

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
June 15, 2009

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

Absent: Trustee Bernard Frezza

Guests: CRT and WDT Reporter, Kara Clark; Resident Gene and Arlene Camidge; and 3 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 Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Village resident Gene Camidge informed the board of an adjoining property located at 208-210 North Mechanic Street owned by Gary Trombley he fees this building is a hazard to the public. The back side of the building owned by Mr. Trombley has deterred and caved in. President McIlroy will have the clerk relay the message to the Village Code Enforcement Officer and have the Code Enforcement Officer issue violations if needed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Proof of notice having been provided, the public hearing on proposed Local Law # 4, a law that will allow the Village to charge an administrative fee to any individual failing to remove snow as required by Section 120-3 of Village law, was called to order by President McIlroy at 7:10P.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.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:12 P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to adopt Local Law # 4 of 2009, amending Section 120-3 of the Village Law, revising the allowed charges for snow removal. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing on proposed Local Law #5, a law that states if the person to whom a grass cutting notice is served, fails to cut and remove weeds, grass or other vegetation within five days after receipt of such notice, shall be billed for the DPW to cut the grass or what is required by the notice. The actual cost of cutting and removal shall become a lien upon the property upon which the violation occurred if the bill for same is not paid by the owner within the time allowed. The current cost for removal if done by the DPW shall be \$100 per hour, was called to order by President McIlroy at 7:13 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.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:14 P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Local Law #5 of 2009, amending Section 45-4(B) of the Village of Carthage revising the allowed charge for weed removal or grass cutting if done by the DPW. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to revise Local Law #5, 2009, to change the wording to read "The current cost for removal if done by the DPW shall be a minimum of \$100 per hour". Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing on proposed Local Law #6, a law that would increase the parking violation fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 dollars and would increase the parking violation late fee from \$25.00 to \$40.00 dollars, was called to order by President McIlroy at 7:17 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.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:18 P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Local Law #6, 2009, amending Section 135-3(B) of the Village of Carthage increasing parking violation fees and the late fee on such violation. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Annual Fireworks on July 11, 2009 at Turning Point Park. Further, the Village of Carthage will contribute \$250 towards this public event. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy informed the Board of an "after hours" get together sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at the Carlowden Golf Club, Thursday July 23, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Michael Astafan requested that the discussion on the use of the stove at the recreation building be tabled until the July 20, 2009 meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A letter received from Stephano Margo owner of Stefano's Pizzeria and Restaurant, requested permission to serve alcohol in the fenced in area in front of his restaurant was discussed in detail and will be tabled until the next board meeting. Village Attorney Mark Gebo will contact other Villages that allow alcohol to be served on public sidewalks and contact Police Chief Reeve Rockhill to discuss the matter further.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment of unused sick leave as follows: Reeve Rockhill, \$300.00; and \$225.00 each to, Ernie Priervo, and Dan Trembley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Avalon Associates LLC in the amount of \$1,399.44 for general administrative services performed from March 29, 2009 to May 2, 2009 that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment to Avalon Associates LLC in the amount of \$7,200.00 for program delivery services that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize Superintendent Danny Trembley to sell surplus items, via an Agreement with Roy Tietsworth, Inc. at the annual Fair Grounds auction on June 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to hold a public hearing on August 17, 2009 at 7:10 P.M. to discuss the Carthage Comprehensive Plan which would be a valuable asset to the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage as well as the Towns of Wilna and Champion in planning for the future of all four municipalities.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls and abstracts as follows: General Fund P/R #A1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3 & 4 \$39,863.30; Water Fund, #F1, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, & 4 \$55,647.25 Sewer Fund, #G2, 3, & 4 \$15,081.75; and Joint Fund, #J26 \$7,745.25; General Fund Abstracts, \$39,070.32; Water Fund Abstracts, \$55,647.25; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$15,081.75; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$20,742.18. 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 litigation matter.

Attorney Gebo briefly discussed the subject of carbon credits and the sale of recreation rights at the reservoir in Croghan and is waiting on Eric Hirschey, Forester for the Village of Carthage to attend an informational meeting on carbon credits in late July.

Attorney Gebo asked President McIlroy about the status of the request from the Carthage Library requesting the parking lot located on Church Street. President McIlroy explained that the Carthage Library is still determining if an addition will be built onto the existing library.

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 and would like the clerk to contact NYCOM for any updates.

#### PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed members that the RACOG meeting is tomorrow at 7:00P.M. On Wednesday June 17, 2009 at 11:00A.M. will be the ground breaking ceremony for the Carthage Hospital on the old fire site and also on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 P.M. the Utility Board will meet at Carthage Municipal Building at 4:15 PM. Friday June 19, 2009 at 11 A.M. will be the Pleasant Night Inn groundbreaking ceremony at 30 Broad Street in West Carthage. The next Village Board meeting will be Wednesday July 20, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

#### LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Kathleen Latremore explained that she attended the ceremony last Tuesday at the Carthage Elks Club that recognized senior patrolman Reginald Huber as Patrolmen of the Year. Trustee Latremore also voiced a citizen's complaint about the use of the road between North Washington Street and the Armory property. Apparently drivers are traveling in excessive speeds and not giving pedestrians the right of way. After discussion it was requested that the clerk notify Police Chief Reeve Rockhill of this situation and have his officers increase patrols in that area. Trustee Latremore requested an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter Executive Session at 7:47P.M. for a litigation matter and collective bargaining matter  
Regular session resumed at 8:07P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:08P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears**, Village Clerk