

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

Present: President, G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees Michael Astafan, Rebecca Vary, and Linda Smith-Spencer

Also: Village Attorney Mark Gebo

Excused: Trustee Kathleen Latremore

Guests: Julia Foy and Elizabeth Reff, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times; Richard Simmons and Ralph Rivers, Carthage American Legion Bassett-Baxter Post 789; and five Participation in Government Student.

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 November 2, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Richard Simmons of the Carthage American Legion explained to the Board details regarding the Legion's request to use Turning Point Park for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Cruise In". Mr. Simmons explained that there would be no alcoholic beverages on site, but raffles and food would be available to purchase with all profits going to the scholarship fund. The event would be held on Wednesday night from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. from the middle of May to the middle of September with classic vehicles starting to arrive around 5:00P.M. President McIlroy then commented that the Village of Carthage would have to be added as additional insured on the Legion's insurance policy with a certificate of liability coverage stating this sent to the Village office to be kept on file to protect the Village of Carthage against any insurance claim.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the request of the Carthage American Legion to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Cruise In" at Turning Point Park, contingent on the Legion providing a certificate of liability insurance listing the Village as additionally insured, and the Legion would have to get approval from the adjoining property owners at Turning Point Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to hold their Annual Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 in the Village Green Park at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Donald Campany's request to have water and sewer services was discussed and it was decided that he would need to have his property on Norris Avenue annexed into the Village if he wanted Village water and sewer services. Village attorney, Mark Gebo explained the annexation process to the Board and then President McIlroy instructed the clerk to set up a meeting with Mr. Campany.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to increase the Recreation building rental fees from \$25 to \$50 for 1-4 hours of use, \$50 to \$75 for 4-8 hours of use, with an additional fee of \$10 if the kitchen stove is needed and that Wendy Oliver would check the

recreation building for cleanness after every rental use for a fee of \$10 a trip before any deposit is given back to the renter. If the kitchen stove needs to be used Mark Oliver would receive \$10 for lighting the burners and then after the renter is done with the stove Mark or Wendy Oliver would shut off the gas supply to the stove, and if the building needs to be cleaned upon inspection from Mrs. Oliver, she would clean as needed for a fee of \$10 an hour which would be taken out of the renters deposit, with all these changes effective tonight. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize the Clerk to renew the DPW BAN in the amount of \$49,672.00 with an interest rate of 2.06% at HSBC Bank, November 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve Bernier & Carr recommendation for payment 3-08 to Jordstat Construction Inc. for \$14,764.90 for renovations to the Recreation Building and Court Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Linda Smith-Spencer to approve Bernier & Carr recommendation for final payment 3-09 to Jordstat Construction Inc. for \$46,063.47 for renovations to the Recreation Building and Court Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Resolution #17 of 2009, unanimously as follows:

WHEREAS, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been received from the NYS Office of Community Renewal to implement housing rehabilitation activities for qualified residential properties in the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage; and

WHEREAS, the Village of West Carthage has entered into a Cooperation Agreement designating the Village of Carthage as the lead applicant for preparation of the Small Cities application and administration of the housing rehabilitation program in compliance with federal and state regulation; and

WHEREAS, detailed Guidelines and Administrative Procedures have been drafted to govern all activities under Housing Rehabilitation Program in compliance with applicable, federal, state, and local regulations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the proposed Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for the 'Choose Carthage' Housing Rehabilitation Program are hereby adopted and shall become effective immediately for all local housing rehabilitation activities conducted with Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding in the Village of Carthage and West Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Rebecca Vary, to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A28, 29, & 30 \$28,688.06; Water Fund, #F 28, 29, & 30 \$3,144.88; Sewer Fund, #G29, & 30 \$1,438.48; and Joint Fund, #J11, 11A & 28 \$9,385.97; General Fund Abstracts, \$42,767.50 Water Fund Abstracts, \$1,700.82; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$1,377.59; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$100,477.40. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:**

Attorney Gebo stated that he still has not received the sewer contract agreement from Countryside Apartments LLC. Then Attorney Gebo stated he needed an executive session for collective bargaining matter and to discuss a litigation issue.

**PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:**

President McIlroy reported that on Monday November 23<sup>th</sup> will be a Planning Board meeting at 7:00 P.M. The joint Wastewater Pollution Control Facility will meet Wednesday, November 18 at 4:15 P.M. in the West Carthage Municipal Building. Then President McIlroy recognized Trustee Kathleen Latremore accomplishment of getting a donated granite base for the award plaque that was given by the Traditional Arts of Upstate NY, signify the Carthage Monument as a place of interest and listing the monument in their publication booklet. Village Historian Laura Prievo was also thanked for submitting the application to the Traditional Arts of Upstate NY and working so diligently on preserving Carthage's history.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Michael Astafan to enter Executive Session at 7:48 P.M. to discuss a litigation matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:29 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

**Sherry L. Sears, Village Clerk**