

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

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

Guests: Jeremiah Papineau, CRT; Joe Thesier, Bernier/Carr; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commission; Patricia Carson, Carthage Area Hospital and 6 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 Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Patricia Carson, Coordinator, Tobacco Cessation Center of NNY, representing Carthage Area Hospital discussed with members the program at the Hospital regarding smoking and tobacco cessation. Dangers to our health from second hand smoke and goals of the hospital to create a policy to ban smoking on their campus was discussed by Ms. Carson. A policy of no smoking will become on hospital property within the next couple of months and the concern is that when this happens smokers will step onto the street to smoke which is dangerous due to traffic. The hospital is asking the Board to consider designating West Street and Hospital Drive, where they border the hospital property as “no smoking”. President McIlroy asked why the hospital didn’t simply designate a smoking area. Ms. Carson said that they want the hospital area a smoke free zone. President McIlroy said he believes smokers would simply cross the street.

Trustee Frezza said he has a problem with banning smoking on the street; it would be an infringement on peoples rights.

Trustee Astafan asked what about a person walking or riding a bike along West Street or Hospital Drive. It would be possible that if the Village designated this area as no smoking that the person could be arrested. Also the Board would be setting a precedence for other “no smoking” sites. While he applauds the Hospitals efforts, he too believes the Board would be infringing on the rights of the people to ban smoking on the streets. Trustee Astafan asked if the hospital isn’t causing the concern of persons being in danger smoking on the street. Ms. Carson said that many hospitals have been smoke free areas since the 1980’s.

Board members said they were not interested in taking a stand at this time on the issue of designating West Street and Hospital Drive, where they border the hospital property as “no smoking”.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proof of notice having been furnished the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2007, was called to order at 7:20P.M. by President McIlroy. Upon stating that the law proposes a six month moratorium on Outdoor Furnaces in the Village of Carthage, the Hearing was open for public comment.

Resident, Don Foster said he is in favor of the moratorium and would like to see the Board BAN the outdoor furnaces all together. Outdoor furnaces would need much improvement before a Village with our density should ever approve their being allowed. Mr. Foster presented several concerns with the particulate matter caused by these furnaces.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:24P.M.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to adopt Local law #2 of 2006, a Local Law establishing a six month moratorium on applications for new outdoor furnaces in the Village of Carthage. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM CONTINUED:

Joe Thesier, Bernier/Carr attended the meeting to answer any questions Board members may have on the bid for the Public Restrooms. President McIlroy voiced concerns over the low bidders cost being quite a bit lower than the other bidders and asked if Mr. Thesier had worked with the firm previously. Mr. Thesier responded that Continental Construction has worked with his firm previously and had no problems, but there are no guarantees. Rick Tague of Bernier/Carr contacted Continental and they stand by their bid. Bernier/Carr takes no exception to the Village entering into a contract with the low bidder contingent upon receipt, review and approval of all post-bid documents including bonds and insurances. Mr. Thesier estimates that the work would begin in the next couple months.

Sealed bids received were as follows: Con Tech, \$55,200.00; Ritchie Brothers, \$61,900.00; Jordstat Construction, \$51,896.00 and Continental Construction, \$40,952.00.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to accept the low bid of Continental Construction, Gouverneur, New York, in the amount of \$40,952.00 for the public restroom renovation project, based on Joe Thesier's knowledge of Continental. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Amyot reminded members that Friday is the early bird deadline for reservations on the upcoming Conference. Also March 20th between 6:30PM and 9:30PM at West Carthage there will be a NIMS presentation by Greg Brunelle. A packet should be forthcoming. President McIlroy reminded members that while they are not required at this time to attend this session, he encourages their attendance; it is an important meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Jeremiah Papineau, to use the Board Room the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7PM for the Heritage Place Apartments Tenants Association. Motion carried with Trustee Astafan abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

President McIlroy informed members that since the Planning Board meeting was cancelled until the 7th he did not get a chance to discuss with members their thoughts on compensation for attending classes required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve payment of Payrolls #A48, 49, 50, \$32,385.79; #F48,49,50, \$3,209.22; #G48,49 \$2,100.28; #J19, \$9,475.32 Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the recommendation of the Wastewater Management Board to accept the low bid of Pioneer Pump System's in the amount of \$38,532.00 for the pumping station replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

The only other bid was from Siewert Equipment in the amount of \$45,415.00.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy had no update for members.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Frezza requested an Executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter into Executive Session at 7:35P.M. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:10P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk