

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
September 2, 2008

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

Absent: Trustee Rebecca Vary.

Guests: Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; and Kara Clark, WDT reporter.

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

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no one present at the beginning of the meeting, but Kathy Amyot, arriving shortly thereafter had the following information for the Board. September 15th at 7PM will be the kick off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan. Joe Archer and Mark McKenna will be attending for the Planning Board. President McIlroy informed Trustee Latremore that Rick Soluri, CEO, needs to attend the meeting also. Kathy will notify Rick.

The Waterfront Development draft plan is being wrapped up and the Department of State is currently reviewing it. A copy should be here by the 12th for members review.

Archeologist Matthew Kirk is awaiting the sign off from Parks and Recreation to go forward with the Guyotts Island project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read a letter from Planning Board Chairman, Sean McHale. The Planning Board is asking the Board to consider a zoning change for 234 and 236-240 Spring Street to change their residential zones to Business Historic Zone. This would make the entire "Firesite location" from Spring Street to State Street available for future business development.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to hold a public hearing on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:10 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a zoning change for 234 and 136-240 State Street. Motion carried 3- 0 with Trustee Astafan abstaining.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to authorize President McIlroy to sign the yearly Library Contract and approve the \$5,000 payment to the Library as budgeted. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy explained to members that he talked with Michele Burr from the Rescue Squad and the Squads concern is over the Farmer's Market becoming so popular that it is causing a traffic jamb. Her suggestion was that after passing the Squad building, another lane would be added to allow for 2 way traffic. She also suggested that the parking lot be enlarged. Another suggestion was to have an officer available on those days for traffic control. President McIlroy said that while this is a big problem it is also a good problem that the Farmers Market is working out so well. A budget notation for next year will be made. Trustee Astafan said this is also something that needs to be addressed with the Town of Wilna since they are part owner of the property. President McIlroy said that this will be added to the list of items to discuss with Supervisor Paul Smith once he's available for meeting.

President McIlroy reported that paving for the year has been done except that the portion of Ryders Edge Skatepark that was in the original estimate did not get done. Superintendent Dan Trembley will discuss this with the paving company.

Discussion followed on the request of Carol Burke to allow installment payments on Village taxes. The Board has concerns over available dates for collections and sees no advantage to the Village in allowing the payments. The Village could only allow 2 payments and believes it would interfere with the School Tax collections. There would be a cost for the software needed providing added expenses to the taxpayer. Members concurred with not offering the installment plan for Village taxes and asked the Clerk to send a letter to Mrs. Burke explaining their reasons.

Trustee Latremore will visit the Wright and Sons monument business tomorrow and get a cost for the Foundation for the plaque the Village received for Monument Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to invite Jean Haverstock to the next Village Board meeting to acknowledge her long standing commitment to the Carthage Nursery School and further designate September 15, 2008 to September 19, 2008 Carthage Nursery School week to honor their 40th Anniversary. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to accept the low quote, as recommended by Engineer Rick Tague, of Asbestos Air Monitoring and Control, for the work being done at the former Carthage Firehall, to Hygeia of New York, Inc. in the amount of \$6,120.00. Another quote from Atlantic Testing Laboratories was \$14,680.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Dustin Priervo to hold a fire training on the stairs in the Municipal Building, Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. with the understanding that this is a Fire Department sponsored training. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize President McIlroy to sign the Contract with New York State for the Small Cities CDBG program. The Village was awarded a \$400,000 grant for housing rehab. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of payrolls as follows: Joint Fund, #J7, \$9,336.31. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy reported that the Chamber of Commerce is considering additional signage for their Chamber office in the Municipal Building. They may want to add a sign to the bottom of our Village sign. The Clerk will contact the Chamber to ensure that any design they propose is passed by the Board first.

President McIlroy wondered about an update on the West Street Barn and Church Street property. Trustee Latremore will check with the CEO on the progress on West Street and the Clerk will check with the Village Attorney on Church Street. Trustee Frezza said he was informed that the Church Street building has three large holes in the roof.

President McIlroy contact Debbie Delong today and she said we do have her mothers permission to go onto he land to make the needed improvements. Superintendent Trembley will begin work next week.

Discussion followed on the use of the recreation facilities by the VFW and American Legion. The Board approved their usage two weeks ago for their annual picnic, but in the meantime work has begun on the facility. Three additional porta-jons will be rented for the day of their event since the restrooms at the park will be under construction.

President McIlroy reported that there is a Planning Board meeting the 4th and the Village is back to their usual Board meeting schedule the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. President McIlroy noted that he will be on vacation for the next Board meeting so Trustee Astafan will chair the meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter Executive Session at 7:35P.M. to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:02P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:02P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk