

1 Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building  
February 5, 2007

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

Guests: Kathleen Amyot, Tug Hill; Jeremiah Papineau, CRT; Robert Brauchle, WDT; 4 members of the US Army and 2 members of the Participation in Government Class.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.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 January 15, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kathy Amyot informed members that there is a Government workshop on March 29, 2007 and sign up has to be prior to March 9<sup>th</sup>. February 6<sup>th</sup> there is a RACOG recreation committee meeting at 6:30 at the Town of Wilna offices.

President McIlroy presented members with Resolution #3 of 2007, explaining that the resolution is in reference to the CDBG application the Village is applying for and to set public hearings to obtain community input.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to adopt Resolution #3 of 2007 unanimously as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Carthage is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds through The Governor's Office for Small Cities 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to obtain the views of the citizens on community development needs, prior to the preparation of an application; and

WHEREAS, citizens participation requirements of the program require that the Village must conduct at least two public hearings for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views and responding to proposals and questions. Together the hearings must cover community development and housing needs, development of proposed activities and a review of the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings must be held before submission of an application.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That a public hearing to solicit the views of the Village of Carthage citizens regarding community development and housing needs shall be held on February 19, 2007, at 7:25p.m. at the Village of Carthage Village Hall, 120 South Mechanic Street, Carthage, New York.

SECTION 2. That a second public hearing to solicit public comments on the submission of a specific Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application shall be held on March 19, 2007 at 7:15p.m. at the Village of Carthage Village Hall, 120 South Mechanic Street, Carthage, New York.

SECTION 3. That notice of such hearings shall be given in accordance with law.

SECTION 4. That the President of the Village of Carthage Village Board, or in his absence, the Vice President, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary CDBG application documents, and to make, execute, seal and deliver, any other administrative documents, and agreements necessary to effectuate this program.

SECTION 5. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to accept the resignation of Dustin Prieto from the Carthage Planning Board, with regrets.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Astafan informed the Board that he and Trustee Vary recommend that the Board declare an additional 6 month moratorium on the outdoor furnace discussion. The Clerk was instructed to contact Attorney Gebo to establish if another law is needed or simply a motion of the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to accept the annual report as presented by the Economic Development Corporation.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Resolution #4 of 2007 with reference to NYS SEQRA review of the Buckley Building Restoration project as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Carthage has been awarded a \$1,000,000 Restore NY grant to assist in the restoration of the Buckley Building at 301-305 State Street, Carthage, New York; and

WHEREAS, this action requires a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and is considered unlisted in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to conduct a coordinated review of this unlisted action; and all other involved agencies have been notified of the Village's intent to be lead agency for this review and none have objected; and

WHEREAS, an environmental assessment has been prepared, and is on file in the Village Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the assessments support the issuance of a SEQR Negative Declaration for this project.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That this Board, as lead agency, hereby issues a SEQR Negative Declaration for this unlisted action.

SECTION 2. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to provide notice of this SEQRA determination to all involved agencies.

SECTION 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to adopt Resolution #5 of 2007 with reference to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Training.

WHEREAS, four hours of annual training is required for members of planning boards and zoning boards of appeals pursuant to Village Law Sections 7-712 and 7-718, and

WHEREAS, such training must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees, be it

RESOLVED, that the following training activities as pre-approved for planning board and zoning board members upon filing certification annually with the Village Clerk of proof or evidence of such training:

Planning and zoning training session offered by the NYS Department of State, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Office of the State Comptroller, Department of Health, Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Tug Hill Commission;

Planning and zoning training sessions offered by the Association of Towns, the Conference of Mayors, the Association of Counties, the NY Planning Federation, and the American Planning Association;

On-line planning and zoning training programs offered by the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, Pace University and Land Use Law Center, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Use Policy;

Planning and zoning sessions and courses offered by universities and colleges such as Albany Law School, Governmental Law Center;

Sessions on planning and zoning presented at the annual Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference;

Sessions on planning and zoning offered by the Jefferson County Planning Department, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Cornell Cooperative Extension;

And let it further be

RESOLVED, that other training activities may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Village Board upon the request of planning board and zoning board of appeals members.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed the Village covering all costs for the courses and mileage; the possibility of compensation will also be looked at. Kathy Amyot will check with RACOG members on costs for Zoning Board members. Kathy also noted that the March 29<sup>th</sup> session discussed earlier would qualify as training.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of Payrolls #A42, 43, 44 & 45, \$41,065.84; #F42, 43, 44 & 45, \$4,546.83; #G42, 43 & 44, \$4,034.89; #J18, \$8,017.84. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy advised members that he and the Clerk have been discussing a new phone system for the Village offices and the DPW Facility. The phones have not been updated in 16 years. Discussion followed on the proposal provided and possibly other items that may be required with the system.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to accept the proposal of Creg Systems Corporation in the amount of \$9,970.13 and authorize the Clerk to spend any necessary overage to provide other items discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

During his update President McIlroy reminded members of the crosswalk public hearing for the next meeting. The proposed law has been provided for members review.

President McIlroy also presented members with a name of a new Planning Board member.

Motion by Wayne McIlroy and Seconded by Michael Astafan to accept the name of Patty Bush as a new member of the Carthage Planning Board effective with the March 1, 2007 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy further commented on receipt of the annual DPW and Water reports; the February 10<sup>th</sup> Winterfest program at the Athletic Field; a 2/13 meeting of the Town of Wilna to discuss re-evaluation to be held at the Deferiet Town Hall; and our next meeting of February 19, 2007.

**LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Trustee Vary informed members that phase II of the Long Falls Park project is moving ahead and she will attend a February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with Jim Noon of NYS Parks and Recreation.

Trustee Latremore commended the DPW on plowing and shoveling efforts during the recent storm. They did an outstanding job. Also the Code Enforcement Officer is continuing work on the Juliette Astafan concern over her neighbor's yard debris.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter into Executive Session at 7:35P.M. for the purpose of discussing a contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:10P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Linda M. Weir**, Village Clerk