

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2014

7PM

Present: Sup Tarbell
Coun Hurst
Coun Vitagliano
Coun Monteleone
Coun Klein

Also present: J. Koch, K. Granger, R. Lavin, K. Bohn, T. Thomson, T. McQuillen, G. McQuillen, C. Scott, C. Scott, M. Hotchkiss, A. Billings, D. Draper, J. Billings Barlow, S. Schneible, B. Bark, R. Uptegrove, T. Wright

Sup Tarbell called the meeting to order at 7PM
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The following vouchers were audited:

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$4,781.09
GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE	253.40
HIGHWAY FUND – TOWNWIDE	6,028.14
HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE	56,774.79
SILVER LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	1,674.80
GARDEAU WATER DISTRICT	18,586.50
SILVER LAKE INSTITUTE WATER DISTRICT	11,528.46
SILVER LAKE LIGHTING DISTRICT	554.93
TOTAL	\$100,182.11

A motion was made by Coun Monteleone, seconded by Coun Vitagliano to approve the vouchers totaling \$100,182.11.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

Public Comments:

K. Bohn stated that he appreciates the work done on his street and that the cooperation between all of the workers was excellent. He stated that they did a great job.

Sup Tarbell stated that it was a long time coming getting this road (Club Road) done, the ditch is filled in and the light is up.

The Village of Perry had 2 Board Members present, Dariel Draper and Anita Billings, to discuss the Fire Contract that expires on 12/31/14 with the Village of Perry Fire Department.

D. Draper stated that our Fire Contract with the Village of Perry expires on 12/31/14. He stated that currently they provide the service for \$10,000 and feel that they need more out of the service,

their Board feels that we should pay \$15,000. They have been looking into doing a possible Fire District that would include the Town of Perry, Town of Castile, Village of Perry and Village of Castile that would share expenses more equally and hopes that the Board would at some point be willing to open up discussions regarding such.

Sup Tarbell stated that we will be going into Executive Session later in the evening to discuss the Fire Contract. He believes that the territory lines of each Fire Department were drawn out over fifty years ago and he feels that the rates that we currently pay to the Village of Perry Fire Department were put in place to help cover gas and other expenses.

D. Draper stated that the Village of Perry covered 14 calls last year that were within the Town of Castile.

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Sup Tarbell stated that it would equal to more than \$1,000 for each of those call outs. He stated that both the Perry and Castile Fire Departments are excellent squads and do a great job but there are people out there that feel the money should be kept within our own Fire Department and in turn give back some of their territory to them.

A. Billings stated that they met a while back with Castile and Silver Springs and that they were supposed to go to the County with points that were brought up at that meeting. She stated that without the backing of the politicians that none of this will go anywhere.

K. Granger, who was present at the meeting with Silver Springs, stated that he has been in contact with the County but to consolidate fire companies, he feels, would not work as there are too many egos involved.

A. Billings stated that if the politicians would sit at a table and discuss this, she feels, would be beneficial to the taxpayers.

Coun Vitagliano questioned whether the number of parcels, 430, is accurate that the Village of Perry covers for the Town of Castile. He stated that some of those must be vacant properties with no structures on them.

D. Draper stated that 430 parcels was as close as they could come and stated that some of these would be vacant land.

Sup Tarbell stated that he has checked with the insurance company and if we decided to go strictly with Castile, removing Perry from our contract, that it would have no effect on the cost of our policy.

K. Granger stated that more than likely the 14 calls that Perry responded to in the Town probably had Castile as mutual aide.

A. Billings stated that there are pros and cons to having a Fire District as opposed to Fire Contracts and stated that everyone would need to sit down and weigh those to see if a District would work in an area like ours.

Sup Tarbell stated that the Board will look at all these points in Executive Session.

At 7:25PM a motion was made by Coun Hurst, seconded by Coun Monteleone for Sup Tarbell to open the Budget Public Hearing.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

Sup Tarbell thanked Cliff Scott for his 20 years of service to the Castile Highway Department and presented him with a plaque. He stated that the Board appreciates all that Cliff has done and
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all of his extra effort that he put forth, especially in the winter months when they worked a lot of extra hours plowing. He also thanked Cliff for staying on this winter to help with the plowing.

D. Nourse and J. Koch also thanked Cliff for all the help that he provided to them at both the Highway and Water/Sewer Departments.

J. Billings Barlow was present to discuss a grant through UPWP that the Village of Perry is applying for. The grant deadline is October 17 and she is hoping that the Town of Castile would be willing to commit to a \$2,000-\$3,000 contribution if the grant is awarded. The grant is for a study that will hopefully promote more tourism to the area in areas such as Silver Lake, Silver Lake bike/pedestrian (outlet) trail and trailhead areas, Memorial Park, Walker Rd Bridge, Perry Public Beach and Letchworth State Park.

R. Lavin stated that back in 2005 a group of volunteers looked into a similar project and that many people at the Lake were opposed to any type of trails that were proposed at that time because they crossed over onto private property.

J. Billings Barlow stated that she is aware of this issue and assured R. Lavin that no private property lines will be crossed.

Sup Tarbell stated that when the Board goes into Executive Session we will discuss this.

T. McQuillen, Assessor, stated that she is aware that the Board has been approached regarding a few new exemptions that could possibly be adopted. She stated that all the exemption will do is shift the tax burden to other individuals. She stated that this does not promote new growth to the roll and if someone challenges their assessment that this will actually send the roll backward in growth. One of the proposed exemptions is for first time home owners. She stated that an issue with this is that she does not have a way to verify if this person is actually a first time homeowner, also, the proposal gives them a 50% exemption for the first year, which will lower their payment. She feels this will set the homeowner up for foreclosure as they are used to

paying a much lower tax and once they are responsible for the full tax amount they will not be able to afford it.

T. McQuillen stated that she presented this to the Town of Perry and they are not in favor of these exemptions. She also stated that she and P. Sahrle have been finishing up looking at new construction and that there have been quite a few sales since last month.

A motion was made by Coun Vitagliano, seconded by Coun Hurst to approve the minutes from the 9/18/14 and 10/4/14 meetings.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Coun Klein, seconded by Coun Monteleone, to approve the Sup Report.

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Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

D. Nourse presented his Highway Report. He stated that Perry Ave, Chapman and Swyers Roads are all done and that Sanford Road is on hold.

R. Lavin thanked D. Nourse for doing a great job on Perry Ave.

D. Nourse stated that he will need to get with J. Koch regarding an issue with a few VFD's that don't reset when the power goes out at a couple of the Pump/Lift Stations.

J. Koch stated that he will look into this when he returns to work.

The Zoning Report was reviewed.

Sup Tarbell stated that there have been quite a few cutbacks made in each department so that we can stay under the 2% tax cap. He stated that a few things had been added to the budget such as a truck for the highway department (\$65,000) a computer for pump station 7 (\$7,000), work from Sewer Specialties to resolve some more I&I issues (\$15,000) upgrades to residential grinder unit control panels and extra grinder pumps (\$13,000) and new equipment (tractor-\$20,000) and still were able to stay under the 2% tax cap.

A motion was made by Coun Vitagliano, seconded by Coun Monteleone to allow Sup Tarbell to attend Conference in NYC in February.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

Sup Tarbell stated that the Town received 28 applications for the MEO position and that 5 people were interviewed and that David Cousins from Fisher Road in Warsaw was selected for this position.

Sup Tarbell asked T. Wright, Castile Fire Chief, what his thoughts were regarding the Fire Contract. T. Wright stated that consolidation is fine because you can receive grant monies but volunteers are down across the county now and with the merging different departments with so many different personalities trying to work together it would be even harder to get volunteers. He also stated that he felt that the number of calls that the Village of Perry stated that they responded to last year seemed a bit high.

Sup Tarbell asked if T. Wright felt comfortable taking over the area that the Village of Perry currently handles for the Town.

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T. Wright stated that he has talked with the Mayor and other Chiefs and they are all comfortable in taking it over.

K. Granger addressed the Board regarding their decision to hire someone that does not reside in our Township. He stated that he knows of a couple of people that reside in Castile that were not offered the position.

M. Hotchkiss questioned why not everyone that applied received an interview.

J. Hurst stated that each Board member reviewed every application.

Sup Tarbell stated that it was not a pleasant job and that he knew not everybody would be pleased with the outcome but the Board did the best that they could and that they hired who they felt would be most beneficial to the Town.

K. Granger questioned who had the weight of the decision in the hiring process, who made the final decision?

J. Hurst stated that it was a joint decision by both the Board and D. Nourse.

K. Granger stated that he feels the Town should have hired within Castile and that the new hire should at least have to move to Castile.

Coun Klein stated that he disagrees, the Town hires the best candidate for the job and that they should be able to live where they want.

Sup Tarbell stated that a letter was sent to the Village of Perry modifying our current Silver Lake and Gardeau Water District Intermunicipal Agreement. He stated that we will no longer have to

pay Perry \$8500 after 1/1/15 for them to do our water testing as J. Koch is qualified to now do this.

At 8:22PM motion was made by Coun Hurst, seconded by Coun Klein to go into Executive Session regarding the Fire Contract and Budget (Village of Perry grant proposal).

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

At 9:18PM a motion was made by Coun Monteleone, seconded by Coun Vitagliano to come out of Executive Session.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

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At 9:19PM a motion was made by Coun Hurst, seconded by Coun Klein, to close the Public Hearing.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Coun Monteleone, seconded by Coun Hurst to increase the Village of Silver Springs Fire Contract \$950 to the 2015 budget, \$500 additional for 2016 and \$500 additional for 2017.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Coun Monteleone, seconded by Coun Hurst to increase the Village of Castile Fire Contract \$2,000 for the 2015 Budget, \$1000 additional for 2016 and \$1000 additional for 2017 in place of the expiring contract with the Village of Perry, effective 1/1/15.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Coun Monteleone, seconded by Coun Hurst to approve \$2000 for the Village of Perry for the grant that was presented.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

At 9:26PM a motion was made by Coun Klein, seconded by Coun Vitagliano to adjourn the meeting.

Polled: Ayes: Klein, Hurst, Tarbell, Monteleone, Vitagliano
Noes: None Carried

Respectfully Submitted,