

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
May 9, 2017
7:00 PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, David Lake, Jeffrey Graham, Robert Martin
Also Present:
Water Operator-Marvin Levack
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry
CEO-John Howland
Oswego County Legislator-Milferd Potter
NOCA Representative-Robert Trainham
THC Representative-Paul Baxter
Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck
Public Present:
Ryan Jones, Shirley Downes

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

REPORTS:

A) CEO Howland gave his report for April, one building permit was issued. The CEO's report is on file in the town clerk's office.

B) Oswego County Legislator Potter went over the Legislator's Report for May, the County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

- Resolution appointing Kevin Pooley as Director of 911 Communication System
- Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Deeds for Property Sold by the Oswego County Legislature, Titles to which were acquired by the Tax Foreclosures of 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.

C) Water Operator Levack gave his report for April:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory.
- All of the equipment is working fine.
- There continues to be a substantial amount of water in the system. When the tower is full there is still plenty of water in the wet well under the pump house.
- Usage is approximately 18,000 gallons a day.
- Water was turned on at three locations: 2006 Co Rt 2, 1990 Co Rt 2, and the Sheppard house next to Dave Potter's residence.

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

- The Chevy Pickup is at Caprara's for repairs.
- The highway workers have been taking the sanders off of the trucks and getting them cleaned up and ready for next winter.
- Superintendent Henry said that they have started reclaiming the gravel bed off of County Route 22, they will begin reseeding it shortly.
- CHIPS, Pave NY, and EWR total for this year is \$132,527.91
- Ryan Jones asked if it would be possible to have the highway workers clean up the sand at the beginning of Mill Street. Superintendent Henry said that they would work on that.
- Councilman Martin asked if there is going to be a tube (culvert or bridge) put in on Lester Road, Superintendent Henry said that it would end up being to costly to do.
- There is a tree in the park and one near the Parson residence that need to be cut down.

E) THC Representative Paul Baxter gave his report:

- The THC directors and executive director Katie Malinowski met with the leaders of each Councils of Governments in the Tug Hill region on May 4 in Lorraine.
- There was a CNYREDC meeting on April 20.
- The 2017 tentative tax roll has been posted on the Orwell Website
- Mr. Baxter brought up the subject of the minimum maintenance road legislation and asked if the Board was interested in doing a resolution in support of it.

Resolution #6-2017

IN SUPPORT OF MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, It is estimated that upgrading all of the State's 90,000 miles of county and town roads to meet American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) minimum standards would cost well over ten billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, There is only about \$85 million annually available to all municipalities for all purposes in the NY State Transportation Improvement Fund, and a State imposed tax cap is designed to limit locally financed expenditures on roads and public improvements; and

WHEREAS, There are many rural and remote areas of the State which can be adequately and safely served with minimal road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Local governments are best able to make determinations about local road maintenance needs and priorities;

THEREFORE, On a motion made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town of Orwell supports the adoption of state legislation allowing town and county legislative bodies to designate minimum maintenance roads and provide appropriate maintenance to such designated roads as provided for in bills S02537/A00418.

Resolution adopted as follows:

Councilman Nicholas Marshall	Aye
Councilman David Lake	Aye
Supervisor William Potter	Aye
Councilman Jeffrey Graham	Aye
Councilman Robert Martin	Aye

E) NOCA Representative Trainham went over his report for April, everything is going well.

DISCUSSION:

A) Playground Project/SAM Grant Update:

Supervisor Potter is going to contact the State to make sure that the Grant is moving forward before he orders the playground equipment.

Someone is interested in buying the existing playground equipment. The Board discussed selling it for \$100.00.

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman David Lake to sell the existing playground equipment located in the park for a price of \$100.00.

(5 Ayes) Motion carries

B) Oswego County “Shared Services” Mandate, What this means to Orwell:

The recently adopted NYS Budget includes new mandate for all counties, cities, towns, and villages requiring that the CEO of each county develop a “county-wide shared services property tax savings plan” by forming and chairing a “shared services panel,” town supervisors must serve on this panel. A shared service plan should contain actions that when implemented will result in new property tax savings. The next meeting will be held in Orwell on Thursday, June 1st at 6:00 PM, surrounding towns will be present to discuss possible ideas that may be implemented, one idea that is being discussed is the possibility of combined health insurance. The mandate requires that a shared services plan be created by August 1, 2017.

Resolution #7-2017: To Accept Additional Funds

-On a motion made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Nicholas Marshall, **be it resolved** to accept additional funds through PAVE NY in the amount of \$21,357.08, and through Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR) in the amount of \$17,606.12, this is in addition to the CHIPS total of \$93,564.71.

Adopted as follows:

Councilman Nicholas Marshall	Aye
Councilman David Lake	Aye
Supervisor William Potter	Aye
Councilman Jeffrey Graham	Aye
Councilman Robert Martin	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT: It was questioned as to why the County is not held more accountable for having to pay the towns to plow county roads, with all of modern technology why aren't the miles and snow totals for each town better documented using computers and the like, and why doesn't the county have to pay (the towns) the benefits clearly stated in the Snow and Ice Removal Agreement.

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

Approval of Minutes, Monthly Reports, Budget Adjustments, and Payment of Claims: all are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

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

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

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the following budget adjustments for April. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

General

Add	A1355.41	Assessor/Reassessment	\$ 4,024.08
Deduct	A19904	Contingent	\$ 4,024.08

-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 #5	Claims #42-51B	Amount \$ 33,705.65
Highway Fund Abstract #5	Claims #40-51B	Amount \$ 6,086.57
Water District Fund Abstract #5	Claims #09-11	Amount \$ 2,214.74

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted
May 17, 2017

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk