

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room  
April 6, 2009 – 7P.M.

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

Guests: Kara Clark Carthage Republican Tribune, 6 Participation in Government Students

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 remembrance of those murdered in Binghamton last Friday.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Brownie Troop 318, leader Dawn Sweeney that the brownies make posters to promote recycling and hang the posters in the park with the condition that Dawn Sweeney coordinate the poster hanging with the Parks and Recreation Director Scott Benson. Motion carried unanimously

The other request of Brownie Troop 318, leader Dawn Sweeney having recycling bins be installed at the Carthage Park was denied due to past practice of the public using the Village recycling bins for their own personal garbage.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Dennis E. Richardson, President, Village Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. to hold the Easter Sunrise Service at Turning Point Park on Sunday, April 12, 2009 at 6:30a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza that supports a resolution that the Olympic Scenic Byway be extended by adding a ten mile loop that traverses along the Black River on NYS Route 3 from the intersection of NYS Routes 3 and 3A in the Village of Deferiet to the intersection of NYS Route 3 and 3A in Fargo through the Villages of Herrings and Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Linda Kellaway, Unit 789 Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, to conduct Poppy Day sales May 7, 2009 and May 8, 2009 from 9:00am to 9:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of DPW Superintendent Danny Trembley to allow Watertown Scrap Metal and Recycling to pick up scrap metal from Village residents from April 13 through April 26. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Climate Smart Communities Pledge will be tabled to the next board meeting.

President McIlroy requested that the Identity Theft Prevention program be tabled until next board meeting, when Attorney Gebo will be present.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve Change Order No 3-04 from Bernier & Carr in the amount of \$26,840.00 for a new roof on the new Court Room section of the Municipal Building. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Lead Safe LLC Inc. in the amount of \$1,825.00 for lead paint inspections on homes that qualify for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Avalon Associates LLC in the amount of \$1,441.13 for professional services on the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to pass a resolution where the Village would apply for \$624,000 in funding through the Restore NY Communities Initiative to help the construction of a Medical Office Complex on the "fire site" and schedule a public hearing on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize the clerk to advertise the Tentative Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve President McIlroy to sign an addendum to May 27,2007 Timber Sale Agreement with M.J. Lyndaker Logging LLC which would extend the tree harvesting date till September 15, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the payment of Payrolls, General Fund A52,53,54,54A,55 \$41,894.53; Water Fund F52,53,54,54A,55 \$5,040.62; Sewer Fund G52,53,54,54A,55 \$3938.61; and Joint Fund J22,54 \$9,823.84. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT MCILROY UPDATE:**

President McIlroy announced the following:

April 7 at 4:00pm is the Shared Service Policy meeting at West Carthage Municipal Building.

April 15 at 4:00pm is the joint WPCF meeting at Carthage Municipal Building.

April 15 at 7:00pm is the Village of Carthage Budget Hearing.

April 17 at 10:00am is the mandated training from OSHA/PESH for the Village office personnel

May 18 at 6:00pm till 6:40pm is the mandated training from OSHA/PESH for the Village Mayor and Trustees.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter Executive Session at 7:24 P.M. for discussion on a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:14 P.M.

At this time the Village Board held a work session on the upcoming budget. President McIlroy noted that the Department Heads had presented the budgets which he asked them to take back and re-do and make cuts wherever possible. The Board now has those reduced budgets. With the economy the way it is this year and the added costs to all departments, members agreed that there may be a need to eliminate a couple of positions within the Village. Summer help will also need to be deleted except for the three recreation workers paid by Pratt-Northam. The Board is working very hard to keep the tax rate down and will do whatever possible to do this. The water/sewer department budget will see an increase in water rates and a reduction in the sewer rate. There will be a net increase which the Board also worked to keep at a minimum. There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget April 15<sup>th</sup> at which time the final decision will have to be made by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:40P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears** , Village Clerk