

September 15th, 2020

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Washburn

Tr James & Miller

Supt Wright

Clerk Gozelski

Late- but in attendance: Tr. Bannister (5:08) & Tr. Reed (5:15)

Also present: R. Uptegrove, J. & M. Ratigan

At 5:00 pm Mayor Washburn called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Roll Call was done.

Minutes of previous meeting were read.

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

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

Noes: None Carried

Public Comments:

A discussion of the sewer bill at 56 W. Park Rd- J. & R. Ratigan's began. The resident presented a paper with information about their side of the events in regards to the sewer system and issues at their location. Several lawyers have been contacted but no one has taken his case. Due to the complications of the sewer law, residents must be hooked up. Mayor Washburn and Supt Wright are investigating what can be legally done for the Village and resident. Mr. & Mrs. Ratigan thanked the Board. Mayor Washburn will follow up with the residents after Supt Wright investigates the pump.

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Tr Bannister, to investigate the upgrade requested by J. Ratigan.

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

Noes: None Carried

R. Uptegrove questioned who is in charge of Public Safety. The Board inquired as the particular issue needing attendance, for clarity as to what safety need he was referring to. R. Uptegrove responded to the Board of the issue of his neighbor, R. Reed, having branches on the lines, which he deems a public safety issue. The Board replied that the tree in question will be taken down in the near future.

Bills listed in abstract #4 in the amounts of:

\$22,846.25 in the General Fund, \$32,473.47 in the Electric Fund, \$13,657.99 in the Water Fund, and \$7,308.53 in the Sewer Fund.

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

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

Noes: None Carried

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Washburn Stated that we are currently in a Water Audit with the State Comptroller.

Mayor Washburn further mentioned that the USDA will also be doing an audit on September 24, 2020.

The issue of the Pankow Water bill was discussed. There is a disagreement by the Pankow's in regards to the legal charges.

A motion was made by Tr Miller, seconded by Tr Bannister, to direct Mayor Washburn to call the Pankow's to discuss the \$1,500.00 legal bill.

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

Noes: None Carried

Committee Reports:

No reports were given.

Clerk's Report:

The Bank and EOM reports were submitted.

Monthly Zoning Reports were submitted from the County.

A motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Bannister, to write off the \$17.70 due to Frontier's bankruptcy.

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr Bannister, seconded by Mayor Washburn, to accept the three mailings of the fuel bids and not to advertise for this.

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

Noes: None Carried

Gainesville Town Supervisor, D. Grainger, informed Clerk Gozelski that Gainesville is going with a one year Fire Contract instead of three. There will be an 8% increase instead of the 7.2% increase that Mayor Washburn requested. Upon receipt of funds there will be further clarification contained with the check.

A motion was made by Tr Miller, seconded by Tr Bannister, to institute the Halloween curfew with be 8:30 pm. Halloween will be celebrated Saturday, October 31, 2020; unless COVID regulations dictate otherwise.

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Bannister, to send Village employees to the defensive Driving course October 20-22, 2020; workload permitting.

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

Noes: None Carried

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Castile, New York, held on September 15, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Tr Miller, seconded by Mayor Washburn,

WHEREAS, the Board of trustees of the Village of Castile, New York, is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

Whereas, THE Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on September 17, 2020, to be held via virtual meeting, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Superintendent. G. Tom Wright be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Castile, New York on the 15th of September, 2020.

Ayes: 5 Nays 0

A motion was made by Tr Miller, seconded by Mayor Washburn, that the colored copier is declared surplus and Clerk Gozelski may purchase it for two payments of \$85.00 each.

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr James, seconded by Tr Reed, to accept the Sexual Harassment Policy that is on file.

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

Noes: None Carried

In the next couple years the annual report to the OSC will go from reporting via the AUD to the ATR.

Clerk Gozelski appointed Wendy Wallace as an elections inspector on September 15th, 2020 due to Joyce Rugg being out for a doctor's appointment.

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Tr Bannister, to send another application to R. Reinisch for 34 S. Main St, Castile; this location needs to be commercial. To approve and direct the mayor to sign the Electric Residential Upgrade f Service for J. Ratigan at 91 S. Main St, Castile

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr Miller, seconded by Tr Reed, to roll as much dollar wise from NYCLASS to the Bank of Castile due to COVID-19 and the current rates. The funds will be invested in a month to month basis.

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Mayor Washburn, to have the Government building remain locked and to conduct business by utilizing the door bell, making appointments or using the Night Drop box. This status will be addressed at the next meeting.

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr Miller, seconded by Tr James, the next Village Board Meeting will be October 20th, 2020 at 5pm; the door will be posted.

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

Noes: None Carried

Newsletter announcement to be sent to the residents-Due to COVID there will be no Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Supt's Report:

The Letchworth Park meters parts have been ordered but they are on backorder.

The divers came in to clean the wells, as is the schedule of maintenance every other year. They found more than they thought and the bill will be emailed.

Supt Wright is working on Easements for Robb's Castile Sunoco and Spring St. This will make the first time the locations are able to be driven on. The goal is to keep the ditch lines mowed.

The Substation work has been completed and it finished the PESH violation requirements for that location.

The loop feed on Lovers Lane has been completed.

Pole top rescue is scheduled for Monday, September 21st, 2020; with Bergen and Silver Springs for certification.

New poles are on East Railroad.

Supt Wright is still waiting on inventory to finish electric jobs.

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Tr Miller, to allow Supt Wright to purchase \$5,000.00 of electric inventory all at once.

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

Noes: None Carried

Supt Wright spoke with DJ Beardsley about getting a quote for due the exterior burned out lights at the Government Center.

Supt Wright stated that people are having a hard time getting reimbursed for CHIPS work, due to COVID.

Supt Wright covered the issue at 85 N. Main St, the \$50.00 fee was charged to turn off the water at this location. The curb box was run over.

At 6:22 pm, A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Tr James, to go into Executive Session for the discussion of a financial corporation and for personnel.

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

Noes: None Carried

At 7:28 pm, A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Tr James, to come out of Executive Session.

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Mayor Washburn, to bill the electric meters at the Substation going forward. September 30, 2020 the meters will be read and establish the starting figures.

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

Noes: None Carried

A motion was made by Tr Reed, seconded by Mayor Washburn, to set the hours for Deputy Clerk Gilkinson as: 8:30-4:30 Monday thru Friday, with half hour lunches.

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

Noes: None Carried

At 7:29 pm, A motion was made by Tr Bannister, and seconded by Mayor Washburn, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Noes: None Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Gozelski
Clerk/Treasurer