

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 16, 2008

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

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; CRT reporter, Abigail Ortiz; Kelly, WDT reporter.

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 Kathleen Latremore to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kathy Amyot addressed the Board on several items including the June 24th Fort Drum growth initiative that will be held 7PM at the Dulles Building to discuss findings on the development of Fort Drum. The RFP for Guyotts Island project has not received any response. Kathy felt someone should call the consultants to see why they didn't respond and President McIlroy asked if she would do it. Kathy responded that she and Emily would make the calls. When asked by President McIlroy about the Archeological proposal from Hartgen, Kathy responded that the Village would want his input. One assurance will be that the project would unfold as the Architect says it should. It is in the Village's best interest to have that happen. Kathy also reported that Natural Bridge parents who addressed their concerns with RACOG on recreation programs, are now realizing that taking on a recreation program on their own is a big project. They are having some discussion with Debi Atkins on transporting Natural Bridge youth to either the Village or school program. President McIlroy asked if they were looking at the Village of Carthage recreation program and Carthage responded that she had no confirmation on that.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Fireworks on July 12th at Turning Point Park. Further, the Village of Carthage will contribute \$250 towards this public event. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed on the letter received from Carol Burke, 323 South James Street. Mrs. Burke is asking the Board to change the Village of Carthage tax plan whereby there are 3 installments for paying. Attorney Gebo and Clerk Weir were instructed to take a look at the suggestion and see whether or not the Village would be able to offer this plan. Attorney Gebo noted that since the Village tax is returned to the County the first of November, all payments would have to be made by that time. The Clerk explained concerns over interest earned on the funds and cash flow.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the Agreement for services between the Wilna-Champion Transportation Association, Inc. and the Village of Carthage for the new term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. President McIlroy is hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the Hartgen Archeological Associates offer for the design phase on the Long Falls Park project at a lump sum of \$3,300 including travel expenses and related office expenses. Approval by the Board is contingent upon the Village hiring an Engineer to advance the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids on the Court Room and Recreation Building renovations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize Superintendent Dan Trembley to sell surplus Village DPW items via an Agreement with Roy Tietsworth, Inc. at the annual Fair Grounds auction. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza that the tow behind mower deck be added as surplus and sent with the other surplus equipment to the annual Fair Grounds auction via the Agreement with Roy Tietsworth, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to hire the following summer employees at an hourly rate of \$7.50 and hour and as recommended by the Department Heads; DPW, David Street starting 6/17; Police Department, Rachel Vary starting 6/30; Recreation Dustin Prievo, Sharon Maroney, and Caitlin Abbass, starting 6/19 and Water Department, Kyle Gaebel, June 23. Further, Joanne Lazore will be hired at an hourly rate of \$10hr. to assist with the Recreation program. Motion carried 4 – 1 with Trustee Vary abstaining.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to accept the tentative agreement with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Employees pending the acceptance and recommendation by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to advertise for a Public Hearing on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:10P.M. for the purpose of establishing parking by permit in the parking lot on North Mechanic Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A1, 2, & 3 \$29,368.10; Water Fund, #F1, 2, & 3 \$3,228.06; Sewer Fund, #G2 & 3 \$1,813.68; and Joint Fund, #A2 & J1, \$10,981.21 and Abstracts #A1, F1, G1, and J1; \$273,997.74. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo asked where the Village stands with the Town of Wilna Water and Court Room Agreements. President McIlroy said he is working on setting a date for a meeting with the Town. Attorney Gebo needs an Executive Session to discuss with members two Code Enforcement Cases and a Collective Bargaining issue.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reported that at 6PM on the 17th there is a joint picnic meeting; also on the 17th at 7PM is the RACOG meeting; Wednesday the 18th at 4PM is the Utility Board meeting and a possible Planning Board meeting will be held on July 3rd. Our next Village Board meeting is on the 21st of July.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustees Frezza and Latremore complimented the DPW for all they did during the recent wind/rain storm. Trustee Frezza said the recreation building was hit by a tree and clean up has taken place. Trustee Latremore added that the Fire Department also did an outstanding job.

Trustee Latremore said that Brandon Olley has completed the work at the Long Falls Park Kiosk and the posters are now secure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter Executive Session at 7:40P.M. as requested by Attorney Gebo to discuss a Collective Bargaining issue and two Code Enforcement Cases.. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:10P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:10P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk