

Regular Meeting of the Village of Carthage Board of Trustees
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
December 16, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Members: President G. Wayne McIlroy, Deputy President Astafan and Trustees Kathleen Latremore, Rebecca Vary and Linda Smith-Spencer.

Others: Mark Gebo, Village Attorney and Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

CALL TO ORDER:

President McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested a moment of silence for the first anniversary of the victims of Newtown, Connecticut followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary to approve the minutes of the Evidentiary Hearing December 2, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark and President McIlroy both spoke with Ron Novak from NYSDEC regarding his findings during his inspection at 511 Adelaide Street. Mr. Novak advised the Village to document the removal of any tanks at the property. President McIlroy stated letters were sent to area residents regarding the demolition of the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve CDBG 2011 Draw #27 payable to Brian Kaufman and P&M Construction Co. \$5,908.53; Dennis & Tina O'Neil & DLO Contracting \$24,695.00; and Avalon Associates, Inc. \$1,178.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve Program Income Draw #3 payable to Dennis & Tina O'Neil & DLO Contracting \$3,600.00; Brian Kaufman & P&M Construction Co. \$701.67; and Jeffery Jones & John Scoville – SJS Builders \$6,999.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Trustee Latremore to approve Program Income Draw #4 payable to R-Factor Spray Foam Insulation \$250.00 and Lead Safe LLC \$850.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Vary and seconded by Deputy President Astafan to authorize President McIlroy to sign the letter of support to New York State Homes and Community Renewal for the

Town of Wilna Housing Authority in support of their Drug Elimination Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan appointing John McHugh and President McIlroy as alternate to the Jefferson County Stormwater Group for the MS4 designation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Latremore and seconded by Deputy President Astafan authorizing the purchase of employee gift certificates at the Carthage Market in the amount of \$40.00 each for all full-time employees and the part-time Clerk totaling \$720.00. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Latremore suggested increasing the gift certificate amount to \$50.00 each next year.

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary, based on the recommendation of the Water Superintendent, to send a letter to the Blue Rock Hunting Club informing them of the Board's decision to not allow any recreational use of the Village land at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to adopt Resolution 28 of 2013 as follows:

**RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO APPROVING SUBORDINATION OF
VILLAGE OF CARTHAGE LOAN TO ADDITIONAL LOAN FINANCING OF
GOUVERNEUR SAVINGS BANK FOR ABLANS BUSINESS CENTER, INC.**

WHEREAS, Julie Ablan-Woodrow owner of Ablans Business Center is pursuing a new loan to refinance certain existing debt and to obtain additional working capital; and

WHEREAS, Gouverneur Savings Bank (GSB) has made a condition of providing additional loan funds to the owner of Ablans Business Center, Inc. that the Village of Carthage subordinate their existing security position to \$60,000 in additional loan funds from GSB; and

WHEREAS, These additional loan funds will result in a significant reduction in interest rates and result in reduced mortgage payments which will help strengthen the profitability of the business thereby helping to create and retain jobs; and

WHEREAS, these additional funds will also provide working capital which will enhance the potential for long term success of the business and sustainability of the downtown business district

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Village of Carthage Village Board hereby agrees to subordinate its current loan with Julie Ablan-Woodrow owner of Ablans Business Center Inc. to the additional loan being provided by GSB conditioned upon the owner of Ablans Business Center, Inc. paying all legal and closing costs associated with this modification in subordination.
2. That the President, or in his absence, Deputy President, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, contract, agreements and instruments necessary to bring about this action.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted unanimously.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Latremore to accept the monthly departmental reports from the CEO, Community Development, Court, DPW, Police, and Treasurer as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The Water report was not submitted.

Motion by Deputy President Astafan and seconded by Trustee Smith-Spencer to approve payment of payrolls and bills as follows: General Fund P/R 12/03/13, 12/05/13 and 12/12/13 \$39,873.70; Water Fund P/R 12/05/13 and 12/12/13 \$6,958.47; Sewer Fund P/R 12/05/13 and 12/12/13 \$6,048.86; Joint Fund P/R 12/12/13 \$8,970.66. General Fund Abstracts \$53,178.17; Water Fund Abstracts \$0; Sewer Fund Abstracts \$80,288.64; and Joint Fund Abstracts \$0. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GEBO UPDATE:

Attorney Gebo reported that Mr. King has connected one of his properties on West End Avenue to the Village sewer system and plans to connect the other vacant property after the first of the year. Attorney Gebo stated he received notice from NYS Tax and Finance regarding the dissolution of the EDCC and needed to submit more paperwork. He hopes the corporation will be dissolved soon. Attorney Gebo stated the WPCF Union mediation meeting will be January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Deputy President Astafan and Trustee Smith-Spencer wished everyone a healthy and safe holiday. Trustee Latremore complimented the Chamber for the Christmas lights at the Village Green. Trustee Latremore commended the DPW for the excellent job they did cleaning up the snow after the winter storm which began on Thursday. Trustee Latremore wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Trustee Latremore also stated she was issued a parking ticket for parking on the sidewalk and expressed it is difficult not to park on the sidewalk when she has company at her home. President McIlroy stated that the Police Department did the right thing by issuing her a parking ticket as it is difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to get around the Village when the sidewalks are blocked and further stated that it is against the law to park on sidewalks.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Ms. Avallone requested clarification for items discussed throughout the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

PRESIDENT McILROY UPDATE:

President McIlroy thanked Wendy Oliver and her family for the beautiful Christmas tree and reminded everyone that Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Christ. President McIlroy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and urged them to love and take care of their families.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Smith-Spencer and seconded by Trustee Vary to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
Village Clerk/Treasurer