2009 at 4pm at West Carthage and the January 20 and 29th meetings of RACOG. President McIlroy also noted that the DPW is working very hard removing snow from Village Streets.

LIAISON REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. for discussion on a litigation matter as requested by Attorney Gebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:25 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:26 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears , Village Clerk