

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
May 19, 2008

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees, Michael Astafan, Rebecca Vary and Bernard Frezza..

Also present: Attorney Mark Gebo.

Excused: Trustee Kathleen Latremore.

Guests: CRT Reporter, Abigail Ortiz; Recreation Director, Scott Benson, Skateboarder Timothy Cook, and 8 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 April 21, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Scott Benson and Timothy Cook attended the meeting to request approval to hold a competition at the Ryders Edge Skate Park. There will be an entry fee for all competitors with the money received being donated to the family's that were affected by the Brady Acres fire. Everyone will have to sign waivers and become a member of Ryders Edge. Attorney Gebo stated that he sees no problem with the use, but we may want to contact our insurance carrier to see if they have any problems. Scott noted that the Skate Park will be used for the purpose it was built for and he plans to be there to insure that the rules are followed. If successful it could be a yearly event where the money would always be donated. Mr. Cook said there is already interest from kids in Watertown and Gouverneur.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the request pending the okay from the Village's insurance carrier. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy told the Park Director that the park really looks great.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the request of the St. James Church to put up banners in the grassy area by the bridge and another in the grassy area by the Ball Diamond entrance to advertise the upcoming annual fair on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy advised members that Lynn Thorton is requesting a letter of support from the Board for a grant she is applying for to preserve the Hubbard Homestead in the Hamlet of Champion.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza that the Village prepare a letter of support for a grant to preserve the Hubbard Homestead as requested by Lynn Thorton. Motion carried unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS:

## NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk advised the Board that CEO Rick Soluri left a message with her office that the trash issue on John Street is 80% cleaned up and there is no need for the Board to hold a hearing on having the Village crew clean up the site.

Attorney Gebo said he believes, following discussions with Water Superintendent Ernie Prievo and Trustee Astafan, that we are ready to have a meeting with the Town of Wilna on the Water District Contract. Attorney Gebo will prepare a final draft for the Village Board and once received President McIlroy will set up the meeting.

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment of payrolls and abstracts as follows: General Fund P/R #A62 & 63 \$23,022.89; Water Fund, #F62 & 63 \$2,213.48; Sewer Fund, #G62 & 63 \$2,712.49; and Joint Fund, #J24, \$8,521.59; General Fund Abstracts, \$57,444.49; Water Fund Abstracts, \$3,168.91; Sewer Fund Abstracts, \$959.62; Joint Fund Abstracts, \$71,315.72. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize the Clerk to make the account balancing transfers as presented and on file in the official minute folder of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

## ATTORNEY GEBO:

Attorney Gebo informed the Board that he has been working on the Court Agreement with the Town. The committee has reviewed it and is agreeable. The only question the Town would like addressed is the possible use of the room on non-court nights for large meetings. They also need to check their insurance company about coverage. President McIlroy said these things could be discussed with the Town the same night as the Water Contract discussions. Trustee Astafan suggested that the Board keep the Judges in the loop on the Court Room usage.

## PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy informed members that the Shared Services grant has been awarded to the two Villages. The work on the building pointing up the bricks and repairing the building appears to be a great job. There is a RACOG meeting tomorrow at 7PM and the Utility Board meets Wednesday at West Carthage at the new time of 4PM.

## LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Astafan said he received a call from Trustee Latremore asking him to tell me that she will not be at the Utility Board meetings.

Trustee Frezza reported on rest room problems Scott is seeing at the Recreation building. Persons are breaking the towel dispensers and putting them in the toilets and urinals. Trustee Frezza suggested that the Board make the public aware of the problem and ask for their assistance to help keep the rest rooms in working order. Attorney Gebo suggested offering a small reward for information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Bernard Frezza and carried unanimously to enter into executive session at 7:17P.M. as requested by Attorney Gebo to discuss two code enforcement cases and one collective bargaining issue.

Regular session resumed at 7:48P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 7:48P.M.

*Linda M. Weir*, Village Clerk