

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
October 13, 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
NOCA Rep-Robert Trainham, County Legislator-Milferd Potter
CEO-John Howland
Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck

Public Present:
Three community members present

PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Potter opened the Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1-2015 to Override Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C for public comment at 6:45 PM. No public comment.

REGULAR MEETING:

Supervisor Potter closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to adopt Local Law #1-2015 to authorize spending of funds over the 0.73% tax cap.

Vote by Roll Call:

Councilman Marshall:	Aye
Councilman Martin:	Aye
Supervisor Potter:	Aye
Councilman Graham:	Aye
Councilman LaCelle:	Aye
5 Ayes-Motion Carries	

REPORTS:

A) CEO Howland gave his report for September, three building permits were issued totaling \$206.00. 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 October. The entire County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

- Resolution Pursuant to Section 122 of Agriculture and Markets Law Authorizing the Chairman to Impose a Dog Quarantine in the County of Oswego.
- Resolution setting a Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Local Law No.4-2015. A Local Law Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operation on certain county roads.

C) Water Operator's Report for September:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory
- All of the equipment is working fine
- There is plenty of water in the system
- There is still approximately 15,000 gallons of water being used daily
- The annual inspection of the water system is coming up

D) Highway Superintendent's Report for September:

- Hwy Supt Henry gave the equipment repair cost report and went over the bills for September
- Hwy workers have been putting the sanders on the trucks getting them ready for the winter season
- Hwy workers have finished hauling sand and according to Hwy Supt Henry they should have enough for the season

E) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for September and the NOCA quarterly report has also been turned in.

DISCUSSION:

A) Schedule final 2016 Budget Workshop: Wednesday, November 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

B) Schedule Public Hearing for 2016 Preliminary Budget: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

C) Water Income Survey Update: RCAP is trying to get a few more home owners within the water district to participate so that they can get the final numbers together.

D) Williamson Law Book Co Water Billing/Accounting Proposal:

- The water bills are currently generated manually and the WLB program would help to speed up and organize the process making it more efficient
- The WLB program would generate the necessary reports
- Would handle the water meter readings if they are put into effect in the future
- The upfront software fee (one time charge) would be \$2,250.00
- The annual software maintenance agreement and updates would be \$935.00/year
- There is money to cover the cost of the program in the Water Fund Contingency Budget

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the purchase of the Williamson Law Book Water Billing Program Software.

(3 Ayes, 2 Undecided) Motion carries

Councilman Marshall-Aye

Councilman Martin-Aye

Supervisor Potter-Aye

Councilman Graham-Undecided

Councilman LaCelle-Undecided

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public present wanted to discuss the issue of garbage piling up at a neighbors house (old machinery, animal feces, food garbage, as well as dogs barking at all hours) and wants to know what can be done about it. The complainant is concerned about the value depreciation of their property, as well as, “the mess” encroaching on their quality of life. The complainant stated that they feel it is happening too frequently in Orwell and would like to see something done to improve the town. CEO Howland will send a violation notice to the neighbor in question and they will have 10 days to rectify the situation. If they do nothing then CEO Howland will send a second violation notice, if the problem is not taken care of they will receive an appearance notice.

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

- A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman LaCelle to approve the September 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 September 2015. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

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

-A motion was made by Councilman LaCelle and seconded by Councilman Graham to approve the following budget adjustments for September: (5 Ayes) Motion carries

General Fund			
Add	A1010.4	Legislative Board (CE)	\$ 21.93
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent (CE)	\$ 21.93
Highway Fund			
Add	DA5110.1	General Repairs (PS)	\$ 1,091.50
Deduct	DA5142.1	Snow Removal (PS)	\$ 1,091.50
Add	DA5112.4	Improvements (CE)	\$ 3,170.86
Deduct	DA5120.4	Bridges (CE)	\$ 1,833.47
Deduct	DA5110.41	General Repairs (CE)	\$ 1,337.39

Water

Add	SW8340.4	Transmission/Distribution (CE)	\$ 2,593.03
Deduct	SW1990.4	Contingency (CE)	\$ 2,593.03

-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 #10	Claims #108-115C	Amount \$2,007.26
Highway Fund Abstract #10	Claims #91-101B	Amount \$9,151.91
Water District Fund Abstract #10	Claims #32-34	Amount \$ 625.89

-A motion was made by Councilman Marshall and seconded by Councilman Graham to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted
October 23, 2015

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk