

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
August 11, 2015

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

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

A) CEO John Howland gave his report for July, seven building permits were issued totaling \$508.00. There is a copy of the CEO's report on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

B) Oswego County Legislator Milferd Potter gave the Legislator's Report for August. The entire County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

- The next Oswego County Legislative meeting will be held Thursday, August 13th at 2:00 PM in the Pulaski Court House.
- The construction work being done on the 2A bridge is on schedule to be finished possibly next month

C) Dog Control Officer's Report: No report

D) Assessor's Report: nothing new

E) Water Operator's Report:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory
- All of the equipment is working fine
- There is still plenty of water in the system
- There is still approximately 15,000 gallons of water being used daily
- Water Operator Levack has discussed a couple of options with Roger Clark concerning the curb stop located across the road from Jim Taylor's residence. He will be working on it in the coming month.

F) Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Hwy Supt. Henry gave the equipment repair cost report for July.

- The highway workers have been putting down oil and stone on Beecherville Road, Falls Road, and Jackson Road.
- Hwy Supt Henry met with the DEC today at the Hog Back Road property and they are satisfied with what they saw and are going to write a letter releasing it so that it may be put up for sale.
- The DEC asked if the Town is going to renew the permit for the gravel bed located on County Route 22, Supervisor Potter said that he will get that taken care of.
- There have been a few recalls on the 2012 Chevy Pickup owned by the highway garage that will cover the cost of some of the recent repairs that have been done. The recalls have covered mostly fuel and emission system problems.

G) THC Rep Paul Baxter was present to discuss the upcoming budget season and to present the new Town of Orwell-Official Road Map to the board members.

H) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for July and handed in a copy of the 2016 annual budget for NOCA, his report will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

DISCUSSION:

A) The September Town Board Meeting has been moved from Tuesday, September 8th to Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 PM, a Legal Notice will be posted in the paper.

B) Snow and Ice County Highway Agreement Update: The County Legislators, Town Supervisors and Highway Superintendents attended a meeting on July 29th to discuss options concerning the reimbursement that the County pays the towns for hauling salt and sand, which will be eliminated in the new proposed agreement. One option that was discussed during the meeting was to have the County continue the current contract that will reimburse the towns through the end of this year and then draw up a new contract for next year. Hwy Supt Henry would like to look into the possibility of having the towns get the same benefits from the County for plowing county roads that the County receives from the State for plowing state roads.

C) Hog Back Property: The DEC is going to give the Town the release for the town owned property located on the south side of the Hog Back Road so that it may be put up for sale. The 102 acres that the town is trying to sell has the old dump located on it. There will need to be a survey done that removes the 1.74 acres containing the dump from the 102 acres so that the sale of that property can move forward.

D) Water District Income Survey Update: The representative from RCAP will be returning to finish speaking with the homeowners who are on the water system so that they can get the numbers together. Supervisor Potter received an interim report of those homeowners who have responded so far and the median income totals a little over \$47,000.00, in order to qualify for substantial funding for the project the number needs to be closer to \$29,300.00.

E) Town Offices ERV System Update-Amend Previous Motion: It was discovered after last month's meeting that in order for the Energy Recovery Ventilation System (that is going to be installed downstairs) to be adequate there would need to be a substantial de-humidification system installed along with it, which would be an additional \$2,530.00. The total cost for both units would be just under \$6,500.00. The board needs to amend last month's motion to approve the installation of the Energy Recovery Ventilation System to include the added de-humidification system.

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the purchase of the de-humidification system along with the Energy Recovery Ventilation System. (5 Ayes) motion carries

F) Time Warner-Telephone/Internet Provider Proposal: Supervisor Potter has received a proposal from Time Warner Cable Business Class to have them convert the existing town hall (minus the library phone lines) and town highway garage telephone lines and internet connections at a base rate of \$339.90/month for four years. Frontier's current base rate that Orwell is paying totals \$544.22/month.

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Marshall to move forward with the above mentioned Time Warner Proposal. (5 Ayes) motion carries

G) NYMIR report-issues to be addressed:

- Anti-Discrimination Policy
- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Municipal Policy banning the use of or carrying of Firearms on Municipal Property
- Emergency Light in lower level hallways not operational
- Playground Surface-Supervisor Potter will be attending the NYMIR Playground Safety Meeting being held at the Lura Sharp Elementary School in Pulaski.

H) Property Tax Cap for 2016=0.73%

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public present would like to have an issue addressed concerning two dogs that are causing problems on Gay Drive, they said that this issue has been going on for two years. The owners of the dogs have been letting them run and the dogs have been chasing vehicles and harassing people. The dog control officer was informed about the issue on July 15th and said that he would issue a ticket to the dogs' owners. Supervisor Potter said that he has not received a report from the DCO regarding this matter and that he will be in touch with him about it. Supervisor Potter will get in touch with the complainant as soon as he finds something out. The dogs in question are not licensed with the Town of Orwell.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter received word that the established final equalization rate for 2015 for the Town of Orwell is at 100%. Supervisor Potter received a notice from the Public Service Division informing the public about the area code overlay for the 315 area code, which would require people to dial ten digits to make a call.

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the July 14th Regular Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) motion carries

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

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

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

Highway Fund

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| Add | DA9060.8 | NYS Unemployment | \$912.50 |
| Deduct | DA5142.1 | Snow Removal (PS) | \$912.50 |

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

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| General Fund Abstract #8 | Claims #85-93 | \$ 2,482.88 |
| Highway Fund Abstract #8 | Claims #76-82 | \$ 54,348.07 |
| Water District Fund Abstract #8 | Claims #00-00 | \$ 00.00 |

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. (5 Ayes) motion carries

Submitted
August 24, 2015

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk