

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
April 10, 2018
7:00 PM

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Councilmen: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake

Absent: Councilman Nicholas Marshall

Also Present:

Oswego County Legislator-Milferd Potter

Water Operator-Marvin Levack

Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry

NOCA Representative-Robert Trainham

THC Representative-Paul Baxter

Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck

Public Present: Rebecca Trudell, Kirk LaVeck, Shirley Downes

Eric Murdock, Donna Scanlon: presenting information on Septic System Replacement Program

Supervisor Potter opened the regular town board meeting at 6:59 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORTS:

A) CEO John Howland handed in his report for March, three building permits were issued totaling \$110.00 The CEO's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

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

C) Water Operator Levack gave his report for March:

- 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 has completed his re-certification training which is good for three years.

E) Highway Superintendent Henry did not hand in an equipment repair cost report for March, he went over the highway bills.

- Fire Repairs total on 2014 International: Towing \$668.75 plus fire damage repairs \$2,289.56 totaling \$2,958.31. The 2014 is still having emissions problems.
- The 2009 International and 2014 International have both had oil changes.

- Stainless Steel plow and wing for 2019 International: Superintendent Henry stated that Henderson offers a Stainless Steel plow with wing for \$2,000.00. Tabled until the May meeting.
- Lorton Lake: Highway Superintendent Henry received a phone call from a property owner at Lorton Lake, they left a voicemail stating that there has been an issue with snow being piled up at the end of Ferncrest Drive by the town highway workers when they plow. The above mentioned property owner also threatened to sue the Town and stated that they will place some kind of roadblock at the end of Ferncrest Drive to cause damage to the plow if this continues. Supervisor Potter received an email stating the same. Supervisor Potter is going to turn a copy of the aforementioned letter over to the town's attorney and request that she draft a letter to the Lorton Lake Association stating that Ferncrest Drive is a private drive and not the town's responsibility.
- Superintendent Henry stated that the sand pile is getting depleted, it is the lowest that it's been in ten years, the County has cut back on funds to have the Town's haul sand. Supervisor Potter questioned whether the Town should start budgeting for salt and sand.

F) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for March as well as the quarterly financial report.

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

- The Tug Hill Local Government Conference was held on Thursday, March 29, they had a capacity crowd in attendance.
- Headwaters, the annual report of the Tug Hill Commission went out on March 22.
- Workshop on Grant Preparedness will be held on Monday, April 30 at 6:00 PM at the Port Lyden Fire Hall.
- Next COG meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30th in Redfield .

DISCUSSION:

A) Donna Scanlon (employed with Oswego County as Director of Community Development Programs) was present to discuss the Oswego County Septic Replacement Program. Ms. Scanlon had originally stated that Oswego County was not included in the proposal for the Septic System Grant Program that is being offered by the NYS DEC. The County sent a letter to NYS DEC questioning why Oswego County was not included in the proposal and received news that the County is included but that certain aquifers (Tug Hill aquifer included) were not. Ms. Scanlon is handing out Oswego County Septic System Replacement Questionnaires to help interested homeowners determine whether their property qualifies for the program. Ms. Scanlon also discussed the Oswego County Manufactured Home LPA Replacement Program, there are six units available. This program is income eligible and assists veterans and veteran households who are residing in manufactured housing that have two or more deficiencies and are at least 20 years or older. This program is funded by NYS Housing Trust Fund Corp., NYS Office of Community Renewal and US HUD HOME Program funding administered by Oswego County. More information is available at Oswego County Dept of Community Development at 315-349-8292.

B) RESOLUTION #6-2018 BAR Member Appointment

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law it is established that the Board of Assessment Review consist of not less than three functioning members appointed by the Town Board

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell has two Board of Assessment Review members at this time **NOW THEREFORE**, on a motion made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orwell Town Board does hereby appoint Shirley Downes as Board of Assessment Review Member to fill the above mentioned vacancy, effective immediately for a five year term to expire September 30, 2022.

The Resolution is adopted as follows:

Councilman Nicholas Marshall	Absent
Councilman Ryan Jones	Aye
Supervisor William Potter	Aye
Councilman Jeffrey Graham	Aye
Councilman David Lake	Aye

C) RESOLUTION #7-2018 Rose Graham Historian

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to adopt a Resolution reappointing Rose Graham as Town Historian for the Town of Orwell.

Adopted as follows:

Councilman Nicholas Marshall	Absent
Councilman Ryan Jones	Aye
Supervisor William Potter	Aye
Councilman Jeffrey Graham	Aye
Councilman David Lake	Aye

C) RESOLUTION #8-2018 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

Be it Resolved that the Town of Orwell does hereby approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds, total amount of agreement \$231,500.00.

Motion made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham Seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones

Resolution adopted as follows:

Councilman Nicholas Marshall	Absent
Councilman Ryan Jones	Aye
Supervisor William Potter	Aye
Councilman Jeffrey Graham	Aye
Councilman David Lake	Aye

D) Local Government Conference: Supervisor Potter and Councilman David Lake went over the training that they received at the workshops.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter went over 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 Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the March 13 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. (4 Ayes) Motion carries

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for March. (4 Ayes) Motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for March. (4 Ayes) Motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the following budget adjustments for March. (4 Ayes) Motion carries

General

Add	A1410.12	Town Clerk/Trainees PS	\$ 193.75
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent CE	\$ 193.75

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve payment of the following claims: (4 Ayes) Motion carries

General Fund Abstract #4	Claims #35-40C	Amount \$ 2,713.26
Highway Fund Abstract #4	Claims #36-43E	Amount \$11,794.80
Water District Fund Abstract #4	Claims #07-08B	Amount \$ 340.00

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted
April 18, 2018

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk