

Regular meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees  
Held in the Carthage Municipal Building Board Room  
December 3, 2007 – 7P.M.

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

Guests: Kathy Amyot, RACOG; 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 Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007 meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kathy Amyot advised members that CCS is looking for local support for their efforts on educational and community service. Regarding the RACOG zoning Amendments, and concerns brought out by the Planning Board, Kathy advised members that Phil Street from Tug Hill will attend the next Planning Board meeting to discuss these matters with that Board.

Kathy further reported that the Town of Martinsburg is looking for support of their request for funding through the Environmental Protection Fund to remove navigation hazards located in the Black River Blueway Trail Corridor between the Villages of Lyon Falls and Carthage/West Carthage.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza that the Village of Carthage supports the Town of Martinsburg in their endeavors to request funding through the Environmental Protection Fund to remove navigation hazards located in the Black River Blueway Trail Corridor between the Village of Lyons Falls and Carthage/West Carthage. Further, President G. Wayne McIlroy is authorized to sign a letter of support written to Lorraine A. Cortes-Vazquez, Secretary of State regarding the Town of Martinsburg's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed on the NYS Department of State Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program for 2007-2008. Kathy Amyot reported that West Carthage has agreed to serve as Lead Agent.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**NYS Department of State Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program 2007-2008**

WHEREAS: The NYS Department of State has announced the availability of up to \$200,000 of funding per municipality through the 2007-2008 Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) grant assistance program for shared projects; and

WHEREAS: The Villages of West Carthage and Carthage have a shared interest in exploring opportunities for cost savings and enhanced service provision benefit in the creation of a shared police department; and

WHEREAS: The Villages of West Carthage and Carthage are eligible to apply for funding to develop a feasibility study through the SMSI program at a cost of \$60,000; and

WHEREAS: The Village of West Carthage will serve as lead applicant and will share equally with the Village of Carthage in providing the 10% local cash match (\$6,000) of the total project cost \$60,000 through the general fund balance; and

WHEREAS: The Village of Carthage has a shared interest in exploring opportunities for cost savings and enhanced service provision benefits by creating a shared police department and serves as a co-applicant to the Village of West Carthage in pursuing funding through the SMSI program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Carthage, as co-applicant, authorizes the Village of West Carthage to serve as lead agent in the submission of an application to the New York Department of State for funding through the 2007-2008 Shared Municipal Service Incentive Grant Program to develop a feasibility study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Village of Carthage Board authorizes the Mayor of West Carthage, Scott Burto, to sign all agreements, certifications and other documents required to complete the application and to accept grants and administer the programs that are to be proposed through the NYS DOS 2007-2008 Shared Municipal Service Incentive Grant Program, on behalf of the Village of Carthage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kathy Latremore advised the Board that she is still working on the NYS Historic plaques and while making progress she still hasn't been able to secure the original site that designated the historic sites. She has learned that the plaques will cost roughly \$1,000 including the marker, shipping and pole. Kathy will be getting back with Jeremiah and then with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the list of appointments and designations as read by President McIlroy and on file in the official minute folder of the Village Board. Motion carried unanimously.

President McIlroy read aloud his liaison appointments on file in the official minute folder of the Village Board.

Motion by Michael Astafan and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the resolution, on file, for the issuance of serial bonds not exceeding \$400,000 for the improvements to the former fire hall for Justice Court offices. Said resolution being subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Local Finance Law. Roll call vote: President McIlroy – Aye; Trustee Astafan – Aye; Trustee Vary – Abstain; Trustee Latremore – Aye; Trustee Frezza – Aye. Motion carried 4 – 0 with Trustee Vary abstaining.

Motion by Bernard Frezza and Seconded by Kathleen Latremore to approve the resolution, on file, for the issuance of serial bonds not exceeding \$500,000 for the improvements to the Village Recreation Facilities. Said resolution subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Local Finance Law. Roll call vote: President McIlroy – Aye; Trustee Astafan – Aye; Trustee Vary – Aye; Trustee Latremore – Aye; Trustee Frezza – Aye. Motion carried 5 – 0; unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Michael Astafan to approve a \$40 gift certificate for all Village employees at the Carthage Market to recognize their service to the Village this past year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to approve the payment of Payrolls #A33, 34 & #35, \$28,778.79; #F33,34,& #A35, \$3,680.09; #G33 & #34, \$1,510.84; and #J12, 13, \$19,236.33. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT MCILROY'S UPDATE:

President McIlroy noted that there is a Planning Board meeting Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Kathy Latremore informed members of the Annual DPW Luncheon that will be held at noon on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Carthage Recreation Building. Members are invited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Rebecca Vary to enter into Executive Session at 7:25P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations.

Regular session resumed at 8:10P.M.

Motion by Kathleen Latremore and Seconded by Bernard Frezza to approve the Resolution on file resolving that the Village Board of the Village of Carthage does hereby agree that upon receipt of state grant monies for the Buckley Building those monies shall be used first to reimburse the EDCC and the CIDC for their respective loan commitments to the project to the extent that those had been previously advanced and secondly, the grant monies shall be used to reimburse the additional short term commitment of \$100,000.00 each to the EDCC and CIDC. A roll call vote resulted in 5 AYES. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:12P.M.

**Linda M. Weir** , Village Clerk