

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room
November 5, 2007 – 7P.M.

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

Guests: Property owners, Jeff and Holly Spencer, and 8 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 Rebecca Vary to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jeff and Holly Spencer, owners of a three apartment dwelling at the corner of North Clinton and Elm Street, attended the meeting to ask members about the findings of the DPW Superintendent regarding odd and even parking during the winter parking ban, November 1 to April 1. President McIlroy explained that the DPW Superintendent and Police Chief both have concerns over this type of parking during the winter parking ban and the problems it may cause. Mrs. Spencer asked if the Board couldn't come up with a plan that would assist multi-dwelling units and not the entire Village. When the Spencer's mentioned parking lots changing patterns of parking daily, President McIlroy noted that a parking lot is different than on street parking. Trustee Astafan added that based on the Superintendent and Chief's response, there appears to be nothing the Village can do to assist the Spencer's. The entire Village would need to be looked at; we need to have consistency throughout the Village. Mr. Spencer suggested that the Village check with other Village's to see what they do during the winter months for on street parking. Trustee Vary said her thought would be odd and even parking throughout the year. Trustee Latremore asked the Spencer's if they had looked at available parking spaces for their tenants such as in another persons driveway where they may no longer use it. Cars parked in the street will cause an unsafe situation when shoveling their cars out. President McIlroy suggested asking the residents of North Clinton Street how they feel about the odd and even parking during the winter months in front of their homes. With the consensus of the Board President McIlroy agreed to contact the residents to invite them to a meeting to discuss this matter.

A member of the PIGS class asked if the Board would also be considering other areas in the Village that lack the parking spaces during the winter ban; the Board can't make one (1) exception. President McIlroy said that would be one of the concerns the Board would have. Trustee Astafan said regardless of what happens at the meeting of the residents he feels a Village wide study would be needed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Michael Astafan, Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the request of Nancy Fuller, Poppy Chair Person, VFW 7227 Auxiliary, to sell poppy's Friday and Saturday, November 9th and 10th. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Latremore reported that she has met with the Commanders of both the American Legion and VFW and they have agreed to attend to Flag replacement during the year in which they sponsor the Memorial Day parade.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to authorize the Village Clerk to return the unpaid property taxes to the County in the amount of \$32,507.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rebecca Vary and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve the hiring of Shawn Ryan as a full time police officer as recommended by Police Chief Reeve Rockhill. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the payment of Payrolls #A25, 26, 27, 28, & 29, \$50,803.98; #F25, 26, 27, & 29, \$6,273.66; #G25, 26, 27, \$2,191.68; and #J11, \$8,6603.61. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

The monthly water and sewer Board meetings will be held November 14th this month at West Carthage. The earlier date is due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

LIAISON REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 7:48P.M.

Linda M. Weir, Village Clerk