

VILLAGE OF CATTARAUGUS
14 Main Street, Cattaraugus, NY 14719

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2013 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Eric Pritchard, Mayor

PRESENT: Trustees: Nicki Bradley, John Bronneberg, Richard Feuz, Walter Gunther; Rose LaQuay, Rec. Secretary

ABSENT: Jason Opferbeck, DPW Superintendent; Gene Doucette, Treasurer

VISITORS: Ed Erhart, Resident; Frank Watson, Code Enforcement; Ruth Wittrock, Soccer Program

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pritchard called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Resolution #59 - 2013 / 2014 **October 14, 2013 Minutes**

On a motion by Trustee Feuz, second by Trustee Bronneberg, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Bradley, Bronneberg, Feuz, Gunther
 Nay 0

That the minutes of the October 14, 2013 Regular Board Meeting are approved as presented.

VISITORS:

1. Ruth Wittrock, Soccer - Request to be added back into Catt. Area Youth Council budget for Summer 2014.
2. Ed Erhart, Resident - Reported water behind library and roof drain not working. Mayor to contact DPW Supt.
3. Frank Watson - Bench warrant issued for owner of 33 Leavenworth, Permit issued to Dollar General for propane storage for sales. CEO Watson will contact First Street with violation regarding dumpster and Leavenworth Street owner regarding retaining wall, working with Jodi Oakes for appearance before Zoning Board, and rooster owner on Leavenworth Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Devin Huber - Inquiry regarding 6539 Route 353. Tabled.
2. Weyand & Weyand - Resignation as Village Counsel effective 12/31/2013. Ashley Milliman to be retained.
3. Freshwater Future - Asian Carp Invasion of Great Lakes

Resolution #60 - 2013 / 2014 **Keeping Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes**

On a motion by Trustee Feuz, second by Trustee Bradley, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Bradley, Bronneberg, Feuz, Gunther
 Nay 0

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence represent the largest body of surface fresh water in the world and are a vibrant, diverse ecosystem that is critically important to the economic well-being and quality of life of the Canadian and U.S. populations in the region;

WHEREAS, over 180 invasive species have entered the Great Lakes and its connecting waterways over the years and caused widespread damage and disruption to the natural balance of the system, as well as significant economic damage;

WHEREAS, one of the most serious threats ever presented by invasive species currently comes from Asian carp, including silver, bighead, and black varieties;

WHEREAS, these varieties of carp were introduced to the southern United States for use in fish farms for algae control in the 1970's and escaped into the Mississippi River system.

WHEREAS, invasive species have already inflicted hundreds of millions in damage across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and invasive carp pose a serious threat to the \$7 billion sport and commercial fishery that support the economy and help define the culture of the entire region;

WHEREAS, the invasive carp have migrated northward through the Mississippi River system as far north as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, reducing significantly or eliminating populations of the more desirable species of fish because of their voracious food consumption and prolific reproduction;

WHEREAS, many federal, state, provincial, and local government agencies in the United States and Canada have worked diligently and expended tens of millions of dollars over the past 10 years on a variety of projects to keep invasive carp out of the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, including the invasive carp, there are 39 invasive species in the two basins that present a threat to cross over into the other basin in the near future;

WHEREAS, once an invasive species establishes itself in an ecosystem, it is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate it, and it often inflicts serious damage on the ecosystem and imposes major costs in efforts to control it;

WHEREAS, Asian carp pose a dangerous risk of injury to recreational users on waters infested with Asian carp;

WHEREAS, Canadian and U.S. citizens across the basin have expressed serious concern about the invasive carp and other invasive species, and are demanding prompt action;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a multiyear, comprehensive study across the U.S. side of the Great Lakes basin called the "Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study" (GLMRIS) that examines 19 separate locations where invasive carp could cross from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes Basin, and considers a large number of potential ways to stop the further migration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the invasive carp in the Mississippi River system pose one of the greatest threats to the integrity and well-being of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem, including the 40 million Canadians and Americans who live there;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that preventing the invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem needs to be approached with the greatest sense of urgency by all those responsible for dealing with this matter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical separation is the most effective way to keep invasive carp from entering Lake Michigan through the Chicago Area Waterway System, and such barriers would also prevent the movement of many other invasive species from one basin to the other;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical separation is feasible and can be done in a way that maintains or enhances water quality, flood control, and transportation in the system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional steps must be taken in the interim to keep invasive carp out while the long term solution is put in place;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Cattaraugus strongly urges all parties involved to identify a preferred solution to the invasive carp issue and move forward to implement a solution with the greatest sense of urgency.

4. NYS Financial Restructuring Board - Eligible municipality
5. Complaint from Eric Pritchard - Rooster. Tabled.
6. Liberty Park Cemetery - Cemetery main entrance
7. Blue Cross Blue Shield - Renewal due 11/15/2013. Board approval for Mayor to finalize contract with union.
8. NYS Dept. of Transportation - Notice of Appropriation - Opferbeck
9. NYS Dept. of Transportation - Notice of Appropriation - Bailey
10. NYCOM - NYS Financial Restructuring Board
11. Catt. Cty. Municipal Officials Association - Nov. 14 Meeting
12. Complaint
13. Municipal Solutions, Inc. - Proposal
14. Office of Community Renewal Housing Resources Funding Announcement
15. Time Warner Cable - Expiring Agreements
16. Time Warner Cable - Internal Restructuring
17. US Bankruptcy Court
18. Complaint from Thomas O'Stricker
19. Cattaraugus County Office of Treasurer - Administrator 88 Jefferson Street

REPORTS:

Police: No Report.

DPW: No Report.

Treasurer: No Report. Transfer requested in the amount of \$25,000.00 from General Savings to General Checking.

Resolution #61 - 2013 / 2014 General Transfer

On a motion by Trustee Bronneberg, second by Trustee Feuz, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Aye	4	Bradley, Bronneberg, Feuz, Gunther
	Nay	0	

To authorize the transfer in the amount of \$25,000.00 from General Savings to General Checking.

Clerk: Clerk LaQuay requested direction in the termination of 2 quarters unpaid water accounts and extension requests received. Request from Trisha Ehman granted to November 30, 2013. Request from Jennifer Priest granted to November 15, 2013 as requested. Invoice received from Harris for annual support and bad debt/tax levy module, 50% increase in billed amount. Letter written to Harris and phone calls have resulted in reduction to 5% increase. Awaiting new invoice. Clerk LaQuay distributed Village Tax Collector's Report for board signatures.

Board: Trustee Bradley - Complaint regarding horses ridden through Village properties.

Trustee Bronneberg - None

Trustee Feuz - Requested Leaf collection to continue.

Trustee Gunther - None

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Senior Building Rental / Senior Center - Tabled.
- 2. Water Project - Meeting held between NYSDEC, Alianello’s office, Municipal Solutions, Mayor Pritchard and DPW Supt. Opferbeck. We should received an answer on the Community Development Block Grant in December. Blackmar well with the new filtration unit has been reintroduced into the water system.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Joint Planning Board - Board to consider replacement for Bill Sills - inactive member.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #6 - November 11, 2013

Submitted for the following payments:

General	#10549 - 10590	\$ 16,804.29
Water	#6319 - 6334	\$ 4,447.83
Sewer	#4037 - 4045	\$ 1,315.54

Resolution #62 - 2013 / 2014 Approval of Abstract #6 - November 11, 2013

On a motion by Trustee Feuz, second by Trustee Bronneberg, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Bradley, Bronneberg, Feuz, Gunther
 Nay 0

That Abstract #6 - November 11, 2013 be paid in the amounts presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #63 - 2013 / 2014 Motion to Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Bradley, second by Trustee Bronneberg, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Bradley, Bronneberg, Feuz, Gunther
 Nay 0

With no further business to discuss, the November 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose M. LaQuay
 Recording Secretary
 Village of Cattaraugus
 Board of Trustees

NEXT MEETING: Regular Board Meeting - December 9, 2013 7:00 pm