

1Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
April 16, 2007 – 7P.M.

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

Guests: Debi Atkins, WCTA Chairperson; Jeremiah Papineau, CRT; Robert Brauchle, WDT; and 13 members of the Participation in Government Class.

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by thirty seconds of silence for the Virginia Tech students and staff ; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Debi Atkins attended the meeting at the request of members to answer questions regarding the request of the WCTA to house their bus in the vacant firehall. Debi explained that the bus would be housed during non-operating times. President McIlroy said this could be a short term solution since the Village is looking at doing something with this area; perhaps a joint court room if there are grants available. When asked Debi explained that there would be no maintenance performed or washing of the bus in the facility; there would be no passengers and there is only one full time and one parttime driver. Attorney Gebo explained that there should be a reasonable return with access to the space. When asked if it could be part of our yearly donation to the Association Attorney Gebo responded yes but we would need to modify the current contract. The Board thanked Debi for attending and said that the Board would make a decision later tonight and provide her information for their consideration.

Jim Bent, JLB Enterprise, informed the Board that he is interested in doing the clean-up of the Braman's site. President McIlroy explained that Mr. Bent had contacted him earlier in the week and its his understanding from Mr. Bent that he would take the building over, remove the asbestos, tear down and remove the debris from the building in return for the bricks, beams, wood, etc. Mr. Bent agreed saying he would have a hazmat team come in, the oil tank would be removed from the site but he would not be responsible for any spill on the site. Trustee Astafan said he would like to see a proposal and list of places where he has done prior work. Discussion followed on a quit claim deed. Attorney Gebo explained that since the Village does not own the property they couldn't give Mr. Bent a quit claim deed, but the County may provide one. Mr. Bent will get back to the Board.

Charles Walck and Kevin Cross, students of the Participation in Government class, attended the meeting to discuss with members a 5K race they would like to put on within the Village. The race would begin at Turning Point Park and run along Mechanic and Clinton Street. They would like to hold the race on May 26th or the beginning of June. Members asked the gentlemen to provide them with more details and bring back the information at the next meeting of the Board, May 7, 2007. Attorney Gebo suggested that the Chief of Police be contacted also to be involved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussion followed on the request of Barbara Harris, Owner, Hairy Business, to have a Handicapped Parking Space provided in front of her business on North Mechanic Street. Concerns over other hairdressers requesting spaces were addressed. Trustees Latremore and Frezza were agreeable to the designation and Trustee Astafan stated he had no issues with the request since Ms. Harris has the only business in that area.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to request a recommendation from Police Chief Reeve Rockhill stating whether or not there is available space at this site to meet the specifications for a handicapped space. Motion carried unanimously.

A request from Pamela Cole regarding a fire hydrant on the "Braman's" property was tabled pending information from Water Superintendent Ernie Prievo.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize the Clerk to advertise the public hearing on Village Budgets for 7:15P.M., May 7, 2007.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve a new policy as it concerns medical insurance coverage and contribution for non union employees. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Carthage shall require a contribution to medical insurance premiums from any new nonunion employees at a rate to be specified from time to time by the Village Board by resolution. Further, employees existing at the time of the adoption of this resolution who are receiving medical insurance from the Village shall not be required to contribute to the cost of their medical insurance premiums. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve payment of Payrolls #A56 & 57 \$24,570.31; #F56 & 57 \$2,825.42; #G56 & 57 \$1,548.03; #J23, \$7,634.40 and Abstracts #A11, \$69,318.07; #F11, \$3,054.55; #G11, \$2,222.08; and #J11, \$60,108.87. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO'S UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo has three items for Executive Session; Collective bargaining, a litigation issue and negotiations where public discussion could jeopardize the outcome.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

Motion by G. Wayne McIlroy and Seconded by Michael Astafan to declare April 25, 2007 as Teri Ellis appreciation day. Ms. Ellis has been named Carthage's Citizen of the Year. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy reminded members of upcoming meeting dates: RACOG meeting 4/17 at 7PM; EDCC 4/23 at 4PM; and the Planning Board meeting May 3rd at 7PM. President McIlroy also needs an Executive session on negotiations where public discussion could jeopardize the outcome.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Trustee Astafan reported that he met with Forester, Erik Hirschey regarding harvesting of trees next year and the need to possibly look at the 20 year plan again. The meeting went well.

Trustee Latremore asked the Clerk to put an advertisement for applications in the newspaper for college or in bound college students to work this summer in the DPW. An executive session is needed to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to enter into Executive Session at 7:40P.M. to discuss a negotiations where public discussion could jeopardize the outcome, a personnel matter, litigation issue and collective bargaining. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:55P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:55P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk