

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
February 18, 2008

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees, Rebecca Vary, Kathleen Latremore and Bernard Frezza.
Also: Attorney Mark Gebo.
Excused: Trustee Michael Astafan

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill; Justice Lucille Shettleton; Abigail Ortiz, CRT; Kathryn Schoenberger, WDT; and 11 members of the Participation in Government Class.

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 February 4, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Village Justice Lucille Shettleton attended the meeting to inform members of her Grant award from JCAP for a new safe and new label maker for the Court. There is money left over from last years Grant and the State is carrying over this money to the current year. Justice Shettleton was also informed that there are monies available for large loans for Court renovations, at a low interest rate. President McIlroy congratulated Justice Shettleton on receiving the award and suggested that she contact JCAP to advise them that the Village may be interested in the low interest loan. Trustee Latremore asked if office supplies were the only things she could apply for; could she apply for an air conditioning. Trustee Frezza asked about metal detectors. Justice Shettleton said she knows she can apply for court room expenses and furniture and will check on the air conditioning and metal detectors. She noted that computers are free now to courts.

Kathy Amyot reminded members of upcoming meeting dates and times. President McIlroy requested that Kathy try to set up a presentation by the Guyott's Island Architect right at the Island when he's ready.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize President McIlroy to sign the resolution and cooperation agreement with Jefferson County to assist in undertaking housing assistance activities for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Motion carried unanimously.

A thank you letter from the Chamber of Commerce, Teri Ellis, Chairperson of the Winterfest was read by President McIlroy. The Chamber thanked the Board, all involved departments of the village and Park Director Scott Benson for helping to make the Winterfest a success.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Frezza reminded members that no one from the Little League has seen the proposal he has prepared between the Village and Little League on the Field of Dreams. Attorney Gebo said he thought of the project as a concession and feels the Board should request 10% of the gross receipts rather than the profit. He further suggested that the Board may want to review any billboard content before it is installed. President McIlroy suggested that Trustee Frezza present his proposal, with Attorney Gebo's input added, to the Little League President and advise the Board at our next meeting of their thoughts.

President McIlroy explained that John McHugh and Chief Rockhill have given a recommendation to the Board on how to handle the handicapped parking concerns in the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Municipal building, addressed by the Brays. Trustee Latremore asked if the Village could set aside Handicapped Parking Spaces for tenants use only. Attorney Gebo responded that he would have to research the question, but noted that the lot is a public lot. The question of whether or not the Village met the code for Handicapped parking originally the response was yes if it was per Village Code. The Clerk was instructed to provide the Brays with the needs of the Village Board in order to make their final decision on additional Handicapped parking spaces.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize the Clerk to advertise for a Public hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:15 P.M. on the Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize the Clerk to advertise for a Second Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 7:15P.M. on the Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the resignation of Police Officer Shannon Overton, effective February 24, 2008, with regrets. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to authorize the request for interest rates on the one (1) year \$400,000 Court Room BAN and the \$500,000 Recreation Building Improvements BAN. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment of Payroll #A46 & 47, in the amount of \$26,278.03; #F46 & 47, \$2,892.86; #G46 & 47, \$3,712.09, #J18, \$7,632.78 and Abstracts #A9, F9, G9, J9, \$140,968.37. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo has two items for Executive Session; collective bargaining and personnel.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reminded members of the RACOG meeting tomorrow night at 7PM and Utility Boards meeting on Wednesday at 5PM.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore requested that the Board recognize the 40th anniversary of the Carthage Nursery School the 2nd week of September, for all their contributions to our community. President McIlroy suggested that Kathy remind members in September. A personnel matter needs to be discussed in Executive Session.

Trustee Frezza thanked Scott Benson for his work at the Park helping to make Winterfest a success.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter into Executive session at 7:42 P.M. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:35P.M.

The Clerk was instructed to reduce the amount of the 1/1/08 sewer bill on account #164 by \$101.21. Members concurred that the water be paid in full, but agreed to reduce the sewer portion due to a leak.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:35P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk