

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Public Hearing & Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York**  
**May14, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake  
Also Present:  
Oswego County Legislator-Milferd Potter  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
Code Enforcement Officer-John Howland  
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter  
Town Clerk-Rebecca Trudell  
Dog Control Officer-Steven Cronk  
Public Present: Jessica Steele, Carl Anson Jr.

Supervisor William Potter opened the Public Hearing (proposed Local Law #2-2019 Allowing one person to simultaneously hold the position of Town Councilperson and Town Assistant Water Operator) for Public Comment at 6:45PM. Public present

Supervisor Potter closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM and opened the Regular Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION #4-2019**

**Allowing one person to simultaneously hold the position of Town Councilperson and Town Assistant Water Operator**

**Whereas** the Town of Orwell adopted Local Law #2-2019 - A Local Law allowing one person to simultaneously hold the position of Town Councilperson and Town Assistant Water Operator;

**Whereas** the Town Board has found and hereby determines that in its experience the positions of Town Councilperson and Assistant Water Operator are not incompatible, and that as a matter of sound public policy, in order to promote the general welfare of all residents of the Town of Orwell, that an individual desirous of providing his or her knowledge, experience, talent and insight, for the benefit of the residents of the Town of Orwell through public service, should not only be allowed to - but should be encouraged to do so;

**Whereas** the Town Board is not vested with the power of, and shall not exercise nor provide, supervision of the Assistant Water Operator position. The Town Board recognizes that the Assistant Water Operator is a Town employee that will assist the Water Operator in the operation and maintenance of the Town's District water treatment plant and pumping facilities, cleaning and protecting the downstream water for users, and operation and maintenance of various pump equipment and production facilities in support of the District's water system; and

**Whereas** any person while sitting as a member of the Orwell Town Board shall be precluded from participating in any and all discussions and/or decisions pertaining to the Town Assistant Water Operator during the period that the person simultaneously holds the position of Town Assistant Water Operator and Town Councilperson;

**Now, Therefore,** upon motion made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

William Potter, Supervisor	AYE
David Lake, Councilperson	AYE
Jeffrey Graham, Councilperson	AYE
Ryan Jones, Councilperson	AYE
Nicholas Marshall, Councilperson	Abstain

### **REPORTS:**

- Code Enforcement Officer - John Howland submitted his report for the month of April.

-Oswego County Legislator Potter read his report, the County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

-Water Operator - Eric Pappa submitted his report for the month of April.

- Water usage is currently at an average of 27,500 gallons per day.
- Water Operator Pappa met with a local farmer concerning the fertilizer and determined they were not causing any threat to the town water supply.
- All water testing is caught up at this time.
- Water Operator Pappa determined that the leak at the Town Barn is causing an increase of apx. 7,000 gallons per day. Highway Superintendent Henry will fix the leak but he does not believe it is leaking 7,000 gallons per day. There may be another leak in a different location.
- Water Operator and Assistant Water Operator are updating their maps with 911 addresses.
- Hydrants will be flushed soon.

- Highway Superintendent - Douglas Henry handed in the equipment repair cost report for April and went over the highway bills.

- Highway Superintendent Henry is getting millings ready for paving and planning on starting mid-June.
- The highway department is cutting trees on Beecherville Rd., Carpenter Rd., and CCC Dr. and replaced a culvert on CCC Dr.
- Superintendent Henry is planning 3 paving / sealing projects.

- Tug Hill Commission Representative - Paul Baxter submitted his report for the month of April.

- Representative Baxter reminded everyone that the deadline is approaching for registration for the SLELO PRISM 2019 Invasive Species Symposium at Tailwater Lodge on June 20.
- Representative Baxter attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Pan update on April 17 in Oswego and has handouts for the Town.

- The Central New York Regional Economic Development Council will be meeting at the Kallet Theater on May 16.
- A tentative date of May 29 has been set for the next Salmon Rivers Council of Government meeting.
- The 2019 Tentative Tax Roll has been posted to the town website.

- A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to add \$608.76 to Highway Improvements line DA5112.4. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to add \$21,367.13 to Highway General Repairs Contractual line DA5110.41. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

**DISCUSSION:**

a) Supervisor Potter has an appointment next week with E&V to do an estimate for air conditioning in the Town Hall.

b) Jason Rossman will have siding repairs finished before Old Home Days. He is ordering extra siding to have on hand for future repair needs.

c) Highway Superintendent Doug Henry will be repairing the water leak at the Town Barn.

d) The Orwell Fire Department has organized Sexual Harassment training for the Fire Department and the Highway Department. They will schedule training for sometime after Old Home Days.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Supervisor Potter received a notice for impending maximum containment levels of PFOA and PFOS in the water table. Councilman Nicholas Marshall explained that the town will be required to test for PFOA and PFOS in the water. The foam containing PFOA and PFOS was not used in Orwell so it should not be a problem locally.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the minutes of the April Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

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

		Highway	
ADD	DA9050.8	NYS Unemployment	\$ 1,664.77
DEDUCT	DA5142.1	Snow Removal PS	\$ 1,664.77
ADD	DA5130.4	Machinery CE	\$11,661.46
DEDUCT	DA5130.2	Machinery EQ	\$ 6,079.00
DEDUCT	DA5142.41	Snow Removal CE	\$ 5,582.46

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

General Fund Abstract #5	Claims # 30-41B	\$36,176.38
Highway Fund Abstract #5	Claims #50-64B	\$25,942.47
Water Fund Abstract #5	Claims #13-15	\$ 1,711.69

- A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted May 31, 2019

Rebecca Trudell  
Orwell Town Clerk