

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room
February 2, 2009 – 7P.M.

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees Michael Astafan, Kathleen Latremore and Rebecca Vary. Trustee Bernard Frezza has been excused from tonight's meeting.

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Kara Clark, Carthage Republican Tribune Reporter; 11 Participation Government Students, Residents Gerald and Paulette Bray.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with a moment of silence for the two dedicated soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division who died in battle that lived in Carthage.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot provided the Board of Trustees with a copy of the Fort Drum Growth Management Strategy Summary Report that was prepared by Behan Planning Associates, LLC. Kathy also explained that due to incremental weather the last RACOG Comprehensive Plan Incentive meeting and the Recreation Committee meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Gerald Bray of Heritage Apartments expressed his concern with the rule of having to move his vehicle once every 24 hours and the amount of snow left in the parking lot after plowing. Mr. Bray also asked the Board what the outcome was from the discussion President McIlroy had with the DPW Superintendent Dan Trembley, about the possibility of moving vehicles to another lot to plow. President McIlroy, discussed this option with DPW Superintendent Dan Trembley, Police Chief Reevie Rockhill, the Village Board and they decided that option was not feasible. Then Mr. Bray asked about a parking permit sign at the entrance to the Municipal parking lot and President McIlroy said the sign had been ordered and will be here some time this spring.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussion followed on the letter sent by Peggy Gill to request the use of Turning Point Park for a wedding on August 15, 2009. After discussion it was decided that the Village Clerk would contact Ms. Gill to get more information.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to accept the EDCC Annual Report as presented by CDC John McHugh. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Fire Site Parking Lot Agreement with the changes proposed by Village Attorney Mark Gebo. Trustee Michael Astafan abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on sidewalk notification will be held over to the next meeting when Attorney Gebo attends.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hold a public hearing on Monday March 16, 2008 at 7:10 PM for the purpose of discussing a proposed Local Law that would prohibit parking on the North Side of South Washington Street from State Street to Oxford Street, with the condition that John Pais, Executive Director for Wisconsin Town Housing Authority writes a letter to the Village Board stating his opinion on the proposed local law. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hold a public hearing on Monday March 16, 2008 7:10 PM for the purpose of discussing a proposed Local Law that would prohibit parking near the helicopter pad Oxford Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Request for payment for Aval Associates Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded Rebecca Vary to approve Lead Safe LLC as the contractor to provide lead based paint risk assessment for the Village of Carthage 2008 CDBG program, as recommended by CDC Joe McHugh in the amounts of \$450.00 for 1 unit per day, \$800.00 for 2 units done on same day, \$1125.00 for 3 units done on same day, and \$1,400.00 for 4 units done on same day. Motion carried unanimously.

Justice Lucille Shettleton request for \$641.21 to cover the balance due for the court room furniture was tabled until the next group meeting can be held between President McIlroy, Justice Lucille Shettleton, Justice Richard Buckingham and Trustee Michael Astafan and Wilna Town Supervisor Paul Smith.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve Charles Waugh replacing Brian Draper as the Rehabilitation Coordinator on the 2008 CDBG Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the payment of Payrolls #A42 and 43, \$24,688.63; #F42 and 43, \$2,938.87; #G42 and 43, \$3,295.76; and #J18, \$9,143.61. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed members that the next Planning Board meeting will be Thursday February 5 at 7:00pm and Winterfest will be Saturday February 14 from 10am to 3 pm. Also, President McIlroy explained that National Grid sent a letter of apology to the Village, about the harsh wording that was used in their request for a refund on the Gross Utility Tax they paid. Lastly, President McIlroy stated that the Village's sales tax received in this quarter is ahead of predictions for the overall year.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Latremore pleaded with the community to please make sure the space around the fire hydrant is properly shoveled out. The DPW/Water Department has been shoveling the hydrants as time permits and some homeowners are filling the fire hydrants back in with snow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:36P.M. for discussion on a possible litigation matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:04P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:04 P.M.

Sherry L. Sears , Village Clerk