

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

Present: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Trustees, Michael Astafan, Rebecca Vary and Bernard Frezza. Also attending – Attorney Mark Gebo

Absent: Trustee Kathleen Latremore.

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Grinders owners, Michael and Michelle Tulley; and South James Street property owner Helen Delong and daughter, Debra.

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 Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Helen Delong provided members with pictures, past and present of her property, with the present showing flooding that Mrs. Delong blames on the work done the past couple of weeks by the Department of Public Works. Mrs. Delong believes that the water on her property is due to the Village not properly installing the drainage pipes and not the recent rains. She added that she can no longer utilize her property. President McIlroy assured Mrs. Delong that the Village will solve the problem as long as she allows us back onto the property. He added that the record 9” of rain in July was a hindrance to the process. Once the grass is sodded there will be an improvement.

Michael and Michelle Tulley, owners of Grinders in Carthage, attended the meeting to inform the Board that they have signatures from all but one downtown business stating their okay with the closing of State Street for the Carthage Community Day event on Saturday, August 23, 2008 as discussed with the Board at our July meeting. The railroad has advised Mr. Tulley that no trains are scheduled for Saturday August 23rd and CARS will have emergency response available. A raffle of donated prizes will benefit the Children’s Miracle Network. The Village will provide trash barrels and two porta-jons for the event.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve of the closing, for all but local traffic, West Street from Mechanic Street to Water Street and State Street from Mechanic Street to the entrance of Riverside Drive with Spring Street being the detour route. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission, provided members with updates on the Blue Way Trail; RACOG comprehensive plan; the Black River water shed draft characteristic plan and a \$60,000 award to the two Villages to explore opportunities for shared full-time police services to reduce the cost of local government, through an economy of scale.

President McIlroy reported that Mike Lundy is on Board with assistance on the Guyotts Island plans.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussion on the letter from the Chamber of Commerce and prior letter from the Carthage Area Rescue Squad (CARS) regarding parking at the Farmer’s Market is tabled pending review of the lease the Village has with CARS and review by Attorney Gebo of same.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Patrick Kenny, Commander, Dionne-Rumble Post 7227 to use the Carthage Park on September 13, 2008 for a joint annual picnic with the American Legion Post 789 and serve alcoholic beverages. The Board noted that a keg with plastic cups will be used along with canned beer; no gas containers are allowed. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no news from the Department of Health on the Village supplying water to two properties across from the Water Filtration Plant to date. The concern is chlorination time.

More information on installment property tax paying has been requested from the New York Conference of Mayors and not received to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize Justice Lucille Shettleton to submit a grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program. President McIlroy is hereby authorized to sign the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the memorandum of agreement with the Town of Champion for a \$9,000 grant to develop a Comprehensive Plan with the Village providing \$1,000 towards same for a \$10,000 project. Motion carried unanimously. Further, Trustee Rebecca Vary and President McIlroy will serve on the Comprehensive Plan committee.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the employment tax examination and findings as presented July 22, 2008. Further, the Clerk is authorized to prepare a check in the amount of \$2,807.72 for payment in full of taxes due for the period ended December 31, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of payrolls as follows: General Fund P/R #A11,12,13,14,& 15 \$64,270.37; Water Fund, #F11,12,13,14,& 15 \$10,404.78; Sewer Fund, #G11,13,14,&15 \$3,374.24; and Joint Fund, #J6, \$10,825.05 and August General Fund Bills, \$93,018.06; Water Fund Bills, \$47,361.87; Sewer Fund Bills, \$57,146.13 and Joint Fund Bills, \$81,852.62. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo will need an Executive Session for discussion on a code enforcement issue.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reported on the streets that will be paved this year; Hospital Drive from State Street to the new section constructed during the Hospital project and South Washington Street from the railroad tracks to the first driveway of Brady Acres. Further, Park Drive and the two parking lots at the Park will be paved also. The Village has been awarded a \$400,000 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation grant. The Court Room and Recreation facility improvements are scheduled to begin next week. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2 due to the Monday Holiday.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter Executive Session at 7:45P.M. as requested by Attorney Gebo to discuss a 3 Code Enforcement issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:35P.M.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize President McIlroy to sign the Contracts with Jordstat Construction for the recreation building improvements and Court Room construction. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:36P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk