

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
July 08, 2014

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Councilmen: Jeffrey Graham, James LaCelle

Absent: Nicholas Marshall (excused for fire call)

Also Present:

Water Operator-Marvin Levack, Hwy Supt-Doug Henry, CEO-John Howland

NOCA Rep-Robert Traimham, THC Rep-Paul Baxter

Town Clerk- Traci LaVeck

Public Present:

Robert Martin, Shirley Downes

Supervisor Potter opened the at 7:06 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

A) CEO Howland gave his report for June, nine building permits were issued. There have been a total of 16 Building Permits issued so far for the year 2014.

B) County Legislator Milferd Potter was not present to give report. The County Agenda for the month of July can be found on the Oswego County Website.

C) Dog Control Officer's Report: None

D) Assessor's Report: Assessor Roach is going to attend next month's meeting to discuss issues with the STAR Exemption Program.

E) Water Operator's Report for June 2014:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory
- All of the equipment is operating normally
- There is still plenty of water, no changes

F) Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Hwy Supt Henry gave the Equipment Repair Cost Report for June
- Hog Back Road property has been seeded and once the grass starts to grow the town will be able to put the lot up for sale
- \$91,510.00 of CHIPS money has been spent, \$75,717.59 of it went to Midland Paving for Motopaving Tubbs Road, County Bid Prices were used
- Purchased the Caterpillar Loader in 2012 for the Highway Garage on a two year buy back plan, and the two years end in September. Hwy Supt Henry gave the Board Members a proposal from Milton Cat for a new loader, Milton Cat is charging the 659/hrs at \$10.00/hr for the hours used on the 2012 Caterpillar Loader (original price \$180,182.00) plus the price to swap it, bringing the trade in value for the 2012 loader to \$173,571.00. The price for a 2014 Caterpillar 950K is \$182,795.00 making the net-trade price \$9,224.00. A decision needs to be made by September 2014. Tabled until next month's meeting.

G) Tug Hill Commission Report: Paul Baxter was present to discuss upcoming meetings and workshops in the area.

H) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report and a copy of the Quarterly Financial Review for April-June 2014.

I) Historian's Report: None

DISCUSSIONS:

A) Deputy Supervisor: Councilman Nicholas Marshall-Permanent
-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to appoint Councilman Nicholas Marshall as permanent Deputy Supervisor. (3 Ayes) motion carries

B) Councilman Vacancy: Robert Martin Jr. Appointment
A councilman vacancy has occurred with the death of Councilman Robert Crossett.
-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to appoint Robert Martin Jr. as Councilman to fill the vacancy thru 12/31/14. (3 Ayes) motion carries.
The remainder of the term (1/1/15 – 12/31/17) will be filled via general election held this November

C) Office Air Quality Update: Final 45 page report should be available within the next two weeks from Healthway. Jason Rossman has ordered a steel entryway door (with a window that opens) to replace the old steel door coming into the basement. The cost of the new door is \$1,125.00 (the hardware from the old door will be re-used for the new one) labor cost to install will total \$500.00.

D) Water Exploration Project Engineering Report: Supervisor Potter received an Email a week ago from B&L Engineering asking for water project related documents for their review. Supervisor Potter will be meeting with them soon to go over details.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public wants to know why the Town of Orwell has not made a Resolution (as other towns have been doing) to send to the Oswego County Legislature to attempt to stop the closings of the Transfer Stations. Supervisor Potter questioned whether a Resolution is premature at this point and should the Town Board allow Councilman Marshall to continue his work with the committee and the County Legislature in an attempt to work this out. The Public feels that the Transfer Station is a service that the county provides and that we pay for it with our tax dollars and it should not be allowed to close. It was also expressed by the Public that despite what was printed in the latest newspaper article about the closings (it was stated that all of the Oswego County Transfer Stations are losing money) it was brought to the board's attention that the Pulaski Transfer Station is indeed making money not losing. Councilman Graham feels that passing a Resolution would not undermine what Councilman Marshall has been trying to accomplish by working with the committee and County Legislature and feels that it is a good idea to move forward with a Resolution to voice the town's opinion on the subject.

Resolution #2/2014:

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to pass the same **Resolution** being used by the other towns in Oswego County to oppose the closings of the Transfer Stations. (3 Ayes) motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter read the correspondence received since last month's meeting.

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the June 10 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following **correction** under Reports: section F- Highway, the sentence regarding remaining payment on the 2012 Milton Cat Loader needs to be removed, the loader is paid off. (3 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the June 18 Special Meeting Minutes as written. (3 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2014. (3 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for June 2014. (3 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the following Budget Adjustments for June 2014. (3 Ayes) motion carries

General Fund			
Add	A1620.44	Property Rehab CE	\$600.00
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent CE	\$600.00

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve payment of the following claims: (3 Ayes) motion carries

General Fund Abstract #7	Claims #87-97C	Amount \$ 3,191.12
Hwy Fund Abstract #7	Claims #71-81B	Amount \$89,845.15
Water District Fund Abstract #7	Claims #19-21	Amount \$ 390.43

- A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. (3 Ayes) motion carries

Submitted
July 21, 2014

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk