

Regular meeting of the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facility Management Board
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
June 19, 2013

Attendance:

Carthage Members – Chairman Michael F. Astafan and Trustees Kathleen Latremore, and Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer. Trustee Rebecca Vary was excused

West Carthage Members – Mayor Scott Burto and Trustee Scott Sullivan. Trustee Rob Peluso was excused.

Others Attending – Wayne McIlroy, Village of Carthage President; Mark Gebo, WPCF Attorney; Bart Crary, DANC Chief Plant Operator; and Mickey Smith, NYS Teamsters Union Representative.

Call to Order:

Chairman Astafan called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Burto and seconded to approve the minutes of May 15, 2013 regular meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Burto to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2013 special meeting as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum:

None

Monthly Reports:

WPCF Status Reports: Mr. Crary highlighted items throughout the May 2013 Status Report. The Clerk questioned the status of the Climax Significant Industrial User Permit as it was listed as outstanding on the report and the board approved it at the last meeting. Chairman Astafan thought that Ms. Tuttle was handling it and requested the Clerk to send an email to Ms. Tuttle. Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Mayor Burto to approve the WPCF Status Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: The Financial Reports were reviewed and there were no questions. Motion by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Expenditures:

Trustee Sullivan and Trustee Smith-Spencer reviewed the monthly bills for May prior to the meeting. Trustee Sullivan asked Mr. Crary if he anticipated more expenditures for the SCADA system for Climax. Mr. Crary explained that there will be approximately \$4,000.00 billed in July and possibly more expenditures to hook up the system to be able to be read remotely.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve the monthly expenditures for May in the amount of \$42,131.88. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Chairman Astafan stated that he gave the suggestions regarding the Union negotiations received from the June 5, 2013 meeting to Attorney Gebo today. Attorney Gebo requested Executive Session to discuss WPCF Union negotiations in Executive Session.

President McIlroy asked to address the board on behalf of the Village of Carthage regarding the letter received from Mayor Burto regarding reviewing the WPCF Inner-municipal agreement. President McIlroy stated a written response was mailed to the Village of West Carthage which expressed that the Village of Carthage is not in favor of reviewing the IMA and cited the following reasons: in the past, Carthage has not used their extra member to out vote West Carthage members; Carthage is the larger user; we should invite Climax to partake in the meetings as a non-voting member; and he reviewed past minutes in which Climax requested a voting position on the board and the board decided not to give users any voting rights.

Mayor Burto requested to change the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. to allow for West Carthage members to attend. After considerable discussion Chairman Astafan requested the Clerk to place this issue on the next regular meeting agenda to allow Mayor Burto to confirm with Trustee Peluso if 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. would be a more convenient time. Chairman Astafan stated the meetings can be long and the accommodation is necessary to have both Villages input.

New Business:

Attorney Gebo provided an overview of the grievance received from the WPCF employees regarding removal of water coolers and drinking water. In the past, water and the water coolers were provided by an outside vendor at a considerable cost to the facility. The board made the decision to discontinue purchasing water and renting the water coolers from an outside vendor as a cost saving measure and cited potable water which is produced via the Joint Water System is available to employees for consumption. Mr. Smith stated the purchased water has been in place at the Wastewater facility for over 20 years and cited in the contract, Article 14., Maintenance of Standards states “.....general working conditions, shall be maintained at not less than the highest standards....” And feels removing water coolers that provide cooled, filtered water with tap water is clearly a reduction in standards and the Union is prepared to go to the next step of arbitration if the purchased water and coolers are not returned. Chairman Astafan stated the board will discuss the issue in Executive Session and will send him their written response.

Mr. Smith stated he is more concerned with the current Union contract negotiations and the new proposal he stated Mayor Burto suggested after the Union negotiations at West Carthage. Attorney Gebo stated he will speak with the board in Executive Session and send their comments to Mr. Smith.

Liaison Reports:Audit Committee:

None.

Waste Treatment Plant:

None.

Executive Session:

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Mayor Burto to enter Executive Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss the WPCF Union Negotiations and a WPCF Union Grievance and invite President McIlroy, Attorney Gebo, and Mr. Crary to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to resume regular session at 5:25 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

July 17, 2013 at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
WPCF Clerk