

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
August 17, 2009

Present: President, G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees, Michael Astafan, Rebecca Vary
Also, Village Attorney Mark Gebo

Excused: Trustee Kathleen Latremore and Bernard Frezza

Guests: CRT and WDT Reporter, Kara Clark; Retired Village Police Officer David Gunderson, Tracy Gunderson and resident Lonny Covey

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 July 20, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Retired Police Officer David Gunderson was thanked for his over 21 years of dedication and service to the Village of Carthage. Then President McIlroy presented him with a retired sergeant badge, an engraved clock and a check for five hundred dollars.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Village resident Lonny Covey explained to the Board how his property parcel number 77.73.-1-2 on Alexandria Street is in the Village limits but feels he does not receive any Village services for the taxes he pays on that property. Mr. Covey explained that he would like his property to be annexed out of the Village. Village Attorney Mark Gebo explained the annexation process. Then Trustee Michael Astafan asked the clerk to prepare a list of all the Village property owners who own beyond Mr. Covey, which would be affected by the potential annexation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proof of notice having been provided, the public hearing on the Carthage Comprehensive Plan, was called to order by President McIlroy at 7:22P.M.

President McIlroy explained the Comprehensive Plan would be a guide to implement future land use with regards to local and regional goals and objectives, and opened the hearing to the public for comment. No one wished to address the Board regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:23P.M.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to prepare the environmental assessment form and State Environmental Quality Review. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve Resolution # 16 which adopts the Carthage Comprehensive Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Proof of notice having been provided, the public hearing on proposed Local Law # 7, a law that would amend the parking violation fees under Sections 135-19, 135-20, 135-21, 135-22, 135-58, 135-59 and 135-60, was called to order by President McIlroy at 7:24P.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 7:26 P.M.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to adopt Local Law # 7 of 2009, amending Section 135-3(B) of the Village of Carthage increasing parking violation fees. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussion followed on the letter sent by Michael Aubertine, Managing Partner for Hospice of Jefferson County who requested in kind services from the DPW. Although the board fully supports their endeavors, and feels Hospice is a terrific organization that is well needed, they could not grant the request. Municipal law prohibits a gift to a private organization and in kind services would be a gift as explained by Village Attorney Mark Gebo.

Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce thanked the Village for its contribution of time and service to make the "Sounds of Summer" concert series such a success.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve Pastor Robert Sly's request to use Turning Point Park on August 22, 2009 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for a one hour concert. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to accept with regret Trustee Bernard Frezza's resignation as of September 1, 2009. Trustee Frezza explained in his letter to the Board that he "could not pass on the opportunity to advance his career and enjoyed serving the Village." Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to amend the current contract with the Chamber of Commerce's in respect to the operations of the Farmers Market pavilion till the year of 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy asked the clerk to get more information on and include, on the next agenda, Envision RX Options Incorporated the prescription coverage company that RACOG and NYCOM provided information to municipalities on, which this plan might allow the Village residents to receive a discount on prescriptions.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hold a public hearing on September 21, 2009 at 7:10 to consider a local law to amend Section 31-4 of the Village Code to allow the service of alcoholic beverages in fenced in areas of café style portions of restaurants. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the clerk to attend advanced accounting training in Binghamton, NY on December 8, 9 and 10, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy asked the clerk to get more information on and include on the next agenda, Nationwide Payment Solutions MunciPAY which is a payment processing company that would allow credit and debit cards to be accepted as payment at the Village clerk's office. Village Attorney Mark Gebo explained that if the board was to approve MunciPAY's request, the board would have to adopt a resolution that would designate who could receive the credit /debit card

payments and a few changes would be needed on the proposed contract. Such as the annual volume limit and transaction limit amount.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Avalon Associates LLC in the amount of \$1,392.22 for general administrative services performed from May 31, 2009 to June 27, 2009 that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Avalon Associates LLC in the amount of \$9,000.00 for program delivery services that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to Lead Safe LLC in the amount of \$800.00 for lead paint inspections that qualified for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment to P & M Construction Co. in the amount of \$14,805.00 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 payment to Angus Construction Co. in the amount of \$21,780.00 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 payment to Painting Etc. in the amount of \$13,847.50 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 payment to Clough Harbor & Associates in the amount of \$10163.68 for engineering services on Guyot's Island. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls and abstracts as follows: General Fund P/R #A10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 \$56,266.97; Water Fund, #F10,11, 12, 13, & 14 \$6,024.34 Sewer Fund, #G10,11, 13, & 14 \$3,012.98; and Joint Fund, #J4,&5 \$17,904.78; General Fund Abstracts, \$83,903.81; Water Fund Abstracts, \$52,463.85; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$53,686.65; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$24,996.26. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO:

Attorney Gebo explained that he would need an Executive Session due to a litigation matter.

Attorney Gebo explained to the board that the Jefferson County trail map may not take into account Village law and this matter should be looked into further.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed members that the Utility Board meets Wednesday August 19, 2009 at the Carthage Municipal Building at 4:15 PM. and the next Village Board meeting would be Tuesday September 8, 2009.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Watertown Daily Times and Carthage Republican Tribune reporter Kara Clark asked President McIlroy what was being done regarding the sidewalk repairs that are needed on South Clinton Street. President McIlroy responded that more needs to be done to repair the sidewalk than just replacing the sidewalk. The repairs needed other than the sidewalk are replacing the underground waterlines, replace the concrete culvert pipe, which would require the stream to be dammed up and with the current weather conditions would cause could flooding in the surrounding area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 8:18 P.M. for a litigation matter.

Regular session resumed at 8:25P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:26P.M.

Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk