

Evidentiary Hearing of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
August 21, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Members: President G. Wayne McIlroy; Deputy President Michael Astafan; and Trustees Marco Franchini, Linda Smith-Spencer and Rebecca Vary.

Others: Mark Gebo, Village Attorney; Robert Ball, CEO; and Edward Smith and his son.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the Evidentiary Hearing to order at 4:04 p.m.

EVIDENTIARY HEARING:

26 Norris Avenue:

Attorney Gebo sent a certified return receipt letter to Todd Simpson notifying him of the Evidentiary Hearing regarding potential violations of New York Property Maintenance Code, Section 307, and Village of Carthage Code, Chapter 84 regarding Garbage, Rubbish, and Refuse. Attorney Gebo forwarded evidence to the Clerk which included notices sent to Mr. Simpson and photos documenting the debris around his property. Attorney Gebo swore in Robert Ball, Code Enforcement Officer who confirmed he sent several violation notices and issued a court appearance ticket to Mr. Simpson since March 16, 2016. Mr. Simpson has yet to bring his property into compliance. Attorney Gebo stated Mr. Simpson's attorney contacted him and requested a thirty day extension. Mr. Smith stated he lives at 21 Norris Avenue and 26 Norris Avenue has had garbage and debris around it for years. Mr. Smith feels he was unable to sell his neighboring property due to the debris at 26 Norris Avenue.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer, based on the evidence presented, to declare the property at 26 Norris Avenue is in violation of New York Property Maintenance Code, Section 307, and Village of Carthage Code, Chapter 84. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Franchini and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to have the DPW Superintendent contact Donald Hallenbeck Trash Removal Services to clean up the property on 26 Norris Avenue and further relevy the amount charged for the clean up on the Village taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Franchini to adjourn at 4:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer