

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room
February 4, 2008 – 7P.M.

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees Michael Astafan, Kathleen Latremore and Bernard Frezza.

Trustee Rebecca Vary has been excused from tonight's meeting.

Guests: Deb Atkins, WTCA Shuttle bus; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Abigail Ortiz; CRT Reporter; and 8 Participation In Government Students.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Debi Atkins, Chairperson for the WTCA Association provided members with an update on the new bus approved by the State through a 5310 grant. It should be coming soon. Debi would like to come to the Board meetings every couple of months to keep the Board updated. President McIlroy asked what the hours of operation are for the bus and Debi responded the normal time is Monday through Friday, 9AM to 3PM, but there are exceptions if needed and with prior notification. The bus normally follows the school schedule for delays and closures and travels throughout the Champion/Wilna townships. President McIlroy asked if Debi is also requesting additional funds and if so, a letter should be presented at budget time. Debi said she thinks the Association is all set at this time. Discussion continued on other possible uses for the bus such as summer swimming programs. President McIlroy also informed Debi that the use of the firehall to house the bus may be discontinued in June due to new construction for a court room.

Four members of the 12 Honors class, Brandon Olley, Adam Bracy, James Gilligan and Corey Combs presented the Board with a design prepared by GYMO Engineers for the Kiosk at Long Falls Park. While GYMO has prepared the designs, the class is requesting that the Board covers the cost of the foam boards and matte designs. The cost is estimated at \$100 each for 4 designs that can be interchanged. President McIlroy thanked the gentlemen for a very impressive design and project. The Board appreciates their work and that of GYMO. Brandon Olley also noted that the class is looking at a kiosk for the new park at the former fire site.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize the Clerk to expend \$400 to cover the costs of invoices for the 4 designs, covering the foam boards and matte design cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Amyot provided members with meeting information on the Local Government Conference, March 27th; the Behan Group discussion at JCC on February 20th; the RACOG meeting on February 19th where discussion on the Black River watershed will take place and the Fort Drum Growth initiative – impact of Fort Drum growth grant of \$10,000 (\$9,000 grant/\$1,000 Village input). President McIlroy noted that this discussion will be held at the RACOG meeting where members will consider a 4 community request or individual request. Kathy also reported that the land review process with the Planning Board is still going forward.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of the St. James Church to close off traffic on West Street from South Mechanic to South School Street during their annual fair on June 19th, 20th and 21st. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed on the letter presented by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bray of Heritage Apartments. They are requesting additional handicapped parking spaces in the municipal parking lot behind the apartment building. Trustee Astafan suggested that the Board needs great input if considering adding the spaces, from John McHugh and the Commercial tenants of that building. Trustee Latremore asked if the Board could make "resident Handicapped Parking spaces", but members agreed that this is unknown. It was agreed to ask the Police Chief to survey of the site.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to accept the EDCC Annual Report as presented by CDC John McHugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Michael Bilosi, President, Carthage Little League, to use the athletic fields from April 26, 2008 to June 30, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Wayne Moore, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Carthage Lodge No 1762, BPOE, to hold the Flag Day Parade on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 6:30P.M. The parade will start at the corner of Bridge and Jefferson Street and proceed across the bridge, down State Street to North James Street, concluding at the Elks Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Latremore, reporting on the Monument Park Kiosk, informed members that Tim Wright is waiting until the snow has melted to see what materials he has for the kiosk in order to see if he can keep the costs down.

Trustee Frezza presented members with a proposed agreement that he prepared for the Little League and their desire to install billboard advertising on the Field of Dreams. The proposal has not been seen by the Little League yet. President McIlroy suggested that the Board await Attorney Gebo's input at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the recreation and justice court BAN's will be held over to the next meeting when Attorney Gebo attends.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the payment of Payrolls #A43 and 44, \$24,921.48; #F43 and 44, \$2,938.87; #G43 and 44, \$3,237.48; and #J17, \$7,877.57. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed members that the Annual DPW report, prepared by Superintendent Trembley, has been completed and he highly recommends that members read it. The next meeting of the Planning Board is the scheduled for the 7th.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Astafan needs an Executive Session for a possible litigation matter.

Trustee Frezza reported that Consultant interviews on the Waterfront Development project will be held next week; Winterfest is this weekend; the trail head signs for the park trails are being built; requested funding for the balance needed on a kiosk in the amount of \$1,135 (\$1,145 is being used from a prior grant); advised members that the Chamber may be assisting with \$250 and their emblem would be put on the kiosk; he is talking with the track coach about using the athletic field trails; is working on an enhancement program grant that requires and upfront expenditure of \$200,000 with 80% replacement – there is a June 27th deadline; the grant corresponds with the waterfront project or handicapped trails at the Park. Members suggested that the Recreation budget be looked at for possible funding of the kiosk additional cost prior to the Board approving funds from the contingency account.

Trustee Latremore reported that the street light on Elm Street still hasn't been fixed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter Executive Session at 7:47P.M. for discussion on a possible litigation matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:22P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

Linda M. Weir , Village Clerk

