

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
May 12, 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
Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck
Public Present:
Shirley Downes

Supervisor Potter opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A) CEO Howland gave his report for April, two building permits were issued.

B) Oswego County Legislator Potter gave the Legislator Report for May. The 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 still plenty of water in the system
- Water Operator Levack has completed training and has his certification paper
- Complaints have been received from a home owner located on County Route 2 near the Orwell water source concerning people crossing their land where it borders Orwell's right of way to the well.

F) Highway Superintendent Report:

- Hwy Supt Henry gave a verbal report of the equipment repair costs for April, he will give the Supervisor a hard copy when his printer is working again
- The radiator on the 2012 Chevy pickup truck had to be fixed. Councilman Graham made note of the fact that the 2012 chevy has been costing excessive money in repairs and questioned if it is possible to lease a new pickup the same way the town did with the loader for the hwy garage. Councilman Marshall said that he would look into it.

- Hwy workers have been hauling sand for the past week and a half, will finish it in September
- The annual hearing test for the hwy workers was done last month at Oswego Hospital
- Williamstown called and asked if they could pick up some rock
- Two trees at the end of Mill Street need to be taken down, the town hwy workers will be able to take down one of them but the other tree is split and will need to be done with a bucket truck, so Hwy Supt Henry will get in touch with the County to see when they can do it.
- The hwy workers will begin grading Falls Road and Dam Road as soon as they can borrow a roller

DISCUSSION:

A) Revised Highway Employees Agreement for Approval:

- Two year contract (terminates December 31, 2016)
- \$.50/year raise
- Town will pay in 89% of full-time employees insurance for 2015, the Town will pay in 88% of their insurance effective January 1, 2016
- In the event of the death of a full-time employee their unused sick time, as well as, unused vacation time will be applied towards the family's health insurance premiums until exhausted.

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Marshall to approve the revised Highway Employees Agreement. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

B) Local Government Efficiency Plan (LGEP) Compliance:

Supervisor Potter has submitted the LGEP to the Oswego County Administrator, it was submitted prior to May 1, 2015. Supervisor Potter included detailed savings information involving the hwy garage's new heating system, consolidation of the Supervisor/Budget Officer/Bookkeeper positions, as well as, Inter-Municipal Agreements involving surrounding towns.

C) Library Updates: A new librarian will be starting sometime in June of 2015. Supervisor Potter has spoken with the library board members to let them know that financially they cannot afford to continue giving their part-time employees sick/vacation/bereavement time. Supervisor Potter stated that they need to start cutting corners to continue to be able to operate.

D) Water District Income Survey: The Income Surveys were sent out two weeks ago, Supervisor Potter hasn't heard anything back yet. RCAP will also be going door to door to speak to the rental property tenants, as well as, property owners who do not respond to the Income Survey. There needs to be a 90% response rate to be effective.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The community member present asked about an update on the Air Quality Issue in the basement offices. Supervisor Potter explained that it is still a work in progress.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter read the correspondence received since last month's meeting. He has received a FOIL Request from CSEA Local 1000 requesting a list of all employees who are not elected or appointed.

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

-A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Marshall to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for April 2015. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

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

- A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the following Budget Adjustments for April 2015. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

General Fund

Add	A5010.4	Hwy Supt. CE	\$71.09
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent CE	\$71.09

-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 #5	Claims #44-58B	Amount \$32,122.68
Highway Fund Abstract #5	Claims #42-47C	Amount \$ 3,964.46
Water District Fund Abstract #5	Claims #16-22B	Amount \$ 2,915.67

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted
May 22, 2015

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk