

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room
January 21, 2008 – 7P.M.

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees Rebecca Vary, Kathleen Latremore and Bernard Frezza.

Guests: CRT Reporter, Abigail Ortiz; WDT Reporter, Kathryn Schoenberger-7:10PM; and 2 Participation In Government Students.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and requested 30 seconds of silence in honor of the soldiers serving overseas and for the family of the fallen Carthage soldier, James Gudridge. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the use of Recreation Park and the Facilities, as requested by the Chamber of Commerce, for their February 9, 2008 Winterfest program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize a \$250 contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for the Winterfest program, a benefit to Village residents, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Rebecca Vary as follows:

RESOLVED, that the President of the Village of Carthage is authorized to execute a contract with Avalon Associations, Inc., Community Development Consultants, for preparation of an application for federal grant funding and administrative services required to complete all activities under the 2008 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Compensation for those services will be made in the form of specified lump sum fees and hourly billing rates plus expenses where applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Latremore stated that she has nothing new to report on the Monument Park Kiosk.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the payment of Payrolls #A41 and 42, \$24,347.55; #F41 and 42, \$2,956.40; #G41 and 42, \$2,290.92; and #J16, \$7,877.57; also Abstracts #A8, \$71,086.61; #F8, \$11,426.94; #G8, \$1,744.91; and #J8, \$60,802.98. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo advised members that they should be looking ahead on the BAN's that will be ready to be advertised for bid on the Recreation Building and Justice Court improvements.

Attorney Gebo will need an Executive Session for collective bargaining discussion.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy advised members and the media that he received a letter from Jefferson County Office of the Aging regarding their assistance to the elderly. Members were asked to contact them with any concerns of if they know of someone in need. President McIlroy asked the media to put an article in the newspaper regarding this assistance. President McIlroy further suggested that members read the great Annual Water Report prepared by Water Superintendent Ernie Priervo.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Vary informed members of a request by the 12 Honors class for funding of around \$400 for posters they are working on for the kiosk at Long Falls Park. Gymo did the designs for the students. President McIlroy suggested that the Board have a chance to review the posters prior to approving of the cost. Trustee Vary will advise the students of same.

Trustee Vary also reminded members of her upcoming college classes that will be taking place on meeting nights for a few weeks and thanked the Board for allowing her to attend them. President McIlroy reminded Becky to keep the Board informed of her thoughts on Agenda items while she is unable to attend the Board meetings.

Trustee Frezza informed members that Mike Britton of Signs and Designs has advised him that quotes will be provided by him shortly for the trail signs. Also Scott Benson has been doing work on the recreation building bathrooms that were vandalized recently. Also the cameras are back in place.

Trustee Frezza added that the Little League bill boards are being discussed once again and he'll have something for the next Board meeting for members to review. President McIlroy suggested that Bernie provide the Clerk with a copy of his proposal so that members receive it prior to the next meeting, in their agenda packet.

Trustee Latremore stated that she is very proud of the Communities support of the Gudridge family during the recent loss of their son to the war in Iraq.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter Executive Session at 7:20P.M. for a Collective bargaining discussion with Attorney Gebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:00P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Linda M. Weir , Village Clerk