

Special meeting of the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facilities Management Board
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
November 8, 2018

Attendance:

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

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

Others Attending –Robert Stevenson, DANC; Dean Barr and Robert Havens, PetaWatt; Natalie Kueko, 7 News; and Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

Call to Order:

Chairman Astafan called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Request for Sewer Credit at Metro Paper:

At the October 25, 2018 special meeting, Mr. Barr proposed to pay the sewer bill at the old sewer rate without penalty for 2017 and the sewer bill for 2018 at the current rate and the Board requested a special meeting on November 8, 2018 to give them time to further research the issue.

Update 11/8/18: Chairman Astafan summarized the last meeting and asked the Board members what they have decided. President McIlroy stated the funds are owed to the rate payers and Ms. Tuttle previously confirmed that the inflow and infiltration which comes from Metro Paper upsets the chemicals at the Treatment Plant. President McIlroy expressed that the consensus of the Board is to deny their request for a credit. Mayor Burto stated the Board discussed putting some of the collected funds in escrow to be utilized as a match by new owners of the Metro Paper plant to fix the Inflow and Infiltration issues at the plant, which is similar to what the Board did for Carthage Specialty Paperboard. Mr. Barr stated he is disappointed in the Board's decision as they have signed a lease agreement for use of the property and are actively working with engineers to fix the inflow and infiltration issue. Mr. Barr is also concerned about the being billed the residential sewer rate going forward and Mayor Burto stated he will need to address the Village of Carthage Board. President McIlroy stated there is not a separate industrial rate for users in the Village of Carthage and he sighted Slack Chemical as an example.

Mr. Barr and Mr. Havens left at 2:18 p.m.

Any Other Business Which May Come Before the Board:

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Peluso to permit the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the bills for November providing they are audited by Trustee Smith-Spencer and/or Trustee Bigness since the regular meeting for November has been cancelled. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Peluso and seconded by President McIlroy to permit Mr. Stevenson to send two Plant Operators to Lock Out Tag Out training on November 16, 2018 and Confined Space training on December 14, 2018 at Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Technical Center in Watertown at no cost for the training, and to include employee reimbursement for mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by President McIlroy and seconded by Mayor Burto to permit Mr. Stevenson to use an average of three years to estimate flows received from the Village of West Carthage until the flume is replaced. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Burto asked if the flume repair will be included in the capital project and Mr. Stevenson said he anticipates that it will.

Executive Session:

Motion by Trustee Peluso and seconded by Mayor Burto to enter Executive Session at 2:22 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular WPCF employee and to discuss the changes to the Emergency Response Plan to include Mr. Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Peluso and seconded by President McIlroy to resume Regular Session at 2:35 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Peluso and seconded by President McIlroy to accept the changes to the Carthage/West Carthage Wastewater Emergency Response Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Peluso and seconded by President McIlroy to adjourn at 2:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy O'Shaughnessy
WPCF Clerk