

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
April 7, 2008

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

Excused: Trustee Rebecca Vary.

Guests: John Street resident, Oliver Compo; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill; and 11 members of the Participation in Government Class.

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

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008, meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Oliver Compo, John Street, presented members with pictures he took of trash at a residence on John Street and asked the Board if something could be done about this. Trustee Latremore responded that the Code Enforcement Officer along with another State Agency visited the house in question today and they are aware of the situation and steps are being taken to correct it. President McIlroy noted that this seems to be an ongoing problem and needs to be watched at all times.

Laveshia McClarin, a 12 Honors Class student informed the Board that her last request to hold a run/walk event was cancelled and she would like to request another date for her run/walk event to assist the Red Cross. The date may possibly be the second Saturday in May – the 10th.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request for a run/walk event by Laveshia McClarin with the stipulation that the route is coordinated with the Chief of Police, Reeve Rockhill. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Amyot provided information to members of the Archeological Assessment draft on Guyotts Island is being reviewed by OPRE and she will be providing comments to the Village Clerk Wednesday for copying to the Village Board. The Scope of work is needed by Peter J. Smith for review by the Quality Communities grant people.

President McIlroy asked that the suggested meeting date of the 21st at Guyotts Island be changed to another night and possibly earlier time. President McIlroy suggested that Kathy contact Village Trustee Rebecca Vary for possible dates. Kathy suggested that she coordinate with the Village Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of the Carthage American Legion, Ralph A. Rivers, Commander, to

conduct a parade on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to send a letter of support to the Clayton Improvement Association, LTD, for their applications to New York Affordable Housing and NYS Housing Trust Fund for their owner-occupied rehabilitation program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Debra Runkles, Unit 789 Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, to conduct Poppy Day sales May 1, 2008 and May 2, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Bernard Frezza informed the Board that the Village Dog Ordinance is not being followed by residents. There is visible amounts of dog feces throughout the Village. Perhaps a reminder in the paper of the Village Law and some signs near intersections would help. Perhaps the Dog Warden, Ed Countryman, could look into some ideas to bring to the Board. President McIlroy suggested that perhaps Mr. Countryman could hand out papers regarding the law to owners walking their dogs in the morning. President McIlroy also suggested a sign be put up in Monument Park also and that the sign should be more than words, perhaps a picture, that would catch the owners eye. Trustee Frezza will talk to Mr. Countryman.

Regarding the Transportation Enhancement Program, Trustee Frezza explained that this is an extensive program. Money must be spent by the Municipality before seeking funds – there is an 80% reimbursement. Trustee Frezza isn't sure the Village of Carthage is ready for this program yet and he believes more discussion is needed. Some of the ideas for use of these funds is sidewalk and trail improvements. He would like to talk with Economic Development Coordinator John McHugh and Circuit Rider, Kathy Amyot about this program.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of Payroll #A53, 54,55 & 56, in the amount of \$40,514.52; #F53,54,55 & 56, \$4,640.01; #G53,54 & 56, \$3,980.60; #J21, \$8,655.05. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

At President McIlroy's request the following Motion was made.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2008, Brad Good day. Mr. Good has been named Carthage Citizen of the Year for 2007.

Upcoming dates for meetings are:

April 16, 2008 – 5PM Utility Board meetings at Carthage.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Latremore asked the Clerk to add Recognition under new business for the next Village Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter into Executive session at 7:22 P.M. to discuss contracts and personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:40P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:40P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk