

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 3, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Members: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Deputy President Astafan, Trustees Kathleen Latremore and Rebecca Vary. Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer was excused.

Others: Josh Rogers, Village Police Officer; Kathy Amyot, Tug Hill Commissions; Elaine Avallone, Johnsons Newspapers; and Erik and Alina Thorsteen.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Erik Thorsteen stated he resides in an apartment complex at 620 South Washington Street and it has several structural, electrical, and mold issues. He contacted Robert Ball, CEO who did an inspection of the property in June of 2012 and Mr. Thorsteen stated Mr. Ball has not addressed the above listed issues. Mr. Thorsteen read the letter sent to him by Mr. Ball dated May 29, 2013 which stated he did not find any major structural damages but he did notice that repairs could have been completed in a more professional manner. Mr. Thorsteen has contacted other agencies to include the NYS Codes Division, USDA, and Congressman Bill Owens office and stated no one is responding to his concerns. President McIlroy stated Mr. Ball and the USDA both responded to his concerns in writing to him. After considerable discussion, President McIlroy stated he would go to the apartment complex with Mr. Ball to view the issues brought by Mr. Thorsteen. Mr. Thorsteen stated he received a letter from management at the apartment complex which stated there will be an inspection of the property and President McIlroy requested a copy of the letter.

Ms. Amyot stated the NYSDEC will be coordinating a meeting in mid July regarding the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Automatic Designation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McIlroy read the letter from NYSDEC regarding the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Automatic Designation which requires a response from the Village by November 18, 2013. President McIlroy hopes to learn more about the designation at the Watershed Conference on June 4, 2013 and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue until the June 17, 2013 regular meeting.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to allow Pastor Robert Sly to conduct their 14th Annual Gospel Sing at the Gazebo at Turning Point Park on August 3, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to allow the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce to block off State Street between Canal Street and Riverside Drive during their

Fireworks Festival on Saturday, July, 6 2013 commencing at 12:00 p.m. providing the blocked section of State Street is used for pedestrians only. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to formally permit United Healthcare to park their RV at the Village Green parking lot and distribute canvas bags to be used during the Trash and Treasures Day on June 1, 2013. Deputy President approved this request on May 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

On January 7, 2012, President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to add the Water Superintendent Report regarding Village forest property.

Update 01/22/13: President McIlroy requested that the Trustees review the material and decide if they are interested in leasing the property.

Update 02/19/13: After considerable discussion regarding the potential liability to the Village of Carthage regarding leasing the Village forest property;

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to have Mr. Prievo proceed with his research of the pros and cons to leasing the Village forest property. Motion carried unanimously.

Update 03/04/13: No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the March 18, 2013 regular meeting.

Update 03/18/13: Deputy President Astafan showed the board members the maps of the Village forest property and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to email the directions provided by Mr. Prievo to all of the board members. No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the April 1, 2013 regular meeting.

Update 04/01/13: No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the April 15, 2013 regular meeting.

Update 04/15/13: No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the May 6, 2013 regular meeting.

Update 05/06/13: President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to have Mr. Prievo attend the May 20, 2013 regular meeting to resolve this matter.

Update 05/20/13: Mr. Prievo stated he continues to research this issue and is in the process of drafting a lease document to present to Attorney Gebo. No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the June 3, 2013 regular meeting.

Update 06/03/13: No action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this until the June 17, 2013 regular meeting.

On April 17, 2013, at the Joint Utility meeting, The Village of West Carthage Mayor, Scott Burto, forwarded a letter to the Village of Carthage members of the Joint Utility Board requesting to re-evaluate the existing Wastewater IMA between the two Villages. The letter stated that the original agreement was based on percentage of use and since the closing of Fort James, the users have dramatically changed and requested that the composition of the Wastewater Board members change to increase the representation of the Village of West Carthage members.

Update 05/06/13: After a general discussion, the consensus of the board was to hold this issue until the next Joint Utility meeting on May 15, 2013 to discuss the proposition with the Village of West Carthage members.

Update 05/20/13: Only one West Carthage member was available to discuss this issue at the Joint Utility meeting on May 15, 2013 so no action was taken therefore President McIlroy requested the Clerk/Treasurer to hold this issue until the next Joint Utility meeting on June 19, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve CDBG Draw #16 payable to Kathrine Davis and Panting Ect Inc. \$9,790.00; Romona Heesh and J. Scoville S.J.S. Builders \$13,950.00; and Lead Safe LLC \$450.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to change insurance carriers from Glatfelter to Trident due to the approximate savings of \$5,000.00 annually and increased replacement cost coverage for Village vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary to accept the quote from Kimple Property Services to clean the interior and exterior windows in the Municipal Building twice a year at an annual cost not to exceed \$400.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to accept the quote from Kimple Property Services to professionally strip, clean and apply five coats of wax throughout the Municipal Building at a cost not to exceed \$545.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve Daniel Trembley, DPW Superintendent's recommendation for Summer help and hire Kahnoy Woodfolk effective Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at \$8.00 per hour for 40 hours per week for twelve weeks. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve Joanne Lazore, Recreation Assistant's recommendation for Summer help and hire Stephanie Hall, Ruby Robinson, Thomas Lazore, Dana Burke, Kately Sadler, Christian McCarty, Darren Carrington, Kylee O'Shaughnessy, Sara Hastings effective the week of June 10, 2013 through August 23, 2013 for a total combine hours not to exceed 2,001 at \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and there were no questions. The General Fund cash balance is \$1,090,078.98 with Reserves of \$164,055.50; Water Fund cash balance is \$239,698.70 with Reserves of \$172,405.62 and the Sewer Fund cash balance is \$196,438.52 with Reserves of \$74,566.55 the Joint Fund cash balance is \$60,552.21 with Reserves of \$380,933.08.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 05/23/13 and 05/30/13 \$27,887.36; Water Fund P/R 05/23/13 and 05/30/13 \$4,159.41; Sewer Fund P/R 05/23/13 and 05/30/13 \$3,594.32; Joint Fund P/R 05/30/13 \$8,877.22. General Fund Abstracts \$0; Water Fund Abstracts \$0; Sewer Fund Abstracts \$0; and Joint Fund Abstracts \$0. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy read the letter received from Jefferson County Human Resources regarding Chief Huber passing the Civil Service Exam for Police Chief and requested the Clerk/Treasurer to send him a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Village Board. President McIlroy has received complaints regarding the brightness of the new lights at Monument Park and has spoke with Richard Simmons, American Legion Commander who stated they will purchase a flood light for the flag and the DPW will place lower wattage bulbs in the light which illuminates the soldier.

On May 6, 2013, Trustee Latremore stated she was approached by residents who are concerned for the goose which hangs out at the Rite Aid Plaza and it was suggested that the goose be relocated to a neighboring farm. President McIlroy stated that the Village does not have the means to relocate the goose.

Update 05/20/13: Trustee Latremore was approached at Rite Aid by an employee who stated they witnessed the goose chasing a woman with a baby in a stroller. President McIlroy stated he would speak with the Carthage Market and Jreck subs and ask that they do not feed the geese.

Update 06/03/13: President McIlroy spoke with Jreck Subs and the Carthage Market and requested that they refrain from feeding the geese. Elaine suggested placing signs to feed them at Long Falls Park.

President McIlroy stated he and Trustee Latremore will be attending the Watershed Conference in Lowville on June 4, 2013 and there will be a Joint Sewer meeting on June 5, 2013 at 4:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Deputy President Astafan stated he has received compliments regarding the improvements at Monument Park and also complements regarding how well the DPW takes care of the Village.

Trustee Vary stated she has also received compliments regarding how pleased the residents are with the DPW.

Trustee Latremore stated she previously relayed her mowing concerns to the Clerk/Treasurer.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Elaine requested a copy of the letter submitted by Mr. Thorsteen and the Recreation Assistance request for Summer help. She also requested clarification for items discussed throughout the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Vary to enter Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss one collective bargaining unit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to resume Regular Session at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer