

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
December 7, 2009

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

Guests: Tug Hill Commission, Kathy Amyot; Julia Foy, Carthage Republican Tribune and Watertown Daily Times reporter; Laura Prievo, Village Historian; Business owner, Joe and Roxanne Lawler; and thirteen 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 November 16, 2009 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot of the Tug Hill Commission reported that the Long Falls Park/Guyot's Island Project is moving forward and there will be a Shared Police Service public meeting sometime in February 2010.

The owners of Instant Imprints discussed with the Board the problem of fifteen minute parking signs placed in front of their business on State Street. The Lawler's explained that fifteen minutes is not enough time to conduct business at the store and some of their valued customers have received parking tickets. President McIlroy then asked the Lawler's to return to the next board meeting when the Village Attorney is present, so the parking issue can be discussed then, and a public hearing date would be set if that is the Board's decision.

Joe and Roxanne Lawler offered to help with the work needed to repair the ball fields at the Carthage Park next spring. Trustee Michael Astafan responded that the Lawler's contact the Little League Association regarding repairs to the ball fields.

Village of Carthage Historian Laura Prievo explained to the board that the award given to the monument park by the Traditional Arts of Upstate New York is not placed in the right location inside the park. The award should be up front facing State Street and not on the back side of the monument. President McIlroy said he would contact Tim Wright to change the location of the award to properly face State Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the Carthage Chamber of Commerce request to hold the 12th Annual Winterfest Celebration on February 13th 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Harold Whitney and Susan Hastings spoke to the board regarding their Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc request to use the Recreation Building. Their Society reenacts the time period of history from 600 A.D. to 1600 A.D and the board's decision was to have this request carried over until the next board meeting on December 21, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the annual appointments and designations as presented by the Board and kept on file in the official Village Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy presented his list of Liaison Appointments.

Michael Astafan – Deputy President, DPW, Utility Board member, EDCC Board member.

Rebecca Vary – Buildings/Grounds, Utility Board member, RACOG member and Retail Committee.

Kathleen Latremore – Recreation, Code Enforcement, Utility Board member and RACOG Recreation Committee.

Linda Smith Spencer – Water Department.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to provide a \$40 incentive bonus to all full time Village employees and the part time office clerk for their hard work during the 2009 year. The certificate will be for the Carthage Market. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the New York State Department of Transportation Snow and Ice Agreement Extension for the 2010-2011 season in the amount of \$51,312.02 and further authorize President McIlroy to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to approve payment to C. Redfield Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$7,616 for house repairs that qualified for the 2008 Community Block Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve Joanne Lazore to supervise activities at the Recreation Building from Monday December 28 through December 31 from 9am to 3pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to change the Village website internet provider from Digital Towpath Cooperative to Coughlin Printing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A31, 31A, 32, 33 & 34 \$39,690.40; Water Fund, #F 32, 33, & 34 \$2,217.42; Sewer Fund, #G31, 32 & 34 \$2,350.66; and Joint Fund, #J12, 12A, 13 & 33, \$17,404.94. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed the board that parking will not be available at the old fire site parking lot until spring 2010, but residents can park in the stone/gravel lot area off Spring Street. The Joint Waste Water Treatment Facility meeting will be at 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 16 at the Carthage Municipal Building.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Kathleen Latremore reported that the Department of Public Works Christmas Party will be Wednesday December 9th around noon at the Recreation Building.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Linda Smith Spencer to enter Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. to discuss a litigation matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:20 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Wendy Oliver, Deputy Village Clerk