

Special Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Village of Carthage Municipal Building
April 2, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others: Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

REVIEW TENTATIVE BUDGET:

President McIlroy stated there was a budget workshop to review the department requested budgets on March 12, 2018 which included the Department Managers, Trustee Vary, Trustee Franchini, the Clerk/Treasurer and himself. At the meeting, the Board requested the Clerk/Treasurer to adjust management salaries to 1.5% increase, which is consistent with the DPW union contract; remove Police Department radio replacement; remove Skid Steer and Track Hoe from DPW/Sewer Department and utilize reserves and remove reserve transfer to purchase snowplow; remove one summer help and define and accurately categorize items in the Water Fund and transfer revenue from water/sewer bill administrative fees to Sewer Fund. President McIlroy asked if everyone reviewed the tentative budget with the changes requested from the budget workshop meeting. Deputy President Astafan stated he reviewed the budgets over the weekend and feels management should get more than a 1.5% increase. Trustee Smith-Spencer stated she feels the 1.5% is sufficient and the majority of the Board agreed. President McIlroy commended the Clerk/Treasurer and Board for their efforts in balancing the budget. President McIlroy stated the tax rate, water rate, and sewer rate will not change. President McIlroy clarified that if Carthage Specialty Paperboard closes, the sewer rate may need to be adjusted at a later date. The Board agreed to forward the Tentative Budget as written to be presented at the public hearing on April 16, 2018 at 6:10 p.m.

CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Franchini to approve the Clerk/Treasurer to submit the Constitutional Tax Limit Form for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TAX CAP:

Motion by Trustee Franchini and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to approve the Clerk/Treasurer to submit the Property Tax Cap form for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

At the February 20, 2018 meeting, President McIlroy read the quote received from DANC to provide generator power to the entire Municipal Building which they stated will cost the Village \$20,000.00. The Board asked the Clerk/Treasurer to notify DANC that the Village is unable to pay \$20,000.00 to upgrade the generator to include the entire Municipal Building but feel the upgrade should be completed at no cost as the Village allowed DANC to use the portable generator entrance as a cost savings for their project.

Update 04/02/18: DANC forwarded Addendum #1 to the Access and License Agreement for the Boards consideration.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Vary authorizing President McIlroy to sign Addendum #1 to the Access and License Agreement with DANC to install a generator to power the entire Municipal Building at no additional cost to the Village with the understanding that DANC will remove the requirement to connect the Carthage Park to the fiber optic network at this time, and further as DANC expands their fiber optic network past the Carthage Park, they agree to provide free service to the Carthage Park. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer