

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
February 13, 2018
7:00 PM

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

Supervisor Potter opened the regular town board meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sandy Creek Central School 2018 Proposed Capital Improvement Project: SCCS is proposing a capital project with a total cost of \$25,118,000 with no anticipated tax increase. A copy of the presentation is available on the SCCS Website at <http://www.sccs.cnyric.org/pub/588>. The vote on the proposed project will be held March 6th from 12:00PM- 8:00PM in the district board room at SCCS.

REPORTS:

A) CEO John Howland handed in his report for January, no building permits were issued. The CEO's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. CEO Howland will be attending code school in March, it's being held in Syracuse. CEO Howland commented on how well the Orwell roads are being kept this winter.

B) Oswego County Legislator Potter gave his report for February, the County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

C) Water Operator Levack handed in his report for January:

- 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 Operator Levack thanks the highway garage for doing an excellent job keeping the access road open this winter season.

E) Highway Superintendent Henry handed in his equipment repair cost report for January and went over the highway bills.

- 2014 International has been running good since January when it was returned from Stadium. The warranty will need to be extended in January 2019 when the old one ends.
- Purchased a Mag Drill.
- Replaced the PTO pump on the 2009 with one taken off of the 2000. Hwy Supt Henry state that the hwy workers have been using parts from the 2000 to make repairs on the other trucks so it's worth it to keep it around for now.
- Pickup tailgate needs repair, will have that done in the spring.
- County Snowplowing Payroll: Supervisor Potter has received two compensation checks for 2017 and is waiting on others.
- The County has cut back on sand the last couple of years so the sand pile at the highway garage is getting low this year.
- The cables on one of the overhead doors broke and needed to be repaired.

F) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for January.

G) THC Representative Paul Baxter gave his report for February:

- The Tug Hill Local Government Conference is Scheduled for Thursday, March 29 at Jefferson Community College in Watertown.
- NYSDOT has announced a grant program to municipalities for culvert repair/replacement, which will cover up to 95% of costs for awardees. More information can be found on the NYSDOT Website. This program could benefit Orwell in dealing with the culverts on Lester and Hog Back Road and the bridge on Mill Street.

DISCUSSION:

A) The Tug Hill Local Government Conference is being held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Jefferson Community College in Watertown. Supervisor Potter would like to have interested board members return their applications to him as soon as possible so that he may turn them in before the early registration deadline of March 8th. Councilman David Lake and Supervisor Potter will be attending this year.

B) Glider Oil: Supervisor Potter would like to switch over to diesel now but hold off on switching to propane until after the heating season. Supervisor Potter wants to speak to George Harrington before making the change over.

C) NYSDOT BRIDGENY Program: The Board members and Superintendent Henry discussed utilizing the BRIDGENY Program to address the issues with the culverts located on Lester Road and Hog Back Road and repair of the Mill Street bridge. Councilman Jones attended the Grant Writing Class given by Suny Oswego, he discussed possible grant opportunities that may be associated with these projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public present thanked the town employees for all of the hard work that they do for the town, she stated a job well done.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- National Grid sent a letter informing the Town of a Broad Policy that will help to lower costs to municipalities should they decide to switch over to the LED Streetlights.

- National Grid sent a letter addressing the need for a rate change for the highway garage to an on-demand rate.
- The Oswego County Health Department sent a copy of their annual report covering the Orwell Water System, everything came back satisfactory.

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 Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the January 9 Organizational Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the January 9 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the January 30 Special Meeting Minutes **with the addition:** "that price includes the sander package as well as the plow package" under new plow truck package description. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

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

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

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

General Fund Abstract #2	Claims #09-22C	Amount \$18,604.23
Highway Fund Abstract #2	Claims #11-24C	Amount \$19,455.76
Water District Fund Abstract #2	Claims #01-03B	Amount \$ 1,532.38

The board members signed off on the 2017 Annual Accounting Books. The town clerk will run a Legal Notice.

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted
February 28, 2018

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk