

Special meeting of the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facilities Management Board
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
October 25, 2018

Attendance:

Carthage Members – Chairman Michael Astafan, President G. Wayne McIlroy and Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer.

West Carthage Members – Mayor Scott Burto and Trustees Rob Peluso and Michael Bigness.

Others Attending –Robert Stevenson and Carrie Tuttle, DANC; Bruce Munn, GHD; Charles Prior, FDR; Dean Barr and Robert Havens, PetaWatt; Steve O'Donnell, Ox Specialty Paper; Joseph Russell, WPCF Attorney; Katie Benoit, 7 News; Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers and Debi Pierce, Village of West Carthage.

Call to Order:

Chairman Astafan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Discuss GHD Amendment No 4:

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Peluso to enter Executive Session at 2:01 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular corporation to include Attorney Russell, Mr. Stevenson, Ms. Tuttle, and Ms. Pierce. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Munn and Mr. Prior were asked to attend at 2:13 p.m.

Motion by President McIlroy and seconded by Trustee Peluso to resume Regular Session at 2:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Peluso authorizing President McIlroy and Mayor Burto to sign the amended GHD Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$132,300.00 pending the final review of Attorney Russell. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Sewer Credit at Metro Paper:

Mr. Barr explained that PetaWatt is a new company which is looking to acquire the Metro Paper building. Mr. Barr further explained that his company would like to take advantage of the excess energy at Carthage Energy to provide energy to large energy consumer segments which include Blockchain Cryptominers, Hydroponics, and Data Centers. Mr. Barr stated once they are up and running, he anticipates the creation of up to one hundred and twenty jobs and would allow Carthage Energy to run full time which will create jobs there also. Mayor Burto asked Mr. Barr if they will be using the all of the floor space and he stated they may not need the space in the back of the plant.

Trustee Smith-Spencer and Ms. Pierce left at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Barr stated he has two concerns regarding the sewer bill, generated from a separate meter at Metro Paper. Mr. Barr asked why the sewer bill was retro-active with a significant increase and what will the bill will look like going forward. President McIlroy explained the agreement the WPCF made with Metro Paper for their industrial waste which was suppose to last one year and was never changed. When the plant closed, they lost their SPDES permit and therefore became a customer of the Village of Carthage and were charged Carthage's sewer rate accordingly. President McIlroy stated Metro Paper has significant inflow and infiltration running through the plant and through the separate sewer meter which needs to be addressed and Mr. Barr stated they have met with DANC and BCA to review how to fix it. After considerable discussion, Chairman Astafan asked Mr. Barr if he had a proposal for the Board. Mr. Barr stated they propose to pay the sewer bill at the old sewer rate without penalty for 2017 and the sewer bill for 2018 at the current rate. Mr. Barr further questioned what their rate will be going forward of

which Chairman Astafan stated it will be the Village of Carthage sewer rate. Mayor Burto stated that he is not in favor of giving them a break as the Board went after CSP to seek payment through their bankruptcy.

After considerable discussion, there was a motion by President McIlroy and seconded by Trustee Peluso to set a special meeting on November 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to give the Board time to further research the issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Barr and Mr. Havens left at 3:30 p.m.

Carthage Specialty Paperboard status:

Mr. O'Donnell provided an update regarding his company's acquisition of CSP which is now Ox Specialty Paper, LLC. Mr. O'Donnell requested that the SPDES permit be transferred from CSP to Ox Specialty Paper, LLC so they can continue production.

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Peluso to waive the thirty day waiting period and transfer the SPDES permit from CSP to Ox Specialty Paper, LLC effective October 25, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Project Charge Backs:

Chairman Astafan asked Ms. Tuttle what items we can charge back to the capital project and gave examples of the pump rental, extra water used and excess overtime for sludge removal. Ms. Tuttle stated it depends on how much contingency remains near the end of the project. Ms. Tuttle also stated GHD needs to get caught up on change orders to give us a better idea of how much is left and figure out which items need to be charged back to contractors due to delays. Mr. Stevenson distributed a list of items that he feels should be purchased if excess funds are available. Chairman Astafan expressed we will review the list later. Ms. Tuttle stated there isn't any heat at the WPCF and the heating contractor has been contacted.

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Bigness to enter Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular WPCF employee to include Attorney Russell, Ms. Tuttle and Mr. Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by President McIlroy and seconded by Mayor Burto to resume Regular Session at 4:25 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Bigness and seconded by Mayor Burto to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
WPCF Clerk