

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
May 18, 2009

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

Guests: CRT and WDT Reporter, Kara Clark; Resident Helen and Debra Delong, Skateboarder Robert Reczko, Tug Hill Commission, Emily McKenna: Carthage Little League Safety Officer, David Buskey; and 10 Participation in Government Students.

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 Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Carthage Little League Safety Officer, David Buskey informed the board of his concerns on the Little League teams using the Park facilities. Some of the Little League's safety concerns are the conditions of the fields, the storage building, garbage pickup, lack of supervision at the skateboarders' park. Mr. Buskey explained to the board that the Little League team would like to work jointly with the Village to maintain the baseball fields. Mr. Buskey then asked if any of the Little League parents could have permission to operate some of the equipment needed to maintain the baseball fields. President McIlroy explained that the Little League program means a lot to the Village and then asked the Clerk to call the Village's insurance carrier to get more details on the possible liability to the Village. President McIlroy further apologized to the Little League Association and the children for not having the baseball fields ready when the season started.

Village residents Helen Delong read a letter to the Board explaining the problem with water drainage on her South James Street property. President McIlroy then informed the Delong's that the DPW would fix the water drainage problem but would need permission from Mrs. Delong to have the DPW work on her property.

Robert Reczko a resident of Lafargeville discussed with the Board the possibility of having a skateboarding competition held at the Skateboarders Park. Mr. Reczko explained that the skateboarding competitions would separate the participants by age and would be charged a minimal admission fee to cover his costs. Additionally Mr. Reczko would have a speaker at the event that would stress skateboarding safety and etiquette. President McIlroy explained that he felt this would be a wonderful event for skateboarders to attend but the Board needed more information from Mr. Reczko, as to the dates and times of potential competitions.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request of the VFW Dionne Rumble Post #7227, Memorial Day Chairman, Paul H. Clarke to hold the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday May 25, 2009 at 10:00AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Carthage Augustine Academy students, Greg Abbass and Terry Chapman, to use Turning Point Park for the purpose of playing music and accepting donations to be used towards funding of their senior trip to Washington D.C. Motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Gebo explained that the possibility of the Village selling carbon credits would be something that would be decided on a year to year basis. Currently the Village would need to contact the Climate Exchange and then a broker would decide who is going to buy the credits and at what charge. Erik Hirschey the Forester for the Village of Carthage will have more information on climate credits in late July. The Board decided to table this discussion until they receive further information from Erik Hirschey.

President McIlroy informed the public that the Library has hired a consultant Ron Burrows to analyze the feasibility of having the library expanded. With the anticipated expansion President McIlroy felt it would be a necessity of the Library to have the parking lot that the Village currently owns. Attorney Gebo believes that two of the spots are already designated due to a previous agreement. Attorney Gebo will look into this matter further and inform the board of his findings.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the concept but not adopt the Climate Smart Communities Pledge due to financial cost that would be incurred by the Village. This pledge would insure that when and if possible the Village would be more environmentally friendly. Trustee Frezza would like NYSEDA to perform an energy evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to implement the Identity Theft Prevention Program, this program would provide identification, detection and response to specific matters, practices or specific activities know as “red flags”. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to have a public hearing on June 15 at 7:10 to discuss the fees charged when the DPW has to shovel a Village resident’s sidewalk due to their lack of doing so. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to have a public hearing on June 15 immediately following the hearing on snow removal, to discuss the fees charged for lawn mowing when the Village resident is in violation of Village Code. Motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc, as the Archeological Sub consultant for the Design Phase of the Long Fall Park Development project in the amount of \$3,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve Clough Harbor Associates LLC as the engineering firm for the Long Fall Park Development project in the amount of \$39,050.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment to Curtis Furniture in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the oak benches placed in the new court room. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy after board discussion on proposed fee changes charged by the Village Police Department decided that Attorney Gebo would need to research the fee allowed for report copies.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize President McIlroy to sign Amendment B of the Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement with the State of New York Department of Transportation that would enable the State to reimburse the Village the final contract payment due from last winter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment to Angus Construction in the amount of \$9607.50 for house repairs that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve Resolution Number fourteen which supports T-PACC and agrees with limiting the amount of Tobacco Advertising in convenience and retail stores. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to hold a public hearing on the RACOG Comprehensive Plan, which would immediately follow the public hearings on snow removal and grass mowing on June 15. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize Resolution Number twelve, 2009 that states the Village as the lead agency, hereby issues a SEQR Negative Declaration of this unlisted action. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment of payrolls and abstracts as follows: General Fund P/R #A60,61,62 & 63 \$37,646.61; Water Fund, #F,60,61,62 & 63 \$5,044.25 Sewer Fund, #,61,62, & 63 \$3,683.59; and Joint Fund, #J25 \$8,355.03; General Fund Abstracts, \$42,877.94; Water Fund Abstracts, \$2,579.30; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$1,216.22; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$65,575.79. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary 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.

#### ATTORNEY GEBO:

Attorney Gebo explained that he would need to have an executive session to discuss one collective bargaining issue and a claim issue.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed members that the RACOG meeting is tomorrow at 7PM. The Utility Board meets Wednesday May 20, 2009 at West Carthage Municipal Building at 4PM. and that Trustee Bernard Frezza would be unable to attend.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Kathleen Latremore informed the public that a Board of Education Member is now on the RACOG Recreation Committee. The next meeting for the RACOG Recreation Committee will be sometime in June and they will discuss a proposed swimming area to be developed in West Carthage.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Bernard Frezza Seconded by Rebecca Vary, and carried unanimously to enter into executive session at 7:57P.M. as requested by Attorney Gebo to discuss one collective bargaining issue and a claim issue.

Regular session resumed at 8:20P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:20P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears**, Village Clerk

