

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
August 8, 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
Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck
Public present:
Ryan Jones, Neil Hauer

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

REPORTS:

A) CEO Howland gave his report for July, no building permits were issued. Councilman Marshall asked if a permit was needed to install the new playground, CEO Howland said that one was not needed.

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

- Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contract Highway Department- South Jefferson Street Bridge, three month timeline.
- Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Accept Credit Card Payments Pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law No.5.
- A Resolution Fixing Time and Place for Public Hearing Relative to Proposed County of Oswego Local Law No.5 of the Year 2017, Entitled, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO.1 OF 1995 REDUCING THE REDEMPTION PERIOD OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT OT TAX LIEN TO TWO (2) YEARS AFTER LIEN DATE."

C) Water Operator Levack gave his report for July:

- 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.
- No leaks have been reported so far this year.
- When Water Operator Levack switched pumps, there was an issue with pump number one, mineral deposits had built up on the pump and it would not come on. Water Operator Levack had Gartner Equipment pull the pump and clean it and it's now working as it should be. To alleviate this problem in the future WO Levack stated that he will be alternating pumps on a monthly basis, instead of quarterly.

D) Highway Superintendent Henry went over the equipment repair cost report and bills for July:

- Motopaved Pine Meadow Road, need to seal it one more time in September. Worked with Amboy, Williamstown, Boylston, Redfield, Sandy Creek, Albion and Parish to get it accomplished, and had 13 trucks going.
- The hwy workers have been sealing and stoning Durgee Road, Lorton Lake Road and part of Mill Street.
- Superintendent Henry voiced his concern about having three full time workers in the highway garage as opposed to four. Superintendent Henry stated that when one of the guys is on vacation that leaves him with only two guys in the garage and what if one of them gets injured.
- Superintendent Henry stated that the guys don't get the safety equipment that they should.

E) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for July.

DISCUSSION:

A) Playground Update: There will be local volunteers as well as volunteers from Home Depot here on Saturday, August 12th to install the new playground equipment. The Village Restaurant will be supplying food and refreshments for the workers. Councilman Marshall asked Hwy Supt Henry if it would be okay to use the forklift located at the highway garage and he said that would be fine.

B) Shared Services Update: The State gave the County the option to implement a plan for 2017 however it will be 2018 before the County has a plan in place. There is a meeting coming up the first week in September.

C) Budget 2018: Department heads will be receiving their worksheets to fill out in the next couple of weeks, these need to be returned by the middle of September.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public present questioned why there are only three full time highway workers as opposed to four and is it going to stay that way. He asked how (with only three full time hwy workers) the Town expects to keep all of the roads cleaned up in the winter when it's snowing nonstop during some of the storms, and wants to know who on the Board to call when the roads are not passable. Supervisor Potter stated that a Resolution has been adopted keeping the full time highway workers at three for now (health insurance costs keep going up and there need to be cuts made somewhere), if it becomes an issue in the future a new Resolution can be adopted changing it back to four.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Tug Hill Commission will be having a meeting in Orwell on Monday, September 18th.
- Notice from DEC that a property owner located on County Route 52 proposes to chemically treat an approximate one acre of land (within a forested wood lot) for an invasive plant species.
- SAM Grant Agreement (playground and clock)-Supervisor Potter has received the reimbursement agreement and will be working on that.

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 Robert Martin and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the July Regular 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 July. (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 July. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

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

General			
Add	A1355.4	Assessor CE	\$ 121.21
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent CE	\$ 121.21
Add	A1620.44	Bldg/Grounds Improvements	\$ 31,340.91
Deduct	A917	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 31,340.91
Add	A960	Appropriations	\$ 31,340.91

-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 #8	Claims #75-85C	Amount \$ 7,219.28
Highway Fund Abstract #8	Claims #79-87	Amount \$ 116,294.09
Water District Fund Abstract #8	Claims #17-20	Amount \$ 1,552.46

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman David Lake to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted
August 11, 2017

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk