

March 17, 2020

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Washburn
Tr James, Miller, Bannister, and Reed
Clerk Gozelski
Deputy Gilkinson

Also present: S. Klein (Town of Castile Supervisor) and D. DiMatteo Esq.

At 6:00 pm Mayor Washburn called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Washburn opened the floor to Village Lawyer, D. DiMatteo.

Discussions began on changing the term limits from two years to four for Trustees and Mayor.
Discussions began about Water Billing.
Discussions began about PPA charges.

At 6:13 pm a motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Bannister to enter into Executive Session for Pending Litigation.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.
Noes: None Carried

At 7:03 pm a motion was made by Mayor Washburn, seconded by Tr Bannister, to come out of Executive Session.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.
Noes: None Carried

Public Comments: none were made.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

A motion was made by Tr Bannister, seconded by Tr James, that the minutes be approved from the previous meeting.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.
Noes: None Carried

Bills listed in abstract #20 in the amounts of:
\$20,815.02 in the General Fund, \$46,571.88 in the Electric Fund, \$7,173.87 in the Water Fund, and \$4,521.02 in the Sewer Fund.

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Tr James, to approve and pay the Bills.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.
Noes: None Carried

Mayor's Report:

Kudos to the Copeland's for all the work they have been putting into the house. It is really looking sharp.

In consideration of the current climate, we will be moving to one Board meeting a month for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis. The next meeting will be April 14, 2020.

Committee Reports:

Tr Bannister- Received the resignation of K. Weaver the Summer Rec Coordinator. The Board discussed the vacancy left by her resignation.

A motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Bannister to accept the resignation of K. Weaver.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.
Noes: None Carried

Resident D. Baker has issued a complaint with the Village over the use of the tractor to plow the sidewalks. D. Baker is seeking reparations for the fixing of his lawn and wants the DPW to do the work and pay for it. The Board discussed the matter. As per the "Sidewalk Law" / Local Law#2 of 2019, the resident is responsible to remove snow or debris by 9:00a.m. each day. Due to the weather patterns of 2019-2020, hence; this issue occurred.

A motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Bannister, to not fix the yard for the resident. The resident is responsible for maintenance of all property. The DPW is not liable for cosmetic issues caused by the plowing of the sidewalks.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.
Noes: None Carried

Tr Miller- Was approached by J. Robinson of the funeral home to see if the Fire Dept would be interested in purchasing the property. A discussion ensued over costs, safety and what possibilities and challenges such a purchase would present. A decision was not made.

Supt's Report:

Supt Wright spoke with the Health Dept for how to keep the DPW crew safe. They advised locking the doors to the shop. He then recommended limiting the contact the crew should have with the general public. The Board discussed that the Government Center should be locked as well. No resident should come behind the glass portion of the office. The DPW crew should also not engage in activities that take them into the homes of the residents.

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Tr Miller, to keep the doors to the Government Center locked and to not permit anyone other than Town or Village employees into the offices. The hours will remain as they are currently and customers may use the drop box on the building, mail payments in or use the website for payments.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.
Noes: None Carried

Supt Wright conveyed the importance of the Village being in a State of Emergency.

Clerk's Report:

The Bank Reconciliation and EOM was submitted.

Clerk Gozelski spoke to the Board for resident P. Bliss about late fees she incurred on her taxes and utility bills. She has stated she will not use the locked box because she is concerned for the items being processed correctly. The Board discussed the matter.

A motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Miller, to not waive the late fees incurred by P. Bliss for her not using the locked box.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.

Noes: None Carried

In consideration of the current climate of crisis, the Village Association dinner will be tentatively moved to May 20th. We will endeavor to see if the speaker will still be available.

By order of the Governor, the Village elections will be postponed tentatively until April 28, 2020, in lieu of the COVID-19 concerns.

The Electric CD has come due and the rate has been less than favorable in the banking market. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Reed, to invest the money in the amount of \$48,473.62 from the Electric CD in NYCLASS for the better rate that it offers.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr Miller, seconded by Mayor Washburn, for the following Transfers to be approved:

From: A1990.4	to: 1910.4	\$ 500.00	G1990.4	to: G9030.8	\$ 300.00
A1990.4	to: A3410.4	\$8,500.00	G8110.1	to: G8130.4	\$4,000.00

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Mayor Washburn, seconded by Tr Reed, to declare the Village of Castile to be in a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 crisis. This is to begin March 18, 2020 at midnight. The Board further moved to allow Mayor Washburn to issue such statements to follow consecutively every five days for the duration of the crisis.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.

Noes: None Carried

At 7:59pm, A motion was made by Mayor Washburn, and seconded by Tr James, to adjourn the meeting.

Polled: Ayes: Mayor Washburn, Tr Miller, James, Bannister, and Reed.

Noes: None Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Gozelski
Clerk/Treasurer