

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
October 20, 2008

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

Absent: Trustee Bernard Frezza.

Guests: Kara Clark, CRT; Norm Barkley and Sean McHale, Carthage Planning Board members; and 33 Participation in Government Students (PIGS) and three parents.

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 to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Planning Board members Sean McHale and Norm Barkley attended the meeting to discuss with members the letter from the Planning Board regarding the Code Enforcement Officers position and hours of work. Mr. McHale said that the planning Board feels violations such as junk cars and ones like this should be handled by the Code Enforcement Officer and not the Police Department thereby lessening the time the Police have to spend on such violations. The Planning Board realizes that this is also a budget item. Trustee Astafan noted that the Village and Town currently have a working system whereby the CEO works for both the Town and Village. Sean said the Planning Board feels it would be nice to have someone working in the Village for 40 hours. Norm feels the Police are doing some enforcing that they should be and a full time CEO would give the Police more time to do Police work. President McIlroy explained that there is a savings to both the Town and Village by working the CEO 20 hours each; we pay no benefits. Also, it is not easy to find a CEO. Sean suggested that the Board review the codes to see if the right person is doing the job and/or if someone else could do it. Sean also noted that the fire drivers could possibly do fire inspections for the Village; they are trained to do such things. Trustee Astafan asked if the drivers would do this as part of the pay residents now give to the District? Sean said that would need to be clarified. President McIlroy said if this could be worked out it would be a good idea and thanked both gentlemen for attending tonight's meeting to clarify their thoughts on the CEO position.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the Chamber of Commerce Holiday parade for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the request of Nancy Fuller, Poppy Chairperson for the VFW Auxiliary, to hold a poppy drive in the Village of Carthage on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve payment of payrolls as follows: Payrolls, General Fund, A24 and 25, \$22,830.23 Water Fund, F24 and 25, \$3,946.67; Sewer Fund, G24 and 25, \$1,491.97 Joint Fund J10, \$8528.03 and Monthly bills as follow: General Fund, \$119,566.49; Water Fund, \$4,279.12; Sewer Fund, \$1,398.63; and Joint Fund, \$64,522.45. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo reported that he has one code enforcement matter and a pending personnel issue for Executive Session.

In addition Attorney Gebo has several proposed local laws to review or discuss with members. Discussion followed with members on the residency law. The Board had hoped to broaden their area for accepting applications for the Clerk/Treasurer's position, but Attorney Gebo said the larger area the Board can expand to is within Jefferson County. A residency law is required to do so.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to hold a public hearing on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:10P.M. for the purpose of discussing a proposed Local Law increasing the Village's residency to include all of Jefferson County. Motion carried unanimously.

Three other laws that Attorney Gebo has amended for the Village as requested by Police Chief Reeve Rockhill were presented and reviewed.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to hold a public hearing on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:10P.M. for the purpose of discussing a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 45 of the Village Code whereby grass mowing shall take place at least in every three weeks between May 15<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to hold a public hearing on Monday, November 17, 2008, immediately following the grass mowing hearing, for the purpose of discussing a proposed Local Law providing additional clarity and definition to Chapter 105 of the Village Code as it relates to property maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to hold a public hearing on Monday, November 17, 2008, immediately following the property maintenance law hearing, for the purpose of discussing a proposed Local law amending the Village of Carthage Zoning Map. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Resolution Number 8 of 2008 as on file with reference to support of Carthage Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) New York Main Street Program Fall 2008 Funding Round Application To Assist In Continued Restoration Of Downtown Carthage. Further, President McIlroy is hereby authorized to sign the Support Letter to the CIDC on behalf of the Village Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:**

President McIlroy reminded members of upcoming dates and suggested members attend the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner at the Elks on October 29, 2008.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

No comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss one code enforcement matter and a pending personnel issue on a particular person, as requested by Attorney Gebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:42P.M.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve a 3% raise to Deputy Clerk Wendy Oliver effective October 20, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:42 P.M.

**Linda M. Weir**, Village Clerk