

Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of May 14, 2025

Present: Nancy Rome, Stacy Faunce, Rob Hayes, Tina Lanier, Debbie Atkins, Rob Sligar, Rob Kuklinca, Rachel Vary, Kelly Shannahan, Derek Davis,

Zoom: Tiffany Queary, Kristy O'Shaughnessy and Jennifer Premo

Absent: Robert Hayes, Faye Waterman, Lydia Young, Jessica Bowline

Guests: Kristy Turck and Codie Granger of Fuller Insurance and Christina Bombay, library

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm by President Tina Lanier

We had quorum of 9

Pledge of Allegiance, by All

Open Forum:

Codie Granger spoke from Fullers Insurance in combining restaurants in the area with the chamber of commerce to discuss options of a possible chicken wing contest, a day, a week leading up to Winterfest on February 7, 2026. They are willing to set up the program and will be doing some research and report back to the chamber.

Carthage Parks project, Facebook page, Kristy Turck is working with Rachael Vary to get ideas, such as a story walk, sensory walk etc. more information to follow.

Minutes approved by Rob Kuklinca and 2nd by Stacy Faunce, members approved, carried.

Presidents report:

Tina Lanier issued a letter of resignation, Amy read for her, and motion by Stacy Faunce to accept with regret Tina's letter, 2nd by Rob Sligar.

Comments by Rob Sligar thanking Tina for her 6 years of service plus some. She will be deeply missed but understood with her line of work now.

Tina said she will still help with anything on Ft. Drum until we are familiar with the contacts.

We are on the calendar for the band from Ft. Drum.

Tina removed herself from the position and left the meeting.

Treasurers report:

Kristy O'Shaughnessy reported for the village camera's we can take it from the budget fund balance for surplus.

We still have open invoices; we went over the list. Carthage Area Hospital is making payments by June on all open invoices.

Rob Sligar mentioned annual larger sponsors should go out June 1st.

Finance report:

Distributed to the committee, attached

Executive Director report:

See attached report, attached

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Debbie also discussed to possibly have on top of the Veterans Banner, This Community Honors.... Big discussion on this. Town of Champion has a contract that the chamber of commerce will handle the Veterans Flags. Debbie is to speak with the town of Wilna, town of Champion, and village of Carthage leaders regarding the legal issue of spending their money and not having their names appear at the top of the banner, rather than a generic quote of This Community Honors.

Old Business:

Business after hours at the Village of Carthage Park, either \$5 or bring a case of Water for the rec programs. Debbie will be passing out Community of Choice awards from last year.

WWNY – Greg McDermott – Debbie A. to contact for the approval of the New Farmer's Market Commercial – we haven't received the sample yet.

Fireworks July 12, 2025-Committee to meet Shortly after June board meeting – committee is Kelly Shanahan, Tiffany Queary, Amy McEathron, Rob S.

New Business:

Chamber in NNY paper by Watertown Times, recognized the best

Business after hours, Elaine is doing a great job promoting for us.

Trash & Treasure Day June 7th, is the actual date on the website, Debbie will have a list out around June 1st.

Website is being updates.

Rob K made a motion for 2 cameras one in Carthage possibly at IMEC and one over in W. Carthage. 2nd by Stacy & Nancy. Money taken from the budget and transferred up to 2000.00.

Vacant office of President – Rob S. asked if anyone was interested or nomination from the floor. Amy McEathron is interested, no other nominations currently. Will vote to fill the President position at the June meeting

Ft. Drum:

No report today

Carthage School: Jenn discussed the budget vote 5/20 decreased again down 33.32% for the past 12 years.

There was a public hearing.

Job Fair went well.

They are working on the back-to-school bash on August 25 4 to 7 fliers to follow.

Library: Christina informed the members of the upcoming events. BAH at the Library.

Village of Carthage: Village trustees to attend the BAH at the Park, Summer Rec signups will come out soon, up to 60 youth will be accepted.

Next Metting is June 11, 2025.

No further business, all consented meeting closed, by Rob Kuklinca and 2nd by Amy McEathron at 1:31pm

Submitted by

Amy McEathron, Recording Secretary