

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
April 14, 2015

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, Robert Martin, Jeffrey Graham, James LaCelle
Also Present:
Hwy Supt-Doug Henry, Water Operator-Marvin Levack, CEO-John Howland
Os Co Leg-Milferd Potter, NOCA Rep-Robert Trainham
Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck
Public Present:
Shirley Downes

Supervisor Potter opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

A) CEO Howland gave his report for March, no building permits were issued. CEO Howland attended the Local Government Conference in March.

B) Oswego County Legislator Milferd Potter gave the Legislator Report for April. The Tax Property Auction will be held in June, the last day for property buy back will be May 15th. The entire county agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

C) Dog Warden Report: Nothing new to report

D) Assessor Report: Nothing new to report

E) Water Operator Report:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory
- All of the equipment is working fine
- There is plenty of water in the system
- The water has been shut off at 1930 County Route 2
- Supervisor Potter asked Water Operator Levack whose responsibility it is to make sure that the water sample is received by the 15th of the month, whether it's Orwell's or Converse's responsibility, per a violation received in February. Water Operator Levack said that he will look into it.
- Supervisor Potter also asked when the repairs to Sternberg's yard would be completed, Water Operator Levack said that it will be done now that the weather has improved.

F) Highway Superintendent Report:

- Hwy Supt Henry gave the Equipment Repair Cost Report for March
- CHIPS money- Orwell will be receiving \$13,543.17 more this year for extreme weather recovery
- A new two stage fan clutch has been put on the 2009 plow truck, Hwy Supt Henry says that it has been working better since then
- Hwy department has started cleaning up intersections and sweeping roads
- Hwy Supt Henry said that they will be opening up the seasonal roads this month
- Supervisor Potter asked Hwy Supt Henry to supply him with the end dates for part time hwy employees

G) Tug Hill Commission: nothing new

H) NOCA Report: NOCA Rep Trainham turned in the quarterly report

DISCUSSION:

A) The 102 acre parcel owned by the town located on Hog Back Road has been listed with Berkshire Hathaway CNY for \$120,000.00. A survey will be completed to come up with an accurate and up to date property description.

-A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Marshall to call an emergency meeting in the event of a purchase offer on the Hog Back Property. (5 Ayes) motion carries

B) Local Government Efficiency Plan: Part of the Tax Freeze process requires the town to put together a government efficiency plan which demonstrates a 1% savings off the 2014 adopted levy for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 and submit it to NYS by June 1, 2015. Oswego County will assist local municipalities in facilitating a shared service/government efficiency plan. Orwell has the option to join with the county and surrounding towns to establish one tax base for the upcoming years, Supervisor Potter will need to submit the necessary data to Phil Church by May 1st to become part of the above mentioned plan.

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to join Oswego County in establishing a shared service/government efficiency plan. (5 Ayes) motion carries

C) The Inter-Municipal Agreements with the surrounding towns (Albion, Amboy, Boylston, Redfield, Sandy Creek, Williamstown) have all been drawn up, signed, sealed and sent out to them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The board was asked about the process of the selling of town property (Hog Back Property), what steps are taken to come up with an asking price. Supervisor Potter explained that he has been working with the realtor to establish a fair asking price, taking into consideration the state of the property, as well as, assessed value.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter received a letter from FEMA on March 25th that the Town of Orwell is now a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program effective March 12, 2015.

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the March 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2015. (5 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for March 2015. (5 Ayes) motion carries

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

General Fund Abstract #4	Claims #35-43B	Amount \$12,736.37
Highway Fund Abstract #4	Claims #30-41B	Amount \$ 8,477.24
Water District Fund Abstract #4	Claims #10-15	Amount \$ 1,300.18

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Supervisor Potter to adjourn to Executive Session (Highway Employees Agreement Negotiations) at 8:14 PM. (5 Ayes) motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Marshall to leave Executive Session at 8:46 PM. (5 Ayes) motion carries

No decision was made concerning the Highway Employee Agreement Negotiations. Tabled until next month's meeting.

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. (5 Ayes) motion carries

Submitted
April 22, 2015

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk