

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room
October 15, 2007 – 7P.M.

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

Guests: Church Street resident, Agnes King; Property owners, Jeff and Holly Spencer, Police Chief, Reeve Rockhill, Water Superintendent Ernie Prievo and Water Employee Mark Roberts and 7 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 Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Church Street resident Mrs. Agnes King attended the meeting to ask the Board if anything had been done to solve her “No Parking” space problem. President McIlroy advised Mrs. King that since the Board did not act on her request at the last meeting he believes the law will stand as it is. Mrs. King said she can’t live there as it is and she believes the law should be corrected and the “No Parking” sign removed.

Jeff and Holly Spencer, owners of a three apartment dwelling at the corner of North Clinton and Elm Street, attended the meeting to discuss with members problems they are facing with the lack of off street parking. A lot that was previously used by the Spencer’s is no longer available and therefore they do not have spaces for possible tenants to park during winter months when there is an overnight parking ban in the Village. Mrs. Spencer stated that where she previously lived they used odd and even parking whereby a resident had to move their cars every day to the other side of the street thereby allowing the public works department time to remove the snow. When asked if the snow was plowed or removed Mrs. Spencer responded removed. Trustee Astafan suggested that the Board have DPW Superintendent, Dan Trembley look at the odd and even suggestion and make a recommendation to the Board at their next meeting. Trustee Frezza noted that a Village wide assessment of parking is needed as he suggested a few months ago. The Clerk reminded Trustee Frezza that the Planning Board was tasked to do an assessment.

Motion by Michael Astafan, seconded by Bernard Frezza to task Superintendent Dan Trembley to do a quick research of the pros and cons along with input from Police Chief Reeve Rockhill for the November 5th meeting, on odd and even parking during the winter parking BAN timeframe. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proof of notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on proposed Local law #11 of 2007, a law on extended parking for recreational vehicles, non-motorized campers, and/or any type of trailer or storage container on a Village street was called to order at 7:28P.M. by President McIlroy. A brief description of the law was presented and President McIlroy opened the hearing to public input.

There was no one from the public who spoke for or against the law and the public hearing was closed at 7:30P.M.

Discussion on a minor consideration which members didn’t feel was a major change in the law, provided an extended time for parking in some situations.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to adopt Local Law #11 of 2007, a law providing hours of parking for non-motorized vehicles on Village Streets. Motion carried 4 – 1 with Trustee Latremore voting against.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of the Carthage 12 Honors group to construct an historic walkway through the new fire site park and a project to expand upon the already existing informational kiosk at Long Falls Park subject to the following. All plans for the fire site must be reviewed and approved by Economic Development Coordinator John McHugh. Further, input from the Chamber of Commerce is also recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the request of the Carthage Area Chamber to hold their annual Holiday parade November 10, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the request of Susan Hodge, 2007 CROP Walk Coordinator to hold the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 21, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Town of Champion Supervisor Terry Buckley to extend their Water District #4 contingent upon the Water Filtration Joint Board recommending same and that they do not exceed their allotted amount of water. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to accept the resignation of part time police officer, Brandi Groman effective October 19, 2007, with regrets. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore that the Board reappoint G. Wayne McIlroy to a three year term expiring December 31, 2010, on the Carthage Industrial Development Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Rebecca Vary to authorize the Clerk to publish the All Night Parking BAN that runs from November 1st to April 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed on a Deferred Compensation Plan that Village Employees are requesting the Board look at. Employees presented a packet prior to the meeting explaining the benefit to the employees. A deduction from the employees payroll will need to be done by the Village payroll department and is the only step needed to be taken by the Village.

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve a request by the Village employees that the Village enroll in a Deferred Compensation Plan for the benefit of the employees requesting to do same. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bernard Frezza, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the new terms and conditions to include fees for the use of the Carthage Recreation Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve payment of Payrolls #A23 & 24 \$; #F23 & 24 \$; #G23 & 24, \$ and #J10, \$ and Abstracts #A5, \$; #F5, \$; #G5, \$; and #J5, \$. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to set the October 31, 2007 Halloween Trick or Treat Hours in the Village of Carthage from 6PM to 8PM. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo has a litigation matter to discuss with members in Executive Session.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy presented members with dates of upcoming meetings of RACOG, Joint Utility Boards, work session on Bonding for Athletic Field and Justice Court projects and the Planning Board.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Frezza has a personnel matter for Executive Session.

Trustee Latremore said she is working on flag replacements at Turning Point Park. Her thoughts were to send a letter to the VFW and American Legion asking them to alternate replacement of the POW and US Flags on odd and even years. President McIlroy suggested that Trustee Latremore follow up with both groups.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter with Attorney Gebo and a personnel matter with Trustee Frezza.

Regular session resumed at 8:38P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore, Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve an adjustment to the water/sewer bill of Wong Chun Ming by one-third due to a leak. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:39P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk

