

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
December 9, 2014

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, Jeffrey Graham, James LaCelle

Absent: Councilman Robert Martin

Also Present:

Water Operator-Marvin Levack, NOCA Rep-Robert Trainham, THC Rep-Paul Baxter

Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck

Orwell Water Board Members Present:

David Lake, David Potter, Marc Steele

Library Board Members Present:

Paula Steele, Deanna Barber

Public Present:

Barton & Loguidice Rep-Dustin Clark, Rural Development Rep-Michael Mannigan

One community member

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #2-2014 Repealing Local Law #1-2014 (Override Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C) opened at 7:00 PM, the floor was opened for Public Comment. The Town Board was questioned as to why the need for a second local law to repeal the first, overriding the tax levy limit. Supervisor Potter explained that in order to be in compliance with the Property Tax Freeze Credit Program it is required by New York State. No further comments. The Public Hearing was adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 7:05 PM.

REGULAR MEETING:

Supervisor Potter opened the Regular Meeting at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Local Law #2-2014

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Marshall to adopt Local Law #2-2014 repealing Local Law #1-2014 (Override Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C)

Vote by Roll Call:

Councilman Marshall: Aye

Supervisor Potter: Aye

Councilman Graham: **Aye**
Councilman LaCelle: **Aye**
4 Ayes-Motion Carries

REPORTS:

A) CEO Howland handed in his report for November, one building permit and one violation were issued.

B) County Legislator's Report: the County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

C) Dog Warden Report: Nothing new

D) Assessor Report: Nothing new

E) Water Operator's Report for November:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory
- All of the equipment is working fine
- There is still plenty of water in the system
- The Annual Sanitary Survey was completed by the Health Department, Mr. Havener said that everything at the pump house and surrounding area was satisfactory.

F) Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Supervisor Potter read the Equipment Repair Cost Report for November
- The 2008 plow truck has sustained over \$3,400 worth of damage, Supervisor Potter has been in contact with the insurance company

G) Tug Hill Commission representative Paul Baxter talked about the latest meeting of the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments that was held on December 2nd, they will meet again in the beginning of 2015. The Commission staff reviewed the draft 2015-19 Commission Strategic Plan as well as renewals of the COG Inter municipal agreements. Phil Street has started working on the GPS portion of the Town Road Official Map Project.

H) NOCA Representative Trainham gave the NOCA Report for November.

DISCUSSION:

A) Water Project Update: Dustin Clark of Barton & Loguidice and Michael Mannigan of Rural Development were present to discuss the Income Survey and Rural Development Funding Program. Michael Mannigan handed out a packet outlining the possible project cost, loan and grant information, as well as, information on the water project selection criteria point system. Once the income survey has been completed, it will need to be adhered to and will affect how much can be received in grant monies and will also affect interest rates. Water Board member David Potter requested that the town board hold off on their decision to move forward with the

income survey until after the next water board meeting so that the other water board members are informed of what is going on. The town board will table the discussion until January.

B) Library Storage: Paula Steele and Deanna Barber from the library board were present to discuss the upstairs library storage issue. Ms. Steele and Ms. Barber explained that the supplies kept upstairs have been downsized and that some of the items being kept in the room upstairs don't belong to the library. They also stated that library storage is limited. Supervisor Potter said that he would check on the situation to see what else is being stored in the room upstairs.

C) The Year-End Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 30th at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public Present questioned how the new well (water project) would affect the Orwell tax payers not on the water system, why should people not benefiting from the new well have to help pay for it. Supervisor Potter explained that legally it can't affect the tax payers not on the water system.

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

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the November Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes as written. (4 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for November. (4 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for November. (4 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the following Budget Adjustments for November. (4 Ayes) motion carries

General Fund

Add	A1010.4	Legislative Board CE	\$	35.79
Add	A1620.43	Building Heating CE	\$	265.24
Add	A5182.4	Street Lights CE	\$	243.83
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent CE	\$	544.86

Highway Fund

Add	DA5110.44	Gen Repairs Gasoline CE	\$	98.60
Add	DA5130.4	Machinery CE	\$	2,603.89
Add	DA5140.4	CDL/Testing/Safety CE	\$	351.05
Deduct	DA5142.41	Snow Removal CE	\$	3,053.54

Add	DA9010.8	NYS Retirement	\$	3,030.78
Deduct	DA9060.8	Health Insurance	\$	3,030.78

Water

Add	SW8340.4	Transmission/Distribution CE	\$	248.68
Add	SW9010.8	NYS Retirement	\$	106.09
Deduct	SW1990.4	Contingent	\$	354.77

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve payment of the following claims: (4 Ayes) motion carries

General Fund Abstract #12	Claims #147-155C	Amount \$	4,549.01
Hwy Fund Abstract #12	Claims #125-133	Amount \$	13,578.96
Water District Fund Abstract #12	Claims #41	Amount \$	30.00

- A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to move to Executive Session (Highway Employees Agreement Negotiations) at 8:34 PM.
(4 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Marshall to leave Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 9:15 PM. (4 Ayes) motion carries
No decision was made during the Executive Session concerning the Highway Employees Agreement Negotiations.

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM. (4 Ayes) motion carries

Submitted
December 19, 2014

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk