

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
March 16, 2009

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

Guests: Kara Clark, CRT Reporter, Kelly Warth, WDT, 14 members of the Participation in Government
Class.

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 Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2009,
meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy informed members that he received a letter from Barbara Willis, Executive Director of
the North County Affordable Housing Inc., advising him that they have received an award of \$700,000 for
the Mobile Home Replacement Program. All low income resident owners of older mobile homes in
Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence Counties may receive a grant of up to \$35,000 towards cost of replacement
with a stick built home. President McIlroy explained that there will be a 2009 Community Survey available
for the public to fill out and send back to North Country Affordable Housing Inc.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza that the Village provide a letter of support to the
Augustinian Academy for a 21st Century Grant as requested by Sister Annuciata Collins in a letter to the
Village Board. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy presented his comments on the handicapped parking spaces in the public parking lot
behind the Municipal Building. He also reported that business people are upset over the continuous parking
of 256 State Street Apartment tenants in the handicapped spaces. The lack of available handicap space for
their customers is affecting their business.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hold a public hearing on Proposed Local Law
3 of 2009, on April 20, 2009 at 7:15P.M. that would limit the time of parking in a handicap space to 2
hours, during the hours of 8:00A.M. to 8:00P.M.. Motion carried 4-1 with Trustee Michael Astafan
abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proof of notice having been furnished the Second Public Hearing on the CDBG program was called to
order at 7:18P.M. by President McIlroy.

President McIlroy provided information on the Small Cities CDBG Program Grant Application. President
McIlroy presented the following CDBG Program information – The Small Cities Community Development
Block Grant provides funds to municipalities that can be used in three categories: housing rehabilitation or
homeownership; public facilities (infrastructure improvements or service related projects) and Economic
Development (creation/retention of jobs or micro enterprise). The grants are made on an annual basis,
except for Economic Development where applications can be submitted at any time. A single municipality

can apply for \$400,000 - \$600,000 depending on the activity and up to \$750,000 from Economic Development projects. Municipalities can also submit joint applications for public infrastructure (water/sewer only) for up to \$900,000.

These projects must: Benefit low and moderate income families; prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or meet other urgent community development needs. To meet the first criteria, at least 51% of the persons benefiting must be low and moderate-income persons according to the HUD income limits provided in the application. These limits adjust based on household size. This is the primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program. At least 70% of the grant funds must be allocated to activities that meet the primary objective of benefit to low and moderate-income persons.

President McIlroy explained the state process. To apply for these funds, there must be a unit of local government in New York in compliance with all HUD regulations, a community must hold two public hearings. The purpose of the first hearing was to explain the program and gather citizen input on community development needs. A second hearing, being held today, is to explain the application and to get citizens' comments on the proposed activity that will be undertaken using these funds. President McIlroy pointed out that the Public Hearing notice indicates that written comments could be submitted to the Village Clerk.

President McIlroy explained the Village proposal; which is a plan to submit a joint application with the Village of West Carthage for \$400,000 that would be used to expand the existing Carthage scattered site housing rehabilitation program into the Village of West Carthage. Home owners will be eligible for grant assistance to cover the full cost of improvements needed to their home up to \$25,000. Eligibility will be based on homes owned and occupied by low or moderate income families. Rental property owners will be eligible for Grants to cover 75% of the cost of eligible improvements in those apartments occupied or made available only to low or moderate income families. Zero- interest loans will also be available to cover the owner's share of eligible costs. The total of grant/loan cannot exceed \$25,000. Eligible improvements include work necessary to eliminate code violations and complete other major structural and mechanical repairs. Grant awards will be made in the order of highest need. A portion of the grant assistance will be repaid to the local program if the property is sold or if the current owner moves out of the house within five years after all improvements are completed. Rental units must remain affordable to lower income households for five years after all improvements are completed. No displacement of persons will occur as a result of this program. No loss of real property tax is anticipated. No new special assessment districts will be required. Property owners should contact the Chamber of Commerce at (315) 493-3590 if they are interested in receiving a grant to rehabilitate their home.

The floor was opened for public comments and suggestions. A Participation in Government Student explained that he felt the CDBG Grant was a good idea as long as the money was spent properly. President McIlroy explained that the grant money would be equally allocated between the two villages according to need. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:22 P.M.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to adopt Resolution #4 of 2009, as on file in the Official Resolution File of the Carthage Village Board, a Resolution with reference to authorizing submission of a Joint 2009 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application with the Village of West Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing on proposed Local Law #1, a law that would establish no parking areas on the east side of South Washington Street from State Street to Oxford Street and on South Washington Street near the helipad was called to order by President McIlroy at 7:23 P.M.

President McIlroy explained the law and opened the hearing to the public for comment. No one wished to address the Board on this law and the hearing was closed at 7:23 P.M.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Michael Astafan to adopt Local Law #1 of 2009, which would establish no parking areas on the east side of South Washington Street from State Street to Oxford Street and on South Washington Street near the helipad. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing on proposed Local Law #2 amend Section 120-3 of the Village of the Carthage Code to allow the Department of Public Works Superintendent or his designee to give notices to residents of the need to shovel the walks. The hearing was opened to the public for comment at 7:24P.M.

No one wished to address the Board on this law and the hearing was closed at 7:24P.M.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to adopt Local Law #2 of 2009, amending Section 120-3 of the Village of Carthage code to allow the DPW Superintendent or his designee to give notices to residents of the need to shovel the walks. Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

President McIlroy decided to table the discussion on The Climate Smart Communities Pledge until the next Village Board meeting on April 6, 2009.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize payment to Avalon Associates Inc. in the amount of \$2,484.10 for the 2008 Small Cities Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize President McIlroy to sign a joint application with Village of West Carthage for the 2009 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the Resolution to issue a Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$100,000 for the water fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize the Clerk to make the account balancing transfers as presented and on file in the official minute folder of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize payment to Jordstat Construction Company in the amount of \$42,244.13, recommendation for payment number six.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of Payroll #A49, 49B, 50, & 51, in the amount of \$31,137.76; #F49, 50 & 51, \$3,163.35; #G50, & 51, \$2,614.13; #J21, &49A \$9,070.82; and Abstracts #A10, \$58,467.43; #F10, \$2,632.29; #G10, \$1,286.20; #J10, \$35,355.06. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo explained that he has not been able to contact the Trainer Anthony Camabareri from OSHA/PESH to discuss the possibility that the Village President and Trustees of the Village would have to participate in mandated hazardous materials in the workplace training. Attorney Gebo explained that he is waiting on NYCOM's findings in order to give his opinion on National Grid's request for a refund on overpayment of gross utility tax. Attorney Gebo asked where the Village stands on the Town of Wilna Water Contract and President McIlroy stated that the Water Contract is still being worked on and he believes there will be a meeting next week to discuss the contract.

Attorney Gebo requested an Executive Session due to pending litigation.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy asked Attorney Gebo about his opinion on the Identity Theft Prevention Program that was passed by the Village of West Carthage at their last month's board meeting. Attorney Gebo replied that he would need to thoroughly review the program information and at a brief look there were some needed changes according to this program that would cost the Village money. President McIlroy then asked the clerk to have this subject on the next agenda and contact Debi Pierce the clerk for the Village of West Carthage and get additional information on what the costs were to the Village of West Carthage.

President McIlroy provided members with the following dates:

March 18th – 4PM Utility Board meetings at West Carthage Municipal Building

March 24th – Time not decided yet for the Shared Police Study

April 2nd – 7PM - Planning Board if there is any business to discuss.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Michael Astafan asked how the budget was coming and President McIlroy responded that the budget is being worked on.

Trustee Katherine Latremore asked for Executive Session due to personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter into Executive session at 7:47 P.M. to discuss pending litigation and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:04P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk