

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2014

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, Robert Martin, Jeffrey Graham, James LaCelle
Also Present:
Water Operator-Marvin Levack, Hwy Supt.-Doug Henry
THC Reps.-Paul Baxter and Philip Street
Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck
Public Present:
Shirley Downes, 13 Members of the Lorton Lake Association

Supervisor Potter opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

A) CEO Howland was not present. CEO Howland handed in his report for August prior to the meeting, six permits were issued.

B) County Legislator Milferd Potter was not present: The County Agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

C) Dog Warden's Report: None

D) Assessor's Report: Assessor Roach gave Supervisor Potter the number so that people who are having issues with their STAR Exemption can call NYS, that number is (518) 457-2036

E) Water Operator's Report for August 2014:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory
- All of the equipment is working fine
- There is still plenty of water in the system
- Water Operator Levack is going to lower the curb stops located next to Jim Taylor's residence

F) Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Hwy Supt Henry gave the Equipment Repair Cost Report for August
- LaCelle Drive: Hwy Supt Henry said that the highway garage will not have the time or money to be able to get the end of LaCelle Drive turned into a snowplow turn-around this year, he feels that it's not a priority at this time.
- The highway garage workers are having issues with the new radio system, they are having difficulties communicating back and forth with them. Mobile Tech is going to check on the problem.
- The new 2014 Milton Cat Loader is now at the Town Highway Garage

G) Tug Hill Commission Representative Paul Baxter was present to discuss upcoming meetings and workshops.

H) NOCA Report: None

I) Historian's Report: None

DISCUSSION:

A) Phil Street from Tug Hill Commission was present to discuss the Town Road “Official Map” Project. The Project helps towns establish an accurate baseline assessment of their road systems, determine what roads are abandoned, as well as to accurately map the lengths of road segments. A town road system (map) is created and will have to be okay-ed by the town board and highway superintendent. After everyone is in agreement the highway superintendent will sign the map and give it to the town board along with the letter of transmittal (certifying that the map reflects his current assessment of the road system), which states that any road not shown on the town road system (map) is considered abandoned through non use. The town board then adopts a resolution of approval, as well as adopt the map as the town's official road map. The town board is in agreement with having Mr. Street create a Town Road “Official Map” for Orwell. This is a free service to the towns.

B) Lorton Lake Association: Logging Concerns

- James Polumbo and twelve other Lorton Lake Association Members were present to discuss their concerns with the logging going on at Lorton Lake.
- Lorton Lake Drive is a narrow road, and the safety of the residence trying to traverse the road while log trucks are going back and forth is of concern
- The Lorton Lake residence have their own water system which serves over 40 families, it is a seasonal water system that is over 50 years old and in some areas the water lines are run under the road. The residents are concerned that the weight of the logging vehicles and heavy traffic will damage the water lines and possibly destroy the water system.
- Lorton Lake Association has retained a lawyer who will be working with them on all aspects of the problem.
- The town board feels that this is not a town issue and there is nothing that the town can legally do, and therefore it is best left in the hands of the Attorney that the Lorton Lake Association has hired.

C) Castor Cemetery Fence Disrepair: Supervisor Potter received a phone call stating that the fence at the Castor Cemetery on County Route 22 is in disrepair. The board members feel that the fence is adequate.

D) Transfer Station Update: nothing new

E) Budget Workshop Meeting: Wednesday-September 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the August Regular Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for August. (5 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Marshall to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for August. (5 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Marshall to approve the following Budget Adjustments for August. (5 Ayes) motion carries

General Fund

Add	A5010.2	Superintendent HWY EQ	\$	110.00
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent CE	\$	110.00
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Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent CE	\$	35.25

Highway Fund

Add	DA5112.4	Improvements CE	\$	24,150.36
Deduct	DA5110.41	General Repairs CE	\$	24,150.36
Add	DA5140.1	Misc/Brush PS	\$	1,576.00
Deduct	DA5110.1	General Repairs PS	\$	1,576.00

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve payment of the following claims: (5 Ayes) motion carries

General Fund Abstract #9	Claims #111-122B	\$ 3,215.76
Hwy Fund Abstract #9	Claims #94-102B	\$23,725.99
Water District Fund Abstract #9	Claims #26-30	\$ 4,026.19

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. (5 Ayes) motion carries

Submitted
September 26, 2014
Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk