

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
March 2, 2009

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

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill; Kara Clark CRT; and 20 members of the Participation in Government Class and 1 parent.

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

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot presented members with information and updates regarding upcoming meetings on Carthage/West Carthage Police Sharing work session, and RACOG Comprehensive Plan.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve Kathy Amyot's request asking the Village Board to send a Resolution supporting the Corridor Management Plan recommendation to extend the Black River Trail Scenic Byway and renaming it the Maple Traditions Scenic Byway, also recognizing State Highway 68 from Ogdensburg to Canton and US Route 11 from Canton to Governor as an alternate loop of the Maple Traditions Scenic Byway. Further, the Board encourages the Governor and the Legislature to work with the New York State Department of Transportation and the Adirondack North Country Association to pass legislation to achieve the above recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussion followed on the letter sent by Teri Ellis, President of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce requesting for storage space, President McIlroy decided that this request would have to be tabled until till the new Court Room is built. President McIlroy also explained that there has been other request from the Village Clerk's office and Village Police office for some of the available space. A second request for combining with the Village's internet and phone service was denied. The third and last request of the Chamber of Commerce was the use of three DPW workers to aide with moving the Chamber to their new location; this too, was denied.

President McIlroy hereby declares March 8, 2009 through March 14, 2009 as Girl Scout Week and further proclaims the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 8, 2009 as Girl Scout Week.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve John McHugh, EDCC Community Development Coordinator request of a three year extension on Village of Carthage Permit # 1904-211, which would delay the right to put up a billboard on parcel# 86.40-2-50. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the submittal of a letter of intent to apply for a Restore NY grant by President McIlroy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the Amended Bond Resolution, as on file, increasing the Court Room serial bond from \$400,000 to \$500,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to accept the bid of HSBC Bank in the amount of 3% for the BAN on the Court House and Recreation Facility Bonding. Further the Clerk/Treasurer is authorized to sign all necessary paperwork on behalf of the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize the Clerk to attend training on waste water collection, treatment and infrastructure on March 26, 2009. The training would be from 2:00pm to 6:30 pm at SUNY Potsdam College. The Clerk would get reimbursed for any mileage expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment of Payroll #A47 & 48, in the amount of \$23,658.24; #F47 & 48, \$2,279.02; #G47 & 48, \$2504.47; #J20, \$8,862.12. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reported that the normal Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th at 7PM. if there is any business to take place. President McIlroy asked Kathy Amyot if there were any updates on Guyot Island but after a brief discussion there was nothing to update at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Bernard Frezza explained that he was contacted by Kara Clark of the Republican Tribune about the possibility of the Village of Carthage becoming "Climate Smart". President McIlroy requested that the Clerk list this on the next agenda, to be brought up for further discussion at that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter into Executive session at 7:26 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 7:52P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 7:52P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk