

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

7PM

Present: Sup Klein
Coun Hurst
Coun Barber
Coun Vitagliano
Coun Phillips

Also present: Dylan Nourse, Darryl Nourse, E. Parker, S. Perkins, N. Osborn, Liam H. L. Sturm, B. Davis, M. Bailey, D. Kelly

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Sup Klein called the meeting to order at 7PM

The following vouchers were audited:

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$11,890.85
GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE	4,918.37
HIGHWAY FUND – TOWNWIDE	9,490.26
HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE	3,637.81
SILVER LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	1,674.10
GARDEAU WATER DISTRICT	80.01
SILVER LAKE INSTITUTE WATER DISTRICT	273.77
SILVER LAKE LIGHTING DISTRICT	669.87
FIRE PROTECTION	87,500.00
TOTAL	\$120,135.04

A motion was made by Coun Barber, seconded by Coun Hurst to approve the vouchers totaling \$120,135.04.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
Noes: None Carried

Bill Davis and Mark Bailey were present from MRB Group to discuss the on-going issues with the Gardeau Water District and the new issue with Highbanks Farm needing more water and larger lines to feed their farm.

B. Davis of MRB Group presented marketing material and stated that they have been working with the Village of Perry for 2-3 years. He also stated that he has gone with Dylan Nourse to visit the Gardeau District so is familiar with what is going on.

Steve Perkins from the Wyoming County Health Department was also present and gave history going back to pre 1980 about the Gardeau Water District. He stated that approximately 10 homes were originally tied into the approved Gardeau Water District and several years later Mr. Fitch tied into the original lines and provided water to

approximately 14 homes and what is now Highbanks farm. This was all done without approval or permits so is considered to be non-compliant. Several letters were sent to each Supervisor throughout the years (Bowels, Gozelski, Tarbell and Granger) stating that the system needs to be brought to compliance. Many of the Supervisors looked into the issue but because of the small number of residents tied into the system the cost was not feasible. He stated that Swyers Farm and Letchworth State Park have shown an interest into obtaining water and that this should cut the cost per resident down. S. Perkins stated that he feels this should be a 2 phase process with the first trying to remedy the issue with the need for more water at Highbanks Farm as soon as possible and the 2nd with bringing the district into compliance.

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Coun Vitagliano asked if this is something that the residents would vote on.

S. Perkins stated that the residents could either vote or the Board could vote on it. He also stated that the cost for the system to be upgraded would only fall on those that were tied into the original lines and are not in compliance.

B. Davis stated that he feels that the first step would be to speak to someone at Letchworth State Park to make sure that they are in fact interested. He also stated that there are grants out there that we may qualify for.

Coun Vitagliano asked if there are still grants for low income/poverty residents.

B. Davis stated that there are.

Sup Klein asked N. Osborn with Highbanks Farm what the urgency was and how soon would he need this to be done.

N. Osborn stated that he has run out of water. Mainly from July-September and that it would be great if the new lines could be in before the crops are planted as some of the lines run through crop land.

Sup Klein thanked N. Osborn for coming and speaking about the issues at the Gardeau District and stated that this shows that there are needs that need to be taken care of sooner than later.

Coun Barber asked who would pay for the engineering study?

S. Perkins stated that often times the farms pay for this.

B. Davis stated that he will initiate a meeting with Letchworth State Park.

S. Perkins stated that he would like to be part of the meeting.

Sup Klein stated that there is another issue with water on the west side of the lake.

S. Perkins stated that he had been approached by an entity on the west side of the lake that would require public water. He stated that many of the wells on the west side of the lake are not of a very good quality. He also stated that this would need to go to an engineering firm to see if this project would be feasible.

A motion was made by Coun Vitagliano, seconded by Coun Phillips to utilize MRB Group as our engineering firm to start work on the Gardeau District.

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 Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Coun Hurst, seconded by Coun Barber to approve the Sup Report.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
 Noes: None Carried

Dylan Nourse presented his Water/Sewer Report. He stated that he came across a 1.5 HP motor in the box, brand new and asked for it to be declared surplus. He stated that he spoke to the DPW in Perry and that they would be interested in purchasing it for \$150.

A motion was made by Sup Klein, seconded by Coun Phillips to declare the 1.5 HP motor as surplus.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
 Noes: None Carried

Dylan Nourse also stated that there are 2 people that would like to be tied into the sewer system but wants to wait until Spring.

Darryl Nourse presented his Highway Report. He stated that they had the grader out for a couple of days and patched the sander on #139.

The Assessor's Report was reviewed.

The Zoning Report was reviewed.

Clerk Koch received a request from the USDA to utilize properties to trap invasive European Cherry Fruit Flies throughout the town.

Sup Klein stated that this has been talked about at the County level and there seemed to be a lot of interest.

A motion was made by Coun Barber, seconded by Coun Phillips to allow the USDA permission to trap for invasive European Cherry Fruit Flies throughout the town.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
Noes: None Carried

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Sup Klein stated that the Silver Lake Watershed Commission is in the process of creating a new agreement. He stated that Eleanor Jacobs, who chairs the committee, is going to be stepping down as she chose not to run for her position on the Village Board and she cannot sit on the SLWC without also being on the village board. Sup Klein stated that the new contract is two fold. First, they would need to decided the % in which each municipality would have to pay. And secondly, because the Village of Perry was not clear as to what their responsibilities are they needed to modify the agreement. Sup Klein also stated that the Village of Perry requested \$25,000 from the SLWC for help with the dredging project, in which they complied. He feels that everyone has their own set of responsibilities to the lake and those should take care of their own.

Coun Vitagliano questioned how much would the Town of Castile be paying.

Sup Klein stated that he was not sure because he had not seen any numbers. He also stated that he feels the County should be more involved.

Coun Vitagliano stated that he feels it's kind of tough to get involved with something when we don't know how much it will cost.

Sup Klein stated that he feels we should have more clarification before moving forward.

A motion was made by Coun Barber, seconded by Coun Hurst to table the SLWC Contract until March.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
Noes: None Carried

Clerk Koch and Darryl Nourse reviewed the new Selective Insurance policy and found a couple of errors. Coun Vitagliano also reviewed and said the numbers seem to be in order. A correction has been sent to Selective for correction.

A motion was made by Coun Vitagliano, seconded by Sup Klein to purchase a 4 drawer file cabinet for Town Zoning Records.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
Noes: None Carried

Clerk Koch stated that she has not heard anything from Harding Plumbing regarding the air balancing issue within the building.

Sup Klein that we will work on getting a Building Committee planned. He feels we should get the duct work cleaned.

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Sup Klein stated that there is an issue with the water billing that we received from the Village of Perry. He stated that they have underbilled us for years and now they want us to come up with a plan to make them whole. He stated that they are some very serious numbers that they will have to look at.

Atty Kelly stated that the major issue is they billed us for 1 user fee instead of all the users and those districts are the ones that will have to pay it back. They don't want it all back at once and they are looking at letting it go out for a few years.

Coun Vitagliano stated that the real issue, politically speaking, is this is going to go back on the users.

Atty Kelly stated that they can look at it as they had been getting a price break back then and they are just paying for it now.

Clerk Koch stated that she has spoke with Ashley about putting some numbers together but she stated until we get the AUD from Baldwins and look at what will be spent this coming year she won't be able to. It should be mid-March when she will be able to start looking into this.

At 8:42PM a motion was made by Sup Klein, seconded by Coun Vitagliano to go into Executive Session.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
Noes: None Carried

Coun Hurst excused himself from the meeting at 8:45PM

At 9:15PM a motion was made by Coun Vitagliano, seconded by Coun Barber to come out of Executive Session.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips

Noes: None

Carried

No action taken

At 9:17PM a motion was made by Sup Klein, seconded by Coun Phillips to adjourn the meeting.

Polled: Ayes: Barber, Vitagliano, Klein, Hurst, Phillips
Noes: None Carried