

Organization River Area Council of Governments
Board Executive Board
Date and Time Wednesday, May 11 2016 at 7:00 PM
Place Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St.,
Carthage NY 13619
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Minutes

**River Area Council of Governments
May 11, 2016**

Members present: M. Bigness, B. Ferguson, D. Leary, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, S. Storms, and R. Vary

Absent: S. Burto

Others: K. Amyot and P. Street

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by R. Vary to approve the minutes for January 26, 2016 as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

K. Amyot reviewed the summary report outlining on-going projects in each community and upcoming regional meetings.

P. Street discussed a recent court ruling which puts into question town's responsibilities for maintaining highways that are considered minimum use. He distributed a sample resolution in support of minimum maintenance road legislation. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to adopt the resolution in support of minimum maintenance road legislation. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

P. Smith read a letter from the Village of Croghan seeking funding to support their recreation facility that is occasionally used by the V/Carthage and V/Deferiet summer recreation programs. Mr. Smith reported that the T/Wilna and the V/Deferiet have both approved contracts with the V/Croghan for use of the facilities.

New Business

Chairman McIlroy read a letter from the Village of Deferiet requesting membership in RACOG and the RACOG Cooperative ZBA. The Secretary reviewed the timeline established in the IMA. "New communities may be added to the RACOG Cooperative ZBA with the consent of a majority of the others who are then a member, provided, however, that such communities may only be added commencing on January 1st in any given calendar year for the Towns and April 1st if a Village and notice of a request to be added must be given a minimum of six months prior to the beginning of that year." Motion by P. Smith, seconded by S. Storms to approve the V/Deferiet for membership in the River Area Council of Governments effective June 1, 2016 and in the RACOG Cooperative ZBA effective April 1, 2017 and to proceed with the modifications as necessary to the current agreements. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by M. Bigness authorizing the Secretary to pay \$1,000 each to the V/Carthage and the V/West Carthage for the operation of their 2016 summer recreation programs. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson authorizing the Secretary to pay for one session of YMCA swimming lessons per registered child if they register using the RACOG card. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Council members reviewed the 2015 Pool Policy. K. Amyot advised the Council that the committee would meet to review and revise the policies as needed prior to the 2016 pool opening.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by M. Bigness to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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