

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York**  
**April 12, 2016**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, David Lake, Jeffrey Graham, Robert Martin  
Also Present:  
Water Operator-Marvin Levack, Hwy Supt.-Doug Henry  
County Legislator-Milferd Potter, NOCA Rep-Robert Trainham, CEO-John Howland  
Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck  
Public Present: Shirley Downes

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

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO Howland gave his report for March, two building permits were issued totaling \$111.00. The CEO's report is on file in the town clerk's office.

B) Oswego County Legislator Potter gave the Legislative Report for April, the entire County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

- Resolution authorizing 2016 Tax Property Auction, selling properties taken in the years from 2009-2014. Cut off date is May 12 to save or buy back.
- Resolution authorizing Budgetary Modification Health Department to accept increase State EEE Funding \$30,000 (Patty Richey)

C) Water Operator Levack gave his report for March:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory
- All of the equipment is working fine
- There is still a large volume of water in all of the sources.
- There is approximately 30,000 gallons of water being used daily due to a leak on the corner of County Route 2 and County Route 22. Water Operator Levack is in the process of getting it repaired. Work is scheduled to be done on it Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

D) Highway Superintendent Henry gave the equipment repair cost report for March and went over the highway bills.

- The 2008 plow truck was taken apart for maintenance and needed to have a brake job done.

- Orwell has not received full reimbursement (as of yet) from the County for plowing county roads this winter.
- The part time workers for the highway garage are finished for the season.
- There are loggers working on both Tubbs Road and Waggoner Road, Hwy Supt. Henry says that he doesn't foresee any problems with damage being done to the roads.

E) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for March. Anyone interested in taking upcoming CPR/First Aid training courses offered by NOCA can go to their Website to get information.

## **DISCUSSION:**

A) Tug Hill Conference: Supervisor Potter, Councilman Lake and Councilman Martin attended the Tug Hill Conference, while there they went to workshops that addressed the future use of drones, regulations for the use of liquid manure on fields, possible consolidation of towns and Open Meetings Law.

B) Supervisors' Meeting/County Land Bank Corporation: At the last Supervisors' meeting Supervisor Potter and Councilman Marshall learned about the The Oswego County Land Bank Corporation, which is a not for profit entity whose main purpose is to turn vacant, abandoned and tax delinquent properties back into productive ones, and then have them sold to responsible buyers.

C) Emergency Management Meeting: Supervisor Potter attended the Emergency Management meeting and received the manual to go over.

D) State Budget/Local Budget Considerations: Supervisor Potter discussed the upcoming increase in minimum wage, as well as, the Family Leave Act and how they are going to affect future budget planning for Orwell.

E) Playground: Supervisor Potter has been in touch with a few different companies who specialize in commercial playground equipment and he has been receiving brochures which include pricing, if the board decides to go ahead with the playground project they will have an idea where to begin.

F) Sidewalks: There was discussion in the 2006 Minutes addressing who is responsible for the upkeep of the sidewalks in town, the discussion ended up being inconclusive. There was also a local law that was drafted in 2006 concerning the subject, which was tabled. Supervisor Potter has asked the Town's Attorney for assistance concerning this matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

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

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

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

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

General Fund Abstract #4	Claims #35-51C	Amount \$13,381.64
Highway Fund Abstract #4	Claims #23-32B	Amount \$ 5,598.73
Water District Fund Abstract #4	Claims #06-07	Amount \$ 440.98

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted  
April 20, 2016

Traci S LaVeck  
Orwell Town Clerk