

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Executive Board**

**Date and Time Tuesday, August 15 2000 at 7:00 PM**

**Place Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St., Carthage NY 13619**

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## Minutes

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**TO:** Mayors/Supervisors and Boards of the T/Champion, T/Wilna, V/Carthage and V/West Carthage, and Kevin Smith

**FROM:** Chris Vargulick, Council Clerk

**DATE:** August 16, 2000

**RE:** Minutes from August 15, 2000 River Area Council of Governments meeting

**Members present:** T. Buckley, L. Gerber, D. Getman, W. McIlroy, J. Smith and K. Smith

**Members absent:** M. Franchini, M. Sligar, and T. Stewart

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.

Kevin Smith reported, for Karen Catcher, that contact had been made with local foundations to determine whether they would financially support a feasibility study for the construction of a public swimming pool. None of the foundations contacted have shown any interest at this time. Mr. Smith reported that ordinarily they support the actual construction but prefer to have communities demonstrate a commitment to the project through the expenditure of some local funds.

The Council will request quotes for the cost of preliminary engineering. The Council authorized Mr. Smith to contact area recreation directors to determine the actual cost of construction of their facilities. Mr. Getman suggested getting a quote from a commercial contractor.

Mr. Buckley recommended the formation of an ad hoc committee including members of the Twin Village Swimming Pool Commission to consider the priorities to be incorporated in a designed facility. Design features that were discussed include pool size, wading facility, diving (board/platform), swimming lanes, and auxiliary facilities. Mr. Getman will apprise members of the Commission of the status of project at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. James Smith asked if a location had been selected. Mr. McIlroy stated that he assumed that a citizen's committee would be charged with making a recommendation.

Mr. Kevin Smith reported on the initial Planning Study meeting that was held with the Planning Board Chairmen and the Zoning Enforcement Officers. The West Carthage chairman was unable to attend but will be provided with the information discussed to date. The group will continue with phase 1 of the study at their September meeting.

Mr. Buckley and Mr. Kevin Smith reported on a discussion with Don Canfield, Jefferson County Planning, concerning positioning the communities for an application for a Community Block Development Grant (CBDG). Mr. Canfield believes that preliminary development work can be accomplished with current resources and the completion of the preliminary work could be used to leverage future funding. Mr. McIlroy reported that Carthage is in the final stages of preparing a CBDG pending the contracting of a circuit rider.

Mr. Buckley reported that the NYS Route 3 Sewer board has contracted with a Syracuse firm to prepare a video build out of sections of NYS Route 3 and NYS Route 26 to develop a vision of sustainable development.

Stephanie Clemons presented the current proposal for the construction of a permanent structure to house the Carthage Farmer's Market and requested a letter of support from RACOG to include with their funding application. Motion by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Gerber to provide a letter of support for the project.

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Gerber, seconded by Mr. Getman to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Motion approved unanimously. Executive session began at 8:08PM.

The meeting returned to open session and adjourned at 8:30PM.

